



Kiva West Duplicate Bridge Club Newsletter

January, 2025

Dear Kiva West Members, Guests, and Friends;

Happy New Year! Kiva is looking forward to another year of great bridge!

This Newsletter will continue through 2025, on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, in order to include **multiple items** of club information in a consolidated place.



Announcing a Change in "Kiva Cares" Email

"Kiva Cares" was a separate email that announced **asingle news event or update**. "Kiva Cares" was sent by Mary Boyd, and we thank her for her dedicated service to do so these past 15 years. Mary decided to retire from that volunteer duty, so I offered and I will continue doing the Newsletter as well as releasing those single updates in the form of an email called "Kiva Updates".

If you have any news that would have previously gone to Mary Boyd to be published in "Kiva Cares", which is now known as "Kiva Updates", please instead email it to me at jekeane903@gmail.com or contact Brenda Biggs (text or voice) at 408.455.2516. Brenda has offered to help me, when necessary, with the "Kiva Updates" content.

-Joyce Keane
Kiva West Newsletter Editor



KIVA Membership Renewal

Beginning **Monday, January 6** at **11:45am**, we will be accepting KIVA membership renewals for 2025. We will be collecting Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.



Members and Guests:
We are looking for interested Mentees and Mentors! Please consider being one and let me know your interest by January 15th.

We are pleased to announce that Kiva will

Look for us at the rear of the room.

Membership fee: \$15. Please bring exact amount.

Please advise of changes to phone number or address.

Should you be unable to get to KIVA, you can send your check and info to:

Joan Denton
22737 N Dusty Trail Blvd.
623-341-1246



Perry's Class

Perry Van Hook's classes are continuing on Wednesdays and Fridays at the back of the bridge room. You can sign up for the classes starting February, 2025. January classes are full.

During and after each significant hand, Perry will discuss and advise on the **bidding, play and defense** of the hand. This proven, helpful interactive approach will give each participant a better understanding of the good and bad. You'll receive plentiful knowledge and helpful hints to improve your bridge game.

These classes are geared toward the novice and intermediate player, however since there have been some inquiries about an advanced class, Perry can accommodate that as well if there are four (4) signups. Classes are \$20/class.

And...just announced...if you have a partner or foursome that you'd like to have classes with, let Perry know. He's available to do so on Mondays and Thursdays.

begin the one-on-one mentoring during the Kiva sanctioned games. This mentoring will pair individual players needing advice on their bridge game (Mentee) with a Mentor. This will start in January/February, 2025 dependent on availability and Mentor/Mentee's individual schedules, and run through April/May 2025.

Last year the mentoring program was defined as a Mentor who had over 500 masterpoints and a Mentee who had less than 500 masterpoints. We plan this year to match willing Mentors with Mentees, keeping in mind the master point level, but not making the "rule" be the 500 cutoff.

The Mentor/Mentee together will decide when they want to play together; 6 to 10 bridge sessions, and then also schedule a time with each other to discuss some chosen hands that were questionable and/or challenging. Discussion about played hands at the bridge table between Mentor and Mentee will need to hold off until the end of the session (the game day), as a courtesy to the opponents and proper etiquette at the bridge table.

The purpose of the Mentoring is for the Mentee to gain valuable knowledge from the Mentor about the bidding, play and defense of a few of the 24+ hands that were played. To be clear, Mentoring is **not** about helping the Mentee get more master points by playing with a "better" player, but rather its all about helping a Mentee understand better the bidding, play and defense of hands.

If you are interested in being a Mentee or Mentor (even if you've let me know already), please let me know by January 15th and I will begin the matching program and also talk with you individually to make sure that your concerns and expectations are discussed before you begin.

The program is designed with the Mentee in mind, to help every Mentee get better at their bridge

Email Perry with questions or to reserve your spot. Let Perry know what you're interested in and he'll get back to you to coordinate scheduling at vanduvin@aol.com.

game, so please take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Please email me at jekeane903@gmail.com.

- Joyce Keane, Mentorship Coordinator



Looking for a Partner for a Kiva Game?

Are you looking for a new partner or someone to sub for your regular partner for Kiva Games?

Contact Kiva's Partnership Chair, Brenda Biggs, by texting or calling 408.455.2516. Please let Brenda know your level of play as an A, B, or C player and the days you are available. See you at the Bridge Table! - Brenda Biggs



Fountain Hills Community Center—13001 N. La Montana Dr, Fountain Hills, AZ

Phoenix Presidents Day Sectional, February 14-16, 2025

Here's an opportunity to win Silver Points at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive, in Fountain Hills, AZ on **February 14, 15 & 16, 2025**.

Friday and Saturday games:

- Open Pairs
- 300 er Pairs
- Bracketed Swiss Teams

Entry Fee: \$15 per session for ACBL members; ACBL Members with less than 10 Mps play free.

Sunday:

- Bracketed Swiss Teams

Entry Fee: \$21 for both sessions (includes lunch)

Tournament Chair

Kandi Osborn

Kandiunit354@gmail.com

480.268.3372

Need a partner? Contact Marsha Rayton, Tournament Partnership Chair at partnership.unit354@gmail.com.

[More TOURNAMENT INFO](#)

12:30 pm Monday
12:30 pm Wednesday
12:30 pm Thursday
12:30 pm Friday
12:00 pm Saturday,

- Jan 11 2025
- Feb 8 2025
- Mar 8 2025
- Apr 12 2025

Kiva West Duplicate Bridge Club
Beardsley Recreation Center - Ocotillo Room
KivaBridgeClub.com

Thursday, Feb. 14 Valentine Party &
Potluck, 11:00 AM

Saturday, Mar. 1 Lunch & Free Bridge
hosted by ACBL, 11AM

Monday, Mar. 10 General Membership
Meeting, 3:30 PM

Friday, April 18 Rank Change & Pizza Party
3:30 PM

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