



The Western Conference

Over The Top - Again



Jo Ann Whitten and Gene Farwell

By **Bonnie Bagley**
WC STAC Coordinator

The Great Western Summer Fun STAC continued the record setting trend. The 2011 August STAC drew 7,805 tables, 159 more than 2010's 7,646 tables. Fifteen thousand, five hundred and twenty-four players participated with ten thousand, two hundred thirty-four players

earned twenty-one thousand, three hundred thirty-four masterpoints.

Margaret and Ed Butler, who run the Buena Vista Bridge Club in Buena Vista, Colorado submitted proof that the Summer Fun STAC increases longevity. Imogene (Gene) Farwell, who is pictured here with her partner, Jo Ann Whitten finished 4th overall in the Wednesday afternoon STAC. Gene, a longtime Buena Vista resident, retired to Yuma, Arizona but comes back to Colorado every summer. She is a Bronze Life Master and is working toward her Silver Life Master. Gene will turn 94 on January 1, 2012!

As Evelyn Sisonenko, the club manager of the Red Deer Bridge Club, Alberta wrote, "The Executive of our club feels that this is a good opportunity for our up-and-coming players to earn silver masterpoints at our club." Let's all take advantage of this opportunity! The Great Western Holiday STAC will be December 5-11. Make your plans now to play at your club.

Forum Office

By **Ken Monzingo**
Forum Manager Editor

As many know, the *Forum* office in San Diego was burglarized last month and totally cleaned out. We are back in business and did not miss an issue, although we're struggling to regain the last thirty years of publishing. We lost everything, including our external backup drives. For those of you who have so generously showed compassion and caring we thank you, but we also want all to know we are regrouping well and will continue with business as usual – but with chinks in our armor. If your tournament is not listed – or listed incorrectly – in the calendar page (p. 2) please let us know. If your name is misspelled or a photo caption wrong, let us know that also. It will be a couple of issues before we become comfortable with the new environment.

Great Western Regional at Sea

Sept. 26-Oct. 10, 2012
Los Angeles to Hawaii

A couple of months ago we announced our intent to sponsor our Hawaii Cruise Great Western Regional at Sea. The dates are September 26-October 10, 2012 on the Golden Princess round trip out of Los Angeles. This is not a private enterprise using one of our sanctions as previous regionals at sea have been, but, by board motion, is now a solely owned ACBL tournament – as it should be. ACBL is now in charge of all these sea regionals and the Western Conference is performing volunteer duties of management on this one, similar to any land regional.

Travel-On Cruises of San Diego will be our booking agent, and all reservations for the bridge program will go through them. We must stress that there is an additional charge for the bridge program, included in your booking fees, that will cover all our expenses, all your card fees, and all hospitality plus admission to the bridge program which is only available through Travel-On.

In addition to this 6 1/2 day regional (with gold points and some fun bridge), our exciting bridge program features 20-time national champion John Mohan presenting his entertaining and highly informative Bridge Dynamics Seminar onboard. This seminar has previously been presented in La Costa and Cabo San Lucas to greatly appreciative audiences for \$350 for a weekend, but it is offered to us on 10 of the 14 days of the cruise (four days are spent island hopping in paradise). As stated above, the seminar and all bridge fees are included in Travel-On cruise booking fees.

We have space for just 50 tables, so we can only accommodate 200 bridge players. However, we'll have cabin space available for more if non bridge players accompany their better halves. But please reserve now to ensure a seat *North/South* – actually *East/West* sailing! See the ad, and contact Bob Rosenblum of Travel-On for more details, rates and arrangements.

Great Western Summer Fun STAC IV Top 99 MP Winners

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| 1. 42.98 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA | 34. 19.47 Fung Bao, Cupertino CA | 67. 16.74 Derek Graybill, Tucson AZ |
| 2. 32.15 Oris Mowry, Phoenix AZ | 35. 19.46 Farrar Bird, Paso Robles CA | 68. 16.72 Michael Ellis, Thousand Oaks CA |
| 3. 27.34 Norman Marks, San Jose CA | 36. 19.46 Tom Garcia, San Miguel CA | 69. 16.70 James Roof, Littleton CO |
| 4. 26.42 James Slinger, Corralitos CA | 37. 19.44 Joseph Chui, Cupertino CA | 70. 16.48 Bob Reed, Sun City West AZ |
| 5. 26.13 Peter Benjamin, Culver City CA | 38. 19.41 Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA | 71. 16.41 Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK |
| 6. 24.79 Rose Caldwell, Roswell NM | 39. 19.27 Buki Burke, Ventura CA | 72. 16.41 Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK |
| 7. 24.63 Daniel Renaut, Prescott AZ | 40. 18.98 Art Quey, San Mateo CA | 73. 16.22 Chris Bell, Medford OR |
| 8. 24.45 Neil Joseph Smyth, Santa Cruz CA | 41. 18.70 Edwin Hagerman, Denver CO | 74. 16.10 Larry Paisley, Sun City West AZ |
| 9. 24.23 Rodger Arnold, Albuquerque NM | 42. 18.53 Steven Love, Laguna Niguel CA | 75. 16.07 Mary Ann Bosch, Roswell NM |
| 10. 23.54 Nancy Lynd, Roswell NM | 43. 18.49 Richard Soohoo, Vancouver WA | 76. 15.89 Mark Teaford, Seal Beach CA |
| 11. 23.16 Jerry Shinkle, Albuquerque NM | 44. 18.22 Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA | 77. 15.87 James Senter, San Clemente CA |
| 12. 23.03 Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA | 45. 18.20 Steve Mager, Hermosa Beach CA | 78. 15.78 Diane Cullen, Beaverton OR |
| 13. 22.84 Mary Jackson, Carlsbad NM | 46. 18.18 Ralph Jungwirth, Modesto CA | 79. 15.43 Carolyn Benner, El Dorado Hills CA |
| 14. 22.65 Robin Evenden, Soquel CA | 47. 18.09 James Flint, Ashland OR | 80. 15.33 Gary King, Hermosa Beach CA |
| 15. 22.37 Larry Bertholf, Albuquerque NM | 48. 18.07 Jim Leary, Livermore CA | 81. 15.22 Rose Mary Baltrusaitis, Los Alamos NM |
| 16. 22.35 Richard Wasserstrom, Santa Cruz CA | 49. 18.07 Pat Leary, Livermore CA | 82. 15.22 Mary Alice Hunt, Vancouver WA |
| 17. 22.05 Gini Howells, Prescott AZ | 50. 18.06 William Sanford, Orangevale CA | 83. 15.22 M. Duane Meador, Vancouver WA |
| 18. 21.88 Marwin Smith, Fort Collins CO | 51. 17.95 Allen Golbert, Anaheim CA | 84. 15.19 Arthur Brown, Roswell NM |
| 19. 21.88 Cynthia Smith, Fort Collins CO | 52. 17.77 Larry Lasher, Moffettville CA | 85. 15.18 Philip Benner, El Dorado Hills CA |
| 20. 21.77 Felicity Moore, Albuquerque NM | 53. 17.70 John Gray, Woodland Hills CA | 86. 15.13 Bob Carter, Billings MT |
| 21. 21.66 Alan Morris, Oakley CA | 54. 17.57 Leo Fishman, Huntington Beach CA | 87. 15.10 Nancy Wieger, Bel Tiburon CA |
| 22. 21.60 Lynn Shannon, Los Gatos CA | 55. 17.51 Vicki Shelley, Saint George UT | 88. 15.03 Wade Biggs, Highlands Ranch CO |
| 23. 21.56 Aram Bedros, Santa Monica CA | 56. 17.51 George Shelley, Saint George UT | 89. 14.98 Lin Goldstein, Reno NV |
| 24. 20.89 Peggy Sprague, Los Gatos CA | 57. 17.49 Chuck Donaldson, Escondido CA | 90. 14.96 William Strite, Vancouver WA |
| 25. 20.77 Barry Roof, Pueblo CO | 58. 17.36 Joann Whitten, Sioux Falls SD | 91. 14.96 Julius Kahn, Vancouver WA |
| 26. 20.73 Floyd Redman, Atascadero CA | 59. 17.36 Imogene(Gene) Farwell, Buena Vista CO | 92. 14.77 Sharon Rettenberg, San Rafael CA |
| 27. 20.73 Betty Hsu, Atascadero CA | 60. 17.25 Kimberly Fanady, San Francisco CA | 93. 14.76 Bill Berry, Scottsdale AZ |
| 28. 20.53 Brian Samuels, Los Altos CA | 61. 17.25 Steven Kipperman, San Francisco CA | 94. 14.72 Gerald Cunha, Walnut Creek CA |
| 29. 20.34 Judy Bongarzone, Mission Viejo CA | 62. 17.18 Jerry Woodworth, Del Mar CA | 95. 14.66 David Fielder, San Francisco CA |
| 30. 19.89 Peter Klopp, Ventura CA | 63. 17.18 Herschel Frey, Encinitas CA | 96. 14.63 Sandra Baker, Seaside OR |
| 31. 19.62 Harvey Hicks, Carlsbad NM | 64. 17.07 Cal Marvin, Sun City West AZ | 97. 14.63 Donald Amend, Ocean Park WA |
| 32. 19.53 Don Bell, Vernon BC | 65. 16.91 Jane Frost, San Rafael CA | 98. 14.62 Diane Hurt, Lake Havasu City AZ |
| 33. 19.53 Terry Craig, Vernon BC | 66. 16.90 Latrelle Uhl, Modesto CA | 99. 14.60 Jo Lindros, Santa Barbara CA |

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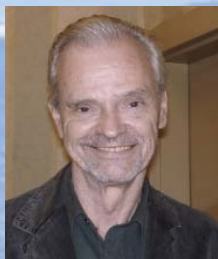
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1 Los Angeles, California		4:00 p.m.
2 At Sea		
3 At Sea		
4 At Sea		
5 At Sea		
6 Hilo, Hawaii	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
7 Honolulu, Hawaii	7:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
8 Kauai (Nawiliwili), Hawaii	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
9 Maui (Lahaina), Hawaii	7:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
10 At Sea		
11 At Sea		
12 At Sea		
13 At Sea		
14 Ensenada, Mexico	4:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
15 Los Angeles, California	7:00 a.m.	



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