



~~Quarterly~~ Bimonthly Scheduling Guide for Unit 547

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The Ventura Unit has traditionally published four (4) hard-copy quarterly calendars a year. This paper discusses the scheduling aspect of the Quarterly Calendar, which requires inputs from the (Townehouse) Sunday Afternoon Bridge (currently Rosemary Reitz), Monday/Friday Ojai game (currently Club Manager, Dick Wagner, or Alan Greenberg), as well as from the Unit itself (either Club Manager, Barry Brenner, or the Unit Scheduler if there is one) for the Tu/We/Th games at Temple Beth Torah (TBT) and the Saturday game in the Camarillo Senior Center. Starting about 2016, the Tuesday Pleasant Valley (PV) game in Camarillo has been included with inputs from Bob Gruber. During the year, the Unit frequently conducts “Theme” games on Saturday in Camarillo. Susan Lang is in charge of these games, including scheduling them. The Unit also conducts special games—for example, Fast Pairs or IMP Pairs. Josh Rosenbluth is in charge of these games. It may be necessary to solicit these inputs via e-mail.

Switched to bimonthly in July 2015

Inputs from Rosemary Reitz, Dick Wagner, Barry Brenner, Bob Gruber, Susan Lang, Josh Rosenbluth

This paper then lists some scheduling guidelines. It should be pointed out that the Unit is dual hatted in that it is both a Unit and a Club owner and schedules on both the Unit and Club level. A yearly calendar with holidays is a useful tool. One can be obtained online at:

<http://www.vertex42.com/calendars/images/2017-calendar-with-holidays.png>

Change 2017 to year of interest

Ultimately, the calendar is done in Microsoft Word and converted to *pdf* for the Webmaster to upload to the web site, www.vcbridge.org. If there is a separate “Calendar Producer,” the Scheduler may simply provide a list of the special games/events to the Producer. If the Scheduler and Calendar Producer are one and the same, the file on *Producing the Quarterly Calendar* will be helpful/needed.

Currently, Club Manager Barry Brenner either gets an e-mail copy of the *pdf* or downloads a copy from the web site so that he can print the hard copies (on a Unit-owned printer) for the various game sites.

Special Game Scheduling Guidelines

Point awards, restrictions and sanction fees are described below and on the ACBL web site:

http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/club-administration/resources-and-forms/masterpoint-awards-chart/

In general, Unit/unit-owned club policy is to schedule as many “extra point” games as are allowed with the exception of Charity Games, which are not held, and GNT qualifying games, which are limited to one (1) at most. The GNT qualifying game should probably be scheduled on a Thursday in conjunction with the Open game rather than in lieu of it.

Ojai STaC policy is March, August, and December. These are often the Great Western STaC dates, but March has now often slipped to May and Ojai is sticking with March, which may have no STaC or may have a District 22/District 23 STaC. D23 is the actual sponsor, but always opens up participation to D22.

Regular sanction fees currently (April 2016) run: \$1.00 per table.

Club Championships scheduled Quarterly

The double & triple point designators below refer to Overall rankings in the game compared to the same “directional” ranking in a regular club game.



1. Club Championship: 63.6% Sectional rated. 1/qrtr per sanctioned session. Regular sanction fees. double points
2. ACBL Membership: 81.8% Sectional rated. 1/yr per sanctioned session. Regular sanction fees. 2½ X points 2015 ACBL Membership games were held in Feb
3. Club Appreciation: 81.8% Sectional rated. October only, 1 for each regularly scheduled game. Regular sanction fees. 2½ X points To win masterpoints, both players must be either an LM or an ACBL member
4. Charity Game: 70% Sectional rated. Exclude January, May & September. Very 1st must be for the ACBL charity. min. \$4 extra per table in addition to regular sanction fees. double points
5. NAP: 81.8% Sectional rated, **half red**, half black. Two per sanctioned session per month during June, July and August for NAP qualifying. \$5 per table in lieu of regular sanction fees. 2½ X points
6. GNT: 81.8% Sectional rated, half red, half black. Starts in September. District determines frequency. These are qualifying games. \$2.25 per table in lieu of regular sanction fees. 2½ X points
7. Unit Championship: 63.6% Sectional rated. Unit allocated 24 per year. Ojai may want to use some; **Special Sanction Required** double points

Sanction format:
 Lymm547x
 y= yr, mm=month
 x=A or B or C or ...

 Townhouse 0; PV 2. Leaves ≈20 → 4 on Tu, 4 on We, 4 on Th, 4 on Sa → 1/qrtr per sanctioned session. Unit usually only uses one—in January for (Saturday) Election Party game. \$2.25 per table in lieu of regular sanction fees.
8. STaC: 100% Sectional rated, **silver** points. Do the 3 Western Conference STaCs. **Special Sanction Required** triple points
 Fees for District 22 clubs are usually \$6.50 per table in lieu of regular sanction fees. Also, do the 3 D22/D23 STaCs

Scheduling by Game Type

1. Club Championship:
Q1: Tu/We/Th/Sa Q2: Tu/We/Th/Sa Q3: Tu/We/Th/Sa Q4: Tu/We/Th/Sa
2. ACBL Membership:
Yr: Tu /We /Th /Sa (recommend Q1)
3. Club Appreciation:
Oct: Tu /We /Th /Sa
5. NAP: **\$5/table**
 Jun: Tu x 2 /We x 2 /Th x 2 /Sa x 2
 Jul: Tu x 2 /We x 2 /Th x 2 /Sa x 2
 Aug: Tu x 2 /We x 2 /Th x 2 /Sa x 2
6. GNT: **\$2.25/table**
Sep: Th
7. Unit Championship: **\$2.25/table**
 Q1: Tu/We/Th/Sa Q2: Tu/We/Th/Sa Q3: Tu/We/Th/Sa Q4: Tu/We/Th/Sa

2014 **Passover**: 8 days starting evening of April 14
 Easter: April 20
 Mother's Day: May 11
 Memorial Day: May 26
Rosh Hashanah: 2 days starting evening of Sep 24
Yom Kippur: evening Oct 3
 Veterans Day: Nov 11
 Thanksgiving: Nov 27
 Christmas: Dec 25

Unit Championship Sanction format:
 Lymm547x
 y = 1-digit year, mm = 2-digit month, 547 = Unit #
 x=A or B or C or ..., i.e. a sequence # within the month

Sa Unit Champ should be the day of the Election Diner. **Special Sanction Required**



8. STaC: scheduling of Great Western (GW) STaC done by the Western Conference (Districts 17 – 23), currently in May, August and December. Still waiting on cost per table.
Now appears GW STaC fee is \$6.50/table for D22.
Special Sanction Required Must “register” on the ACBL web site to participate in any STaC—GW (also known as Western Conference [WC]) and D22/D23.
Don’t currently know fee for D22/D23 STaC.

Some ACBL events are based on a calendar quarter.

Scheduling by Quarter

- Q1: Club Champ=1/reg. game, Unit Champ=1/reg. game, ACBL Membership=1/reg. game, T.O. Sec. **Sa Unit Champ should be the day of the Election Diner**
Special Sanction Required
- Q2: Club Champ=1/reg. game, Unit Champ=1/reg. game, NAP=2/reg. game in Jun, GW Spring STaC (**Special Sanction Required**), Ventura Sectional
- Q3: Club Champ=1/reg. game, Unit Champ=1/reg. game, NAP=2/reg. game in Jul & Aug, GW Summer STaC (**Special Sanction Required**), GNT=1 total in Sep (Th), T.O. Sec.
- Q4: Club Champ=1/reg. game, Unit Champ=1/reg. game, Club Appr=1/reg. game in Oct, **Ventura Regional**, GW Fall STaC (**Special Sanction Required**)

Thursday Rotating Director Scheduling Guideline

This schedule can be projected for the entire calendar year. As of 09/17/15 the monthly standard is:

- 1st Th: Bob Gruber (Unit Board meetings usually slated for 1st Thursday)
- 2nd Th: Chris Gillmon
- 3rd Th: Nancy Hall
- 4th Th: **TBD**
- 5th Th: **TBD**

2015 New Year’s Day: Jan 1 (**Th**)
Passover: 8 days starting evening of Apr 3
Easter: Apr 5
Mother’s Day: May 10
Memorial Day: May 25 (Mo)
Independence Day: Jul 4 (**Sa**)
Rosh Hashanah: 2 days starting evening of Sep 13
Yom Kippur: evening Sep 22
Veterans Day: Nov 11 (**We**)
Thanksgiving: Nov 26 (**Th**)
Christmas: Dec 25 (Fr)

In 2014, Tom Ciacio’s absences due to directing at Tournaments increased. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays are affected as well as Thursdays.

The Unit Scheduler might scramble to fill those absences; however, Unit 547 tradition is that the director requiring a substitute tries to find one him/herself. In addition to the 3 other directors noted above, Louise Shaffer used to direct on Thursdays and Linda Beutel has previously filled in. Another possibility is Diane Gunther.

Rosemary Reitz has become a director (≈ March 2015) and is a candidate. Rose Buckley became a certified director ≈ August 2017.

Effective 1/1/15

Jan	Junior Fund
Apr	Charity Month
May	Grass Roots Fund
Sep	International Fund

Charity games not allowed in Jan / May / Sep.

Dates to Avoid

10 Federal Holidays (TBT Closed):

Jan-Feb: 1 Jan New Year’s Day, ≈20 Jan MLK Day, ≈16 Feb President’s Day,
Mar-Apr: - - -
May-Jun: ≈25 May Memorial Day,
Jul-Aug: 4 July Independence Day,
Sep-Oct: ≈7 Sep Labor Day, ≈12 Oct Columbus Day,
Nov-Dec: 11 Nov Veterans Day, ≈26 Nov Thanksgiving Day (Th), 25 Dec Christmas Day



NFL Football Playoffs
NFC & AFC Champ: 2nd last weekend in Jan.
Superbowl Sunday: 1st Sunday in February.

Dates to Relocate/Cancel

PVRPD Regularly Unavailable Saturday Dates
Closed Saturday after Thanksgiving
Unavailable 2nd Saturday in Dec. for Christmas Parade



Temple Beth Torah (TBT) has indicated it will be closed on all Federal Holidays and 3 Jewish holidays will also have an impact. (In 2014 TBT was open on Veterans Day.) Passover (also known as Pesach) brings additional food restrictions. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, TBT will be closed.

All Jewish holidays below begin at sundown on the evening before the date specified in the tables below.

Background color by year: 2014 = yellow, 2015 = green, 2016 = cyan, 2017 = pink

Secular Year ►		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Jewish Year ►	Hebrew Date	5774	5775	5776	5777	5778
Holiday Name ▼						
Rosh Hashanah 2-day closure	1-2 Tishrei	Sep 5-6	Sep. 25-26	Sep 14-15	Oct. 3-4	Sep 21-22
Tzom Gedaliah	3 Tishrei	Sep 8	Sep. 28	Sep. 16	Oct. 5	Sep. 24
Yom Kippur	10 Tishrei	Sep 14	Oct. 4	Sep 23	Oct. 12	Sep. 30
Sukkot	15-20 Tishrei	Sep 19-25	Oct. 9-15	Sep 28-Oct 4	Oct. 17-23	Oct 5-11
Hoshanah Rabbah	21 Tishrei	Sep. 25	Oct. 15	Oct. 4	Oct. 23	Oct. 11
Shemini Atzeret	22 Tishrei	Sep. 26	Oct. 16	Oct. 5	Oct. 24	Oct. 12
Simchat Torah	23 Tishrei	Sep. 27	Oct. 17	Oct. 6	Oct. 25	Oct. 13
Hanukkah	25 Kislev-2 Tevet	N 27- D 5	Dec. 17-24	Dec 7-14	Dec 25- Jan1	Dec 13-20
Asarah be-Tevet	10 Tevet	Dec. 12	Jan. 1	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Dec. 28
Tu Bishvat	15 Shevat	Jan. 16	Feb. 4	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	Jan. 31
Ta'anit (Fast of) Esther	13 Adar	Mar. 13	Mar. 4	Mar. 23	March 9	Feb. 28
Purim	15 Adar	Mar. 16	Mar. 5	Mar. 24	March 12	Mar. 1
Passover Food restrictions	15-21 Nisan	Apr 15-22	Apr. 4-11	Apr 23-30	April 11-18	Mar 31- Apr 7
Yom Hashoah	27 Nisan	Apr. 27	Apr. 16	May 5	April 23	Apr. 12
Yom Hazikaron	4 Iyar	May 5	Apr. 22	May 11	May 1	Apr.18
Yom Ha'atzmaut	5 Iyar	May 6	Apr. 23	May 12	May 2	Apr. 19
Lag Ba'omer	18 Iyar	May 18	May 7	May 26	May 14	May 3
Yom Yerushalayim	28 Iyar	May 28	May 17	Jun 5	May 24	May 13
Shavuot	6-7 Sivan	June 4-5	May 24-25	Jun 12-13	May 31-Jun 1	May 20-21
Tzom Shiva Asar B'Tammuz	17 Tammuz	July 15	July 5	Jul. 24	July 11	July 1
Tisha B'Av	9 Av	Aug. 5	July 26	Aug. 14	Aug. 1	July 22
Easter (Gregorian Calendar)			4/5/2015	3/27/2016	4/16/2017	4/1/2018
				4/21/2019	4/12/2020	4/4/2021

Web site for Jewish Holidays

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0002072.html>

Jewish Holidays, 2010–2020

Here are the dates of Jewish holidays, including Purim, Passover (8 days), Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah (2 days), Yom Kippur (1 day), Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Hanukkah (8 or 9 days), from 2010 to 2020. NOTE: All holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date given.



Year	Purim ¹	1st day Passover ²	1st day Shavuot ³	1st day Rosh Hashanah ⁴	Yom Kippur ⁵	1st day Sukkot ⁶	Shemini Atzeret ⁷	1st day Hanukkah ⁸
2010	Feb. 28	March 30	May 19	Sept. 9	Sept. 18	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Dec. 2
2011	March 20	April 19	June 8	Sept. 29	Oct. 8	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Dec. 21
2012	March 8	April 7	May 27	Sept. 17	Sept. 26	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Dec. 9
2013	Feb. 24	March 26	May 15	Sept. 5	Sept. 14	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Nov. 28
2014	March 16	April 15	June 4	Sept. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Dec. 17
2015	March 5	April 4	May 24	Sept. 14	Sept. 23	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Dec. 7
2016	March 24	April 23	June 12	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Dec. 25
2017	March 12	April 11	May 31	Sept. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Dec. 13
2018	March 1	March 31	May 20	Sept. 10	Sept. 19	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Dec. 3
2019	March 21	April 20	June 9	Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Dec. 23
2020	March 10	April 9	May 29	Sept. 19	Sept. 28	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Dec. 11

1. Purim: Feast of Lots.
2. Passover: Feast of Unleavened Bread. (8 days)
3. Shavuot: Hebrew Pentecost; or Feast of Weeks, or of Harvest, or of First Fruits.
4. Rosh Hashanah: Jewish New Year. (2 days)
5. Yom Kippur: Day of Atonement. (1 day)
6. Sukkot: Feast of Tabernacles, or of the Ingathering.
7. Shemini Atzeret: Assembly of the Eighth Day.
8. Hanukkah: Festival of Lights. (8 or 9 days)

- AFC American Football Conference
- GNT Grand National Teams
- MLK Martin Luther King
- NAP North American Pairs
- NFC American Football Conference
- NFL National Football League
- PVRPD Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District (Camarillo)
- STaC Sectional Tournament at Clubs
- TBT Temple Beth Torah
- T.O. Thousand Oaks