



Mary McIntyre and Cherene Birkholz with their NABC tournament trophy.

## News from NABC - Memphis Bridge Not Too Far

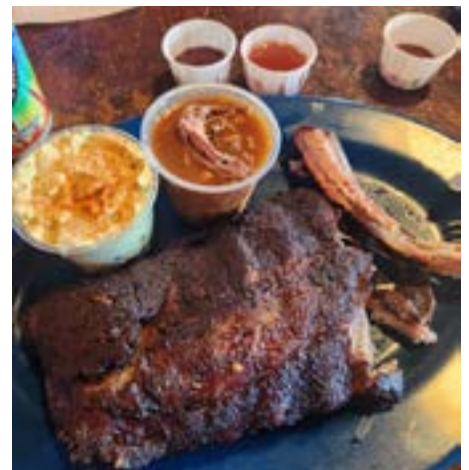
Three thousand plus bridge players gathered in Memphis in March for the North American Spring National Bridge Championship Competition, and among that huge crowd were three of our own who had qualified from play in CA and chose to attend: Leo Dittmore, and partners Cherene Birkholz and Mary McIntyre.

When asked about their successes, Leo responded that his partner had dropped out at the last minute, and he was assigned a new one from the partner kiosk. Leo explained that in horse racing, the first three places are identified as Win, Place and Show. All others are labeled "Also Ran." Per Leo, "I also ran."

Per Cherene, "We didn't make it through the first round. But we later came in first in the 299 game and won a small trophy."

But tournaments away are not just for bridge but for experiencing the culture a new city has to offer. And Memphis has culture in abundance!

After a long day of bridge, Leo adjourned to local bar and grills advertising Memphis barbeque and live Country Western music. No doubt he heard tales of his wife's adventures during the day touring the National Civil Rights Museum, Hotel Lorraine where MLK, Jr. was shot, and Sun Studio - home to Elvis, Johnny Cash, BB King, and Jerry Lee Lewis.



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## Status Changes

Junior Master

Laura Breen

Marcia Le Beau

Jane Hamel

Club Master

Daniel Collins

Sherry Geller-Vogeli

Sectional Master

Debra Collins

John Markovich

Larry Wisinski

Regional Master

Glenn T Barry

David Finkel

NABC Master

Mary E Mcntyre

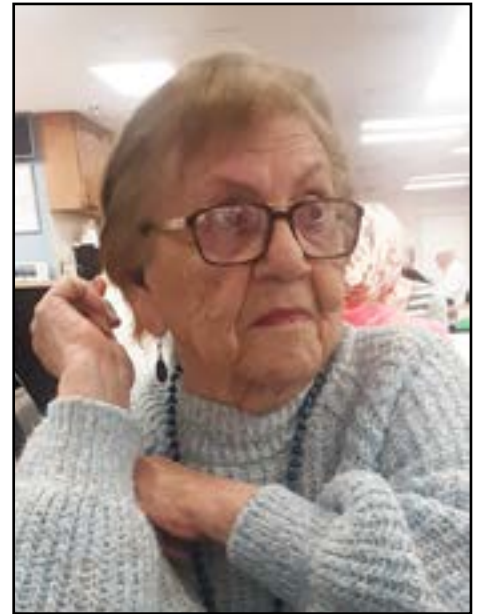
Life Master

Lynne Finley

### New Members

Nicole Eastly

Karen White



## Special May Birthday Wishes

Estelle Bynes, one of our nonagenarians, is turning 95 years young on May 5th. Be sure and wish her cheers to another year .



## April Birthdays

Left to right: Al Lum, Alan Flower, Leo Dittmore

### TABLE TALK

Editor	A.K. Laine
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	Lyn Kraatz
	Linda Nye
	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](mailto:ardeaux1@gmail.com).



## Rubies are This Girl's Best Friend

Linda treated the Thursday game to Costco pizza to celebrate attaining Ruby Life Master. Her journey in her own words:

I started learning bridge in 2006 while I was still working, and it quickly became more than just a game—it became a passion.

Over the last 19 years, my partner, Alan Olschwang, and I had the honor of representing District 23 at the North American Bridge Tournament. We qualified and played in 2012 and again in 2013. I am so fortunate to have a such strong and supportive partner for the past 15 years.

Bridge has always been a source of mental challenge and joy. It keeps my mind sharp and gives me a way



to connect with others who share the same passion. Now that I'm retired, Bridge has been a bigger part of my life.

Bridge brings me happiness, sharpens my mind, and fills my days with purpose. I'm grateful for the journey so far and excited for what's still to come. I will enjoy playing bridge for a lifetime.

- Lynda Nye



## Tuba Notes from the Bored

Everyone knows that April showers bring May flowers. But what do Mayflowers bring? I hope everyone enjoyed the rain last weekend and still got some Bridge in between the drops.

We had a busy month of

April. Seven people attended the AED/CPR Training. Thanks to Joey Duree's husband, Rick, for delivering the material and making us all more aware of how we can help keep someone in distress alive for professional assistance to arrive.

We received the Square credit card reader. There are some process issues to complete. We expect to have them worked out in time for the May 17 NLM Sectional at the club. See Rita, Lillian, Jenny, Chuck, or me if you want to buy a 10-play punch card for \$100 using a credit or debit card.

The club authorized repair of the floor around the director's desk. You may have noticed the floor is sagging and tile is becoming loose. Be careful as

you walk in the area. I hope the work can get done before the Sectional.

I think Spring is also a good time a good time to remind everyone that we are advocates of the ACBL Zero Tolerance policy. Anything that may disrupt another person's enjoyment of the time spent at the club will be addressed with possible sanctions including score adjustments or suspension from the club and tournaments. Be careful to be respectful and kind to everyone - your opponents, partners, and directors. Maybe even your family and friends!

Until next time, don't forget the Pilgrims.

- Leo Dittmore



And Cherene and Mary? First was a visit to Graceland. "We were surprised by the smaller size of Elvis' home. It was more comfortable than glitzy." The number of TV's amazed them: one in the living room, one in the kitchen, and three in the TV room where Elvis, an avid sports fan, could watch three different games at once. The famous Pink Cadillac was parked among his car



collection of 20 other cars from the 50's, all with exaggerated fins and tons of chrome.

And after Graceland, they visited the famous Mallard ducks that live in the lobby fountain of the Peabody Hotel.

Currently three, two females and one male, they waddle twice a day from the fountain to the elevator to the roof top where they sleep, then again in the morning back to the lobby fountain. They are aided by the Duck

Master who



operates the elevator for them. This beloved tradition began in the 1930s. Per Cherene, "It was fantastic!"

And somewhere between these visits, they too dove into Memphis barbeque!

Next month, we will explore the culture of Down Under and New Zealand with the six who just returned from that bridge cruise journey.  
-by Lyn Kraatz



You may have noticed how neat, complete, and organized our bidding boxes are lately. After the club ordered some new sets of bidding cards at the beginning of the year, Kiyoko Nagaishi invested a lot of time updating the boxes at our tables. She continues checking, correcting, and cleaning bidding cards every time she plays. Thank you, Kiyoko, for enabling us make our "perfect" bids.

by Lillian Slater



# Another Fun Fun Fun Pro-Am Tournament



**Pair That Had the Most Fun**



**Two of Our Many Winners**



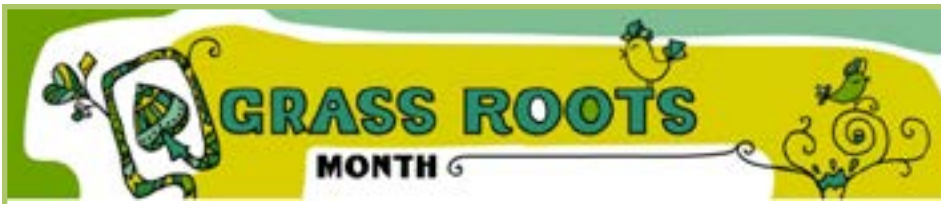
**Randomly Selected Partners**



**Reviewing Results**



**Neighborly Bridge Players**



Earn upgraded masterpoint awards, support the district's Grand National Teams and North American Pairs events and connect with fellow bridge players in a field of fun. May 1, 2, 26, 27, and 28



Gold Points Shimmer at Long Beach Bridge Center During Stardust Week. For years, Stardust Events have been a fixture in ACBL Virtual Clubs, offering a rare chance to earn gold masterpoints without leaving your home. But for this special edition — May 5 through May 10 — we're bringing the glitter to Long Beach Bridge Club. You'll earn 25% gold and 75% black masterpoints



Prepare to embark on an exciting journey with Silver Quest – your map to discovering precious silver masterpoints, no travel required! Unlike other silver point events that require special venues or long drives, Silver Quest brings the treasure directly to Long Beach Bridge Center. During Silver Quest, you'll earn 25% silver masterpoints just by playing at Long Beach Bridge Center or Duncan online – no extra steps needed, no extra cost.



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.

**GNT  
District 23  
Saturday  
&  
Sunday  
May 3  
10 a.m. & 3 a.m.**



# Long Beach Unit 557



## Non-Life Master Spring Sectional

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Long Beach Bridge Club

4782 E. Pacific Coast Highway

(above Big 5 - enter in rear)



### Card Fees

- Entry Fee \$14 / Session or \$25/Both Sessions
- Additional \$4 Per Session for Unpaid Member

### Stratifications for 500'er Pairs

Stratified by pair average

- 0 - 100
- 101 - 300
- 301 - 500

Players must be non-Life Masters and have 500 masterpoints or fewer.

10:00 a.m.

0-50 Pairs\*

0-500 Pairs

2:30 p.m.

0-50 Pairs\*

0-500 Pairs

Mini-Lesson 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Rob Preece

### Silver Points!

Free Parking

Free Snacks

Free Coffee

### TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Lillian Slater

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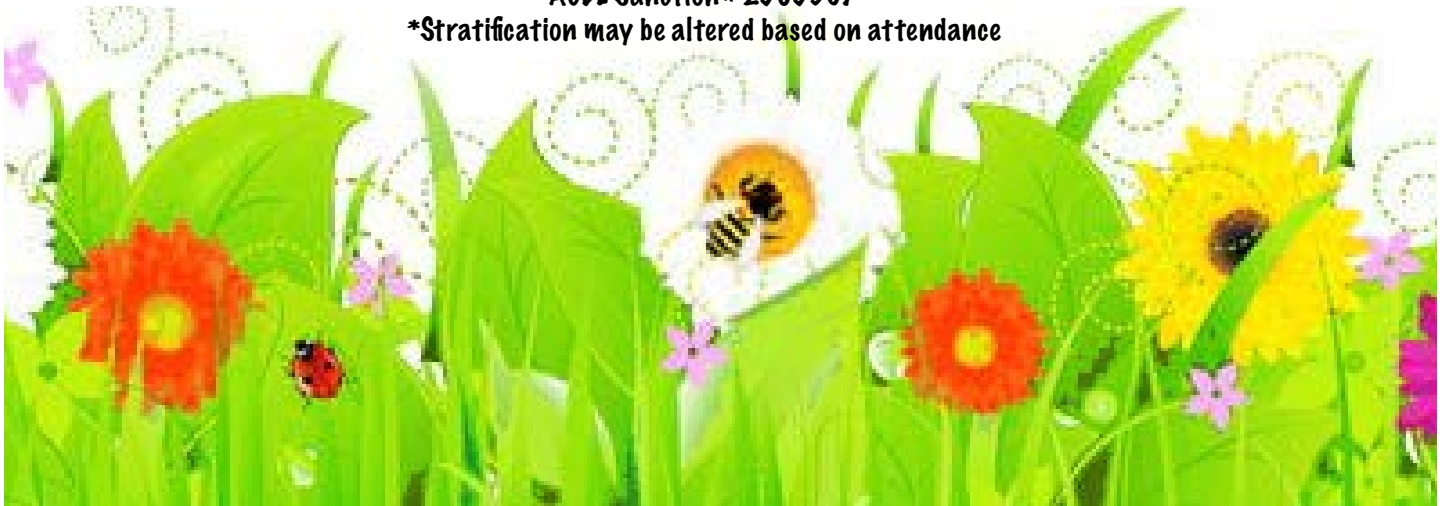
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### DIRECTOR

Sean Lui

ACBL Sanction# 2505367

\*Stratification may be altered based on attendance



# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4 Grand Nat'l Teams</b> Director tba	<b>5 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 3 /Hank (6) 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	<b>6 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge1/Hank (6) 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>7 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>8 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	<b>9 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>10 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN Director Cherehe
<b>11</b> 7326807 Dir: Sean	<b>12 Club Championship</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 3 /Hank 9:00 POT LUCK/GAME Director Alan	<b>13 Club Championship</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge1/Hank 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>14 Club Championship</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>15 Club Championship</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	<b>16 Club Championship</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>17 Sectional</b> NLM 499/under 12:30 OPEN Sanction 2505367 Director Sean
<b>18 Club Championship</b> 12:30 Dir Alan	<b>19 Silver Quest</b> 25% silver 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3 /Hank3 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	<b>20 Silver Quest</b> 25% silver 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge1/Hank 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>21 Silver Quest</b> 25% silver 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>22</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	<b>23</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>24 Club Championship</b> 12:30 OPEN Director Jo
<b>25 Unit Game</b> 12:30 7326807 Dir: Sean	<b>26 Grass Roots \$1 Charity FUND</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 3 /Hank (7) 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	<b>27 Grass Roots \$1 Charity FUND</b> 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge1/Hank (9) 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Rob/Fern	<b>28 Grass Roots \$1 Charity FUND</b> 12:30 OPEN/NLM \$2 9:30 199'r Game Dir Leo	<b>29 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	<b>30 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	<b>31 Stardust</b> \$1 25% gold 12:30 OPEN Director Cherehe