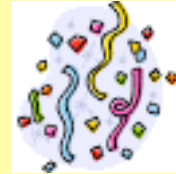




January 2005

BIG ISLAND BRIDGE

Happy New Year 2005



Upcoming Bridge Special Events

January Event Schedule

January 9, 2005 Unit 20 Championship Games
January 17-21, 2005: Club Membership Games

January 10-16, 2005: **Honolulu Regional
Prince Hotel**

February Event Schedule

February 1-4, 2005	Jr. Fund Games
February 7-11, 2005:	Jr. Fund Games
February 11-13, 2005:	Maui Sectional Kihei, Maui
February 13, 2005:	Unit 20 Jr. Fund Games
February 14-20, 2005:	Jr. Fund Games
February 21-24, 2005:	Jr. Fund Games
February 25-27, 2005:	Big Island Sectional The Bridge Building Kailua Kona
February 28, 2005	ACBL-wide Senior Pairs

Player News and Mahalos

Mahalo to our Committee Members and their efforts in making our bridge club a friendly, well run, and professional ACBL bridge club.

Bobbie Devlin is recovering from a fall and broken shoulder blade. We miss her at the bridge center and hope she will soon be able to return to table 4.

Margot Skilling awoke Sunday morning, December 12, with chess pains and was later Medi-Vac transported to Honolulu for an Angioplasty and hospital care. Margot was accompanied to Honolulu with her daughter and housekeeper. Margot is back home and has returned to the bridge table.

Marian Durant fell from her tractor when mowing her property and suffered a compound fracture in her ankle and injuries to her head. Fortunately she had her cellular phone with her and called **Gerry Bushman**. Gerry called 911 and **Stuart Vance**, who went to find her and give her and the emergency team assistance.

Blaine Thomas is recovering from hospitalization for a bleeding ulcer. He is now home and doing nicely. He had to cancel his plans to visit Hawaii in January - February. Maybe he will be able to come later in the year.

Joanne and Chuck Clark will be leaving on January 22 for a medical trip to the mainland and will be gone a month. Joanne reports, "I am feeling better, but will have a bone marrow transplant when I go back." We wish Joanne success with the procedure and look forward to having her join the bridge club games.

Walt's Corner

by Walt Sturm

Walt is taking a rest this month from his bridge column.

President's Corner

by Joanne Clark

The Easybridge group consists of a solid two tables and will be able to play with our Novice group. They have been very stalwart and we thank **Stuart Vance** for doing such a great job with that group.

Swiss Teams should be a lot easier this year at the sectional for most of our members since **Liz Holey** has organized Swiss Team events throughout the last few months. A lot of people have voiced their enthusiasm for them so we will continue to have at least one game a month that is Swiss Teams.

We are striving to make our bridge club more interesting and enjoyable. With that in mind, please give us your ideas about special games or social events.

Have a Happy, Healthy, and Joyous 2005.
Joanne

Director's Corner

by Audrey Mitchell

Table Talk: Auction Speak

Several players have mentioned that there have been improper statements made by players during a game's auction. Such audible comments in the midst of an auction that have been made were:

"I did not open the bidding. I was passed hand" where a player made the comment to the partner during the auction. Any such comment is improper.

"That is Controls" or "That is Steps" or "Waiting" following a 2 club opening bid. The correct action by the bidding partner is "Alert"

Any audible description to a bid that is alertable can only be provided when the bidding opponent requests the explanation. Often, the opponent is not interested in an explanation until after the auction is completed. One reason not to request an explanation of an alert during the auction is to prevent disclosure of any bidding errors. An alert description announces an interpretation of the bid. If the interpretation is in error, the bidder may adjust subsequent bidding based on the incorrect bid interpretation.

December's Winner's Circle

<p>Dec 2 NS 1st Bozena Babbitt - Phyllis Hann NS 2nd Ed Harrs - Richard Buffington EW 1st Peter Golitzen - Ruth Ann Larson EW 2nd Audrey Mitchell - Gerald Mitchell</p> <p>Dec 3 NS 1st James Mills Jr - L Stuart Vance NS 2nd Bette Buckingham - Audrey Mitchell EW 1st Bjorg Johnson - Sharon Bolton EW 2nd Marion Durant - Carol Richards</p> <p>Dec 6 NS 1st Ruth Ann Larson - James Mills Jr NS 2nd Phyllis Hann - Carol Richards EW 1st Shelly Hershberger - Douglas Troxel EW 2nd Walter Sturm - Allan Young</p> <p>Dec 7 NS tied L Stuart Vance - Peter Golitzen 1st NS tied 1st Sharon Bolton - Marion Durant EW 1st Walter Sturm - Richard Gittleman EW 2nd Ross Larson - Ruth Ann Larson</p> <p>Dec 9 NS 1st Dean Jenkins - Richard Gittleman NS 2nd L Stuart Vance - Peter Golitzen EW 1st Mary Dee Overton - Douglas Troxel EW 2nd Liz Holey - Lloyd Shoemaker</p> <p>Dec 10 NS 1st Kathy Golitzen - Margot Skilling NS 2nd L Stuart Vance - Peter Golitzen EW 1st Shelly Hershberger - Dean Jenkins EW 2nd Phyllis Edwards - Deanne Barkley</p> <p>Dec 13 OV 1st Geraldine Bushman - Bozena Babbitt OV 2nd Deanne Barkley - Sharon Bolton OV 3rd Wesley Hofer - Phyllis Hann OV 4th Dean Jenkins - Audrey Mitchell</p> <p>Dec 14 OV 1st Wesley Hofer - Phyllis Hann OV 2nd Ed Harrs - Shirley Decker OV 3rd Bozena Babbitt - Geraldine Bushman OV 4th Jared Shaw - Lois Martin</p> <p>Dec 16 OV 1st Sharon Bolton - Deanne Barkley OV 2nd Susan Lee - Walter Sturm OV 3rd Colleen Lee - Samuel Lee OV 4th Bozena Babbitt - Claudia Barton</p> <p>Dec 17 OV 1st Joseph Goforth - Richard Gittleman OV 2nd Susan Lee - Walter Sturm</p>	<p>OV 3rd Bozena Babbitt - Geraldine Bushman OV 4th Ron Perry - Mary Kay Perry</p> <p>Dec 20 Team Bette Buckingham - Wesley Hofer - Phyllis Hann - Carol Richards 1st Team 2nd Dean Jenkins - Richard Gittleman - Walter Sturm - Allan Young</p> <p>Dec 21 NS 1st Dean Jenkins - Douglas Troxel NS 2nd Bozena Babbitt - Sharon Bolton EW 1st Ed Harrs - Shirley Decker EW 2nd Jared Shaw - Lois Martin</p> <p>Dec 23 NS 1st Dean Jenkins - Richard Gittleman NS 2nd Ed Harrs - Richard Buffington EW 1st Rab Puri - Mary Biedenkapp EW 2nd Lillian Bailey - Robert Bailey</p> <p>Dec 24 NS 1st Phyllis Hann - Phyllis Edwards NS 2nd Dean Jenkins - Shelly Hershberger EW 1st Robert Eddy - Shirley Decker EW 2nd Mary Kay Perry - Ron Perry</p> <p>Dec 27 NS 1st Dean Jenkins - Richard Gittleman NS 2nd Shirley Decker - Ed Harrs EW 1st Ruth Ann Larson - Mary Biedenkamp EW 2nd Louis Malensky - Richard Woloschuk</p> <p>Dec 28 OV 1st Shirley Decker - Ed Harrs OV 2nd Deanne Barkley - Shelly Hershberger OV 3rd Peter Golitzen - L Stuart Vance OV 4th Liz Holey - JoAn Hill</p> <p>Dec 30 OV 1st Dean Jenkins - Richard Gittleman OV 2nd Walter Sturm - Susan Lee OV 3rd Rab Puri - Mary Biedenkapp OV 4th Lillian Bailey - Robert Bailey</p> <p>Dec 31 NS 1st Bozena Babbitt - Sharon Bolton NS 2nd Donald Little - Susan Little EW 1st Wesley Hofer - Mary Biedenkamp EW 2nd Paul Rosen - Carol Richards</p>
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Bridge Club Information

ACBL District Structure

District 20: Western Conference, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon and Nevada.

Unit 469: All Big Island Clubs

Local Clubs: Kona, Waikoloa, Hilo

Kona Bridge Club Officers

President:	Joanne Clark
Vice President:	Walt Sturm
Secretary:	Shirley Decker
Manager/Treasurer:	Liz Holey
Member-at-Large:	Ed Harrs
Member-at-Large:	Audrey Mitchell
Member-at-Large:	Stuart Vance

Kona Directors

Joanne Clark	325-0404
Liz Holey	326-7787
Ruth Ann Larson	326-3252
Audrey Mitchell	329-7283
Dee Overton	883-9527
Rab Puri	327-9373
Stuart Vance	325-6133

Waikoloa Directors

Dee Overton	883-9527
Salli Beitinger	883-9517

All Kona Bridge Club games are held in our The Bridge Building on the Hualalai Academy school campus at 74-4966 Kealaka'a Street, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740. All Waikoloa Club games are held in Waikoloa Golf Course Club room. The schedule of weekly ACBL sanctioned duplicate bridge games is:

Monday:	12:45 pm (Waikoloa Club)
Monday:	1:00 pm (Kona Club)
Tuesday:	7:00 pm (Kona Club)
Thursday:	1:00 pm (Kona Club)
Friday	1:00 pm (Kona Club)
Friday	12:45 pm (Waikoloa Club)

The monthly Unit 469 game is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in The Bridge Building in Kona.

The bridge clubs have adopted the Zero Tolerance Policy recommended by ACBL.

<http://konabridge.tripod.com>

Visit our bridge web site to get the results of all Kona Bridge Club and Waikoloa Bridge Club games, bridge game schedules, a file cabinet of Big Island Bridge Newsletters, and the Big Island Sectional flyer.