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ACBL District 21 Newsletter

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District 21 Regionals

By Pam Hughes, Regional Tournament Manager

REMEMBER! if you're going to cancel your room at the Hyatt in Monterey, e-mail me at: jmom380@yahoo.com. When people cancel prior to our cut-off date, December 7, the room goes back into our block and there is a waiting list!



ATTENTION: if you made reservations for Monterey and are now thinking maybe you don't want to come, remember that your attendance is extremely important! Canceled room nights are an enormous problem for ACBL tournaments of all sizes all over the country. Hotel policies have become much more strict and their penalties far more severe.

So before you cancel, give it some thought, and if there is any way you are still able to come enjoy yourself with your fellow bridge players, please do! Lost a partner or teammates? Don't worry! We'll find you someone new to play with at our partnership desk.

Also, try not to be a fair weather player! If the weather is awful outside, it's fabulous at the Hyatt Regency Monterey! Don't let a little rain on the freeway stop you from coming. We want and need all our wonderful players to be there.

Do your part - keep Tournaments possible! Remember to show up!

This friendly service announcement brought to you by your friendly D21 Tournament Staff.

Report from Honolulu

By Ray Yeunger, Executive Editor

Aloha. I have a couple of hours till the afternoon pairs event. I could go for a stroll along Waikiki Beach, or I could sit in my 28th floor room in the Tapa Tower of the Hilton Hawaiian Village hotel and write this column. If you're reading this, you know what my choice was.



The nationals in Honolulu in 2006 were the first opportunity I took to visit Hawaii, and I recall spending about half my time playing and the rest sight seeing. Bridge, and particularly the nationals, has been my excuse to visit a number of cities I was otherwise interested in seeing. I particularly enjoyed Toronto and New Orleans (before Hurricane Katrina). And to jog my failing memory about when I was where, I can travel through my masterpoint history on the ACBL website from the date I joined the League, although reading my location in July 2008, for example, as "NOPNSWS" leaves me with a little more Internet research to do. A cross-check of a Wikipedia page on North American Bridge Championships tells me the nationals were in Las Vegas then. But enough about me, for now.

The District Board

I'd like to be telling you the latest progress made by the Board of District 21, but the truth is I'm still learning how the District operates.

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Upcoming Tournaments

Sectionals

Nov 30–Dec 2, 2018

Sacramento Winter Sectional

Orangevale Community Center, Orangevale CA

Dec 3–9, 2018

Western Conference Holiday STaC

Local clubs

Dec 8–9, 2018

North American Pairs Flight A District Finals

Palo Alto Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

Dec 9, 2018

North American Pairs Flight C District Finals

Palo Alto Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

Dec 15, 2018

North American Pairs Flight B District Finals

San Jose Bridge Center, San Jose CA

Jan 12–13, 2019

San Francisco Sectional

Pomeroy Center, San Francisco CA

Jan 26–27, 2019

Livermore Valley Sectional

Christensen Middle School, Livermore CA

Feb 9–10, 2019

Grand National Teams

Championship Flight District Finals

East Bay Community Bridge Center, Oakland CA

(continues Feb 16–17 in Burlingame)

Feb 15–18, 2019

Fresno Winter Sectional

Fresno Bridge Center, Fresno CA

Feb 16–17, 2019

Grand National Teams

Flight B District Finals

Bayshore Bridge Club, Burlingame CA

Feb 23–24, 2019

San Mateo County Winter Sectional

Cañada College Cafeteria (aka the Grove)

Redwood City CA

Mar 2–3, 2019

Grand National Teams Flight A District Finals

San Jose Bridge Center, San Jose CA

Mar 9–10, 2019

Unit 509 Santa Rosa/Petaluma Sectional

Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa CA

Mar 16–17, 2019

Grand National Teams Flight C District Finals

East Bay Community Bridge Center, Oakland CA

Mar 27–31, 2019

March Into Spring Sectional

Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks NV

Apr 6–7, 2019

Almond Valley Sectional

Homewood Village, Modesto CA

Apr 13–14, 2019

Marin Spring Sectional

Redwood High School, Larkspur CA

Apr 27–28, 2019

Wine Valley Sectional

Vintage House Senior Center, Sonoma CA

Apr 28, 2019

2018 High School Bridge Tournament Sectional

Bayshore Bridge Center, Burlingame CA

May 3–5, 2019

Sacramento Spring Sectional

Orangevale Community Center, Orangevale CA

May 4–5, 2019

SM Intermediate/Newcomer Spring Sectional

Fattoria e Mare, Burlingame CA

May 6–12, 2019

Western Conference Spring Fling STaC

Local clubs

May 17–19, 2019

47th Lone Cypress – Monterey Sectional

Unit 530, Monterey Bridge Center, Marina CA

Regionals

Dec 31, 2018–Jan 6, 2019

Monterey Clambake Regional

Hyatt Regency, Monterey CA

May 27–Jun 2, 2019

California Capital Regional

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel,
Sacramento CA

While I've attended Board meetings over the years as a unit representative, I've only attending one meeting so far as the District Vice-President. I can tell you this so far. The District Board of Directors is composed of up to two representatives from each of the 22 units in the District. The Board meets at least three times a year in connection with regionals it holds, typically in Monterey, Sacramento, and Santa Clara. The Board has four officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President is elected by the Board for a one-year period and can serve no more than two consecutive terms. There are no term limits for the Secretary or Treasurer. Customarily, the Vice-President assumes the Presidency in an uncontested election after two years, while the position of Vice-President is usually contested.

The District Bylaws provide for six standing committees. One is the Executive Committee, consisting of the four District officers, "the District's Representative to ACBL, the Western Conference Representative, the immediate Past President of the Board, and any other persons the President may appoint." The "ExCom," as it's called by its members, exists to provide guidance to the President, who after all only presides at six meetings in two years and may benefit from the experience of others. Typically, the evening before a full District Board meeting, the ExCom meets to review the meeting's agenda.

Two other committees, the Disciplinary and Appellate Committees, both focus on disciplinary matters. As the Disciplinary Chair, I'm glad to say we haven't had the need for a committee hearing for a number of years. What has more impact on most District 21 members is the Tournament Planning Committee, who schedules the regionals held by the District.

In addition to the standing committees, the President may appoint other committees to serve the District's purposes. If you look over the personnel on the D21 website, you'll see a charity program, a youth NABC grant program, a speaker program, and others. I'm still trying to understand the parameters of some of these

less documented programs (except for the youth grants, of which I'm the chair), so I won't try explaining them to you now.

District Regionals

Pam Hughes does a great job boosting the regionals that she organizes. I just want to add a personal note about the recent Sparks/Reno regional. I'm frankly surprised there wasn't more of a turnout, and I hope that's just because it's a newer regional. It's hard to find more affordable rooms than at the host hotel, \$70 nightly during the week and \$100 on weekends. The rooms, at least in the Resort Tower, were quite comfortable. The hotel offered a number of restaurant choices, and it was easy to get a hotel player card yielding a half-price discount on the buffet dinner. Other eateries are also within easy walking distance of the hotel. I suggest you make plans to attend the next time this regional is offered.

Returning to a personal note in closing, I confess I didn't finish this column before game time the day I started it. Instead, I'm skipping bridge after five straight days (my limit anyway) to finish up this column and do some editing of this newsletter, and then check into a Minute Clinic to see if a cure for the common cold has been discovered yet. But I have dinner scheduled with bridge friends, so I can't complain too much, and I am fortunate to experience what might be the last nationals in Hawaii.

District 21 2019 GNTs

By Grant Vance, D21 GNT Coordinator

For the 2019 GNTs, you may enter your team roster on the D21 website, under the link to the appropriate flight. The deadlines for the various flights were initially posted incorrectly. All four flights will have a deadline for entry of one week prior to the beginning of the event. Thanks to Jeff Hack for catching the wrong dates, and Grant Robinson for fixing them!



Monterey Clambake Regional



December 31 - January 6, 2019

Tournament Highlights

- *New Knockouts Daily*
- *SIX Days of 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs*
- *Friday Open Pairs Qualifies to a BAROMETER final*
- *Three Stratified Side Game Series*
- *DAYLIGHT PAIRS*
Tuesday - Saturday at 10 & 3
- *MID-FLIGHT PAIRS Wed-Thurs*
- *Free bridge concepts lectures*
Tuesday-Saturday at Noon
- *Celebrity Speaker Program*
- *Side Games at every 9, 1 & 7:00 session*

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District 21 website is your first resource for our Regionals:

Make hotel reservations
View tournament schedule
Plan your tournament events
Gather general information/directions
www.d21acbl.com

For information contact:

Pam Hughes: jmom380@yahoo.com
District 21 website: www.d21acbl.com
On site tournament info: 408-810-2273
Please comply with D21's Pet Policy. See website for details.
Schedule subject to change.

Intermediate/Newcomer Events

299er Pairs at every session
(stratified based on attendance)

Bridge Concepts Lectures
with Scott Campbell

Tuesday thru Saturday at Noon

Free Student Game on Saturday at 1:00

(0-5mp's)

Nancy Boyd, Director in Charge

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Monterey Clambake Regional

December 31 - January 6, 2019

at the Hyatt Regency Monterey, 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey, CA 93940

Monday, December 31

- 1:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
Cannery Row Stratified Side Pairs 1 of 6
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+
MONTEREY GOLD PAIRS 0-300/300-750**
- 7:00 **BING CROSBY BRACKETED KOs**
Round 1, Continues Tuesday 9, 1 & 730
Cannery Row Stratified Side Pairs 2 of 6
299ers Stratified Pairs

11:00 ZIP KOs - Champagne and Refreshments

Tuesday, January 1

- 9:00 BING CROSBY KOs – round 2
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 1st of 5
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 3 of 6
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+
BIG SUR GOLD PAIRS 0-300/300-750
JACK LEMMON BRACKETED KOs**
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Wednesday 1 & 7
- BING CROSBY KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
299ers Stratified Pairs
Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 4 of 6

Wednesday, January 2

- 9:00 **MONTEREY SWISS TEAMS**, 1st of 2
Continues Thursday at 9am
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 2nd of 5
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 5 of 6
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+
STRATIFIED MIDFLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000
BLUE WHALE GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750
RORY MCILROY BRACKETED KOs**
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Thursday 1 & 7
- JACK LEMMON KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
299ers Stratified Pairs
Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 6 of 6

Thursday, January 3 GOODWILL DAY

- 9:00 **MONTEREY SWISS TEAMS** 2nd of 2
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 3rd of 5
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Tom Watson Strat Side Pairs 1st of 6
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+
STRATIFIED MIDFLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000
CARMEL GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750
STEINBECK BRACKETED KOs**
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Friday 1 & 7
- RORY MCILROY KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
299ers Stratified Pairs
Tom Watson Strat Side Pairs 2nd of 6

Friday, January 4

- 9:00 **MICHELLE WIE SWISS TEAMS**
1st of 2 - Continues Saturday at 9
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 4th of 5
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 3rd of 6
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **OPEN PAIRS Qualifies to a
BAROMETER FINAL**
NQs enter 7:00 Swiss or Side Pairs
- SPANISH BAY GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750
ERNIE ELS BRACKETED KOs**,
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Saturday 1 & 7
- JOHN STEINBECK KOs** – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
299ers Stratified Pairs
Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 4th of 6

Saturday, January 5

- 9:00 **MICHELLE WIE SWISS TEAMS** 2nd
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 5th of 5
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+
DAYLIGHT GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750**
- 1:00 Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 5th of 6
299ers Stratified Pairs
- 1:00 **FREE Student Game 0 – 5 masterpoints**
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
CYPRESS BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS
ERNIE ELS KOs** – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
299ers Stratified Pairs
Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 6th of 6

Sunday, January 6

- EARLY START - 10am - PLAY THRU**
with a short break
- STRATIFIED A/X SWISS TEAMS**
Strat A 4000+ Strat X -0-4000
- 0-2500 ROUND ROBIN TEAMS**
- ◆ No individual player over 2500 mp
 - ◆ Typically brackets of eight, three gold overall places per bracket.
 - ◆ Teams may not withdraw after one session.
- CLINT EASTWOOD FAST STRAT OPEN PAIRS**
2 fast sessions with a short break

Events in **BOLD FACE** are two or more sessions and award **gold points**. Single session events award **red points**.

KO Events with only one Bracket may be Handicapped

Stratified Events Key Unless otherwise posted.

A 2000+ B 750 – 2000 C 0 - 750
Eligibility for Flighted Events based on top player.
Thereafter, stratification based on average of pair/team

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By The Beer Dude

Happy Holiday! I was having too much fun in Myrtle Beach & didn't have much to yak about, anyway, so I zonked out on Nov column. I have more to talk about this time, starting with winning a pre-season bet I made on the Bosox to win the World Series (at 11-1; the profit from which buys a lot of beer). As I write, rain's on the way to rid us of the horrid smoke we've put up with Nov 7-20. May it have been slow & steady for 3 days.

The last STaC of the year runs Dec 3-9; we have club games on 5th & 7th (table fees \$7); Unit Xmas party on the 8th (potluck food 12:15, game starts @ 1 - \$2 if you bring food to share, \$7 otherwise). Onward to the last unreported unit games: Fri 10/5 we drew 6 tables. Prez Joyce & Trudie Sinclair tied for 1/2A w/Eric & Sandi; Lamar & Dick were 3A; Bob Post - Ercan Turken 4A/1B; Dexter-Gordon 2B. Fri 11/2 drew 5.5 tables. Lamar & Dick topped it; Dolores Mackinnon-Chet Young 2A/1B; "H"-Carol Scott 3A; Ray Barber-Inja Hwang 4A/2B; & Jan Kosel-Veda Mason & Joyce Demercurio-Annette Goldberg 3/4B. Last unit games of the year are Fri 14th & Wed 19th.

Welcome newbie Al Abraham, plus transfers-in Tom Foster from Vancouver (most likely WA rather than BC), Florence Siegel (by way of East Bay & LA; she was in 497 after moving to Berkeley from NYC), & Ann Lundstedt from FL; adios Karen Aldridge to East Bay. Anna Mantell moved up to Club Master (20+).

At da club: Joanne Cobeen was Sept MP champ; Dick Walker topped Oct. On the NLM side, Jan Kosel topped Sept, Ercan Turken Oct. Last club game of the year is Fri 12/21 (club championship). We reopen Jan 2; game times will not change from the current 12:15.

The Halloween Instant Matchpoint game produced a lot of freaky hands &, because of the way the game is scored, a freaky result in the standings. I had 8.5 tables & played 9 rounds with E/W sitout. 7 of the 8 N/S pairs (which "H"-Larry Zeni topped) scored 50+%, but only ONE of the 9 E/W pairs did (Eric & Dick, w/a tad over 69%). Best mask award to Gerda Janos; best costume to Carrie Stoltzfus, who dressed as 60's Bob Dylan - her partner (Joe Held) dressed as a female I couldn't identify. Both

had great wigs; Carrie's was tinted purple, Joe's shoulder-length curly dirty blonde. There won't be any pix on the D21 website, as I didn't bring my digital camera - I don't use my smartphone for anything but phone, text, & web searches; all else is from my home computer.

There've been a flurry of e-mail scams lately aimed at unit/district officers (primarily treasurers). Ours got one a few weeks ago. What she got was a demand for payment for "supplies" for an event we never held. She forgot to check it out w/me before responding, but we got lucky & didn't lose any \$\$, thanks to the scammers' carelessness (& I was able to find out enough to be able to file a report w/the FBI, as did our bank). ACBL sent out an alert warning to unit contacts & presidents (why they didn't include treasurers baffles me) a few days after our treasurer fell victim, so I hope all the \$\$-responsible people are getting the info & performing due diligence. Jackie Zayac (D21 Rep to ACBL BOD) will (at my suggestion) address the issue at the Monterey D21 meeting on Jan 5.

Stay safe, don't blow your diets too much, & may 2019 be free of devastating wildfires! Have fun in Monterey if you go - I'll be there for the D21 meeting, whether I play on Fri/Sat is up in the air.

Tweak beerman1949@gmail.com to brag/gripe/suggest; Unit info & game results available 24/7 @ www.berunit497.org.

Diablo Valley

By Lisa Assoni

Christmas, Christmas Christmas cheer, and maybe you'll even see Santa's Reindeer. December 25 is the special day for many. I'll bet there are folks out there who would love to play bridge on Christmas Day. Many religions celebrate in different ways. The modern Santa Claus grew out of traditions surrounding the historical Saint Nicholas (a fourth-century Greek Bishop and gift-giver of Myra.)

Personally, the high expectations that this season brings make a lot of folks unhappy and sad. It can also bring much joy, even though the past may have been sprinkled with sadness. Expecting days full of good cheer, some are disappointed, while others may



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shed tears. Some have no family, friends who are busy, and some never receive any gifts. So it's time to plan and share your talent with others.

Different cultures celebrate this day with different names. However, each one's focus is on sharing, giving and caring. So, if you don't want to sing the holiday blues, get out of your comfort zone, and help someone else.

If you're able, help set the table at church, centers who serve the hungry, and more. Grab your apron, put on some gloves, and clean the bird without a word. Some will cook, others will serve, and most important, it's the mess after that gives us lots of stress.

Just like bridge, I try not to get upset, but I often do. I haven't been keeping my butter knife sharpened, and this dull blade is often smeared to the bottom of the heap. I know that my coming in last made someone else take first. Hard to swallow, but remember, you're not alone if you engage in the game of bridge. Spirits will lift, holidays will pass, and you can count your blessings. Each December 31, I make a joy column of events that etched my soul with happiness.

News can sure travel, and when it's exciting, it needs to be shared. Unit 499 has a monthly newsletter by editor Judy Keilin. There are great tidbits of information for all who play bridge. Try it, you'll like it. Find it at www.diablovalleybridge.com.

Andy Fine once again makes this newsletter dicey. As host of the Tunnel Tournament held in Oakland, we fought a good fight, but were knocked out by a mere few points. That leaves the desired plaque hanging on the Oakland walls. We'll have another go-round next year, and be certain to cook their goose.

We had our super sectional on November 11 and 12. A big applause for the helping hands of Marian Renvall, who shopped till she dropped, but managed to feed the masses with some super snacks. Anne Hollingsworth chaired the event, and did a fine job. Lyn Sacco kept a keen eye for anyone needing assistance. Barbara McKay, always ready to help, secured the bridge site, and Subway. Jackie Zayac, our President, looking fabulous, made sure all hands were on deck.

As noted, lots of organizational skills came into play, and these events couldn't happen without our board members and volunteers. Each pitched in and

made a happy day for all who played. It was greatly appreciated.

OK, so take the chill off, and enjoy the indoors more, cause there's lots of bridge to play, to help stay warm.

And that's what's brewing around with Unit 499. Happy Holidays to All!

East Bay

By Tom Pajak

I hope all of you are in the holiday spirit cuz, you know once Thanksgiving goes by, you'll just race through the rest of good old 2018. I'll never know why time seems to go on turbo drive this season of the year! But before 2019 knocks on our door, remember to make your reservations for the Unit 502 Holiday Banquet happening on Sunday, December 16 at the East Bay Community Bridge Center. The game starts at 1:00 with the banquet following. For just \$10 for unit members and \$15 for non-members you'll get a game of duplicate followed by a complete turkey dinner with hors d'oeuvres, salads, ham, turkey, all the trimmings, desserts, beverages, and other goodies. Everything is homemade by unit members and is guaranteed to be delicious. Space is limited to 48 pairs, so let me know you're coming and make your payment in advance to secure a spot for you and a partner. E-mail: tompajak999@gmail.com.

We've had a whirlwind of special activities occurring lately with many names to mention, so let me begin with the Pro-Am contest from November 3 where Richard Walker & Nick McCully took 1st place N/S with Cathleen Otvos & Allan McAllister in 2nd, followed by Joyce Hart/Mark Kogan in 3rd. Finishing 1st in the E/W direction were David Snyder & Joann Lorber, then Kevin Schoenfeld & Patty Kogan in 2nd, with Kathryn Von Dohre & Carol Alliger ranking 3rd.

As per her usual superlative organizing, once again Susan Boyers waved her magic wand and this event went flawlessly. Kudos to her helpers as well, including John O'Brien who delivered the sandwiches to add to the catered goodies that the players enjoyed.

Believe it or not, EBCBC had its 5th birthday party on October 28 celebrated by a full house of players joining in the fun while the champagne

flowed and the finger food was gobbled up. In the open section, Cathleen Otvos & Allan Harris grabbed 1st N/S while Dave Cartwright & Carol Smith perfected their precision technique to take 1st E/W. In the 299er game Jeri Ram & Sylvia Victoria won, with Mark & Patti Kogan in 2nd place. Special mention and thanks to Linda Kohn for the fantastic cake she created to help celebrate the event.

Still more to report; we held our annual Halloween Swiss game on Oct. 26 awarding all who scratched a combination of gold/black masterpoints for their efforts. Bravo to finishers: in the lead were the team of Neal Mazaroff, Bob Kaplan, Matt Quint, and Ralph Briskin in 1st; Joyce Hart, Sam Mukherji, Carol Warren, Fred Schwartz in 2nd; and the Steven Drucker/Russ Kirschenbaum team taking 3rd place.

Very much enjoyed was the surprise sheet cake donated by Susie & Herbert Chung to make the day that much more festive. A highlight of the day was seeing Sarah Simmerman arrive in her bag-lady costume (complete with various bags) to the delight of everyone.

Swiss anyone? Since we love playing team games, the unit sponsored the Dick Hart Memorial Pizza Swiss game on October 21 with the team of Peter Bonfanti, Grant Vance, Jessica Lai, Dan Kroll grabbing the winning position and a tie for 2nd by Sandi Davis, Barry Kael, Tom McKelvey, John Santibanes against the Bandler, Jerry Weitzner, Joel Teller, and Bob Berger all neck & neck.

Carol Warren organized the kitchen efforts and nobody went home hungry after gobbling up 15 pizzas, multiple salads, homemade cakes and cookies, sodas, and other treats. This group likes to eat! Thanks, Carol, you definitely know how to put on a great party.

Had enough yet? Oh, no, the 6th annual Tunnel Tournament was held on November 4 where our unit and neighboring unit 499 competed for the coveted trophy in a 2-session knock-down drag-out battle with Unit 502 coming out victorious. We've been sponsoring this co-jointly six times and every year it never ceases to be a friendly challenge. Finishers 1st overall in the open section were N/S pairs David Snyder & Ravi Bhalla, Lisa Euphat & Amy Hansell in 2nd, Dave Cartwright & Carol Smith in 3rd, while in the E/W direction were Grant Vance & Jessica Lai in 1st, Andy Fine & John O'Brien in 2nd, with David Geary & Blair Hoffman taking 3rd place. In

the 299er section proud placers were Don Levine & Richard Springer, Haig Agigian & Karen Aldridge, and Suzanne Quick & Lori Rosenthal making their best efforts to make Unit 502 rise to the top of the heap. Well done, everyone.

Wait, there's more! I told you things have been active lately. How about the Oakland Sectional results? In the A/X contest in the morning we saw Nick Wiebe & Sigrid Price in finishing position along with Jessica Lai & Rajeev Gupta. The afternoon session produced Mark Moss & Tom Traschuk in 1st, Grant Vance & Andre Fargeix 3rd, and once again Jessica Lai & Rajeev Gupta in 4th. In the 299er group the morning scratchers were Andy & Carla Shockley, Rod Goree & Helen Burke, Madelaine Georgette & Kennedy Richardson.

The afternoon results showed Marty & Joann Lorber grabbing 2nd, Kathleen Clancy & Marilyn Bookbinder taking 4th, and Fran Friesen & Katy Kahn, with Mark & Patti Kogan all finishing in a respectable spot. The Sunday Swiss resulted in a cascade of noteworthy names placing high in their brackets: Grant Vance, Cris Barrere, Jessica Lai, Norman Marks, Tom McGuire, Glenn Boyce, Dave Pratt, Ed Seputis, John Eidinger, Dave Cartwright, Carol Smith, Cathleen Otves, Joye Sidoti, Steven Drucker, Russ Kirschenbaum, Lili Bassett, Amy Hansell, Sarla Purohit, Lisa Euphrat. Whew! Full results for all tournaments can always be found on the District 21 website if you want to read even more names. If you played in the tournament you can thank organizer Libby Silver and her crew for the tons of work that went into making this event so successful.

Now to welcome a new member to our unit: Virginia Davis, please introduce yourself to us and get a round of applause for your wise decision. Joining Virginia are transfers to U502 Shervin Stoney from Palo Alto, and Karen Aldridge from BER. We're sad to have Jeff and Mary Toman leave us as they relocate to Tennessee, and we still love them and wish them well in their new home.

Advancing in Master rank are Jason Leith & Sandra Maker (Junior), Jolanda Heijnen (Club), Arnita Calloway, Nick McCully, Jeri Ram (Sectional), Robert Joerger (Regional), Larry Bowerman, Lisa Euphrat (Bronze), and Les Friedman (Gold). It takes lots of work and skill to climb this masterpoint ladder and we give all of you sincere congratulations

on your achievements.

Before I end this (whew!) I should remind you that EBCBC is closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but we're having games every Sunday at 1:00. The first and third Sundays are unit games with extra masterpoints, and the other Sundays are regular club-rated games, but each and every Sunday comes with a free lunch for players—so plan on arriving early to help yourself to sandwiches and other treats.

Lastly, we offer our condolences to the families of Otto Eder and Leo Rolandelli who've recently passed away. Otto was a gentle giant at the table, occasionally testy but really sweet down inside. His usual Sunday partner was Gunnar Niemi who could calm Otto down and keep the game running smoothly. Leo played with his lovely wife Patricia and we offer her our deep sympathy for her loss.

I'll be rolling off the Unit 502 board after 16 years, so this is my final column in that regard. Larry Bowerman will be handling next month's so if you have anything of interest to report, let him know and I'm sure he'll be more succinct than I've been. Happy bridging and aces to all of you!

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

Since the Fresno Fall Sectional moved to September this year, there are not as many events in October to report. However, there was one golden event that month, our club appreciation team game. This year, we wanted to make sure that the 5% gold was spread around. Therefore, for the first time since we started having this event, we chose to make it a Pro-Am team game. On October 28, 9 teams were created by a draw right before game time. Nicely, everyone won at least one of the 4 rounds and received some gold (.01/win). Okay, it isn't a lot, but it was fun to get it in the clubhouse, and it was the first gold mps for some in attendance. The winners with 4 wins (.14 gold mps) were Barbara Thacker (Captain), Gary Nelson, Robert Cherry, & Steve Johnson. Congratulations to the winners and all of those that attended. Also, our appreciation to those attendees for producing a great potluck lunch.

A few events are coming up in December and early 2019. In December, probably about the time this article will be posted, is the annual Christmas

party on Sunday, December 2. The luncheon that afternoon is provided by the Board of Directors. This date also serves as the yearly general meeting. If you happen to read this article on 12/1, get yourself a partner and show up for this party.

Back in July we had our "First Annual Poker Night Tournament." This event was so popular that we decided not to wait for a year to go by before we have one again. On Friday, January 25 2019, we will have our next poker night (I guess that would make it biannual). Make plans to join us for this fun fund raiser; you can even invite a family member or friend along as well.

Hope you have also reserved the President's Day weekend (February 15 thru 18) for our Fresno Winter Sectional. The flyers are out, and many players are already setting up partnerships for the four-day event. Start making your plans to join us.

Just 4 pairs earned above 70% in games in October, and all were in Fresno. Three of the games were 99er ones and only one in an Open game. Cheryl Ryder & Ann Keag earned 70.83% in the Saturday afternoon 99er game on 10/6. On 10/16, Walt Kelso & Fred Schellack earned (are you ready for this?) 91.67% in the 99er game on Tuesday evening; yes, it was just 2 ½ tables and 15 boards, but still it was quite a feat. Walt Kelso & Fred Schellack were at it again two weeks later (10/30) when they had a more down to earth 76.67%. Our lone Open game pair were Belva Quattrin & Patricia Delamontanya, when they earned 73.33% in the Saturday afternoon game on 10/20.

Welcome to new Unit 522 member: Robert McIlhatton of Fresno. Start spreading the word that the free, Saturday morning, EasyBridge! lessons are starting on January 12, 2019!

Livermore Valley

By Rosemarie LaFrancesca

We hope you will join us weekly for bridge at the Livermore Bridge Club. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the IOOF Building, 2160 First Street, in Livermore. Parking and entrance are in the rear; an elevator is available. Most games, including extra point games, are only \$6. STAC games are \$8; educational fund games are \$7. Reservations are suggested for the Monday STAC. Players bring food to share; the club provides coffee/tea; a good time is had by all.

Novice Games (0-99 points) are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, and you don't even need a partner. Every "novice" Thursday we will guarantee a partner to any player with fewer than 100 masterpoints. Encourage your bridge-playing friends to give Duplicate Bridge a try! We are happy to see some of our 99ers play on Mondays as well. Keep up the good work, 99ers!

The Livermore Bridge Club website is livermorebridge.com. You will find a calendar of events there; you can also find Paul's bridge tips and publications via pfdubois.com/publish. There are links to neighboring units if you want to travel to your next bridge game.

"Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in prison if I had three cellmates!"
Anonymous

Marin

By Gail Haar

Our unit is richer by several new and transfer members this month. Be sure to greet and welcome Sybil Byrnes, Steven Goldman, Jill Janov, Nancy Riess and Veronica Berlin.



Congratulations to our members who have advanced in rank: Isaac Chotiner (Club Master) and Laura Kenney (Diamond Life Master). Big games this month include Bill & Glenise Sibbern (77.29% at Fuldek Thursday am); Ellen Schiller & Joan Ehmann (73.26% at Fuldek Wednesday pm); Kathy Wolf & Russ Kirschenbaum (70.41% at Belvedere Tuesday am); Azar Riazi & Ed Talmus (70.27% Hoppe Thursday am). Bob & Marsha Sampson won the NAPQ on November 11.

Coming soon! The annual Holiday Party, Potluck, and Benefit for Homeward Bound of Marin is December 9. Registration is required and the game sign-ups (for the 1 PM unit STaC Stratified Pairs game) are going to be done via e-mail again this year. This allows for much better balancing of the field and less opportunity for chaos the day of. The unit pays the card fees of Marin unit members, non-U508 folks will pay the normal STaC fee of \$12. Like last year, Marin unit members will have sign-up priority through Sunday November 25. If you want to register yourself, or you and a partner, or

a whole table, e-mail the ACBL #'s and names to marinbridge.holiday@sonic.net and we'll take care of it. If you don't have e-mail, write your ACBL #, Name, and "Holiday 2018" on a piece of paper and give it to a director at any of our clubs and they'll get it to a board member.

Last year we raised \$70,533, enough money to house, feed and provide job training for almost 5 homeless Marin residents. Let's all make generous contributions at the party this year. If you can't attend, consider sending a check directly to Homeward Bound (1385 N. Hamilton Pkwy., Novato, CA 94949) and make sure to note on it "From ACBL Unit 508, Marin."

Mark your calendar with this Fuldek news from Director Henry Kingdon. Beginning the evening of Wednesday, Nov 28, the Fuldek evening game start time will be 15 minutes earlier: at 6:15 PM. This permanent change will allow an additional round, so we can play at least 20 boards - hurray! To encourage folks to try out our new start time, the Nov. 28, 6:15 PM game will have been an upgraded club championship for even more masterpoints.

And remember these wise words from Eddie Kantar - When two possible defenses present themselves to defeat a contract, both equally likely, select the simpler. (Unless you are looking to make an appearance in a newspaper column.)

Modesto/Merced/Sonora

By Gail Vick

Bruce Ruskin & Chris Brown were the top players, 1st in A with 66%, for the second half of October, followed by Judy Remmers & Connie Arnold for 1st in B & C at 62.80%. In the Sunday Beginning/Intermediate group, Barbara Page & Connie Arnold were 1st in A with 63.10%, and finishing 1st in B with 50.93% were Barbara Barnewolt & Betty Beard.



During the first half of November, Dee Alexander & Pam Sands were 1st in both A & B with 68.89%, Pat Gallo & Barbara Bogart were 1st in C with 57.87%. The beginning & intermediate group top scores were Judy Remmers & Marilyn Tallent 1st in A with 62.64%, and Sherrie Barakatt & Lorraine Bocks taking 1st in both B & C with 55.08%.

On November 11, Veterans Day, we had a Pro-Am unit game, 10 tables. Jan Mastenbrook provided a bountiful early Thanksgiving luncheon of turkey, ham, cranberries, several healthy salads and vegetables, everything to keep us healthy, nutritious and delicious!

It was such a surprise and everyone was certainly grateful! Libby Longstreth provided another of her homemade, gourmet cakes, for "Raj's 93rd birthday, November 4," a fresh raspberry filled mega layer cake with cream cheese frosting. A bakery could not have baked this cake, only our in house gourmet baker, Libby! Overall winners were Ray Adams & Lorraine Bocks 1St in A, and Barbara & Jim Page 1st in both B & C.

Monterey

By Mary Block

As many of you are aware, the Monterey Bridge Educational Foundation was created to provide bridge education to new and returning players of all ages, with the goal of bringing new members into our bridge club.

Our other primary goal is to raise substantial funds that will help provide the club with a new facility in the future, expecting that our surrounding area will continue to be developed and the club will be forced to relocate. We have done this via a 501(c)3 tax-deductible organization, separate and apart from the unit. We encourage our members to make tax-deductible donations and consider the Foundation in your estate planning and year-end tax preparation. We appreciate it!!

The Foundation's annual fund-raising Halloween game had 11 ½ tables. There were a lot of fabulous costumes and if you missed it, don't miss it next year. Even if you don't wear a costume, come and see your fellow players all dressed up. The Foundation hosted the free lunch at 11:30 and the game started at 1:00. The game was stratified and 22 players earned points led by Trulee Ricketts & Helen Rubin with 3.21, Sue Finley & Kathy Gray came in 2nd with 2.41 and Louise Barnard & Fran Soskins with 1.81. Congratulations to all those who placed and thank you to everyone who attended.

The current Easybridge! series has ended, with 12 blossoming new players learning this fabulous

game. We expect that they will transition into one or more of our club games. There will be another series early next year, so begin thinking of any friends or relatives who would enjoy learning our game. As an adjunct to our Easybridge! series, we encourage our participants and newer players who want to practice in a relaxed, supervised, and no-pressure 'Shuffle & Play' on Thursdays between 2:30-4:30 in the back room. It's free and Hetty Eddy is here to assist and answer questions.

This year, because of the Clambake Schedule, the New Year's Eve party will be in the Eve of New Year's Eve. Social hour starts at 3:30 p.m., followed by the game at 4:15 and a dinner break at 6:30. The champagne bottles will be popped at 8:45 in time for a safe return home. The cost, including bridge and Chinese buffet dinner is \$17 each. Call Lyde for partner or questions at 626-4796. Sign up at the Bridge Center.

Speaking of the Clambake, volunteers are needed to assist at the Hospitality table (they used to call it a desk, but it really is a table). Only a brief commitment, before or after your playing, is required, and the service is much appreciated. Our unit has a great reputation for friendliness.

We have one transfer into the unit to report, Mary Layman, from Sacramento. And we have one rank upgrade, Ellie Satow, to Junior Master.

We are www.montereybridgeclub.com (831)384-7800. I am maru0407@comcast.net. The Foundation is <http://montereybridgeeducation.org>.

Napa/Solano/Sonoma

By Tom Sheehan

Okay, let's start off by talking about what we do best, and that's having a good time! Our annual holiday party will be on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Sonoma club. The club will provide a turkey and ham and we will all bring a side dish. Please bring your dish to the kitchen when you arrive. You don't want to miss this event as it is one of the best of the year.

Holiday schedule: There will be no games on Dec. 24, 25, or 26. There will be games on Monday Dec. 31 and Wednesday Jan. 2, but no game on Tuesday Jan 1.

We lost two players this month. Anna Webster passed away way too young from her respiratory

problem that she has had for years. Anna was a very good person who was a delight to be around.

We also lost Molly Johnston's mother Elaine who passed away at age 95. She was one of the sweetest people I've ever known and everyone would make it a point to say hello to her when she played in our games. Molly, Marsha, and I always played as a team in Swiss events and it was one of our favorites games of the year.

At age 95, she also played seven hours in our Sectional Pairs game last summer. They will both be missed by all!

Get well to John Coulston! It's great to hear that John is doing well after suffering a heart attack in Portland. He is on the Sonoma Board and helps make our special events as memorable as they are with all the work he puts in. He's an all around good guy and it will be great to see him back at the tables.

Congratulations to Peg Remaklus on becoming a Life Master! Peg has persevered over the years at various tournaments collecting all the colored points she needed before getting her 300th point. We're all very happy for her!

There wasn't much sharing in the October club games as there were a lot of double winners. In Rio Vista, it was Sue Vogtlin & Bob Lohse winning twice. Sue also was on the winning side in a Swiss Teams event pairing up with Lois Brunsen, Scott Clyde, & Lynn Fortner. John Shick & Alan Morris and Anna Ulrich & Christine Balaguer won the other 2 games.

Dan Harp won twice in the Napa games, once with Anita Pensler and once with Richard Tebay. Theila Smith also won twice, once with Steve Mercer and once with Al Iapicca. The unit games went to Gerry Fox & Tom Jacobson and Clyde & Kathleen Smith.

Bill Wells & Shirley Wilkinson won twice in Sonoma as did Clyde & Kathleen Smith. Other winners were Gerry Fox & Tom Jacobson, Jim & Frances O'Brien, Theila Smith & Nancy Rude, Don Powell & Randy Hoyle, and Lee Grams & Bruce Emmons who had a very nice 70% game.

They spread the wealth around in the Tuesday 499 game with Barbara Storrie & Judy Brodsky, Ron & Jean Hoffman, Donna Sjolund & Karen Albertson, Helen Herbaugh & Marge Sheridan, and Dick Hale & Willa Mundell all in the winner's circle.

Happy Holidays to all!

Palo Alto

By Carolyn Chaney

Faithful Readers: So sorry I didn't make my deadline last month; I was way too relaxed after my vacation in French Polynesia, where I got to swim with sharks, no, not the bridge-expert sharks we swim with in Palo Alto. These were white tipped reef sharks and not very hungry, whew! I had a whale of a time; I got to swim with Humpbacks, too.



Our great Unit 503 Holiday Party is coming up on Sunday, December 16 from 11:30 - 4:00. Grab your partner, bring a pot luck salad, side or dessert to share (the unit will supply the ham and turkey and drinks), and also some cash or a check for the Community Services Agency. Gift cards are also more appreciated than toy donations for the CSA Holiday Sharing program because they allow parents more dignity and the opportunity to purchase gifts they know their children will enjoy. This year we will have the unit game and party in our Bridge Center space, so we are limited to 50 tables. Sign up on-line soon so you don't miss it.

Save the Date: Robert Todd, professional player, teacher, and sought-after lecturer at regional and NABC tournaments will be our Palo Alto Bridge Celebrity Speaker on Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. He will share his winning techniques on slam bidding as well as insights on trump management. The early bird registration fee is only \$85 per person through April 17 and lunch is included. Space is limited so sign up at: paloaltobridge.org.



Robert Todd

Alert (Blue Card), there are some changes afoot in our Bridge Center schedule. First, the Shoreline Club will have its last game, a club appreciation game, on December 15. Thanks to Paul Davis and Gerry MacDonald for running this Saturday game for the past few years.

Second, John Schwartz's Thursday JCC game will be moving to our BC (bye bye JCC parking mess) and combining with Will Watson's game, beginning in December. Game time is noon (come earlier for a bite of lunch), and there will be both limited and

open sections.

P.S. I tried to combine John and Will's pictures above, but I wasn't too successful, so use your imagination, or maybe not.

Congratulations to all the Palo Alto bridge winners; too many to name. We had some high scores in our non-Life Master sectional in November and a number of really big games at clubs; check out our web site's Winner's Circle. And I hope y'all read in the Bridge Bulletin about the SiVY kids' triumph in China, winning the Under-16 Bronze Medal. Congratulations to Michael Hu, Arthur Zhou, Michael Xu, Jonathan Yue and Rory Xia (plus Harrison Luba from Massachusetts; how did you meet up with our SiVY guys, Harrison?). Finally, a big YAY for our newest Life Master, Daniel Claassen!



Daniel Claassen

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season, and may we all have a really big game in the New Year.

Reno

By Sandy Powell

Happy Holiday Party! The unit will host its annual holiday party on Sunday, December 9 at @4:00 following Sunday's game. The club will provide appetizers and desserts. BYO. Free for all ACBL members. This includes ACBL members from other clubs. \$5 for non-ACBL guests. We especially would like to encourage those of you in Carson and at the Lake to join in the festivities, playing in the Sunday game at 1:00 or, if that is not possible, to at least join us for the party.

Though I can't give a guarantee, I will be asking the board at the December meeting to authorize a free play for anyone who brings a home-made appetizer or desert to augment the club's spread. To calculate the food we need to purchase, please RSVP on the whiteboard at the club by Dec. 2 or email powllsndy8@aol.com. Thanks. Looking forward to a fun event!

And continuing the stories of achievement; Jefri Donovan, Bronze Life Master. Jefri Donovan started playing bridge at age 14 because her parents, just learning the game, needed a fourth. Excited by the

game, she continued to play in college; too much, according to her parents who thought she should be studying more and playing less. But, despite parental fears, she did earn her degree at the University of Washington. Bridge was put aside for marriage, children, and career. Seattle was home for more than 40 years.

Jefri loves competition, the outdoors and sports. An athletic coach (swimming and gymnastics) for over 30 years, she and her husband moved to Sun Valley Idaho in 2002 when her husband Dennis retired. Now with time again, Jefri joined the ACBL in 2008 and began playing duplicate. She says: "The competition of a duplicate game is what makes the game fun for me. What I like most about the game is the constant challenge it presents."

Much as Jefri loved Sun Valley, driving 75 miles to the nearest Costco began to get a little tedious. She and Dennis looked at Reno and said, we can indulge our love of outdoor activities there and live in an urban setting with the amenities it provides. So, they packed their bags and landed in Reno in 2014.

It is here at the Reno Bridge Club where Jefri's game really took off. When she arrived, Jefri only had around 140 masterpoints. Now, she is a Bronze Life Master. She attributes her exponential improvement to the opportunity to play many times a week; the quality of the bridge players here which forced her to "up" her game; the proximity of tournaments; and mentoring.

It is Jefri's mantra that "if you want to be a better bridge player, you must compete against the best." Without the mentoring she received at the Reno Bridge Club, "I never would have earned my Bronze Life Master."

In the 4 short years Jefri has called Reno and our club home, her contributions have been significant. Her love of teaching drew her into Reno Youth Bridge. She served on the board for 3 years before taking over as President. All you have to do is walk into the club on a Youth Tournament Day to understand how phenomenally successful she has been in that endeavor.

We are glad Jefri decided to trade the outdoor life of Idaho for playtime at Lake Tahoe and the Sierra.

This month's high scores: 68.75%, Satish Gupta & Elizabeth Jenkins (overall) and 68%, Brad Stone & Sandy Powell (299er).

Sacramento

By Dennis Uthe

I try to play golf twice a week. For those of you who do golf, you might not recognize my game as golf; perhaps whiff or a verbal *x#@! would be a more appropriate term. In any case, one day a buddy and I showed up for our tee time at Woodcreek Golf Course. When I went to check in and pay my green fee, the person behind the desk said “You have a \$50 voucher. Would you like to use that to pay your fee?” “What? Where did that come from?” “I don’t know”, said the employee, “Someone just left it for you.” Being stunned, I said “Sure, I’ll use it” and on I went for another sterling round of golf.

On another occasion, I was driving back home from the Bay area and had to pass over the Carquinez bridge, and as you know, a toll bridge. As I pulled up to the toll booth to pay, the attendant said “the person in the car ahead of you paid for you.” “What” I said, “that’s great” and drove off.

Recently on our neighborhood web site, someone posted “Thank you to whomever paid our bill this evening at the Thai Pepper Restaurant. It was such a nice gesture.”

Are you wondering why I’ve brought up these different incidents that have nothing to do with bridge? Well, being bridge players and therefore astute people, it’s obvious I’m talking about “Paying it forward”, or my lack of doing so! When I received that golf voucher, I didn’t share it with my golf buddy. When someone paid my bridge toll, I didn’t pay for the car behind me. (And just to be clear, I had nothing to do with the ladies’ restaurant bill.)

In these instances of me not “paying it forward”, was I unthinking, uncaring, or stingy? Well, you will have to decide for yourself, but I’m choosing “unthinking.” I just didn’t think about what I could have done for someone else.

There are mentor/mentee programs at Folsom Bridge Club, Sacramento Bridge Club and Lincoln Hills Bridge Club. They exist to help “newbies” learn and improve their game. And we, as long term players, need to “pay it forward” and help these newer players.

And, as a side benefit, we would be helping our beloved game survive and thrive. Don’t be like me, unthinking or uncaring, or stingy with your time. Pay it forward and volunteer to mentor when you

can. You can sign up at FBC or contact Roz Flynn. For SBC, you can contact Miriam Steinberg. They would love to hear from you.

Switching gears here, I would like to give a “Shout out” to all the club directors. It is a time consuming job and not necessarily well appreciated. Likewise, let’s thank all the board members. They work behind the scenes, devoting their time and energy to keeping the clubs supported, members informed, and sectionals going. We have a thriving unit due to the all of the above people.

And lastly, happy holidays!

San Francisco

By Kimberly Fanady

On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer and Vixen! On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen! There’s lots of holiday bridge to be played!



Have Santa’s reindeer drop you off at Unit 506’s annual Holiday Potluck and Pairs, on December 22. The game is at the usual location, St. Mary’s Cathedral at Gough & Geary, and all are welcome. Bring some festive treats, put on some festive wear, and come enjoy the holiday spirit among friends. The clubs will be hosting holiday games and parties as well; check their websites for dates and details.

STAC week comes down the chimney with a bag full of silver points during the week of December 3-9. Most clubs are participating, so come on out and give yourself the holiday gift of silver points. Be sure to leave cookies and milk by the fireplace for your directors and club managers.

Looking ahead to the New Year, the always fantastic San Francisco Winter Sectional will be played January 12-13, 2019 at the Janet Pomeroy Center. Unit 506ers, get out there and represent! Start planning to play at your hometown tournament and the best sectional around now.

One somber note amidst our holiday cheer: we sadly say goodbye to Unit 506er Eleanor Parker, who passed away suddenly in early November. Eleanor was the quintessential bridge junkie: she picked up the game about 15 or so years ago, immediately became totally hooked, knew everyone and played

all the time. After her health limited her time at the clubs, she kept BBO in business. Log on pretty much any time of the day or night, and there was Eleanor, bidding away. She served a term or two on the QuickTricks Board of Directors, and one of her proudest bridge achievements was organizing a Superstar Raffle game as a fundraiser for the club after it lost its longtime home and was desperately searching for a new venue. Thanks in part to her efforts, the club turned the corner and is still going strong today. Always a presence, she will be missed. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Congratulations to this month's rising stars: new Junior Masters Cynthia Molstad and Joanne Stack; Club Masters Carolyn Johnston, Liz Koh, James Levin, Gail Mejeur, and Margaret Wu; Regional Masters Christine Furnas and Frank Mainzer; Life Master Deborah Drysdale; Silver Life Master Kris Wong; and Ruby Life Master Libby Noronha. Congrats, everyone!

Welcome to our new member Rose Neal; and transfer Chad Julian (Saddleback/So Calif). Be sure to say season's greetings when you meet them at the table.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season to our San Francisco bridge community. Fill a Christmas stocking, spin a Chanukah dreidel, dance around a tree for the winter solstice! May your days be merry and bright.

San Mateo

By Fran Gaura

As the holiday season moves into high gear, Unit 498 continues to schedule games to lure our inveterate players out of their warm homes and into our friendly venues.

The most recent unit game was held on November 17 at Fattoria e Mare. Forsaking the turkey theme in favor of a holiday brunch, players were treated to a buffet before game time followed by the annual unit meeting in which new board members were named and out-going board members were bid adieu. The board, which assumes its responsibilities January 2019, was approved by acclamation of members in attendance. The board is: President, Janelle Van Rensselaer; Vice-President, Fran Gaura; Secretary, Cathy Johnson; Treasurer, Sue Papilion; Loren Charlton, Joanne Lewin, Vaughn Patterson, Bob Gleason, and

past president, Jackie Lowenberg. Thanks for their dedication and support through a successful 2018 to outgoing members: Ted Richmond, Marge Pacchetti, Lorelei Greenfield. and Marc Renson.

At the meeting, the Schmitz Award was made to Virginia Wailes. Joseph Schmitz was a pillar of Unit 498, a gentleman and admired player, who modeled good manners and perfect behavior at the table. Virginia Wailes, past president, is the deserving recipient of the 2018 award for her warmth and polite behavior. Like her predecessor, she is truly an ambassador of bridge.

First place winners at the November 17 game in the open section were Edward Hornung and Virginia Wailes; in the 499er section, Ford and Rula Tamer; and in the 0-20 section, Marie Horn and Carol Hockady. It was another great day for the beginner section which had 7 full tables of enthusiastic newer players who energized the gathering.

The final unit game of 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, December 15 at Fattoria. This is the traditional Holiday Party for unit members and is sure to be an appropriate, upbeat close to the year. This event will use the Swiss Teams format, so enlist your best fellow players to make up a team and plan to attend. The invitation and details are available on the unit website, and preregistration is vital.

The last afternoon Mentor game of 2018 will be held at Bayshore on December 20. Please contact Ted Richmond if you wish to play in this game: tedteddyr@att.net. The final evening Unit Mentor game of 2018 was held at Fattoria on November 29 under the capable direction of Jennifer Kuhn. The first game of the new year in the evening mentor series will be held on January 31, 2019, at Fattoria. This series has received such great positive comments that a full house is possible so make your plans asap and let Jennifer know that you wish to be included as either a Mentor or Mentee. Contact Jen at www.peninsuladbc.com.

The Chinese American Bridge Club will hold the last game of 2018 on Sunday, December 9 at 10:00 AM at the Bayshore Bridge Club.

A warm welcome to new Unit 498 members: Tom Budd, Melanie Carlascio, Gail Hirsch, Pamela Pontius, and Jeffrey Schubiner. And congratulations to players advancing over the past months: to Junior Master, Weihong Tao and Huiwen Yang; to Club Master, Jeanne Urich; to Sectional Master, Kathy Hamilton; and to Regional Master, Donna Pellegrini.

Santa Cruz

By Karen Schamberg

We've been enjoying the colorful art on the walls. Our admiration and thanks go to Susan Benich, Pam Benz, Janet Tainty and Nancy Wainer. Amazing how their four very different styles, medium, and subjects blend so well. Special thanks go out to Kris Smith for the colorful new table cover she made for our refreshment table.



New refreshment table cover at the club

Master Milestones this month were attained by: John Oppenheimer, NABC; Michael Modest, Regional; Michael Burk, Sectional; and Betsy Allen, Sheri Norbosh, and Carolyn Watanabe, Junior Masters.

Hey Lani Ray, good work taking a first in the Saturday Open Pairs at the Saratoga Fall Sectional and finishing in the top 10% of MP winners. Way to go.

Our annual meeting will be Saturday, December 1. Game begins at 10 a.m. with a free lunch for Unit 550 members. The new board of directors will be announced with many thanks to retiring board members.

The SCBC Holiday Party is Saturday, December 8. Game begins at 10 a.m. and the unit is hosting a full meal at the break. Both game and lunch are free for Unit 550 members. Be sure to sign up for the Holiday Party so we can get a meal count.

Unit 550 offers games most days and several evenings. There are games for every level of player.

Open Pairs games are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday daytimes and Thursday evenings. The Monday evening game is for 199er Pairs, Tuesday evening welcomes 749ers, Wednesday evening is a 99er Pairs game and Sunday afternoon is a NLM or Mentor game. There are loads of lessons offered for all levels of play. Breaking news; Beginning in January, Nancy Wainer will be offering daytime beginner classes for the first time in many years. Contact Nancy for further information.

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Judy Nielsen and fondly remember her kind and gentle nature. We lost another friend in November, Kelvin Pierce, who died just short of his 100th birthday. Our condolences go out to their families.

Did you know that we have a Sunshine Lady at Unit 550? If you would like the unit to send a greeting card to someone who is ill or in need of encouragement, if a member needs our support, or just to know that they are missed, contact Diana Schilling.

The Santa Cruz Bridge Education Foundation is hosting an ACBL Best Practices Teacher Workshop on December 29 & 30. As one of only four in the USA, it's already sold out. Congratulations to Susan Slinger and Ken Llacera for organizing this.

As a reminder, the SCBC is a fragrance-free venue. Please use unscented, non-perfumed products. To see the Unit 550 schedule and calendar, to get information on our Mentor Program, or to contact one of our club owners, please visit our website at www.santacruzbridge.org.

Santa Rosa/Petaluma

By Cecelia Zachar

'Tis the Season, as they say. We've taken the time to give thanks for all we have in this life at Thanksgiving; we look forward to celebrating our love for our fellow man later this month, and we reflect on how well we expressed that love at year's end. I hope all is well for you and your family this year. Being so close to the fires in Paradise, Ca, and the towns close by, we who suffered the fires of 2017 feel very sad for our neighbors to the northeast and wish the best for them.

I hope you all are looking forward to your unit's annual holiday party as we do. Ours will be at the Oakmont Golf and Country Club as it was last year,

but this year we will be enjoying a lavish brunch instead of luncheon before our annual meeting.

Kathy Juarez will be offering Learn Bridge in a Day?®, the new ACBL class for beginners, on Saturday, January 19, 2019, from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Bridge Gallery in Santa Rosa. Do you have friends who always wanted to learn to play bridge but never had the time? Who would like to update the bridge they learned in college? Who are curious about this game that you love? Perhaps you would like to gift them the class which costs \$40. For more information, see <http://santarosabridge.com/classes/>.

There was only one 70%+ game since the last issue. In Oakmont, Fikry Galal and Hugh Kellogg scored 75.59% on November 9. Way to go!

Seven players moved up in rank in October. Our newest Junior Master is Herschel Cozine. Our four new Sectional Masters are Jim Duport, Judy Duport, Henry Gaw, and Lawson James. Patricia Dunbar is our new Regional Master, and Mark Hersko is now a Gold Life Master. Congratulations all!

We in Unit 509 have been saddened by the sudden death of our friend, Chris Flindt. A Gold Life Master, Chris won both the Ace of Clubs and the Mini-McKinney awards for Unit 509 in 2017. The Bridge Gallery will be holding a non-sanctioned individual pairs game in Chris's memory on January 20 with a potluck at noon followed by bridge at 1 p.m.

On a lighter note, on November 13, Barbara Curley was playing with Laura Camm at the Bridge Gallery when Barbara bid 7H and made it. Barbara excitedly said, "I've never bid a grand slam before. This is my first!" To which Laura said, "There are wonderful new experiences to be had even at 90."

Silicon Valley

By Ray Yuenger

Our fall sectional had another nice turnout. Kevin Rosenberg was a star, winning the two-session pairs on Saturday with his father, Michael, after winning the Friday evening open pairs with another partner. Mary Steele & Brenna Wundram were first in their stratification in the



Friday open pairs and Arif Janjua & Clark Millikan tied for a section top with Panette Talia & Ray Yuenger. Rajeev Mulye and Wei-Cheng Kuo tied for a strat top in a single-session pairs game, while Fran Dickman & Ted Ujifusa had a section top.

In limited pairs events, Chung Lao was first in the Saturday two-session silver rush pairs and Tillie Myers & Susan Dietz had a section top. In the Friday pairs, Carolyn Drozdiak tied for a strat top with Joanne Corbleet & Linda Kenigsberg while Donna Webb & Gail Meikle had a section top. In Saturday 299er pairs games, Joanne & Linda took first, while strat tops went to Ann Blach, Rakesh Gupta & Murarka Prabhu Dayal, and Min Bai & Brandon Ge.

Arif Janjua & Clark Millikan's team was first in the X strat, while the teams of Dee Ann Hansen & Brenna Wundram and Jie-Ren Shih & Chao-Hung Chen were first in their respective brackets.

I regret to announce that the West Valley College Event Center venue will no longer be available for Unit 507 sectionals. The unit board has been looking for a new venue. If you're aware of a location that offers about 4,700 square feet and 280 chairs for two weekends a year, please let me know.

In news of other tournaments, at the Ventura regional, Ed Becker had a section top in a gold rush pairs event.

In a non-Life Master event in Mountain View, Dorr Clark & Jennifer Duval won a pairs game. At the Diablo Valley sectional, Yul Inn's team placed first overall, while Xin Ge, Min Bai & Brandon Ge and Evan Teehan placed first in their respective brackets. At the East Bay sectional, Roy Tsai & Marie Chong had section tops in two limited pairs games.

While assuming new duties as executive editor of this newsletter, in September I simply forgot one of my existing duties as a unit columnist, namely to report on the August STAC results, until a reader reminded me.

The following unit members had games exceeding 65%: Betty De Paola & Fran Dickman, Anne Boboricken & Ed Barlow, Michael Fleisher, Mischel Postas & Thomas Feury, Betty Rosa & Barbara Dahl, Betty De Paola & Bob Ritz, Sadik Arf & Luen-Jyh Luo, Jennifer Duval & Dorr Clark, and Mindy Foos & Michael Fleisher.

Congratulations to our unit's newest Masters: Kathryn Apgar, David Bao, Robert Williams (Junior); Ed Becker (Sectional); Linda Kenigsberg (Regional); Murty Ponnappalli (Bronze Life).

Unit 507 just held its annual holiday party. We tend to schedule it before the holiday season gets into full swing. 22.5 tables turned out for a tasty potluck dinner. First overall were Peggy Sprague & Bud Biswas. First overall in the B & C strats and 2nd overall were Amar & Susama Chunder.

Earning sections tops were Fran Dickman & Ted Ujifusa and Mansoor Gowani & Marshall Yancey. First in the limited section were Sandra Ericksen & Mike Wyman with Sue Ritz & Ruth Long first in their strat.

There's been a change on the unit board. The board named Doug Hong to return to fill a vacancy created because a residential move has made it difficult for Ken Rosenfeld to continue attending the monthly meetings. Thanks to Ken for his hard work on the board, particularly his role in having new cabinets installed in the San Jose Bridge Center.

It's hard to believe I'm already writing a December column. I hope you've each had a year that will yield pleasant memories.

Stockton

By Debbie DeZarn

Season's Greetings to all Stockton unit members! The holiday season started well with a great turnout for the unit game/Thanksgiving potluck dinner on November 18. Overall winners were Usha Bansal and Mary Hill at over 66%. The next 3 places were extremely tight at 59%. I think many of us were beginning to enter a food coma from the turkey, ribs, and tons of salads, desserts and side dishes, but Usha and Mary stayed on task to find the best contracts.

Korey Baumbach has added to his directing duties by agreeing to take over the weekly game at Oak Park. He is the one to call for reservations and partners at 209-933-1563. We thank Ken Hillman for all his years of dedication in growing the Oak Park Bridge Club, missing only 2 Wednesdays in five years! Ken will still be playing but can sit back and bid and play his hands without constantly



jumping up when hearing the familiar "director please."

Let's all give our support to Korey as he takes on this challenging new role which sometimes can be like herding cats. The Oak Park Holiday Potluck will be December 19 so please bring your items before 11 a.m. Entrees and savory dishes are always appreciated. It is also a club championship game with extra masterpoints!

New rank achievements this month include Shirley Burns who reached Club Master! She and husband Mike have been playing most Mondays for several months and during the last few weeks they have scored near the top. Also in November, Bill and Ann Nutting reached Emerald Life Master status (7500 points) placing high in a sectional Swiss Teams event. Congratulations!

With two months left to accumulate masterpoints, the Stockton unit has a few players in the top 25 of the entire District 21 for the Mini-McKenney Races: Lynette Foppiano, Wendy Buchanan, Debbie DeZarn, Bill and Ann Nutting, and Howard Parker III. The current standings for our Unit 510 Mini-McKenney races are posted on the bulletin board at the Stockton Bridge Center.

A free course for new bridge players will begin at Delta College on February 25, 2019 on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. It will be taught by Jon Bearg who says the first 5 sessions are very basic and the remaining 4 will be slightly more advanced. Lorna Crooks' intermediate duplicate bridge class will be held on December 11 at the Stockton Bridge Center from 12:30-3:00 p.m. You can contact her directly to learn what the topic will be. Our next 99er game will be February 5 and monthly thereafter, but before then the Modesto Club will hold 99er games on December 18 and January 15, just 45 minutes further south.

STaC (Sectional Tournament at Club) week begins December 3 at the Stockton bridge center with additional silver point games on December 7 and 9. Several players are so close to their next rank needing just a few more silver points so don't miss these games! The December 9 STaC game will not be a potluck and play begins at 1 p.m., but the regular Sunday unit game will be December 16 with a full-on Holiday Potluck at 1:00 and play beginning at 1:30, and there will be a game on New Years' Eve, perhaps with a toast at noon!



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Are you thinking of teaching bridge? Or, are you already a bridge teacher and want to improve/update your skills? Come to the ACBL's **Best Practices Teacher Workshop**, December 29th & 30th, hosted by Unit 550 and the Santa Cruz Bridge Education Foundation at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center.

- Try new ways of teaching & exchange feedback in small groups!
 - Join the vanguard of Best Practices Teachers
 - Earn accreditation as an ACBL Best Practices Teacher! (Extra Charge)

Here's what teachers are saying about the workshop:

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--- Participant quotes from the Philadelphia and Atlanta NABC workshops

Teacher Options

- ❖ ***Best Practices Teacher Workshop*** For teachers seeking ACBL certification and others interested in updating their teaching dynamics. Duration: 1 ½ days.

Date & Time: Saturday, December 29, 8am-5pm and Sunday, December 30th, 8am-noon.

Fee: \$75 (\$50 Unit 550 members)

- ❖ ***Best Practices Proficiency Demo's*** For those seeking an ACBL *Best Practices Teacher Certification* (participation in a BP Teacher Workshop required). Duration: 20 minute per teacher.

Date & Time: Sunday, December 30th, 2-6pm.

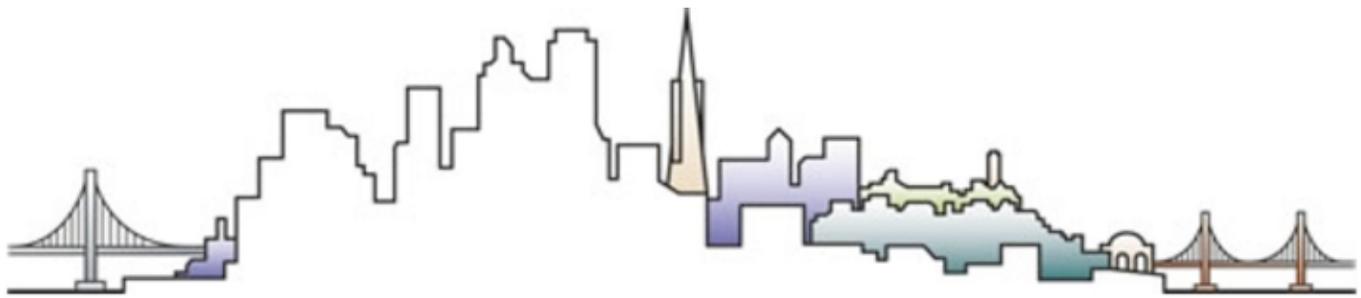
Fee: \$25.

For more information about BP Teacher Workshops, visit acbl.org/bpteacher

To register for the BP Teacher Workshop in Santa Cruz contact:

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January 12 & 13, 2019

Janet Pomeroy Center

207 Skyline Blvd San Francisco

SATURDAY

10:30 am

Two Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-750/2000/+

Single Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-500/1500/+

Single Session Newcomer Pairs
Stratified at 0-20/50/100

Single Session 499'er Pairs
Stratified at 0-100/300/500
No player can have more than 500 MP

3:00 pm

Second Session Open Pairs

Single Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-200/500/+

Single Session Newcomer Pairs
Stratified at 0-20/50/100

SUNDAY

10:30 am

Bracketed Swiss Teams
4 rounds - 7 boards per Round
Brackets based on average number of
masterpoints for a team. Each team plays
the other teams in its bracket except any
team can choose to play in the top bracket

Single Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-50/300/+

FREE Single Session Novice Pairs

0-10 Masterpoints only **(NO TABLE FEE!)**

3:00 pm

Second Session Swiss Teams
3 Rounds - 7 Boards per Round

Single Session Open Pairs (24 boards)
Stratified at 0-200/500/+

Strata for pairs events based on masterpoint average for the two players

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Per Session: \$12 Members *\$16 Unpaid Members *Half price for students under 25 yrs of age

LUNCH on both days provided by pre-purchased meal ticket at time of entry. \$5.00 sandwiches & side

Free coffee, tea and snacks

No need to pre-register, just show up! See www.unit506.org for directions to Pomeroy Center

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