

Newsletter

August 2005

Four Corners Duplicate Bridge Club – Farmington NM

Four Corners Calendar

Friday July 22 *Charity Game* 7 pm
Friday August 12 *North American Pairs* 7 pm
Swiss Teams STaC (Sectional Tourney at Clubs)
Tues Aug 23 7 p.m. 5510 Fairway
Thur Aug 25 7 p.m. Senior Center
Fri Aug 26 7 p.m. Cedar Ridge
- silver Master Points awarded
- overall awards if you win in 2 or 3 sessions

Regular Weekly Games

Tuesday night game 7:00 -- 10:00
Friday night game 7:00 -- 10:30

Up-Coming Tournaments in Our Area

Grand Junction Sectional Aug 5 - 7
Phoenix Regional Aug 15 - 21
Albuquerque 299er Sectional Aug 20 - 21
Los Alamos Sectional Sep 23 - 25
Ruidoso Regional Oct 3 -- 9

"Newcomers" Winners

"Newcomers" have been winning at our club. Note that Farah Khavafipour and Mack Rankin, who recently completed bridge lessons, have placed well in recent club competition.

Local players do well in club games

The following scores show points earned in **local club** games in 2005 and the rank compared to all ACBL members in Unit 381 by category.

Rookie	Points	Rank
Robert Wisner	7	2/3
Bert Wisner	7	2/3
David Porterfield	3	6
Farah Khavafipour	1	10
Junior Master		
Betty Carman	7	3
David Ayers	6	4
Club Master		
Bruce Gantner	12	2
Don Seibel	9	3
George Ambabo	2	10
Life Master		
Carl Spencer	8	3

Local players do well across Unit in total points won so far in 2005

The following scores show the total points earned and rank of Four Corners ACBL members in Unit 381 in their category in **all ACBL** games as of July 5, 2005. Obviously some folks have spent some time at tournaments!



Rookie	Points	Rank
Robert Wisner	10	2/3
Bert Wisner	10	2/3
David Porterfield	3	6
Farah Khavafipour	1	10
Junior Master		
David Ayers	8	3
Betty Carman	7	4
Club Master		
Bruce Gantner	54	1
Don Seibel	12	3
George Ambabo	2	8
Regional Master		
Tom Robinson	51	1
Life Master		
Carl Spencer	79	1

Qualifying for North American Pairs

During several games in July and August pairs may qualify for the North American Pairs competition. Pairs with no member with more than 2000 masterpoints play in Category B. Pairs with no life master member and not more than 500 points play in Category C. Players qualify as individuals by placing in the top half of any local game. Qualification continues one level at a time through the unit, district, and regional levels to reach the nationals next year. Financial support is available for winners past the district level.

STaC Team Games to be held in August

Sectional Tournament at Club games provide an opportunity to earn silver points at local clubs. During the week of August 22-26 clubs in Unit 231 may hold as many team games as they wish. Winners who are ACBL members will win silver points with sectional rating on their way to the 25 silver points they need to become Life Master.

**Team Game
Aug 4, 10-4 SICC**

Recent Winners in Local Games

Friday June 17 (4-table Howell)

- 1st Wanda and Gale Krause
- 2nd Don and Georgia Seibel
- 3rd Bertie Woodward and Barbara Hazzard

Tuesday June 21 (4 _ -table Howell)

- 1^{st/2nd} Don Seibel and Pete Hayden
and Wanda and Gale Krause
- 3rd Joyce and Jim Brown
- 4th Don and Georgia Seibel

Friday June 24 (7-table Mitchell)

- N-S 1st Bruce Gantner and Tom Robinson
- 2nd Georgia Seibel and Myrna Rankin
- 3rd Veryl Moore and Don Seibel
- E-W 1st Joyce and Jim Brown
- 2nd Betty Carman -- Betty Roberts
- 3rd Carol and Carl Spencer

Tuesday June 28 (4-table Howell)

- 1st Pete Hayden and Carl Spencer
- 2nd Bruce Gantner and Veryl Moore
- 3rd Georgia and Don Seibel

Friday July 1 (6-table Howell)

- 1st Joyce and Jim Brown
- 2nd Tom Robinson -- David Brainerd
- 3rd Bert and Robert Wisner
- 4th-6th Wanda and Gale Krause
Georgia Seibel - Pat Thielman
George Ambabo and Veryl Moore

Tuesday July 5 (3-table Howell)

- 1st Pete Hayden and Don Seibel
- 2nd Wanda and Gale Krause
- 3rd Joyce and Jim Brown

Friday July 8 (7-table Mitchell)

- N-S 1st Linda Coy and Gary Graham
- 2nd Bruce Gantner and Tom Robinson
- 3rd Bert and Robert Wisner
- E-W 1st Wanda and Gale Krause
- 2nd Myrna and Mack Rankin
- 3rd Carol and Carl Spencer

Saturday July 9 (4-table Team Game)

- 1st Bruce Gantner-Tom Robinson and Joyce
- Jim Brown
- 2nd Don - Georgia Seibel
and Carl Spencer - Pete
Hayden

From the Director....

The Director's Workshop in



Colorado Springs spent considerable time discussing the passing of "**unauthorized information**" between partners.

It happens a lot more than people realize, partly because players don't even know they are doing it. If it were obvious, we probably wouldn't do it, because we all intend to act ethically.

When a player receives (unintentional or intentional) unauthorized information, it is his duty not to use it in any way. There also may be penalties involved, regardless of innocence.

Examples of unauthorized information:

1. The most obvious is when a player shows a card that is not to be played, or makes a bid that is out of turn or insufficient. Those situations are usually easy to identify and appropriate redress is well spelled-out in the Director's Manual.
2. Less obvious, but still quite observable, is when a partner makes a sound or facial expression during the bidding or play that partner may interpret as encouraging or discouraging and thus might affect his next action.
3. Even less obvious, but easily understood is an act I was called on by actor Alec Baldwin in the Reno Nationals. He told me that I should not fold up my cards during the bidding, lest my partner get a subtle (even though unintended) hint that the bidding was over so far as I was concerned.
4. The most serious and most difficult to deal with situation, however, is a **bid out of tempo** -- either very fast, or with noticeable hesitation. At a recent tournament I opened 1 NT with 17 points, and my LH opponent bid 2 Spades (natural). There was some discussion, including a director call, about the meaning of this bid, and the tempo was disturbed. Then my partner hesitated a long time, and finally passed. I had the A-Q of spades and five running diamonds. I figured that regardless of my partner's holding, the opponent would make 2 Spades, and I would go down only 1 at 2 NT, so I bid it. "DIRECTOR!" The director met with several other directors. They agreed that a person "at my level of expertise" would not have made that bid, whether or not I took information from my partner's hesitation. Their ruling was that my opponents made 2 Spades. My "great bid" was disallowed, because "I *might* have taken *unauthorized information* from my partner's hesitation" even though I denied it.

Try to **make all bids in tempo**, and **if you hesitate, don't pass** -- you will bar your partner!