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Cover photo: Silver Dollar
(Sulpture) Galaxy taken by
Teri Smoot, 2011

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Today, I attended the first day of the ACBL Best Practices Teacher Workshop being held at SBC. We had 16 teachers attend the class with just over half of them coming from the Sacramento area and the others from various parts of District 21 so I'm really excited! Patty Tucker who is a Grand Life Master and has been inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame is our teacher.



But I have a small class that I'm already teaching and realizing that I need to change how I teach it!

One of our most beloved players, Teri Smoot, died on the 17th of January. This one is a double blow for me because Teri was a stalwart in our bridge community and a friend and we played together frequently - I was fortunate to play with her twice in December. We knew Teri had lost a lot of weight recently but I was surprised to get a phone call from Mary Ose on Christmas Eve asking me to take Teri to the emergency room. I did and spent Christmas Eve with Teri in the ER. Shortly after, we learned the diagnosis was cancer and that it was progressing very rapidly. Mary, Ti Davis and I were able to see Teri the day before she passed.

Teri was the main driver behind the Sacramento Area Virtual Club which was the online club that we formed to support our brick and mortar clubs - Sacramento Bridge Center, Folsom Bridge Center and Foothill Duplicate Bridge Club. She called me up as President of the Unit wanting to set up the virtual club on BBO but would I please take care of getting the arrangements made with club owners and the financials so that became my part of the project. She took care of setting up everything with BBO, recruited and trained directors on online directing and maintained player lists as required by ACBL. The SAVC saved both SBC and Foothill DBC. I have had numerous partners in business relationships and she was one of the two best but I can't decide who was number one because the other one was phenomenal too!

See the next page for info Teri's Celebration of Life and a photo spread of Teri in the following few pages.

Cheers!!

Jim

Celebration of Life



TERI SMOOT

MARCH

SUNDAY

10

11AM

SACRAMENTO BRIDGE CENTER

All are welcome – family, bridge players, astronomy and other friends. ACBL bridge game (pairs) to follow for those who wish to play; masterpoints will be awarded. Lunch and the bridge game are complimentary.

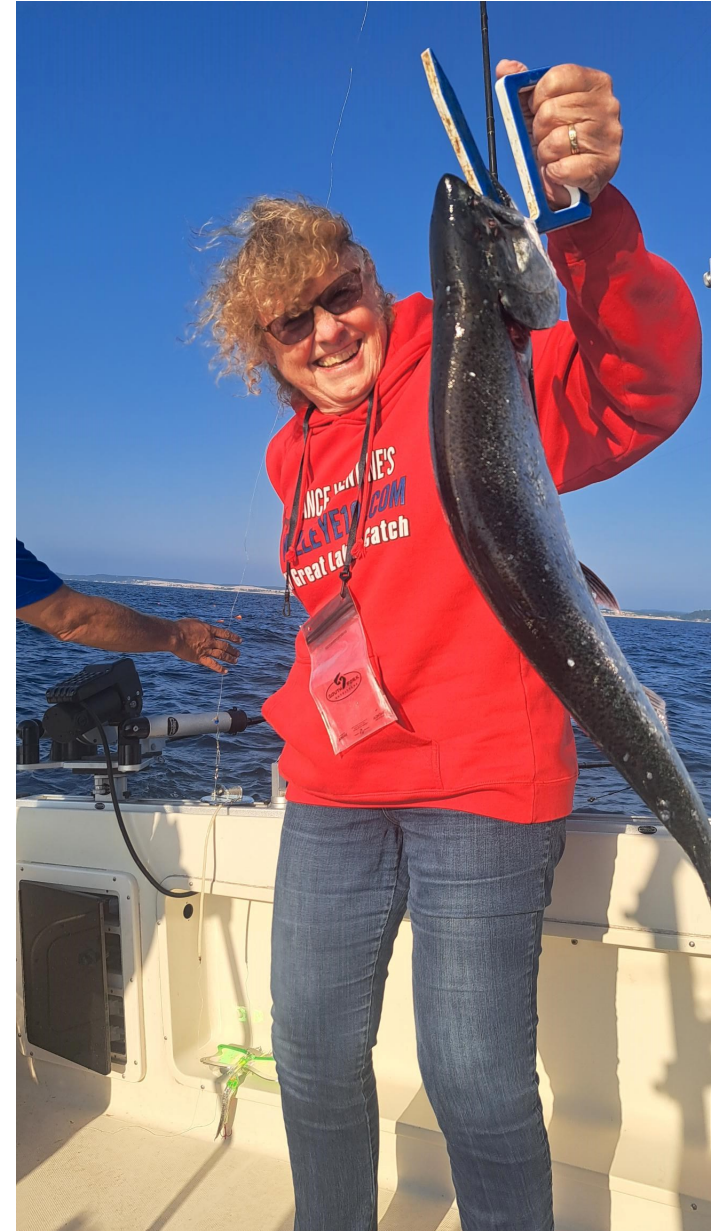
RSVP TO MARY OSE AT (916) 484-7172

Remembering Teri Smoot



Above - Teri with photo bomb by Dave Vidaver.

Right - Fishing on Lake Michigan near Pentwater, MI. Teri's grandfather taught her to fish.



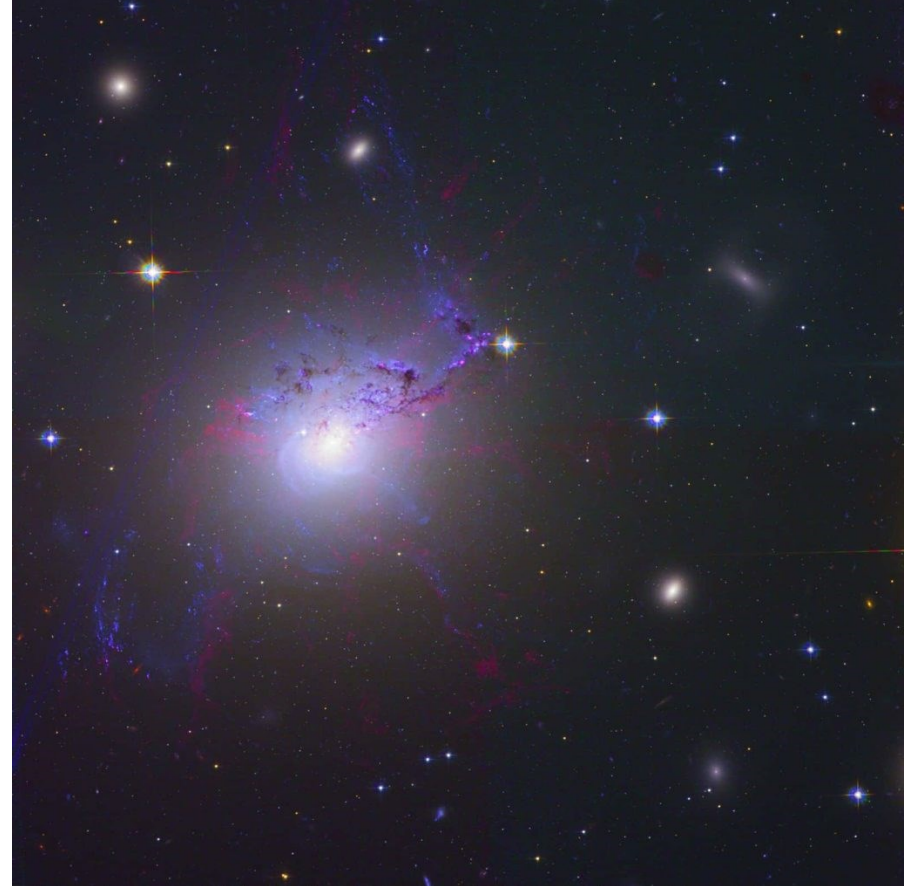


Left - Teri at the waterfall. The original is a video where Teri happily waves to the photographer. Sadly, the Kibitzer doesn't support video.



Left - the last picture that I have of Teri - taken the 9th of September.

Above - Teri taking in the beautiful surroundings.



Teri's three hobbies were bridge, traveling and astronomy. The 2 images above come from a 2018 exhibit called [Out There](#) she participated in for Arts and Culture El Dorado. The upper left photo is of the Helix Nebula and the upper right is Perseus A. Left is Teri with her telescope.

Many of these photos were on display at Folsom Bridge Club in early 2019. The photos above are "good" quality but the ones she showed at Folsom BC were spectacular.

Sacramento Unit 505 2024 Winter Sectional

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

Thursday thru Sunday
February 15th, 16th, 17th, & 18th

Entries: \$14 per Session (cash on Thursday;
by credit or debit card, preferably,
the rest of the week)
Masterpoint awards are Silver
Sanction #2402354

Thursday, Feb. 15 @ 10:30 am
Single-Session Intermediate/Novice Pairs ONLY
Strats: 500-750 / 250-500 / 0-250 No one over 750 MPs may play

Friday, Feb. 16 - Team Game
10:30 am

2-Session A/X Swiss Teams:
Strats: 4000+/0-4000

2-Session B/C/D Swiss Teams:
1000-2500 / 500-1000 / 0-500
No one over 2500 MPs may play

Stratification Based on Pair/Team Averages All
Strats may be adjusted by the Director Based
upon attendance

Saturday, Feb. 17 & Sunday, Feb. 18
10:30 am and 3:30 pm

2-Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2500+ / 1000-2500 / 0-1000

Single Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2500+ / 1000-2500 / 0-1000

Single Session Non-Life-Master Pairs whenever at least 6 pairs
sign up:
Strats: 200-500 / 100-200 / 0-100
No one over 500 MPs may play

Director
Steve Kaessner
(Ted Muller
On Thursday)

Tournament Chair & Partnerships
Bob Shiner
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Hospitality
Jane Blum

*Covid vaccinations are recom-
mended but will not be required.*

American Contract Bridge League





Wanted: Bridge Students!

To keep bridge alive, we need more players but to have more players, we need to train them to play! Help us by referring potential students! Contact Diane Strategos - dianes99@hotmail.com or 530-902-6848.



Sacramento Bridge Center

FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

15th, Thursday - Sacramento Sectional Invitational

16th, Fri. - Sacramento Sectional Team Games

17th - 18th - Sacramento Sectional Pairs Games

**Table fees
are \$12
normally**

S.B.C. GAME SCHEDULE

Mon./Wed./Fri.: Open Section, 11:00 am

Invitational Section, 11:00 am

Tuesday: Closed

Thursday: Open Pairs, 6:30 pm -

see Game Status box in left column on SBC webpage

Saturday: Invitational Game only, 11:00 am

Sunday: Special games at Noon, otherwise Closed



Foothill Bridge Center



Requirements to Play

- You must sign-up with mgeldorado@gmail.com.
- See the [Foothill website](#) to determine if the game is being played.

February Events

25 - Sunday - Potluck at noon
Swiss Teams at 12:30

Learn Precision!

Mondays @ 11:00

By John Bowman

The Foothill Bridge Center

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[www.bridgewebs.com/
foothillbridge](http://www.bridgewebs.com/foothillbridge)

Partnership:

Barry Wold 530 391-3743

Regularly Scheduled Games

- **Monday Open Pairs 12 Noon**
- **Wednesday Open Pairs 12 Noon**
Thursday NLM Pairs (0 - 500) 10AM (Lesson at 9:30)
- **Friday Open Pairs 12 Noon**
- **Sundays (once a month) Swiss at 12:30**

Lessons By Roz Flynn

Fridays @ 10:00

**Cost \$10 - Includes free
play in Friday noon game**

New Rank Changes

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Brad Barber

Liz Hayhoe

Rob Milstrey

Daniel Pellissier

Maddi Robison



NEW CLUB MASTERS

Quinn Baird

Karen Bode

Kathleen Travers

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Lora Marenti

Wendy Wohl

New Rank Changes continued.

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

**Micheline Brown
Page O'Connor
Mary Quinn
Harriet Schloemer**



NEW NABC MASTERS

**Charles Holmes
Larry Meyer
Ted Rytel**

LIFE MASTERS

Paul Thomas

New Rank Changes continued.

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Janice Levin



NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Jim Coke

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Kathryn LeGro

NEW SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Jerry Nakamura

2023 Mini-McKinney Standings

Unit 505 - Sacramento

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Elizabeth Davis	32.10
Kathleen Travers	17.64
Brad Barbers	13.45

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Aimee Morris	76.44
June Hedges	62.45
Bernie Hedges	62.45

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Steve Porter	53.31
Leslie Olesen	41.81
Barry Klein	24.90

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

David Clement	70.71
Dorothy Zetterberg	39.89
Marina Kong	34.07

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Charles Holmes	67.57
Micheline Brown	62.69
Mary Quinn	54.58

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Patricia Beddow	101.37
Asha Desai	82.21
Layne Hersh	78.65

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Paul Thomas	134.63
Chip Gordet	127.04
Ernest Johnson	122.20

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Shirley Shi	179.45
Miriam Steinberg	138.93
Agnes Kennedy	135.79

2023 Mini-McKinney Standings

Unit 505 - Sacramento

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Diane Strategos	205.71
Jim Coke	173.79
Elizabeth Sachs	145.26

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

William Huber	208.44
Kathryn LeGro	183.54
Robert Shiner	179.88

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Susan Bogan	152.61
Jerry Nakamura	104.87
Julius Kerenyi	89.56

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Carl Oeser	212.17
Carrie Touslee	165.07
Ben Miller	109.61

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Jan Soules	298.77
David Vidaver	169.32
Jim Houghton	153.06

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Judi Callaham	190.16
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Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Chip Martel	949.72
Gary Soules	521.16
Ted Muller	217.78

2023 Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 505 - Sacramento

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Elizabeth Davis	22.52
Kathleen Travers	14.07
Brad Barbers	13.45

5 to 20 Ace of Clubs ey Masterpoint Race

Aimee Morris	68.13
Rick Matthew	48.48
Lora Marenti	29.36

20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Steve Porter	39.90
Leslie Olesen	25.87
Barry Klein	24.90

50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Sarah Robinson	16.33
James Kassis	15.95
Mark Green	15.75

100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Micheline Brown	62.69
Mary Quinn	54.58
Harriet Schloemer	43.55

200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Patricia Beddow	86.46
Nancy Libonati	55.45
Harry Struthers	42.61

300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Charles Peer	98.03
Jane Blum	72.03
Cecilia Zimmerling	52.07

500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Kathy Van Sickle	98.03
John Bowman	96.36
Al Farrar	90.42

2023 Mini-McKinney Standings

Unit 505 - Sacramento

1000 to 1500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Jim Coke	121.42
Diane Strategos	82.63
Mona Stryker	65.66

1500 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Robert Shiner	115.60
Charles Bass	96.81
Terri Miladinovich	89.27
Mitch Miladinovich	89.27

2500 to 3500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Susan Bogan	108.72
Jerry Nakamura	77.70
Julius Kerenyi	76.68

3500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Carl Oeser	121.57
Carrie Touslee	103.16
Ben Miller	94.43

5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Betty Miller	91.94
Jan Soules	88.29
David Vidaver	75.24

7500 to 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Judi Callaham	136.77
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Over 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Ted Muller	113.43
Gary Soules	81.77
Veronica McMurdie	34.49