



## Congratulations to Lillian Slater

Lillian Slater was honored for her 3 years of service as Unit 557's president. Lillian will continue to serve on the board as secretary and tournament coordinator, as well as all-around great gal and bridge ambassador. Thank you, Lillian, for all your hard work.

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## Status Changes

Junior Master	Daniel Collins
	Sarah Grossi
Club Master	Elizabeth Sweedyk
Sectional Master	Rita Wright
Bronze Life Master	Leo D Dittemore



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.



## February Birthdays

Left to right: Hank Dunbar, Joyce Shuford, Mary McIntyre, Nancy Imbery, Lillian Slater, John Petrie, Jan Van Lierop

### TABLE TALK

Editor	A.K. Laine
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	Rosemary Ford
	Lyn Kraatz
	Lillian Slater

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.



## Tuba Notes from the Bored

In one of my previous lives I was responsible for disaster preparedness and recovery. This meant thinking about risks of things going wrong and being ready to respond when bad things happen.

We also have this need at the club. Perhaps you noticed we have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) hanging

outside the men's room. It hasn't been maintained since the lockdown. We will be looking in to what needs to be done with it and either update or remove it.

Even with that we need to know who at the club knows how to operate it. Let Chuck or I know if you have this skill. You can also get certified for first aid / CPR / AED use in an inexpensive online class at [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org). Let us know if you do that.

Current contact data is important for a multitude reasons not only emergencies. For instance, what should we do when we find you left your cell phone at the club? We keep the ACBL membership information available for contact purposes. But this does not have a field for calling

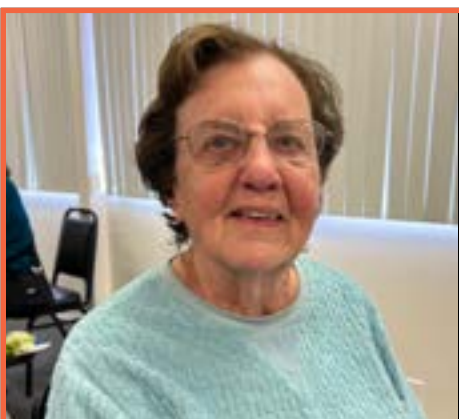
someone in case of an emergency.

We once had index cards with member information but they are no longer available. The Board will be looking into other ways to collect this data. I suggest until then use the Work phone number in your [www.ACBL.org](http://www.ACBL.org) member profile to enter a second phone we can use to contact you when necessary.

On a personal note, I thank everyone for your cards, notes, messages, and best wishes on the passing of my brother. These events are difficult for everyone. We get through them knowing we have friends that care and support us.

Until next time, be careful and be safe!

Leo



## Just Two Hands

Twenty years ago, Diane Sachs and I were playing in a sectional tournament in Los Angeles. Near the end of the game, an opponent had to leave and another player stepped in.

At the time we were unaware he was a highly respected bridge expert. Actually he was the winner of two open World Championships for national teams and a

prolific writer of bridge books and columns His name was Eddie Kantor.

Diane and I set him on both hands we played against him! He wrote an article about it titled "Just Two Hands." It was published in the Bridge Bulletin. We did not know until later that he and his wife had just come to meet friends and go to dinner after the tournament.

by Rosemary Ford

# The Canine Connection



Many of us know Lynda Montgomery through bridge whether as assistant to Hank in his morning classes, as a great fill-in partner if we arrived solo, or as a worthy bridge opponent. However, there are others in the club who have a different connection to Lynda, a canine connection.

For 20 years, Lynda has been working in dog rescue, now through a non-profit, Sparky and the Gang. Most of the dogs



available are smaller ones, acquired from shelters where smaller dogs have a difficult time, prone to infections such as kennel cough, frightened, and often overlooked in such noisy and exuberant environments.



Bridge players now dog owners through Lynda are Darlene Oliver with Jellybean, whom she nursed back to health from distemper;



Eric Kaplan with Spirit, a chihuahua, when he lost his former dog; Jo Melis with Wags, another chihuahua; and



Ardie and Chuck Laine with Popeye, a dog with one good eye.

A special thanks to all who have contributed to [Sparkyandthegang.org](http://Sparkyandthegang.org). Long Beach Bridge Club raised \$1000, matched by Lynda, which pays for food and vet bills. Also, thanks to Kiyo Nagaishi for dog beds and sweaters, Rita Vanlierop for dog food, Cherene Birkholz for dog toys, and Margaret Bass for \$100 for dog collars. And a very special thanks to Sylvia Kaprelyan for knitting dog sweaters. Per Lynda, adopters love to see dogs in sweaters although sometimes she wonders if they want the sweaters as much as they want the dogs.

Should you be looking for a dog, check out their site, [sparkyandthegang.com](http://sparkyandthegang.com), volunteer as does Terry Royce, or talk directly to Lynda. She's always willing to help find forever families for her dogs.

by Lyn Kraatz



## Saturday 1 March

What sets POP-UPS apart? The masterpoint awards are 50% red, 50% black!

We know you'll be eager to see your masterpoint awards in Live for Clubs, but there may be a delay in showing properly pigmented points due to necessary processing by ACBL's Masterpoint Engine. When the results post to the club's page, you'll see the half red.



## Long Beach Bridge Center Goes to Central America

Ocean views and a deck of cards - that's all you need to relax on a tropical vacation. Several members of LBBC journeyed to Costa Rica to play bridge and enjoy the sights. Leo Dittimore, Patti Dittimore, Rita Van Lierop, David Finkel, Jan Van Lierop, Virginia Brewer, Bill Dilks, and Shera Finkel are pictured above enjoying a evening out in Playa Junquillal. Virginia generously opened her vacation home to host the gathering.

April 2025  
**BRIDGE 1**

\$50  
for 9 classes

**New Class**  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.  
April 1st

# March 2025



Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b>		<b>3</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 /Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Chereene	<b>4</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>5</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>6</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene	<b>7</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>1</b> <b>POP UP</b> \$2 12:30 OPEN Director Steve
<b>9</b>		<b>10</b> <b>ACBL Wide</b> \$2 <b>Silver Senior</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 /Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director TBD	<b>11</b> <b>STaC</b> \$2 <b>100% Silver</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>12</b> <b>STaC</b> \$2 <b>100% Silver</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>13</b> <b>STaC</b> \$2 <b>100% Silver</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene	<b>14</b> <b>STaC</b> \$2 <b>100% Silver</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>15</b> <b>STaC</b> \$2 <b>100% Silver</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Steve
<b>16</b> <b>Club Championship</b>	12:30 Dir. Alan	<b>17</b> <b>Unit Game</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 /Hank (9) 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director TBD	<b>18</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank (9) 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>19</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>20</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene	<b>21</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>22</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Steve
<b>23</b> <b>Unit Game</b>	12:30 OPEN/NLM Dir. Sean	<b>24</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Hank Tourney 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	<b>25</b> <b>ACBL Wide</b> \$2 <b>Charity Game</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Hank Tourney 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>26</b> <b>Silver</b> \$2 <b>Linings</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>27</b> <b>Silver</b> \$2 <b>Linings</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	<b>28</b> <b>Silver</b> \$2 <b>Linings</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>29</b> <b>Silver</b> \$2 <b>Linings</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene
<b>30</b>		<b>31</b> <b>Silver</b>					