



# Unit 534 Chatter

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## Person of the Month

By Pat Reinhardt

Several of you, especially in the Hemet Area, knew last month's 'Person of the Month' was Mary Terell of Banning.

This month we have a very interesting lady who was born in Santa Monica CA. Her family settled there when her Grandfather had come to Hollywood with Tom Mix, after being a sharp-shooter with Buffalo Bill. During the depression her father was lucky to work for a construction company building roads around Hoover Dam. Her first four years were spent living in a tent city near Boulder NV. She stated all water had to be hauled in by trucks, and her mom would walk the area, picking up the empty dynamite boxes and filled them with sand and small rocks and stacked them around the perimeter of their tent. This helped to fortify them during harsh weather conditions. Her Dad worked for a large construction company and the family moved to Lenwood CA., and finally into a house with hot running water. After the war the family then moved to Compton where our lady went to Elementary School and High School with the boy she would someday marry. She graduated early from Compton High School and went to work for Northrup Aircraft, and 8 months later married. Her husband also worked for Northrup. When she was on pregnancy leave with their second child, she did not return to work, and became a stay at home Mom. Being a bit restless she took painting classes that motivated her through a teaching degree in Art Education at CAL STATE, Fullerton. She did student teaching before opening her own interior design business in Orange County.

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## Recovery Room

Olga Erickson's 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery on her other knee went well. She's recovering at home.

Sherrill Maag is feeling better and starting to play bridge again.

We're glad to see Terry Combs is back at the bridge tables.

Person of the month (cont'd).

Her husband later went into the construction business and was the general superintendant of the Storm Stadium in Lake Elsinore. They have one daughter and one son who both live in CA. They have a 23 year old grandson and 2 step-granddaughters.

They liked the area so they moved to the Inland Valley. Fourteen years ago they bought their current home and retired. She and her husband have been married 53 years.

This lady began duplicate bridge about ten years ago and is one of our newer life masters. Her hobbies besides bridge include the fine arts, painting in general and gardening; but only seems now to have time for bridge.

## April Birthdays

1	Ed	Oldham
3	Mary	Glagau
3	Mary	Palmquist
5	Ella	Edwards
5	LaVerne	Nielsen
5	Margo	Olson
6	William	Kenealley
14	Marlene	Koerner
16	Jean	Wooden
20	Alvin	Ellman
28	Emelyne	Ashcraft

## REMINDER!!

April's Unit Game will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Membership Achievements

**New Members:** None reported.

**Transferred In:** Joel Dryer,  
Ali Selim.

**Welcome To Unit 534.**

**New Junior Master:** None reported.

**New Club Master:** None reported.

**New Sectional Master:** None reported.

**New Regional Masters:** None reported.

**New NABC Masters:** Josie Harring.

**New Life Master:** None reported.

**New Bronze Life Masters:** Joyce Cellilli,  
Bernetta Vient.

**New Silver Life Master:** None reported.

**New Gold Life Master:** None reported.

## Hand of the Month – CONVENTIONS

Conventions are a very important part of bridge. When used properly, conventions are extremely useful as bidding tools. However, when improperly used (or misunderstood), conventions can become a major problem for partnerships.

Why do we need conventions? I am sure you have all heard of great players that don't play many conventions. In my opinion, these players cannot really be considered great without playing at least MCR (Minimum Conventions Required). MCR includes Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Blackwood (preferably Roman Key Card or 14-30), negative doubles, and pre-emptive two and three level bids. They are still able to win because of their outstanding abilities to declare and defend hands, regardless of their bidding skill levels.

Think of conventions as parts of a language. Conventions generally add additional information so that partnerships can gain additional insight into hand distribution, etc. Therefore, conventions are used similarly to adjectives and adverbs; they enhance bidding sequences. Unfortunately, some partnerships collect conventions! By this, I mean that some partnerships use conventions which sound good, are interesting, or seem impressive! This is a BIG MISTAKE! Partnerships should only use conventions which will improve their particular bidding style. Some conventions are useful when playing a particular bidding system; however, these same conventions have no use with other bidding systems. An example might be the bid of two diamonds when responding to 1NT. In certain systems, this bid is used as a forcing Stayman convention; however, the general use of two diamonds when responding to 1NT is a Jacoby transfer bid to two hearts.

Learn to play a particular convention properly. This seems obvious; however, many players play the same convention differently, either by design or lack of understanding. In addition, many conventions have undergone changes over the past few years. Don't assume that the variation you have learned is played by everyone else. Take the time to discuss your method of playing a convention with your partner, especially new partnerships. Make sure that you and your partner have a clear understanding about the convention, including its use over interference by the opponents. Seek out an experienced player (generally "A" players or bridge teachers) if you don't understand a convention completely.

Now for a simple auction. North bids 1NT – East bids 2 diamonds (natural bid showing diamonds). What is your bid holding the following hand: Spades Axxx; Hearts KQx, Diamonds Kx, Clubs xxxx. Answer: bid 3 diamonds: this is Stayman asking for a major suit, promising at least one four card major, and enough points for game! If this isn't how you play Stayman over interference, then please feel free to call me for additional information!

Scott Campbell

## UNIT 534 UNIT GAME FINANCIAL REPORT

	March	2009
	Regular Game Fee per person	6.00
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	Total Tables in Play:	14.5
	(# of tables x 4) Total # of Players:	58
	Minus of Free Plays:	13
	Net No. of players paid:	45
	<b>Total Regular Receipts:</b>	<b>270.00</b>
	Other Receipts:	0.00
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>270.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Directors Fee:	87.00
	Caddie Fee:	0.00
	Site Rental	100.00
	ACBL Sanction Fee:	15.80
	Insurance + Other Expenses:	95.13
	<b>Total Game Expenses:</b>	<b>297.93</b>
	<b>Total Food Expenses:</b>	<b>117.60</b>
	<b>Grand Total All Expenses:</b>	<b>415.53</b>
	<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(145.53)</b>

## Masterpoint Recognition Game Mary Phillips Sr. Center, Temecula. Lunch at 11:45, Ceremonies at 12:20, game at 1:00.

The April 19 Unit Game, in addition to being a regular Unit Game will also recognize those individuals who achieved various masterpoint levels as reported by ACBL.

**This game is open to all players.**  
It is not just for those being recognized.  
You are expected to get your own partners.

The achievements being recognized are levels such as Jr. Master, Life Master, Bronze Life Master and all the others.

Also, all the last year's winners of the ACE OF CLUBS and MINI-McKENNEY categories.

There were 33 winners of the various categories. So far only 5 have indicated they can't attend. Those that can't attend will receive a free play card good at any Unit Game, redeemable within the next 6 months.

Approximately 22 tables are expected at this game.

Please call Debbie Cameron or Dennis B. if you plan to attend so we can pre-plan table assignments.  
Debbie: 676-4262 cell (760) 468-2078.  
Dennis B.: 764-9450

Next year's Masterpoint Recognition game will be held at one of the other two Unit Game sites.

Visit our web site: [www.acbldistrict22.com/534](http://www.acbldistrict22.com/534)

# Club Masterpoint Leaders for March

**Mon/Wed/Thurs Sun City DBC:** 5.06 Cathy Garvin/Doug Murphey; 4.85 Bea Corley; 3.59 Jim Boyle; 3.56 Jim Eves/Cle Nelson; 3.55 Pat Reinhardt/Don Sokol; 3.24 Donna Seyfried; 3.06 Don/Kay Bolin; 2.68 Ben Brock; 2.66 Faye Miller; 2.57 Sandi Norgaard; 2.56 Velma Mallet; 2.40 Joyce Cellilli; 2.36 Lois Bevins; 2.34 Toy Brown; 2.25 Ginny Carroll/Norma McGuire; 2.00 Millie Rollins.

**Monday Hemet:** 2.38 Karen/Duane McComb; 2.35 Rosemary/Bill Dimitt; 1.93 Mort/Marion Weingarten; 1.92 Peggy Bailey; 1.81 Robert Nye/Marge Oberlander; 1.60 Nancy Carritt; 1.52 Ed Mullineux; 1.47 Carl Hoerberling; 1.40 Margo Olson/Alice Jordan; 1.37 Karen Brandt; 1.33 Flo McClanahan; 1.22 Bill Musch; 1.03 Donna Guillaume; 1.00 Pauline Gilbert; 0.90 Barbara Woodson;

**Hemet Tuesday:** Wm. Wellman-4.94; Karen & Duane McComb-3.15; Peggy Bailey-2.90; Itsuko Barton-2.25; Judith McManus & Glenna Monson-2.10; Marion Weingarten-1.67; Edwin Mullineux -1.65; Kymber Hoover & Richard Allerton-1.57; Donna Guillaume-1.55; Flo McClanahan-1.40; Mary Ellen Peterson & Carl Hoerberling-1.10; Pauline Gilbert & Joann Thoresen-1.05;

**Tuesday Goodtime:** 4.80 Cleland Nelson; 4.08 Joel Rehagen; 3.59 Troy Brown; 3.38 Jamie Santistevan; 3.13 Lee Hart; 2.54 Marlene Koerner; 2.48 Debra Cameron; 2.28 Janet Dyer; 2.16 Mary Palmquist; 2.13 Rosalie Kirston/Terri Combs; 2.09 Anita Kingsbury; 2.00 Peggy Mc Cray; 1.89 David Mielke/Fred Kunkle; 1.86 Del/Shirley Gero; 1.79 James Wooden;

**Wednesday Temecula:** 3.89 Frances/Bob Jackson; 3.80 Paul Cameron; 3.70 Chuck Savage; 3.47 Anne Burdick; 3.43 Charles Hurd/Rami Mina; 3.32 James Wooden/Bill Williams; 3.29 Marlene Koerner; 3.00 Harrison Marsh; 2.67 Virginia Hoppe; 2.47 Ali Selim; 2.27 Philip Machamer/Cecil Leach; 2.17 Lucille Lockwood; 2.15 Joseph Eves/Cleland Nelson; 2.01 Peggy Cowherd;

**Thursday Hemet:** 3.14-Robert Nye 2.80-Duane/Karen; 2.67-Marge Oberlander; 2.21-Mort/Marion Weingarten; 2.13-Doug/Nancy Carritt; 1.77-Carl Hoerberling/Morgan Roberts; 1.34-Karen Brandt/Barbara Revels; 1.20-Richard Allerton/Mary Terell/Grace Ford; 1.15-Flo McClanahan/Pat Fisher; 1.09-Donna Guillaume; 1.00-Virginia La Fond; 1.00-Mary Ellen Petersen; 0.92-Marie/Richard Lawrence.

**Thursday Goodtime:** 4.37 Bill Williams/James Wooden; 2.77 Marlene Koerner; 2.40 Suzanne Raymond; 2.17 Peggy Cowherd; 1.97 Joseph Eves; 1.95 Edwin Oldham; 1.76 Ruth Brandt; 1.66 Carolyn Waska; 1.62 Joyce Cellilli; 1.55 Anne Maxfield; 1.53 Troy Brown; 1.52 Carol Wood; 1.30 Mary Palmquist/Charles Fox; 1.19 Josephine Harring/Darrell Waska; 1.17 Lloyd Scott.

**Banning Thursday:** Bill/Rosemary Dimitt 2.81, Carl Hoerberling 1.57, Sue Goldberg/Bill Raphael 1.25, Joan Abbott .90, Sid Herman .80.

**Friday Goodtime:** 4.21 Bill Williams; 4.21 James Wooden; 3.57 Joseph Eves; 3.18 Cleland Nelson; 3.03 Berna Lord; 2.84 Jack/Evelyn Guilliat; 2.71 Marlene Koerner; 2.38 Kenneth Chia; 2.26 Anita Kingsbury; 1.99 Peggy Cowherd/Janet Gleason; 1.79 Owen Kustner/James Linke; 1.63 Carol Wood; 1.44 Joyce Cellilli; 1.34 Charles Fo; 1.30 Nickolae Gerstner; 1.29 Kymber Hoover/Donna Seyfried; 1.13 Diana Garbe/Steven Riggs; 1.00 Jean Kuchta/Beverly Hughes/Suzanne Raymond;

**Saturday Temecula:** 7.83 Rami Mina; 6.42 Bill Williams; 6.42 James Wooden; 5.38 Fran White; 4.56 Chuck Savage; 4.39 Anne Burdick/Isaac Perez; 4.00 Sue Soderer; 3.95 Kemple Provorse; 3.67 Joseph Eves/Cleland Nelson/ John/Mary Allen; 3.58 Peggy Cowherd; 3.27 Josephine Harring; 3.24 Marilyn Rumsey; 2.87 Fred Fairbanks; 2.65 Mary Palmquist; 2.54 Marlene Koerner; 2.48 Charles Fox; 2.27 Beatrice Corley/Anne Maxfield; 2.26 Magdalene Krish; 2.25 Charles Hurd/Mo Anvari/Ali Selim; 2.06 Tom/Judy Hammond;

**Canyon Lake Sunday:** 8.08 Jim Eves; 6.33 Jim Wooden; 4.80 Pat Reinhardt/Bea Corley; 3.54 Del/Shirley Gero; 3.03 Ben Brock; 2.88 Cle Nelson; 2.28 Joyce Cellilli; 2.60 Sharron/Dennis Eshelman; 1.73 Berna Lord/Jean Wooden, Judy/Bob mcManus, Joy/Ed Nicholls. Barbara Baisden

## UNIT GAME MASTERPOINT WINNERS - March 8, 2009

3.54 James Wooden/Troy Brown; 2.66 Kymber Hoover/Reginald Fujimoto; 1.99 Joseph Eves/Cleland Nelson; 1.49 William Wellman/Dale Klinzing; 1.47 Mary Allen/John Allen; 1.10 Edward Clark/Don Sokol; 0.89 Rosemary/Bill Dimitt; 0.83 Ben Brock/Monty Fisher; 0.79 Jack/Evelyn Guilliat; 0.64 Josephine Harring/Janet Gleason; 0.45 Sandra Norgaard/Donna Seyfried; 0.44 Duane/Karen McComb; 0.30 Barbara Woodson/Mary Terell; 0.25 Richard Allerton/Grace Ford.

## Stellar Games

Level A 750 + MP: 75.60% Troy Brown/James Wooden, 73.21% Bill/ Rosemary Dimitt, 72.92% Marion/ Mort Weingarten, 71.41% Carolyn Waska/Cleland Nelson, 70.24% James Wooden/Bill Williams, 71.43% Bill/Rosemary Dimitt.

Level B 300-749: 66% Ben Brock, Monty Fisher

Level C 100-299: 64.88% Ginny Carroll/Norma McGuire; 62.87% Beverly Connors/Mike Connors; 62.30% Sandi Norgaard/Marguerite Price.

Level D 0-99: None Reported.

Ask The Director For a Free Unit Game Play (if you are a paid up member of Unit 534).

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### Apr-09

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
11	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
12	Sun		Easter Sunday	
Normal second Sunday Unit Game Moved To Third Sunday This Month				
12	Sun	CLOSED	Closed for Easter	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
13	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
18	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
<b>SPECIAL MASTERPOINT ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION GAME</b>				
19	Sun	1:00	Unit Game	Temecula-Mary Phillips Ctr
19	Sun	CLOSED		Canyon Lake POA Bldg
22	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
25	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
26	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg

### May-09

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
May 4-10				
			STAC Pairs-Western Conf.	Most Clubs-Check w/director
2	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
3	Sun	1:00	Unit Game FIRST SUNDAY	Civic Hall-Sun City
3	Sun	CLOSED		Canyon Lake POA Bldg
4	Mon	12:30	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
5	Tues	1:00	STAC Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center
6	Wed	12:30	Club Championship	Civic Hall-Sun City
7	Thur	1:00	STAC Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
7	Thur	12:15	Club Championship	Simpson Center-Hemet
8	Fri	12:00	STAC Pairs	Masonic Lodge-Sun City
9	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
10	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
10	Sun		MOTHERS DAY	
14	Thur	6:15	Club Championship	Sun Lakes-Banning
16	Sat	11:30	Swiss Teams/Charity	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
17	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
20	Wed	12:00	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
23	Sat	11:30	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
24	Sun	6:00	Jr. Fund Game	Canyon Lake POA Bldg
25	Mon		MEMORIAL DAY	
25	Mon	12:30	OPEN	Civic Hall-Sun City
25	Mon	CLOSED		Simpson Center-Hemet
29	Fri		Summer Sectional	Temecula-Comm. Rec. Center
30	Sat		Summer Sectional	Temecula-Comm. Rec. Center
31	Sun		Summer Sectional	Temecula-Comm. Rec. Center
29	Fri	CLOSED in deference to Sectional		Masonic Lodge-Sun City
30	Sat	CLOSED in deference to Sectional		Mary Phillips Sr Ctr-Temecula
31	Sun	CLOSED in deference to Sectional		Canyon Lake POA Bldg

### UNIT 534 SECTIONALS

**Summer Sectional**  
May 29-30-31, 2009  
Comm. Rec. Center  
Temecula

**299'er Sectional**  
Aug. 21-22-23, 2009  
Civic Hall  
Sun City

**Fall Sectional**  
Nov. 20-21-22, 2009  
Webb Hall  
Sun City

**April 19- Temecula**

### UNIT GAMES

**May 3 - Civic Hall Sun City**