

On the Job

More great stories about worst and best jobs: interesting to me is how many of you worked in mental health facilities and how three of you as waitresses poured hot coffee into a customer's lap.



Karen Efthymoulos:
 Worst job was my first as a waitress in a diner at the intersection of

two highways in Illinois. It was a favorite of truckers and farmers. Our uniform was a very short skirt and when I leaned up and over to take orders off the chef's rack, I'd turn around to see truckers lined up watching me reach. (And yes, Karen's one of the hot coffee waitresses.)



Debbie Collins:
 Worst job was at a car dealership. All day, I filled in bubbles on forms that allowed car owners to receive free oil changes. The manager was a racist, and I spent the bulk of my time looking at the clock. I lasted three months.



Dan Collins: My worst job was during the bi-centennial summer when I worked at Jack in the Box. The company was introducing their deep-fried taco, offering six tacos for 99 cents, and in charge of the deep fryer, I often monitored two baskets of six each. Every evening on the drive home, my greasy, burned hands slipped off the steering wheel.

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Status Changes

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	Eileen Baires
	Jill Rosenberg
Sectional Master	Judy Mathias
Regional Master	Vora Nayana
Advanced NABC Master	Glenn Barry
Silver Life Master	Leo Dittemore

Welcome New Members

Ellen McKissick
Doris Fujii



May Birthdays

Left to right: Pallavi (Sonia) Sheth, Jim Kleese, Fred Willbanks, Lynda Montgomery, and Rich Wasser



Leo Dittemore
Silver Life Master



Tuba Notes from the Bored

Have you ever gone out somewhere and left your cell phone? You look around and suddenly you feel naked and lost. How can it be that we are dependent on a device we did know existed 20 years ago? But we are! We use our phones to get from one place to another. It keeps our schedule of doctor appointments, medicine regime, and Bridge partners. We no longer need to remember phone numbers or how to add.

When we notice our phone is not there, we panic momentarily. We

quickly ask our companions to call our number so we can hear the ring and get it back. But when we left it somewhere, such as LBBC, we just as suddenly realize that we won't hear it!

This happens regularly at LBBC. The people who find the phones search to determine who owns it and call the number on the lock screen (you have enabled the lock on you phone to prevent unauthorized use?) But most often that number is the phone's own number and it rings! Now we try to look up contacts to call so that person can return to retrieve it. This will not work if it locked. If this happens on a weekend, you could be without you phone for a couple of days lost in space!

So what can you do to prevent this other than get the phone embedded in your skull? First suggestion is to list your name on your lock screen and the phone number of you spouse, companion, caregiver, or someone else who can help

you retrieve the device. You can also show your email address that can be used to connect you.

Second suggestion for your time at LBBC is to list a second contact phone number in your ACBL profile. Your ACBL profile data gets updated monthly in the ACBLscore database. We can look up your secondary contact to return your phone or contact them in case of an emergency.

Do this by logging in to your account on [MY.ACBL.ORG](https://my.acbl.org). Create an account if you don't have one. There you will see a button that says UPDATE INFO. Click it to change your address, email, phone or other data collected by ACBL. They do not have a choice for emergency contact but you can store three different phone numbers. We can try each to speak with someone or leave a message.

Stay safe from sharks, use sunscreen, and have a wonderful summer at the beach and LBBC!

by Leo Dittimore

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Joyce Blaser: Worst (or best?) was working as an accountant. It was both challenging and rewarding, and very boring.



Barry Beech: Worst job was a summer job when I was 19, as janitor at a mental health facility. It involved cleaning up pee from hallways and floors, even from 17 year-olds.

Denise Jefferson:



Worked as secretary at the Department of Water and Power. We worked underground (worst part) but when

not busy, played cards and drank wine (best part). Worked there for 32 years.



Sharon Vaughn: Worst job was working at Blue Shield as a claims adjuster for two years when I was in college. We never got to finish; there was always a never-ending stack of the next claims to process. My best job was at a mental health clinic. I loved introducing patients to areas outside their comfort zones, and brick by brick reducing the stigma of mental health problems in the general public.



Lillian Slater: Worst job was doing social work in West Virginia where I visited troubled

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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.

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families with children. It was a depressing experience. I lasted two months. One job I loved was as a waitress one summer in Virginia Beach at Mustang Inn where we wore holsters to collect our tips. And we got great tips!



Judy Jones: Best job was as a VIP host at Disneyland where I conducted tours for celebrities such as Walt Disney and his wife, Fred MacMurray, Jamie Lee Curtis (age four), and Lucille Ball. And no, Lucy wasn't funny. She was demanding, smoked the entire time, and my admiration and love for her changed during that tour. **And as promised, word from Hank:**

I don't have a worst job because I loved my job. But as a teacher, I had a worst class. Somehow, I inherited a class of 23 students, 16 who were "OTs". An

OT is a student who has been transferred for bad behavior to a new school for a second chance. I got along with the class okay, but they were horrid. However, they give me an opportunity to get even with my friend George who had pranked me a few days earlier. With 15 minutes left in class, I told my students to go into George's class and sit down or stand without talking. They pulled it off perfectly and I got to go to lunch early. When George got to lunch, he came in and was talking about how these strange students had walked in and refused to utter a word. To this day, I never told George.

by Lyn Kraatz



LBBC Does It Again

Congratulations are in order. Once again Long Beach Bridge Center held the number fourteen spot for the number of tables for a face-to-face club. LBBC had 4242 tables in 2026, topping our count of 4137 tables in 2025. Thanks everyone!

Yucky Bidding Cards?

What should you do when you see a bidding card or box that is incomplete, or worse dirty? Put them on the bookshelf near the door to the main room. Put your cruddy bid cards on the top shelf box on the left. Thanks to Kiyō, there are replacement bidding boxes readily available on the bookshelf.



Thank You, Chuck!

Not only was Chuck Laine the director on Tuesday, May 15th, he was the surprise receipt of heartfelt accolades, some gentle teasing, and a delicious cake. (Which, btw, he almost dropped. Check out our Facebook page at [Long Beach Bridge Center.](#))

Leo Dittamore, Lillian Slater, Hank Dunbar, Rob Preece, and even his wife, A.K. Laine took the mic and shared their stories of Chuck's role as club manager. Chuck assumed the position from Sharon Biederman January 2022. Thank you, Chuck, for keeping our beloved club running.



Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook!](#)

Birthday Partners

Steve Rowe and Rich Wasser once again celebrated their May 29th birthdays. This is the only time all year that they partner together, regularly scoring some birthday points and even placing first five times. Happy birthday!



Talk From the Tournament Trail: Long Beach NLM Sectional



Marcia Lane and Frances Gross dominated the morning's North-South game scoring 66.25%. It was another gift for Marcia during her birthday weekend.



The morning's East-West pairs battled to a tie with 58.75% games: Joey DuRee and Cherene Birkholz, Barbara Wallace and Don Vallens.

Unit 557's May NLM Sectional sprinkled lots of Silver on our unit's players and some guests. With 16 tables in the morning session and 15 in the afternoon, it was a great day of good company, challenging bridge, and delicious refreshments. Congratulations to all who competed!



Nonagenarians love bridge too. Miriam Kelley and Judy Mathias have been honing their bridge games, often scoring in the Open and earning some Silver during our NLM Sectional.



Gloria Harrison and Nony Bernal won the afternoon's North-South with a 56.40% game, barely overtaking our own Suzanne Richmond and Ellen Goodwin (pictured above) in the last round.



East-West played defense most of the afternoon with Linda Leventhal and Ann Peacock winning with an impressive 60.12% game.



June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Closed	1 North Am Pairs \$1 50/50% 12:30 OPEN 9:30 Sel Topics Director Alan	2 North Am Pairs \$1 50/50% 12:30 OPEN 9:30 199'r Game Dir:Chuck Robb/Fern	3 North Am Pairs \$1 50/50% 12:30 OPEN/NLM 9:30 199'r Ga Dir Leo	4 12:30 OPEN Director Nancy	5 12:30 OPEN/NLM Director Alan	6 12:30 OPEN Director Steve
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