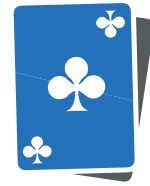




# Club News



## OLLI classes are fertile ground for Huntsville club

By Susan Bridges | Huntsville DBC

Many new players have come to the Huntsville (AL) Duplicate Bridge Club from OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. OLLI participants pay \$99 per semester and take a variety of courses, ranging from radio astronomy to pickleball. Three members of the bridge club teach two or three bridge classes each semester based on the Audrey Grant book series. In fall 2019, Will Kirkpatrick taught Absolute Beginners Bridge, and Bob Darnall taught Building Bridge Skills. Joy Hall also teaches Defensive Bridge and has helped Bob teach two courses on conventions. Over the last four years, more than 200 players have participated in these classes, some



more than once. The students also enjoy a Friday afternoon rubber bridge game at UAH.

Darnall and one of his students, Donna Bolander, organized a small limited duplicate game at the bridge center that met simultaneously with a higher limited game. As the students gained confidence, they started moving to the regular limited game. Most of these new players joined our six-month mentor-mentee program based on ACBL guidelines, and now many play in both limited and open games.



Club honors player by raising \$3000 for City of Hope  
By Barbara Pinchuk  
Andy Pinchuk was world class everything - bridge player, teacher, mentor, gentleman and friend.  
No matter how new the player or finish the game, Andy was always there with a smile and always willing to help. Andy and Barbara Pinchuk planned a charity game for City of Hope, a research hospital, at Bridge Academy II in Thousand Oaks CA. Both of their lives were deeply touched by that research hospital.  
Club owner Andy Pinchuk died the night of the event and honor Andy for his contribution to the bridge community and humanity to others. Pinchuk and Curtis formed a committee with Marta Monheim, Ellen Anten and Joan Rubin. Although Andy knew all about this organization, he sadly passed away two weeks before.  
The event was held at the City of Hope and bridge created a wonderful evening for all. The club raised over \$3000 for City of Hope in Andy's name. He would have been thrilled.

San Diego club raises \$70,000 for medical mission  
The San Diego bridge community has been extremely generous over the last eight years in supporting the medical missions of Ray Sachs, an orthopedic surgeon. In 2019, we raised a record amount, over \$70,000, for the medical mission. All of that money went toward equipment and supplies to transform the lives of children (and a few adults) in the less developed world.  
Ray Sachs is teaming up with surgeons to fix issues such as scoliosis, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, and other conditions that would handicap the children for life. These are transformational operations for the children in South and Central America. Without surgery, these children could never get the education when they grow up and lack the ability to work or improve their situations, so the children can grow up to be healthy, productive, and accepted mem-