

# DIAMOND

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ACBL District 21 Newsletter

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## District 21 Regionals

*By Pam Hughes, Regional Tournament Manager*

Thanks to everyone who came to play at the California Capital Regional! You all helped make it a big success.

Next up: the All Western Championships in Santa Clara, August 27 through September 2, at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara. This is always a fun tournament with one of our biggest turnouts for some of our best events! The new mid-flight pairs have been such a success that we're



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offering them on three days: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There are also a whopping six days of the ever popular Gold Rush Pairs! Of course we have new knockouts starting daily (with the exception of the final day), side games and 299er pairs at every 9:00, 1:00, and 7:00 session, and Daylight Pairs Wednesday through Saturday. Don't forget our Main Event for this tournament: the two-day All Western Open Pairs Championship. A full tournament schedule is available on both

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## What's All This About Webs?

*By Tom Pajak, District 21 President*

Duplicate bridge is a contest. One pair's results will be compared to all other pairs' results to see who got the best score once the game ends. Sounds fair and easy, right? Whoops, not so fast!



Think of a twelve table pairs game where the director distributes three boards on each of the twelve tables to start the contest. That's 36 boards in play, but none of those pairs will be playing all 36 hands. Nine rounds of three boards equals 27 hands played. Simple math will tell you that all pairs won't even see nine of the hands that several other pairs in the room have played.

How can there possibly be a truly fair comparison of results when you're measured on only a percentage of boards in play? Perhaps you were supremely unlucky and were challenged by the nine most difficult hands in the game, while some other lucky pair never encountered not even one of those experts who played the nine hands that you missed; fair? Not at all! What kind of comparison is that?

Here's what comes to the rescue, a web movement. The web movement was invented by director John "Spider" Harris in the 70's.

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# Upcoming Tournaments

## Sectionals

**Jul 3–7, 2019**

**Firecracker Supersectional**

Palo Alto Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

**Jul 11, 2019**

**Fresno July 750 Sectional**

Fresno Bridge Center, Fresno CA

**Aug 3-4, 2019**

**San Mateo County Summer Sectional**

Cañada College Cafeteria, Redwood City CA

**Aug 14–17, 2019**

**Reno 2019 August Sectional**

Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks NV

**Aug 19–25, 2019**

**Western Conference Summer Fun STaC**

Local clubs

**Sep 6–8, 2019**

**Sacramento Fall Sectional**

Orangevale Community Center, Orangevale CA

**Sep 14–15, 2019**

**Santa Cruz Surfs Up Sectional**

Mid-County Senior Center, Capitola CA

**Sep 19–22, 2019**

**Carson-Tahoe Fall Sectional**

Plaza Conference Center, Carson City NV

**Sep 21–22, 2019**

**Unit 509 Santa Rosa/Petaluma Sectional**

Santa Rosa CA

**Sep 21–22, 2019**

**Non-Life Master Sectional**

Palo Alto Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

**Sep 27–29, 2019**

**Sacramento Fall NLM Sectional**

Sacramento Bridge Center, Sacramento CA

**Sep 28–29, 2019**

**Earthquake Sectional**

Gilroy Senior Center, Gilroy CA

**Oct 4–6, 2019**

**Fresno Fall Sectional**

Fresno Bridge Center, Fresno CA

**Oct 5–6, 2019**

**Non-Life Master Sectional**

Fattoria e Mare, Burlingame CA

**Nov 2–3, 2019**

**Castro Valley Sectional**

Transfiguration Catholic Church, Castro Valley CA

**Nov 9–10, 2019**

**Diablo Valley Fall Sectional**

Dougherty Valley High School, San Ramon CA

**Nov 16–17, 2019**

**East Bay Fall Sectional**

Masonic Center, Oakland CA

**Nov 23, 2019**

**North American Pairs Flight B District Finals**

East Bay Community Bridge Center, Oakland CA

**Dec 6–8, 2019**

**Unit 505 Winter Sectional**

Sacramento Bridge Center, Sacramento CA

**Dec 9–15, 2019**

**Great Western Holiday STaC**

Local clubs

## Regionals

**Aug 27–Sep 2, 2019**

**All Western Championships**

Hyatt Regency Santa Clara,

Santa Clara CA

**Oct 7–13, 2019**

**Reno/Sparks Regional**

Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks NV

# Hughes

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the district and ACBL websites.

There will be one extra-special event at the All Western this year. On Friday August 30 we are having a day to celebrate newer players, plus our 299ers and 99ers. We're offering reduced entry fees that day; you can play one session for \$10 or two for \$15 (and that's a real bargain!). We're going to have a gift for each player who comes, medals for 1st through 3rd places, and other special prizes. There will be mentors handy for you to ask about that tricky hand, or solve your argument with partner about where you went wrong in the bidding. It's going to be a lot of fun, and you won't want to miss out! Even if you aren't eligible to play please spread the word to the intermediate/novice players you know. The event will be held at 1:00 and 7:00 in the Magnolia room, near the escalator in the lobby of the Hyatt.

Parking is free at the All Western. While there are still rooms available at the Hyatt, book soon, because the special bridge rate ends August 7. You can book online from our website, or call (408) 200-1234. Please remember if you have to cancel your reservation to let me know (rather than canceling via the hotel). I often have people on a wait-list. My email is (jmom380@yahoo.com).

As if we needed anything more to attract you to this wonderful tournament, we've obtained a special group block of tickets to the 49er's preseason game at Levi Stadium on Thursday night, August 29. Consider playing in the Daylight Pairs that day if the thought of visiting this state of the art stadium to watch the fabulous 49ers appeals to you! It's a short walk to get there, and they have one of the best selections of food venues in the area. This deal can be purchased via the link on

our website, and is open to spouses, friends, and even friends who might not be bridge players! So, if you or someone you know is a football fan, spread the word. Tickets can only be obtained via the link that is posted on the district website ([www.d21acbl.com](http://www.d21acbl.com)). Whew! Such an exciting week it's going to be! But, that's not the end of the bridge excitement we have coming up for you by a long shot.

I've been hearing from so many of you that you'd really like us to offer more events at the 10 and 3 time frame. Well, here's your chance! The Reno Regional (October 7-13 at the Nugget in Sparks) is going to feature an entirely 10:00 and 3:00 schedule, with side games, 299er pairs, and gold rush pairs offered at 7:30 for those of you who just can't get enough bridge! You can view the entire schedule online, but let me tell you some of the exciting features (besides that it's all at 10:00 and 3:00 - you asked for it, you got it!).

There will be a record breaking EIGHT Gold Rush pair events at this tournament. So, if that last bit of gold has been eluding you, you'll have an excellent chance of finding it here! Plus, the team event schedule has been designed to keep the fields big. There are new knockouts starting Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, with the increasingly popular Bracketed Swiss Teams events on Thursday and Saturday. This is a great strategy, and I've got to give Billy Miller the credit for suggesting it to me. The idea is that rather than doing what most tournaments do by alternating the days of KOs/Swiss (where you end up facing the same field at the beginning of every KO), this way if you get knocked out of the Tuesday KO, when you start on Wednesday the winners from Tuesday won't be there! It's quite ingenious and I wish I'd thought of it myself.

The Nugget is a fabulous venue! I recommend you stay in the Resort Tower (although the Casino Tower is \$10 cheaper),

because its distance from the Casino means that the smoke doesn't reach it. It's been recently renovated and the rooms are as nice as many of the four star hotels we use, with extremely comfortable beds and well-appointed bathrooms. Plus, the elevators for the Casino Tower will drop you right off at the playing site. The pool renovation is complete, so if you are a swimmer or just like to relax in the spa, don't forget to pack your swimsuit.

I'm very excited about this new schedule. For a tournament in Reno, it's perfect, and will allow you to get two sessions of bridge in before heading out for an evening of dining and entertainment.

You can make your reservations at the Nugget via our link on the website, or call (800) 648-1177.

I know, that's a staggering amount of information, but I hope it's made you excited to pick up your phone (or get on your computer) to make reservations for these fantastic weeks of bridge and fun!

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! Stay cool, and I look forward to seeing you very soon.

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## *Pajak*

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Since his nickname was Spider, his innovation for the movement was known as a web. What a web movement does is equalize the field so that every pair plays 100% of the boards against every pair they encounter. Example: if the movement has 26 or 27 boards in play, each and every pair plays those identical hands against every pair they encounter. At the end of the game, all players will find that they've played a full set of 26 (or 27) hands without skipping any deals at all. Nothing is lost in the comparison and all is fairly adjudicated.

You might not play all the opposing pairs if the field is greater than 13, but at least

you'll play all the hands everyone else in the contest encounters. Your rating will be totally fair based on the cards that you've seen vs. everyone else who's had those hands.

You'll see this movement selected by the tournament directors at all the regional tournaments because it's so equitable and fair to all the players. Indeed, it requires extra sets of pre-duplicated boards to make this occur, but your tournament staff is willing to go that extra length to make sure that the competition is as fair as possible. Without your knowing it, there's a room behind the scenes where all the pre-duplicated boards are prepared before all events occur, and one of your loyal tournament staff members diligently prepares the hands that challenge you in every event.

You can give thanks to Mr. "Spider" Harris for his invention that makes your contest as fair as possible. Whenever you play in one of the District 21 regional tournaments, you can be sure that you'll be rated fairly as possible for your accomplishments.

## **District 21 2020 GNTs**

*By Grant Vance, D21 GNT Coordinator*

As our D21 teams prepare to do battle in Las Vegas, there will be a gaping hole in our Open Team, that won't ever be filled adequately. Bruce Noda, Grand Life Master, member of the winning GNT Open team, passed away peacefully at his home in May. I had the privilege of playing on a few teams with him, and a more friendly, supportive, non-critical teammate could never be found. His teammates, Mark Ralph, Ed Nagy, Gary Soules, Leszek Rablega, Bob Etter, and Lew Stansby will carry on without him, but I know he will be kibitzing their tables from on high. Farewell, Bruce; you will be missed.



# SPECIAL EVENT FOR PLAYERS WITH 0 - 299 MASTERPOINTS ON AUGUST 30, 2019

*By Jackie Zayac*

If you will have fewer than 250 masterpoints on Friday, August 30, 2019, you are encouraged to play in two special games at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. held in conjunction with the All-Western Regional at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara.

The Wild West 99ers games are for players with 0 – 99 masterpoints. Players with 0 – 299 masterpoints may play in The Branding Iron 299ers games. Each player who attends will receive:

- A registration gift. (IT'S A GREAT GIFT!)
- Mentors will be available after each game to answer any bidding or playing questions. (A PRICELESS GIFT!)
- If you play on this day, you will receive 50% off any Saturday, Sunday OR Monday game. (WHAT A DEAL!)

This is a chance for you to experience a Regional Tournament and possibly earn some red points too!

These games are a wonderful opportunity for you to play in a Regional Tournament to prepare for the North American Bridge Championships (NABC) coming to San Francisco from November 28 – December 8, 2019.

If you have any questions about this special event, please contact Pam Hughes, Tournament Manager at [jmom380@yahoo.com](mailto:jmom380@yahoo.com) or Jackie Zayac, District 21 Director, at [jackiezayac@gmail.com](mailto:jackiezayac@gmail.com).

Pam and I are very excited to offer this special event for you and we hope you will make plans to attend now!

# SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WINNERS

## Pairs

### Monday Open (28 Tables)

- 1A. Jean Barry, Livermore CA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR
- 1B. Lee Maddocks - Bruce Ruskin, Modesto CA
- 1C. Peter Peca Jr - Liz Ashby, El Paso TX



*Jean Barry & John Grantham*

### Monday Gold (22 Tables)

- 1D. David Whitman - Richard Fabbre, Roseville CA
- 1E. Debra Leggett - Mary Quinn, Sacramento CA

### Monday Afternoon Side (17.5 Tables)

- 1A. Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Martha England, Mill Valley CA
- 1B. Ian Kirk - Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 1C. Richard Archibald - Lou Wiles, Fair Oaks CA

### Monday Afternoon 299er (10 Tables)

- 1F, 1G. Alan Lazar - Josh Haskett, Sacramento CA
- 1H. Diane Balter, Sacramento CA; John Eastman, Reno NV

### Monday Evening Side (13 Tables)

- 1A. Huub Bertens, Las Vegas NV; Jeff Roman, Bend OR
- 1B, 1C. Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; J Charlebois, San Jose CA

### Tuesday Morning Side (7 Tables)

- 1A. Tony Glynn, Gilroy CA; Dawn Black, Palo Alto CA
- 1B, 1C. Diane Balter, Sacramento CA; John Eastman, Reno NV

### Tuesday Morning 299er

- 1D, 1E. Stephen Lesefko - Vandy Lesefko, San Luis Obispo CA
- 1F. David Nemzek, Carmichael CA; Joe Dobrowolski, Fair Oaks CA

### Tuesday Afternoon Side (10 Tables)

- 1A, 1B, 1C. Sue Tuana, Roseville CA; Richard Archibald, Fair Oaks CA

### Tuesday Afternoon 299er (7.5 Tables)

- 1D, 1E. Karen Bjork - Thomas Bjork, Orangevale CA
- 1F. Evan Scott - Georgianna Farren, Larkspur CA

### Tuesday Evening Side (8 Tables)

- 1A. Deborah Steffen - Ronald Morris, Santa Barbara CA
- 1B. Andy Scott, San Jose CA; Irene Hashfield, Los Altos CA
- 1C. Brian Masunaga, Loomis CA; Kevin Smith, Ione CA

## Tuesday Daylight (27.5 Tables)

- 1A. Richard Riezman, Saint Louis MO; James Griffin, Sausalito CA
- 1B. Gene Kuehneman - Adrienne Kuehneman, Bethesda MD
- 1C. Jerry Nakamura, El Dorado Hills CA; Coralie Persse, Placerville CA



*James Griffin & Richard Riezman*

## Tuesday Open (20 Tables)

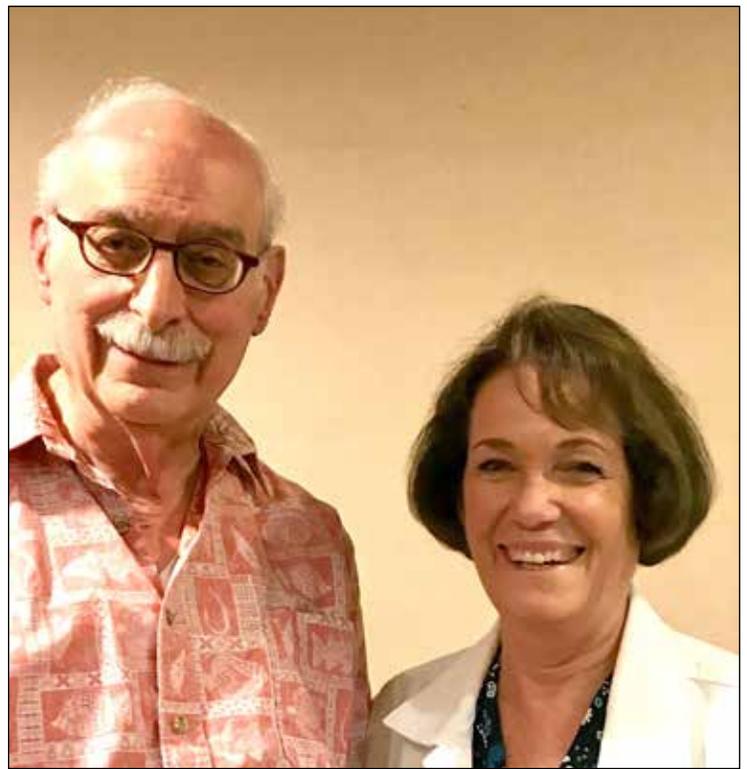
- 1A. Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA; Ronald Powell, Santa Clara CA
- 1B, 1C. Jianming Zhang, Union City CA; Brent Xiao, Fremont CA



*Stephen Tu & Ron Powell*

## Tuesday Gold (37.5 Tables)

- 1D, 1E. Bob Spivock, Lafayette CA; Pam Wilkes, Pleasanton CA



*Bob Spivock & Pam Wilkes*

## Wednesday Morning Side (7.5 Tables)

- 1A. Valentin Vieru, Citrus Heights CA; Alfred Lee, San Mateo CA
- 1B. Mark Hersko, Windsor CA; Larry Spanier, Rohnert Park CA
- 1C. Andy Scott, San Jose CA; Irene Hashfield, Los Altos CA

## Wednesday Morning 299er (8 Tables)

- 1D. Jim Albo - Patricia Albo, Mill Valley CA
- 1E. Caroline Kosovac - Don Kosovac, Point Richmond CA
- 1F. Susan Frank, Folsom CA; Chip Gordet, El Dorado Hills CA

## Wednesday Afternoon Side (11 Tables)

- 1A (tie). Tony Glynne, Gilroy CA; Dawn Black, Palo Alto CA
- 1A (tie). Marie-France Benoit, Gatineau QC; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA
- 1B, 1C. Zelna Morrow, Lincoln CA; Kay Muther, Carmichael CA

## Wednesday Afternoon 299er (11 Tables)

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Jane Schwartz, San Jose CA; Julie Wong, Tiburon CA

### Wednesday Daylight (36 Tables)

- 1A. Sylvia Shi, Las Vegas NV; Todd Werby, Tiburon CA
- 1B. Charles Swart, Alameda CA; Ray Robert, Portland OR
- 1C. Edward Estberg, Carmichael CA; Craig Stalker, Sacramento CA



*Sylvia Shi & Todd Werby*

### Wednesday Mid-Flight (22 Tables)

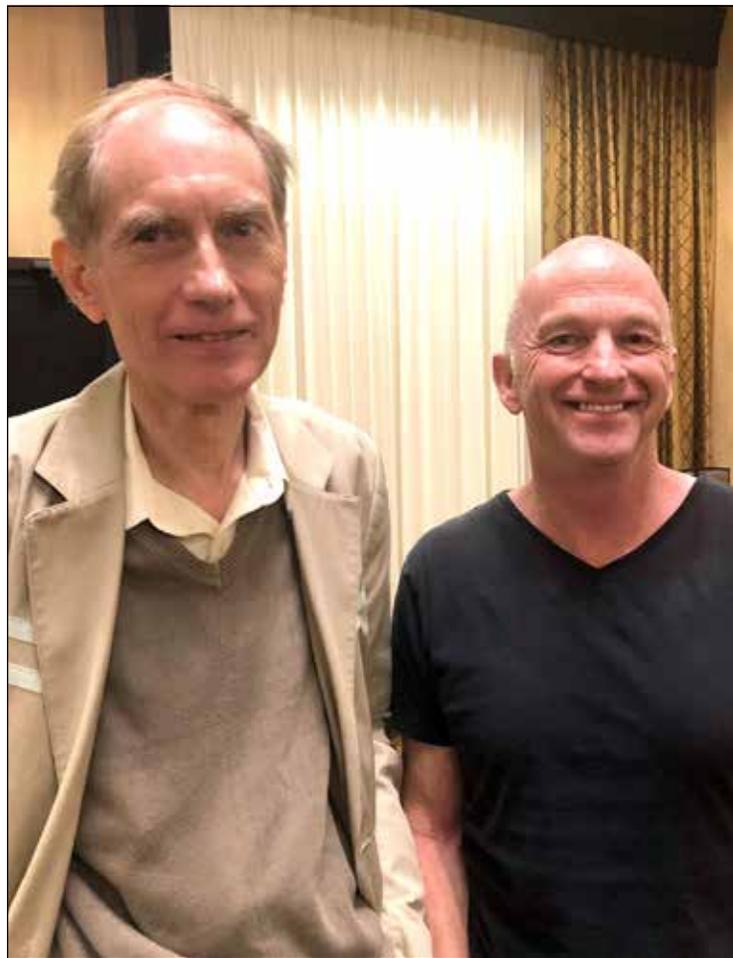
- 1B, 1C. Jeanette Shinsako - Judy Soong, San Francisco CA



*Jeanette Shinsako & Judy Soong*

### Wednesday Open (14 Tables)

- 1A, 1X. Mark McCarthy, San Francisco CA; Christopher Earl, Oregon House CA



*Christopher Earl & Mark McCarthy*

### Wednesday Gold (29 Tables)

- 1D, 1E. Clare Smith, Walnut Creek CA; Jeanette Bartz, Clayton CA

### Wednesday Evening Side (6 Tables)

- 1A. Michael Grob - Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA
- 1B. Antoni Baranski - Robert Crosby, San Mateo CA
- 1C. Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman, San Jose CA

### Thursday Morning Side (10.5 Tables)

- 1A. Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA
- 1B. Anne Hollingsworth, Walnut Creek CA; Mark Marty, Oakley CA
- 1C. Chip Gordet, El Dorado Hills CA; Robert Locke, Sacramento CA

### Thursday Morning 299er (8 Tables)

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Swan Day - Kathy Ann Wilson, Napa CA

### Thursday Daylight (42 Tables)

- 1A. Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Suzanne Cook, McKinleyville CA  
1B, 1C. Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Jianming Zhang, Union City CA



*Suzanne Cook & Robert Todd*

### Thursday Mid-Flight (18 Tables)

- 1B, 1C. Janice Kosel, Kensington CA; Roseanne Smith, Alameda CA



*Janice Mosel & Roseanne Smith*

### Thursday Open (15 Tables)

- 1A, 1X. Bob Enenstein, Los Altos CA; Alan Wood, San Jose CA



*Bob Enenstein*

### Thursday Gold (29 Tables)

- 1D. David Ashby, Sacramento CA; Charles Berger, Citrus Heights CA  
1E. Judy Huckabay, Fremont CA; Anna Ravenscroft, Sunnyvale CA

### Thursday Afternoon Side (9 Tables)

- 1A. Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA  
1B. Rosemary Heath, San Luis Obispo CA; Carol Raimondo, Cayucos CA  
1C. Carla Francis, Castro Valley CA; Linda Decquir, Wildomar CA

### Thursday Afternoon 299er (9 Tables)

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Janis Morehead, Acampo CA; Joe Velasquez, Lodi CA

### **Thursday Evening Side (6 Tables)**

- 1A. Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA
- 1B, 1C. Rita Rubinfeld, Portola Valley CA; Debbie Machlin, Los Altos CA

### **Friday Morning Side (10.5 Tables)**

- 1A. Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Martha England, Mill Valley CA
- 1B, 1C. Andy Scott, San Jose CA; Irene Hashfield, Los Altos CA

### **Friday Morning 299er (10 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E. Carla Shockley - Andy Shockley, Pleasanton CA
- 1F. Marilyn Schaeffer, Benicia CA; Renee Gaines, Vallejo CA

### **Friday Daylight (41 Tables)**

- 1A. Joan Vernick, Santa Fe NM; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV
- 1B. Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Enlow Ose, Sacramento CA
- 1C. Laura McCabe, Scotts Valley CA; Gerald Kibbey, San Diego CA

### **Friday Open (15 Tables)**

- 1A. Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Hgts MN
- 1X. Gene Kuehneman - Adrienne Kuehneman, Bethesda MD

### **Friday Mid-Flight (13 Tables)**

- 1B, 1C. Xin Ge - Brandon Ge, Cupertino CA

### **Friday Gold (28 Tables)**

- 1D. Albert Chu - Ingrid Hsu, Walnut Creek CA
- 1E. Clare Smith, Walnut Creek CA; Jeanette Bartz, Clayton CA

### **Friday Afternoon Side (12 Tables)**

- 1A. Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA
- 1B (tie). Carol Raimondo, Cayucos CA; Rosemary Heath, San Luis Obispo CA
- 1B (tie). Mary Martin - Virginia Aghevli, Sacramento CA
- 1C. Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay TX; Vera Baum, Los Altos CA

### **Friday Afternoon 299er (8 Tables)**

- 1D. Lori Mirek - Ken Pelowski, Atherton CA
- 1E. Pete Davis, Lafayette CA; Nancy Thomas, Concord CA
- 1F. Robin Rakusin, Reno NV; Helen Trop-Zell, Incline Village NV

### **Friday Evening Side (11 Tables)**

- 1A. Edward Frymoyer, Half Moon Bay CA; Sarita Mathiasen, Albany CA
- 1B. Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA
- 1C. Sharon Murphy, Shell Beach CA; Virginia Randall, Los Osos CA

### **Saturday Morning Side (5 Tables)**

- 1A. Ching Chao, Danville CA; Anthony Trebaol, Milpitas CA
- 1B. Stephen Levinson, San Rafael CA; Susan MacDonald, San Anselmo CA

### **Saturday Daylight (26 Tables)**

- 1A. Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN; John Grantham, Bentonville AR
- 1B. Cameron Cotton, Chula Vista CA; Steven Merritt, Incline Village NV
- 1C. Joe Tang, Sunnyvale CA; Peter Figdor, Naples FL



*Peter Figdor & Joseph Tang*

### **Saturday Morning 299er (4 Tables)**

- 1D. Stephen May, So Lake Tahoe CA; Kevin Patterson, Hayward CA  
1E, 1F (tie). Nancy Libonati - Joela Mueller, Sacramento CA  
1E, 1F (tie). Judy Orchard - Walter Spicer, Placerville CA

### **Saturday Open (11 Tables)**

- 1A. Robert Thomson - Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA  
1B, 1C. Brent Xiao - Bo Xiao, Fremont CA

### **Saturday Afternoon Side (7 Tables)**

- 1A, 1B. Roger Smith, Modesto CA; Kathleen Keener, Fremont CA  
1C. Enlow Ose - Joel Lesser, Sacramento CA

### **Saturday Afternoon 299er (5 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Patricia Beddow - Diane Balter, Sacramento CA

### **Saturday Evening Side (7 Tables)**

- 1A, 1B. Linda Danzig, Tiburon CA; Sara Foster, San Francisco CA  
1C. Janelle Van Rensselaer, Burlingame CA; Susan Papilion, San Mateo CA

### **Sunday Fast Open Pairs (22 Tables)**

- 1A. Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria; Francesca Stedman, Santa Fe NM  
1B. Doug Couchman, Berkeley CA; James Hopkin, Orinda CA  
1C. Carla Francis, Castro Valley CA; Linda Decquir, Wildomar CA

## **Teams**

### **Monday – Tuesday KO Bracket 1 (7 Tables)**

- Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK

### **Monday – Tuesday KO Bracket 2 (6 Tables)**

- Marc Grunseth - Miriam Steinberg, Carmichael CA;  
Ed Gould - Cornelia Gould, Incline Village NV

### **Tuesday Evening Swiss Teams**

#### **(15 Tables)**

- 1A. Barbara McKay, Alamo CA; George Harris, Escazu Costa Rica; Christopher Pizarra - Gail Giffen, Lafayette CA  
1B. Gail Gabiati - Kris Wong, San Francisco CA; Elizabeth Underwood - Robert Underwood, Incline Village NV  
1C. David Jenkins - Roger Hanlon, Sonora CA; Yvonne Tiscornia - Joan Fee, San Andreas CA

### **Tuesday – Wednesday KO Bracket 1**

#### **(10 Tables)**

- Geeske Joel - Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Steve Weinstein, Montclair NJ; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA

### **Tuesday – Wednesday KO Bracket 2**

#### **(11 Tables)**

- James Coke, Shingle Springs CA; Shishpal Rawat, Folsom CA; Greg Schwemer, Cameron Park CA; Susan Bogan, Fair Oaks CA

### **Tuesday – Wednesday KO Bracket 3**

#### **(16 Tables)**

- Rose Knutson - Jack Fitzgerald, Lodi CA; Mary Sievers - Usha Bansal, Stockton CA



*Usha Bansal, Jack Fitzgerald, Mary Sievers & Rose Knutson*

## Wednesday Evening Swiss Teams

(16 Tables)

- 1A. Jim O'Neil, Cupertino CA; Anthony Barre, Sunnyvale CA; Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA
- 1B. Elizabeth Underwood - Robert Underwood, Incline Village NV; Michael Moreland - Pam Moreland, Penn Valley CA
- 1C. Gary McCormick, El Dorado Hills CA; Claes Harde, Riverview FL; Richard Hottell, Rancho Murieta CA; William Taggart, Shingle Springs CA

## Wednesday – Thursday Morning Swiss

(15 Tables)

- 1A. Jack Yeasley, Santa Barbara CA; William Corliss, Davis CA; Grant Robinson - Teresa Boyd, Dublin CA; Linda &- Mike Bandler, Alamo CA
- 1B. Gary Nitzberg - Douglas Smith - Paul Jorgensen, Carson City NV; Bruce Moon, S Lake Tahoe CA
- 1C. William Witte - Joanne Mitchell - Patricia Barnes, Lincoln CA; Don Moore, Sacramento CA

## Wednesday – Thursday KO Bracket 1

(10 Tables)

Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK



*Ishmael Del'Monte, Chris Compton, Stephan Kennedy & Jay Barron*

## Wednesday – Thursday KO Bracket 2

(16 Tables)

Douglas Smith - Gary Nitzberg - Paul Jorgensen, Carson City NV; Bruce Moon, S Lake Tahoe CA

## Wednesday – Thursday KO Bracket 3

(13 Tables)

Patricia Pinkos, El Dorado Hills CA; Kay Wyhlidko, Fair Oaks CA; Dennis Stroiney - Christine Stroiney, Orangevale CA

## Thursday Evening Swiss (14 Tables)

- 1A. Panette Talia, Kelseyville CA; Raymond Yuenger, Campbell CA; Jerome Weiss, Penfield NY; Harriel Shea, San Jose CA
- 1B, 1C. William Mitchell, Lodi CA; Debra Dezarn - Deborah Greenberg, Stockton CA; Wendy Buchanan, Woodbridge CA

## Thursday – Friday KO Bracket 1

(13 Tables)

Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Edward Nagy, Danville CA; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Leszek Rabiega, Watsonville CA; Nick Bykov, Stockton CA

## Thursday – Friday KO Bracket 2

(12 Tables)

Elizabeth Underwood - Robert Underwood, Incline Village NV; Pam Moreland - Michael Moreland, Penn Valley CA

## Thursday – Friday KO Bracket 3

(14 Tables)

John Shribbs - Patricia Shribbs, Petaluma CA; Miriam Kaegi - Rita Schaulat, Novato CA



*Patty Shribbs, John Shribbs, Mimsy Kaegi & Rita Schaulat*

## Friday – Saturday Morning Swiss

(15 Tables)

- 1A. David Willmott, Folsom CA; Jerry Nakamura, El Dorado Hills CA; Irwin Lichtblau, Lafayette CA; Teri Smoot, Placerville CA  
1B, 1C. Brandon Ge - Xin Ge, Cupertino CA; Brent Xiao - Bo Xiao, Fremont CA



*Jerry Nakamura, Terry Smoot, Dave Willmott & Irwin Lichtblau*

## Friday Evening Swiss (24 Tables)

- 1A. Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Bob Etter, Elk Grove CA; Daniel Sonner, Redwood City CA  
1B. Roger Smith, Modesto CA; Doris Ashcroft, Stockton CA; Kathleen Keener, Fremont CA; Jack Fitzgerald, Lodi CA  
1C. Gary Smith, Merced CA; Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA; Dee Heller, Atwater CA; Patricia Gallo, Livingston CA



*Bob Etter, Finn Kolesnik, Alexander Kolesnik & Daniel Sonner*

## Friday Compact KO Bracket 1

(16 Tables)

- Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK

## Friday Compact KO Bracket 2

(16 Tables)

- Vince De Pasquale, Hayward CA; Sukumar Mukherji, San Ramon CA; Steven Drucker - Russ Kirschenbaum, Oakland CA

## Saturday Gold Rush Swiss (32 Tables)

- 1D. Dana Shelley - Philip Abrahamson, Atherton CA; Charlene & Joel Reimnitz, Los Gatos CA  
1E. Steve Carr, Belmont CA; James Collart - Steven Anderson, Lincoln CA; William Bushnell, Sunnyvale CA



*Dana Shelley, Phil Abrahamson, Joel Reimnitz & Charlene Reimnitz*

## Saturday Teams Bracket 1 (9 Tables)

- Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Ishmael Del'Monte, Las Vegas NV; Jay Barron, Tulsa OK

## Saturday Teams Bracket 2 (9 Tables)

- Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA; Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA

## Saturday Teams Bracket 3 (14 Tables)

- Emily Kelly - Thomas Kelly II, Denver CO; Ursula Kantor, San Diego CA; Dileep Bal, Kapaa HI

## Capital Open Swiss (16 Tables)

1. Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Edward Nagy, Danville CA; William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA

2. Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Hgts MN; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
3. Geeske Joel - Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Steve Weinstein, Montclair NJ; William Watson, Sunnyvale CA
4. Nick Bykov - Ann Nutting - Bill Nutting, Stockton CA; Srikanth Kodayam, Fremont CA; Bob Etter, Elk Grove CA
5. Tien-Chun Yang, San Jose CA; Rajeev Gupta, Oakland CA; Bruce Tuttle, Berkeley CA; Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA

**Sunday A/X Swiss (28 Tables)**

- 1A. John Hoffman, Mountain View CA; Leila Sink, Los Gatos CA; Narayan Mohanram, Sunnyvale CA; Vandana Vidwans, Fremont CA
- 1X. Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Paul Cornelius, Mountain View CA; Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA; Krishnan Ramaratnam, New York NY; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA

**Under 3,000 Teams Bracket 1 (8 Tables)**

Barry Samuel - Paul Scheinberg - Larry Wyner, Santa Rosa CA; Thomas McGuire Jr, Oakland CA

**Under 3,000 Teams Bracket 2 (8 Tables)**

William Taggart, Shingle Springs CA; Franklin Kitchiner Jr, Citrus Heights CA; Lois Beyer, El Dorado Hills CA; Coralie Persse, Placerville CA

**Under 3,000 Teams Bracket 3 (8 Tables)**

Jack Blyskal, Folsom CA; Joe Fischer, Newcastle CA; Jim Bowman, Carmichael CA; Jeffrey Beyers, Orange Vale CA

**Under 3,000 Teams Bracket 4 (8 Tables)**

Edward Easley, Sacramento CA; Janet Crossley, San Rafael CA; Edward Pyle, Sausalito CA; Herbert Graves, San Francisco CA

**Under 3,000 Teams Bracket 5 (13 Tables)**

Charles Holmes - Richard Holmes, Rocklin CA; Daniela Tone, Santa Clara CA; Kevin Smith, Ione CA

**Senior Swiss (6 Tables)**

- 1A. Ashraf El Sadi, Union City CA; William Glass, Clovis CA; Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Pat Galligan, San Mateo CA
- 1B. Gary McCormick, El Dorado Hills CA; Judy Orchard - Daryl Prouty, Placerville CA; Iris Appleby, Garden Valley CA



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- 1pm Pony Express Side Pairs 1st of 6  
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continues Wednesday 9, 1 & 7  
Pony Express Side Pairs 2nd of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

### Wednesday, August 28

- 9am KIT CARSON KOs – round 2  
Morning Side Pairs 1st of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1pm Pony Express Side Pairs 3rd of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**  
**STRATIFIED MID-FLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000**  
**GOLDEN SPIKE PAIRS 0-300/750**  
**WYATT EARP BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2**  
continues Thursday 1 & 7  
KIT CARSON KOs 3 & 4
- 7pm Stratified Swiss Teams  
Pony Express Side Pairs 4th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

### Thursday, August 29

- 9am **GOODWILL SWISS TEAMS** – 1st of 2  
Morning Side Pairs 2nd of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **THURSDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1pm Pony Express Side Pairs 5th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**  
**STRATIFIED MID-FLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000**  
**CHEROKEE GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750**  
**SIERRA BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2**  
continues Friday 1 & 7  
WYATT EARP KOs 3 & 4
- 7pm Stratified Swiss Teams  
Pony Express Side Pairs 6th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

### Friday, August 30

- 9am **GOODWILL SWISS TEAMS**– round 2  
Morning Side Pairs 3rd of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **FRIDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1pm Stagecoach Side Pairs 1st of 6  
Wild West 99er Pairs  
Branding Iron 299er Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**  
**STRATIFIED MID-FLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000**  
**SASPARILLA GOLD PAIRS 0-300/750**  
**APACHE BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2**  
continues Saturday 1 & 7  
SIERRA KOs 3 & 4
- 7pm Stratified Swiss Teams  
Stagecoach Side Pairs 2nd of 6  
Wild West 99er Pairs  
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### Saturday, August 31

- 9am **DOC HOLLIDAY SWISS TEAMS** 1st of 2  
Morning Side Pairs 4th of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**  
**ANNIE OAKLEY GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750**
- 1pm **FREE GAME** 0-5 mp's (attendance permitting)  
Stagecoach Side Pairs 3rd of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **ALL WESTERN OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
2 qualifying sessions Saturday  
2 final sessions Sunday  
**O.K. CORRAL BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2**  
continues Sunday at 1 & 7  
APACHE KOs 3 & 4
- 7pm Stratified Swiss Teams  
Stagecoach Side Pairs 4th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

### Sunday, September 1

- 9am **DOC HOLLIDAY SWISS TEAMS**– round 2  
Morning Side Pairs 5th of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **SUNDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1pm **LAST CHANCE COMPACT KOs 1 & 2**  
Stagecoach Side Pairs 5th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **ALL WESTERN OPEN PAIRS** - finals  
O.K. CORRAL KOs 3 & 4  
**OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**  
**WILD BILL GOLD RUSH PAIRS 0-300/750**
- 7pm **LAST CHANCE COMPACT KOs 3 & 4**  
Stratified Swiss Teams  
Stagecoach Side Pairs 6th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

### Monday, September 2

- \*\*\*EARLY START - All games at 10am\*\*\***  
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**0-2500 mp ROUND ROBIN TEAMS**
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## Diablo Valley

By Lisa Assoni/*The ShortCut Cook*

### Bridge Over Crying Waters

This special day was set aside as American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America. Let's all have a blast, as the 4th of July demands barbecues, drinks, food, and friends. That's if we're lucky. OK, celebrate at home. Get take-out ribs, baked beans, and a salad. Now you can party, or better yet, gather some friends for a home game of bridge. If all else fails, eat with your doggie or kitty, and make no bones about it. DO NOT give your pets any leftover bones or any kinds. Enough already!



What a game! So often when we play, we bridge bitch, complain, pitch the best cards to defeat contracts, lick our wounds, and maybe even jump for joy.

I just got back from a bridge game at CCBC, and was tearing up. How could I have made that dumb lead? Also, when I played the hand, I sucked. OK, it's time to move on. Bridge isn't my life, but it sure places on my top 10 list. I felt sad for a little while, but began to count my blessings. It's so easy to focus on the negative. I love the saying "Well, you learn from your mistakes; are you Kiddin'?" So, I turned my negative thinking, plucked out the bad thoughts, and focused on so many things I take for granted. My mantra "Keep positive."

Life can be a beach, and it is for the following Featured Teacher: Debbie Rechnitz is a Club Director, Cruise Ship Director, ACBL Accredited Teacher and Life Master. She recently finished the 'Club Series' beginning class in Concord, and is wrapping

up the 'Diamond Series' (Play of the Hand) next week. On June 4 they'll be starting a brand new club game for newbies, for folks with 0-20 MPs. This is the ONLY under 20 point game in Northern California, so we're very excited to offer this comfortable, friendly, non-threatening introduction to playing Duplicate. There's also a game on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. that will include a free 20 minute pre-game lesson for those interested. You'll also be guaranteed a partner for all singles who want to play. Wow!

The Contra Costa Bridge Center participated in the Worldwide Bridge Contest. Ed Seputis and Dan Wong are currently 29th out of 3497 pairs playing at 179 clubs in 22 countries (results are not yet complete). In the top 10% also are Darrell Fung and Jerry Weitzner, Ed Nagy and Jeff Polisner. International stars, all!

Enjoy your summer.

## East Bay

By Joye Sidoti

There will be a game on Thursday, July 4 at EBCBC at 10:30 am. The regularly scheduled Unit 502 Game on Sunday, July 7 will be an Independence day member appreciation picnic. Members pay \$7.00 and non-members will pay \$10.00. Hot dogs plus other goodies start at 11:15 and the game starts at 12:00. Reservations are required by July 1. Contact Karen Cabrera at (cabrerake@sbcglobal.net). On Sunday, July 21, there will be a unit 502 NAP game. The entry fee will be \$9.00. The free lunch will be served at about 11:30 am, and the game will begin at 12:00.

On those Sundays when there are no Unit 502 Games, there will be EBCBC Sunday games. In July, those games will take place on July 14 and July 28. The games begin at

12:00 noon, and a light lunch will be served before the game.

On Monday, July 8, there will be the ACBL-wide summer Instant Matchpoint game at 12. The entry fee will be \$9.00.

There are three NAP Qualifier games in July: Sunday, July 21 at 12 pm, (\$9); Wednesday, July 10 at 1 pm (\$9); Thursday, July 25 at 10:30 am (\$9).

As Larry reported last month, the Sunday, August 4 unit game will be held to honor the memory of Russell Rector, former Unit 502 board member who passed away unexpectedly in mid-April.

Beginning in July, Grant Vance, Greg Vance and David Geary will be holding Swiss Teams games on one Saturday each month. The first game will be Bracketed Swiss Teams on Saturday, July 13 at 12:00 noon at the East Bay Community Bridge Center (EBCBC). The second game will be High Low Swiss Teams on Saturday, August 24. Come as a pair and the highest master point pair will be teamed with the lowest master point pair, etc.

Some big winners in Sacramento were in the Thursday mid-flight game. Roseanne Smith and Janice Kossel were 1st and Andy and Marcia Wasserman were 2nd. In the Friday compact knockouts, Steven Drucker, Russ Kirschenbaum, Vince De Pasquale, and Sukumar Mukherji won their bracket.

In the May 19 unit 'Dick Hart Memorial Pizza Swiss' game: Pat Leary, Bill Rudman Jr, Allan Harris, and David Snyder were 1st; Grant Vance, Jessica Lai, Gregory Vance and Dmitri Shabes were 2nd; Ching Chao, Joye Sidoti, and Andy and Marcia Wasserman were 3rd; Theresa Boyd, Grant Robinson, Chris Pisarra, and Gail Giffen were tied with Peggy Rourke, Nadine Levine, Hank Sigal and Lynne Bromley for 4/5. The scores ranged from 50 to 60.

In the June 2nd unit NAP game: Helen

Goldberg and Esther Rubke were 1st; Pat and Jim Leary were 2nd; Bonnie McBride and Thomas Stern were 3rd; Kate Talbot and Mark Nelson were 4th; John Santibanes and Tom Mc Kelvey were 5th. All pairs had games between 58.53% and 60.95%.

In the June 16 unit game: Ching Chao and Joye Sidoti were 1st; Nadine Levine and Peggy Rourke tied for 2/3 with Pat and Jim Leary; Larry Bowerman and Robert Johnson were 4th; Grant Vance and Jessica Lai were 5th. All five pairs had games between 55.32% and 63.89%.

On Friday, June 14, EBCBC had 23 teams at the Swiss Teams game. Mark Moss, Grant Vance, Jessica Lai and Cris Barrere were 1st. James Bond, J D Lin, Tim Underwood, and Shailesh Shah were 2nd. They were also 1st in 'B' and 'C'!

Welcome to new Unit 502 members Rohan Srivastava and Michele Vignaroli. When you see them, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our unit.

Congratulations to the following member on his recent rank advancement: David Gin to Junior Master. When you see him, please take the time to congratulate him.

Marcia Wasserman is writing the August column, so please contact her at (MarciaWasserman@gmail.com) if you have noteworthy results or other items to report.

## Fresno

*By Laura Da Costa*

Hello Everyone, Sunday, May 5, was our annual Peggy Ochs Memorial Game. This game honors those members we have lost in the last 12 months. This year we honored Wanda Cardella, Bev Daniels, Lorraine Elia, Terri Grootendorst, Pat Huston, Barbara Kelley, Laura Lum, Margaret Mahaffey,

Jean Moats, Wilson “Wally” Wallace, & Carol Willoughby. Remembrances for these 11 members were shared at the break of the 6-table championship game that followed the potluck lunch. Winners from the Memorial Game have their names added to the plaque in the clubhouse; this year the winners were Barbara Thacker & Belva Quattrin.

July starts a couple of months of special events for our unit’s under 750 masterpoint members.

July’s event will be on the 11th when we try something new. We recently discovered that we can have one day sectionals at multiple times throughout the year for our lower masterpoint members. So, we are giving it a try on the 11th (a Thursday) when we have one for 750 and under members at 1 pm; the typical time that Kay Chrisman has her 750 game. She will be directing this game, but it will award a sectional level of silver points. If it works out well, we could do it again.

August has our second event, this one is specifically for non life masters as it is our annual Non Life Master Sectional on the 10th & 11th. Richard Meffley will be directing this sectional. As we did last year, we will have a pair game Saturday morning (if possible, there will be a separate 99er section), pair game Saturday afternoon, pair game Sunday morning, and a team game on Sunday afternoon. Lunch and learn will occur each day.

There were just 7 pairs with 70% games in May across the three Unit 522 cities. In Madera, Carol Kaufman & Steve Johnson earned 75% on the Wednesday evening game on 5/1. In Oakhurst, Paul Mertens & Judy Van Winkle earned 73.61% in the Monday morning game on 5/13. The remaining pairs were in Fresno: On 5/9, Jerry Noga & John Hempel earned a 70.72% in the Thursday afternoon 750 game. Clint Hudson & Walt Kelso earned a 75%

game in the Saturday afternoon 99er game on 5/11. In the Tuesday evening 99er game on 5/14, Ed Keller & Margot Cegielski earned a 71.67%. In the Tuesday afternoon 750 game on 5/21, Barbara Wiedel & Paul Boyd earned a 70.83%. Lastly, in the Wednesday evening Open game on 5/29, Lowell Gist & Victor Greener earned a massive 80.36%!

Lesson news for the next few months. EasyBridge! 1 & 2 on Saturday mornings will end the present series at the end of July. We will then take August off before starting all over again in September. Mun Takeda will take the Summer months off before she restarts her monthly Tuesday morning/Thursday evening lessons.

That is all for this month.

## Livermore Valley

*By Rosemarie LaFrancesca*

A big shout out to Lynn Gast and Wayne Vondera who participated in the 2019 World Wide Bridge Contest. In this event Lynn & Wayne placed 12th overall out of 2,253 pairs with a 68.5% game. I think you two are ready for ACBL’s National Tournament in SF. Great job!

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” on 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](http://livermorebridge.com)). You will find a calendar of events there; you can also find Paul’s bridge tips and publications via ([pfdubois.com/publish](http://pfdubois.com/publish)). There are links to neighboring units if you want to travel to your next bridge game.

I’d love to hear of your summer travels for publication in the newsletter, especially if you find good bridge games to visit. A friend of mine, who shall remain nameless, approached an older lady in the UK at a crosswalk and asked about bridge. They played together later that week and had a “splashing good time!”

## Marin

*By Gail Haar*

Linda Gener, Linda Rosen, Raymond Rosen and Gloria Violin have just joined our unit. Please be sure to greet them warmly when you meet them at the table! Congratulations go to our newest Junior Masters Gayle Blum, Jill Janov, Lynn Lubbock, Nicholas Schulkin and Debra Whitehouse and our newest Regional Master, Margaret Rutt. There were 2 Big Games this month, David & Elie Gross had a 73.70% at Fuldek and Anne Stein & Loretta Bromberg had a 70.58% at TL. The unit game winners were Barbara Prior & Peter Sager.

Sacramento was a Gold Mine for many Marinites. Taking 1sts were Evan Scott & Georgianna Farren, Richard Riezman & Jim Griffin, Todd Werby, Julie Wong, Jim



& Pat Albo, Miriam Kaegi & Rita Schaulat, Steve Levinson & Susan MacDonald, Linda Danzig, Bob Thomson & Bruce Blakely, and Janet Crossley & Edward Pile. Judy Leedy & Suzanne Johnson had a 1st at the San Francisco Sectional. Your intrepid reporter only checks results for California, so if you have a 1st place finish at an out-of-state tournament, you’ll need to be proactive so we can toot your horn!

Volunteer for the Fall Nationals (NABC) in SF: If you would like to feel the excitement and get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into putting on a NABC, why not volunteer? All you need to do is sign-up for a 1 hour & 15 minute “shift” and you’ll be in. You can even pick the day and the time so it won’t interfere with your pursuit of Gold and Platinum! Our unit is sponsoring the Peggy Tatro Day, which is Tuesday, December 3, in case you would like to specifically give your time to making our day go smoothly. Here’s the link that’ll make it super easy: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b45a8af2fa7f49-nabc>)

My husband (and travel partner of 50 years) and I just returned from a trip to Normandy to visit the beaches and memorials on the 75th Anniversary of D Day. We were privileged to be at the American Cemetery for the ceremony featuring the presidents of both France and the United States and to meet many of the veterans who returned for the occasion. The outpouring of sentiment from the French for what the US troops accomplished that day was so moving, especially in light of the fact that most of these men were nearing or just passing 100 years old. And what is the bridge connection you might well be thinking. We visited a museum with an extensive exhibit about Bailey Bridges - think of them as a giant erector set that was easily assembled by the Engineering support troops. My dad was part

of the Greatest Generation and spent much of his time after D Day supervising the building of these bridges wherever they were needed. You could say that bridge runs in our family.



And finally, remember the Rule of Eleven — it's the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

## Modesto/Merced/Sonora

*By Gail Vick*



Ending May out, overall high scores went to: Bruce Ruskin & Frank Frohman 1st in A, 63.89%; Jaime Hamilton & Alan Beban 1st in both B & C 58.46%. The winners in the Beginner & Intermediate Sunday game: Sherrie Barakatt & Gail Vick 1st in A 61.57%; Marcia Eblen & Jaime Hamilton 1st in both B & C 56.48%.

Top scores the first half of June: Libby Longstreth & Sheela Wani taking 1st in both A & B 67.36%; Trelle Uhl & Ralph Jungwirth also taking 1st in A with 65.74%; Lee Maddocks & Chris Brown at 65.19%; Jaime Hamilton & Alan Beban took first in C 62.59%. In the beginning/Intermediate Sunday group: Jim Page & Jeff Gaudio took honors for 1st across the board A, B, C with 71.88%; as did Marcia Eblen & Jaime Hamilton 1st across the board, A, B, C 61.46% on another Sunday earlier in the month.

The once a month Tuesday beginners group in May was won by Wendy Summers & Maureen Webster across the board A, B, C 63.49%. June's game was won by Nedra Voorhees & Jeanne Lamke 1st across the board in A, B, C at 68.37%, and tying for 2nd and 3rd across the board at 65.63% were Nancy Lilly, Sue Winter, Marilyn Tallent, and Pete Hoy.

The unit game had an end of the year picnic bridge bash on the 9th of June, hosted by Pamela Mayne. Overall winners were: 1st in A, Lee Maddocks & Bruce Ruskin; 1st in B, Barbara Page & Gail Vick; 1st in C, Sharon Cole & Libby Longstreth.

## Monterey

*By Mary Block*

The unit welcomes two new members this month: Ed Lange and Russell Planitzer. We have three new rank advancements this month: Lynne Weatherman is now a Junior Master; Leon Heller and Ray Mok are NABC Masters.

Start putting together your teams for the annual Swiss Teams event on Sunday, August 4. This is always a popular event. As is the Pro-Am on Sunday, September 22. Both of these events are unit games, so extra points will be awarded.

Last month's deadline for this column precluded complete information about the May Sectional, which was the most financially successful in memory. Co-Chairs Laura Gherman and Bill Cohen deserve the thanks of the unit. The table count increased and sponsorship of events in memory/honor of loved ones also helped with the bottom line. One event had a serendipitous result: Kathy Gray sponsored the Ed VanAdelung Memorial game and she and Anne Marie VanAdelung were the winners. Cyril Yansouni and James Chibidakis won the George Gooden trophy by placing first in the 99'er event on Saturday.

There was a bittersweet tang of nostalgia to this sectional, since it was the last one in our Bridge Center. However, there is no reason to fear that there will not be a sectional next year. Our Board members and knowledgeable consultants are actively seeking solutions. Watch this space and the unit newsletter for further information. While we are all mindful of the lessons of the past, our future demands flexibility.

The annual membership meeting and recognition game was held just after the deadline for my submission of this column. Tune in next month for a report on the new

Board members and the state of the unit.

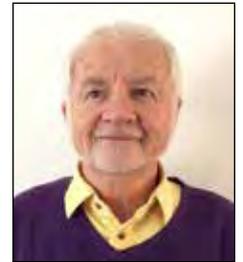
You are reminded again that the NABC Tournament is in San Francisco this year, November 28-December 8 at the Marriott Hotel. Our unit has been assigned to volunteer at the hospitality desk on Saturday, November 30. Volunteering before and after the playing sessions doesn't interfere with your playing and does give you a free cookie. Contact Donna Jett at: (Jettcarmel@gmail.com).

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## Napa/Solano/Sonoma

*By Tom Sheahan*

We lost one of our favorite and long time players in the passing of George Kieffer at the age of 95. Whenever you went to table 1, you knew you were going to have a fun 15 minutes highlighted by George's attempt to bid 3 No Trump. He was a special guy and a veteran of WWII. We will all miss you George!



The annual meeting of Unit 512 will be held on Sunday July 21 in Napa at 11:45 with Unit President Don Powell presiding. A pot luck luncheon, a lesson by Gerry Fox, and the unit game will follow the meeting. The unit is in great shape thanks to the efforts of Don and the board. Thanks to them for all their effort. We have been promised that we will be back in our old venue at the Napa Senior Center sometime in July. It's yet to be determined as to the exact date.

We were on the road in May for a couple of regional tournaments. In Sacramento, John & Patty Shribbs were on a winning knockout

team and finished 2nd in a Swiss Teams game. Kathy Ann Wilson & Swan Day won a 299 game. Ed & Kathryn Houk were 2nd overall in A Gold Rush game and Carolyn Loe & Gretchen Filer were 3rd overall. Larry Page & Susan Cook were 2nd in B in a Side game and Sigrid Price & Russell Quinnell were 2nd in a Swiss Teams game.

In Medford, Sigrid Price was 2nd in a Charity Pairs game and John & Patty Shribbs were 2nd in B. John & Patty were also 2nd overall in a Gold Rush game and 1st in C in a Swiss Teams game. Between the 2 Regionals, they picked up over 30 points. Congratulations!

We have plenty of winners in our club games to announce. In Rio Vista, Cliff & Natalie Crew were double winners. Anthony Salam & John Mount and Joyce Vass & Sue Vogtlin also won.

In Napa, Gerry Fox won twice, once with Molly Johnston and once with Tom Jacobson. Theila Smith & Nancy Rude, David Segal & Bob Watson, and Randy Hoyle & Anita Pensler were your other winners. The unit games went to Sigrid Price & Russell Quinnell and David Cappucini & Barbara Kiesel.

Gerry Fox & Tom Jacobson put together a great 72% game in Sonoma. Other winners included Jim & Frances O'Brien, Nancy Rude & Barry Samuel, Evelyn Holtz & Nancy Gunn, Lee Grams & Bruce Emmons, Larry Page & Joanne Wegsten, Rick Davis & Vince Taylor, Lynn Dondero & John Shribbs, and Vicki Chang & Don Steedman.

The Tuesday 499er game continues to be very enjoyable! Winners there were Dick Hale & Willa Mundell, Carole Terry & Gail Silvestri, Kathy Ann Wilson & Swan Day, and Lee Dalbey & Prentiss Willson.

Our Longest Day event was held on June 19 and was a grand success thanks to the very hard work by Barbara Lemme and many

others with 30 tables in play. More on this in next month's column.



*Here are two photos from our Longest Day event where Unit 512 raised over \$10,000 for Alzheimer's research thanks to the efforts of Barbara Lemme. We had a total of 32 tables in play.*

## Palo Alto

*By Carolyn Chaney*

When this newsletter is published, we will be happily competing at our Firecracker Sectional, July 3-7. Check the schedule here: (<https://paloaltobridge.org/firecracker/>). On Saturday there will be two sessions (10:00 and 2:00) for new players with 0-5 masterpoints, with free admission



for students under 26 and a between-sessions pizza party for Silicon Valley Youth players.

Don't forget to bring your checkbook (or give at our website, so EASY), because we will be making our annual donations to Second Harvest Food Bank. Please park nearby at the Buddhist Temple, to save spaces in our lot for our less able-bodied players. There is NO street parking (and we could lose our bridge permit if we scoff at this rule).

If you have recovered from your Firecracker fun, please come to our July unit games: Pairs on Saturday 7/13 and Swiss Teams on Sunday 7/14. All games start at noon with lunch served at 11:30 am. Sign up at our web site. If you like to play on weekends, check out Will Watson's Barometer game on Friday nights. In a Barometer game, the boards don't move and all pairs play the same boards at the same time. Scores are posted as soon as each round is over. Any pair's fortunes will rise and fall as the game goes on; hence the name Barometer. I find it a bit brutal to see my performance after every round, but great learning.

The coordinator of our mentor-mentee program, Alan Cummings, needs mentors to play with our NLM members. I have two mentees and love playing with them (even when Pianola tells me that my mentees played better than I did). My mentee Debbie told me this story: She and her partner had never played duplicate but wanted to try it, as their party bridge game seemed a bit stagnant. So she looked at a local club web site and found an open game, which she interpreted as: "Open to the Public." Imagine their surprise when they found themselves swimming with the sharks! Debbie says that although it was tough, she never looked back; she now runs a local duplicate game at the Redwood City Women's Club.

Have you checked out our bridge library

recently? We have so many wonderful books, and new titles all the time, including five new titles (by Bird, Parrish, Lawrence, etc.) this month. Dibs on Grand Slam Murders! To check out a book, simply fill out a checkout slip, no muss, no fuss. Of course it's important to return the book when you finish it! Thanks to Fran Bennett and Valerie Baldwin, who have maintained and improved our library for so many years.

Warm regards to Quan Nguyen, Ryan Tock, Marie Straube, Carol Clewans, Diana Lloyd, Vera Baum, and Debbie Machlin, who advanced in rank last month. And Lori Spaeth, co-director of our Wednesday evening game, is a newly minted Diamond Life Master.

I will be stepping down as your faithful writer of this column in December, as I prepare to move to SoCal (ah, the siren call of grandchildren). Who will take up the telling of our unit news next year? Contact me or our prez, Dan Thatte. And look for something new next month!



*Lori Spaeth*

## **Reno**

*By Judith Robyns*

Our club had a good turnout at the Sacramento Regional, with many earning points, including lots of gold points. There were several of our members who were first time attendees at a regional. This is in line with our club's goal this year.

The 2019 board set a goal to increase table counts by 10 percent over the 2018 table count. We wanted to accomplish this by attracting new duplicate players to our club. We also

wanted to improve the playing experience of our current players so they would keep coming back. We did this by the following: Katz Connell, our webmaster, has developed a new website for new players. It is both welcoming and informative; Jill Wallace and Jackie Moll have put together a newcomer folder for our new members; the club has increased classes for newer and intermediate players; there is also a coaching session on Wednesday mornings for intermediate and newer player. Also there are more limited and Pro-Am games; this is working. Don Rogers, our club manager, reported the Reno Bridge Center table count is up 14% in the first 5 months of 2019 over the first 5 months of 2018.

We lost two of our long time members this year. George Peterson died earlier this year. George was known as “Mr 3 NoTrumph” at the Reno Bridge Club. He was always a gentleman at the table. He was born and raised in New York City. He loved to tell stories of his days there. He told of going to see the New York Giants play baseball and the price of admission was 10 cents. Recently he was given a special award from ACBL. It was the Golden Age Master.

Bill Shepherd was another long time member. He died in May of this year. He was born in Idaho and was raised on ranches in Ely and Henderson, Nevada. He was an educator and a rancher. Bridge was one of his hobbies that included golfing and fishing. His motto was “Don’t take life too seriously.” He wrote a book called, “If It Is Not Broke Don’t Fix It.” If you read it, you can feel his laid back outlook on life. Both will be missed at our club.

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved new ranks this month: Stephen Price, Robin Rakusin, Club Master; Cynthia Birk, Anil Lakhwara, Sectional

Master; Jill Wallace, Life and Bronze Life Master.

## Sacramento

*By Miriam Steinberg*



What dampens enjoyment of your bridge experience? When I first started playing bridge, I would sit down eagerly at the table and greet all opponents with enthusiasm, soon to discover that all my opponents didn’t know how to talk! They would simply return my “hello” with a vacant stare. I have since broken the ice with everyone. It sure helps to put your opponents at ease by greeting them politely and introducing themselves.

I have found some of the most distressing distractions are partnership relationships. Some partners argue incessantly and have actually been suspected by others of trying to purposefully distract them from their game! One woman invites her partner outside to continue heated interchanges. Others can be very condescending to their partners. For example, one person has been known to grimace after her partner had passed and bemoaned, “But I had such a beautiful hand.” Others can look noticeably horrified when their partner forgets a convention or passes a forcing bid, giving information to the opponents and her partner.

Other individuals never fail to criticize their partner’s play of the hand, “The 2 of clubs was good; you could have made five,” they point out. One partner got so angry with his partner, he got up in the middle of the game and drove home!

Opponents can be equally distressing as they congratulate their partners on a good save of down four where the opponents had

a slam. Or they point out that you were in the wrong contract. Some opponents grind the other opponents' errors into the ground and feel superior. I personally like feedback when given kindly, but it's best to ask first. Some opponents complain at the end of the round that they should have called the director in a very accusatory manner. Well, why the heck didn't they at the appropriate time? And sometimes they will shout for the director without giving you any indication of what the issue is.

Then there was the opponent who called the director because she thought my partner had reneged. We went through each card, and the director found no renege. After the director left the table, the opponent declared saucily, "I still say you reneged!" And there are those who assume the worst and get irate at the opponents' bidding misunderstandings as if they were trying to cheat. Those misunderstandings most likely did not help the partner's game! Karen Nelson has even been accused of trying to trick the opponent so he would make the wrong lead! And there are always those who complain they never get any good cards after you just finished reaching your slam.

Personal habits annoy many people. One member of our club has the urge to remind certain people to take a bath! Carole Ludington hates when people yawn with their mouths wide open, "Exposing their thickly coated tongues!" Another complaint was tapping fingers and humming (I like the humming if it is a good tune!). Jim Bowman hates when the declarer insists on eating while playing. I have been accused of crunching my lentil chips too loudly when the dummy (I do offer to share!). Others get upset when the opponents are running late and then choose to get in a long lunch line before coming to the table to play. And how I wish people would not assume

there is maid service at the club! I like sitting N/S, but am often left gifts of used tissues, napkins, dirty coffee cups, half eaten food and other such treasures. Liz Brodeur pointed out another irritating habit when people zone out and don't focus on the game, then have to ask what contract they are playing in!

I would like to invite all of my bridge colleagues to pretend they are at a cocktail party and treat everyone with the same courtesy they would in a social situation. This will vastly improve everyone's enjoyment of their bridge experience. Our clubs should be a sanctuary from the outside world where everyone can come escape and have a good time! Games are meant to be fun!

The California Capital Regional was held in Sacramento May 27-June 2. Tournament Director Pam Hughes did her usual stellar job. Many members of our unit earned gold points. Gary Soules earned the 6th highest number of MP up there with the pros at 107.34. Some of the highlights included the following people who placed first (please let me know if I inadvertently left anyone out): Monday, May 27—Gold Rush Pairs, David Whitman and Richard Fabbre; Tues. May 28—PM 299er Pairs, Karen Bjork and Thomas Bjork; Side Pairs, Sue Tuana and Richard Archibald; KO Bracket 2, Miriam Steinberg and Marc Grunseth; Wednesday, May 29—A.M. Swiss, Bill Corliss; Wed. A.M. Side Pairs, Valentin Vieru, Wed. Eve. Side Pairs, Michael Grob, Dave Vidaver; Folsom Side Series Final, Bob Donaldson; Tues.-Wed. El Dorado K.P. Bracket 2, Jim Coke, Shishpal Rawat, Greg Schemer, Susan Bogan; Thursday, May 30—Gold Rush Pairs, Dave Ashby and Charles Berger; Sierra Wed.-Thurs. K.O. Bracket 3, Dennis Stroiney, Christine Stroiney; Friday, May 31—299ers pairs, Charles Peer, Fri. Eve. Swiss, Bob Etter; Ca. Kings Thurs.-Fri. K.O. Bracket 1, Gary Soules; Saturday, June 1—Ca.

Capital Swiss Teams, Gary Soules; Sat. P.M. 299er Pairs, Patricia Beddow, Diane Balter; Fri.-Sat. Morning Swiss, Dave Willmott, Jerry Nakamura, Teri Smoot; Sunday, June 2—Ca. Open Swiss Teams, Gary Soules; Bracketed Swiss Teams II, Bill Taggert, Franklin Kitchiner, Jr., Lois Beyer, Coralie Persse; Bracketed Swiss Teams III, Jack Blyskal, Joe Fisher, Jim Bowman, Jeff Beyers; Bracketed Swiss Teams IV, Ted Easley; Bracketed Swiss Teams V, Charles Holmes, Richard Holmes, and Kevin Smith.

Please submit any ideas or feedback for this column to me at (mirsteinbergsac@gmail.com).

## San Francisco

*By Kimberly Fanady*

Last month's San Francisco Summer Sectional was, as always, a big fun bridge party. Unit 506ers brought home the bacon in many events. Kudos to our winners: 2 session Open Pairs, 1st overall, Mark Ralph; Saturday Side Pairs, 1st overall, Don Friedman/Stam Chow, 1st strats B and C, Jo Streich; Newcomer Pairs, Carolyn Johnston/Mark Reed, 1st strat E; Sunday Side Pairs, Helen Chow/Nathan Chow, 1st strat C; Novice Pairs, Helen Chow/Nathan Chow again, 1st strat A, Joey Qi/Zhongxia Qi, 1st strat B; 1st Swiss Teams Bracket 2, Jim Leuker/Susan Ledford/Bruce Osterweil/David Levy; 1st Swiss Teams Bracket 3, Stephanie Rogers/Rick Rogers/Judy Soong. Well played all! And thanks to our hardworking Unit 506 Board of Directors who always make our tournament run so smoothly and feed us so well.



The unit game schedule resumes this month with a pairs event on July 13. As usual, Unit 506 will offer a pre-game lecture, light lunch, and three sections (open, 499er, and 99er, attendance permitting). All games are at noon at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., and everyone is welcome. Join us for a full and fun afternoon of bridge.

The North American Pairs club qualifying games continue this month; check club websites for details or ask at your next club game. Qualifiers move on to the unit and district level qualifying rounds, vying for the honor of representing Unit 506 and District 21 in the national finals at the 2020 Spring NABC in Columbus, Ohio. You've always wanted to visit Columbus, Ohio, haven't you? Sure you have. Head on over to your favorite club and give the NAP a try.

Congratulations to our masterpoint ladder climbers: new NABC Master Carolyn Kotner and new Silver Life Master Lynn Magnet. Nice going! Welcome as always to our new members: Nolan Balocki, Victorin Chen, Druhin Goel, and Cormac Stuart. Say hi and welcome to these new players when you meet them at the table.

Finally, the San Francisco NABC is only a few short months away, and the excitement is building fast. Unit 506 committed to furnish a day's worth of volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer, all kinds of help is needed and opportunities available – check out the D21 website to sign up. This is your chance to give back while meeting and assisting bridge players from all over the world. Let's do this thing!

Hope everyone has a fun-filled Fourth of July and is enjoying a great summer. See you at the table.

# San Mateo

*By Fran Gaura*

Timing is everything - unfortunately the timing of this column deadline precludes the announcement of the outcome of our Longest Day efforts. That event will be recapped in next month's column. In the meantime, kudos to the hard working team exerting unflagging efforts to make this event an outstanding fund raising effort: Janelle Van Rensselaer, Jackie Lowenberg, Sue Papilion, Marge Pachetti, Bob Johnson, Marie Pattie, Fred Chasalow, Sandra Tilch, Jenny Kuhn, Raad Bunni, Joy Venosa, Loren Charlton, and Donna Pellegrini.

Note your calendars for two upcoming events. On Wednesday evening, July 10, our unit game will be held at Fattoria and will be a Fast Pairs competition. We used this format last year and were able to play a great game starting at 6:30 and complete the festivities by 9:30. Jennifer Kuhn will be our intrepid director for this event and promises her good humor will move the action along. Look for your invitation in e-mail and sign-up quickly. As an added incentive, Fattoria will offer dinner at a discount to anyone wishing to dine before the game.

The second event is our Summer Sectional held at Canada College. The date of the event has been changed and will now be held on Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4. A flyer with complete run down of events for the two days is available on the Unit 498 website. As in previous sectionals, Canada's snack bar facilities will be available; parking is plentiful and the hillside venue is beautiful. Grab your partner and your teams and come on up to escape the August doldrums! Bob Gleason is again at the helm and promises an outstanding tournament experience for players of all stripes. An added event is focused on our newer players - a 49er pair

competition for all of you wanting to try your wings at tournament play against other newer players - this event will be held on Sunday at 10:00AM.

During the months of July and August our local clubs will be joining other clubs nationwide in hosting NAP club level qualifying games leading up to competition at the National level. These games will award 50% red and 50% black masterpoints! Plan to attend as many as you can to improve your Masterpoint chances!

The Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club, directed by Jennifer Kuhn, has scheduled the following July and August dates for these NAP qualifier games: July 11 at 12:30 pm; July 17 at 12:30 pm and at 6:30 pm; July 18 at 12:30 pm; July 31 at 12:30 pm and at 6:30 pm; August 7 at 12:30 pm and at 6:30 pm; August 8 at 12:30 pm; August 21 at 12:30 pm and at 6:30 pm; and August 22 at 12:30 pm.

Raad Bunni will direct NAP qualifying games at his 9:00 AM San Mateo Bridge Center games: July 9, 12, 23, and 26; and August 20 and 23. Both Jennifer's and Raad's games are held at Fattoria.

Qualified players will move to the NAP Unit Qualifier which will be held September 7 at Fattoria. So sharpen your skills and make your mark in these events!

A warm welcome to new Unit 498 members: Richard Bassin, Dmitry Braverman, Janice Carter, Timothy Flynn, Sergey Isayev, Dolores Kessler, Melanie Mauldin, Mary O'Neill, Hansen Pan, Vinka Rendic, and Robert Whitaker. And congratulations to players advancing over the past months: to Junior Master, David Anderson, Sarah Ku; to Club Master, Pete Goldsmith, Herb Lindberg, John Shipley; to Sectional Master, William Bakun, Debbie Carey; to NABC Master, Virginia Maclean; and to Bronze Life Master, Dr. Yehudit Hasin-Brumshten.

Be sure to check the Unit 498 website, ([www.unit498.com](http://www.unit498.com)), to get all up to date info on game schedules and special events.

## Santa Cruz

*By Karen Schamberg*

Our members were on the go again in May and June. A number of our folks earned bragging rights at the Lone Cypress/Monterey Sectional. Susan & Jim Slinger took 1st in A, Friday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs. Victoria Bell & Judy Ford placed 1st in E, Friday Afternoon NLM 499er Pairs. Ken Llacera & Mick Friedberg were 1st in A, Saturday AM Stratified Open Pairs. Steve & Kris Smith, and Carol Avenmarg & John Wesolowski took 1st in C, Sunday Stratified Open Swiss Teams. Finishing in the top 25% of MP earners were Mick Friedberg, Ken Llacera, Susan and Jim Slinger.



A special moment occurred at the California Capital Region Tournament when Laura McCabe and her dad, Gerald Kibbey, took a 1st in C Friday Daylight Pairs and earned 6.02 MPs at the same time. According to Laura, it felt really good.

In newcomer club games, a high score was attained by Angie Millslagle & Judy Osborn, 70.11%. Well done.

Unit 550 offers games most days and several evenings: Open Pairs games are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the first and third Thursdays, and Friday daytimes, as well as Thursday evenings; Newcomer Pairs play on Thursday evenings (first game is free); 99er Pairs play Wednesday evenings (free lesson preceding); 199ers play Monday evenings (free lesson preceding); 749ers are Tuesday evenings; the second Thursday morning is

an Open and NLM Pro-Am game; the fourth Thursday morning is an Open Swiss, and Sunday afternoons are NLM/Mentor game (free lesson preceding).

Our unit game will be on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. and don't forget to bring a lunch.

It's been a while since we said farewell to any of our members. This past month, two of our friends passed away. Our condolences go out to the families of Helene Hayes and Barbara Oldden.

Paid lessons are available from time to time from Nancy Wainer, Bette Harken, Pam Benz and Ken Gamble. Sydney Reuben's new round of Beginners Bridge lessons start on Tuesday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Sydney at ([sydneyjane210@gmail.com](mailto:sydneyjane210@gmail.com)), or 831-515-7449. Tell your friends how much you love this fascinating sport! Check the "Learn Bridge/Classes" link on our website to contact the individual instructors.

Unit 550 now has a presence on Nextdoor.com, a great way to connect with prospective players. If you already use Nextdoor, please recommend us by searching for "Bridge" and clicking on "Recommend" for our Bridge Center. Also, be sure to visit our Facebook page.

As a reminder, the SCBC is a fragrance-free venue. Please use unscented, non-perfumed products. To see the Unit 550 Game Calendar or to contact one of our club owners, please visit our website at ([www.santacruzbridge.org](http://www.santacruzbridge.org)).

## Santa Rosa/Petaluma

*By Cecelia Zachar*

Unit 509 celebrated the Longest Day June 21 and 22. Wow! What a lot of work for a good cause. We had raffles, a silent auction, a pool-

side brunch, rent-a-pro for a \$100 donation (pros: Kathy Venton, Kate Hill, and Richard Zalinski), and 3 special bridge games.

Our hardest workers for this event were Jan Lee, Stephanie Poley, Kathy Juarez, and Kathy Venton, but it takes a village, as they say. In total, we collected over \$4,700 for the Alzheimer's Association. That's \$1,100 more than last year!

The Bridge Gallery had 10 tables in the morning and 13 in the afternoon. First in A, B, and C for each direction were: Friday Morning Barbara Norman, Bill Walton, Tony Jackson, Helen Yost, Cathy Wagener, Maxine Reagh, Patricia Thornton, Debby Pedlar; Friday Afternoon Shirley Blum, Cecelia Zachar, Evelyn Holtz, Shelly Dunietz, Patricia Hertz, Mary Omodt, Mark Hersko, Larry Spanier, Carol Kemper, Ron Chestnut, Susan Campbell, Eleanor Wales, Karen Rice, and Kim Morris. In Petaluma, there were 8 tables. First in A and B for each direction were: Jim O'Brien, Frances O'Brien, Ellen Schiller, Loretta Bromberg, Patricia Shribbs, John Shribbs, Joanne Pransky, and Mary Omodt.

The Sacramento Regional is probably our unit's favorite. Our big winners in Sacramento were Bob Klein and Erwin Linzner coming in 2nd in the top bracket of a Knock Out for 30.56 gold! Coming in 1st overall in a knock out, bracket 3, were John and Patricia Shribbs winning 13.91 gold. Peter Lit won an Open Pair game for 13.63 gold. Evelyn Holtz and Jacqueline Ortiz won 1st in the morning session and 2nd overall for the event in the Open Fast Pairs for 10.5 gold.

Barry Samuel, Paul Scheinberg, and Larry Wyner won 7.17 gold for a 2nd/3rd in a Bracketed Swiss Teams game and after took 1st place in the top bracket of the 0-3000 Bracketed Swiss Teams for 9.98 gold. Sara Rothmuller took 1st place in a Swiss Teams

game for 4.85 red. Coming in 1st in their strat in a side pair game were Barbara Norman and Linda Marin, Karen Weissberg and Cathy Netz, Barbara Simon and Wayne Kaneko, Larry Spanier and Mark Hersko, Karen Rice and Donna Soehrens, Tony Jackson, and Lisa French.

Other overall winners include Abbe Cohen, Ann Goldberg, Brian Aabel, Brian Sullivan, Carolyn Zocchi, Conrad Larkin, David Pankratz, Eleanor Wales, Harley Conner, Jennifer Jones, Jim O'Brien, Jonathan Cohen, Karen Aabel, Kate Hill, Kathy Venton, Larry Borsian, Lynn Blumenthal, Meryl Fischer, Muthiah Ramanathan, Nancy Gunn, Nancy Johnson, Patricia Hertz, Shelly Dunietz, and Susan Campbell. Congratulations all!

Many of our players drove to San Francisco for the sectional June 8 and 9. Coming in 1st place Bracket 4 of the Sunday Swiss Teams were, Roy Redlich, Hans Van Boldrik, Jonathan Cohen, and Brian Sullivan for 4.78 silver points. Erwin Linzner, Gary Robinson, David Neuman, and Bob Klein were 3rd in Bracket 1 for 8.53 silver points. Laurie Vree and Judy Duport were first in B in 499er Pairs and 2nd in B in Saturday Afternoon Pairs for a total of 3.66 silver. Also placing in the overalls were Nancy Gunn, Lynn Blumenthal, and Kate Hill.

Also on Sunday, June 9, we held our unit game at the Petaluma Bridge Club. The inestimable Cris Barrere helped us take a long look at bidding minors. The question of the day was which minor to open when you have 4 diamonds and 5 clubs. Following Cris' lesson, we had 9 1/2 tables for our unit game. First overall were Joanne Pransky and Debbie Tesler winning 2.92 points. First E/W and 1st overall in B were Carolyn Farren and Paulette Moe earning 2.19 points. Third overall, 2nd in B, were Peg Devine and KC Casey. First in C were Maxine Reagh and Cathy Wagener.

The Bridge Gallery will be open as usual on the 4th of July, but the Petaluma Bridge Club will be closed for the holiday.

On Monday, July 8, the Bridge Gallery will host the Summer Instant Matchpoint Game with commentary by Sylvia Shi at noon. Card fees are \$12 with the extra \$2 going to the ACBL. A gold point goes to the winners in both directions.

The Bridge Gallery started the Play of the Hand in the 21st Century class on June 11, but you can take individual sessions even if you missed the first three. These classes are: July 2 Entries; July 9 How to avoid the Dangerous Opponent; July 16 Pull trump now or later? & Quick losers vs slow losers.

Defense in the 21st Century will start July 23. Sessions are: July 23 Opening Leads; July 30 2nd/ 3rd hand play; August 6 Attitude Signals; August 13 Count Signals; August 20 Suit Preference Signals; August 27 Interfering with the Declarer/Making a plan for the defense. The Defense course is \$99 including text. Single sessions of both courses are \$15, \$10 to repeat if you've taken the class before. Both are taught by Kathy Venton on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30. See (<http://santarosabridge.com/classes/>) for more details.

Cris Barrere will be teaching a second class on minors on July 14 from 10:30 to 12:30 at the Bridge Gallery. In this lesson we will examine cutting edge inverted minor agreements as well as other invitational and slam bidding. All are invited, paid for by Unit 509. Lunch and a 1 p.m. Stratified Pairs unit game follow Cris' class.

Sylvia Shi will be returning for another class, topic not yet determined on Sunday, August 25. Sylvia's classes have been excellent, and we are privileged by her return.

We had 4 big games since our last report. At the Bridge Gallery, Bob Klein and Erwin Linzner scored 70.63% on May 22 and Sharon

and Richard Radovich scored 70% on June 19. At the Petaluma Bridge Club, Lynn Dondero and Karen Rocco scored 70.24% on June 13 and Cris Barrere and Lynn Blumenthal scored 74.50% on June 15.

In May, we had 3 players move up in rank. Betsy Todd is our newest Junior Master, and Herschel Cozine our newest Club Master. Abbe Cohen earned enough gold points in Sacramento to be our newest Life Master.

## Silicon Valley

*By Ray Yuenger*

If you haven't yet signed up to play in the annual Unit 507 member appreciation game on Sunday, July 14, you still can at the San Jose Bridge Center. The stratified pairs game will be preceded by a potluck dinner beginning at 5 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room of the Campbell Community Center. The game is free to members of Unit 507.



We plan to distribute a players' directory at this event. If you would like to be included, please e-mail your contact information to ([sjbcsurveys@gmail.com](mailto:sjbcsurveys@gmail.com)). A draft directory will be on the directors' desk in the Bridge Center for your correction.

Looking back over recent tournaments, at the Sacramento regional, Will Watson's team placed 3rd in the two-day Capital Open Swiss, Stephen Tu & T-C Yang placed 5th, and Mindy Foos & Michael Fleisher placed 6th. In other team events, Will Watson's team won a KO. First in their Swiss team stratifications were Brandon & Xin Ge; Charlene & Joel Reimnitz; Frank Xie & Lum Liu; Leila Sink; Sathya Bettadapura; and Daniela Tone. (I'll remind you I don't report single-session Swiss or side games to save space.)

## Stockton

By Debbie DeZarn



In Sacramento pairs games, Stephen Tu won one two-session open pairs game and Alan Wood won another. Lynn Shannon had three section tops in open pairs games. Xin & Brandon Ge won a mid-flight pairs game. Section tops in mid-flight pairs were earned by Lynn Bartz & Ken Imboden and Andy Scott. Stacie Bowman & George Welch had a section top in the gold rush pairs. Jane Schwartz won a 299er pairs game.

At the San Francisco sectional, Sarah Chen & Xin Ge had a strat top in the two-session open pairs, while Clark Millikan and Jung Hu had section tops. Jane Schwartz won a newcomer pairs game. Steve & Andrew Chen won one single-session pairs game and Carolyn Drozdiak & John Stremel had a section top in another one. Pamela Meckenstock & Barbara Roupe had a section top in the 499 pairs game.

And in a regional in Penticton, British Columbia, Terry Ahern & Linda Rocha won their knockout bracket.

Congratulations to our newest Masters: Marjorie Headd (Junior); Susan Maki, Radhakishin Thawani, Henry Zhang (Club); Matthew Rode (Sectional).

Again there were no nominations for the six available unit board seats and there were therefore no ballots in June, with the six incumbents (Bob Dean, Anne Bossange, Karen O'Connell, Mischel Postas, Michaelangelo Ravera, and Ray Yuenger) all willing to continue serving. I like to think there are no nominations because the unit members are satisfied with the current Board's performance.

If you are interested in volunteering at the San Francisco Nationals this year between November 28 and December 8, there's a link in the Club News of ([sjbridge.org](http://sjbridge.org)) through which you can sign up on-line. It's an opportunity to meet and help new people.

Successes at the Sacramento Capital Regional and the addition of more Sunday games at the Stockton Bridge Center have resulted in new rank achievements to announce: Sue Winter and Mikki Kindelberger are now Junior Masters; Mike Burns and Peter Gannon reached Club Master; Wendy Buchanan reached Advanced NABC Master! For those of you who say "Huh? What's that?", this rank was created for those of us who joined ACBL after 2010 and now need 500 points for Life Master. The Advanced NABC is what used to be the Life Master: 300+ points and 25 Gold, 50 Silver. Speaking of Silver, after winning a knockout event in Sacramento as well as placing in pairs events, Mary Sievers became a Silver Life Master! Kudos to all of you.

The Sunday games have been showing good attendance. As a reminder, they are held every week at the Bridge Center on Pacific Ave at 1 p.m. Only once a month is a potluck, the 3rd Sunday; but on August 18 the lunch will be catered by the family of Norma Peterson in her memory. The June potluck on Father's Day kicked off the season of qualifying games for the North American Pairs. If you want to know more about NAP, talk to me or Bill and Ann Nutting.

The Longest Day fund-raiser for the Alzheimer's Association was successfully held on June 17 with nearly 10 tables. The Stockton unit participated informally in 2017 (Korey donated proceeds from a knife-sharpening drive) and 2018 (donations solicited at a designated game) but this year we officially had a team with tee shirts, a website, and purple decorations and raised \$460. Thank you to all who attended and were

generous with cash and checks.

I mentioned Cissy Hilken last month but would like to recognize her contributions to our club a bit more. Cissy and some of her social bridge players were invited to try duplicate bridge at the former Stockton Bridge Center about 7 years ago by fellow player Barbara Smart. Cissy accepted and says she was immediately hooked.

She joined the ACBL and became an asset to the club by serving as Secretary on the Board of Directors, recruiting social players to take lessons at the club and try out the beginner and intermediate games, and most importantly, to the always hungry players, she spearheads the lunch program for the Monday and Friday games.

Cissy is always looking for people to make/bring lunch for which there is reimbursement but if no one steps up Cissy arranges for something (pizza, tacos, Subway) to be there for the 11:30 games each week. She is a fellow

University of California alum and strives to improve her bridge by attending lessons whenever offered and continuing to play with mentors Barbara Smart and Lorna Crooks. Please support Cissy by volunteering to be responsible for lunch once or twice a year even if you are unable to do it on a regular basis. It is not necessary to go “all out” and just ordering and picking up sufficient “take out” is greatly appreciated.

At press time, only preliminary results were available for the World Wide Bridge Contest which was held at the Stockton Bridge Center on June 7, 2019. There were 3,741 pairs competing that day from 22 countries, all playing the same hands. Ann and Bill Nutting placed 91st, Howard Parker and Maryanne Sievers were 125th, and Marion Goldberg and Barbara Smart were 380th. All in the top 10% of the world! The rest of our club players ranked between 1,038 (Jack Fitzgerald and Doris Ashcroft) to 3,467 out of 3,741.

**Guess whose sectionals will  
have more tables this year?  
All of them who placed ads  
in *Diamond in the Ruff*.  
Check out the next page and  
find out who thought ahead...**

# San Mateo County Summer Sectional



August 3 and 4, 2019  
Cañada College "Grove"  
4200 Farm Hill Boulevard  
Redwood City, CA 94061

Sanction 1908106

**\*\* Replacement for canceled 1908070 previously scheduled for Aug 17 & 18 \*\***

Saturday August 3, 2019	Sunday August 4, 2019
<p><u>10:00 AM</u></p> <p><b>Two Sessions Open Pairs (0-750/2000/2000+)</b> (Pairs must play both sessions)</p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session 299er Pairs (100/200/300)</b></p> <p><b>Art Weinstein Trophy Pairs (0-100)</b></p>	<p><u>10:00 AM</u></p> <p><b>Two Sessions Stratified A/X Swiss Teams (0-4000/4000+)</b> (First 3 or 4 rounds of 7 boards/round, staggered to reduce lines at lunch)</p> <p><b>Two Sessions Bracketed Swiss Teams</b> (No player with more than 2000 points)</p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session 49er Pairs</b></p>
<p><u>1:30 PM Lunch</u></p>	<p><u>1:30 PM Lunch</u></p>
<p><u>3:00 PM</u></p> <p><b>2nd Session Open Pairs (0-750/2000/2000+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session 299er Pairs (100/200/300)</b></p>	<p><u>Approximately 2:30 PM</u></p> <p><b>2nd Session Stratified A/X Swiss Teams (0-4000/4000+)</b> (Last 3 or 4 rounds)</p> <p><b>2nd Session Bracketed Swiss Teams</b> (No player with more than 2000 points)</p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p>

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**Fees per Session:** ACBL members \$12, lapsed ACBL members \$16, students under 22 \$7  
Sunday AM 49er pairs game free for players with fewer than 20 MPs

#### Directions to playing site:

From I280, exit at Farm Hill Boulevard, between Highway 92 and Woodside Road. Turn left into the Cañada campus at the first signal light. Follow the Loop Road (and signs) to lots #5 and #6.

A map is available at <http://www.canadacollege.edu/about/campusmap.php>, and an elevator to the Grove is located at parking lot #4 for those who need assistance. The grill at the Grove will be open for lunch.

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