

DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

ACBL District 21 Newsletter

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0-99 and 0-299 Special Events at the All Western Regional in Santa Clara are a Huge Success

By Jackie Zayac, District 21 Director

Attendance by our 0-99 and 0-299 players has been down at our regionals. Often, the evening session 0-99 and 0-299 players must play in open side pairs because they do not have enough tables for a game of their own. I suggested that we hold a special day for our 0-99 and 0-299 players to see if it would boost attendance and allow them to experience the great fun, camaraderie and competition of playing against their peers. Pam Hughes, our Tournament Manager, jumped on the idea and we worked together to host a special one-day event for these players on Friday, August 30 at the All Western Regional.

The players were charged \$10 to play one session or \$15 to play two sessions. Each participant received a convention card holder, a gift (bag or a cup from the Reno 2016 NABC) and an ice cream after the afternoon session. Mentors were on hand to answer any questions raised by players after the sessions.

Table count more than doubled with this event. We had 41.5 tables in the afternoon and 18 tables in the evening. There were so



District 21 Report from Wuhan

By Houpei Wei and Ray Yuenger

The World Bridge Federation's ("WBF") 44th World Team Championships and the 12th World Transnational Open Teams were contested in Wuhan, China in September 2019 and just concluded before publication of this newsletter.

This article is focused on the connections between this event and District 21 ("D21"). You'll have to look elsewhere if you want a complete list of the winners or the details of the matches.

The United States had two teams (USA1 and USA2) competing in each of four events, namely, the open Bermuda Bowl, the women's Venice Cup, the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, and the mixed Wuhan Cup. D21 members were on five of the eight USA teams.

Houpei Wei reports that this is the first time mixed teams have competed for a world bridge championship. "The award ceremony will be officially named 'Wuhan Cup.' It will have the same status and character as the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy."

Houpei Wei is a member of District 21's Unit 500 who has played an important role in these championships. He helped train local volunteers, giving a total of 44 lessons about the game and the "Ruling the Game" column

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Upcoming Tournaments

Sectionals

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

Mar 7–8, 2020

Unit 509 Santa Rosa/Petaluma Sectional

Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa CA

Mar 14–15, 2020

D21 NLM Regional at Palo Alto Unit 503

Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

Mar 28–29, 2020

Rising Stars I/N Sectional

Mid-County Senior Center, Capitola 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

Mar 14–15, 2020

D21 NLM Regional at Palo Alto

Bridge Center, Mountain View CA

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many tables in the afternoon that we had to send a section of 299 players over to the main ballroom to play since the 0-99 and 0-299 room only holds 35 tables! The past three years, there have been 10-22 tables in the afternoon and 4-6 tables in the evening.

A survey was passed out to all the participants and 137 completed surveys were turned in! Here are some of the highlights: 31 players were attending their first regional; 100 players said they came for the special event; 128 players said that they will attend another regional; 120 players said that they enjoyed the special event.

The best news of all is that the District 21 Board of Directors voted to have a 0-99 and 0-299 Special Event at all future regionals beginning with the Monterey Regional in January 2020.

This event would not have been possible without the wonderful people who volunteered to work at this event. Tom Pajak attended both sessions to help with set up, speak to the players, pass out prizes, and mentor. Sandi Davis and her wonderful sister, Norma, handled the registration desk including passing out the gifts. Mark Sorenson was there to help with set up and mentoring. Stephen Tu and Prue Sanders were there to mentor the players. My event partner, Pam Hughes, kept everything running smoothly all day. My grateful thanks to you all for making this special event such a great success.

A special thank you to the 0-99 and 0-299 players who attended the event. I hope you will all come to the San Francisco NABC from November 28 – December 8 at the Marriott Marquis. There is a wonderful program waiting for you that is being chaired by Cheryl Haines and Janelle Van Rensselaer.

District 21 Regionals

By Pam Hughes, Regional Tournament Manager

Don't forget our Sparks/Reno Regional, the dates being October 7 through 13, 2019. These are really good dates for not getting snowed in as in some previous years in Reno. Using the "GACBL19" code when making reservations, the resort fee will be waived.

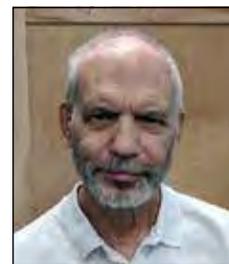


The resort fee for the Monterey Regional is waived, no matter what you see. If you try to book using the online link, the resort fee shows up, but it's really free; their website does not make it possible for it to be free. Corrections will be made on site.

District 21 Charity Report

By Jeff Hack, D21 Charity Chairman

2019 was a contentious year for charities in District 21. We had seventeen nominations which easily broke the old record of eleven nominations in one year. Traditionally, we have two methods of grants. In some years District 21 allocates \$5,000 and in some years the ACBL allocates money to District 21 for charities. This year we had \$30,000 allocated from the ACBL.



For the past ten years nominations were accepted between January 1 and July 4. Some board members wanted to shorten the cut off time to May 1 and announce the nominees at the Sacramento Regional. This was passed at the Monterey Regional. Many units did not know this and we reverted back to the July 4 cutoff date at the Sacramento Regional.

To be considered, a charity must be a 501(c)(3) charity. Then we only accept charities from Northern California and Northern Nevada. We then select one charity per unit. We have 21 units in District 21 and we were going to have six \$5,000 grants. Another consideration is we try to select charities we haven't given to for a long time. And preference is given to charities nominated by a unit over charities nominated by an individual. It was decided by the executive board that, starting in 2020, an individual who wants to nominate a charity must go through a unit board and have that unit nominate the charity as the unit's selected charity for the year. Each unit will be limited to one charity nomination per year.

The following charities were selected in 2019 and will be presented to the ACBL as our choices to receive \$5,000 grants from the ACBL:

Community Services Agency of Mountain View, Los Altos & Los Altos Hills

www.csacares.org

Pets Lifeline (Sonoma)

www.petslifeline.org

The Salt Mine (Lincoln)

www.thesaltmine.org

10,000 Degrees (Marin County)

www.10000degrees.org

Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center (Santa Cruz)

www.wafwe.org

CALL Primrose (Burlingame)

www.callprimrose.org

Wuhan

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written by Matt Smith. He is also a BBO operator. WBF President Gianarrigo Rona recognized the contributions of Mr. Wei after the opening ceremony.



Gianarrigo Rona and Houpei Wei

The team competition proceeds in two phases. First, the 24 teams in each event play 16-board matches against each other in a round robin format, with the top eight teams qualifying for the knockout phase.

USA2, including Chip Martel and nonplaying captain Jan Martel of Unit 505, placed 14th in the Bermuda Bowl.



Chip and Jan Martel

USA1, including Kit Woolsey of Unit 497, placed 10th for the d'Orsi Trophy.



Kit Woolsey and Houpei Wei

Going into the knockout phase, USA2, including Michael Rosenberg of Unit 507, was leading the d'Orsi competition, while USA2, including Debbie Rosenberg of Unit 503, was second place in the Wuhan Cup competition,

and USA1, including JoAnna Stansby of Unit 497, was fourth for the Venice Cup.



Debbie and Michael Rosenberg

Unfortunately, each of these three teams lost close matches in the quarterfinal stage of the event. Still, D21 was well represented in this international competition.

The San Francisco NABC is just around the corner...

ALL WESTERN REGIONAL WINNERS

Pairs

All Western Open Championship

- 1 Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Eric Leong, Oakland
- 2 Edward Barlow, Sunnyvale CA; Crispin Barrere, Berkeley CA
- 3 Anant Rathi - William Zhu, San Francisco CA
- 4 Srikanth Kodayam, Fremont CA; Farid Assemi, Fresno CA
- 5 Jiang Chen, Cupertino CA; Nongyu Li, Palo Alto CA
- 6 Robert Balas - Steven Smolen, San Francisco CA
- 7 Li-Chung Chen, Cupertino CA; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA
- 8 Stephen Tu, Milpitas CA; Ronald Powell, Santa Clara CA
- 9 Grant Vance - Jessica Lai, Oakland CA
- 10 Mark McCarthy - Rhian Davies, San Francisco CA



Owen Lien and Eric Leong

Tuesday Open (28 Tables)

- 1A Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA
 1B Sathya Bettadapura, Campbell CA; Marshall Schwartz, Oakland CA
 1C Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA

Tuesday Gold (25 Tables)

- 1D Todd Makler, Los Altos CA; Alan Polish, Palo Alto CA
 1E Jan Kiernan - Sumiye Minami, San Jose CA



Todd Makler and Alan Polish

Tuesday Aft Side (17 Tables)

- 1A H Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV
 1B Fung Bao - David Bao, Cupertino CA
 1C Yu Chang - Shirley Chang, Milpitas CA

Tuesday Aft 299er (14 Tables)

- 1D, 1E Henry Rivers, San Jose CA; Leika Kejriwal, Palo Alto CA
 1F Ruth Quigley - Austin Hills, San Francisco CA

Tuesday Eve Side (15 Tables)

- 1A, 1B, 1C Richard Sarsfield - Melanie Kakalec, San Jose CA

Tuesday Eve 299er (5 Tables)

1D, 1E, 1F Patricia Steele, Los Altos CA; Gregory Gauthier, Mountain View CA

Wednesday Morn Side (7 Tables)

1A Jeannette Stern, Carmel By Sea CA; Alfred Lee, San Mateo CA

1B Wanwan Ren, Sunnyvale CA; Jim Liu, Saratoga CA

1C Michael Nadler, Portland OR; William Mitchell, Lodi CA

Wednesday Morn 299er (8 Tables)

1D, 1E Robert Frantzen - Chantal Frantzen, Princeton NJ

1F Ashish Gupta - Andrew Hong, San Francisco CA

Wednesday Daylight (32 Tables)

1A D. Jones, Sacramento CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX

1B, 1C Bharat Kamdar, Monte Sereno CA; Hemant Vaidya, Santa Cruz CA



D. Jones and Chris Compton

Wednesday Open (15 Tables)

1A Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Eric Leong, Oakland CA

1X Mindy Foos - Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA

Wednesday Midflight (14 Tables)

1B, 1C Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Rich Nielsen, Los Altos CA

Wednesday Gold (31 Tables)

1D Shirley Chang, Milpitas CA; Anita Thompson, Lake Oswego OR

1E Trudy Moore - Gary Moore, Orinda CA



Shirley Chang and Anita Thompson



Gary Moore and Trudy Moore

Wednesday Aft Side (11 Tables)

1A, 1B, 1C Ann Wainright - John Wainright, Cupertino CA

Wednesday Aft 299er (12 Tables)

1D Patricia Albo - Jim Albo, Mill Valley CA

1E, 1F Arun Kumar, San Jose CA; Asha Agrawal, Fremont CA

Wednesday Eve Side (11 Tables)

- 1A, 1B Ronald Baron, San Jose CA; Ken Rosenfeld, Mountain View CA
1C Andrew Dentai, Mountain View CA; Mark Mongird, Cupertino CA

Wednesday Eve 299er (6 Tables)

- 1D, 1E, 1F Douglas Seifert, San Carlos CA; Charles Simmons, Redwood City CA

Thursday Morn Side (9 Tables)

- 1A Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV
1B Eva Herrmann, San Carlos CA; Chuck Lane, Los Altos CA
1C Andy Scott, San Jose CA; Irene Hashfield, Los Altos CA

Thursday Morn 299er (13.5 Tables)

- 1D Margo Seymour - Dale Seymour, Los Altos CA
1E Ashish Gupta - Andrew Hong, San Francisco CA
1F Gary Effren - Barry Alhadeff, Saratoga CA

Thursday Daylight (31 Tables)

- 1A Richard Riezman, Saint Louis MO; James Griffin, San Rafael CA
1B, 1C Frederick Tierney Jr, Fremont CA; Christy Hartsell, Palo Alto CA



Richard Reizman and James Griffin

Thursday Open (20 Tables)

- 1A Jo Ginsberg - Len Vishnevsky, San Francisco CA
1X John Rollin, Hayward CA; Alex Stagner, Menlo Park CA

Thursday Midflight (15 Tables)

- 1B Paul Nelson, Santa Clara CA; Ken Imboden, San Jose CA
1C Andy Scott, San Jose CA; Irene Hashfield, Los Altos CA

Thursday Gold (22 Tables)

- 1D Shailesh Shah, Hayward CA; Terry Gardner, Castro Valley CA
1E James Hlavka, Los Altos CA; William Bushnell, Sunnyvale CA

Thursday Aft Side (19 Tables)

- 1A, 1B Joan Rouse - Robert Rouse, Lincoln CA
1C Carol Schwerer - Mickie Winkler, Palo Alto CA

Thursday Aft 299er (20 Tables)

- 1D, 1E Virginia Dare, Woodside CA; Dianne Giancarlo, Atherton CA
1F Kenneth Luskey - Ken Wirt, Saratoga CA

Thursday Eve Side (6 Tables)

- 1A Lynne White - John White, Lincoln CA
1B, 1C Wei Chen, San Jose CA; Yin Lin, Sunnyvale CA

Friday Morn Side (9 Tables)

- 1A, 1B Wanwan Ren, Sunnyvale CA; Jim Liu, Saratoga CA
1C Carl Brunsting, Palo Alto CA; Joe Foster, Atherton CA

Friday Morn 299er (12 Tables)

- 1D C Vivian Pezzani, Palo Alto CA; Cindy Tolliver, Saratoga CA
1E, 1F Cindy Morris, Kentfield CA; Judy Grossman, San Francisco CA

Friday Daylight (39 Tables)

- 1A Gary Soules, Elk Grove CA; Edward Nagy, Danville CA
1B Dan Wong, Pleasanton CA; Ameen Paul, San Ramon CA
1C Robert Johnson - Sydney Reuben, Santa Cruz CA

Friday Open (21 Tables)

- 1A Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA
1X Anant Rathi - Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA

Friday Midflight (20 Tables)

- 1B Randy Ryals, Menlo Park CA; Carol Kemper,
Portola Valley CA
1C Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Ying Liu, Palo Alto CA

Friday Gold (29 Tables)

- 1D Robert Barnes, Concord CA; Furqan Naeem,
Pittsburgh CA
1E Christine Koehler, Tiburon CA; Patricia Dunbar,
Little River CA

Friday Aft Side (11 Tables)

- 1A Grant Robinson - Teresa Boyd, Dublin CA
1B Philip Freiberger, Los Gatos CA; James Howe,
San Jose CA
1C Linda Mattis - John Mattis, Sunnyvale CA

Friday Aft 299er (24 Tables)

- 1D Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA; Susan Dietz, San
Jose CA
1E Erich Schifter, Ann Arbor MI; Edward Lechner,
Seattle WA
1F Monica Bacon-Proctor, San Jose CA; Mary
Thomas, Sunnyvale CA

Friday Aft 99er (17.5 Tables)

- 1G, 1H Ann Wyatt, Alamo CA; Thomas Miller,
Brentwood CA
1I Arun Kumar, San Jose CA; Asha Agrawal,
Fremont CA

Friday Eve Side (3 Tables)

- 1A, 1B Aster Wu, Foster City CA; Donna Jett,
Carmel CA

Friday Eve 299er (11 Tables)

- 1D Tillie Myers - Jackie Hiatt, San Jose CA
1E, 1F Steven Nelson, Watsonville CA; Carol
Cowen, Capitola CA

Friday Eve 99er (7 Tables)

- 1G, 1H, 1I Aldwyn Lin, Sunnyvale CA; David
Freimuth, Martinez CA

Saturday Morn Side (6 Tables)

- 1A Joseph Chui - Fung Bao, Cupertino CA
1B, 1C Arun Kumar, San Jose CA; Navin Chheda

Saturday Morn 299er (9 Tables)

- 1D Alexandra Narasin - Amy Salisbury, Atherton CA
1E, 1F Gloria Mullen, Menlo Park CA; Nancy
Martin, Palo Alto CA

Saturday Daylight (38 Tables)

- 1A Betsey Schneider, San Carlos CA; Harriet Shea,
San Jose CA
1B, 1C Yu Chang, Milpitas CA; Donghui Lu, San
Jose CA



Harriet Shea and Betsy Schneider

Saturday Gold (42 Tables)

- 1D William Mitchell, Lodi CA; Michael Nadler,
Portland OR
1E Chris Chang, Mountain View CA; Henry Hsieh,
Palo Alto CA



Michael Nadler and Bill Mitchell

Saturday Aft Side (14 Tables)

- 1A Diane Vaughan - Worth Vaughan, Madison WI
1B John White - Lynne White, Lincoln CA
1C Debbie Lundahl, San Carlos CA; Donna Raynor,
Los Altos CA

Saturday Aft 299er (16 Tables)

1D, E, F Barbara Brown, Saratoga CA; Poppin Tai, San Jose CA

Saturday Eve Side (7 Tables)

1A Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA

1B, 1C Xin Ge - Min Bai, Cupertino CA

Sunday Morn Side (3 Tables)

1A, 1B Donald Bierman, San Ramon CA; Sarah Simmerman, San Leandro CA

Sunday Morn 299er (6 Tables)

1D, 1E, 1F Murarka Prabhu Dayal - Rakesh Gupta, Saratoga CA

Sunday Daylight (26.5 Tables)

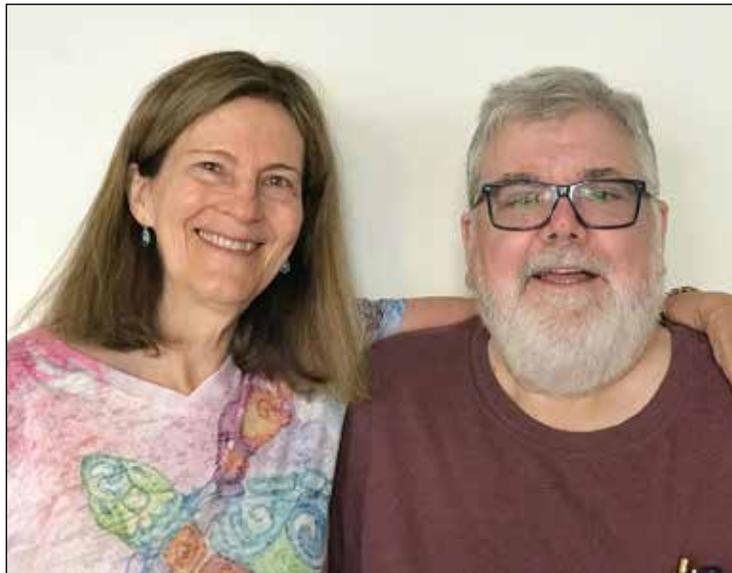
1A, 1B Glenn Boyce, Piedmont CA; Edwin Seputis, Oakland CA

1C H Paul Davis, Cupertino CA; Alex Martelli, Sunnyvale CA

Sunday Open (11 Tables)

1A Sara Rothmuller, Occidental CA; Nick Wiebe, Oakland CA

1B, 1C Aaron Mayerson, Redwood City CA; Rajeev Jog, San Jose CA



Sara Rothmuller and Nick Wiebe

Sunday Aft 299er (7 Tables)

1D Diana Lloyd, Los Altos CA; Robert Silver, Palo Alto CA

1E, 1F Irene Jacobson - Steven Jacobson, Santa Clara CA

Sunday Gold (17 Tables)

1D Beverly Bernhardt, Sunnyvale CA; Conrad Larkin, Santa Rosa CA

1E Camele Wanat - Joanne Gates, San Mateo CA



Beverly Bernhardt Conrad Larkin

Sunday Aft Side (9 Tables)

1A, 1B, 1C Ying Liu - Xiaocong Ye, Palo Alto CA

Sunday Eve Side (7 Tables)

1A, 1B Jerry Nakamura, El Dorado Hills CA; Paul Lee, San Jose CA

1C Gloria Wallace - John Wallace, Menlo Park CA

Monday Morn 299er (11 Tables)

1D, 1E, 1F Kenneth Hui - Siuling Ku, San Mateo CA

Monday Fast (24 Tables)

1A, B, 1C Jayesh Goyal, San Jose CA; Sriram Narasimhan, Mountain View CA



Jayesh Goyal and Sriram Narasimhan

Teams

Tues Aft Swiss (14 Teams)

- 1A Linda Bandler - Mike Bandler, Alamo CA; Jerry Weitzner, Danville CA; Jack Yeasley, Santa Barbara CA; William Corliss, Davis CA
1B Norma Wolf - Carl Wolf, Los Altos CA; John Stanczak, Sunnyvale CA; Leila Mattinger, Cupertino CA
1C Lori Kiefer, La Quinta CA; Bob Gleason, San Carlos CA; Linda Bucklin, Mill Valley CA; Daphne Bransten, San Francisco CA

Tues-Wed KO Bracket 1 (12 Teams)

- Erwin Linzner - Bob Klein, Santa Rosa CA; Daniel Friedman - Linda Friedman, Orinda CA



Bob Klein, Erwin Linzner, Linda Friedman, and Dan Friedman

Wed Eve Swiss (16 Teams)

- 1A Cheryl Mandala - Yul Inn, Cupertino CA; Sally Woolsey - Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Daniel Sonner, Redwood City CA
1B Richard O'Brien - Henryk Szejnwald, Los Altos CA; Don-Min Tsou, Cupertino CA; David Cheng, Palo Alto CA
1C Jana Cushman, Mountain View CA; Carol-Ann Ackerman, Fremont CA; George Welch, San Jose CA; Stacie Bowman, Sunnyvale CA

Wed-Thur KO Bracket 1 (9 Teams)

- H Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Edward Zuckerberg, Los Altos Hills CA; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV

Wed-Thur KO Bracket 2 (9 Teams)

- Joye Sidoti - Norman Marks, Oakland CA; Nadine Levine, Alameda CA; Margaret Rourke, Piedmont CA

Wed-Thur KO Bracket 3 (15 Teams)

- Usha Bansal - Debra Dezarn - Mary Sievers, Stockton CA; Rose Knutson, Lodi CA

Thur Eve Swiss (21 Teams)

- 1A Naren Gupta, Woodside CA; Debbie Rosenberg - William Watson, Sunnyvale CA; Geeske Joel, Palo Alto CA
1B, 1C Xin Ge - Kayden Ge - Brandon Ge, Cupertino CA; Jianming Zhang, Union City CA

Thur-Fri Morn Swiss (10 Teams)

- 1A Linda Bandler - Mike Bandler, Alamo CA; Grant Robinson - Teresa Boyd, Dublin CA; William Corliss, Davis CA; Jack Yeasley, Santa Barbara CA
1B Linda Danzig, Tiburon CA; Joelle Benioff - Sara Foster, San Francisco CA; Nancy Herzog, Kentfield CA
1C Gary Smith, Merced CA; Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA; Susan Dietz, San Jose CA; Sherrie Barakatt, Modesto CA

Thur-Fri KO Bracket 1 (10 Teams)

- D. Jones - Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA



Chris Compton, Veronica McMurdie, Howard Parker III, Mark Itabashi and D. Jones

Thur-Fri KO Bracket 2 (9 Teams)

Ronald Morris - Deborah Steffen - James Edmondson
- Judy Edmondson, Santa Barbara CA

Thur-Fri KO Bracket 3 (16 Teams)

Enid Rubin, Tiburon CA; Stephen Levinson, San
Rafael CA; Stanley Green, Greenbrae CA; Bill
Yeast, Mill Valley CA



Steve Levinson, Bill Yeast, Stan Green, and Enid Rubin

Fri Eve Swiss (11 Teams)

1A Alfred Lee, San Mateo CA; Mansoor Gowani, San
Jose CA; Russell Quinnell - Sigrid Price, Napa CA
1B, 1C Henry Zhang, Saratoga CA; Maggie Zhao,
Palo Alto CA; Yin Lin, Sunnyvale CA; Wei Chen,
San Jose CA

Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1 (9 Teams)

Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus
- Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Mike Passell,
Plano TX; John Hurd, New York NY; Ron Smith,
Chicago IL

Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2 (12 Teams)

Jonni Faircrest, Los Gatos CA; Leon Joseph Grafe,
Kihei HI; Robert Fontana, Kula HI; Salvatore
Turano Jr, Scotts Valley CA



Jonni Faircrest, Leon Joseph Grafe, Salvatore Turano Jr, and Robert Fontana

Sat Eve Swiss (17 Teams)

1A Norman Marks - Ronald Baron, San Jose CA;
Mindy Foos - Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA
1B Rick Jasper - John Wachsman, San Jose CA; Joel
Koransky, Saratoga CA; Ken Rosenfeld, Mountain
View CA
1C Henry Zhang - Yannie Zhao, Saratoga CA;
Michele Liu, Cupertino CA; Chin Huang, Foster
City CA

Sat-Sun AM Swiss (6 Teams)

1A Marcus Ballinger, Burlingame CA; Diane Vaughan
- Worth Vaughan, Madison WI; Eugene Sor,
Richmond CA
1B, 1C (tie) John Shribbs - Patricia Shribbs,
Petaluma CA; Marion Schraub, Pleasanton CA;
Mel Chaplin, Brentwood CA
1B, 1C (tie) David Silberman - Norman Bregman,
Livermore CA; Frank Concepcion, Walnut Creek
CA; Andrew Fine, Concord CA

Sat-Sun KO Bracket 1 (9 Teams)

D. Jones - Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Chris
Compton, Dallas TX; Howard Parker III, Clements
CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA

Sat-Sun KO Bracket 2 (10 Teams)

Janice Nakao, San Mateo CA; Rajan Jeyakumar, Fremont CA; Marcus Ballinger, Burlingame CA; Eugene Sor, Richmond CA

Sat-Sun KO Bracket 3 (12 Teams)

Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Sarah Chen - Charlie Chen - Andrew Chen, San Jose CA; Serena Guo, Dublin CA

Sun Compact KO Bracket 1 (12 Teams)

H Jay Sloofman, Tarrytown NY; Billy Miller - Alain Schreiber, Las Vegas NV; Leo Bell, Carlsbad CA

Sun Compact KO Bracket 2 (10 Teams)

Charles Conrad - William George, Castro Valley CA; Shailesh Shah, Hayward CA; Gunnar Niemi, Emeryville CA



Shailesh Shah, Charles Conrad, Gunnar Niemi, and William George

Sun Compact KO Bracket 3 (9 Teams)

Terry Gardner, Castro Valley CA; Carol Cottam, Concord CA; Donald Bierman, San Ramon CA; Sarah Simmerman, San Leandro CA

Sun Eve Swiss (12 Teams)

1A, 1B Andrew Sinclair, Albany CA; Edmund Wu - Chris Chen, San Francisco CA; Jacqueline Ortiz, Rohnert Park CA
1C Carolyn Drozdiak, Los Gatos CA; Eldonna Dayton - Joyce Goodman, Concord CA; Thomas Morse, Milpitas CA

Mon A/X Swiss (39 Teams)

1A Mark Moss, Piedmont CA; Robert Thomson, San Rafael CA; Crispin Barrere - Bruce Tuttle, Berkeley CA



Bruce Tuttle, Mark Moss, Crispin Barrere, Robert Thomson

1X Frank Xie, Sunnyvale CA; Yu Chang, Milpitas CA; Arif Janjua, Saratoga CA; Clark Millikan, Santa Clara CA

Under 2,000 Swiss Bracket 1 (8 Teams)

Ameen Paul - Sukumar Mukherji, San Ramon CA; Dan Wong, Pleasanton CA; Catherine Molnar, Piedmont CA

Under 2,000 Swiss Bracket 2 (8 Teams)

Serena Guo, Dublin CA; Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Andrew Chen - Sarah Chen, San Jose CA

Under 2,000 Swiss Bracket 3 (13 Teams)

Ann Wainright - Anthony Foti - John Wainright - Dorothy Foti, Cupertino CA

Senior Swiss (9 Tables)

1A D. Jones - Veronica McMurdie, Sacramento CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA
1B Maxine Lubow - Ray Lubow - Jeffrey Hack - Fern Herman, San Jose CA
1C Rajeeva Sharma, San Jose CA; Peggy Chen, Saratoga CA; Eusebio Menezes, Cupertino CA; Robert Liu, Honolulu HI

ALL WESTERN REGIONAL NEW LIFE MASTERS



Nancy Thompson



Anita Thompson



Amy Hansel



Enid Rubin



Salvatore Turano, Jr.



Jana Cushman

DISTRICT 21 ACBL PRESENTS

Reno Regional

October 7-13, 2019

NEW EVENT TIMES - 10:00 & 3:00

with extra events at 7:30

*** A Record Eight Gold Rush Pair Events ***

Come and strike it rich!

Tournament Highlights

- New Team Events Daily
- Eight Gold Rush Pair Events
- Three Stratified Side Game Series
- Side Games at every 10:00, 3:00 & 7:30 session

Intermediate/Newcomer Events

299er Pairs Daily at 10, 3 & 7:30

Bridge Concepts Lectures
with Scott Campbell

Tuesday through Saturday at 9:00am

Free Student Game (0-5 MP's) Sat. 10:00

ENTRIES \$12

Unpaid ACBL members \$16

Non-members will be required to become members by either purchasing an annual membership, or a \$7.99 special monthly membership.

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Partnership: Rich Scoggins (775) 972-3962

District 21 website www.d21acbl.com

Please comply with D21's Pet Policy. See website for details.
Schedule subject to change.

- Resort Tower Rooms and Meeting Spaces are Newly Renovated!
- Free shuttle to and from airport 5am - midnight
- Best Pool in Reno!
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Reno Regional October 7-13, 2019

at the Nugget Casino & Resort 800-648-1177

Monday, October 7

- 1pm Sparks Side Pairs 1 of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
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
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
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
- 10am •No individual player over 2000 mp
& •Typically brackets of eight, three gold overall
TBA places per bracket.
•Teams may not withdraw after one session.
- SENIOR SWISS TEAMS (60 years+)**
FAST STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
10am and TBA with a short break
299er Swiss Teams (10am and TBA with a short break)

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

Stratified Events Key Unless otherwise posted.

A 2000+ B 750 - 2000 C 0 - 750
Eligibility is based on masterpoint total of top player.
Stratification is determined by average of pair/team

KO Events with only one Bracket may be Handicapped

October 5 - 1000 1, 2019

Monterey Clambake Regional

January 6 - 12, 2020

Tournament Highlights

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



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**Bridge Concepts Lectures
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Monterey Clambake Regional

January 6 - 12, 2020

at the HYATT REGENCY, 1 Golf Course Road, Monterey, CA 93940

Monday, January 6

- 1:00 Cannery Row Stratified Side Pairs 1st of 6
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
MONTEREY GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
BING CROSBY BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2
Continues Tuesday at 1 & 7:00
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
Cannery Row Stratified Side Pairs 2nd of 6
299er Stratified Pairs

Tuesday, January 7

- 9:00 Clambake Morning Side Pairs 1st of 5
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**
BIG SUR GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
- 1:00 Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 3rd of 6
99er/299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**
JACK LEMMON BRACKETED KOs
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Wednesday 1 & 7
BING CROSBY KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 4th of 6
299er Stratified Pairs

Wednesday, January 8

- 9:00 **MONTEREY SWISS TEAMS**, 1st of 2
Continues Thursday at 9am
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 2nd of 5
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 5th of 6
99er/299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**
STRATIFIED MIDFLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000
BLUE WHALE GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
RORY MCILROY BRACKETED KOs
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Thursday 1 & 7
JACK LEMMON KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
Cannery Row Strat Side Pairs 6th of 6
299er Stratified Pairs

Thursday, January 9 GOODWILL DAY

- 9:00 **MONTEREY SWISS TEAMS** 2nd of 2
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 3rd of 5
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Tom Watson Strat Side Pairs 1st of 6
99er/299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**
STRATIFIED MIDFLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000
CARMEL GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
JOHN STEINBECK BRACKETED KOs
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Friday 1 & 7
RORY MCILROY KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
Tom Watson Strat Side Pairs 2nd of 6
299er Stratified Pairs

Friday, January 10

- 9:00 **MICHELLE WIE SWISS TEAMS**
1st of 2 - Continues Saturday at 9
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 4th of 5
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**
STRATIFIED MIDFLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000
SPANISH BAY GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750
- 1:00 Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 3rd of 6
99er/299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **OPEN PAIRS Qualifies to a**
BAROMETER FINAL @ 7:00
NQs enter 7:00 Swiss or Side Pairs
ERNIE ELS BRACKETED KOs,
Rds 1 & 2 Continues Saturday 1 & 7
JOHN STEINBECK KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 4th of 6
299er Stratified Pairs

Saturday, January 11 0-5 mp's play free today!

- 9:00 **MICHELLE WIE SWISS TEAMS** 2nd
Clambake Morning Side Pairs 5th of 5
Starfish 99er Pairs
Seahorse 299er Pairs
- 10 & 3 **STRATIFIED DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 5th of 6
- 1:00 Starfish 99er Pairs
Seahorse 299er Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**
A/X SWISS TEAMS 0-5000/5000+
B/C SWISS 0-3000/3000-5000
GOLD RUSH SWISS (0-300/750)
ERNIE ELS KOs – rounds 3 & 4
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams
Tom Watson Stratified Side Pairs 6th of 6
Starfish 99er Pairs
Seahorse 299er Pairs

Sunday, January 12

EARLY START - 10am - PLAY THRU
with a short break

STRATIFIED A/X SWISS TEAMS
Strat A 4000+ Strat X -0-4000
0-2500 ROUND ROBIN TEAMS

- ♦ No individual player over 2500 mp
- ♦ Typically brackets of eight, three gold overall places per bracket.
- ♦ Teams may not withdraw after one session.

CLINT EASTWOOD FAST STRAT OPEN PAIRS
2 fast sessions with a short break

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

KO Events with only one Bracket may be Handicapped

Stratified Events Key Unless otherwise posted.
A 2500+ B 1000 – 2500 C 0-1000
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By The Beer Dude

Fall's here, football's in full swing, & baseball's drawing down. I want the A's to face Cubs/Braves/Phils in the World Series so I'm guaranteed to cash a pre-season bet (I hit the WS the last 2 yrs). As for NBA, the Warriors may be worth a shot on a futures bet. I've never bet the Cavendish, as I'm not fond of Vegas.

The Sept. 6 unit game drew 7.5 tables, which Dolores Mackinnon & Chet Young owned. The chasers: Prez Joyce-Trudie 2A, Lamar-Dick 3A, Eric-Meg 4A, Jack Shiffer-Aki 5A, John Love-Bob Post 2B, Dexter-Gordon 3B, & the Tamms 4B. We killed BBQ Swiss Teams for lack of teams signing up. Oct games are Fri 4th & Wed 30th.

Since rank advancers appear in DITR ahead of the unit columnists, there's no point in being redundant; ditto for regional tournament results in D21 – but if you e-mail me out of area tourney 1st places, that's fine. Welcome in from Anchorage, Elliott Zeller; nobody moved/died. Keep your dues current – if I see you at the club, I'll tweak you when you pop up on the monthly report I get.

At da club: Eric didn't repeat as MP champ, as I don't count STaC games when I total it up. However, he & Sandi shot 69.58% in the Friday STaC to end up 4A/1B across 530.5 tables in participating clubs – GREAT SHOW! For the regular club + unit games, "H" topped the LMs, George Proper the NLMs.

October is club appreciation month, so there'll be club champ games on the 23rd & 25th. I'm taking my annual 2 weeks back east 5-19 Oct, so Dick & Eric will be running the show & sending me the results to post on our website.

If you want to have some fun not playing bridge while being around it (& maybe get a

chance to play free as a fill-in for a session or 2), sign up to be a volunteer @ the SF NABCs (11/28-12/8). Our unit's official day is Fri 11/29 (club will be closed, as I've done forever, day after Turkey Day), but you can pick any day – link to sign up is on our website. I'm working 11/29 & 12/2, possibly another. I've done it the last 3 SF NABCs – restaurant desk, passing out wine to section top winners, & welcoming novices – always a good time sharing local knowledge. If you do so, take BART – the Jukebox Marriott is a short walk from Powell St. station, & parking is insanely expensive (\$38/day in Mission St garage – 1996, it was \$5-6).

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

Boo, Hoo, Hoo. Today I nearly came in last, and it went by in a flash. The misery of messing up a hand haunts my mind. I think it may be a sign to take a refresher course, and remove my remorse. As I lament over and over something I did, I wonder how it happened. I tried so hard to gobble up some MPs, but feel like a pumpkin head when I fall short. Its days like this that I pick up a previous column I've written, and try to digest my own words. Like... OK, enough already GET OVER IT.

See what's cooking at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center. Check out the e-Declarer for the latest and greatest new. Lots of lessons are being taught by highly seasoned teachers. I've also written again about a terrific couple, whom you may all know, the Humphreys. Yes, I'm touting their praises once again,



but if you have something related to bridge that's worth bragging about, excluding your grandkids, please contact me at Lisacooks1@aol.com. Your name may be next.

Ready to Rumble? Mark your calendars as it's almost here: How about a labor less day, when you join us for The Diablo Valley Fall Sectional. It's ready, and set to be held on November 9 & 10 at Dougherty High School. Two fun-filled days, jam-packed with passionate people like you, who just can't get enough of this brain game. There will be more details on our website at (Diablovalleybridge.com).

I'm going to end on a hot note. Baby, it's been cookin' outside. Records set in San Francisco, my hometown, and East Bay's been sizzling too. When you receive this issue of the Diamond in the Ruff, I'm certain temperatures will be much cooler.

Ciao Bella

East Bay

By Joye Sidoti

First and foremost, the Unit 502 Fall Sectional will take place on November 16 and 17 at the Oakland Masonic Center (third floor), 3903 Broadway, Oakland, CA. This is always a great event, so please plan to attend. The games begin at 10:00 am each day and the table fees will be \$12.00. Lunch will be available for \$5.00 per person on both days, along with lots of good (and healthy) snacks throughout the day. There is some parking available behind the building off Manila Ave, otherwise street parking is your best bet, especially on Sunday when the parking meters don't require feeding.

The regularly scheduled Unit 502 Games will be on Sunday, October 6 when the free lunch will be served at about 11:30 am, and

the game will begin at 12:00. The game on Sunday, October 20 will be a Dick Hart Memorial Swiss Teams game with pizza lunch. Entries will be sold at 11:00 am, pizza at 11:15 am, and the game starts at noon. Contact Joseph Held at jph3@pacbell.net by Friday, October 18 to make a reservation. Table fee is \$10.00 per player.

On those Sundays when there are no Unit 502 Games, there will be EBCBC Sunday games. In October, those games will take place on October 13 and October 27. The games begin at 12:00 noon, and a light lunch will be served before the game. The game on Sunday, October 27 will be a club appreciation game.

Other special games at EBCBC are Friday, October 4, club membership at noon. October 21 thru 27 are club appreciation games, Friday, October 25, Halloween Swiss Teams, at noon (with Gold points), and October 31, the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint game at 10:30. The entry fee will be \$10.00.

The monthly Swiss Teams game will be on Saturday, October 26. The game will be an IMP pairs. There will not be a game in November since there are events every weekend. For more information, contact Greg Vance, Grant Vance, or David Geary.

Some big winners in Santa Clara include: Eric Leong who won 146.55 points tying for the most points; Catherine Molnar and Sukumar Mukherji who played in two events and won 25.36 gold points; Allan McAllister and Anita Thompson who scored in the Gold Rush Pairs; Norm Marks, Nadine Levine, Peggy Rourke and Joye Sidoti who won their bracket in the Knockouts; Robert Joerger and John Shouldice who won their 1st section top; Herbert and Susie Chung who scored in the Gold Rush pairs; Steven Drucker and Russ Kirschenbaum who won Mid-flight pairs; Ed Seputus and Glenn Boyce who won Daylight

pairs. Also congratulations to Amy Hansell who became a Life Master.

In the August 18 unit NAP game, Roseanne Smith and Janice Kosel were 1st, Mark Ralph and Leszek Rabięga were 2nd, Steve Chen and Serena Guo were 3rd and Nadine Levine and Peggy Rourke were 4th. The scores ranged from 58.77% to 65.88%. In the September 1 unit game, Andy and Marcia Wasserman were 1st, Pat Leary and William Rudman were 2nd, Tom McKelvey and John Santibanes were 3rd and Trudie Sinclair and Joyce Burks were 4th. The scores ranged from 55.24% to 62.28%. In the September 8 NAP final game, William George and Gunnar Niemi were 1st, Peter Bonfanti and Daniel Kroll were 2nd, Daniel and Linda Friedman were 3rd, and Dmitri Shabes and Daniel Tataru were 4th. The scores ranged from 57.48% to 60.66%. In the September 15 unit game, Cathleen Otvos and Ravi Bhalla were 1st, Robert Ipswitch and Kathy Von Dohre were 2nd, Estelle Baum and Esther Rubke were 3rd, and Neal Mazaroff and Stuart Schneck were 4th. The scores ranged from 56.25% to 59.94%.

Welcome to new Unit 502 members Lindsey Meyersieck, Arnita Calloway, Joan Ireland, and Joyjit Sensarma. When you see them, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our unit.

Congratulations to the following members on their recent rank advancement: Rohan Srivastava to Junior Master; JJ Kael to NABC Master; Jesse Chao and Hank Sigal to Silver Life Master; Jessica Lai to Sapphire Live Master. When you see them, please take the time to congratulate them.

I am writing the November column, so please contact me at (efsjbd_ba@hotmail.com) if you have noteworthy results or other items to report.

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

Fall has begun and the clubhouse is starting to be very active. August 10 and 11 was our annual Non-Life Master Sectional. This year's attendance was fairly similar to last year's sectional, though we were happy to see one more team (6) participating in the Swiss Teams game. We had 41 players win silver points, with the big winner being Steve Johnson. Our appreciation goes to Richard Meffley (Tournament Director), Jackie Finn (Hospitality), and Mary Lou Pease (Partnership); thanks also goes to those who attended and donated food.

The three-day Fresno Fall Sectional is about to start; it will be held on the first weekend of October (the 4th-6th). I hope you have already made your plans to join us for one or more sessions.

We have another sectional to tell you about that will occur next month. Back in July, we tried a one day/one session under 750 sectional with much success. In November, we will be holding it on a Tuesday when we typically have a 750 afternoon game and a beginning level evening game. The Fresno November Sectional will be held on the 12th. Kay Chrisman will direct the afternoon 750 game (that now starts at 12:30 p.m.), and Richard Meffley will direct a game limited to 300 at 6:30 pm. If this proves to be a popular event again, we could hold multiple one-day sectionals in 2020.

If poker is also your game (or maybe your significant others game), we are having a Poker Night coming up. The event is scheduled for Friday, October 25.

Points, points, points! October is club appreciation month. These high masterpoint games are allotted to each club and do not cost extra; this year they are allowing us to hold two of these game per session! There will also be a Sunday Pro-Am team game that will award 5% gold points. See Aces, Places, & Faces for when these special games are scheduled.

Mun Takeda gave a popular lesson on defensive signals in September (a Tuesday morning and a repeated lesson on the following Thursday evening). She is taking October off, but will continue with Part 2 on this topic in November.

We have nine 70% games in August and very little room, so briefly... In Oakhurst: T Srinivasan & Martha Robrahn, 71.53% on 8/8. The rest occurred in Fresno: on 8/7, Richard Meffley & Victor Greener, 70.31%; on 8/10, Karen Matthews & Cheryl Johnson earned a huge 80% in the 99er Non-Life Master Sectional game; Steve Johnson & JoAnn Huebner, 73.75% in the 299er game on 8/14; Mary Lou Pease & Kay Chrisman, 70.14% in the game on 8/18; Larry Miller & Andrew Graves, 75% in the 750 game on 8/20; Lowell Gist & Victor Greener, 70.83% on 8/21; Fred Schellack & Walt Kelso, 70.37% in the 99er game on 8/27; Laurie Harrington & Judy Pierre, 71.88% in the 299er game on 8/28.

Hope to see you at the sectional, poker night, and the club appreciation games!

Livermore Valley

By Rosemarie LaFrancesca

Summer has been busy with folks traveling, going to their summer homes, or playing in many ACBL tournaments around the nation.

Special congratulations to Jean Barry and Pat Leary for finishing second at the Las Vegas Nationals in the Women's Pairs. Great job!

The next national tournament is in our backyard. San Francisco, open your Golden Gate for the ACBL! We have volunteers helping from our unit; if you can help, contact Mindy Kane. It will be great to see our international friends in San Francisco. I notice that one of the pair's games in SF is the Franklin Lowenthal Pairs. I hope to play in that event. I remember Frank well and have missed talking baseball, not bridge, with him!

We hope you will join us weekly for bridge at the Livermore Bridge Club. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the IOOF Building, 2160 First Street, in Livermore. Parking and entrance are in the rear; an elevator is available. Most games, including extra point games, are only \$6. STAC games are \$8; educational fund games are \$7. Reservations are suggested for the Monday STAC. Players bring food to share; the club provides coffee/tea; a good time is had by all. Novice Games (0-99 points) are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, and you don't even need a partner. For every "novice" on Thursday, we will guarantee a partner to any player with fewer than 100 masterpoints.

Encourage your bridge-playing friends to give Duplicate Bridge a try! We are happy to see some of our 99ers play on Mondays as well. Keep up the good work, 99ers! The Livermore Bridge Club website is (livermorebridge.com). You will find a calendar of events there; you can also find Paul's bridge tips and publications via (pfdubois.com/publish). There are links to neighboring units if you want to travel to your next bridge game.

Marin

By Gail Haar

We have several new and new to us members this month – Jean Federov, Victoria Lang, Mark Nelson, Lynn Spitler and Judy Barrie. Congratulations to new Masters: (Club) Nicholas Schulkin, Mary Warner, and Julie Wong; (Sectional) Shirley Ehrlich and Peter Sorensen; (Regional) Suzanne Johnson; (Silver Life) Pat Friesen; (Gold Life) Nancy Ferguson and Todd Werby.



There were four Big Games this month: Ellen Weingart & Joan Ehman (71.18 % at Terra Linda); Gene Simpson & Laura Kenney (70.89% at Fuldek); Alex Kinas & Cathy Hayes (70.69% at Belvedere); Ann Stein & Ellen Schiller (70.37% at Terra Linda). Highest percentage at the Unit/STAC Game on August 25 were Carolyn Farren & Paulette Moe and winners of the September 8 unit game were Rose Adele Statner & Loarn Thoelecke.

In response to popular demand, the Unit Contact Directory is being updated. All Marin clubs now have an “UPDATE” copy of our Unit’s Contact Directory, with attachments so you can add yourself or make changes to your contact info. There are instructions attached to them, but remember, please only make your additions or changes once at any club and print clearly. We’ll collect them all in early October and make the necessary modifications. The Updated Inserts will be available soon after.

Save the dates! Sunday, November 3: the NAP Unit Finals will be held at 1 PM at Terra Linda (Fuldek) along with an Open, Stratified Unit Game. November 22: popular bridge

instructor Barbara Seagram is coming back to Marin for a full day of lessons and practice. More information coming soon.

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 the tip of the month: a bridge player who can’t defend accurately should try to be Declarer.

Monterey

By Mary Block

After more than 17 years at its current location and an extensive 8 month search, the Monterey Bridge Center will be moving to 201B Calle Del Oaks in Del Rey Oaks. The move should occur around November 1. Please check our website at www.montereybridgeclub.com for more details. Our last unit games at the current bridge center are the Pro-Am Game on Sunday, September 22, the Unit 530 NAP Game on Saturday, October 5, and the Foundation’s Halloween Charity Game on Sunday, October 27.

The task of locating a new venue was immense, beginning with establishing criteria

to negotiating the final deal. A number of people were involved, but the tireless work of Susan Mazzei and the expertise of John Mahoney stand out.

Mark your calendars now with Sunday, December 8 for the annual Holiday Party. Details to follow.

The Halloween Party unit game on October 27 includes for the \$25 donation a sandwich lunch, a door prize, and the unit game. Costumes are encouraged, but not required and there will be prizes awarded. Thanks to the unit board for sharing in hosting this game with the food and prizes.

New members reported in July were Robert and Sarah Bouchier. New members reported in August include Mary Ellen Carlin and Susan Hillstrom-Masi. Charlene and Joel Reimnitz, frequent players here, have transferred from Silicon Valley. James Chibidakis and Ed Schrenzel are new Sectional Masters and Neville Kirby is a Regional Master.

The Unit lost two active members in the last two months. James Pond was a Life Master and a member of the Board of Directors for several terms. Bob Gore was a frequent player in the NLM games.

Betty Jackson's Friday afternoon Pines game has relocated to the Parish Hall of St. John's Chapel, located near the Hyatt in Monterey. The new time is 12:30.

Doug Halleen reports that his Tuesday afternoon game continues to grow and produce extra master points. Because he has brought in new ACBL members, he was able to offer a club championship game with extra points. Remember, there is a two dollar discount for those who play in the morning game. Doug will be announcing a new round of Easybridge! lessons at the new venue. Alert your friends.

Pat Heller is a new member of the Unit Board of Directors, replacing Louise Barnard.

You are being reminded again that the NABC Tournament is in San Francisco this year, November 28-December 8 at the Marriott Hotel. Our unit has been assigned to volunteer at the hospitality desk on Saturday, November 29. Volunteering before and after the playing sessions doesn't interfere with your playing and does give you a free cookie. Contact Donna Jett at Jettcarmel@gmail.com.

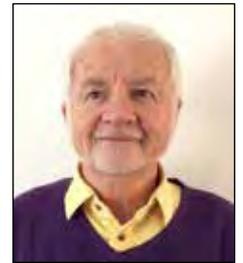
We are www.montereybridgeclub.com (831)384-7800. I am (maru0407@comcast.net). The Foundation is (<http://montereybridgeeducation.org>).

Napa/Solano/Sonoma

By Tom Sheahan

Things are very good in Unit 512! We've been averaging over 20 tables in Sonoma and we're back to more comfortable surroundings at the Napa Senior Center. One of the reasons things are going so well is that we have a fun competitive game that players really enjoy. The atmosphere at our games make people want to come back and play again. If you see a new face, go up and greet the new player and make them feel welcome. We can always use some new players in the game. We also have two great Directors in George Gordon and Clyde Smith who really keep the game running smoothly.

More good news! Larry Page has decided to continue his excellent classes via a webcast so that it will be available to more players. Larry takes the best instruction from some of



Palo Alto

By Carolyn Chaney

the top players in the country and explains it so that we can all understand it. This is a real opportunity for you to up your game. I noticed a general improvement of play in our game after his last sessions. See Larry to be put on his email list.

In the August club games in Rio Vista it was Sue Vogtlin continuing her winning ways as she won two games, once with Judy Fleshman and once with Tad Quayle. John Shick & Alan Morris and Cliff Crew & Scott Clyde won the other games. In Napa, it was Gerry Fox winning twice, once with Molly Johnston and once with Tom Jacobson. Anita Pensler & Richard Tebay, Adrienne Varin & Jack Zeller, and Clyde Smith & Robert Watson were also in the winners' circle. The Sunday unit games went to Janice Vad & Barbara Kiesel and Siegfried Price & Russell Quinnell.

Jim & Frances O'Brien were at it again in Sonoma, winning twice. Anita Pensler also had two wins, once with Phil Shoemaker & once with Dawne Dickenson. Phil also teamed up with Don Powell for a win. First place honors also went to Tom Jacobson & Panette Talia, Red Falk & Jack Zeller, and Nancy Rude & Barry Samuel.

The August Tuesday 499er game included a STaC game, and as usual Dennis Sturdevant & Brooke Farkas rose to the occasion finishing second overall out of 140 teams in the Western Conference with a nice 67% game picking up over 5 points. They seem to have a knack for the STaC as they always do well in that game. Eileen Holsten & Sandy Hicks finished 4th overall in that game. The latter also won a Tuesday game. Helen Bohl & Trish Rodimer and Brian & Karen Abel also claimed first place.

Congratulations to Joanne Wegsten for her 3000th point and to Brooke Farkas for her 500th Point!

Are you planning to play at the San Francisco NABC, 11/28-12/8? If you are a Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) player, there are lots of reasons to make the trek (by BART) to



SF. Come to play - come to learn! Stratified games will be held each day in the I/N room, and at 10:00 a.m. most days there will be a special 0-20 point game for the newest players. The first Friday of the tournament, anyone with 5 or fewer masterpoints plays FREE at any game in the I/N room. On Saturday 11/30 and Sunday 12/1, there is a FREE 14 board duplicate game offered from 12:30 – 2:30 PM for players with under 20 masterpoints, with FREE lectures before. That first Saturday from 10-12, Barbara Seagram will present “Killing Defense.” Afterward Eddie Kantar will be available to sign copies of his books. Saturday is also Junior Day with a party for youth at 5 pm. On Sunday 12/1 from 10 to 12 noon; Audrey Grant will teach “5 Tips to Simplify 2/1: Get to the right games and slams.” Audrey will give a copy of her new book to all attendees and will sign them from 12:00-12:30. In addition, most days before the morning and evening games a celebrity speaker will present a special learning topic. More info for I/N players is here: <https://nabc.acbl.org/sanfrancisco/play/#new> or contact (CherHaines@aol.com). I have very fond memories of my first national tournament in SF, where I won a trophy (as nice as my son's little league trophies) in the 99er game. Not only that, I still use my “lucky” SF 2007 NABC pencil.

We all may want to practice before the NABC, and we have lots of ways to do it, in addition to our very competitive club

games. There are Non-Life-Master sectional tournaments the weekends of 10/5 & 19 in Burlingame and Santa Clara plus regular local sectionals during 3 weekends in November. We will have unit pairs games at our club on 10/5 and 11/2 and unit Swiss Teams on 10/6 and 11/3. There is no stiffer competition at any tournament than we find at Unit 503, IMHO! Lunch at 11:30 with the unit games at noon. Please come, and sign up ahead of time.

Our fabulous lecture series began again in September, and the up-coming 10/22 lecture will help us prepare for the SF NABC. Gerry MacDonald and Lori Spaeth will present "NABC Scheduling Strategy." Hmm, I hope they don't suggest night games for me and my pard, because we usually fade by afternoon. If you have the stamina, you can start play at 9 am in Compact Knockouts and end your day around 2 am with Zip Knockout Teams, where you play five rounds, 5 minutes a board, 25 minutes per round. Crazy!

We have some achievements to celebrate this month. Two of our beloved directors, Gerry MacDonald and Paul Davis advanced. Gerry is a newly minted Life Master, and Paul moved up to Advanced NABC Master, along with Stella Q. Wan, one of our SiVY players. Earning colors were Jon Rayden (bronze), Bob Scheidtmann (silver) and Peggy Chen (ruby). Congratulations all!

Reno

By Judith Robyns

Don Rogers is a very familiar face at the Reno Bridge Center. He came to Reno in March, 2016 to retire. The Reno Bridge Center was in need of new management. Don stepped up. He became our club manager and started directing five games a week. He said

this sometimes felt suspiciously like an actual job.

Don has worked hard as club manager and director. He is responsible for most of our growth since 2016. The table counts have increased under his management. He has added 299er and also 49er games. He made all of his games 99er friendly. 99ers are particularly encouraged to come on Wednesday, where table fees are reduced for them. Also he has a coaching session on Wednesday morning before the game. These have been very popular.

Don began playing bridge with his family at age 10. He had his first duplicate experience in college, but did not start playing seriously until he moved to the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1977. He had easy access to all the tournaments in the LA area. He continued to play in the Palo Alto and Santa Rosa duplicate clubs after moving to the SF Bay Area until about 1989. He then took a 20 year sabbatical from bridge to raise children, earn a living in various science and engineering jobs and play in a variety of local rock'n'roll bands. He returned to duplicate bridge in 2010.

Don is a Bronze Life Master with the majority of his MPs earned in the bad old days when they were considerably harder to come by. His personal favorite system is Matchpoint Precision but he is happy to play whatever system is most comfortable for his partner. Don will be retiring from the club manager position starting October 1. He is also giving up directing on a regular basis. He will continue to coach on Wednesday mornings. He hopes to enjoy retirement. We look forward to seeing him at the table.

Levels achieved this month: Junior Master: Sandra Haslem, Kim Miller, Mitchell Miller, Peter Morris, Ruth Olson; Club Master, Erna Bailey; NABC Master, Bradford Stone; Life

Master, Kats Cannell; Sapphire Life Master, Virginia Kellermeyer.

Sacramento

By *Miriam Steinberg*

I am always searching for ways to improve my game. This month, I called upon Veronica (“Ronnie”) McMurdie and Dick Jones for some input based on their recent accomplishments racking up points with the pros, mostly with Mark Itabashi, who ranks 6th of the 185,961 living ACBL members, and Chris Compton, who ranks 8th of living ACBL members. (Howard Parker must also be credited as a vital member of their team).

Both Ronnie and Dick have done well in pairs games with Mark and Chris and have shined in the following team games: they won 3 Swiss team games in Santa Clara, 2019; 2 KOs and 1 Swiss in 2018 in Reno/Sparks. In addition, Dick won 1st in open pairs, KOs and Swiss teams with Chris Compton in Eugene, 2019 and KOs in Sunriver in 2018 with Chris. Ronnie and Howard Parker also recently won an 80.65% game on September 17 at the SBC, the highest on record. I asked Dick and Ronnie to satiate my curiosity about some personal questions of playing styles of the pros.

According to Ronnie, Mark is a disciplined player who usually has his bid; she can rely on it. For example, he will pre-empt with a decent suit vulnerable and not vulnerable, might have a lesser suit, with something on the side. Chris, according to Dick, is an adventuresome player who can be a risk-taker. He’ll open with garbage at the 2 level N/V and will open a 14 point hand 1 NT N/V. He has been known to open most 11 point hands, even when stacked with mostly queens and jacks. He has also



opened 2 NT with 19 points and a 5 card suit or with a non-honor singleton. Neither Mark nor Chris promises stoppers in all suits (Ronnie does when she opens 2 NT). Neither plays Puppet Stayman. Over a weak 2, after partner bids 2NT, Mark uses Ogust. Chris will open a weak 2 with a 6/4 hand, then bid his 4 card suit after his partner enters the auction.

Ronnie mentioned using Kokish when opening 2C with a 25-27 point balanced hand; this prevents opener from playing in 3NT when partner has zip: 2C 2D 2H (relay) 2S 2NT (relay from 2S) systems on (This eliminates the 2H bust bid by responder).

The following are some agreements over 1NT and 2NT openings:

(1) bidding 3 of a major in response to a 1NT opening is game-forcing, showing a singleton in the major bid, 3 cards in the other major, and 9 cards evenly divided in the minors.

(2a) To make a minor suit slam try after a 1NT opening, first transfer to hearts, then 2S cancels the transfer and requires a 2NT response, after which responder bids his minor. Opener cue bids in support of the minor slam or signs off in 3NT.

(2b) To make a minor suit slam try after a 2NT opening, 3S forces 3NT from opener, after which responder bids the minor he doesn’t have. 4NT by opener is a sign-off, while you need to agree on what other response asks for keycards in responder’s minor.

(3a) A 2S response to 1NT “promises” 5/5 in the minors, and asks opener to bid a 4 card minor. 2NT denies 4 card minor after which 3C asks opener to pick his best 3 card minor.

(3b) To show a D bust, also start with 2S, but whatever partner’s response, either pass 3D or bid it.

(4a) 1NT 2NT is a transfer to clubs. Pass 3C with a club bust.

(4b) If you bid on after the club transfer you are bidding your singleton with a 4-4-4-1

10 HCP hand. 3NT shows a singleton club.

For interference over opponent's 1NT, Mark uses Hamilton for a weak 1NT and DONT for a strong 1 NT; Chris uses Meckwell.

Both Mark and Chris use standard signaling, spiral and XYZ. Chris plays 1NT semi-forcing; if he opened with a bad 11 point hand, he can pass;

Poor Man's Roman Keycard is another useful agreement they have adopted. It is used in an inverted minor auction 1C/1D 2C/2D 4C (Poor Man's Roman Keycard): 4D=0 or 3 controls; 4H=1 control; 4S= 1 control and trump queen 4NT= 2 controls; 5C= 2 controls and trump queen. This agreement can also be used in response to a weak 2 with a jump to 4C by responder asking for keycards.

Kudos to Gary Soules, who is hot on the road to becoming a GLM; Gary came in second in a pairs game at the nationals in Las Vegas in July. We really look forward to him coming in first the next time!

Many thanks to Barbara Somervill for writing my column last month while I was on vacation; she didn't get recognition for her work and it was much appreciated! Great job, Barbara!

San Mateo

By Fran Gaura

First, some gratifying news - you may not be aware but the ACBL awards funds specifically to non-bridge related charities annually by soliciting charity candidates from units such as ours. Your Board of Directors submitted several local charities to be considered for this donation. We are so pleased that the ACBL opted to award \$5000 to one of those charities - CALL Primrose. Many of you may be familiar with this worthy group. CALL-Primrose is a Burlingame-based non-profit organization

which provides grocery assistance to low income families and individuals in mid-San Mateo County (specifically in the cities from Belmont/Foster City north to San Bruno). CALL receives monetary and food donations from private foundations, businesses, and service organizations, in addition to grants from Peninsula cities. Thank you ACBL.

On to bridge business: September 7, our unit hosted a NAP qualifying game directed by Raad Bunni and coordinated by Bob Gleason. Among those playing and qualifying to move to compete at the district level were several of our Unit 498 members. Congratulations to Daniel Raider, Marc Renson, Jennifer and Philip Kuhn, Dariush Youssefi, Ted Richmond, Alfred Lee, John Shipley, Sue Papilion, Bob Farkas and Bob Gleason. Best of luck to all of these players.

On October 4, we will mark a very special occasion - the 90th birthday of Emerald Life Master, Ted Richmond, who has been so vital to the well-being of Unit 498 as teacher, mentor, board member. In observance of this event, a special pot-luck and game will be held at the Bayshore Bridge Club - lunch at 10:30, Barometer Game directed by Robert Ng at noon. Look for your e-invitation and sign up or contact Janelle Van Rensselaer (650-303-8236).

October 5 and 6 are the dates for our Unit 498 Non-Life Master Sectional at Fattoria. Both single session pairs and single session Swiss Teams events are scheduled. Look for sign-up information at (www.unit498.com). This is a great opportunity for newer players to earn silver Masterpoints in an event geared just for them. Sign up early, as seating is limited. Bob Gleason again coordinates this well-attended competition.

With the opening of the school year, our youth education program (Peninsula Youth Bridge -PYB) has recommenced with classes

at four campuses for the 2019-2020 academic year: Hillsdale, Mills, and San Mateo High Schools and at Bowditch Middle School. Encouraging young people to take up bridge assures the future of our game. Each school offers both beginner and intermediate level lessons. Currently our largest and perhaps most energetic group is at Bowditch, hosting four full tables of students. Current volunteers helping to teach and play with our students are: Irv Agard, Mary Bates, Cathy Johnson, Jeanie Kwong, Katie Kwong, Barbara Lewis, Marcia Mehl, Madhu Mehta, Vaughn Patterson, Donna Pellegrini, Janelle Van Rensselaer, Camele Wanat and Ginny Zapitz. PYB is supported by monetary contributions from our adult players. Anyone wishing to contribute to the program is encouraged to do so. Checks may be made to the parent organization: Center for Bridge Education with Peninsula Youth Bridge noted at the bottom of the check. Such donations can be handed off to any of the above mentioned volunteers. Such donations are tax deductible.

We are looking for a few good men and women to help as volunteers at the November NABC to be held in San Francisco November 28 through December 8. This major tournament will draw players from throughout the region and from other states as well. Such an event requires many volunteers doing hospitality-type tasks (greetings, providing directions, general staff support), and our unit along with other units in the greater Bay Area has been enlisted to help fill those spots. We are looking for help on our assigned day, Sunday, December 8. If you are interested and can help, please contact Vaughn Patterson (vaughnpatterson@gmail.com) for more details. If you can assist on any other day, please let Vaughn know.

Along similar lines, we have launched our Mentor-Mentee program under the direction

of Jennifer Kuhn. We are still looking for folks to serve as Mentors to brand new and intermediate players. You don't need to be a Life Master to mentor a beginning player; patience and an encouraging, supportive attitude are the important attributes of a good Mentor. If you are interested, please look for additional information at (<https://peninsuladbc.com/498mentorgame>).

A warm welcome to new Unit 498 members: Mignon Offel, Mohan Ramana Rao, Nancy Tuck, Griff Weber, Janet Harders, Dorothy Rivera and Lynne Weber. And congratulations to players advancing over the past months: to Club Master, Dr. Norman Cohen and Yu-Keng Shih; to Regional Master, Loren Charlton, Barbara Cohen, Molly Roff, Vincent Wu; to NABC Master, Bob Gleason and Virginia Zapitz; to Advanced NABC Master, Janelle Van Rensselaer; and to Life Master, Scott Maa.

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 was a success with thanks and congratulations to: Steven Smith and John Oppenheimer for organizing; to Ginger Stone for setting up partnerships; to Bette Harken for signage; and to John Benich for being everywhere. Ken Gamble gave a free lesson between sessions on Saturday. Everyone had a great time and raved about the food donated by our members, and especially Jan Winham's homemade lasagna. And, adding a bit of color to the décor, thank you John Walker for displaying your surfboard.



Our members had some good games: Carol Cowen & Gina Brown took 1st in Saturday AM I/N Pairs; John Walker, Neil Smyth, Jonni Faircrest & Sal Turano took 1st in A & B; John Oppenheimer, Mark Maggipinto, Harold Wasserstom & Steve Smith took 1st in C in the Sunday Open Swiss. Finishing in the top 30% of masterpoint earners were: Neil Smyth, Jonni Faircrest, John Walker, Sal Turano, Mick Friedberg, Ken Llacera, Lani Ray, Ken Gamble, Carol Maggipinto, Susan Slinger, Jim Slinger, Carol Avenmarg, and Peter Gelfand.

At the All Western Championships in Santa Clara, Hemant Vaidya and his partner took 1st in B & C in Wednesday Daylight Pairs. Robert Johnson & Sydney Reuben took 1st in C in Friday Daylight Pairs. Steven Nelson & Carol Cowen took 1st in B & C in Friday Evening 299er pairs. Jonni Faircrest & Sal Turano ranked 1st in the Apache Friday/Saturday KO-2. Ranking in the top 35% of masterpoint earners were: Peter Gelfand, Jonni Faircrest, Sal Turano, Carol Maggipinto, Les Rabiega, Ken Gamble, Robin Evenden, Rich Hill, Jim Slinger, Ken Llacera, Hemant Vaidya, Mark Wainer and Sydney Reuben. Amazing!

We have milestones to celebrate and numerous friends to congratulate: Robin Evenden, Gold Life Master; Jonni Faircrest, Silver Life Master; Sal Turano, Rick Zinman, & Robin McDuff, Life Master; and Margaret Suddards, Regional Master. High scores in club games were attained by: Carol Maggipinto & Ken Gamble, 75.92%; Josh Karter & Rick Zinman, 73.35%; and Ann Ottenberg & Liesel Sabloff, 71%.

Our most sincere condolences go to the family of Robert (Bob) Nicolaisen who passed last month.

The Dolores Abrams Memorial game for Unit 550 members only has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 10, with lunch, cake and “bubbies” provided by the unit. Check

the website for particulars. The deadline for accepting nominations for the Board of Directors is Monday, October 14. Election results will be announced during the Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14.

Our unit game will be Saturday, October 12 at 10 a.m.; bring a lunch. Robin Evenden will be having club appreciation games on October 1 & 28, a chance to earn extra points with the possibility of gold and silver. Check out the new home page feature for member look-up and averages. It was enlightening, and a little depressing, to see how I average with my partners.

Please visit our website at (www.santacruzbridge.org). As a reminder, the SCBC is a fragrance-free venue. Please use unscented, non-perfumed products.

Santa Rosa/Petaluma

By Cecelia Zachar

Unit 509 held its fall sectional Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. The sectional was well run by Gregory Vance and Evelyn Holtz. The co-chairs of the event, Harley Conner and Maxine Reagh, want to thank all the people who contributed to making our snack table full throughout both days. Tony’s and Jane’s homemade cookies that accompanied Saturday’s lunch were scrumptious.

Also, thanks go to volunteers Enid Barnes, Jane Bender, Joni Conner, Jim and Judy DuPort, Tony Jackson and Kathy Juarez who helped significantly. The caddies, Aiden, Freya and Jenna, were thrilled with the appreciation showed to them through generous tips. Attendance was a bit lower than last fall’s but we still made a reasonable profit which goes to support the board goals of bridge education and furtherance of the game of contract bridge

in its various forms of competition.

The sectional's big winners in Open Pairs were Sara Rothmuller and Erwin Linzner. In the morning Stratified 299er Pairs game, Shelley Schuster and Bill Walton took 1st in D, Jim and Judy Duport took first in E, and Sonoma's Bill Harper and Jeffrey Bartfeld took 1st in F. In the afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs game Jean Polley and Margaret Senneff were first in D and E; and Betsy Todd and Rebecca Eddy, first in F. Other Unit 509 players in the Open Pair overalls include Asher Nathan, Bob Klein, Cecelia Zachar, Corrick Brown, Gigi Marki, Jennifer Jones, John Shribbs, Kate Hill, Lynn Blumenthal, Nancy Johnson, Osman Guner, Patricia Shribbs, Randee Dimond, Ron Chestnut, Ronald Welch, Shelly Dunietz, Jan Gullarian, Ed Flowers, and Tony Jackson. Other winners of overalls in the 299er include Heather Clark, Henry Gaw, Howard Neckel, James Vick, Jan Conklin, Jim Duport, Larry Soley, Lawson James, Lynda McGuire, Marlys Green, Mary King, Gail Sickler, Michele Stephens, Milhal Clark, Robert Goetzinger, and Ted Johnson.

The Swiss teams were played Sunday. An out of town team of Rhian Davies, Tracey Bauer, Sidney Lorvan, and Mark McCarthy won the Jackie Ortiz Stratiflighted A/X Swiss Teams, while the Unit 509 team of Erwin Linzner, Bob Klein, John Kozero, and Gary Robinson placed 2nd. Nancy Rude, Theila Smith, John Vion, and Lee Grams won the Jackie Ortiz Stratiflighted B/C/D Swiss Teams while Judy Duport, Patty Mellana, Laurie Vree, and Kim Morris won both C and D in the event. Other Unit 509 players in the overalls Sunday were Abbe Cohen, Ann Goldberg, Barbara Norman, Carolyn Zocchi, Conrad Larkin, Debbie Tesler, Gloria Hersch, Harley Conner, Joanne Pransky, Jonathan Cohen, Judy Duport, Linda Marin, Meryl Fischer, Ron Chestnut, and Ronald Welch.

Last month's article was due too early for me to brag about Unit 509 performance in Santa Clara this year. We had at least 25 different players placing in the overalls, many for several different events. Our BIG winners were Bob Klein and Erwin Linzner along with Daniel and Linda Friedman who won 37.77 gold in a knockout beating a mostly professional team including Mike Passell and Ron Smith. Also of note, Sara Rothmuller placed 1st in Sunday's Open Pairs with partner Nick Wiebe for 18.81 gold and 2nd on Friday for 14.47 gold. John and Patty Shribbs tied for 1st and 2nd place in a knockout Sunday for 3.65 gold. Kate Hill placed 2nd in the Daylight Pairs on Thursday for 13.46 gold. Peter Lit placed 2nd in Stratified Open Pairs on Wednesday for 13.7 gold and 13th in the All Western Open Pairs Championship for 11.11 gold. Jacqui Ortiz and Evelyn Holtz came in 2nd Monday in the Fast Stratified Open Pairs for 11.16 gold. Other overall winners include Barbara Simon, Barry Samuel, Conrad Larkin, David Pankratz, Eleanor Wales, Jim Duport, Judy Duport, Kathy Venton, Kenneth Shafer, Larry Wyner, Lynn Blumenthal, Nancy Gunn, Patricia Dunbar, Patricia Hertz, Paul Scheinberg, and Wayne Kaneko.

On Sunday, October 27, Grand Life Master Cris Barrere will be providing a free seminar at the Bridge Gallery titled More Play of the Hand. Cris will show us how proper preparation, comprehensive counting, and thorough planning will make us a better declarer. The class is from 10:30 until 12:30 at the Bridge Gallery in Santa Rosa.

Following Cris' class on October 27, Unit 509 will have its NAP Unit Final at 1 p.m. Remember that you must have qualified at a club in District 21 to be eligible to play, and that you may only attend one District 21 NAP Unit Final this year.

On October 31, the Petaluma Bridge Club

will be celebrating its 4th anniversary with a Halloween Party. The ladies at the PBC know how to party, so come join them in or out of costume for a good time.

On the same day, October 31, the Bridge Gallery will be having the Instant Matchpoint game. You can win one gold point for a section top. Come in tops in the country, and you will be recognized in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and on the ACBL website. Each player receives a printed booklet with detailed analysis of each hand from Larry Cohen.

Bridge Basics I began the last week of September at the Bridge Gallery. There are 6 classes remaining. 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 September 22, we had 3 big games since our last report: at the Bridge Gallery, Erwin Linzner and Bob Klein, 71.14% on August 25; Donna Soehrens and Karen Rice, 72.50% on August 26; Lynn Blumenthal and Conrad Larkin, 73.21% on September 16. Congratulations all!!

In August, the ACBL notified us about 8 players who earned a new Master rank: Alan and Bo Chian (Junior); James Vick (Club); Judy Duport, Ron Welch, and Winifred Whooley (Regional); Patricia Dunbar (NABC); Phyllis Rader (Life). Good work, everyone.

Silicon Valley

By Ray Yuenger

Our Unit 507 fall sectional is coming up this month from Friday October 18 through Sunday October 20. The schedule appears on a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Two changes are particularly notable: the



Saturday and Sunday starting times are now 10 a.m., not 10:30. The weekend games are at a new venue, easier to reach for most players in the Bay Area, Wilcox High School in Santa Clara. Come check out our new facility.

Many unit members had success in the recent All-Western Regional. In the premier four-session open pairs event, Ed Barlow placed 2nd, with Jiang Chen in 5th, Li-Chung Chen in 7th, and Stephen Tu in 8th.

Winning two-session open pairs events were Richard Reitman and Jayesh Goyal, while stratification (“strat”) tops were earned by Sathya Bettadapura, Mindy Foos & Michael Fleisher, Christy Hartsell, Donghui Lu and Frank Xie. Section tops in two-session open pairs games went to Richard Reitman (three times), Richard O’Brien, Stu Goodgold & Bud Biswas, and Diane & Lynn Shanon.

Winning two-session limited pairs events were Ken Imboden & Paul Nelson, Arif Janjua, and Beverly Bernhardt, with strat tops to Andy Scott & Irene Hashfield, Jan Kiernan & Sumiye Minami, Frank Xie, and Arun Kumar, and section tops to Robert Allen & Jory Segal, Dorr Clark & Preston Kauk.

It’s probably been a decade since I’ve explained my policy that, to save space, I don’t report the results of regional side pairs events that are concurrent with two-session pairs events except for limited pairs events, nor do I report single-session Swiss events. I will note that several Unit 507 members did well in such events, and that a complete list of regional strat winners (compiled by me) appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

In limited single-session pairs games, placing first were Cindy Tolliver, Susan Dietz, Tillie Myers & Jackie Hiatt, Aldwyn Lin, Rakesh Gupta & Murarka Prabhu Dayal, and Barbara Brown, with strat tops to Kenneth Luskey & Ken Wirt, Barry Alhadeff & Gary Effren, Arun Kumar, Monica Bacon-Proctor

& Mary Thomas, Irene & Steven Jacobson, and H. Paul Davis, and section tops to John Stremel & Jeff Weaver (twice), Rakesh Gupta & Murarka Prabhu Dayal, Joanne Cornbleet, Ann & John Wainright, and Margareta Hodzic & George Schlinkert.

Prevailing in their two-session Swiss brackets or strats were Frank Xie, Yu Chang, Arif Janjua & Clark Millikan; Maxine & Ray Lubow, Jeffrey Hack & Fern Herman; Susan Dietz; Rajeeva Sharma; Kayden Ge, Andrew & Sarah Chen; and Ann & John Wainright. Winning their knockout bracket was the Chen team of Sarah, Charlie & Andrew, and Kayden Ge.

In other tournaments, Michael Rosenberg's Swiss team won an event at the Dallas Labor Day Regional. At the Santa Cruz sectional, Xin & Kayden Ge had a strat top in a two-session open pairs game, while Will Watson, Lynn Bartz & Ray Yuenger had section tops. Barbara Endres & Jane Schwarz had two strat tops in limited pairs games, while Cindy & John De Santis had one.

Congratulations to our unit's newest Masters: Yingying Fan, Lucy Huang, Aldwyn Lin, Jan Pfiffner, Yuanzhi Yao (Junior); Yannie Zhao (Club); Min Bai, Andrew Chen, Charlie Chen, Michele Liu (Sectional); Kayden Ge, Jennifer Ravera (Regional); Brandon Ge, Jonathan Yue (NABC); Arthur Zhou (Life); Jeffrey Pugh, Jennifer Stern (Silver); Elenalani Lam, Ray Lubow (Ruby); Stephen Tu (Sapphire).

It's not too early to plan to attend our Unit 507 Holiday Party, again scheduled for the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24, again in the Roosevelt Room of the Campbell Community Center. There will be signups for the potluck dinner closer to the event.

Stockton

By Debbie DeZarn

The Western Conference STaC games in August resulted in many successes for Stockton members. Not only did 7 players win the silver needed to achieve new ranks,



but many had such high scores that they received a big bump in points by placing at the district level! As reported last month Gloria Rogin and Nelda Smith reached Sectional Master and also placed at the district level. Aurene Schene became a Sectional Master two days later. By the end of the week Carole Seed reached Junior, Carol Hakeem became a Regional Master, and Cissy Hilken became the newest NABC Master!

Those placing at the district Level with high scores were Rose Knutson, Mary Sievers, Doug Mason, Mary Hill, Jerry Baba, Jon Bearg, Shirley Womack, Ron Allison, Carol Seed, Mikki Kindelberger, Bill and Ann Nutting (multiple times), Glo Williams, Mort Horn, Usha Bansal, Jack Fitzgerald, Maryanne Sievers, Bill Mitchell, Terry Nagode and Frank Klo. Joining us from Modesto, Sherrie Barakatt and Lorraine Bocks also got the district bump in Silver from a Stockton game.

Following STaC week was the Santa Clara tournament in which Bill Mitchell won a Gold Rush event on his last day! This provided more than enough Gold points for his Life Master but he still needed a few more points of any color. He finally hit Life Master at a regular Oak Park Club game, winning first place N/S with partner Lynette Foppiano. He will never forget that date as it was 9/11. Congratulations to Bill and all those who achieved new ranks and played well in the STaC event and recent tournaments.

Friday, October 4 is the ACBL-Wide Senior Game. Anyone can play but only those age 60 and over on the day of the game can earn masterpoints. There will be a bump in points for players who score high enough to place at the district and national levels.

In recent Board of Directors news, Cissy Hilken retains her seat as a long time Board Member but has resigned as Secretary. Debbie DeZarn was appointed to fill the position. It is just a few months until our lease is up but it is likely to be renewed at a higher rent (of course). The Board has discussed ways of balancing the budget and it is expected that a \$1 increase in daily player fees will be enacted in the New Year. The membership will be kept updated as talks continue. Remember, the most recent board meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board or ask Debbie if you'd like to see minutes from previous periods.

Upcoming Seminar

Jennifer Jones, Diamond Life Master and bridge author, will be teaching interesting topics with plenty of instructive hands at her seminar 'Let's Get Ready for the San Francisco NABC!' in Terra Linda on Saturday, November 2 from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

For information, email Jennifer directly (Jennife574@aol.com) or see the flyer here: [Marin Bridge Seminar](#)

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



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

Sunday lunch tickets will be sold.
Events will be stratified by pair and team averages. Turnout may determine strat limits.

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Gold Country Sectional October 18 - 20, 2019

St. Canice Center 236 Reward St. Nevada City, CA 95959 (530) 265-2712



Friday, October 18th, 10 AM & 3 PM

- Stratified Open Pairs - 2 single sessions
- 299er Pairs - 10 AM - single session
- NLM Pairs <500 MP - 3 PM - single session

Saturday, October 19th, 10 AM & 3 PM

- Stratified Open Pairs - 2 single sessions
- 299er Pairs - 10 AM - single session
- NLM Pairs <500 MP - 3 PM - single session

Pairs strats based on average of the pair:

- Strat A: 2000+
- Strat B: 750-2000
- Strat C: 0-750

Sunday Swiss Teams, 10 AM & 2:15 PM

20 Victory point scale - a short 45-minute lunch on your own, purchase a sandwich sold by the unit, or bring your lunch.

- A 1500+ B 500 - 1500 C 0 - 500 - based on average MP per team.
- Single session teams allowed

Strats for all events may be adjusted by the director based on the masterpoints of players in the event.

Card Fees per session

- \$10 paid ACBL members
- \$14 for unpaid ACBL members
- Under 18 - \$2

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Directions to St. Canice Center (for local players, Reward St. is off Zion St. and within 1 block of SPD in Nevada City)

For others: from Grass Valley, take Hwy CA 20 E/49 N toward Nevada city.

Exit at Ridge Rd./Gold Flat Rd. Exit 185A. Turn left.

Drive .2 miles to the roundabout. Turn right at the roundabout onto Zion St.

Drive .5 miles on Zion St. to Reward St. Turn left on Reward St. Drive .2 miles on Reward St. to St. Canice Center parking lot at end of Reward St.

Snacks, coffee, and tea will be available throughout the tournament. Sandwiches for sale for Sunday Swiss.

Map to St. Canice Center from Grass Valley



Hotel/Motel/Bed & Breakfast Inn Information:

Alta Sierra Village Inn ~ 11858 Tammy Way ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.273.9102
 Best Western Gold Country Inn ~ 11972 Sutton Way ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.273.1393
 Broad Street Inn ~ 517 W. Broad St. ~ Nevada City ~ 530.265.2239
 Deer Creek Inn ~ 116 Nevada St. ~ Nevada City ~ 530.264.7038
 Elam Biggs B & B ~ 220 Colfax Ave ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.477.0906
 Emma Nevada House ~ 528 E Broad St ~ Nevada City ~ 530.265.4415
 Gold Miners Inn ~ 121 Bank St. ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.477.1700
 Grass Valley Courtyard Suites ~ 210 N. Auburn St. ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.272.7696
 Holbrooke Hotel ~ 212 W Main St. ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.273.1353
 Holiday Lodge Motel ~ 1221 E Main St. ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.273.4406
 Madison House ~ 427 Broad St ~ Nevada City ~ 530.265.9478
 Nevada City Inn ~ 760 Zion St. ~ Nevada City ~ 530.265-2253
 Outside Inn ~ 575 E. Broad Street ~ Nevada City ~ 530.265.2233
 Piety Hill Cottages ~ 523 Sacramento St ~ Nevada City ~ 530.265.2245
 Sierra Mountain Inn ~ 816 W. Main St. ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.273.8133
 Swan Levine House ~ 328 S Church St ~ Grass Valley ~ 530.272.1873

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East Bay Fall Sectional

OAKLAND MASONIC CENTER
3903 Broadway, 3rd Floor, Oakland 94611

Saturday November 16, 2019

at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (single sessions)

Strati-flighted Pairs A/X 3000+

Strats B/C/D 1000-1500/500-1000/0-500

Stratified 299er Pairs 0-75/75-150/150-300 (Attendance Permitting)

Sunday November 17, 2019

at 10:00 a.m. and approx. 2:30 p.m.

"BARBARA HARMON Bracketed Swiss" -- 20VP scale

The top bracket will consist of the highest ranked teams plus any teams that opt to be in the top bracket.

Teams must play both sessions.

All brackets except the bottom will play 7 rounds, 7 boards;

Bottom bracket plays 7 rounds, 6 boards.

Lunch provided each day for \$5

Table fees \$12.00 per Session
(unpaid ACBL members - \$16.00)

DIRECTIONS:

Located on Broadway between 38th and 40th streets, 1½ blocks east of MacArthur Blvd. Entrance is under the blue awning.

Located seven blocks from MacArthur BART.

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