

Guide to the Karen Allison Collection on Contract Bridge

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Allison R., Karen, 1941-
Title:	Karen Allison Collection on Contract Bridge
ID:	MS-00899
Date [inclusive]:	1937 to 1997
Physical Description:	0.65 Cubic Feet (1 box and 1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	1.67 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Karen Allison Collection on Contract Bridge (1937-1997) contains instructional guides, pamphlets, and booklets explaining the rules and strategies for contract bridge, a card game. Included are correspondence and meeting minutes with contract bridge organizations with which Allison was associated. Also included are lists of players who participated in the Monte Carlo 5th World Bridge Olympiad in Monte Carlo, Monaco in 1976.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Karen R. Allison is an American national and international championship player of contract bridge, also known simply as bridge.

Born July 19, 1941 in New York, Allison learned how to play bridge from an Autobridge device, an instructional board and card set used for self-instruction. She moved to Canada in 1973, where she represented Canada in national and international bridge championships. She moved back to the United States in 1983 and has remained active as a bridge commentator. Allison donated her

collection of contract bridge books and magazines to UNLV University Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2005 to be part of its gaming collection.

Sources:

"BBOer Story - Kareno (Karen Allison)." Bridge Base Online. Accessed November 25, 2019. http://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/news_fetch.php?id=1578

"Karen Allison." Infobridge. June 26, 2019. Accessed November 25, 2019. http://www.infobridge.it/Campioni_AllisonK.htm

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Karen Allison; accession number 2019-129.

Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Jimmy Chang reboxed and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Gameboards
- Card games
- Contract bridge

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Autobridge instructional set for contract bridge and <i>Autobridge Game Magazine</i> , 1937 to 1942	oversized box 01
Autobridge pocket model instructional sets, 1950 to 1957 Physical Description: 2 Files	oversized box 01
<i>Little Green Book</i> and <i>At the Bridge Table</i> contract bridge instructional booklets by Jo Woods, 1966	oversized box 01
<i>Basic Bridge: A Simplified Instruction Guide & Instant Reference</i> by Albert Morehead, 1967	box 02
"U.S. Aces: winning bridge in as little as 8 hours" contract bridge instructional flash cards; signed to Harold and James Roof by Bobby Wolff, Jim Jacoby, Bob Goldman, Bob Hamman, and Mike Lawrence, 1969	oversized box 01
Judy Tucker and Karen Allison's contract bridge game review and score sheet, approximately 1976	box 02
Monte Carlo 5th World Bridge Olympiad lists of players participating per round, Monte Carlo, Monaco, 1976 May 09 to 1976 May 22	box 02
Liza Berkowitz and Karen Allison's contract bridge game review and score sheet, approximately 1988	box 02
World Bridge Federation correspondence to Edgar Kaplan, Greater New York Bridge Association Board of Directors meeting minutes, and American Contract Bridge League correspondence to John Blubaugh, 1990 to 1997	box 02

Photocopy of the 1995 *New York Times* article "Bridge Returns, Starting in the Schools" by Joyce Jones, approximately 1995 to 1997 box 02

"The Bridge Dealmaster" computer program instructional booklet and installation floppy disks, 1997 box 02

Physical Description: 4 Floppy Disks