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ACBL Unit 354 Newsletter

April 2010

Win Silver Points At The Silver Sun!

By George Drake



The annual Silver Sun Sectional will be held once again at the popular ASU West campus May 14-16.

There will be a full slate of events for players of all levels including Stratified and 199er Pairs on Friday and Saturday. The three-session bracketed KO Teams event begins Friday at 7:30 and continues Saturday at 10 and 3. Strati-Flighted and 199er Swiss teams round out the tournament on Sunday.

The playing site is spacious and well-lit and the on-campus cafeteria will be open throughout the weekend, along with many other dining opportunities in the area.

If you need a partner, a team or both, please visit our Partnership Desk at the tournament. You can also contact Alice Pierce, Partnership Chair, in advance at (480) 247-8380 or apierce7@cox.net.

Remember that newer players with less than 10 mps play free! And speaking of free, Unit 354 has negotiated free parking for all three days of the tournament.

Go to www.unit354.com for up-to-the-minute details.

Faces Behind The Cards



Joan and Ernie Ivey, of Surprise

By Dee Horwitz

Most of us are accustomed to the bickering and arguing that some married couples often exhibit at the bridge table. We just shrug it off with a wry grin or disgusted look. But Ernie and Joan Ivey of Surprise epitomize the ideal bridge partnership: they play well, win often,

and are friendly and courteous to each other and the opponents.

Joan says she decided when they first started playing together that the game "just wasn't worth it if we were going to argue. We love each other too much for that."

Ernie met "this attractive lady" who would become his wife at a sectional in Pueblo, Colo. in 1976. He soon asked her for a game and became "even more impressed. The very first game we played she executed a squeeze on two different hands."

Keys to Partnership

Ernie was the more experienced player so she was willing to let him be the teacher. "He excels in patience," she says. His sense of humor and laid-back personality and her thoughtful

and considerate demeanor are the groundwork for their successful partnership. They play a 2/1 system that Ernie and another partner developed long before 2/1 was a recognized system.

Added Gadgets

Over the years they have added a few gadgets. They especially like Flannery, Leaping Michaels, Jacoby 2NT, two-way reverse Drury and BROMAD (Bergen raises over majors and doubles). He explains, "BROMAD applies only by an unpassed hand with three-card support at the two level."

When asked what advice they have for couples who live

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Local Women Make 'Top 500'

In a field dominated by men, two Scottsdale women, Lou Ann O'Rourke and Carolyn Lynch, can be found near the top of the Barry Crane 500 list for 2009.

Lynch ranks 37th and O'Rourke, 46th. Lynch tallied

1,200 masterpoints and O'Rourke was just behind her with 1,157. Only three other women were among the top 50.

Suzette Wynn, of Phoenix, is the next Unit 354 player at 194th with 744 points.

The first local male to make the list is pro Steve Scott, also from Phoenix, a frequent partner of Wynn's. He finished with 710 points.

Other Unit 354 players in the Top 500 include Markland Jones (326), Marianne Spanier (397), Ron Fisher (417), Bud Marsh (423), and Jerry Gaer (449).

Women hold less than 20% of the first 100 positions. Jeff Meckstroth headed the list in 2009 with 3,188 masterpoints.

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together and play together, Joan offers the first rule, "Don't embarrass your partner or the opponents."

Ernie has several other suggestions: "If partner says something or makes a mistake, don't react immediately. Keep your mouth shut, bite your tongue, grit your teeth! And if you do say something, say it once. Don't repeat it." He also thinks it is a good idea to avoid eye contact because it can be misinterpreted by your partner and the opponents.

"Think before you say I'm sorry," he says, "because your longtime partner will know when you are making an insincere apology. Try to replace the worried frown with a grateful smile."

And his final reminder for all those couples who have vowed to love and to cherish each other: "Remember, you and your partner aren't here for just the duration of the game, but for the long haul."

Ernie enjoys reading bridge books and recommends those by Mike Lawrence, Eddie Kantar and H.W. Kelsey, but considers *Creative Card Play* by James Kauder, a rubber bridge player, one of the best for improving your game.

First Big Win

The Iveys remember their first big win. It was the one in San Jose, Calif. in 1978 when they beat the late Barry Crane in a mixed pair event. Pleased and proud, they returned to their local club a few days later to the warm congratulations

of their friends. "But," says Ernie, "we had to laugh because we had a 45% game that day."

With many sectional and regional victories, the one that stands out is the Palm Springs Knockout in the '90s when they beat Eddie Wold's team. It obviously gave Ernie a good opportunity to view the ability and gamesmanship of Wold. "If I had my choice of experts to play with, it would be Eddie," he says.

Degree in Math

Before retiring, Ernie was a systems requirement analyst, having worked in Colorado Springs, Washington, D.C., Palo Alto and at the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. He has a degree in mathematics and confesses he probably would not have graduated if he had discovered duplicate in college. Joan was a crisis line counselor for several years. "It was," she says, "one of my most rewarding lifetime experiences."

Both are in their second marriage and have a blended family of four children and five grandchildren, all boys. They both agree "family comes first," but they try to attend tournaments that are within driving distance. They both love to read. Joan likes books about people and Ernie lists historical fiction and adventure novels as his preference. Wilbur Smith and Ken Follet are his favorite authors.

This welcome addition to Unit 354 moved here seven years ago from California. Both are Emerald Life Masters. He has taught bridge and served as president of District 21.

Presidents' Day Scores Big Win

By Jo Anne Lowe

The recent Presidents' Day Sectional held in February at ASU West was a resounding success with 613 tables, only slightly down from last year's attendance.

Thanks go out to a number of hard-working volunteers including Rod Bias, a Unit 354 board member who did a great job recruiting the novices - we had 75 tables of 199ers.

Another person who deserves special recognition is Charlie Kelley, our behind-the-scenes guy who handles an array of administrative tasks and to coin a phrase, a heavy load.

Indeed, for every tournament we hold, Charlie takes charge of moving all the supplies and equipment from the storage site to the tournament.

That includes hauling a trailer filled with tables, paper supplies, the boards and stan-

chions. In addition to overseeing the setup and teardown, he handles the truck rental and return. THANK YOU, Charlie.

There were a few minor snafus at this year's Presidents Day tournament including some confusion over the school's parking policy. We believe we've solved the parking problem for the upcoming Silver Sun and future tournaments at ASU West.

The unit board has developed an agreement with ASU management to rent parking space in Lot 13 (immediately west of the ball room) on Fridays for tournament players.

Parking on the weekends has always been free because school is not in session.

We hope to see even more players at Silver Sun and at future sectionals at ASU. Invite all your bridge friends to c'mon down for a great time!

After Evening Game Players Go Online

Wednesday nights have become something pretty special - and viral-- at **AZ BridgeWorks** this spring thanks to ACBL director Jason Schroeder and a Florida pro.

It works like this: players pay the standard \$10 entry fee for the 6:30 p.m. game but can receive post game analysis of the boards by logging online when they get home.

"The hand explanations are simple to understand and they are an improvement from those you often receive in those booklets after special ACBL games," said Harriet Finger, of Phoenix, one of the growing fan club for thewednesdaynight-game.com as produced by Brian Gunnell.

Gunnell of St. Augustine, Fla. who holds 6,000 MPs, says he has about 30 clubs nationwide participating in the

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Join The Hottest Players At The Coolest Regional!

By Susan Kay Schultz



Head to the prestigious HAAA Four Diamond Award **DoubleTree Resort** in Scottsdale for the Desert Empire Regional Aug. 9-15.

This is a change of venue from previous years for this popular summer tournament.

The new facility offers AMPLE free parking with sleeping rooms for just \$90 per night! You can make your room reservations today by calling (800) 445-8667 or (480) 947-5400. Be sure to ask for the special bridge rate.

You will enjoy seven days of solid bridge

played against players from all over the Valley along with those who fly in for the event.

Check out the Pro-Am Pairs game on Monday along with Senior and Open pair events, the ever popular Knockouts and our daily speakers.

Questions? Contact co-chairs Susan Kay Schultz at detailshm@cox.net or (480) 945-1490 or Linda Tucker at tuckita@me.com or (602) 300-1652. Alice Pierce is the Partnership Chair and can be reached at apierce7@cox.net or (480) 247-8380.

We hope to see you at the table in Scottsdale in August!

Meet the 2009 Ace of Clubs and Player of the Year Winners



Ace of Clubs winners pictured from left: Bob Cottle, Bill Berry, Kathy Schenk, Estela Schotz, Merle Arlen, Richard Gitter, Vivian Jacobozzi, Ron Fisher, Chuck Siggins, Kelly Aanenson and Frank Leonard. Not pictured: Larry Monroe and David Goodman *photos courtesy of Clark Ransom*



Player of the Year winners pictured from left: Ben Blacik (Flight A), Ken Batko (Flight B), Suzanne Cabeen (Flight C), Barbara Ritter and Paul Weader (Flight D tie) *photo courtesy of Suzette Wynn*

Virtue Is Not Always Rewarded...

by Martin Coppe

On the following hand from the recent Presidents' Day Section Open Pairs, one would expect good results for N/S, right? Wrong.

N deals
Both Vulnerable

North
S KQJ104
H 97
D AQ108
C J8

West
S 953
H K643
D 92
C A943

East
S 876
H 852
D J63
C KQ52

South
S A2
H AQJ10
D K754
C 1076

The bidding went:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1S	pass	2D	pass
3D	pass	3H	pass
3S	pass	4S	pass
pass	pass		

On a sensible auction, N-S reached an excellent 4-spade contract for +620. Wouldn't you know it! A sizeable number of Souths chose to rebid 3NT without a club stopper.

Some got away with it for +630 because some Wests didn't regard the club suit as promising enough to mandate a club lead. About the same number wisely chose to attack immediately in clubs, because the bidding clearly dictated it - resulting in a disappointing average for N-S.



Table Talk

Happy 100th, Jean!

Let's hear it for Jean Carney, the remarkable Scottsdale bridge pro. Though she has long been a bit squeamish about discussing her age—the word is now out: she turned 100 on Feb. 10.

She is recovering from a recent fall that "was a shock to my system, but fortunately nothing was broken." She expects to be back soon although she says she doesn't have quite the stamina since her accident and uses a walker for safety's sake. "But my head is all right," she adds.

Over the years she has helped tutor thousands of grateful and aspiring players who have long admired her skills.

And of course, Carney is a rare breed in the valley. She is an Emerald Life Master. She has taught the game for 25 years, played the game for more than 40 years and has earned more than 9,000 masterpoints. Happy Birthday, Jean!

We'll Miss You, Page



Talk about 'bridge fixtures' in the Valley and dedication to supporting the game, one name comes to mind: Page Tomkinson, of Scottsdale.

Page, probably best known for arranging untold numbers of successful partnerships at Unit 354 tournaments along with countless years of service on the Unit board, is moving to Georgia.

"I love all of my bridge friends—friends forever," says Page. "But I'm excited to be back with my daughter living on a beautiful lake in a gorgeous home!"

Page, who plans to stay in touch with Valley players and make return visits is moving to Lake Chatuge. Her new address is: 1511 Chatuge Shores Road, Hiawasee, Ga.

Among her many accomplishments, Page is a lifetime member of the National ACBL Goodwill Committee as well as the ACBL Charity Committee. She served on the Unit 354 board for six years and has lived in the Valley for 37 years.

Celebrating A New Partnership



On Valentine's Day, Carol Katra, of Scottsdale, married local bridge pro Steve Bruno, of Peoria. The wedding was attended by a few friends and all of

Steve's Italian relatives from Pittsburgh. Because it was Steve's first marriage, the entire family wanted to witness "the miracle."

Carol and Steve met at the Desert Empire Regional in 2007. They recently purchased a new home in Peoria. They plan to honeymoon at the World Bridge Championships in Philadelphia this October—true bridge partners!

Barrington-Richards Tie The Knot

As reported in the last *Shuffle*, Arjai Barrington, of Peoria recently tied the knot with Carl Richards.



Barrington said she especially liked the couple on top of their cake.

Live to 100? Just Check with Scottsdale House DBC

Who says duplicate bridge does not provide longevity? Just ask the players at the Scottsdale House Duplicate Bridge Club who were honoring two of their own centenarians in March—Ed Gould and Juliette Rubenstein.

Though both have halted regular evening play, the two were honored in a special March 25 game. Juliette celebrated her birthday on March 26 and Ed's was April 3.

Also remembered during the season in special games were the late Ed and Ruth Zacks, Jean Benjamin and Ruth Bridge.

Rank Changes



PLATINUM: 10,000 MPs

Sheila Bleiman
Steve Scott

EMERALD: 7,500 MPs

Bud Marsh
Marianne Spanier

GOLD: 2,500 MPs

Shirley Burks
Dave Certa

SILVER: 1,000 MPs

Ken Batko
Alice Bendheim
Bob Kunde
Robert Visser

BRONZE: 500 MPs

Linda Moses

LIFE MASTER: 300 MPs

Irene Bates
Marilyn Carter
Martha Owen
Fred Sutherland
Kathleen Tracy

NABC: 200 MPs

Eric Katz

REGIONAL: 100 MPs

Kelly Aanenson
Cheryl Bosak
Norman Clarke
Laura Elliott
Neil Elliott
Mary Hilmes
Julee Landau
Louis Rader
Fred Schomer
Jeff Schwartz
Lydia Sweet
Neil Sweezey
Glenn Woodard

SECTIONAL: 50 MPs

Kathy Bergman
Lois Brechner

Kathleen Burch
Therese Clay
George Doty, Jr.
Linda Fracaro
Dolores Gallaway
Diane Hall
William Hall
Betty Kendall
Shay Kinney
Flo Lanthier
Mark Robertson
Carol Stevens
Marilyn Wakefield

CLUB: 20 MPs

Richard Bloom
Arlene Danis
Janet Eggen
Linda Ehrlich
Nancy Jackson
James Kohner
Sheri Martin
James Peters
Rosemary Peters
Barbara Pianin
Marlene Scholsohn
Karen Schultz
Susan Small
AJ Stock
Barbara Waple
Walter Waple

JUNIOR: 5 MPs

Peggy Cronin
Carmen Doffek
Betty East
Richard Forsythe
Penny Gepner
Hanns Hirschberg
Virginia Hoeder
J Wayne Holden
Bernadine Johnson
Theodore Johnson
Shirley Levine
Pamela Levy
Derbin Lindgren
Phyllis Manning
Edwin Manning
Nurali Nair
Priscilla Naworski
Joseph Naworski
Karissa Nisted
Diane Ogradowski
Pamela Pratt
Richard Rasmussen
Kent Salisbury
Helen Sckrabulis
Barbara Silverman
Alan Stone

Brain Sport Bridge Club

By Ava Lampert

Last year's popular team game at Brain Sport Bridge Club in Scottsdale resumed in March.

Plans are to continue the Saturday event throughout the year. The game includes a free hot lunch (shrimp, too) starting at noon with the game at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$6.00.

We try to have an equal number of A, B and C players and we promise to get partners to fill out the teams.

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Wednesday game in which he analyzes specific hands.

"I don't have a count on the number of players at those clubs nor have I monitored the traffic on the site," Gunnell told *Shuffle Deal & Play*.

Why did he start the site? "Maybe because I am a masochist! But having said that, I do enjoy writing, especially about bridge and I derive great satisfaction from the creativity of putting together a large site on my favorite subject," said Gunnell, a former software businessman.

As for his personal bio, Gunnell, originally from England, is the author of *Bridge Bites* for the ACBL. He says he "has written the booklets for the first three Youth Pairs, along with numerous other hand analyses including the recent ACBL-wide Senior Pairs."

PHOENIX SILVER SUN SECTIONAL



May 14 - 16, 2010

ASU West Campus
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Friday, May 14

10 am & 3 pm
10 am & 3 pm
7:30 pm
7:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 199er Pairs
Stratified Open Pairs
Silver Bracketed KO

Single Sessions
Single Sessions
Single Session
1st Round

Saturday, May 15

10 am & 3 pm
10 am & 3 pm
10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 199er Pairs
Silver Bracketed KO (*cont'd*)

Single Sessions
Single Sessions
2nd and 3rd Rounds

Sunday, May 16

10 am & TBA
10 am & TBA

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams
Stratified 199er Swiss Teams
Cafeteria open for lunch

2-Session Event
Single Sessions

Stratified Events:

A = 1500+ D = 100-200
B = 500-1500 E = 50-100
C = 0-500 F = 0-50

Strati-Flighted Events:

A = 5000+ B = 1000-1500
X = 0-5000 C = 500-1000
D = 0-500

Stratifications for all events will be based on average masterpoint holdings of the players. If an event has an upper limit, every player must fall within that limit.

KO teams: Brackets will be based on average MPs for all team members. Top bracket may be handicapped.

Entry Fees:

\$11 per session for paid up members
\$12 for non or unpaid ACBL members

Members with <10 MPs play FREE!

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- ◆ Hospitality breaks every session
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News From The Clubs

DotyBridge—Scottsdale

By George Doty

After facing the prospect of relocating, we have signed a one-year lease for our current location.

In January, we held a party for our 2009 McKenney Race winners. Honored were:

- ◆ Flight A Willie Krueger
- ◆ Flight B Louise Riedl
- ◆ Flight C Kaye Kulesh
- ◆ Rookie of the Year Guy Gundaker

We also presented the first annual *Jon Coffee Memorial Award for Sportsmanship* to Grace Prussing. Congratulation to all!

DotyBridge is pleased to announce we have acquired the BridgeMate II scoring system. All our games are now scored using this device. Electronic scoring reduces human error and provides final results instantly following the game.

Visit our website at www.dotybridge.com.

Kiva West

By Joanne Szydowski

On Feb. 19, Kiva participated in its first Unit Wide game which was a big success. We had 30 tables including 15 guests. Three Kiva pairs came in the overalls:

- ◆ Flight A Larry Paisley and Bob Reed (3rd)
- ◆ Flight B James Apostolina and Natalie Ribyat (1st)
- ◆ Flight C Rita Lowe and Lawrence Patrick (3rd)

We will participate in the April 23rd game and plan to add more as we go along.

On March 23, we had a Rank Change Party, honoring 21 members. Food was delicious and everyone had a great time. We host four parties each year.

We recently changed the C section stratification from 0-20 to 0-50, giving more players opportunity to be part of this wonderful game.

AZ BridgeWorks

By Joy Balsler

Following our tremendous winter, we're looking forward to a great spring and summer.

On Sunday, April 25, we host our Calcutta Incredible IV to benefit Logan's Playground and Camp Incredible. Our Calcutta is a stratified pair game with masterpoints and cash prizes awarded for three strata. Sign up early because it is limited to 28 tables (56 pairs).

Before the game, pairs are auctioned. Auction proceeds are pooled and paid to the winning bidder. **AZ BridgeWorks** donates all of its game proceeds. Camp Incredible is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and do-

nations are fully deductible.

The game begins at 1:00 p.m. with food, festivities and the auction at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to check our website for further details azbridge.com.

As of April 3, we have revised our Saturday afternoon start time from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. This should allow more time for clearing following the Saturday morning session.

On May 18, we host a two-session Junior Fund game. Sessions begin at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. This event is fully sectionally rated and it is not necessary that you play in both sessions. A light dinner is included.

We will be hosting all of the available Western Conference

STaC sessions during the week of May 3-9. These games provide all silver points to those of you needing colored points.

AZ BridgeWorks has a limited array of classes available this spring. Stephanie Haddy continues her beginning and advancing beginners classes.

Eunice Towne will be teaching her class. And as a new addition, Lee Erdman will offer his single session on Bridge Fundamentals. Check out the class page on our website for details.

Our year-round supervised play Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. continues to be a hit with bridge players transitioning to competitive duplicate. We always provide a half-hour mini-lesson at 6:30 p.m.

The Peoria Bridge Studio

By Arjai Barrington

The friendly spirit of our club continues to bring in new people. Our games have been larger this year with the addition of much-appreciated great flocks of snowbirds who will shortly begin to take flight to their summer homes. They will be sorely missed.

We will also be missing Kathy Koolmar for seven weeks. Kathy is one of our finest players and directors. She has been directing and teaching on cruise ships for so many years she now has followers from many part of the country who want to go with her on her travels. This coming cruise on Holland America's Grand Voyage takes her and her group to the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

Our novices make us proud. As of March 8, Paul Weeder and Barbara Ritter are tied for first place in our 'Player of the Year' Sectional Flight C. Susie Cabeen is in first place in Flight D.

Our own 'Player of the Month' winners in Flights A, B, C and D respectively were:

December

Flight A Joan and Ernie Ivey
 Flight B Jeanne Blanchet
 Flight C Michelle Mulvey
 Flight D Carol Stevens

January

Flight A The Iveys
 Flight B Wayne Kooiker
 Flight C Barbara Ritter
 Flight D Noreen Stroad

February

Flight A Van Christenson
 Flight B Arloa Hymans
 Flight C Bonnie Cutler
 Flight D Jim Archibald

The Bridge Studio Swiss Team matches always begin at noon and players are asked to arrive at 11:30 a.m. for those events. We also ask that teams sign up in advance for our team games. All other games begin at 12:30 p.m.

Visit us at thepeoriabridgestudio.com or call us at (623) 974-9080 for partners or information.

Black Mountain

By Tim Rumoshosky

Black Mountain lost a real friend when Lucie Protz lost her long-time battle with cancer. She was up and down more times than the stock market. When she was in remission, she played bridge. She got special dispensation to play from her oncologist, and she never lost her sense of humor.

One time the Doc wouldn't let her out to play bridge without a mask that covered her nose and mouth, but unfortunately it looked like a duck's bill. Her comment about it was, "AFLAAAAC, now whose bid?" One only hopes that she's happy now, with a bridge game every afternoon and a Diamondbacks game in the evenings.

The news from Black Mountain is that the <50 masterpoint section on our Monday night game, which runs from January to the May STaC is doing well. We use hand records, so when faced with a difficult decision at the table, make your best effort and then email me later to get my view of what you might have done. The email questions are edited to eliminate reference to any individual and all the questions and answers are sent to all so everybody can learn.

Our Thursday night game at Anthem has moved. We're less than a mile away and on the east side of I-17 at exit 229 instead of at the Outlets on the west. The facility is bigger, better lit, and since it's in a shared VFW-American Legion facility, it is more patriotically decorated.

Table fees are still \$5 and the setup is definitely easier if you let us know you're playing ahead of time. You can email me at anthem@blackmtnbridge.com or call (602) 689-0443 and leave a message. Because the VFW uses their facility on the second Thursday of the month, there is no game that week.

We're definitely going to have to change their priorities about the importance of bridge and the national security implications of not playing every week.

C'mon up and join our game!

Unit Wide Games

Apr 20 ♥ Apr 23 ♠ May 12 ♣ May 22 ♦ June 15 ♣ June 25 ♦ July 10 ♥ July 23 ♠ Aug 2 ♣ Aug 25

Planning Ahead...

April 5-11	Mesa Roadrunner Sr. Regional	San Marcos Crowne Plaza
April 9-11	Mesa Roadrunner Sectional	San Marcos Crowne Plaza
April 15-18	Tucson Spring Sectional	Holiday Inn Palo Verde
May 14-16	Phoenix Silver Sun Sectional	ASU West Campus
June 7-13	Las Vegas Regional	Riviera Hotel
June 25—27	Prescott Summer Sectional	Prescott Adult Center
August 9-15	Phoenix Desert Empire Regional	DoubleTree Hotel
August 26-29	Tucson Fall Sectional	Desert Diamond Hotel
Sept 10-12	Prescott Fall Sectional	Prescott Adult Center
Oct 1-3	Phoenix Horn O'Plenty Sectional	ASU West Campus

In Memory...

LUCIE PROTZ, 66, of Phoenix died Jan. 10 after a long-term battle with cancer. Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Lucie graduated from the University of Buffalo with a degree in chemistry and went to work at Dow Chemical. She moved to Phoenix in 1980 and worked for the IRS.

She was well travelled and had been planning a February trip to Antarctica. A Life Master who often played at **Black Mountain Bridge Club**, Lucie will be remembered for her determination, humor and loyalty. "She was a wonderful friend and bridge partner," said her frequent partner at the table, Rita Stephens.

Preceded in death by her husband, John, she is survived by her sister. Her favorite charity was Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1038 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, Mich., 48307-3115.

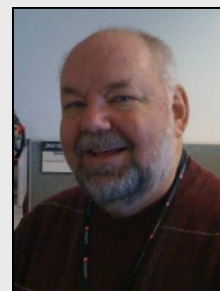
ELAINE ROBBINS, 87, of Scottsdale died March 5 after a valiant two-year battle with cancer. A native of Chicago, she and her husband, Sam, who survives her, moved to the Valley in 1991.



A Life Master, Elaine was a much adored player who frequented **DotyBridge Club**. "She loved bridge players and she loved the

game," said Sam. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

THOMAS G. STACK, 57, of Phoenix died Jan. 18. A Silver Life Master, Tom was a former treasurer of both Unit 354 and District 17 and long-time director. He was well-known in the bridge community for his years of service on tournaments and unit and district programs.



A fierce competitor but outgoing, friendly and always good-natured at the table, he and his college-age son, Tone, were frequent winners in team and pair events. A Safeway Corp. data base analyst, he was raised in Iowa where he met his wife, Judy, of Davenport.

Apart from bridge, Tom, a member of MENSA, was also active in Toastmasters, Junior Achievement, Most Holy Trinity Church and was a volunteer for numerous charities.

Besides Judy and Tone, he is survived by a daughter, Jennifer, and another son, Tom Jr., a local attorney. Other survivors include a sister and two brothers.

The Thomas G. Stack memorial fund has been established at BBVA Compass Bank, 2850 E. Camelback #190A, Phoenix 85016.

Clubs with Daily Games	Clubs with Weekly Games	
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01-09	70.13%	Norma Arlen and Kaye Hall
01-13	72.62%	Steve Adelson and Dave Zapatka
01-18	71.21%	Carole and Bruce Silverstein
01-22	71.27%	Estela Schotz and Ceci Markovits
02-03	73.61%	Markland Jones and Ken Klein
02-08	70.83%	Jill and Brian Quick *
02-22	74.97%	Ruth and Morton Feder *
02-25	74.54%	Mike Flanagan/Mark Litterman
03-03	71.25%	Kelly Aanenson/Jason Schroeder
03-03	74.17%	Paul Spear and Judy Meurer
03-05	75.00%	Bunny Bullard and Dave Certa
03-08	70.07%	Sue Smith and John Winter
03-16	71.09%	Kathy Schenk and Fran Bernstein
03-18	74.77%	Leon Lowe and Jerry Gaer

Brain Sport Bridge Club

03-01	71.88%	Merle McCann and Nancy Baldwin
03-02	76.22%	Richard Minck and Ron Fischer

Doty Bridge—Scottsdale

02-19	70.00%	Don Rutstein and Ceci Markovits
02-22	78.10%	Maurice Marantz and Kirk Hall
02-25	70.75%	Richard Gitter and Ron Fischer
03-01	70.09%	George and Helene Drake

Kiva West

12-26	73.61%	Jan Holland and Karen Sechrist
12-28	70.60%	Jim McNamee/Lorraine Dougherty
01-20	70.67%	Norm and Sharon Bialek
01-30	76.55%	Sharon Bialek and Larry Paisley
02-13	70.74%	Larry Paisley and Sue Weingarten

Peoria Bridge Studio

02-27	72.00%	Van Christenson/Wayne Kooiker
03-17	70.00	Arloa Hymans and Wayne Kooiker

Sun City Grand

12-02	72.69%	Ernie and Joan Ivey
02-17	71.28%	Betty Moynagh/Marigail Abinanti
02-24	72.86%	Dan Halsey and Jerry Clement
02-28	71.43%	Jackie Langlois/Marigail Abinanti