

DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

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Las Vegas NABC BoD Meeting

By Jackie Zayac, D21 Director

I enjoyed the warm, dry weather in Las Vegas in July, from inside the Cosmopolitan Hotel most of the time!

Although a lot of people say what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, I am writing about everything that happened at the ACBL Board meetings. I hope you have all realized by now that I am aware that complete disclosure is not for everyone. However, there is something in my reports for each of you so feel free to skim through my report for the items that interest you!

Several motions were voted on in Las Vegas. They are as follows:

4-Session Regional Events: For those unrestricted four-session regional events other than Knockouts, the masterpoint awards shall be computed by formula increased by 60% and not to exceed fifty (50) masterpoints. The vote was 25-0. This was the second reading and it became effective August 1, 2019.

Flight C CNT Championship and the CMT Championship: The Flight C Canadian National Team Championship and the Canadian Mixed Team Championship be changed from awarding overall masterpoints based on the formula to overall masterpoint awards based on a fixed amount. The Masterpoint Committee

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District 21 Regionals

By Pam Hughes, Regional Tournament Manager

I hope you've been enjoying the All Western Regional. Next we turn to our third Reno/Sparks Regional October 7-13. This event has been shaping up beautifully and as we get more settled into the Nugget. We are improving this tournament for your bridge-playing pleasure! This year we will be going to a primarily 10:00 and 3:00 playing schedule, except for on Monday October 7, which will be a travel day for most of you, so we're having the games at 1:00 and 7:00 that day.

Due to popular demand, on that first day we are adding a team event, the Kirkwood Bracketed Swiss Teams, which will take place over both sessions and will be awarding gold points. You can view the updated schedule online at either www.acbl.org or www.d21acbl.com, or pick up a copy at the All Western in Santa Clara.

Reno will have a record breaking EIGHT Gold Rush pair events, new team events daily, 299er and three side game series with sessions at 10:00, 3:00 and 7:30. Don't forget that at both these fabulous regionals we offer free Intermediate/Novice lectures and expert players speaking on more advanced topics - check your daily Bulletins for who and where.

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Upcoming Tournaments

Sectionals

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

Odd Fellows Hall, 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

Oct 18–20, 2019

Silicon Valley Fall Sectional 2019

San Jose Bridge Club, San Jose CA and
Wilcox High School, Santa Clara 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

Jan 4–5, 2020

North American Pairs Flights A & C District Finals

Fattoria e Mare Restaurant, Burlingame CA

Jan 18–19, 2020

San Francisco Sectional

Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco CA

Jan 25–26, 2020

Livermore Valley Sectional

Christensen Middle School, Livermore CA

Jan 25–26, 2020

Palo Alto Bridge Club Sectional

Palo Alto Bridge Club, Mountain View CA

Feb 8–9, 2020

GNT Championship Flight District Final

East Bay Community Bridge Center, Oakland CA

Feb 15–16, 2020

GNT Championship Flight District Final

Palo Alto Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

Feb 15–16, 2020

Grand National Teams Flight B District Final

Palo Alto Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

Feb 22–23, 2020

San Mateo County Winter Sectional

Cañada College, Redwood City CA

Regionals

Oct 7–13, 2019

Reno/Sparks Regional

Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks NV

Jan 6–12, 2020

Monterey Clambake Regional

Hyatt Regency, Monterey CA

determined that the masterpoint awards for Flight C CNT will be 30 Gold. The Canadian Mixed Teams award will be 80 Gold.

The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately.

Opportunities for ACBL Members Residing Outside of the ACBL Member Countries: ACBL Management will create two online bridge tournaments, in conjunction with an NABC, which:

- a. Will be limited to players whose residence is outside of the ACBL member countries;
- b. Is only open to ACBL members in good standing, i.e., current with their dues;
- c. Will provide for the opportunity to win gold, red and silver points.

The motion failed. The vote was 1-24. I voted no because I want them to come play at our NABCs!

Club Incentive: Section D of the Masterpoint Book dealing with Club Awards under the heading SPECIAL AWARDS IN CLUB EVENTS be modified as follows:

Club Appreciation Team Games and Upgraded Club Championships – Award 25% Gold masterpoints, up to a maximum of 1 masterpoint; remaining awards are black.

The vote was 25-0. It will be effective January 1, 2020 or as soon as it can be implemented by Management.

Update General Conditions of Contest: This was a clean up item. The vote was 25-0. It became effective August 1, 2019. If you want to see the details, they are contained in my report on the D21 Website.

GNT Special Conditions of Contest: The revised 2019/2020 Grand National Teams (GNT) Conditions of Contest attached this motion as Exhibit B-1 be approved. The vote was 25-0. It is effective on September 1, 2019. If you want a copy, email me at jackiezayac@

gmail.com.

General Conditions of Contest for STaCs:

The revised General Conditions of Contest for STaC attached as Exhibit C-1 be approved.

1. ADDED EXCEPTION (Intro): All the ACBL rules, regulations, and procedures for running a Sectional tournament apply to the organization and management of a STaC, except that players need not have an ACBL number nor be paid-up members.

2. CHANGED (Participating Clubs, 2): The ACBL Open Convention Chart will be used for Open events. In Limited masterpoint events, clubs may use the Basic, Basic+, or Open Convention Chart, as appropriate. (Changed from using the GCC.)

3. CHANGED (Participating Clubs, 7): Non-playing directors are encouraged for all STaC games. A non-playing director is REQUIRED at any club not using electronic scoring when more than 18 tables are participating in the STaC and at any club using electronic scoring when more than 24 tables are participating in the STaC. Playing directors will be eligible for session awards. They may be eligible to receive overall masterpoint awards, at Sponsor option.

4. CHANGED TIME (Participating Clubs, 8): Each club must report its results to the DIC within the designated time limit, which is 24 hours from the end of its game.

5. CHANGED TIME (Participating clubs, 9): The final reporting period for the STaC ends 24 hours after the last event ends.

6. DELETED (Director-in-Charge, 3): The DIC of a STaC will label hand records when used.

7. DELETED (Director-in-Charge, 7): In addition to the expected functions of a DIC, the DIC may be asked to perform a variety of additional tasks. Typical tasks may include distribution of hand record printouts, pre-tournament advertising, or a post-tournament bulletin. The DIC and the sponsor will

determine the time and fees for these tasks.

The vote was 24-1. It became effective on August 1, 2019. I voted yes.

Permanent Unit Residency: Each ACBL Member shall be assigned a Permanent Unit Affiliation (“PUA”).

A member’s PUA shall be based on the member’s primary physical residence. Once a PUA has been assigned to a member, the PUA shall not change unless a member moves to a new primary physical residence.

Upon implementation of this procedure, any member who has multiple physical residences will be required to declare his PUA.

Each member shall also maintain a mailing address (“MA”), which may be the same as or different from the PUA. A member’s MA may be changed at any time and as frequently as the member chooses.

The unit portion of a member’s dues shall be credited to the member’s PUA.

A member’s eligibility for Grand National Teams, North American Open Pairs or any similar event will be based on the member’s PUA.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 3-21-1. I voted no because I don’t want to limit the choice of the unit any member may choose to join.

BBO Robot Daylong Tournaments: Moved that:

Codification Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games, A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games Section, 6 – Daylong Robot Tournaments be amended to increase the number of Robot Daylong Tournaments per day hosted by BBO:

6.1. Up to four sanctioned daylong online robot games may be held daily per approved online club. Up to 24 hours are allowed for play. Each daylong game will play either 12 or 18 boards.

The motion passed 24-1. I voted yes because the games are becoming more popular and they are profitable.

Use of Tournament Assistants at ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments: moved that:

Codification Chapter XIII – General Tournament Information – G. Tournament Directors, Finance and Tournament Assistants – Section 3, Tournament Assistants (Formerly entitled Tournament Computer Operator Technicians in Canada) be replaced in its entirety with the text contained in the document titled Use of Tournament Assistants at ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments. You can read all about it in my report on the D21 Website!

The vote was 22-3. I voted yes. It became effective August 1, 2019.

Super Senior Events: NABC events designated as “Super Senior” be changed from a minimum of 70 years of age to 75 years of age. The vote was 25-0. It is effective January 1, 2020.

Senior Age: The definition of a “Senior” for the purposes of participation in all ACBL events designated as ‘Senior’ be changes from a minimum of 60 years of age to 65 years of age. The requirements for earning a “Silver Ribbon” qualification will follow the new Senior Age changes. The following is the transition for the senior age change:

- Beginning January 1, 2020 Senior Age will be 62;
- Beginning January 1, 2021 Senior Age will be 63;
- Beginning January 1, 2022 Senior Age will be 64;
- Beginning January 1, 2023 Senior Age will be 65.

The vote was 19-5-1. I voted yes.

Increase Novice Member Retention: The multiplier for players with fewer than 5 masterpoints (currently 0.3) and between 5 and

10 masterpoints (currently 0.4) in club games and/or within strata for limited or open games both be changed to 0.5;

The depth of session awards for players with fewer than 10 masterpoints in newcomer club games and/or within strata for limited or open games (currently 40%, as all other games) be changed to 60%; and

These changes will apply to both regular club games and to special games held at clubs.

The vote was 24-1. Of course, I voted yes! It will require a second reading in San Francisco.

Month of Funding: Codification Chapter V- Charity, Foundations and Special Funds, B. Charity and Fund Games – Clubs be changed with Section 2.2 to now read “The month of February is designated as Education Foundation Fund month. Monies raised from Education Foundation Charity Games shall be distributed to the Education Foundation.

Renumber current section 2.2 through 2.6 to 2.3 through 2.7.

The vote was 19-5-1. I voted yes. It became effective August 1, 2019.

Education Fund: It was moved that:

Codification Chapter I – Membership – G. Education be appended as follows:

Section 5: Education Fund

The ACBL shall raise bridge-education funds in the name of the Education Fund rather than the Educational Foundation, except for the “Educational Foundation” check-off box at membership renewal. All money raised from the check-off box shall go to the Educational Foundation without restrictions.

ACBL management shall spend/distribute money raised either directly or indirectly for the Education Fund as follows:

- 40% to the ACBL Educational Foundation. Money distributed to the Educational Foundation shall be unrestricted up to \$50K or the full amount of check-off box donations, whichever is greater. Any additional funds

going to the educational foundation shall be restricted to the college program.

- 20% to local bridge education charities throughout ACBL’s territory. Recipients in the United States must be 501c3 bridge education organizations. These funds should be distributed for purposes that further the ACBL’s education strategy and complement Educational Foundation goals/programs.

- 40% to development of bridge education technology.

Management has the discretion to adjust the above percentages, but must report its reasons for so doing to the board no later than the next NABC.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 5-18-2. I voted no because I the ACBL, ABTA and the ACBL Education Foundation are exploring ways they can jointly support bridge education. I would like to hear from them before implementing something else.

I/N Tournament Staffing: Chapter X – Sectionals, D. Operations, Section 1 – Staffing, 1.1.4.2 be amended as follows:

Section 1 – Staffing

1.1.4.2 If ACBL hand records are used, the normal charge applies.

The motion failed and the vote was 10-15.

Guest Membership: The ACBL is going to try a free guest membership program. You can read all about it in my report on the D21 Website.

The vote was 22-2-1. I voted yes. It is effective as soon as the ACBL can implement the changes in all membership-related systems.

WBF Management Meeting: Codification Chapter VII – International Bridge, A. Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs) Section 4 Miscellaneous, be modified to include the following:

4.6 The ACBL will sponsor a WBF Management Meeting to be held at the 2019 San Francisco ACBL. The ACBL shall provide

up to 50 room nights including one junior suite for up to five nights; light refreshments during the meetings; up to four lunches for ten people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days. The expenditure for hotel rooms, food and beverage shall not exceed \$10,000.

The vote was 14-11. I voted no because this is for a Zone 2 Meeting. It is effective immediately.

Stipend Payment: Codification Chapter IV – Board Procedures, B. Expenses – Section 4 – Board of Directors Stipend be revised to the following

Section 4 – Board of Directors’ Stipend

4.1 The President of the ACBL, each District Director and the Chair of the Board of Governors will receive an amount of \$1,000 three times per year to reflect up to \$3,000 annually in reimbursement for travel to District and Unit Unit/District events, telephone expenses, and other mailings and miscellaneous office expenses related to their office. Each individual will be required to submit receipts within six (6) months of the occurrence of the expense but no later than March 1 of the subsequent year.

This motion was defeated. The vote was 4-21. I voted no.

Collusive Cheaters: Amend Section 10.2.4 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations as follows:

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of Section 10.2, the ACBL Board of Directors will not hear, and ACBL Management hereby is instructed not to forward to the Board, any request for readmission of a member who was expelled for premeditated collusive cheating in any ACBL sanctioned event, or who resigned his membership for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions concerning premeditated collusive cheating in such events, or combination of such expulsion or resignation. Such a former member may never

be readmitted to Membership in the ACBL nor participate in any ACBL sanctioned events.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 6-19. I voted yes.

Member in Good Standing: The Codification Chapter 1 – Membership, A. Membership, Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership and Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) be revised as follows:

2.3.1 Definition. An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

1. expelled;
2. serving a term of suspension;
3. serving indefinite probation;
4. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
5. serving a term of probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was more than 90 days.

2.3.2 Limitations. A member who is not in good standing may not:

1. Serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL;
2. Receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL;
3. Participate in and receive recognition for Masterpoint races;
4. Receive recognition for Masterpoint rank promotion;
5. Publish an article in any ACBL publication;
6. Vote in any election in which general membership is electorate;
7. Serve as a club manager or director;
8. Participate in events where such participation is prohibited by Conditions of Contest;
9. Vote in a Hall of Fame election.

The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately.

Collusive Cheating Definitions: Add the following to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations Definitions (CDR):

Collusive Cheating

An agreement made between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant, to exchange or pass information illicitly. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.

The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately.

NABC Tournament Conduct Committee: Codification Chapter IV – Board Procedures, D. Committees, Section 5 – Other ACBL Bodies, 5.2 NABC Tournament Conduct Committee be amended as follows:

ACBL Management be responsible for creating the NABC Tournament Conduct Committee roster and submitting a list of names to be approved by the ACBL President.

Section 5 - Other ACBL Bodies

Other ACBL bodies are non-Board committees established by the Board of Directors to accomplish goals and objectives deemed appropriate. These entities operate in accordance with, and under the provisions of, the enabling legislation.

5.1 NABC Tournament Conduct Committee
The process for forming an NABC Tournament Conduct Committee will be as follows:

5.1.1 ACBL Management will create a roster of committee members from:

- a. A list of names approved by the ACBL President that has been submitted by ACBL Management;
- b. The membership of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee; and
- c. The membership at large, if needed.

5.1.2 When the committee is to hear a Charge or Charges relating only to conduct (not including an Ethical Violation), ACBL Management will select the committee from

available members in categories a. through c. immediately above.

5.1.3 When the committee is to hear a charge which includes an Ethical Violation, the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee chair will select the committee from available members of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee and/or, if needed, from the membership at large.

5.1.4 The committee members serving on a case will be compensated. The guideline for the amount of the compensation is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.

The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately.

Resignation to Avoid Discipline Publication: The Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 10 Other Disciplinary Matters be amended as follows:

10. Other Disciplinary Matters:

10.1.1 A member who resigns his/her membership in the ACBL to avoid possible disciplinary action for unethical conduct may not thereafter participate in any national, District, Unit, sanctioned game or other ACBL activity, including but not limited to:

- (i) acting as non-playing captain;
- (ii) kibitzing any game or event;
- (iii) being physically present at the site of a tournament, or
- (iv) participating in the corporate or business affairs of any ACBL affiliated organization.

10.1.2 For purposes of publication, any member who resigns to avoid possible disciplinary action for unethical activity shall be treated as though that member was convicted of the ethical violation(s) for which the member is charged, and received maximum discipline under Appendix B. However, publication as indicated in CDR 10.3.4 and CDR 10.3.5 shall be at the discretion of Management.

The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately.

Statute of Limitations: The Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 5 Procedures for Disciplinary Bodies of Original Jurisdiction be amended as follows:

Section 5 Procedures for Disciplinary Bodies of Original Jurisdiction

5.2 Specific Procedures for The Conduct of Hearings by a Unit Disciplinary Committee, District Disciplinary Committee, The Ethical Oversight Committee and The ACBL Disciplinary Committee (see also CDR 5.1.)

5.2.1 (d) Notwithstanding the previous limitations period above, a Complaint involving any ethical violation for which CDR 3.20 “Cheating and other Ethical Violations” would apply, is not subject to a period of limitations.

The vote was 24-1. I voted yes. It will be effective immediately upon publication.

Unit Disciplinary: The ACBL will have 25 District Recorders and the National Recorder to hear disciplinary actions at the Unit and District level. The following sections of the Codification and CDR be modified to accompany the change described here:

From Codification:

Chapter III, A. Units – Section 2 Unit Requirements, Privileges and Responsibilities 2.2.5

Chapter VI, F. Discipline – Section Club Discipline 1.13, 1.14, 1.16

The positions of Unit Recorder and Unit Disciplinary Chair are eliminated. All disciplinary matters previously managed by Units will be managed by Districts. For disciplinary matters in a District the District President shall be the Charging Party unless otherwise specified in the District’s bylaws.

From CDR:

Definitions – Advocate, Charging Party, Unit Disciplinary Committee.

1. Unit Disciplinary Committee;

2.1 Jurisdiction, generally (or lack thereof), of Units, Districts, the ACBL and Tournament

Disciplinary Committees;

2.1.5 Limits on the Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Bodies;

2.2 Original vs. Appellate jurisdiction of unit and District Disciplinary Bodies;

4.3.2 Additional Reason for Administrative Suspension;

4.4.2 Requirements when Suspension Pending Hearing is in effect;

5.1.11 Advocate/Presenter;

5.1.18 Advisor for Committees of Original Jurisdiction;

5.2 Specific Procedures for the conduct of hearings by a Unit Disciplinary Committee, District Disciplinary Committee, the Ethical Oversight Committee, and the ACBL Disciplinary Committee;

5.3.4 Hearing Held Following Tournament;

5.3.14 Additional Discipline Recommended;

7.0 Appeals to a Unit Disciplinary Committee;

7.1.1 Right to Appeal a Disciplinary Body’s Decision;

7.4.5 Rights of Parties to the Appeal or Automatic Review;

7.4.6 Representation Provided for ACBL-Related Entities;

7.4.7 Advisor for Committees of Appellate Jurisdiction;

8.4 Authority to grant stay;

10.3 Publication of Disciplinary Cases.

Appendix A

District Recorders will appoint Assistant Recorders. If a Unit requests that one of its members be an Assistant Recorder, such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.

Management will make the necessary changes in the Codification and in the CDR to facilitate this change.

The vote was 22-3. I voted yes because I think disciplinary actions will be more uniformly applied with only 25 District Recorders and the National Recorder involved.

There is a provision for appointment of Unit Assistant Recorders if requested. It will be effective January 1, 2020.

Voluntary Relinquishment of Titles and Second-Place Finishes: It was moved that:

Chapter I – Membership, H. Awards and Trophies, Section 2 – Trophy Assignment Policy and Chapter VIII – North American Bridge Championships, D. Events / Schedules be amended as follows:

CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

H. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

Section 2 - Trophy Assignment Policy

2.9. Relinquishment of Title.

2.9.1 Any ancillary benefit coming from a 1st or 2nd place finish in a NABC or NABC+ event will be removed or returned for all members of the relinquishing pair or team. This includes but is not limited to –

2.9.1.1 Any remuneration of any kind shall be returned to the ACBL.

2.9.1.2 Any trophy shall be returned to ACBL. The names of the relinquished players shall be struck from any trophy awarded.

2.9.1.3 Any rank change occurring as a result of the relinquished title shall be rescinded, including but not limited to Grand Life Master.

2.9.1.4 Any masterpoints and any event (such as Blue Ribbon Pairs) qualification shall be removed.

CHAPTER VIII - NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

D. EVENTS / SCHEDULES

Section 1 – National-rated events

1.7 Voluntary Relinquishment of First or Second Place in NABC or NABC+ Events.

1.7.1 If members of a team which contains player(s) convicted of cheating, in the event in question or any others that occurred prior to those player(s) conviction for cheating, that team shall be permitted to voluntarily relinquish their title under the following circumstances –

1.7.2 The team Captain (playing or non-playing) and at least half of the team members not involved in the cheating conviction must concur. If the Captain is non-playing, a unanimous request from the members who played, but not including the convicted cheaters, may override the Captain.

1.7.3 Any title or second place finish so relinquished shall be declared “vacated”.

1.7.4 To relinquish any title or second place finish, the team members desiring the relinquishment shall deliver to ACBL Headquarters, or to NABC Tournament Headquarters, a document signed and dated by all concurring team members.

1.7.5 At the discretion of ACBL Management, voluntary relinquishment may be published in the Daily Bulletin at an NABC and/or the monthly ACBL Bulletin.

1.7.6 Any ancillary benefit coming from a 1st or 2nd place finish in a NABC or NABC+ event will be removed or returned for all members of the relinquishing pair or team. This includes but is not limited to –

1.7.7 Any remuneration of any kind shall be returned to the ACBL.

1.7.8 Any trophy shall be returned to ACBL. The names of the relinquished players shall be struck from any trophy awarded.

1.7.9 Any rank change occurring as a result of the relinquished title shall be rescinded, including but not limited to Grand Life Master.

1.7.10 Any masterpoints and any event (such as Blue Ribbon Pairs) qualification shall be removed.

1.8 See Appendix 8-D for the schedule of national-rated events.

The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately.

Conflict of Interest: It was moved that:

1. Codification of Chapter IV, A. Administration, Section 2 – Officers be amended as follows with the following subsections

renumbered accordingly:

2.2 President of the Board of Directors

2.2.1 The ACBL President is elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year term commencing on January 1 of the following year.

2.2.2 At the time the ACBL President takes office he or she may not be a member of the board of directors or a trustee of any other bridge organization other than that of a Unit or District. Restricted organizations include, but are not limited to, any ACBL-affiliated charity and/or foundation and other bridge related organizations such as the NABF, WBF, USBF, CBF or FMB.

2.2.3 Guidelines outlining the duties, responsibilities and authority of the ACBL President are in Codification Appendix 4-A1 Duties, Responsibilities and Authority of the President. See also Appendix 4-A4 Standing Rules for Meetings and Committees.

2.2.4 The current ACBL President and companion when invited by the host organization will be allowed to play in any Senior Sectional or Regional or any restricted-by-masterpoint Sectional or Regional. If not otherwise qualified, no masterpoint awards will be issued.

2. Codification Chapter IV, A. Administration, Section 8 – Conflict of Interest be amended as follows:

8.1 Purpose.

The purpose of these standards is to provide safeguards to members of the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League (the “League”) from: (1) using their Board positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private financial gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (2) using their Board positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire to support a

non-financial interest for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (3) violating their duty to the League by inappropriately disclosing confidential information about the League, and (4) any other acts which may constitute, or may appear to constitute, a conflict of interest.

This policy is intended to supplement but not replace the League’s Bylaws and applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest.

8.3 Non-Financial Interest. A “Non-Financial Interest” shall be defined as an interest, not involving financial gain, which might lead an independent observer reasonably to question whether a Board member’s actions or decisions in connection with the League are influenced by considerations of such outside interest. Non-Financial Interests include, but are not limited to, personal (direct or indirect through relatives and friends), bridge-related and professional interests.

A Non-Financial Interest shall not exist in connection with a member of the Board of Directors of the League serving as an officer or director of a League District or Unit.

8.6 A person with a financial interest or Non-Financial Interest as defined herein may not be present or participate in Board or committee deliberation or vote on the matter giving rise to such conflict. However, at the request of a majority of the Board, they may be invited to make a brief presentation to the Board or to answer questions for the Board.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Non-Financial Interest has been created by service with an ACBL-related charity or foundation or other bridge related organization such as the NABF, WBF, USBF, CBF or FMB, that person may not vote on matters giving rise to the conflict but the other restrictions in the preceding paragraph shall not apply.

The vote was 13-9-3. I voted yes. It is

effective January 1, 2020.

Vacating Title Resolution Option 2

Resolution on Players Convicted of Collusive and/or Premeditated Cheating

Whereas August 22, 2015 is the date that changed the history of ethics and fair play in bridge, Boye Brogeland having publicly declared that day that a cloud of cheating and breach of the principles of fair play hung over the game at its highest level; Whereas national and international bridge organizations of various stripes and squares have struggled to address the aftermath of that day, proceeding against players alleged to have violated these norms with varying degrees of satisfaction;

Whereas the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has not been immune to these developments, having first responded in November 2015 and now acknowledging that response as inadequate to the bridge crimes committed;

Whereas the ACBL vacated NABC+ titles won only by persons convicted of cheating in ACBL events, and not in events of other bridge organizations, and then only for 4 years prior to the conviction in question; and

Whereas the ACBL now adorns its most prestigious Championships with the names of players who stand disgraced in the eyes of the bridge world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the ACBL:

1. recognizes Boye Brogeland for his courage, whose actions we should all strive to emulate, and expressing our thanks to the countless others who worked to expose illicit signaling systems and other means of cheating;

2. recognizes that the players convicted of such methods have caused irreparable harm to our great game, and publicly condemns their actions as inimical to the fundamental principles of the fair play of bridge;

3. seeks to become a global leader in purging its events of collusive and/or premeditated

cheating and responding justly and fairly to results obtained through such methods;

4. notwithstanding CDR 4.1.8, strips all NABC+ titles and second place finishes from any player partnership, each of whom has, from the date of August 22, 2015 onward, been (1) expelled from the ACBL for any reason; (2) resigned for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions; or (3) suspended for ethical violations;

5. notwithstanding CDR 4.1.8, recognizes that any such expulsion, resignation, or suspension may be due to participation in either an ACBL-sanctioned event or that of another bridge organization;

6. strips any NABC+ titles and second place finishes held by such pairs, or by teams including such pairs, to the first date of any recorded partnership of those pairs in the ACBL; and

7. directs that, for NABC+ event titles and second place finishes vacated by this Resolution, such titles and second place finishes shall remain and be recorded in official ACBL records as "Vacated."

The vote was 18-7. I voted yes. The Board discussed moving 2nd place pairs/teams in these events to first place, but the majority, myself included, could not be certain that the 2nd place pairs/team would have been in first place if the cheating had not occurred.

Restructuring of ACBL Board of Directors: Over the past few years, there has been a lot of discussion about ways to restructure the ACBL Board of Directors.

At the Las Vegas Meetings, a motion was brought to the Board on the final day of meetings. Since it is against the rules to bring a non-agenda to the board after the first day of the meetings, an oral vote was taken on the following motion:

"Motion to suspend the rules to hear non agenda item Bylaw Executive Committee."

The vote was 13-11-1. The motion passed on a majority vote, but I voted no because I think it is inappropriate to suspend our rules at any time.

The next motion was:

“Motion for consideration of non-agenda item, Bylaws – Executive Committee.”

The vote was 14-9. The motion passed, but I voted no again since all of our rules were suspended.

Next, the proposed Bylaws – Executive Committee motion was read:

Bylaws – Executive Committee – moved that:

An Executive Committee of the Board is established, which shall be a committee of the Board. The function of the Executive Committee is to act on behalf of the Board of Directors as to the extent permitted by law.

The number of and method of selecting members of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the full Board.

The vote was 16-9. I voted no again. This was the first reading of the motion and it did NOT pass. For a bylaws change, 2/3 of the Board of Directors must approve the change. A total of 17 votes were needed for the motion to pass and it only received 16 votes.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at jackiezayac@gmail.com.

District 21 2020 GNTs

By Grant Vance, D21 GNT Coordinator

The District 21 GNT Flight C teams rocked in Las Vegas. The District had enough entries to send two qualifiers to the Nationals, and they finished #1 and #2! Congratulations to Qucheng Gong, Jacob Karstens, Andrew



Sinclair, and Chris Chen for bringing home the gold (figuratively and literally) to the Bay Area.

Playing against them in the Final were Michael Xu, Brandon Ge, Jonathan Yue, Wesley May, and Araind Alwan. It always hurts to be second, but second in the country ain't bad! Awesome achievement for both teams.

District 21 player in Wuhan, China

By Houpei Wei

Bridge 44th world team championships and 12th world transnational open teams, organized by the World Bridge Federation in cooperation with the Chinese Contract Bridge Association will be held at Wuhan International Convention Centre, Wuhan Hubei province, China, 14th --28th September 2019.

Unit 500's player Houpei Wei is training the 44 volunteers who will serve this great bridge event. In the training, Mr. Wei repeatedly talked about the bridge style in District 21 and the bridge atmosphere of civility, quiet, and friendship. In particular, he described specific game scenarios and good management from the Unit 500 clubs.

In these championships, the United States will have 8 bridge teams participating in 4 categories. This is the men's open teams of the USA 1 and USA 2, the women's teams of the USA 1 and USA 2, the Mixed teams of the USA 1 and USA 2, and the Seniors teams of the USA 1 and USA 2. Of 42 countries participating in the competition, the United States is the country with the largest number of teams.

USA2 player Chip Martel and the non playing captain Jan Martel come from District 21 Unit 505.

Hughes

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Last but not least, it's not too early to book for the Monterey Clambake in January, the 6th through 12th, 2020. As always, you can use the online booking link that is on our website, but beware, your reservation will not state that the resort fee is waived because the software the hotel has cannot create a link that waives that darned fee.

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is printed on every flyer for every one of our tournaments) and I'll get it fixed. Promise.

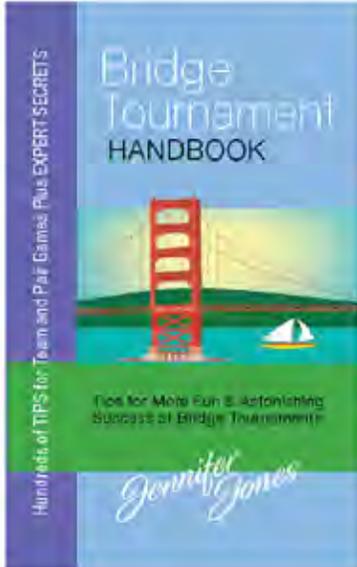
Sorry about the long article, but I hope it keeps you updated on all the terrific bridge events we are organizing for you in the near and slightly less near future! I hope to see you all there, you are the ones that make District 21's tournaments some of the best on Earth!

Enjoy the last days of summer, and I'll see you soon!



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NUGGET GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
- 7pm Sparks Side Pairs 2 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs

Tuesday, October 8

- 10am Sparks Side Pairs 3 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
PROSPECTOR GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
NORTHSTAR BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2
continues Wednesday at 10 & 3
- 3pm Stratified Swiss Teams
Sparks Side Pairs 4 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 730pm **BONANZA GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750 1 of 2**
continues Wednesday at 7:30 pm
Evening Side Pairs 1 of 5
299er Stratified Pairs

Wednesday, October 9

- 10am Sparks Side Pairs 5 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
EUREKA! GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
LOVELOCK BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2
continues Thursday at 10 & 3
NORTHSTAR KOs 3 & 4
- 3pm Stratified Swiss Teams
Sparks Side Pairs 6 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 730pm **BONANZA GOLD PAIRS 2 of 2**
Evening Side Pairs 2 of 5
299er Stratified Pairs

Thursday, October 10 GOODWILL DAY

- 10am Sierra Side Pairs 1 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
LOVELOCK GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
ALPINE BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS
LOVELOCK BRACKETED KOs 3 & 4
- 3pm Stratified Swiss Teams
Sierra Side Pairs 2 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 730pm **HEAVENLY GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750 1 of 2**
continues Friday at 7:30 pm
Evening Side Pairs 3 of 5
299er Stratified Pairs

Friday, October 11

- 10am Sierra Side Pairs 3 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
BLACKJACK GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
PONDEROSA BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2
continues Saturday at 10 & 3
- 3pm Stratified Swiss Teams
Sierra Side Pairs 4 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 730pm **HEAVENLY GOLD PAIRS 2 of 2**
Evening Side Pairs 4 of 5
299er Stratified Pairs

Saturday, October 12

- 10am Sierra Side Pairs 5 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
Free Student Game 0-5 masterpoints
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PROSPECTOR GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
TAHOE BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS
PONDEROSA BRACKETED KOs 3 & 4
- 3pm Stratified Swiss Teams
Sierra Side Pairs 6 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 730pm Evening Side Pairs 5 of 5
299er Stratified Pairs

Sunday, October 13

- STRAT A/X TEAMS 0-3000/3000+**
0-2000 ROUND ROBIN TEAMS
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TBA places per bracket.
•Teams may not withdraw after one session.
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10am and TBA with a short break
299er Swiss Teams (10am and TBA with a short break)

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Stratified Events Key Unless otherwise posted.

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<u>Reno</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>Judith Robyns</u>
<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>Miriam Steinberg</u>
<u>San Francisco</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>Kim Fanady</u>
<u>San Mateo</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>Fran Gaura</u>
<u>Santa Cruz</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>Karen Schamberg</u>
<u>Santa Rosa/Petaluma</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>Cecelia Zachar</u>
<u>Silicon Valley</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>Ray Yuenger</u>
<u>Stockton</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>Debbie DeZarn</u>

Berkeley/El Cerrito/Richmond

By The Beer Dude

Football season begins on the 5th – back to sports overlap on Thursdays, Sundays, & Mondays. Hope you did well in Santa Clara, if you went. Eric broke even but I was negative @ Del Mar – but we had a good time. Still time to sign up for our 9/21 BBQ Swiss Teams (details on our website).

The July 31 unit game drew 7 tables. “H”-Miye Takeuchi won; Eric-Dick were 2nd. The rest: Meg Gallaway-John Love 3A/1B; Kerstin Barnett 4A/2B; Joyce-Ercan tied w/ Ben-Jan (Kosel) 5/6A. 2 days later, 7 tables for our only Aug unit game, which Joanne Cobeen-Roseanne Smith topped; Roger Edelson-George Proper 2A/1B Joyce-Trudie 3A; Lamar-Dick 4A; Ben-Jan 2B. Sept games are Fri 6th & Sat 21st (BBQ Swiss #2). Come on out!

In-Out/MP advancers: Welcome John Haptas as a new member (he’s been playing @ the club since the spring); Tom Foster made Sectional Master (don’t know him – he must play online/at other clubs where there are night games, as he’s likely a UC student, given his address). We get a lot of UC student transfers in/out; we never see them because they’re in class/studying when we have our games OR, even if they have a free day & don’t have a car, the AC Transit bus that runs by our club to/from downtown Berkeley runs only every 40 minutes (used to run half-hourly). Not good.

At da club: Eric ran away as LM MP Champ; Carrie Stoltzfus topped the NLMs. Club champ game is Fri 17th. Also – don’t be alarmed when the Bridge Pad flashes low battery alert – they’re pre-programmed to flash that when batteries reach 25% level or so. If they don’t light up during the game, I can set up a replacement.

When you go to any club, turn your cell phone off or put it on vibrate once the game starts! I & I’m sure many of my fellow directors are sick & tired of telling you to shut them off/vibrate them. You’re there to play bridge. It’s fine if you have something pending to keep the phone on vibrate for an alert, but nobody wants to hear ringtones. You’ll get warned/penalized if your phone goes off audibly during a tournament session. Directors don’t want to hear phone noises, nor do the compliant players – DO YOUR DUTY!

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

Diablo Valley

By Lisa Assoni/The ShortCut Cook

Turning up the heat:

Hope you’re keeping your cool, and that encompasses all aspects of our lives. Anyway, our tempers can flare like a sunburst, and spoil your day and others. At the bridge table, sour apples go to the following folks who are no shows and no phone calls telling your partner you can’t play that day. Unless you’ve experienced an emergency, you’re causing temperatures to rise from the waiting bridge players that delays the start of the game. You’re all super, but we all need to be courteous and kind.

We’re thriving at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. Attendance has been like a fine wine: smooth, mature, and ageless. Time marches on, but with bridge it seems to come to a stand-still. We’re in the moment, present and sometimes knocking our heads and saying, “I should have had a V-8. I mean, and should have been in 5 NT.”



This game of constantly reformulating contracts, bids and more, is a lot like making dinner. If you like to cook, you experiment, try new recipes, and reap the benefits of eating good, healthy food. And so it goes for bridge. The more we learn, the better players we become, we devour every morsel of a point, and relish every play of the hand.

Mark your calendars as it's almost here: how about a labor less day when you join us for the Diablo Valley Fall Sectional, held on November 9 & 10 at Dougherty Valley High School; same place as last year. Two fun filled days, jam-packed with passionate people like yourselves, who just can't get enough of this brain game. There will be more details on our website at (CCBC.com).

Each day brings challenges, and offers us opportunities to make good choices. Like eating well, resting; and best of all, playing bridge. We're inundated daily with negative news, and overwhelmed by just driving our cars. Let's not forget the most important person to take care of is YOU. Take one day at a time, and don't forget to count your blessings.

East Bay

By Larry Bowerman

I'm sorry to start with sad news, but we recently learned that Larry Schaleger passed away in late July. Larry was a Life Master having earned 457 masterpoints. He enjoyed golf, teaching chemistry labs at Laney College and spending time at Lake Tahoe. He was a nice person, a pleasure to have known, and always a gentleman at the bridge table. We extend our sympathies and condolences to Larry's wife, Marjorie, and to the rest of his family. He will be missed!

As usual, there are a few important

upcoming calendar events to note. First, there will be regularly scheduled Unit 502 Games on Sunday, September 1 and Sunday, September 15. For both games, the free lunch will be served at about 11:30 am, and the games will begin at 12:00 noon.

In addition, the Unit 502 NAP Final will take place on Sunday, September 8 (entry fee is \$10/person) at the EBCBC. Snacks (but no lunch) will be available at this game.

This year's Tunnel Tournament (Unit 502 vs Unit 499) will take place on September 22 at the Contra Costa Bridge Center (CCBC) located at the First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 3039 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA. The Tournament is a two-session event with the first session beginning at 9:30 am. The comprehensive scoring system will tally results from four levels (Strats A, B and C from the Open Game, and the results from the 299er Game). The competition is friendly, so find a partner and sign up to compete in this annual event by contacting Estelle Baum at (dominodog@aol.com).

On those Sundays when there are no Unit 502 games, there will be EBCBC Sunday games. In September there is only one such game, which will take place on September 29. The game begins at 12:00 noon, and a light lunch will be served before the game.

The week of September 16 to September 22 will be club championship week with extra award points available. There is also a club membership game on Friday, October 4.

The monthly Swiss Teams game is on Saturday, September 14. This month it will be a Bracketed Board-A-Match team game starting at 12:00 noon. For further information contact Greg Vance, Grant Vance or David Geary.

Finally, it's not too early to mark your calendars for the upcoming Unit 502 Fall

Sectional which will take place on November 16 and 17 at the Oakland Masonic Center. More details to follow next month.

Many Unit 502 Members did well at the Summer NABC in Las Vegas and the Los Angeles Summer Regional in July. First and foremost, Jesse Chao competed in the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship on the UC Berkeley Team which took first place, earning 30 gold points for each team member (Foster Tom was also a member of the UC Berkeley Team)! In addition, Jesse tacked on another 17 gold or red points at the NABC. Way to go Jesse!

Jacob Karstens earned 45 gold points as a member of the team that finished first in Flight C of the Grand National Teams event at the Las Vegas NABC. Wow!

Stephen Kennedy earned 37.7 gold points by finishing second in Knockout and Swiss Teams events at the Los Angeles Summer Regional. He added 5.6 red points in another Swiss Teams event.

Rohan Srivastava (a relatively new member of Unit 502) earned approximately 6 gold and 5 red points in Youth Pairs events at the Las Vegas NABC.

Last but not least, Loretta Dimitruck won 10.98 gold points by finishing second in a Knockout game at the Las Vegas NABC. Congratulations to all of you! Nice work.

In the July 21 unit game Ching Chao and Joye Sidoti finished in first place, Betty Kael and Susan Boyers finished second, Trudy Sinclair and Sarah Simmerman third, and Norman Marks and Irwin Lichtblau fourth. Ching and Joye had a 66.44% game! The other three pairs had games between 57.64% and 59.03%.

The August 4 unit game was held to honor the memory of Russell Rector, former Unit 502 Board Member who passed away unexpectedly in mid-April. Appropriately, a

fabulous lunch was provided by Marcia and Andy Wasserman, with major assists from Libby Silver and Neal Mazaroff. In the game, Allan Harris and Cathleen Otvos finished in first place, followed by, Roseanne Smith and Sandi Davis, Jo Levy and Robert Johnson, Cole Powell and David Snyder, and Manfred Michlmayr and Daniel Rubinfeld. The game was quite competitive, with all five pairs having games between 59.04% and 61.35%.

Welcome to new Unit 502 members Natalie Kitchener and Michael Engel (transfer from Vermont)! When you see them, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our unit.

Congratulations to the following members on their recent rank advancements: Marcia Bohan to Junior Master; Harry Dewey to Club Master; Jason Leith and William Schultz to Sectional Master; Margaret Landy to Bronze Life Master! When you see them, please take the time to congratulate them. Kudos to all and keep on playing! There is always another goal in front of you!

Joye Sidoti is writing the October column, so please contact her (efsjbd_ba@hotmail.com) if you have noteworthy results or other items to report.

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

Hello everyone. July was a relatively quiet month with one big exception: REACH. This year was the first time our clubhouse participated in The Regional Event at Club House (REACH), and it appeared to be a big success. Many of our players who registered received red masterpoints and some even received gold. The big gold winners were Richard Meffley and Belva Quattrin. This tournament also led to a couple extra tables

playing in each of our afternoon games. Increased attendance is a win for everyone. We will be looking to participate again next year.

Mun Takeda's lessons start up again in September. Her first lesson on Defensive Signals will be on Tuesday the 17th at 10am, and again on Thursday the 19th at 6pm. Her defensive signals discussion will include attitude, count, and suit preference. An important topic with a good teacher, hope you can join us.

The Fresno Fall Sectional will be at the very beginning of October (4th-6th). This Friday thru Sunday sectional will once again be directed by Scott Campbell. As we usually do with this tournament, there will be three pair games on Friday (10 am, 2 pm, & Fast Pairs at 6:30 pm), two games on Saturday (10 am & 2 pm), and the double session Swiss Teams game on Sunday (starting at 10 am). Flyers are available at the clubhouse and at the ACBL Tournament website. Make a point to join us for one or more session by grabbing a flyer and starting to arrange your partnerships.

It looks like October will also be our next Poker night and our next Pro-Am Team Game. More on these two events next month.

We had just a few 70% games in July: in Oakhurst, Burke Zane & Ken Sommers earned a 70.84% in the Monday morning Open game on 7/15; in Madera, Steve Johnson & Carol Kaufman earned a 72.22% in the Wednesday evening game on 7/31; in Fresno, it was all 99er games. On 7/6, Walt Kelso & Clint Hudson earned a huge 78.57% in the game on Saturday afternoon. Two weeks later, 7/20, it was Margot Cegielski & Fred Schellack who earned a 76.19%. Lastly, in the Tuesday evening game on 7/23, Fred Schellack & Walt Kelso partnered up and had a 73.61% game.

Congratulations to Patrick Carroll who is

our newest Bronze Life Master (500 mps).

A big welcome to new member Verda Hoveiler (Fresno)!

That is all for this month. Remember to start planning your Fall Sectional partnerships, and I will see you then.

Marin

By Gail Haar



We have several new and new to us members this month: welcome to Rosemary Dooher, Nick Javarss, Alda McPhail, Debra Pedlar, Karen Antonelli, Harold Blajwas, and Ann Borgschulte. Congratulations to new Club Masters, David Berger, Michael Calder, Evan Scott, and Jerald Young; new Sectional Master Lucie Rosa-Stagi; new Regional Master Judy Leedy; and new Bronze Life Master Jeff Sengstack.

There were 3 Big Games this month, Bruce Blakely & Bob Thomson (72.08% at Pickleweed); Connie Shapiro & Judy Salgado (71.66% at Terra Linda); and Carole Liss & Joan Ehmann (70.30% at Terra Linda). Unit game winners at the July 28 Swiss Teams were Gail & Robert Haar, Peter Sager & Gene Thornton.

No matter what your level, if you are looking to up your game, there's lots going on this fall. Bruce Blakely will be teaching Taking the Proper Line as Declarer; Bonnie Nackley has Bridge for the Beginner; Jennifer Jones is teaching "Tips for Astonishing Success at Bridge Tournaments"; and Peggy Tatro will teach "Strong Hand - Reverses, Blackwood & Cuebidding." The pricing, registration details, etc. can be found on the "Classes" page at our unit web site: (marinbridge.com).

Modesto/Merced/Sonora

By Gail Vick

Have you volunteered yet 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 one of these events, 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>)

And speaking of the Fall NABC, did you know that there is an online service by the ACBL partnership desk that can be used for regionals and nationals? If your favorite partners are vacationing or otherwise not available, check out: (https://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/how-to-use-the-acbl-partnership-desk-in-four-simple-steps/).

The recent publicity about Jeopardy champion James Holzhauer playing bridge reminded me of this story. Imagine if Alex Trebek were a bridge player? Could you picture this scenario at his table?

Lady: One spade;

Alex: I’m sorry, but that’s insufficient. DIRECTOR!

[Tournament Director arrives]

TD: What seems to be the problem?

Alex: This lady bid just one spade, and I don’t accept it;

Director [to Lady]: Would you like to make it sufficient?

Lady: All right. What is one spade?

Alex: Thank you.

Taking 1st at 60.42% in A the end of July were Ralph Jungwirth & Vickie MacClyment, followed by: 58.33% B, Gary Capwell & Dave Terry; 1st in C at 55.56%, Sharon Cole & Garrad Marsh. Finishing 1st in the Beginner/Intermediate games were Joyce Rudesill & Gail Vick 61.90% A, and Jeff Gaudio & Terry Sciabica tying with Marcia Eblen & Alan Beban for 1st in B & C, 55.95%.



During the first half of August, 1st in A 68.89%, Frank Frohman & Sheela Wani, followed by: 1st in B 63.19%, Sharon Cole & Gary Capwell; Jaime Hamilton & Alan Beban finishing 1st in C, 55%. High scores for the beginning Sunday group were: Connie Arnold & Barbara Page 1st in A, 60.12%; Marcia & Jim Laird 1st in B, 53.70%; Marcia Eblen & Jaime Hamilton 51.85% 1st in C.

Roger Smith & Jack Fitzgerald took 1st in A at the unit game, with 64.35%, followed by: Barbara Page & Gail Vick for 1st in B; Sharon Cole & Libby Longstreth 1st in C. Libby by far our gourmet baker, made a wonderful dessert of meringue, whip cream, strawberries and blueberries, as well as a French brioche filled with cheese.

Ray Adams is back in the hospital, with a hard battle for life, but prognosis is good; if you would like to send him a card, the address is Palo Alto Veterans Hospital, 3801 Miranda Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94304. Ken Levy passed away on August 7, a long time bridge player with Modesto for many years and Archie Kaufmann is in assisted living at Vintage Faire Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, another player for many years. All are/were Life Master players.

Jeanne Russo and Linda Kenyon have returned from their trip to France, and are back at the bridge tables; still waiting to hear about their fabulous trip!

Monterey

By Mary Block

This month's column is thanks to Scott Hanham with input from Susan Mazzei. Your regular correspondent is flying on one wing this month and typing with two fingers due to a nasty fall. Word to the wise: you need some kind of medical alert device and a lockbox. The lockbox enables EMS to rescue you without breaking down doors. Even if you don't live alone, there are times when you are alone. Check with your local EMS for requirements.

News Flash! After 17 years in our current location for our beloved Monterey Bridge Center, we are moving this Fall. Why? Well, our lease with the City of Marina is about to expire. The city has plans with a major developer to demolish our Bridge Center and all of the surrounding buildings in order to construct new homes, a hotel, and possibly more. We have had a wonderful 17 years filled with many many happy memories at our Bridge Center. And we are still in deep gratitude to Brad Dow, one of our long term members, for providing the funds for acquiring the Bridge Center 17 years ago and expanding and refurbishing it. Thank you, Brad! So the big question is, where are we moving? This remains to be seen and hopefully will be ready to be announced in my next report. In the meantime, we are cleaning out our attic and backroom. We are downsizing because we anticipate that our new Bridge Center will be smaller. It is amazing how things

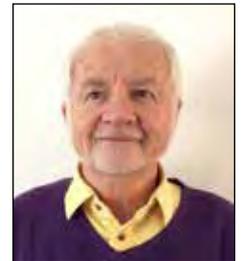
get collected over the years. We are leading up to a "garage sale" to get rid of what we will not need at the new Bridge Center. With some juggling, we hope to have all of the same regular weekly games that we currently have at approximately the same times. And we are planning to have sufficient parking for our busiest games. We will be at our new Bridge Center near the very end of October. Consequently, our last unit games will be our Pro-Am on Sunday, September 22, our Unit NAP Games on Saturday, October 5, and our Foundation's annual charity game on Sunday, October 27. However, unlike previous years, we will need to find different venues for our Holiday Party and for our May 2020 Monterey Lone Cypress Sectional. Stay tuned on these items. We should be able to share our new Bridge Center address, effective the end of October, in next month's report!

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

Napa/Solano/Sonoma

By Tom Sheahan

Great news for our club! The unit and the Sonoma club have agreed to underwrite the cost of a bus taking our players to San Francisco for the Saturday Dec. 7 National Tournament. Hopefully we'll have a large turnout for this fun event. If you've never played in a National Tournament, this is your chance. See Sigrid Price for details.



Speaking of National Tournaments, Brooke Farkas and Carol Morse played in the Las Vegas Nationals and picked up 4 Gold Points

in a knockout. Brooke now needs only about 2 more Gold to become a Life Master. I asked other players that attended the tournament how they did and was informed that “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!” Enough said!

The annual election for Board of Directors of the Sonoma Club will be in September. Every year there are 3 seats that are up for election and if you would like to throw your hat in the ring see Molly Johnston for details. Everyone should have a turn on the Board to see how the club operates.

We have just witnessed the greatest run in our unit’s history! First of all, we have to thank Larry Page for his very informative lessons and teaching over a long period of time. Larry put in an enormous amount of work and time for the betterment of our players. Thank you Larry! Apparently Larry was listening to his own teaching. He and his usual partner Joann Wegsten played together 7 times between June 21 and July 19 and they came in first overall in 6 of those games and 2nd overall in the other game! Joanne came in first overall in 2 other games and had another second overall in that time span. Congratulations to both of them!

They were also nice enough to leave a few crumbs for the rest of the players. They won twice in July in Sonoma. Joanne also posted a win with Dan Harp. Phil Shoemaker won 3 times, once each with Don Powell, Rick Davis, and Anita Pensler. Anita also had a win with Dawne Dickenson. The other 3 games went to Theila Smith & Nancy Rude, Jim & Frances O’Brien, and Gary Robinson & John Kozero. We averaged 20 tables in Sonoma for the month of July!

Larry & Joanne also won twice in Napa. Dale Oleson & Nathan Tierney and Sigrid Price & Russell Quinnell were your other winners. Don Powell & Gary Henry and Vicki

Chang & Don Steedman won the unit games.

Sue Vogtlin won twice in Rio Vista, once with Scott Clyde and once with Susan Macfarlane. First place also went to Joyce Vass & Chandler Stauffer, John Shick & Alan Morris, and Cliff & Natalie Crew.

There were no double winners in the 499er game. In the winner’s circle were Ron & Jean Hoffman, Eileen Holsten & Sandy Hicks, Barbara Storrie & Judy Brodsky, Richard Webster & Larry Pollard, and Donna Sjolund & Karen Albertson.

Palo Alto

By Carolyn Chaney

Are you ready for the 85th All Western Regional August 27-September 2? Games for everyone! A free student 0-5 masterpoints game on Saturday, 6 days of Gold Pairs for those with 0-750 mps, Open Pairs and Knockouts for all, including the experts. Celebrity speakers at 6:15, plus Scott Campbell lectures at noon for beginning/intermediate players.



I’ve learned so much from Scott’s lectures; his lecture on Stayman was the most comprehensive treatment ever! Be aware that all our club games (except Gabi’s at the Unity Church) will be closed from Wednesday through Monday.

In education news, fall classes for all levels are starting in September; see: <https://paloaltobridge.org/classes/>.

Kathy Harper will offer: Supervised Play, Deadly Defense, Polish Your Basics, and Beginning Bridge. Attention, Youth: Kathy



Kathy Harper

offers half-price for students 25 and under; children and teenagers are especially welcome in Beginning Bridge.

Frank Smoot is offering Intermediate III for more advanced students.



Frank Smoot

Our Tuesday 9:30 am lecture series is starting up again after the summer break, beginning September 24. Check the web site to confirm, since we don't have a title/teacher listed yet. Lectures are free and open to everyone, so bring a friend.

We will have unit pairs games on September 14 and Swiss Teams on the 15th. Lunch at 11:30 with the games at noon. Please sign up on our website.

A non-life-master sectional (under 750 MPs) is on the schedule for September 21-22. Yay, silver points! Tournament and Partnership Chairs: Anne Keyser apkeyser@aol.com and Geraldine MacDonald (geraldinem@aol.com).

Congratulations to our newest Life Master, Margaret Dalton, and to new Ruby Life Masters, Alan Malloy and Charles Riffle.

Now for news of the SiVY kids who went to the Youth NABC in Las Vegas, July 25-27. Michael Xu of Palo Alto won the contest's Sportsmanship Award, which includes a \$1000 scholarship.

He said: "This award is especially meaningful to me. My mentor Michael Rosenberg is all about ethics and goodwill."

Also receiving \$1000 scholarships are Michael Hu and Arthur Zhou of San Jose for their win



Michael Xu



Michael Hu and Arthur Zhou

(with a 70% game) in the Baron Barclay National Youth Pairs event. Winners of the Thursday Youth Open Swiss Teams were also SiVY players: Alex Zheng, Michael Zheng,



Alex Zheng, Michael Zheng, Jonathan Shi, and Lucas Huang

Jonathan Shi and Lucas Huang. For more results and photos: (<https://www.acbl.org/juniors/youth-nabc/>) and also check out the Facebook page. If there is any doubt about the future of bridge, just take a look at the shining faces of the kids playing in Las Vegas.

Reno

By Judith Robyns

Susan Powell is one of our club directors. She runs the Wednesday evening game where she has started a 49er game in addition to the open game; the new game is catching on. She also runs the Sunday afternoon game where

she is trying to add a limited game to go along with the open game. She is full of energy and is fun to team with or play against at the bridge table. She works hard for our club. In January, she was one of the five recipients of the District 21 Goodwill Award. She is also on the Reno Youth Bridge board.

Susan was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. She spent her first 18 years there, and is the youngest with five older brothers. She went to the University of Cincinnati and got her BS in Chemical Engineering. She worked for five years for Intel Corporation. Her husband, Mike, was in the Air Force. Her son, Devon, was born at Travis AFB in 1990. Her husband was stationed in Germany in September, 1990. She gave up her career to be a stay-at-home mom. She had always loved traveling and learning about other cultures, so she said it was a no brainer to give up her career at this time. Her daughter Michaela was born on the floor of a German house in 1991. She has a German birth certificate as well as an American one, but is not able to claim dual citizenship. In May 1993, the family moved to Japan because her husband was stationed there for three years. They moved back to the US in June 1996. She said it was a culture shock after being overseas for almost six years. She was living in northern Virginia so she went to George Mason University to obtain a MS in Math Education. They moved again before she got her Masters (6 credit hours short), but she did get a valid teaching certificate.

In 2000, her husband got off active duty in the Air Force after thirteen years. They moved to Texas where his family was from. Susan taught math at the local high school. She also taught her son and daughter and niece PreAP PreCalculus. Since her husband was in the reserves and she was a teacher, they were able to do a lot of traveling. Her kids called them "Epic Vacations." One summer they spent

five weeks driving to Washington state and taking the ferry to Juneau. Then they drove all through Alaska. Another summer they spent five weeks in Hawaii. Then another summer, they spent five weeks in Australia.

Her son got his BS in Physics from Arizona State in 2008. Last summer he got his PhD in Physics from Stanford. He is now a post-doc at the Max Planck Institute of Physics outside of Munich.

Her daughter graduated from high school in 2010. She went to UT Austin for a BS In Biomedical Engineering. At this time, Susan and her husband moved to Illinois. Her daughter missed her family being close and she did not do well at UT. She graduated from UNR with a BS in Math with a Statistics option. She taught math at UNR and at TMCC. She got her MS in Statistics from Montana State last summer. She works for Bio Fire as a bio-mathematician in Salt Lake City.

In 2010, her husband got a three year active duty assignment to Scott AFB in southern Illinois. This allowed him to get an active duty retirement in June 2013. During this time, Susan completed an online MS in Math from Texas A&M. They moved to Reno in July 2013. Last summer the family celebrated the children's academic accomplishments by spending two weeks in Maui.

Her maternal grandmother was a huge bridge player. She played in a lot of bridge tournaments in Chicago. The word is she played against Charles Goren and Omar Sharif. She taught Susan and two of her cousins the game when she was ten. She did not have a lot of opportunity to play when she was growing up.

After moving to Japan, she learned that the Officers' Wives Club held party bridge every Friday. There was also a duplicate game every Tuesday evening where a few of the local Japanese would come and play. There

were usually four to five tables. So she played pretty regularly twice a week for two-and-a-half years while she was in Japan and not much after leaving Japan. She started playing at the Reno club in October, 2013. Her next goal is to become a Life Master. She is only a few MPs away from that.

She became a director because Kathy Lane was looking for someone to take over some of her games.

Susan got involved with Reno Youth Bridge. She wanted to be part of it because of her teaching background and her love of bridge. She started out as their treasurer. She had been treasurer of the Officers' Wives Club in Japan. Susan thinks they have a solid board now and expects the program to grow.

I asked Susan where she thought bridge was going. She says bridge is competing with video games as entertainment for the younger people. However she thinks once young people play bridge, they will see the benefits that video games cannot offer -i.e. socialization, communication, team work, and meeting other real live people. Also the online bridge will give them the online gaming fix when in person games are not offered.

So in the words of Monty Python: [It (bridge)] "is not dead yet." Susan loves to put interesting quotes at the end of her weekly newsletters!

Reno was well represented at the Las Vegas nationals! I attended with my husband. We ran into Reno bridge players frequently. Kats Cannell got 16 gold points playing in KO's and made Life Master with a bang!

Ellie Mustard, Alex Mustard, Daphne Quint and Anthony Ritter, from Reno High School, represented Reno Youth Bridge at the Nationals in Las Vegas. Although going up against very stiff competition, the students did exceptionally well. On Thursday, the team played in the Youth NABC Teams game and

came in third in the C strat which awarded them 0.68 red MPs. On Saturday, they competed in the National Youth Swiss Teams and racked up another 0.36 red MPs. Thursday evening and Friday the students played in the pairs games. Anthony Ritter and Ellie Mustard placed fourth in the C strat and earned 0.65 red MPs. And on Saturday, Anthony and Ellie played in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs and were awarded 0.79 red MPs. We are all very proud of our youth. It should be noted that Alex Mustard was the winner of the Reno Youth Bridge \$1000 scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. Anthony Ritter was the winner of the \$500 scholarship. These were made possible by a donation by Ann Hiller-Brumbach.

Levels achieved this month: John Schafer, Diane Walz, David Wright (Jr. Master).

Sacramento

By Miriam Steinberg

Still Learning

Every bridge player, from the novice with 2.6 master points to the Grand Master with 50,000 MP, has one thing in common. Each has learned skills, gambits, and expert plays from others. With bridge, learning begins with sorting suits and figuring out point counts. The end of the learning mode...well, everyone who plays knows that we learn something new every time we play.

For me, that first lesson came at my first bridge tournament. Over the recap at dinner, a friend who was already a Life Master shook her head upon listening to discussion about our worst board. "Never double a two-suited hand unless you have a stack in both suits," she said. I made this mistake holding AKQ of



hearts and AKJ of clubs. My RHO bid spades, diamonds, spades, diamonds and ended up in 4 spades, doubled emphatically by me. His hand: Spades: AQJTxx, Hearts: void, Diamonds: AKxxx, and Clubs: Qx. His partner had a spade doubleton (Kx) and the QJx of diamonds. Four spades, doubled, vul, made five. Ouch!

Some lessons come after you have much more experience. Miriam Steinberg says, “The singular most valuable information I learned from a mentor was the Lebensohl convention over 1NT to help me deal with those pesky interferences by the opponent that always used to throw me off. The convention can be very confusing because there are so many eventualities, but most of the time it works well for me, as long as my opponent isn’t Steve Kolodney—Steve always manages to find a bid I can’t work around except to double him!” If you are an intermediate player looking for a new convention to add, Lebensohl may be the one you are looking for. Just a suggestion: When you start playing Lebensohl, it helps to be playing with a partner experienced with this complex convention. For a quick, Lebensohl in a nutshell, go to: (<https://acbl20.org/education/LEBENSOHL%20IN%20A%20NUTSHELL%201.pdf>).

Some lessons are learned early and last a bridge lifetime. OJ Ojakangas claims to have learned ARC when she was just learning bridge. ARC stands for (1) Analyze the lead, (2) Review the bidding, and (3) Count all losers and winners. This is essential for both offense and defense. To put it in another way, what does the lead tell you? If your partner led, what does your partner have? If it is the opponents’ lead, what information do you get from that? What did the bidding tell you? Once you have answers for those questions, count the tricks.

This tactic follows through with the best

advice Desi Soto got, which was to view the dummy and make a plan. She actually got this information from a book, but shortly after was facing those dreadful adversaries Albert Chow and Ted Muller at the table. The bidding was extensive, but having won the contract, Albert was declarer. The defense plopped down the opening lead, and Ted put down the dummy. Albert folded his cards and evaluated what he had to work with. He spent a full three minutes studying the hand and making his plan. Desi talked to him about it, and Albert agreed that spending the time planning at the beginning usually assures a better outcome. Need help making a good offensive plan? Try: (<https://www.bridgewebs.com/kltcbridge/150209%20Declarer%20Play.pdf>).

For new players, Desi also shared another tip: join a bridge study group of like-minded players. This should be a group that has essentially the same convention cards. Several years ago, I was mentoring a group of 8 novice players. They played interchangeably with each other and for each partnership there was a different convention card. That was the first thing I changed; everyone was to play the exact same card. This was a win-win for those players. They did not have to remember different cards, and they practiced the same conventions every time they played. This was basically what Desi’s tip suggested: practice the same conventions with every partner. Competence in play is often the result of extensive practice.

At other times, the lessons are more philosophical. According to Jeff Beyers, “You have to listen to everything partner bids, even the passes. As a corollary to this concept: play with partners whose bids are honest.” After some discussion, we determined that if you open and partner passes, do not fall in love with your hand. Conversely, believe your partner if

the bid indicates 6-9 points or lengthy support in your suit with little point value. You may have to settle for a partial score, but that is always better than down 2 vul!

Joel Lesser, who has been playing only four years, says he comes to bridge from playing poker. In poker, aggressive betting often wins the day. In bridge, aggressive bidding is not always a success. Joel's teacher told him to always remember that if you have no fit, STOP BIDDING!

While bidding, conventions, finesses, and end plays are important, Elizabeth Sachs says the most important thing she learned came from Ted Muller: The most important card in the box is the green PASS card. It's okay to pass. It's okay to play defense. It can be the key to success at the table.

Do not discount the advice shared by novice and intermediate players. Carolyn Bailey said that the best convention she learned is Jacoby 2NT. For Carolyn, this convention solved many problems. Carolyn has fewer than 300 master points, so she is in the process of learning plenty of new skills. Jacoby 2NT is a response convention for when you have 4 of partner's major suit and opening point count. You can find Audrey Grant's explanation of Jacoby 2NT here: (<https://www.betterbridge.com/misc/StandardArticles/Standard200409.pdf>).

Finally, we all have trouble concentrating when play is slow or our hands are dismal. Dana Daugherty, a NLM, says that was the best tip she got from a mentor: work on your concentration. "As it gets later in the game," Dana says, "I found myself napping at the table. I forgot my partner's signals and failed to notice the opponents' discards." It is important to watch what the opponents do because they tend to be tricky devils! If concentration is a problem for you, work on specific concentration skills. You can get a

start on this at: (<http://www.bridgeguys.com/Conventions/concentration.html>).

Share what you learn. We are all in the process of learning how to play this remarkable, frustrating, delightful game.

San Francisco

By Kimberly Fanady



San Franciscans lit up Las Vegas at the Summer NABC in July! Congratulations to Unit 506er Chris Chen, who won the Grand National Teams, Flight C with teammates and frequent SF visitors Jake Karstens and Andrew Sinclair. Chris learned to play through the Center for Bridge Education high school program, and all the teammates have gone on to lots of bridge success. Way to go, guys! Many other Unit 506ers did well out in the desert – check the ACBL website for all the names in lights.

This month's unit game will be a pairs event on September 14. On October 5 we will hold the unit's North American Pairs qualifying game as well as the regular unit game for those not competing in the NAP. The unit final is the second round of the NAP, moving on toward the national finals at the Spring NABC in Columbus. All games include a pregame lesson at 10:30, lunch at 11:15 and play at noon at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1100 Gough at Geary. Everyone is welcome – join us.

We are lucky to have a big crop of new members this month. Welcome to Ari Bahat, Bart Balocki, Joan Downey, Ryan Gossiaux, Andrew Hong, Yu Jing Jian, Yo Wei Li, and Shreyes Seshasaias. Welcome also to a big crop of transfers: Ben Bascom (Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley), Rita Bichara (Greater New York), Darren Cronquist (Seattle), Daniel Friedman (East Texas), Peter Krag, and

Christine Silver. Hope to see you all at one of our clubs soon.

Kudos to all those passing masterpoint milestones this month: new (Junior) Julia Susser; (Club) Eric Bishop, Rhian Davies, and Fareday Hemingway; (Sectional) Joan Trauner; (Regional) Kirsten Beda; (LIFE) Kevin Liberg; (Bronze Life) Bruce Osterweil. Nice going, everyone!

The Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams, one of the most prestigious events on the ACBL calendar, will be held at the San Francisco Fall NABC this year. Get ready at the QuickTricks Board-A-Match on September 30. Or just come try something different and have some fun!

Bad news/good news: After playing at Davies Medical Center in the Castro for over a decade, Cardology lost its space and played its final game there on August 17. However, Cardology will move to an exciting new location this month. Check out the club website at <https://cardology.bridgeclubs.net> for all the details. Hope you can join us to kick off the new era.

Hope everyone had fun, enjoyed the sun, and raked in the masterpoints at the big Santa Clara Regional over Labor Day. Check out the D21 website for results and be sure to congratulate your fellow Unit 506ers on their triumphs.

This column will go on a brief hiatus while your peripatetic columnist heads Down Under for her longest vacation in twenty years. Don't know if I will play cards in Sydney or Melbourne, but if I do, I will say g'day from Unit 506 to our Aussie bridge friends. See you in November!

San Mateo

By Fran Gaura

September in Unit 498 starts with a flourish: the North American Pairs competition is moving from Club level to Unit level with a September 7 game at Fattoria for those players who have qualified at any of the Club games over the last months. Bob Gleason is coordinating this game. Qualified players, this is your opportunity to advance to the next level: District 21 competitions scheduled for January 2020. Don't miss out on your chance to excel in this competition. Look for details on our Unit 498 website.

School is back in session throughout the Bay Area, so what better time to support our Peninsula Youth Bridge (PYB) education program? Our September 21 game at Fattoria will do just that - it is a fund raiser for that good cause. Break open your piggy banks and bring your cash to the game to drop in our collection bowl! Peninsula Youth Bridge introduces students at Hillsdale, Mills and San Mateo High Schools and Bowditch Middle School to Bridge and encourages them to adopt the game as a lifetime endeavor. This is the future of our game. Look for the e-mail invitation and sign up to play on 9/21. (By the way, if you are looking for a tax deductible donation, checks to "Center for Bridge Education" with a note at the bottom, "Peninsula Youth Bridge" are deductible and are most welcome - this is the ACBL umbrella organization which oversees this program - 100% of such donations goes directly to funding the program.)

Note your calendars for an event in early October (October 5 and 6) - the Unit 498 Non-Life Master Sectional at Fattoria. Look for sign-up information on our Unit 498 web page. Sign up early, as seating is limited. Bob Gleason again coordinates this well-attended competition.

The Cañada Sectional held on August 3 and 4 was a resounding success! Attendance was higher than the previous year which is especially gratifying during a month when so many players are out of town on vacation. The Art Weinstein Trophy was won by Andrew Chen and Charlie Chen, two of our youngest players! Full results of the competition can be found at (<https://live.acbl.org/events/1908106>). Congratulations to all our winners and a huge thanks to all of the folks whose efforts in setting-up and closing down the event were instrumental to our success. And very special thanks for the hard work of Coordinator Bob Gleason and Director Greg Vance and his team.



Cutting up at the Cañada Sectional: Donna Pellegrini, Marc Renson, Robyn Lee and Marge Pacchetti.

On August 21, Unit 498 bid a fond farewell to one of our players who is leaving the Bay Area for the sun-filled climes of Arizona, Joanne Lewin. To note her long involvement with our unit, director Raad Bunni facilitated a luncheon in her honor at Fattoria following the STaC game held that morning. We will miss you, Joanne, and hope to see you back for a visit when the warm temperatures make you homesick for the cool of our friend Karl, the fog!

A warm welcome to new Unit 498 members: Bonnie Adams, Chris Carlton, Darryl Chan, Jan Dollard, Alexander Hallock, Lori Horn,

Candace Nagaare, Riley Patterson, Vivian Patterson, Robert Poling, Alex Sefanov and Margaret Wu. And congratulations to players advancing over the past months: to Junior Master, Daniel Duffin, Bradley Friedman, Carol Lashman, Mary Ziegenfuss; to Club Master, Barbara Gorden, Suzy Jackson, and Charlie Simmons; to Sectional Master, Janet Pelinka; and to Regional Master, Virginia Dare.

In memoriam: John Lawton recently passed away, leaving a significant void in the ranks of our Unit 498 players. Our condolences to his family. He will be missed.

Be sure to check the Unit 498 website, www.unit498.com to get all the up to date info on game schedules and special events.

Santa Cruz

By Karen Schamberg

The Santa Cruz Surf's Up Sectional is September 14-15 at the Mid County Senior Center in Capitola. John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith are planning a terrific event. There's a two session Open Pairs on Saturday (play either session or both). For 299er players, there's a separate section with morning and afternoon sessions. Sunday is Stratified Swiss Teams. This is a great opportunity to win silver points. Follow the link on our webpage for complete details. If you need a partner or team members for Swiss Teams, contact Ginger Stone at (ginger252@comcast.net).



Our annual Dolores Abrams Memorial Game will be on Saturday, September 21 at 10 a.m. Join us and celebrate the memory of the woman who helped fund our club.

High scores in club games were earned by:

Ken Gamble & Ken Llacera, 75.6%; Heather MacGregor & Jim Slinger, 74.31%; Jonni Faircrest & Sal Turano, 73.5%; and Jonni Faircrest & Sal Turano, 70%.

If you haven't visited our website lately, you'll find that it's now more secure and you'll need to login to access sensitive areas of the site. Thank you Ken!

Just like the kids, school begins after Labor Day. There are several new classes starting up. Beginning Bridge taught by Sydney Reuben starts Tuesday, September 10 and continues Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to Noon. Classes are \$10 but the first one is free. This class is great for both beginning and re-entry players. Contact Sydney at sydneyjane210@gmail.com or (831) 515-7449 for more information or to reserve a spot.

Ken Gamble continues his Expert at your Elbow classes Fridays through September and will be offering his 2/1 Workshop on Saturdays beginning October.

Jan Winham and Margaret Suddards continue to offer their free Monday Night Defense class which is aimed at 199ers. Ken Llacera gives a free lesson the first, third & fifth Thursdays preceding the morning Open Pairs Games. Mark Hasey offers lessons on Sundays preceding his NLM Pairs game.

Monday, October 14 is the deadline for accepting nominations for the 2020-2021 Board of Directors. You don't have to be an expert player or a long-time member, your ideas and enthusiasm are all that's required. The Board deals with all aspects of running our Bridge Center, with the goal of creating an overall bridge experience that is entertaining and educational while maintaining a friendly, competitive environment. Results of the election will be announced during the Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14.

Here's a heads up, so start planning now: The National Bridge Tournament will be held in San Francisco November 28 - December 8. What an experience a National Tournament is! Our unit will have the opportunity to volunteer at the tournament on Tuesday, December 3. Contact Bette Harken for more information!

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

It's crush time in Sonoma County. Wine is our most notable contribution to the American economy, and our wine is second to none in the world. That's not all Sonoma County is known for. We've got the mud baths, the goat cheese, the beautiful fruits and vegetables, the best tomatoes I've ever tasted. We've got farmers markets, fine dining, wine tasting, chic shops, and some good bridge as well.

The Unit 509 Petaluma/Santa Rosa Fall Sectional is near, on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. We hope you will plan on attending this tournament held at Odd Fellows Hall in Santa Rosa. Lunch, with a vegetarian option, will be available for purchase each day. Varied and plentiful snacks are provided throughout the days by our Unit 509 members. There are events appropriate for all levels of play. If you need a partner, contact Kathy Venton at bridgegalleryca@gmail.com or you may call her at (707) 591-5015. If you are coming from out

of town, plan to come a day or two early, or stay a bit afterwards and enjoy the fall harvest in Sonoma County. It is a beautiful time of year here. For more information see: (<http://acblunit509.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/FallSect.pdf>).

Several of our unit's players went to Las Vegas for this summer's NABC. Our big winners of the tournament were Kate Hill and Lynn Blumenthal who placed 6th out of 120 pairs in the Wagar Women's Pairs to win 36.36 platinum points. Wow! Other winners in the overalls, listed alphabetically by first name were: Alan Chian, Bo Chian, Brian Aabel, Conrad Larkin, Elizabeth Strasen, Erwin Linzner, Evelyn Holtz, Jane De Briyn, Joanne Pransky, Karen Aabel, Larry Spanier, Mark Hersko, Nancy Gunn, Patricia Dunbar, Patricia Hertz, Sara Rothmuller, and Shelly Dunietz. Good going, everyone.

On Sunday, August 11, Cris Barerre presented a class on the Play of the Hand at the Petaluma Bridge Club. What a great class! One might have thought the class would be about squeezes and end plays. No, it was about preparation and planning, assumptions to be made from the bidding and the opening lead, comparing the likelihood

of one finesse providing the tricks you need compared with another finesse. At the end of the class we practiced playing several hands. It was another great class from Cris Barrere.

Following Cris' class, we had a 9 table unit game in Petaluma. Evelyn Holtz and Bob Klein led the field at 63.69%. Carol Kemper and Patricia Hertz were first overall E/W and first overall in B with 59.26%, and Holly Gustafson and Bob Goetzing were first in C with 51.19%.

Kathy Juarez will be offering Learn Bridge In A Day?® at the Bridge Gallery in Santa Rosa on September 7 from 11 am until 4 pm. Learn Bridge In A Day?® is a five-hour concentrated course geared towards true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences, and those wanting to "test the waters." The course includes both class instruction and coached play. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this class. For more information or to register, see: (<http://acblunit509.org/learn-bridge-in-a-day/>); email Kathy Juarez at (lbiad@sonic.net), or call Kathy Venton at (707) 591-5015.

Kathy Venton is offering a fun class titled Five Steps to Simplify the Endplay on Tuesday evenings, September 10 and 17,

Have great news to share from your unit? Contact *Diamond in the Ruff* Editor Rich Luttrell at luttrellr@sbcglobal.net and tell him all about it!

from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at the Bridge Gallery. The cost is \$35 including text; \$15 single session.

Bridge Basics I returns to the Bridge Gallery on Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 starting September 24 with Kathy Venton and on Monday mornings 9:30 – 11:30 starting September 30 with Jane Bender. The class is \$95 including text. Single sessions are \$15, and repeats are only \$5 per session. For more information on any of these classes, see: (<http://santarosabridge.com/classes>).

As of August 22, we had 4 big games since our last report. At the Bridge Gallery, Henry Gaw and Lawson James had 71.74% on July 22, and Jeremey Brott and Stephanie Poley scored 70.83% on July 31. At the Petaluma Bridge Club, Gary Robinson and Bob Klein scored 72.22% on August 15, and Nancy Gunn and Patricia Hertz scored 70% on August 17. Congratulations all!!

In July, the ACBL notified us about 3 players who earned a new rank. Patsy Knight is now a new Junior Master; Meryl Fisher, our newest Ruby Life Master; and Barry Samuel, our newest Gold Life Master. Good work, everyone.

Silicon Valley

By Ray Yuenger

After months of searching for a new sectional site, I'm very happy to announce we finally found a new location that should require less driving from players in District 21 than our former location. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll see the flyer for our fall sectional, scheduled for October 18 through 20. It will be at split sites, with the Friday



evening pair games still at the San Jose Bridge Center and the weekend pair and team games at Wilcox High School in Santa Clara. We've also moved up the weekend starting times from 10:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in accord with other local sectionals.

At the summer nationals in Las Vegas, I saw a number of Unit 507 members during the week I attended. I have a number of local success stories to report from national and regional events at those nationals. (As always, I don't name partners and teammates who aren't members of Unit 507.)

A team with Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn placed 4th in the Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match. Steve Chen & Eugene Hung finished 11th in the Roth Open Swiss. In the under 6,000 Bruce Life Master Pairs, Stephen Tu placed 14th, while Luen-Jyh Luo & Frank Xie placed 19th. In the under 2,500 Young Pairs, Rick Jasper & John Wachsmann were 5th after having three section tops in six sessions. Sarah Chen & Xin Ge finished 5th in the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs, while Ken Imboden & Tsao-Tung Tsai were 17th.

Melanie Kakalec was leading the field after the first session of the Wagar Women's Pairs. Lynn Shannon and Michael & Kevin Rosenberg had section tops in the Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs. Steve Chen had a section top in the under 10,000 Pairs event.

Kevin Rosenberg's University of Berkeley team won the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship and he also won the Collegiate Pairs Championship.

In regional two-session open pairs events, stratification tops were earned by Jack Verson, Jay Baudler, and Frank Xie (twice). Sections tops went to Arthur Zhou and Zag Kadah. Xin & Kayden Ge won a gold rush pairs, as did Nitin More. Xin & Brandon Ge had a section top in another limited pairs game. Section

tops in gold rush pairs went to Susan Dietz & Judy Reeve (twice); Kayden Ge & Charlie Chen; Min Bai & Xin Ge; Sandra Erickson; and Michele Liu. Charlie & Andrew Chen had a strat top in 299er pairs. Benjamin Darnell had a section top in 49ers pairs.

In regional team events, prevailing in their knockout brackets were Lynn Bartz & Ray Yuenger; the Chen clan with Steve, Sarah, Charlie & Andrew; the Chen clan minus Steve and plus Kayden & Xin Ge; Jim Liu; Terry Ahern & Jennifer Duval; Arthur Zhou; and Wanwan Ren. Prevailing in their Swiss brackets were Kevin Rosenberg; Brenna Wundram & Andy Scott; Tsao-Tung Tsai, Ken Imboden & Luen-Jyh Luo; Andy Scott; and Brandon & Kayden Ge and Jonathan Yue.

At the concurrent Youth NABC, Arthur Zhou won the two-session Youth Open Pairs and placed second in the two-session Youth Swiss. Brandon Ge & Jonathan Yue placed third in the Youth Swiss. Brandon Ge and Jonathan Yue had section tops in the Youth Open Pairs. Michael & Alex Zheng won another YNABC Teams event and had a section top in a YNABC Pairs event.

In other tournaments, in the Nebraska regional (held in Iowa, of course) Charlene & Joel Reimnitz had a section top in a gold rush pairs event. In the Phoenix Desert Empire Regional, Ken Imboden had a strat top in an open pairs game.

At the San Mateo sectional, Andrew & Charlie Chen won the Art Weinstein Trophy for pairs under 100 masterpoints. (I still remember my own competition in that event a few decades ago was interrupted by a power failure at the venue.) Lynn Yokel won a single-session open pairs game in which Meena Oza & Pradeep Verma had a strat top. Bruce Luttrell and Pangjie Xu had section tops in the two-session open pairs game. In limited pairs

games, strat tops went to Thomas Morse & Carolyn Drozdiak and Radhakishin Thawani & Murarka Prabhu Dayal, with a section top to Susan Dietz.

At the Reno sectional, Anne Wilson & Carolyn Drozdiak placed first in a limited pairs game.

Congratulations to our newest Masters: Joan Fox, James Locke, Gregory Siehl, Betsy Wagner, Yannie Zhao (Junior); Howard Levitan, John Stremmel (Club); Monica Bacon-Proctor, Kayden Ge, Bharat Kamdar, Gavin Nesom (Sectional); Meena Oza (Regional); George Welch (Life); David Hembold, Katherine Maxfield (Silver); Frank Xie (Ruby).

There have been recent announcements of changing directors for some club games. For the Friday day game, Gabi Bowling will be sharing ownership with Doug Hong. For the Friday evening game, Mary Steele is turning over the reins to Patricia Steele (no relation), with Doug retaining his half interest. We will need more directors for the Bridge Center to survive, so think about becoming a club director. You can find instructions on the ACBL website at https://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/club-administration/club-directors/become-a-club-director/.

Stockton

By Debbie DeZarn

The Stockton Bridge Club added a new name to the Life Member Plaque in August! Debbie DeZarn was the first Stockton member to reach that goal under the 500 point rules. Since that's me, I will switch to first person to say I moved to Stockton in 2015 and joined the



ACBL after winning a few points in the C strat and getting hooked. I felt very welcomed by a wonderful group of women close to my age who were also fairly new duplicate players. We began hitting the tournament trail and all are now Regional Masters or higher.

By winning the 99er game during STaC week with 69%, Nelda Smith and Gloria Rogin, playing together, each became a Sectional Master. Congratulations ladies. At press deadline STaC week is still in progress so if others win the needed silver (at least 4 are SO close) they will be acknowledged in the October issue.

There were some big games since the last issue: Barbara Smart and Bobby Ilse achieved a 77.33% game on July 21 in a NAP qualifier. August 16 at another NAP, our Modesto friends Mike Saeler and Sheela Wani placed first overall with 70.21%.

A very nice Celebration of Life for Norma Peterson was held by her family at the SBC on August 18. Twelve full tables of players

as well as four tables of family members enjoyed hearing the stories and seeing the photos of Norma's life and involvement in the nursing and bridge communities. Thank you to the family for providing a nice lunch and champagne to toast her memory.

Bridge lessons will resume at Delta College in September so tell your friends to register now if there is still room (official registration was in August). Jon Bearg will teach two days a week: Mondays and Tuesdays. One is for true beginners and the other is for those players with a bit of experience, recent or long ago.

With our club's growth the twice a month Non Life Master games sometimes have a waiting list as our facility can only accommodate 16-½ tables (the ½ having a sitout actually do not get a table, just two chairs and a TV tray). If you know of any suitable space available at a low "friends and family rate," please contact Club Manager Bill Nutting.

**It's never too
early to plan...
The San Francisco
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Carson/Tahoe Fall Sectional

Carson City, Nevada

September 19-22, 2019

Sanction #S1909125



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Open Strats*: A = 2000, B = 750-2000, C = 0-750

499er Strats*: D = 200-500, E = 100-200, F = 0-100

*All events subject to stratification change by computer based on number of entries.

Thursday, September 19

Noon Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 499er Pairs
No-host Cocktails after the session
Appetizers Catered by the Plaza Hotel

5:30 PM Eight Is Enough Swiss Teams
Team total cannot exceed 8 points
0-750 = 1 pt, 750-2000 = 2 pts, 2000+ = 3 pts

Friday, September 20

10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 499er Pairs

3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 499er Pairs

Saturday, September 21

International Fund Game – Regionally Rated

10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 499er Pairs

3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 499er Pairs

Sunday, September 22

10:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams
Play Thru – Done by 5:30 PM
Single-session entry allowed; will only receive match awards
Lunch available for purchase, \$8.00

Director In Charge: Dianne Barton-Paine

Tournament Coordinators: Leona Pchelkin • lpchelkin@pyramid.net • 775.720.4567 and
Cornelia Gould • cornelia.gould@gmail.com • 925.395.7385

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Unit 509: Santa Rosa/Petaluma Fall Sectional

September 21 and 22, 2019

Odd Fellows Hall 545 Pacific Avenue Santa Rosa

Play begins at 10:00 a.m.

Registration 9:15 – 9:55 a.m.

Lunch with vegetarian option available for purchase each day before play begins

Table Fees/Session: Members \$12; Unpaid Members \$16

Non-members must join ACBI. on a temporary basis (\$7.99 for one month + table fees)

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

(strats determined by individual MP's)

Stratified Open Pairs (1st of 2) A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

Single Session Open Pairs A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

Single Session 299er Pairs A: 100–300 B: 50–100 C: 0–50

Saturday 2:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs (2nd of 2) A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

Single Session Open Pairs A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

Single Session 299er Pairs A: 100–300 B: 50–100 C: 0–50

Members with 0–20 MPs – if play in a.m., play free in p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and afternoon, after lunch

JACKIE ORTIZ (Strati-Flighted) Swiss Team Games

Ax: 0 - 3000, A: 3000+ (Ax and A play together)

B/C/D: 1000-2000, 500-999, 0-500

Swiss Teams E/F/G: 200-300, 100-200, 0-100

Tournament Director TBD • ACBI. Sanction #1909064

Tournament Co-Chairs: Harley Conner and Maxine Reagh maxinereagh@comcast.net

Kathy Venton, Partnership Chair, 707 591-5015 bridgegalleryca@gmail.com

Directions to Odd Fellows Hall 545 Pacific Avenue Santa Rosa, CA

Northbound on 101: Take exit 490, College Ave., right for 1/4 mile to turn left on Mendocino Ave. Proceed 1/2 mile to turn right on Pacific Ave. Odd Fellows is 345 feet on your left.

Southbound on 101: Exit at Steele Lane and head left 1/4 mile to Mendocino Ave. Turn right and go 1/2 mile to Pacific Ave. Turn left on Pacific Ave. Odd Fellows is 345 feet on your left.

Westbound from Hwy. 12: Take Hwy. 12 to the Farmer's Lane intersection in Santa Rosa. Continue straight through intersection and follow 4th St. for 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Bryden Lane which becomes Pacific Ave. Continue 3/4 miles to Odd Fellows Hall on your right.



2019 FALL SECTIONAL

SILICON VALLEY UNIT 507



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

VENUE #1

SAN JOSE BRIDGE CLUB

1190 S. Bascom Ave., Unit 105, San Jose
Park and enter behind building

Friday pairs 7:00 PM (single session) OPEN and 499er - Unlimited/2000/750 and 500/300/100

VENUE #2
NEW LOCATION!

SAT- SUN, OCTOBER 19-20

ADRIAN WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL

3250 Monroe St, Santa Clara

Saturday Pairs (double session)
10:00 AM and 3:00 PM
Stratified open: Unlimited/3000/1000
"Silver Rush" Pairs: 750/300

Saturday Pairs (single sessions)
10:00 AM or 3:00 PM
Stratified Open: Unlimited/2000/750
Limited: Under 300

SAT 3:00 PM Newcomer Pairs: 0-20 ONLY \$5



Sunday Bracketed Swiss Teams (7 rounds)

10:00 AM and TBA

Top bracket open/5,000; lower brackets under 4,000



ENTRY FEES: \$12.00/session for current ACBL members;
\$16.00 for lapsed members; \$6.00 for members 25 & under

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