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A wide-angle photograph of a winter scene. In the foreground, a snow-covered path or road leads into the distance. The middle ground is filled with large, mature trees whose branches are heavily laden with white snow. A few small figures of people are visible walking along the path, emphasizing the scale of the trees. The background shows a line of evergreen trees and a bright, overcast sky.

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Shingle Springs CA
530-391-3743
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Bridge Works (Open)
3785 Placer Corporate Dr.
Rocklin CA
530-320-5597
[Bridgeworks Website](#)

Davis Bridge Club (Open)
646 A St.
Davis CA
530-757-5696
[Davis Bridge Club Website](#)

Gold Country Duplicate (Open)
956 Mountain Ranch Rd, Room 8
San Andreas CA
209-728-8495
[Gold Country Duplicate Website](#)

Lincoln Hills DBC (Invitational)
1167 Sun City Blvd. (Kilaga Lodge)
Lincoln CA
916-303-0751
[Lincoln Hills DBC Website](#)

Sun City Roseville BC (Invitational)
7050 Del Webb Blvd.
Roseville CA
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Eskaton Village Carmichael (Invit.)
Eskaton - Fireside and Key Rooms
Carmichael CA
[EVC Website](#)

President's Message – January 2026:

Hello again!

The biggest event of the last couple of months in the unit was the single-session, 4-round team game that happened Sunday, November 2nd. We had a surprising 27 teams sign up, which were divided into 3 brackets based on team masterpoint totals. The top bracket was won by Shirley Shi, Alan Prohofsky and Marina and Dave Clement. The middle bracket was won by Bobbie Lindsay, Tamara Johnson, Len Szymanowski, and Elizabeth Davis. Winners of the lower bracket were Gillian Higgo, Roy Schutzengel, Julie Christie, and Peggy Bussell. Pizza and salad were served for lunch before the playing started.



Based on the success of this, we'll be planning another one in the next few months, and we've made the decision to also bracket the team game at our next Sectional tournament, which is coming up February 12th through the 15th, encompassing Valentines Day and most of Presidents Day weekend. Because it takes a little time to set up the brackets, we'll be requiring teams to pre-register by sending me the names, ACBL numbers, and masterpoints of all team members. That way we can set up the brackets ahead of time and not delay the start of the game that Friday. My email address will be on the flyer, as usual.

Another local team game opportunity is at the Foothill Club which holds a team game the third Sunday of most months. Their schedule can be found on Foothill's bridgewebs site.

The other change to the Sectional plan is that we will not be allowing one-session play the morning of Saturday, February 14th, due to concerns that more people will show up than we can accommodate. We will have single-session events (including Non-Life-Master pairs) at the other three sessions (Saturday PM, Sunday AM, and Sunday PM) and will offer the usual Intermediate/Novice game on Thursday the 12th. We encourage pairs that don't want to play more than one session a day to attend one of those. The Saturday 2-session pair game will go on as usual, starting at 10:15 that day.

In other news, we're happy to report that rumors of the relocation of the Sacramento Club turned out to be untrue, at least for now. The building does have a new owner and we don't know what their plans are, but they'll give the club at least three months notice, so we're good at least through March and will continue to plan our Sectionals there until we hear otherwise.

That's all for now. Have a happy and healthy 2026.
Bob Shiner

Sacramento Unit 505 2026 Winter Sectional

Thursday thru Sunday
February 12th, 13th, 14th, & 15th

Entries: \$15 per Session (cash on Thursday;
by credit or debit cards the rest of the
weekend)
Masterpoint awards are Silver
Sanction #2602313

Friday, Feb. 13th - Team Game
10:15 am

2-Session Bracketed Swiss Teams

**Please pre-register to Bob Shiner by
email (see below) with the names,
ACBL numbers, and masterpoints of
all team members so we can do the
bracketing beforehand.**

The 90 minute lunch break will be set
by the Director

Sacramento Bridge Ctr
2035 Hurley Way, #270
Sacramento, CA
(916)925-6322

Thursday, February 12th @ 10:15 am
Single-Session Intermediate/Novice Pairs

Strats: 500-750 / 250-500 / 0-250 No one over 750 MPs may play

Saturday, Feb. 14th & Sunday, Feb. 15th - Pairs Games
10:15 am and 3:15 pm

2-Session Open Pairs:

Strats: 2500+ / 1000-2500 / 0-1000

**There will be no Single-Session games (Open or NLM) on Saturday
morning, but the other three start times (Sat. pm, Sun. am & pm):**

Single Session Open Pairs:

Strats: 2500+ / 1000-2500 / 0-1000

Single Session NLM Pairs whenever at least 6 pairs sign up:

Strats: 200-500 / 100-200 / 0-100

No one over 500 MPs may play

Stratification Based on Pair/Team Averages

All Strats may be adjusted by the Director Based upon attendance

Director
Lynn Yokel
**(Ted Muller on
Thursday)**

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American Contract Bridge League

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Crystale Alessio-Medrano
Juliette Bickford
Julie Christie
Connie Earley
Russ Grover
Esmail Hadjihabib
Diane Heine
Michael Kennedy
Patti Lamb
Cheryl Levine
Gabriel Meehan
Helen Pham
Marilyn Ratkay
Paul Russell
Jean Scrafton
Roy Schutzenge
Annette Wimmer



Rank Advancements

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Russ Grover
Carolyn Hardwick
Gillian Higgo
Joyce Wade
Lannette Werner-Tetz



NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Valerie Sanchez
Marianne Stuart
Kathleen Travers

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Janice McKay
Barbara Phillips
Dorothy Zetterberg

Rank Advancements

NEW NABC MASTERS

Bernie Hedges

June Hedges

Mary Kay Hjelmeland

Jim Jowski

Lora Marenti

Michael Weisberg



NEW LIFE MASTERS

Asha Desai

Regan Johnson

Michael Kerner

Xiaomin Misenti



NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Larry Brenden

Jim Haynie

Michael Kerner

Debra Leggett

Rank Advancements

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Rich Fabbre
Gary Feldman
Mona Stryker



2025 Mini-McKenney Race – Thru 12/31, Not Final

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Jim Jowski	193.50
Keari Bjorgum	43.63
Aniket Mondal	41.93

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Kim Brown	48.32
Cathy Bradley	38.43
Melinda Lincoln	27.89

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Blanche Skubic	64.74
Terry Ash	43.30
Dave Angelo	34.92

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Stan Skubic	135.18
Bobbie Lindsay	52.16
Margeret Bussel	43.55

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

June Hedges	91.28
Bernie Hedges	90.58
Lora Marenti	89.18

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mark Lipson	184.80
Alan Prohofsky	163.50
Julia Raven	71.09

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

David McGee	114.75
Asha Desai	108.01
Dave Clement	93.50

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Ashish Gupta	185.16
Paul Thomas	150.64
Ernest Johnson	131.74

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Miriam Steinberg	162.95
Agnes Kennedy	149.54
Mike Grob	109.81

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Shirley Shi	519.89
Jim Coke	325.36
Diane Strategos	233.33

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Kathryn LeGro	235.74
Biu Wong	225.55
Ed Easley	162.91

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Carrie Tousley	259.32
Carl Oeser	256.83
Jerry Nakamura	140.09

2025 Mini-McKenney Race – Thru 12/31, Not Final

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Jan Soules	346.06
Dave Vidaver	218.15
Albert Chow	182.73

7500 to 10000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Judi Callaham	183.23
Jan Martel	16.29

10000+ Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Chip Martel	597.27
Gary Soules	550.40
Ted Muller	304.91

2025 Ace of Clubs Race – thru 12.31 – Not Final

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Jim Jowski	96.94
Gillian Higgo	26.59
Keari Bjorgum	14.60

5 to 20 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Kimberly Brown	37.94
Cathy Bradley	32.35
Melinda Lincoln	24.48

20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Blanche Skubic	42.33
Terry Ash	39.93
Dave Angelo	30.57

50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Stan Skubic	55.98
Margaret Bussell	34.21
Bobbie Lindsay	33.16

100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Aimee Morris	59.96
Steve Porter	36.07
June Hedges	29.53

200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mark Lipson	72.67
Alan Prohovsky	65.93
Micheline Brown	46.54

300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

David McGee	102.77
Joan Thorsen	52.91
Asha Desai	50.95

500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Jim Haynie	93.78
Lori Coleman	86.29
John Bowman	78.94

1000 to 1500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mike Grob	93.94
Susan Haynie	86.41
Agnes Kennedy	82.68

1500 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Tom Schmitz	133.49
Diane Strategos	131.20
Robert Shiner	116.85

2500 to 3500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Biu Wong	147.22
Susan Bogan	102.03
Terri Miladinovich	91.74
Mitch Miladinoivich	91.74

3500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Carl Oeser	191.69
Carrie Tousley	108.09
Mary Lou Faggella	95.34

2025 Ace of Clubs Race – thru 12.31 – Not Final

5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Jan Soules	205.20
Albert Chow	106.69
Dave Vidaver	96.09

7500 to 10000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Judi Callaham	137.55
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10000+ Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Gary Soules	216.62
Ted Muller	212.06