



BIG ISLAND BRIDGE

Upcoming Bridge Special Events

March Event Schedule

Kona Bridge Club

March 7-11, 2005: Club Championship
 March 13, 2005: Unit 20 Championship
 March 15, 2005: ACBL-Wide Charity

Waikoloa Bridge Club

March 9, 2005 Waikii Invitational

April Event Schedule

Kona Bridge Club

To be available mid – March

Waikoloa Bridge Club

April 4, 2005 Charity Club Championship
 April 8, 2005 Charity Club Championship
 April 11, 2005 Club Championship
 April 15, 2005 Club Championship
 April 25, 2005 Local Club Championship
 April 29, 2005 Local Club Championship

Player News and Mahalos

BIG ISLAND SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT was a resounding success! Mahalo to everyone who contributed time, décor, and refreshments to the Big Island Sectional. Their efforts helped create a pleasant, hospitable, and successful tournament. A big Mahalo to **Buz Babbitt** and her helpers for cleaning all the boxes and tables used in our sectional tournament. We appreciate all your efforts to provide a clean environment for our tournament. A big Mahalo to **Will Williams** and **Jack Buchanan** for organizing and getting the supplies for the Saturday’s lunch, for organizing the hospitality treats, for organizing the post game party at King Kam. As Jack said, “Feed the players and they will come. There are a lot of jobs included in ‘hospitality’ ”. A big Mahalo to **Shelly Hershberger** and **Dean Jenkins** for the beautiful floral arrangements and the lovely palms planters for the sun screen. Mahalo to all who were “on call”. And last and certainly not least, a big Mahalo to the Sectional Tournament director, **Richard Gittelman**. **Richard** was there for everyone and

filled in on all the tasks as needed. He was always at the right place at the right time.

Jack Buchanan and Will Williams write, “We would like to extend a **MAHALO NUI LOA** to all the wonderful people of ACBL Unit 469 for their contributions to hospitality efforts for the Big Island Sectional. We couldn't have done it without all those folks that pitched in to help set up, clean up, and stock up. So as not to omit anyone, we send a giant collective thank you to all!!!”

Mahalo to all who help at every club game with game set-up, replacing chairs and tables, and room and kitchen clean-up.

Waikoloa bridge club has a new event scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month. The event is an invitational ACBL sanctioned bridge game, held at Waikii. The game follows a pot luck lunch with each playing pair brings a pot luck dish. The upcoming game for **March 9** includes an invitation for four pairs from Kona. Please contact **Annarie Shallenberger** at 882-7876 to make a reservation for the game. Annarie writes that the invitational game will be:

-second wednesday of the month pot luck and bridge at waikii
 -limiting it to 7 tables since that is all we can do up there -it is pot luck and people will be given a list of categories that they can sign up for
 -it is at the clubhouse at waikii which is located at the upper entrance near the polo grounds

Welcome to new ACBL unit 469 members:
JoAnn & Lowell Baird

JoAnne Banta
Therese Cole
Del Conca
JoAn Hill
Jeanne Martin
Marilyn Poindexter
Jayne Spell
Cindy Telesco
Alan & Sudy Zane

Masterpoint Race Winners for 2004 Unit 469 Members

The ACBL recognizes members in annual masterpoint races within each unit. The Unit Ace of Clubs masterpoint race identifies unit players who earn the most points in club games. The Unit Mini-McKenney masterpoint race identifies unit players who earn the most overall points throughout the year including ACBL tournaments.

Congratulations to the following 2004 winners for each masterpoint race in each of the ten masterpoint flights. Included in the following table is the masterpoint flight, the winner in the flight, the location of the winner, and the masterpoint count for the race. For a complete list of player's masterpoint race results, please check the bulletin board at The Bridge Building or at the ACBL web site.

Unit 469 Ace of Clubs

Rookie	Christine Bingham	Keaau HI	25
Junior Master	Richard Buffington	Kailua-Kona HI	16
Club Master	Annabelle Shallenberger	Kamuela HI	27
	Lois Martin	Kailua Kona HI	27
Sectional Master	L Stuart Vance	Kailua Kona HI	49
Regional Master	Shelly Hershberger	Kailua Kona HI	69
NABC Master	Bozena Babbitt	Kailua Kona HI	63
Life Master	Dean Jenkins	Kailua Kona HI	102
Bronze Life Master	Richard Gittleman	Kamuela HI	135
Silver Life Master	Mary Dee Overton	Waikoloa HI	125
Diamond Life Master	Walter Sturm	Kailua Kona HI	157

Unit 469 Mini McKenney

Rookie	Christine Bingham	Keaau HI	29
Junior Master	Richard Buffington	Kailua-Kona HI	23
Club Master	Annabelle Shallenberger	Kamuela HI	37
Sectional Master	L Stuart Vance	Kailua Kona HI	111
Regional Master	Shelly Hershberger	Kailua Kona HI	105
NABC Master	Bozena Babbitt	Kailua Kona HI	86
Life Master	Dean Jenkins	Kailua Kona HI	200
Bronze Life Master	Richard Gittleman	Kamuela HI	223
Silver Life Master	Mary Dee Overton	Waikoloa HI	152
Diamond Life Master	Walter Sturm	Kailua Kona HI	223

Walt's Corner

by Walt Sturm

Top & Bottom

The majority of players use some version of Michaels Cue Bid in direct seat (& maybe balancing?). An alternative usage which I find more frequent and effective is called Top & Bottom. If you prefer to keep on using Michaels, here is a way to have your cake and eat it too.

Probably the most dangerous bid in bridge is the NT overcall. We usually get by with it here because few of our members would ever double anything at the one level, most especially 1NT. However, if you should encounter an aggressive doubler who is confident in his defensive skills, you will often be in serious trouble. With the usual NT overcall, you can double and then rebid NT if it appears in order. This approach frees up the direct NT overcall to use as Top & Bottom.

Top & Bottom shows a minor-suit overcall which includes four cards in the ranking unbid major. For example, over 1D or 1H, 1NT would be a club overcall which contains four spades. How often have you puzzled over this type of hand?

Should you make an off-shape take-out double holding four spades or overcall in clubs and let partner guess?

At first, this Top & Bottom NT overcall seems infrequent. However, your failure to use it both alerts partner that you don't have a four-card major (he should only introduce a five-carder) and it avoids the danger of the 15-17 HCP NT overcall.

Over 1S, 1NT shows four hearts with a club overcall. You may double with Top & Top, i.e., hearts with a diamond overcall; if partner responds in clubs, you correct to diamonds to show this hand without promising extra values.

Another possibility, if you cannot give up the natural NT overcall, is to substitute Top & Bottom for Michaels.

President's Message

by Joanne Clark

Joanne is on the mainland receiving medical procedures. We look forward to Joanne's and Chuck's return to the Big Island.

February's Winner's Circle: Waikoloa Bridge Club

Feb 4 OV 1 ^s	Ed Stark - Joan Stark
OV 2nd	Louise Reilly - Connie Wilson
OV 3rd	Marilyn McNamee - Russell Kirby
OV 4th	Cheryl Olson - Bernier Doreen
Feb 7 OV 1 st Tied	Mike Kimball - Louise Reilly
OV 1 st Tied	Russell Kirby - Marilyn McNamee
OV 1 st Tied	Harvey Gates - Carol Wilson
OV 4th	Shirley Clark - Gene Brannan
Feb 9 OV 1st	Mike Kimball - Carol Troxel
OV 2nd	Gene Brannan - Annabelle Shallenberger
OV 3rd	D. Bill Calvert - M.A.(Tinka) Calvert
Feb 11 OV 1 ^s	Carol Davies - Gerald Mitchell
OV 2nd	Russell Kirby - Marilyn McNamee
OV 3rd	Gene Brannan - Annabelle Shallenberger
OV 4th	Jo Wilkenson - Terry Cole
Feb 14 OV 1 ^s	Mary Lean - Norm Lean
OV 2nd	Terry Cole - Jo Wilkenson
OV 3rd	Carol Wilson - Harvey Gates
OV 4th	Diane Gibson - James Gibson

Feb 18 OV 1 ^s	Russell Kirby - Marilyn McNamee
OV 2nd	Mary Lean - Norm Lean
OV 3rd	Gloria John - Vaughn, M.
OV 4th	Harvey Gates - Carol Wilson
Feb 21 NS 1st	Mary Lean - Norm Lean
NS 2nd	Gene Brannan - Mildred Jones
EW 1st	Dick Bader - Pat Bader
EW 2nd	Shirly Goldzweig - Rhoda Pollock
Jan 28 OV 1st	Colette Pirie - George Pirie
OV 2nd	Ed Stark - Joan Stark
OV 3rd	Jo Wilkenson - Terry Cole
Ov 4th	Shirley Clark - Shirley Helms
Jan 31 OV 1st	Richard Gittleman - Mary Dee Overton
OV 2nd	Ed Stark - Joan Stark
OV 3rd	Raymond Howard - Connie Wilson
OV 4th	Mac Morris - Millie Morris

February's Winner's Circle: Kona Bridge Club

Feb 1 OV 1st	Carol Troxel - Peter Golitzen
OV 2nd	Cindy Glad - Don Glad
OV 3rd	Ed Harris - Shirley Decker
OV 4th	Douglas Troxel - Dean Jenkins
Feb 3 OV 1st	Walter Sturm - Susan Lee

OV 2nd	Cindy Glad - Warren McGee
OV 3rd	Geraldine Bushman - Sharon Bolton
OV 4th	Phyllis Hann - Wesley Hofer
Feb 4 OV 1st	Ruth Ann Larson - Geraldine Bushman
OV 2nd	Susan Lee - Walter Sturm
OV 3rd	Richard Gittleman - Joseph Goforth

OV 4th Deanne Barkley - Don Glad
 Feb 7 OV 1st Carol Troxel - Douglas Troxel
 OV 2nd Claudia Barton - Deanne Barkley
 OV 3rd Audrey Mitchell - Gerald Mitchell
 OV 4th Wesley Hofer - Shelly Hershberger
 Feb 8 OV 1st Wesley Hofer - Don Glad
 OV 2nd Peter Golitzen - L Stuart Vance
 OV 3rd Ruth Ann Larson - Phyllis Hann
 OV 4th Cindy Glad - Warren McGee
 Feb 10 OV 1st Walter Sturm - Susan Lee
 OV 2nd Colleen Lee - Samuel Lee
 OV 3rd Dean Jenkins - Richard Gittleman
 OV 4th Don Glad - Carol Richards
 Novice Feb 10 OV 1st Harold Johnson - Joyce Johnson
 OV 2nd Bill Armer - Cindy Armer
 Feb 11 OV 1st Joseph Goforth - Richard Gittleman
 OV 2nd Marni Patterson - Carol Richards
 OV 3rd Marilyn Bass - Paul Rosen
 OV 4th Marlene Sabo - James Mills Jr
 Feb 13 OV 1st Bozena Babbitt - Sharon Bolton
 OV 2nd Shirley Decker - Audrey Mitchell
 OV 3rd Walter Sturm - Richard Gittleman
 OV 4th Cindy Glad - Don Glad
 Feb 14 OV 1st Sharon Bolton - Ann Magoon
 OV 2nd Don Glad - Shirley Decker
 OV 3rd Marilyn Bass - Paul Rosen
 OV 4th Jean Cole - Robert Cole
 Feb 15 OV 1st Dean Jenkins - Douglas Troxel
 OV 2nd L Stuart Vance - Peter Golitzen

OV 3rd Cindy Glad - Don Glad
 OV 4th Wesley Hofer - Phyllis Hann
 Feb 17 OV 1st Dean Jenkins - Richard Gittleman
 OV 2nd Shelly Hershberger - Carol Troxel
 OV 3rd Bozena Babbitt - Claudia Barton
 OV 4th Mary Lean - Norm Lean
 Feb 17 Novice 1st Alan Zane - Susan Zane
 Novice 2nd Jaynie Spell - Dorothy Harrison
 Novice 3rd Harold Johnson - Joyce Johnson
 Feb 18 OV 1st Carol Troxel - Mary Dee Overton
 OV 2nd Wesley Hofer - Shirley Decker
 OV 3rd Marilyn Bass - Paul Rosen
 OV 4th Claudia Barton - Phyllis Hann
 Feb 21 OV 1st Christa Booth - JoAn Hill
 OV 2nd Allan Young - Walter Sturm
 OV 3rd Wesley Hofer - Shelly Hershberger
 OV 4th Bozena Babbitt - Geraldine Bushman
 Feb 22 OV 1st Shirley Decker - Ed Hars
 OV 2nd tied Douglas Troxel - Dean Jenkins
 OV 2nd tied Audrey Mitchell - Kathy Golitzen
 OV 4th Tom Evans - Helen Evans
 Feb 24 OV 1st Peter Golitzen - Thomas Quinlan
 OV 2nd Phyllis Hann - Geraldine Bushman
 OV 3rd Liz Holey - Lloyd Shoemaker
 OV 4th Walter Sturm - Susan Lee
 Feb 24 Novice 1st George Leishman - Linda Brown
 Novice 2nd JoAnne Banta - Diann Smith
 Novice 3rd Carol Gilsdorf - Dick Gilsdorf

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 Hars
 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
 Dee Overton 883-9527
 Rab Puri 327-9373
 Stuart Vance 325-6133

Waikoloa Directors

Salli Beitinger 883-9517
 Dee Overton 883-9527
 Annarie Shallenberger 882-7876

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, phone number 329 8785. 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.

Zero Tolerance

The bridge clubs have adopted the Zero Tolerance Policy recommended by ACBL. It strives to promote a friendly atmosphere at the bridge table, while eliminating unacceptable behavior, including rudeness, intimidation, gloating, profanity, and other offenses. Player penalties are part of the program. If you feel an infraction of Zero Tolerance policies has occurred at your table, immediately call the game director.

<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, special event notices, players seeking partners, player roster, club directors, club board members, links to bridge convention sites, links to bridge signaling conventions, ACBL links, links to regionals and sectionals, links to bridge gift items, and a file cabinet of Big Island Bridge Newsletters.

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