



Bridge Collapses

Over a "career" of bridge playing, especially in the beginning, mistakes are made that seem disastrous at the time but humorous later. I wish I had found more people willing to share or to remember their mistakes, but I share a few here. Hope this brings yours to mind. Being total newbies and having no experience in team play, we four - Dan Frank, Eric Kaplan, Kathy Krekeler (who now plays at Leisure World)

and I - thought team play "sounded like fun." After the second round, we were down an embarrassing number of IMPS. We almost had to tie Dan to a table to keep him from leaving mid-game. "It can't get worse," we said. It did Final score down -1400 IMPS. The following day, Lillian Slater apologized for throwing us into the shark pool unprepared. So, our terrible score hadn't gone unnoticed.

Dan and Debbie Collins were playing with Jerry Glenn and a forgotten partner. After the bid, they played three rounds of tricks before anyone thought about putting down a dummy. They called Rob. What to do? Rob just shook his head. "Someone should have noticed."

A contributor choosing to be anonymous tells this story: The bid was 3NT. Halfway through play, we all seemed to forget the bid and began trumping with hearts for several rounds of tricks. Then

toward the end, we realized it was NT and called the director. Very embarrassing. Again, someone should have noticed!

From Linda Leventhal: My "collapse" was bidding 3NT when one opponent had a long string in one suit. They took the first seven or eight tricks. Horrible!

From Paul and Cindy Barth: We bid 3H, and they doubled. Then we raised to 4H, and they doubled again! Don't know what we were thinking. We went down of course. Doubled!

And our favorite story of a bridge "collapse": Hank and Fern were playing party bridge at home with friends. Hank, with a monster hand, bid 2C. Fern passed. Hank said nothing, lay down his cards and left the room to jump in the pool. "With his clothes on!" laughed Fern when I asked her if she minded my sharing their story. "And I never made that mistake again!"

by Lyn Kraatz

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Sectional Master

Status Changes

Allan Lubitz



September Birthdays

September Birthdays, Left to right: Brian Kubond and Ralph Brunson



New Classes Start October 6

Bridge 2

with Hank Dunbar

Monday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m

\$50 for 9 weeks

pre req - Bridge 1

Bridge 3

with Hank Dunbar

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m

\$50 for 9 weeks

pre req - Bridge 1

Special Topics

with Rob and Fern

Monday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m

\$5 per session

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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.



Tuba Notes from the Bored

We made it through three-quarters of 2025! Heading into the home stretch is always hopeful and exciting. Lots of parties and holidays are coming up, even at the bridge club. Be sure to take note that we moved the October Sunday games up one week. The teams game will be October 12 and the unit game October 19. We did this to avoid conflict with the District NAP finals on October 26, where many of our players will be competing to represent us in St. Louis. Good luck to them!

We will be hosting our Halloween costume and game Friday, October 31. Get your duds and makeup ready now. Be

sure to sign up for the Long Beach Sectional November 15 and 16. Tables are limited! You must register your pair or team by sending an email message with names and ACBL numbers to LongBeachSectional@gmail.com.

As you are planning to attend all these gatherings, it is imperative that you protect your health and the health of others. Now is the time to update your flu and COVID vaccinations. It takes time for your body to produce the antibodies, so you need to do this before being exposed and exposing others. Also, take responsibility for staying away when you are sick, coughing, and/or feverish. Most of us have some kind of underlying condition. We must all do our part to protect each other.

The Board and directors have also been discussing how to make our games less noisy and fairer. There have been times recently when we have had to expand sections to add NLM players to Open games

or incorporate late arrivals. Directors try to make the stratification as equal as possible but these last minute changes make that difficult. Add to that requests and expectations to sit one direction or another or at "my" table, which takes a toll especially when running up against game time. Please be cooperative with your Director knowing that they are trying to make everyone happy which is impossible.

Also take care when discussing hands and play at the table. We have seen an increase in the number of people talking and the volume they are using. ACBL law prohibits this as it gives unauthorized information to other players. We have had to discipline members for this and that is never pleasant for anyone. Keep your voices low and restrict your discussions for when you are away from the tables and between rounds. Do your part to make the game fun and fair for everyone.

See you soon at the club!

by Leo Dittimore



Kind, Necessary, Truthful?

A guiding principle for communication is often phrased as "Is it true, is it kind, is it necessary?" This reminder helps

determine if words should be spoken or not - even at the bridge table. While the exact origin is debated, with some attributing it to Socrates, Rumi, or Buddha, the core idea is to filter speech through these three "gates" or "filters" to promote mindful and constructive communication.

Players are discouraged from discussing boards during play: however, some folks cannot stop "helping." We encourage you to ask the person if they would like advice - some people do not

want constant correction while enjoying their game. Give the advice away from the field of play or better yet after the game - discussing boards or line of play during the game is prohibited. Lastly use the "is it true, is it kind, and is it necessary" filter before dispensing that advice.

Our Deepest Sympathies to the Family and Friends of



Jerry Glenn



Tim Cole



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.



Sanction # 2511344

Saturday Pairs

10:00 a.m & 2:30 p.m

\$14 card fees / session per person

Stratifications

NLM*

* 0 -50

* 51- 200

* 201 - 499

Open*

* 0 - 1500

* 1501 -3000

* 3001+

*Stratification may be adjusted
based on attendance.

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Partnership Desk

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Sunday Swiss Teams

10:00 a.m with a
lunch break

Must participate in both sessions -

\$28 card fees per person

Team stratification based on players'
masterpoint average

Tournament Chair

Lillian Slater lilliands@gmail.com 714-287-3184

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November 15 & 16, 2025
LONG BEACH - FALL SECTIONAL
34 Table Limit

October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 	6 STaC \$2 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge2/Hank (1) 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan		1 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir: Leo	2 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	3 GO Red Hot Challenge 12:30 OPEN/NLM 34% Red Director Nancy	4 GO Red Hot Challenge 12:30 OPEN 34% Red Director Steve
	12 Team Appreciation 12:30 Dir Alan	7 STaC \$2 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank (1) 9:30 199r Game Dir: Chuck Rob/Fern	8 STaC \$2 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir: Leo	9 STaC \$2 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	10 STaC \$2 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	11 STaC \$2 12:30 OPEN Director Chereene
19 12:30 OPEN/NLM Dir Sean	13 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 /Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	14 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir: Chuck Rob/Fern	15 ACBL Wide \$1 Silver Seniors 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir: Leo	16 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	17 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	18 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Steve
26 closed	20 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge2/Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	21 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir: Chuck Rob/Fern	22 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir: Leo	23 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Alan	24 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Nancy	25 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN Director Steve
	27 GO Silver Quest 34% Silver 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Director Alan	28 GO Silver Quest 34% silver 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge3/Hank 9:30 199r Game Dir: Chuck Rob/Fern	29 Club Appreciation 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199r Game Dir: Leo	30 GO Red Hot Challenge 12:30 OPEN 34% Red Director Alan	31 Halloween Costume Contest UNIT Championship Game 12:30 OPEN/NLM Lunch Included ## L2510557C Director Nancy	