



## Congratulations to the 2025 Unit 557 Board

Back row: Leo Dittimore (president), Alan Olshwang, Nancy Imbery, Joey DuRee, Lillian Slater (secretary), Jenny Ernest (treasurer), Melanie Smothers, Chuck Laine, Cherene Birkholz (vice president), Mary McIntyre  
Front Row: Casey Stiers, Fern Dunbar, Melinda Wilson, Rita Van Lierop.

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## Status Changes

Junior Master

Debra Collins

Jerome Shiohama

Elizabeth Sweedy

Regional Master

Allan Lubitz



Duncan holds virtual games 7 days a week.

All Regular Games \$5  
Special Games \$6 or \$7

This is the direct link to those games: [CLICK HERE](#) (after clicking the link, save to your favorites). Part of the proceeds go to LBBC.



## January Birthdays

Rita Vanlierop, Melanie Smothers, Alan Olschwang, and Melanie Wilson

## Join us at the March 23rd Unit game

Fern Dunbar will be distributing Free Play awards to the winner of each category. These free plays are for Sunday Unit games only.

## Fun Fact

53% of Unit 557 members have less than 200 masterpoints.

### TABLE TALK

Editor	A.K. Laine
Contributors	Leo Dittmore
	Charles Laine
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Article Submissions  
We welcome articles, ideas and photos pertaining to our club. We reserve the right to revise submissions. Contact A.K. at [ardeaux1@gmail.com](mailto:ardeaux1@gmail.com).



## Tuba Notes from the Bored

Hi – most of you know me. I started coming to the club in 2015 or so attending Bob Mault’s Wednesday night class and graduating to play in Toni Morford’s Open game. I got retired as a computer over-dweeb by the pandemic and been

here ever since.

Against my better judgment and military training, I volunteered to be Unit 557 vice-president a couple of years ago. They told me all I needed to do was take out the trash after Sunday unit games. I did an okay job at that and now they promoted me to the president of both Unit 557 and the club.

So what does the unit president do? I’m trying to figure that out too. They initiate a meeting once a month, coordinate Sunday unit games - making sure we have boards, a director, goodies, and take out the trash. I’m sure there are other things to do that we’ll learn together.

I intend to keep you

informed about the status of the club and Unit. Both are in good shape financially paying our bills with a little money in the bank (see the bulletin board for details from Jenny Earnst, our treasurer). Our club lease is current for a couple of more years.

There are changes coming. We need find out what our future is and prepare for it. I think we are here to have fun playing cards and meeting with and making new friends. Please let me or any of the other board members know what would help make your time here more enjoyable.

Until next time, keep your valves oiled!

Leo

## Oh, No, It’s a Web Movement

I’m going where? My boards are coming/going to where? Huh? So-called Web movements can be confusing to players who are accustomed to players go to heaven, boards go to H-E-double toothpicks. But in fact, Web movements are more balanced and fair when there are six to fifteen tables. (A Howell movement should be used for less than six tables.)

If two to four “extra”

boards are in play, the imbalance is relatively minor, but for some table counts six to 15 extra boards are in play and 20% or more of the comparisons are “apples and oranges,” i.e., one pair’s score on one board is, in effect, compared with another pair’s score on a different board. However, pairs can play all or almost all of the same boards by using Web movements.

A seasoned director like Sean Lui, multiple boards made by our crack board

making team, and our beloved Bridgemates make managing and scoring a Web movement simpler to manage and a far superior game. Thank you, Sean, for your extra effort to give us fair unit and tournament games.



## 2024 Unit 557 Ace of Club Winners - Most Points Won at Club Including Virtual Club Games

### 0 - 5



Jerry Glenn	10.50
Brad Abajian	9.26
Ann Devlin	6.48

### 500 - 1000



Leo Dittamore	128.02
Hashim Mahmood	80.03
Charles Laine	48.09

### 5 - 20



Diana Parmeter	13.81
Amanda Moores	13.46
Aarlyn Glenn	12.67

### 1000 - 1500



Lillian Slater	113.55
Lynn Danielson	82.20
Linda Nye	78.78

### 20 - 50



Paul Barth	38.93
Cindy Barth	38.93
Cherene Birkholz	29.60

### 1500 - 2500



Jeanette Estill	153.84
Kiyo Nagaishi	150.47
Al Appel	143.62

### 50 - 100



Glenn Barry	37.99
Harriet Weiss	33.67
Patricia Warner	23.98

### 2500 - 3500



Fern Dunbar	158.72
Judith Jones	152.00
Kay Tseng	110.62

### 100 - 200



Melinda Wilson	46.68
Rita Vanlierop	44.43
Joey DuRee	36.43

### 3500 - 5000



John Petrie	215.58
Alan Olschwang	205.34
Jo Melis	148.84

### 200 - 300



Jan Van Lierop	58.84
Jenny Ernest	34.75
Bill Keese	11.97

### 5000 - 7500



Bill McClean	188.44
Jon Yinger	177.98
Jackie Hess	164.98

### 300 - 500



Ralph Brunson	44.23
Carolyn Byrnes	36.56
Priscilla Caillouette	34.16

### >10,000



Walter Schafer	28.93
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## 2024 Unit 557 Mini-McKenney Winners

Most Points During a Calendar Year (virtual & F2F)



**0 - 5**  
Brad Abajian  
23.00



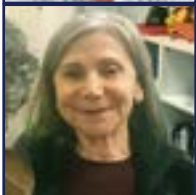
**5 - 20**  
Ellen Goodwin  
17.36



**20 - 50**  
Cherene Birkholz  
69.12



**50 - 100**  
Glenn Barry  
67.07



**100 - 200**  
Rita VanLierop  
79.91



**200 - 300**  
Jan Van Lierop  
97.20



**300-500**  
Carolyn Byrnes  
90.88



**500 - 1000**  
Leo Dittimore  
234.71



**1000 - 1500**  
Lillian Slater  
143.98



**1500 - 2500**  
Robert Preece  
187.64



**2500 - 3500**  
Mel Fineberg  
200.00



**3500 - 5000**  
John Petrie  
258.14



**5000 - 7500**  
Bill McClean  
231.05



**> 10,000**  
Walter Schafer  
261.55

## 2024 Unit 557 Special Awards



### John Killian Award

given to the person who scored the most points in the Annual Long Beach Sectional

**Chuck Laine**



### Irma Johnson Memorial

awarded to the person who scored the most masterpoints in

**Fern Dunbar**



### Mark Teaford Memorial

awarded to 299er who earned the most masterpoints in a year

**Jan Van Lierop**

# February 2025



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Education Fund 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 /Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director: Alan	<b>4</b> Education Fund 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>5</b> Education Fund 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir Leo	<b>6</b> Education Fund 12:30 OPEN Ice cream cone icon	<b>7</b> Education Fund 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>8</b> ACBL Wide Int Fund 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene
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<b>16</b> Club Championship 12:30 TEAM icon Dir: Alan	<b>17</b> Club Championship 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 /Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director: Alan	<b>18</b> Club Championship 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>19</b> Club Championship 12:30 OPEN/NLM 11:30 Lunch included 9:30 199r Game Dir Leo	<b>20</b> Club Championship 12:30 OPEN Ice cream cone icon	<b>21</b> Club Championship 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>22</b> Club Championship 12:30 OPEN Director Jo
<b>23</b> 12:30 TEAM icon Dir: Sean	<b>24</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 /Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director: Alan	<b>25</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>26</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir Leo	<b>27</b> 12:30 OPEN Ice cream cone icon	<b>28</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>1</b>
			<b>29</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir Leo	<b>30</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	<b>31</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>1</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Steve