



Celebrating Our Volunteers!

Thank you to our dedicated and invaluable volunteers. Your contributions truly matter. You take on a wide range of roles, and we deeply appreciate your integrity, attentiveness, and versatility. You are the reason Long Beach Bridge Center continues to thrive as a strong and successful venture.

Volunteers shown in the photo: Rita van Lierop, Lyn Kraatz, John Galligher, Glenn Barry, Jenny Ernest, Lynda Montgomery, Leo Dittimore, A.K. Laine, Fern Dunbar, Chuck Laine, Lillian Slater, Rob Preece, Kay Tseng, Hank Dunbar, Kiyo Nagaishi, Bill McClean. Not shown: David Simon, John Kilmer, Casey Stiers, Melanie Smothers, Colleen Gardner, Ed Piken, Nancy Toussaint, Joey DuRee, and Melinda Wilson.

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Status Changes

Junior Master	Liz Musch
Club Master	Ann Devlin
Regional Master	Robert Mossler
Advanced NABC Master	Jan van Lierop
	Paul Chen
Bronze Life Master	Lynne Finley
Ruby Life Master	Lynn Danielson



Lynne Finley
Bronze Life Master



February Birthdays

Left to right: Lillian Slater, Jan Van Lierop, Gerri Carlson



Lynn Danielson
Ruby Life Master



Tuba Notes from the Bored

The LBBC Zero Tolerance policy is essential because it ensures that every player, director, and guest can enjoy bridge in a welcoming, respectful, and positive environment. Competitive settings and management decisions can naturally create tension, but maintaining civility not only protects the integrity of the game—it also helps our club grow, supports new players, and fosters a community where everyone feels valued. By setting clear expectations and consistently enforcing them, Zero Tolerance helps prevent conflicts, reduces stress, and reinforces the spirit of fairness and enjoyment that is central to the game.

- Behavior at the Table
Players are expected to maintain proper etiquette and good sportsmanship. This includes being respectful, avoiding negative comments, and helping ensure a pleasant experience for all participants.
- Behavior in the Club
Members and guests must follow club rules, treat staff courteously, and contribute to an environment that promotes fairness and enjoyment.

- Being Kind to All
Kindness is emphasized as a fundamental expectation. Players should offer support, show appreciation, and extend goodwill to fellow participants, directors, and visitors.

- Conclusion
By supporting a culture of courtesy and respect, everyone can be tolerant of one another, ensuring that all players enjoy the game and feel welcome at every session.

by Leo Dittamore
Unit President



On the Job

Last month, I quoted Nancy Toussaint who said we're so much other than just bridge players. In that vein, we asked for worst and best job stories, whether salaried or volunteered, and not bridge-adjacent. Here are some more:



Laura Breen : My worst job was as a bank credit checker. I worked in the basement with no sunshine and low pay.

Del Stewart: Best job was Director at a mental health clinic. There were a variety of tasks, always challenging, lots of juggling, and very busy!



Deke Thomas: My best job was building fireworks stands at \$5 an hour for two months because I realized I loved working outside which I did in

construction for the next 50 years.

Marcie LeBeau: Worst job was as a property manager for a non-profit. I knew within the first week that it was a job from hell and started looking for another immediately. There was brow beating and being forced to work weekends. I quit by slamming the phone down in my boss's ear. It took two temps to replace me.



Cherene Birkholz:

Worst ever was as a baby photographer. Job was to upsell from the initial pose to people who had no money. It was predatory and morally and ethically repulsive. My best job was as a chiropractor's assistant. I learned life lessons and great phone skills dealing with insurance agencies.

John Kilmer: My best job was at a recovery home for addicts. The job required both sternness and compassion, and there was great satisfaction when they succeeded.



Diana Parmeter: Best job was playing cello in a string quartet in Hokkaido, Japan. It only lasted six days. There was both isolation but fascinating experience of another country and their customs.

If you told me a story or sent me one (thanks, Ron!) and still haven't seen it in print, never fear. This has been a treasure trove and will continue next month, too. Big pool people, get ready: we're coming to you for stories!

by Lyn Kraatz

Unit 557 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney Awards Will Be Presented at 22 March Unit Game



This is Barbara Seagram with our Long Beach club members at the Sun Sea Slam Tournament Barbados 2026 (Eleth Fields, Mandy Moores, Richard Fields, Margit Hillegard, Barbara Seagram.)

**Duncan
BRIDGE CENTER**

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.

Come Join us

Games
Mon. - Sat., 12:30 p.m.

Novice Games/Classes
Mon. - Wed., 9:30 a.m.

New Beginner Classes
Start March 16 - 9:30 a.m.
Contact Hank
whdunbar65@gmail.com

Friendly, welcoming place to play and learn bridge

Beginner and Returning Players Welcome

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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.

2025 Unit 557 Ace of Club Winners - Most Points Won at Club Including Virtual Club Games



0 - 5

Daniel Collins	14.36
Sarah Grossi	12.33
Laura Breen	6.91



5 - 20

Z Sweedyk	20.09
Debra Collins	14.54
Deke Thomas	13.84



20 - 50

Robert Mossler	43.24
Amanda Moores	32.85
Adair Paul	19.96



50 - 100

Ann Peacock	36.74
Allan Lubitz	33.67
Cindy Barth	23.98



100 - 200

Glenn Barry	61.18
Cherene Birkholz	42.38
Harriet Weiss	36.57



200 - 300

Rita van Lierop	49.52
Melinda Wilson	48.98
Joey DuRee	41.18



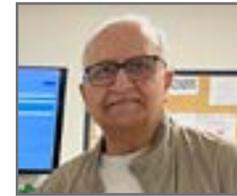
300 - 500

Jan van Lierop	73.84
Marcia Lane	53.28
Carolyn Byrnes	47.25



500 - 1000

Leo Dittmore	155.47
Charles Laine	87.83
Ted Teweles	79.08



1000 - 1500

Hashim Mahmood	75.79
Lynn Danielson	73.45
Bill Brooks	68.85



1500 - 2500

Jeanette Estill	207.36
John Bakovic	180.03
Al Appel	172.58



2500 - 3500

Trudi Lamendola	222.31
Fern Dunbar	177.5
Judith Jones	157.46



3500 - 5000

Alan Olschwang	229.81
Carl Wolinsky	165.62
Jo Melis	147.07



5000 - 7500

Bill McClean	206.1
Jon Yinger	182.64
Jackie Hess	178.3

2025 Unit 557 Mini-McKenney Winners

Most Points During a Calendar Year (virtual & F2F)



0 - 5
Daniel Collins
21.49



5 - 20
Debra Collins
28.9



20 - 50
Amanda Moores
70.19



50 - 100
Allan Lubitz
57.71



100 - 200
Glenn Barry
94.15



200 - 300
Rita van Lierop
85.7



300-500
Jan van Lierop
106.37



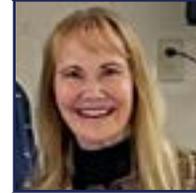
500 - 1000
Ted Teweles
230.24



1000 - 1500
Karen McKittrick
111.73



1500 - 2500
Jeanette Estill
240.1



2500 - 3500
Trudi Lamendola
276.11



3500 - 5000
Carl Wolinsky
258.14



5000 - 7500
Mark Tang
364.69

2025 Unit 557 Special Awards



John Killian Award

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

Kevin Lane



Irma Johnson Memorial

awarded to the person who scored the most masterpoints in unit games for the year

Al Appel



Mark Teaford Memorial

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

Glenn Barry

March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2 GO March Madness 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 Bridge 3 Hank 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Dir: 33%Red	3 GO March Madness 12:30 OPEN 33% Red 9:30 Bridge 1 Hank (9) 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Rob/Fern	4 GO March Madness 12:30 OPEN/NLM 33% Red 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Leo	5 GO March Madness 12:30 OPEN 33% Red Dir: Alan	6 GO March Madness 12:30 OPEN/NLM 33% Red Dir: Nancy	7 GO March Madness 12:30 OPEN 33% Red Dir: Steve
8 CLOSED	9 District \$2 Stac 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 Hank Tourney 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Dir: Alan	10 District \$2 Stac 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Hank Tourney 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Chuck/Rob/Fern	11 District \$2 Stac 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Leo	12 District \$2 Stac 12:30 OPEN Dir: Alan	13 District \$2 Stac 12:30 OPEN/NLM Dir: Nancy	14 District \$2 Stac 12:30 OPEN Dir: Cherene
15 District \$2 Team Stac 12:30 Dir: Alan	16 ACBL Wide \$1 Seniors 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 Bridge 1/Hank 1/9 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Dir: Alan	17 Unit Champ L2603557C 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 Hank 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Chuck/Rob/Fern	18 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Leo	19 12:30 OPEN Dir: Alan	20 12:30 OPEN/NLM Dir: Nancy	21 \$5 SATURDAY 12:30 OPEN Dir: Steve
22 Unit Game 12:30 OPEN/NLM Dir: Sean	23 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 Bridge 1 Hank (2) 9:30 Sel Topics Rob Dir: Alan	24 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Bridge 2 Hank 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Rob/Fern	25 ACBL Wide \$2 Charity 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Game Dir: Leo	26 12:30 OPEN Dir: Alan	27 12:30 OPEN/NLM Dir: Nancy	28 \$5 SATURDAY 12:30 OPEN Dir: Cherene
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