

# DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

ACBL District 21 Newsletter Vol 2, Number 10 February 2020

## Leaves from the Executive Branch

*By Ray Yuenger*

At a meeting of the District 21 (“D21”) Board of Directors (“Board”) during the recent Monterey Regional, I was honored to be elected President of the District. Sigrid Price was elected Vice-President, while Sandi Davis and Jean Barry were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The election for Vice-President was the only contested election for a Board officer. According to the District Bylaws, the four officers are elected for one-year terms. D21 has a term limit for Presidents of two consecutive terms.



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## District 21 Regionals

*By Pam Hughes, Regional Tournament Manager*

Happy New Year to everyone! This year has a special number that only happens once a century, where the first two digits repeat themselves. I hope it turns out to be a special year for all!



We now have a break between our Monterey regional and our next regional in Sacramento (May 25-31) at the Doubletree. But time will go by quickly, so make sure you get your reservations (use the direct booking link available on the district website or call the Doubletree (916-929-8855). We refer to this regional as the California Capital, and if you have never been there, it is indeed a capital event! The Doubletree is a fantastic venue, with wonderful playing space, and apart from the terrific restaurant in the hotel, there are many terrific affordable places to eat nearby.

Whether you enjoy playing a 10:00 and 3:00 schedule, or at 9:00, 1:00 and 7:00, there are games to suit your needs! Every day we offer our Daylight pairs at 10:00 and 3:00, and on Tuesday there is also a Gold Rush pairs at that time. Saturday for those of you Gold Rushers that like to play early, there is also a Gold Rush Swiss Teams! Whether

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## 2019 District 21 Goodwill and Special Presidential Goodwill Award Winners

*Ginny Wailes, District 21 Goodwill Chair*

We are very pleased to report that the following outstanding contributors to bridge in our district have been selected to be our 2019 District 21 Goodwill and Special Presidential Goodwill Award winners.

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# Upcoming Tournaments

## Sectionals

Feb 7–9, 2020

**Sacramento NLM Spring Sectional**  
Sacramento Bridge Center, Sacramento CA

Feb 8–9, 2020

**Palo Alto Non-Life Master 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 14–17, 2020

**Fresno Winter Sectional**  
Fresno Bridge Center, Fresno 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 15–16, 2020

**Grand Opening Sectional**  
Mathewson Bridge Center, Reno NV

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 8, 2020

**High School Championship**  
Palo Alto Bridge Center, Mtn. View CA

Mar 24–27, 2020

**March into Spring Reno Sectional**  
Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks NV

Mar 28–29, 2020

**Rising Stars I/N Sectional**  
Mid-County Senior Center, Capitola CA

Apr 3–5, 2020

**Silicon Valley #507 Spring Sectional**  
Adrian Wilcox High School, Santa Clara CA

Apr 4–5, 2020

**Almond Valley Sectional**  
Homewood Village Clubhouse, Modesto CA

Apr 11–12, 2020

(continues May 9–10 in Oakland)  
**Grand National Teams Flight A District Final**  
San Jose Bridge Center, San Jose CA

Apr 18–19, 2020

**Marin Spring Sectional Unit 508**  
Redwood High School Gym, Larkspur CA

Apr 25–26, 2020

**Diablo Valley Spring Sectional**  
Dougherty Valley High School, San Ramon CA

May 1–3, 2020

**Sacramento Unit 505 Spring Sectional**  
Orangevale Community Center, Orangevale CA

May 2–3, 2020

**Burlingame NLM Sectional**  
Fattoria e Mare, Burlingame CA

May 4–10, 2020

**Western Conference Spring Fling STaC**  
Local clubs

May 15–17, 2020

**Monterey Lone Cypress Sectional**  
Monterey Bridge Center, Marina CA

May 16–17, 2020

**Palo Alto Bridge Club Sectional**  
Palo Alto Bridge Club, Mountain View CA

Jun 13–14, 2020

**San Francisco Sectional**  
Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco CA

Jun 27–28, 2020

**East Bay 2-Day Spring Sectional**  
Oakland Masonic Center, Oakland CA

Jul 8–12, 2020

**Palo Alto Bridge Club Super Sectional**  
Palo Alto Bridge Club, Mountain View CA

## Regionals

Mar 14–15, 2020

**NLM Regional**

Palo Alto Bridge Center  
Mountain View CA

May 25–31, 2020

**California Capital Regional**

DoubleTree, Sacramento CA

I'll warn you now that you may find this column pedantic. One of my goals as President is to learn more about how D21 operates than I now know, and to share that information with the members of D21 through this column. I've been a member of the D21 Board representing Unit 507 for a number of years and am still learning about the District. Now you'll have the opportunity to learn along with me.

Please excuse me if I write like an attorney, but I am one, now retired. I described my personal background after my election as D21 Vice-President in a column that turned out to be part of the final (April 2018) edition of the Contract Bridge Forum as published by the Western Conference, consisting of Districts 17, 21, and 22. For those interested in my background, I'll refer you to that column at <http://www.contractbridgeforum.com/2018/April/21/Greetings.html> rather than repeating myself. In May 2018, D21 published the first edition of this monthly newsletter, the Diamond in the Ruff.

One of the President's main jobs is presiding at the three annual D21 Board meetings, held during the Monterey, Sacramento, and Santa Clara regionals. Presidents receive guidance from an Executive Committee (informally "ExCom") which includes, quoting the Bylaws, "the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the District's Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors, the Western Conference Representative, the immediate Past President of the Board, and any other persons the President may appoint." (Eagle-eyed readers may spot the usage of "Vice-President" and "Vice President," both of which appear in our Bylaws.) Traditionally, the ExCom has a dinner meeting the evening before the

morning Board meeting to review the agenda for the Board meeting, including reports to the Board. The President also presides at the ExCom meetings, so the President actually presides at six meetings a year.

Another presidential duty is to appoint chairmen (per the Bylaws) for each of the following standing committees: Nominating, Bylaws, Tournament Planning, Disciplinary, Appellate.

If you look under "Personnel" on the D21 website at [http://www.d21acbl.com/Officers/District\\_21\\_Personnel.htm](http://www.d21acbl.com/Officers/District_21_Personnel.htm), you will see a list of other D21 committees and positions not specifically listed in the Bylaws, namely (in alphabetical order): Caddy Master, Charity, Goodwill, GNT Coordinator, Intermediate and Newcomer, NAP Coordinator, Parliamentarian, Recorder, Social Media, Speakers' Program, Tournament Coordinator, Tournament Manager, Tournament Supplies, Website Administrator, and Youth Bridge.

As you can see, there are a lot of moving parts in the D21 organization, so perhaps some of my ignorance of our operations is excusable. I'll be asking each of these committee chairs and personnel to explain their positions to me so I can better describe them to you.

District 21 is currently the fifth largest of the 25 districts in the ACBL with over 8,400 members. The largest by far with over 19,500 members is District 9, which includes the entire State of Florida.

District 21, coincidentally, includes 21 units, ranging from Fresno (Unit 522) and Monterey (Unit 530) in the south to Santa Rosa/Petaluma (Unit 509) and Reno (Unit 473) in the north. Restraining my pedantic nature, I won't list each of the units here. You'll see a list of most of them later in this newsletter on page titled Heart of the District, at least a list of the 17 units who have regular

contributors to the unit news columns, and you can find a complete list of all units on the unit map on the D21 website at [http://www.d21acbl.com/Units/District\\_21\\_Map.htm](http://www.d21acbl.com/Units/District_21_Map.htm).

If you're feeling overwhelmed by information, don't worry, I'll stop now and have more to say next month. But feel free meanwhile to let me know of any suggestions you have for improving district operations. My contact information appears on the last page of this newsletter.

## *Hughes*

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you have played in a Swiss Teams event or not, this is a great event that I am sure you'll enjoy. So form your teams, and remember, if you can't find teammates, our partnership desk can find them for you! Keep your teams together and come back on Sunday morning to play in the 0-3000 Bracketed Swiss. You'll be in a bracket where you only play teams of similar ability to yours, and you'll have an excellent opportunity to earn some Gold Points!

There are Gold Rush games every day from Monday-Saturday, so the opportunities for those of you under 750 master points working towards your Life Master status are plentiful. But if you're a more seasoned player, we have great game options for you every day too. We are offering the very popular Open Midflight Pairs on Wednesday through Friday. The strats are 0-1500/1500-3000. They're perfect for those of you with too many points to play in the Gold Rush who don't feel like coming up against professional or very advanced players. Come give them a try! We also have single-session games for those of you with under 300 points as well as a Side Game at every 9:00, 1:00 and 7:00 session.

If you love teams (I do!), we have new knockouts starting every day Monday through Thursday. On Friday we have a Bracketed Swiss Teams, to "catch everyone up" so that the field is complete and able to enter our Signature event: the California Capital Open Swiss Teams. This is a two-day event with two qualifying rounds on Saturday and the finals on Sunday. If you don't care to enter that prestigious event, we offer an Open Bracketed Swiss on Saturday, and of course the play-through Swiss on Sunday.

For those of you with under 300 points, we have a special day for you on Saturday May 30! Come and join us on this special day we're having in your honor! Every player who comes will receive a special gift, a terrific snack, and best of all - reduced entry fees! You can play one session for \$10, two for \$15, or even all three for \$20! Plus you'll receive a 50% off coupon if you come back and play on Sunday. That's cheaper than pretty much any club game, and it's a terrific introduction to tournaments if you've never been to one before. For more information, email me (address below).

The Doubletree is easy to get to from practically any part of Sacramento, and the parking is free, so I really hope to see a lot of our Sacramento players there! And, just because you're local doesn't mean you can't splurge and get yourself a hotel room for even a night or two so you can really relax, focus on your bridge, and not worry about driving. Room rates are \$112, and they will fill up fast! So make your plans and be sure to join us this spring in Sacramento!

Pam Hughes at: [jmom380@yahoo.com](mailto:jmom380@yahoo.com)

# Goodwill

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## Goodwill Award Winners

Paul Davis: Unit 503, Palo Alto

Andy Fine: Unit 499, Diablo Valley

Patty Stone: Unit 524, Gilroy/Morgan Hill/  
Hollister

Bill Yeast: Unit 508, Marin

Cecelia Zachar: Unit 509, Santa Rosa

## Special Presidential Goodwill

### Award Winners

Jeanie Kwong: Unit 498, San Mateo

Will Watson: Unit 507, Silicon Valley



Bill Yeast, Patty Stone, Will Watson, Jeanie Kwong, and Paul Davis  
Photo courtesy Jackie Zayac

The purpose of these awards is to recognize individuals for their outstanding contributions and personal qualities that lead to the promotion of bridge. Examples of these contributions and qualities include time and efforts on behalf of home units, attention to growth of local membership, a friendly and positive table presence, cheerful general volunteerism, and support and development of newer and less experienced players.

Through their dedication and ongoing and varied efforts, these winners have made significant contributions to the bridge community. They are all so very deserving of this recognition, and we are most fortunate

to have this hardworking, effective, and capable group in our district. Thank you, Paul, Andy, Jeanie, Patty, Will, Bill, and Cecelia for all that you've done to support bridge. Congratulations to you all!

Many thanks as well to Sandi Davis, Anne Hollingsworth, Tom Pajak, and Prudence Saunders for their fine work as members of the Goodwill Nomination Review Committee.

## District 21 2020 GNTs

By Grant Vance, D21 GNT Coordinator

The Open Flight should be beginning about the time you read this; starting February 8, with registration closing January 31. Flight B will be on the weekend of February 16/17, overlapping the second weekend of the Open Flight. For both of these Flights, be prepared to play an extra round on Sunday, February 23, should entries exceed 16 teams. Currently there are 11 teams entered in each.



Several teams have asked about eligibility and substitutes. There are no substitutes allowed except for extreme situations. If a player can't make all the sessions, make arrangements for the team to have more than 4 people registered on the Website, and that they meet the playing time requirements.

All players are required to be in position to play 50% of the total number of boards. For instance, if you don't play in match 1 or match 2, you must play ALL of the semis and finals. Also, for the finals, you must play 50% of the boards from the semi-finals to be eligible to play in the finals. It is quite proper to play early, without the expectation of playing in the semis or finals, but it is not allowed to play the finals without 50% participation in the semis, nor if you would not be able to play enough boards to finish the event with 50% of total boards played.



# **Grand Opening Sectional Mathewson Bridge Center Feb. 15 – 16, 2020**

**Location (New):** 125 W. Plumb Ln, Reno, NV. Email Jill Wallace, [alwaysup4bridge@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysup4bridge@gmail.com), for nearby hotel recommendations.

**Table Fees (per session):** \$12 (ACBL members)  
\$16 (unpaid ACBL members)

## **Saturday, Feb. 15**

NLM Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions)	10 am, 2:30 pm
Open Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions)	10 am, 2:30 pm
49er Stratified Pairs (One session)	2:30 pm

## **Sunday, Feb. 16**

Eight is Enough Teams (2-Session Event)	10 am, 2:30 pm
49er Stratified Pairs (One Session)	2:30 pm

NLM (both players have less than 500 MP)

Eight is Enough (0-750 MP = 1 pt., 750-1500 MP = 2 pts., more than 1500 MP = 3 pts.)

Silver Points awarded at all sessions

**Director in Charge:** Lynn Yokel (ACBL Sanction #2002380)

**Tournament Chair:** Judy Robyns, [whitsettrobyns@icloud.com](mailto:whitsettrobyns@icloud.com), 336-402-9356

**Tournament Manager:** Jill Wallace, [alwaysup4bridge@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysup4bridge@gmail.com)

**Partnership Chairs:** Rich Scoggin, [richardscoggin1@gmail.com](mailto:richardscoggin1@gmail.com), 775-972-3962 and Jill Wallace, [alwaysup4bridge@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysup4bridge@gmail.com), 775-240-1028

**If you are interested in attending the Grand Opening of the Mathewson Bridge Center on Feb. 14 (5-8 pm), RSVP 775-827-3867.**

**<https://renobridge.com>**

# San Mateo County Winter Sectional



February 22 and 23, 2020  
Cañada College "Grove"  
4200 Farm Hill Boulevard  
Redwood City, CA 94061

Sanction 2002340

Saturday February 22	Sunday February 23
<p><u>10:00 AM</u></p> <p><b>Two Sessions Open Pairs (0-750/2000/2000+)</b> (Pairs must play both sessions)</p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session 299er Pairs (100/200/300)</b></p> <p><b>Art Weinstein Trophy Pairs (0-100)</b></p>	<p><u>10:00 AM</u></p> <p><b>Two Sessions Stratified A/X Swiss Teams (0-4000/4000+)</b> (First 3 or 4 rounds of 7 boards/round, staggered to reduce lines at lunch)</p> <p><b>Two Sessions Bracketed Swiss Teams (No player with more than 2000 points)</b></p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session 49er Pairs</b></p>
<p><u>1:30 PM Lunch</u></p>	<p><u>1:30 PM Lunch</u></p>
<p><u>3:00 PM</u></p> <p><b>2nd Session Open Pairs (0-750/2000/2000+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p> <p><b>One Session 299er Pairs (100/200/300)</b></p>	<p><u>Approximately 2:30 PM</u></p> <p><b>2nd Session Stratified A/X Swiss Teams (0-4000/4000+)</b> (Last 3 or 4 rounds)</p> <p><b>2nd Session Bracketed Swiss Teams (No player with more than 2000 points)</b></p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)</b></p>

Director-in-Charge: Greg Vance [Greg.Vance@acbl.org](mailto:Greg.Vance@acbl.org)

Tournament Chair, Partnership Coordinator: Bob Gleason [bob.gleason@comcast.net](mailto:bob.gleason@comcast.net)

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

#### Directions to playing site:

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

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

# Unit 509: Santa Rosa - Petaluma

## Spring Sectional

### March 7 and 8, 2020

Odd Fellows Hall 545 Pacific Avenue Santa Rosa, CA

Play begins at 10:00 a.m. each day • DAYLIGHT-SAVINGS TIME begins Sunday  
Registration and Lunch (available for purchase each day) Ticket Sales 9:15 – 9:55 a.m.  
Table Fees/Session: Members \$12, Unpaid Members \$16  
Non-Members must join ACBL on a temporary basis (\$7.99 for one month + table fees)  
Water and soft drinks available for purchase each day.  
(Stratification determined by individual with highest MPs.)

#### Saturday 10:00 a.m.

**Stratified Open Pairs (1 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 (2 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. (DAYLIGHT-SAVINGS TIME begins today)

##### **JACKIE ORTIZ Swiss Team Games**

(Two Sessions Strati-Flighted)

Ax: 0-3000, A: 3000+ (Ax and A play together)  
B/C/D: 1000-2000, 500-1000, 0-500

Second session begins after lunch.

**Single Session at 10:00 a.m. only for**  
E/F/G: 200-300, 100-200, 0-100

Tournament Director: Lynn Yokel • ACBL Sanction #2003318

Tournament Chair: Harley Conner [harleyconner@msn.com](mailto:harleyconner@msn.com)

Partnership Chair: Kathy Venton (707) 591-5015 [bridgegalleryca@gmail.com](mailto: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 Hall 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 Hall is 345 feet on your left.

**Westbound from Hwy. 12:** Take Hwy. 12 to the Farmers 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.



## DISTRICT 21 NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL

FOR NLM'S WITH FEWER THAN **750** MASTER POINTS

Bridge Center  
432A Stierlin Road  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
650-940-1824

**GOLD** Points  
*Coffee and Snacks Provided*  
*Sign Up Online Now!!!*

Tournament Chairs:

James Stuart-Smith (jstuartsmith@att.net) and  
Anne Keyser (apkeyser@aol.com)

Director in Charge: Lynn Yokel

Partnerships: James Stuart-Smith

Fees per session:

ACBL Members: \$12; Students Under 25: \$6;  
Unpaid/Lapsed Members: \$16

### Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. – Gold Pairs  
(Single sessions may be accommodated  
if space available, but do not qualify  
for gold)

### Sunday, March 15, 2020

10:30 p.m. and TBD  
Swiss Teams (two sessions)  
10:30 a.m. and TBD - Gold Pairs

All Games Stratified: 750/300/100

A Bag Lunch will be available for preorder online. For details and order form, see website.

***Pre-Register online early – TABLE LIMIT 48 - tables fill up fast!***

Go to: [www.paloaltobridge.org](http://www.paloaltobridge.org) - Events – Non-Life Master Regional

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# California Capital Regional

May 25 - 31, 2020

at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento

## Monday May 25

- 1:00 Folsom Mon-Wed Side Pairs, 1st of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**  
**AMERICAN RIVER GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750**  
**AUBURN BRACKETED KOs**  
Continues Tuesday 1 & 7
- 7:00 Folsom Mon-Wed Side Pairs, 2nd of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

## Tuesday May 26

- 9:00 River Cats Morning Side Pairs 1st of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**  
**TUESDAY DAYLIGHT GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750**
- 1:00 Folsom Mon-Wed Side Pairs, 3rd of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**  
**EL DORADO BRACKETED KOs**  
rounds 1&2 Continues Wednesday 1 & 7  
**AUBURN KOs - rounds 3 & 4**
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams  
Folsom Mon-Wed Side Pairs 4th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

## Wednesday May 27

- 9:00 **EUREKA SWISS TEAMS** 1st of 2  
River Cats Morning Side Pairs 2nd of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **WEDNESDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Folsom Mon-Wed Side Pairs, 5th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**  
**STRATIFIED MID-FLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000**  
**PLACER GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750**  
**SIERRA BRACKETED KOs 1 & 2**  
Continues Thursday 1 & 7  
**EL DORADO KOs - rounds 3 & 4**
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams  
Folsom Mon-Wed Side Pairs 6th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

## Thursday May 28 GOODWILL DAY

- 9:00 **EUREKA SWISS TEAMS - 2nd of 2**  
River Cats Morning Side Pairs 3rd of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **JACKIE MATTHEWS DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Capital Thu-Sat Side Pairs, 1st of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**  
**STRATIFIED MID-FLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000**  
**PLACER GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750**  
**KINGS BRACKETED KOs** rounds 1 & 2,  
Continues Friday 1 & 7  
**SIERRA KOs - rounds 3 & 4**
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams  
Capital Thu-Sat Side Pairs 2nd of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

## Friday May 29

- 9:00 **JOHN SUTTER SWISS TEAMS** 1st of 2  
River Cats Morning Side Pairs 4th of 5  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 10 & 3 **FRIDAY DAYLIGHT PAIRS**
- 1:00 Capital Thu-Sat Side Pairs, 3rd of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs
- 1 & 7 **STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 0-5000/5000+**  
**STRATIFIED MID-FLIGHT PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000**  
**PLACER GOLD PAIRS 0-200/400/750**  
**OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS**  
**KINGS KOs - rounds 3 & 4**
- 7:00 Stratified Swiss Teams  
Capital Thu-Sat Side Pairs 4th of 6  
299er Stratified Pairs

## Saturday May 30 0-5 mp's play free today!

- 9:00 **JOHN SUTTER SWISS TEAMS - 2nd of 2**  
River Cats Morning Side Pairs 5th of 5  
City of Trees 299er Pairs  
Sacramento River 99er Pairs
- 10 & 3 **SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+**  
**GOLD RUSH SWISS 0-200/400/750**
- 1:00 City of Trees 299er Pairs  
Sacramento River 99er Pairs  
Capital Thu-Sat Side Pairs 5th of 6
- 1 & 7 **CALIFORNIA CAPITAL OPEN SWISS TEAMS**  
Two qualifying sessions Saturday  
Two final sessions Sunday  
**STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS**  
**OPEN BRACKETED TEAMS**
- 7:00 Capital Thu-Sat Side Pairs 6th of 6  
City of Trees 299er Pairs  
Sacramento River 99er Pairs

## Sunday May 31

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

- CALIFORNIA SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP** finals  
**STRATIFIED A/X/Y SWISS TEAMS**  
Strat A 6000+ Strat X 4000-6000 Strat Y 0-4000  
**0-3000 mp Bracketed Teams**  
•No individual player over 3000 mp  
•Typically brackets of eight, three gold overall  
places per bracket.  
•Teams may not withdraw after one session.
- SENIOR SWISS TEAMS(60 years+)**  
**STRATIFIED OPEN FAST PAIRS, 1st and 2nd**  
**10am and TBA**

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 2500+ B 1000 - 2500 C 0 - 1000**  
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

# California Capital Regional

May 25 - 31, 2020



## \*Tournament Highlights\*

- California Capital Open Swiss
  - Two qualifying sessions Saturday
  - Two final sessions Sunday
- Four Knockout Events
- Five Days of 0-750 Gold Pairs
  - Tuesday Daylight Gold Pairs
- Three Stratified Side Game Series
- Mid Flight Pairs Wed - Friday
- Daylight Pairs
  - Tuesday - Saturday at 10 & 3
- 10 & 3 Gold Rush Swiss Teams Sat.
- Bracketed Teams Friday, Sat, Sunday
  - \*Gold Points in every bracket!
- Celebrity Speaker Program
  - 6:15 - 6:45 Tuesday - Saturday

**ENTRIES \$12**  
Unpaid ACBL Members \$16

District 21 website is your first resource  
For our Regionals:  
Make hotel reservations  
Plan your tournament events  
Gather general information/directions  
[www.d21acbl.com](http://www.d21acbl.com)

Matt Koltnow - Director in Charge

ACBL Sanction R2005113

at the **DoubleTree Hotel**  
**2001 Point West Way**  
**Sacramento, CA 95815**  
Capital Freeway (Bus. 80) @ Arden Way

Reserve EARLY for the  
**BRIDGE RATE**  
**\$112 single/double plus tax**  
**\$149 for Cal Expo Wing**

\*\*\*limited number of rooms available\*\*\*

**916-929-8855**  
**800-222-TREE**

## Intermediate/Newcomer Events

*299er Pairs at every 9, 1 & 7 session*  
*(stratified based on attendance)*

**Bridge Concepts Lectures**  
**with Scott Campbell**  
**Tues-Sat at Noon**

**Saturday is I/N Appreciation Day!**  
*Play one session for \$10, or two for \$15*  
*0-5 MP's play free on Saturday*

For information contact:

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# MONTEREY REGIONAL WINNERS

## Pairs

### Barometer Pairs

1. Bob Klein - Nancy Gunn, Santa Rosa CA
2. Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Columbia Hgts MN; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA
3. Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Eric Leong, Oakland CA
4. Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ
5. Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA
6. William Harker, Santa Fe NM; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA
7. Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Gerard Laquerriere, Clovis CA
8. Edward Zuckerberg, Los Altos Hills CA; Debbie Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA
9. JoAnna Stansby - Lew Stansby, Dublin CA
10. Joe Monro, Beverly Hills MI; Zachary Wasserman, Farmington Hls MI



*Nancy Gunn and Bob Klein*

### Monday Open (24 Tables)

- 1A. Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA
- 1B. Paul Kushner, So Lake Tahoe CA; David Strauss, San Francisco CA
- 1C. Matthew Quint, San Rafael CA; Ralph Briskin, Emeryville CA



*Iftikhar Baqai and Mitch Dunitz*

### Monday Aft Side (15 Tables)

- 1A, 1B. Tad Yoshikawa - Florence Yoshikawa, Sunnyvale CA
- 1C. Stephen Lesefko - Vandy Lesefko, San Luis Obispo CA

### Monday Aft 299er (9 Tables)

- 1D. Lynne Crawford - Marilynne Solloway, San Francisco CA
- 1E. Lori Chang, San Francisco CA; Beatrice Fu, Los Altos Hills CA

### Monday Gold (25 Tables)

- 1D. Manda Thatte - Dan Thatte, Palo Alto CA
- 1E. Susan Papilion, Foster City CA; Janelle Van Rensselaer, Burlingame CA
- 1F. Robert Dubroff, Carmel CA; Mano Singham, Del Rey Oaks CA



*Manda and Dan Thatte*

### Monday Eve Side (9 Tables)

- 1A. Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA
- 1B, 1C. Gail Kahan - Michelle Rosenzweig, Santa Barbara CA
- 1B, 1C. Timothy Niebauer - Jennifer Royal, Boulder CO

### Tuesday Morn Side (12 Tables)

- 1A, 1B. Ian Kirk - Deanna Birch, Portland OR
- 1C. Hetty Eddy, Salinas CA; Leon Heller, Marina CA

### Tuesday Morn 299er (6 Tables)

- 1D, 1E. Gerald Williams - George Albright, Carmel CA
- 1F. Helen Trop-Zell - Louise Riemer, Incline Village NV

### Tuesday Daylight (34 Tables)

- 1A, 1B, 1C. Matthew Quint, San Rafael CA; Ralph Briskin, Emeryville CA

### Tuesday Open (18 Tables)

- 1A. Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ
- 1B, 1C. Patricia Irwin, Mill Valley CA; Judy Soong, San Francisco CA

### Tuesday Gold (49 Tables)

- 1D. George Welch, San Jose CA; Stacie Bowman, Sunnyvale CA
- 1E, 1F. Robert Dubroff, Carmel CA; Mano Singham, Del Rey Oaks CA



*Stacie Bowman and George Welch*

### Tuesday Aft Side (12 Tables)

- 1A. Jack Waller, Dana Point CA; Fung Bao, Cupertino CA
- 1B. Bradley Komsthoeft, Clayton CA; Bonnie Macbride, Lafayette CA
- 1C. Cindy Kirk, Novato CA; Carole Champion, Carmel CA

### Tuesday Aft 299er (11.5 Tables)

- 1D. Janice Flowers-Sonne, Eugene OR; Kathleen Quinn, Sunnyvale CA
- 1E. Alok Mohan - Nancy Mohan, Dayton OH
- 1F. Louise Riemer - Helen Trop-Zell, Incline Village NV

### **Tuesday Eve Side (7 Tables)**

- 1A, 1B. William Glass, Clovis CA; Elaine Woodruff, Tracy CA
- 1C. Diane Strategos, Sacramento CA; Sam Litovsky, Los Angeles CA

### **Tuesday Eve 299er (4 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E. Kenneth Luskey - Ken Wirt, Saratoga CA

### **Wednesday Morn Side (6 Tables)**

- 1A. Robert Crosby, San Mateo CA; Douglas Hong, San Jose CA
- 1B, 1C. Susan Haynie - Jim Haynie, Lincoln CA

### **Wednesday Morn 299er (11.5) Tables**

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Lesley Waltner - Pat Kelley, Morgan Hill CA

### **Wednesday Daylight (46.5 Tables)**

- 1A. Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA
- 1B, 1C. Charles Messenger, Salinas CA; Bill Cohen, Pebble Beach CA



*Mark Itabashi and Peter Gelfand*

### **Wednesday Open (16 Tables)**

- 1A. James Melville, Springfield IL; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria
- 1X. William Wood - Barbara Moore, Rock Hill SC

### **Wednesday Midflight (14 Tables)**

- 1B. David Strauss, San Francisco CA; Paul Kushner, So Lake Tahoe CA
- 1C. Shailesh Sampat, San Jose CA; Jack Uppal, Lincoln CA



*David Strauss and Paul Kushner, who also won the Monday Strat B Open Pairs*

### **Wednesday Gold (40 Tables)**

- 1D. Dan Thatte - Manda Thatte, Palo Alto CA (tie)
- 1D. Debra Dezarn, Stockton CA; Wendy Buchanan, Woodbridge CA
- 1E. Deb Dotters - Vern Katz, Eugene OR
- 1F. Elliott Zeller, Albany CA; Leslie Altick, Portola Valley CA

### **Wednesday Aft Side (12 Tables)**

- 1A. Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA; Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA
- 1B. Shameine Ali, New Westminster BC; Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK
- 1C. Barbara Naylor - Frank Naylor, Penetanguishene ON

### **Wednesday Aft 299er (12 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E. Nancy Ficarrotta, Soquel CA; John Walker, Santa Cruz CA
- 1F. Mano Singham, Del Rey Oaks CA; Robert Dubroff, Carmel CA

### **Wednesday Aft 99er (6 Tables)**

- 1G, 1H. Lesley Waltner - Pat Kelley, Morgan Hill CA
- 1I. Judy Olson, San Mateo CA; Helen Kishi, Belmont CA

### **Wednesday Eve Side (8 Tables)**

- 1A. Diane Caccamise, Coos Bay OR; Albert Wilson Jr, Brookings OR
- 1B. Peter Weber - Avis Morse, Fresno CA
- 1C. Cynthia Tingey - Rosalie Jorgensen, Fresno CA

### **Wednesday Eve 299er (3 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E. Wilscott Naugler, Portland OR; Britt Evans, Eureka Springs AR

### **Thursday Morn Side (9 Tables)**

- 1A. Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Perlmutter, San Diego CA
- 1B, 1C. Dee Heller, Atwater CA; Patricia Gallo, Livingston CA

### **Thursday Morn 299er (17 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Jim Duport - Judy Duport, Santa Rosa CA

### **Thursday Daylight (45 Tables)**

- 1A. Stewart Rubenstein - Christina Parker, Chestnut Hill MA
- 1B. Pam Moreland - Michael Moreland, Penn Valley CA
- 1C. Henry Kingdon - Jorgen Hildebrandt, San Rafael CA

### **Thursday Open (18 Tables)**

- 1A. Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ
- 1X. Gustav Axen, New Westminster BC; Russell Quinnell, Napa CA

### **Thursday Midflight (20 Tables)**

- 1B. Jerry Nakamura, El Dorado Hills CA; Paul Lee, San Jose CA
- 1C. Andy Scott, San Jose CA; Irene Hashfield, Los Altos CA

### **Thursday Gold (38 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E, 1F. David Merenbach - Lisa Merenbach, Belmont CA



*David and Lisa Merenbach*

### **Thursday Aft Side (15 Tables)**

- 1A, 1B, 1C. Barbara Naylor - Frank Naylor, Penetanguishene ON

### **Thursday Aft 299er (6.5 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E. Sally Reed - Wayne McIntyre, Pebble Beach CA
- 1F. Lynne Crawford - Marilynne Solloway, San Francisco CA

### **Thursday Aft 99er (7 Tables)**

- 1G. John Mahoney - Ann Mahoney, Carmel CA
- 1H. Clive Surfleet, Los Altos CA; Shailesh Naik, Saratoga CA
- 1I. Kristine Zavoli - Walter Zavoli, Palo Alto CA

### **Thursday Eve Side (7 Tables)**

- 1A, 1B. Jim Liu, Saratoga CA; Susan Zhang, Los Altos Hills CA
- 1C. Anthony Muller, Pebble Beach CA; Joyce Newell, Monterey CA

### **Friday Morn Side (10 Tables)**

- 1A, 1B. Lauren Upson, Carmel CA; Fred Quadros, Salinas CA
- 1C. Sharon Larson, Carmel CA; Laura Gherman, Pebble Beach CA

### **Friday Morn 299er (9 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Lori Sherk - Maureen Buick, San Francisco CA

### **Friday Daylight (22 Tables)**

- 1A. Bill Langlois, San Jose CA; Robert Ritz, Santa Clara CA
- 1X. Bruce Luttrell - Barbara Luttrell, San Jose CA

### **Friday Midflight (24 Tables)**

- 1B. Phillip Yorston, Abiquiu NM; Scott McClure, Montrose CO
- 1C. Charles Messenger, Salinas CA; - Maja, Marina CA

### **Friday Aft Side (16 Tables)**

- 1A. Teresa Boyd - Grant Robinson, Dublin CA
- 1B, 1C. David Fotland - Wendy Fotland, San Jose CA

### **Friday Aft 299er (5 Tables)**

- 1D. Peggy Mendelson, Berkeley CA; Jeff Fountain, Oakland CA
- 1E. George Schlinkert, San Jose CA; Thomas Morse, Milpitas CA

### **Friday Aft 99er (5 Tables)**

- 1G, 1H, 1I. Lori Sherk - Maureen Buick, San Francisco CA

### **Friday Gold (47 Tables)**

- 1D. Stacie Bowman, Sunnyvale CA; Edward Lechner, Altadena CA
- 1E. Anna Ravenscroft - Alex Martelli, Sunnyvale CA
- 1F. Angie Millslagle - John Wesolowski, Santa Cruz CA



*Edward Lechner and Stacie Bowman*

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

- 1A. Buddhadeb Biswas - Stuart Goodgold, San Jose CA
- 1B, 1C. Bill Yeast, Mill Valley CA; Stanley Green, Greenbrae CA

### **Friday Eve 299er (5 Tables)**

- 1D. Karen Aldridge, Richmond CA; Jeff Fountain, Oakland CA
- 1E, 1F. Pam Schrock - Douglas Schrock, Santa Rosa CA

### **Saturday Morn Side (12.5 Tables)**

- 1A. Michael Levin, San Francisco CA; Mary Teply, Mill Valley CA
- 1B, 1C. Susan Haynie - Jim Haynie, Lincoln CA

### **Saturday Morn 299er (17 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E, 1F. Ralph Lyle, Morgan Hill CA; Dennis Rubida, Gilroy CA

### **Saturday Daylight (36 Tables)**

- 1A. Robert Levin, Henderson NV; Ray Humiston, Surfside FL
- 1B. Michael Flaster, Menlo Park CA; Mukund Thapa, Palo Alto CA
- 1C. Yardena Arar - Christian Goetze, San Francisco CA

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

- 1A, 1B, 1C. Lillian Trac, San Rafael CA; Jocelyn Startz, San Francisco CA



*Jocelyn Startz and Lillian Trac*

### **Saturday Aft Side (6 Tables)**

- 1A. John Miller, Oakley CA; Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA
- 1B, 1C. Bill Yeast, Mill Valley CA; Stanley Green, Greenbrae CA

### **Saturday Aft 299er (8.5 Tables)**

- 1D. Incy Brooks - Lynn Farris, Pebble Beach CA
- 1E, 1F. Ralph Lyle, Morgan Hill CA; Dennis Rubida, Gilroy CA

### **Saturday Eve Side (6 Tables)**

- 1A. Bruce Ferguson, Las Vegas NV; Julie Nadel, Santa Barbara CA
- 1B, 1C. Gerry Piaget - Joan Piaget, Portola Valley CA

### **Saturday Eve 299er (3 Tables)**

- 1D, 1E. Wilscott Naugler, Portland OR; Britt Evans, Eureka Springs AR

### **Sun Morn 299er (5 Tables)**

- 1D. Marilyn Bookbinder, Berkeley CA; Lili Bassett, Piedmont CA
- 1E. Donna Jett, Carmel CA; Bill Harper, Sonoma CA
- 1F. Debeliah Anthony, Pacific Grove CA; Karen Aldridge, Richmond CA

### **Sunday Fast Pairs (24 Tables)**

- 1A. Richard Meffley, Fresno CA; Gerard Laquerriere, Clovis CA
- 1B. Tim Benoit, Esbon KS; Cheryl Haines, Half Moon Bay CA
- 1C. Terry Kee - Henry Kingdon, San Rafael CA

## Teams

### Monday Eve Swiss (15 Tables)

- 1A. Alain Schreiber - Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV;  
David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Billy Cohen,  
Sherman Oaks CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI  
1B, 1C. Robert Karriker - A Heidi Karriker, Paso  
Robles CA; Peter Avotins - Patricia Avotins,  
Pismo Beach CA

### Mon-Tues KO Bracket 1 (14 Tables)

- Sudhakar Divakaruni, Scottsdale AZ; Greg Hinze, San  
Antonio TX; Huub Bertens - Daniel Korbel, Las  
Vegas NV

### Mon-Tues KO Bracket 2 (10 Tables)

- Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA;  
Barbara Hauser - Lawrence Hauser, Rancho Santa  
Fe CA  
Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA;  
Barbara Hauser - Lawrence Hauser, Rancho Santa  
Fe CA

### Mon-Tues KO Bracket 3 (10 Tables)

- Jim Haynie - Susan Haynie, Lincoln CA; Douglas  
Halleen, Carmel CA; Jeannette Stern, Carmel By  
Sea CA

### Tuesday Eve Swiss (18 Tables)

- 1A. Alain Schreiber - Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV;  
David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Jacob Morgan,  
Madison WI; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA  
1B. Mark Stern - Sally Anne Stern - Carol Miller -  
Larry Miller, Fresno CA  
1C. Alan Chase, Santa Cruz CA; Carol Avenmarg,  
Aptos CA; Kristin Smith - Steven Smith,  
Corralitos CA

### Tues-Wed KO Bracket 1 (11 Tables)

- Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Iftikhar Baqai,  
Irvine CA; Lynne Feldman - Mark Perlmutter,  
San Diego CA



*Lynne Feldman, Mark Perlmutter, Mitch Dunitz, and Iftikhar Baqai*

### Tues-Wed KO Bracket 2 (12 Tables)

- Rose Knutson - William Mitchell - Jack Fitzgerald,  
Lodi CA; Mary Sievers, Stockton CA



*Rose Knutson, Jack Fitzgerald, Bill Mitchell, and Mary Sievers*

### **Tues-Wed KO Bracket 3 (12 Tables)**

Drayton Swartz - Linda Duchscherer, Castro Valley CA; Kate Hare, Alameda CA; S Andrew Sass, Fremont CA



*Drayton Swartz, Linda Duchscherer, Kate Hare, and Andy Sass*

### **Wed-Thursday KO Bracket 2 (16 Tables)**

Bonnie Macbride, Lafayette CA; Bradley Komsthoef, Clayton CA; Florence Yoshikawa - Tad Yoshikawa, Sunnyvale CA

### **Wed-Thursday KO Bracket 3 (13 Tables)**

Gary Smith, Merced CA; Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA; Dee Heller, Atwater CA; Patricia Gallo, Livingston CA

### **Thursday Eve Swiss (19 Tables)**

- 1A. Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM; Eddie Wold - Robert Morris, Houston TX; Bob Etter, Elk Grove CA; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX  
1B, 1C. Roy Markham - Sylvia Markham, Montesano WA; Patricia Robbins - Orrin Robbins, Olympia WA

### **Wednesday Eve Swiss (21 Tables)**

- 1A. Alain Schreiber - Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON  
1B. Eli Zinner - Jan Grieff Zinner - Yolanda Medina - Marilyn Bullock, Nipomo CA  
1C. David Gillette - Theresa Gillette, Paso Robles CA; Dave Elder - Gayle Larson, San Luis Obispo CA

### **Wed-Thursday Swiss (22 Tables)**

- 1A. Erin Gove, Los Gatos CA; Malcolm McLaughlin, San Jose CA; Eusebio Menezes - Fung Bao, Cupertino CA  
1B. Eli Zinner - Jan Grieff Zinner, Nipomo CA; Gayle Larson - Dave Elder, San Luis Obispo CA  
1C. Christine Vanderliet - Catherine Holt - Sally Rockholt - Pam Elliott, Angels Camp CA

### **Wed-Thursday KO Bracket 1 (13 Tables)**

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

### **Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 1 (13 Tables)**

Guy Gecht, Los Altos CA; Michael Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Cheryl Mandala - Yul Inn, Cupertino CA

### **Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 2 (9 Tables)**

Norman Marks - Lynn Bartz - Ken Imboden - Ronald Baron, San Jose CA

### **Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 3 (9 Tables)**

Regina Norberg - Kathleen Weiman, Cupertino CA; Eileen Zefting, Palo Alto CA; Lynn Giusti, Los Altos Hills CA

### **Thurs-Fri KO Bracket 4 (11 Tables)**

William Mitchell, Lodi CA; Wendy Buchanan, Woodbridge CA; Debra DeZarn, Stockton CA; Eli Wismer, Los Altos Hills CA

### Friday Eve Swiss (27 Tables)

- 1A. Daniel Korbel - Huub Bertens, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Sudhakar Divakaruni, Scottsdale AZ
- 1B. Douglas Mann - Crystal Mann - Helen Dillen - Gamil Tadros, Calgary AB
- 1C. Kevin Patterson, Hayward CA; John Shouldice, Castro Valley CA; Christopher Stack, Union City CA; Patricia Perry, Lafayette CA

### Fri-Sat Morn Swiss (15 Tables)

- 1A. Eli Zinner - Jan Grieff Zinner, Nipomo CA; Gerard Laquerriere, Clovis CA; James Merzon, Templeton CA
- 1B. Martha Keller, San Francisco CA; Josephine Ventura, San Mateo CA; Joe Foster - Dori Foster, Atherton CA
- 1C. Rosalind Fisher, Carmel CA; Lynn Farris - Incy Brooks, Pebble Beach CA; Susan Osborne, Carmel Valley CA

### Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1 (12 Tables)

- Jim Looby, Las Vegas NV; Ed Ulman, Portland OR;  
Jean Barry - Pat Leary, Livermore CA



*Jim Looby, Pat Leary, Jean Barry, and Ed Ulman*

### Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2 (9 Tables)

- Vicki Chang - Lewis Voils - Nancy Voils, Berkeley CA; Don Steedman, Albany CA

### Fri-Sat KO Bracket 3 (13 Tables)

- Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA;  
Barbara Hauser - Lawrence Hauser, Rancho Santa Fe CA

### Sat A/X Swiss (36 Tables)

- 1A. Kevin Rosenberg, Sunnyvale CA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA; Lynne Feldman, San Diego CA; John Jones, Santa Fe Spgs CA
- 1X. Jessica Lai, Oakland CA; Andre Fargeix, Berkeley CA; Lauren Friedman, Daly City CA; Evelyn Holtz, Santa Rosa CA



*John Jones, Lynne Feldman, Kevin Rosenberg, and Michael Xu*

### Sat B/C Swiss (18 Tables)

- 1B, 1C. Pangjie Xu - Vilas Namjoshi - Linzhi Hu, San Jose CA; Winston Huang, Los Altos CA

### Saturday Eve Swiss (6 Tables)

- 1A. Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Daniel Sonner, Redwood City CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Eddie Wold, Houston TX
- 1B. Gary Near - Sara Foster, San Francisco CA; Linda Danzig, Tiburon CA; Gloria Darke, Atherton CA
- 1C. Patricia Hertz, Sebastopol CA; Nancy Johnson - Eleanor Wales, Santa Rosa CA; Susan Campbell, Roseville CA

### **Gold Rush Swiss (18 Tables)**

1D, 1E. Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Charlie & Andrew Chen, San Jose CA; Brian Zhang, Dublin CA



*Brian Zhang, Charlie Chen, Kayden Ge, and Andrew Chen*

### **Sunday A/X Swiss**

1A, 1X. Gregory Vance, Oakland CA; Andrew Hoskins, Burlingame CA; Michael Bodell - Mike Cailean, Santa Clara CA

### **Sun Round Robin Bracket 1**

Don-Min Tsou, Cupertino CA; Rajeeva Sharma, San Jose CA; Paul Davis, Mountain View CA; Robert Liu, Honolulu HI (tie)  
Anne Hollingsworth - Belinda Ledgerwood - Jack Hawks, Walnut Creek CA; Jacqueline Zayac, Lafayette CA

### **Sun Round Robin Bracket 2**

Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA; Barbara Hauser - Lawrence Hauser, Rancho Santa Fe CA

### **Sun Round Robin Bracket 3**

Shirley Foreman, Santa Clara CA; Sharon Krawetz, Sunnyvale CA; Ann Wainright - John Wainright, Cupertino CA

### **Sun Round Robin Bracket 4**

Charlie Chen - Andrew Chen, San Jose CA; Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA

## **NEW LIFE MASTERS**



*Janelle Van Rensselaer*



*Carol Henry*

# RANK ADVANCES

## JUNIOR MASTERS (5 MASTERPOINTS)

Daryl Babbitt, San Francisco CA, 506  
Greg Beals, Placerville CA, 505  
Kristine Birge, Half Moon Bay CA, 498  
Thomas Birge, Half Moon Bay CA, 498  
Claudia Brisson, San Rafael CA, 508  
Sybil Byrnes, Greenbrae CA, 508  
Darryl Chan, Foster City CA, 498  
Victor Chung, Mountain View CA, 503  
Patrick Chye, Alameda CA, 502  
Lisi Covarubias, Albany CA, 497  
Donna Davidson, San Francisco CA, 506  
Virginia Davis, Oakland CA, 502  
Jane Drever, Sebastopol CA, 509  
Kai Eckert, El Granada CA, 498  
Christine Foley, Martinez CA, 499  
Ryan Gossiaux, San Francisco CA, 506  
Thomas Greer, Moraga CA, 499  
Lori Gualco, Sacramento CA, 505  
Russell Haisley, Carmel CA, 530  
Hsuan Hsieh, Sunnyvale CA, 507  
Kandiah Jeyapalan, Fresno CA, 522  
Nalini Jeyapalan, Fresno CA, 522  
David Joffe, Mountain View CA, 503  
Jillian Kantola, Tiburon CA, 508  
John Kearney, San Francisco CA, 506  
Elsie Kelly, Glenbrook NV, 465  
Leah Khayter, Belmont CA, 498

Ravi Krishnamurthy, Santa Clara CA, 503  
Margaret Lorian, San Francisco CA, 506  
Christina McKinney, Los Altos CA, 503  
Stephen Meeker, San Francisco CA, 506  
Martin Michelsen, Mountain View CA, 503  
Toni Middleton, Larkspur CA, 508  
Prabhat Mishra, Milpitas CA, 507  
Ann Morrison, Fremont CA, 500  
Marcie Mortensson, Sacramento CA, 505  
Diana Nicoll, Tiburon CA, 508  
Anne Palu, Redwood CA, 498  
Kathryn Parish, Walnut Creek CA, 499  
Michael Peirce, San Francisco CA, 506  
Kathy Rudovsky, Pacifica CA, 498  
Pamela Snellgrove, Tiburon CA, 508  
Carolyn Stern, Berkeley CA, 497  
Victoria Stollmeyer, Glen Ellen CA, 512  
Suzanne Tanenbaum, Larkspur CA, 508  
Kent Taylor, Half Moon Bay CA, 498  
Sally Thorpe, Walnut Creek CA, 499  
Judith Wallace, Walnut Creek CA, 499  
Anderson Wang, Mountain View CA, 503  
Jian Wang, Alameda CA, 502  
Judy Yano, Palo Alto CA, 503  
Gary Zellweger, Redwood City CA, 498  
Nancy Zorfas, Foster City CA, 498

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Rise Cherin, Burlingame CA, 498  
Helen Chow, San Francisco CA, 506  
Nathan Chow, San Francisco CA, 506  
Henry Clyde, Rio Vista CA, 512  
Matt Colen, San Francisco CA, 506  
Judith Duffy, San Francisco CA, 508  
Myrl Dunker, Emerald Hills CA, 498  
Andrew Eidelhoch, San Francisco CA, 506  
David Freimuth, Martinez CA, 499  
Paul Grassman, Walnut Creek CA, 499  
Carol Gray, Lafayette CA, 499  
Patricia Heckathorn, Clovis CA, 522  
James Kassis, Sacramento CA, 505  
Jenifer Lary, Brentwood CA, 499  
David Leaver, Los Altos Hills CA, 503  
Sandra Maker, Oakland CA, 502  
Robert Oconnor, South Bend IN, 506  
Carol Peters, Los Altos CA, 503  
Sandra Petrie, Fresno CA, 522  
Robert Saken, San Francisco CA, 506  
Jennie Schacht, Oakland CA, 502  
Gary Sheerer, Los Altos CA, 503  
Rebecca Simmons, Moss Beach CA, 498  
Jim Taylor, Santa Rosa CA, 509  
Kusum Wagle, San Francisco CA, 506  
Elliott Zeller, Albany CA, 497

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William Billings, Walnut Creek CA, 499  
Wei Chen, San Jose CA, 507  
Bonnie Clawson, Discovery Bay CA, 499  
Sandra Crinnion, Walnut Creek CA, 499  
Shiona Deighton, Cupertino CA, 507  
Wil Dopkins, Carmichael CA, 505  
F William Dorband, Walnut Creek CA, 499  
Patricia Dresser, Pleasanton CA, 501  
Francine Effren, Saratoga CA, 507  
Bob Farkas, San Carlos CA, 498  
Georgianna Farren, Larkspur CA, 508  
Beatrice Fu, Los Altos Hills CA, 503  
Margaret Garms, Oakland CA, 502  
Nathan Gennaro, San Carlos CA, 498  
Pete Goldsmith, Hillsborough CA, 498  
Diane Goodman, Sacramento CA, 505  
Peter Hannigan, Alameda CA, 502  
Betsy Jennings, Carmichael CA, 505  
Jerry Johnson, Reno NV, 473  
Natasha Khandheria, Corte Madera CA, 508  
Barbara Lewis, Foster City CA, 498  
Jonathan Mac Quitty, Palo Alto CA, 503  
Reinhardt Muir, San Francisco CA, 506  
Jim Page, Modesto CA, 529  
Marie Parfitt Pattie, Moss Beach CA, 498  
Kathleene Paul, San Francisco CA, 506  
Alice Paxton, Sonoma CA, 529  
Linda Payne, San Francisco CA, 506  
Olivier Pieron, Portola Valley CA, 498

Amy Pofcher, Salinas CA, 530  
Rosemarie Sammon, Santa Clara CA, 507  
William Schmicker, Orinda CA, 499  
Jessica Su, Mountain View CA, 503  
Jean Tepper, San Francisco CA, 506  
Jeanne Urich, Hillsborough CA, 498  
Linda Urquhart, Sacramento CA, 505  
Kaiwen Wang, Palo Alto CA, 503

## **REGIONAL MASTERS (100 MASTERPOINTS)**

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Kevin Babcock, San Francisco CA, 506  
John Bowman, Placerville CA, 505  
Paul Britto, Bay Point CA, 502  
Lori Chang, San Francisco CA, 506  
Kathleen Clancy, Oakland CA, 502  
Joyce Ellenberg, Moraga CA, 499  
David Ganz, Novato CA, 508  
Robert Goetzinger, Petaluma CA, 509  
Jim Haynie, Lincoln CA, 505  
Earl Jones, Stockton CA, 510  
Don Levine, Oakland CA, 502  
Nancy Libonati, Sacramento CA, 505  
Michele Liu, Cupertino CA, 507  
Vivien Moyer, Portola Valley CA, 498  
Marilyn Press, Menlo Park CA, 503  
Brigitte Sandquist, San Francisco CA, 506  
Pam Sawyer, Oakland CA, 502  
Chuck Silva, Lafayette CA, 499  
Marilynne Solloway, San Francisco CA, 506

Richard Springer, Alameda CA, 502  
John Stremel, San Jose CA, 507  
Patricia Sullivan, Fair Oaks CA, 505  
Laurie Vree, Santa Rosa CA, 509  
Suzanne Vuko, San Mateo CA, 498  
Suzanne Wingate, Palo Alto CA, 503  
Leslie Zimring, San Rafael CA, 508  
Michael Zimring, San Rafael CA, 508

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Lorraine Basson, San Francisco CA, 506  
Lorraine Bocks, Legrand CA, 529  
Frances Bruun-Andersen, Reno NV, 473  
Rajani Chandrasekar, Livermore CA, 501  
Andrew Chen, San Jose CA, 507  
Charlie Chen, San Jose CA, 507  
Jan Conklin, Santa Rosa CA, 509  
Dianne Giancarlo, Atherton CA, 503  
Terry Grant, San Francisco CA, 506  
George Jeffrey, San Francisco CA, 506  
Shrikant Joshi, Sunnyvale CA, 503  
Christine Koehler, Tiburon CA, 508  
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Paul Li, Hayward CA, 503  
Siesel Maibach, San Francisco CA, 506  
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## Berkeley/El Cerrito/Richmond

*By The Beer Dude*

I'm writing 99% of this as if I had the 5th of the month deadline for the old Forum - the tail end hit the day before the deadline (49ers in the playoffs being the reason). I gained no weight over the holidays – my over-indulging days are long gone; hope you were as fortunate! Now on to the usual stuff you see here.

Unit games: Last game of 2019 (Fri 12/20) drew 5.5 tables (6-table 8-round Howell), which Lamar-Dick topped. Dexter Gordon were 2A, then Eric-Carol Scott 3A, the Tamms 4A/1Bm & Narvelle Handy-Linda Ward 2B; Jan 3 to start the year drew 7.5 tables, with Prez Joyce-Trudie Sinclair on top. Chasers were Eric-Sandi 2A, John Love-Bob Post 3A/1B, “H”-Carol Scott 4A, Jan Straus-Miye 5A, Marian Chabot-Annette Goldberg 2B, Dolores Mackinnon-Chet Young 3B, & Ray Barber-Inja Hwang & Roger Edelson-George Proper 4/5B. Feb games are Fri 7th & Wed 26th.

We got a late huge influx of new members in 2019, most of whom seem to be UC students (based on the addresses) who we'll see rarely, as they play either online or at local night games they can get to. So we welcome: Richard Catterton, Yijia Chen, John Chin, Ila Deiss, Tracy Haase, Leif Jenssen, Jessica Pasternack, Susan Soong, Alexander Meli, Lisi Covarubias, Yuhan Jiang, Lisa Nguyen, Xavier Panitz, Esther Schroeder (a club semi-regular who plays w/Jan Straus a few times/month; they're long-time friends), & Sheqi Zhang. We lost Gunnar Niemi to East Bay (he lives in Emeryville, their turf) & Harold Hayashi to SF (he moved across the Bay),

& replaced Gunnar w/Ellen Winters who transferred in from East Bay.

At da club: Dexter-Gordon were Dec LM co-champs; Elliott Zeller topped the NLMs. Club Champ Feb game is the 12th. STaCs remain the same for May, Aug, & Dec – the Western Conference hasn't yet completely dissolved due to some financial issues regarding the late Forum, and so we're good for another year. All games for 2020 are up on our website, which I'll be updating to add/delete as events occur. We had a slow year for 70% games – just 4 in 100 sessions! Don't ask me why – I have a clue, but I won't speculate. We made a profit in 2019, but even with our 5% rent increase, we won't have to raise table fees for a while, since the unit (which owns the club – I just manage it) is well financially solvent.

My annual KUDOS to our “setup man” John Love, who opens up 85-90% of the sessions, puts up tables, & makes coffee. He plays free & gets a cash bonus at the end of the year. Plus KUDOS to Carrie Stoltzfus (a Unit Board member) for creating a club directory (voluntary opt-in, as the unit cannot publish player info without members' consent) that's posted on our website, as is all our game info for the year! Only thing missing is Longest Day (June) which I'll post once I get the week ACBL is having it.

A “no lose” bridge tip: If you as declarer have a trump suit that has JXXX opposite ATXXX & have an entry to where the JXXX is, lead the J! If the suit is split 2-1 w/honor-X btwn J & A, you're likely to get a cover & end up w/no losers when you should have had one – the concomitant rule when defending is DON'T cover when you

see a 6-card suit in front of you or know there's a 6-card suit behind you (based on a weak 2 opener/weak jump shift response). A 6-4 fit missing KQ has one loser for sure, barring the "sucker play" I described, 2 losers if the suit is 3-0 & KQ are behind the A.

**GO NINERS!**

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

## Diablo Valley

*By Lisa Assoni/The ShortCut Cook*

The New Year is already in its second month. For some, time passes quickly, or for others very slowly. Though February is the shortest month of the year, it's often feels like the longest, especially in cold, drizzly climates. So, make the most of this mini-month, beginning at the bridge table. When the weather outside is frightful, skedaddle to your local bridge center; you'll be nice, warm and cozy, while playing your favorite card game. Now, if we only had fireplaces.

Unit 499's website, [diablovalleybridge.com](http://diablovalleybridge.com) has lots cooking for folks who want to jump into the game. No, not YOUR GAME OF THRONES, yes, you may have a few moans, but the life lessons you learn. It was a real life changer for me. My late husband was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's, and it consumed my life. Ronald Oswang, at that time, was the father



of local Bridge, and while I was walking by, I peeked inside and was greeted by Ron. He explained about the Bridge Center, and he even gave me a bridge book, with contingencies that I promise I'd return it, and come to the first class. I did, and yikes, I was hooked. Whenever my caregiver was there, I'd be taking lessons, playing Rubber Bridge, and so the journey had begun. Even in my darkest time, besides my faith, Bridge was my refuge.

Don't get bored, but I'd like to introduce our current Board Members: Lyn Sacco, our elected President, is very supportive and caring for everyone in Unit 499. Her decision-making skills are honed-in, and all feel her kind spirit. Sam Earnhardt is our Vice-President, another hard-worker, and zealot for bridge. Andy Shockley, Secretary, just can't be replaced. He's a very kind guy, and dedicated to serving all. Sam Earnhardt doubles down as our terrific Treasurer, and keeps that pencil sharp. Richard Ahlf is a highly seasoned businessman, and our Publicity chair. A perfect fit. Lisa Assoni, that's me; hey, I love the job. Clare Smith is membership chair. Her enthusiasm for the game will surely bring others to the tables. Andy Fine works tirelessly at planning, scheduling, and securing times, dates and places to play in unit games. Bruce Johnsonbaugh whose faithfulness and dedication to Bridge is obvious by his willingness to help our youth.

Anne Hollingsworth continues to organize and "seal the deal" for our Spring and Fall Sectionals. Marian Renvall, the hostess with the mostest, is our hospitality chair. She does an awesome job. Mike

Kruley has the magic touch. He's our Webmaster.

Not part of our board, but a big part of keeping folks up on the latest, is Judy Kellin. She posts our online Electronic Newsletter. Her dedicated work dishes out the latest news from our unit. Mary Krouse is the publisher, and is so supportive. She's helps make each month's issue informative and fun.

As you can see, lots of folks including Bruce, Mark, and Mike, make our bridge life a well orchestrated symphony, and a happy place to play.

Ciao, Bella

## East Bay

*By Marcia Wasserman  
(marciawasserman@gmail.com)*

It appears that we have discovered the newest dream team. Susan Boyers (unit 502) and Rob Johnson (unit 500) played together a couple of times when they decided – “hey why don't we play at the SF national tournament together.” It turns out that was nothing short of a brilliant decision. The first game they played together netted them a second overall in the Daylight Open Pairs for 32.99 gold. A couple of days later in the Daylight B/C Open Pairs they came in second for another 16.04 gold. They capped off their week with a team event where they got another 11.16 gold/red. The following week, playing in a STaC game, they came in 1st in the B section of the Western Conference for another 13 silver points. Rob is going to have to stay in the Bay Area full time,

rather than splitting his time between here and Arizona or Susan will have to go back to playing with us mere mortals.

Moving on to the Monterey Clambake, we have lots to celebrate. Nick Wiebe earned 51.13 points over the course of the regional. Matthew Quint and his partner Ralph Briskin came in first in a Stratified Daylight Pairs event for 33.28 gold, followed by coming in second in a Stratified Open Pairs a day later for another 3.94 gold. Greg Vance earned 30.47 including a 1st place win in a Stratified Swiss event. Marcia and Andy Wasserman (that would be me) earned 9.69 gold in the Stratified Midflight Pairs, with two section wins, and Owen Lien and Eric Leong earned 8.86 gold in a Stratified Open Pairs event. Libby Silver and Lois Horwitz came in 1st in a Gold Rush earning 7.24 gold.

Our unit welcomes four new members: Judith Cain, Patrick Chye, Donald Smiegiel and Marlis White. If you see them at a game, please be sure to greet them. We also have some rank changes. Our newest Junior Master is Holly Chapin. Our new Club Masters are Cheryl Brodsky, Blair Hull, and Helen Wren. Our newest Sectional Master is Joy Schenker. Joann Lorber is our newest Regional Master; Robert Kaplan our newest Advanced NABC Master; Steven Drucker our newest Silver Life Master; and Carol Smith our newest Ruby Life Master. Please congratulate them the next time you see them.

The January 5 unit game saw Jim and Pat Leary coming in 1st North/South with a 61.02% and William Zhu and Kevin Rosenberg coming in 1st East/West and overall with a 64.19%. On January 19, Pat

and Jim Leary once again came in 1st North/South with a 61.19% and Gunnar Niemi and Richard Walker came in 1st East/West and overall with a 63.58%. Please congratulate them the next time you see them.

Our regularly scheduled Unit 502 games in February will take place on Sunday, February 2 and 16 at noon. Lunch will be served at 11:30. The February 2 game coincides with the Super Bowl, but don't forget you can tape the game. GO 49ers! On those Sundays where there is no 502 unit game, there will be an EBCBC Sunday game, also starting at noon with a light lunch served before the game.

If you have anything you would like mentioned in next month's edition, please contact Joye Sidoti at [efsjbd\\_ba@hotmail.com](mailto:efsjbd_ba@hotmail.com).

## Fresno

*By Laura Da Costa*

It's February, you know what that means—the Super Bowl! Okay, not normally what we focus on in this article, but this year we are bringing back a game of the past. On the day of the Super Bowl (Feb. 2), we will have a noon Fast Pairs game—guaranteed to get us out in time for any football watching plans. Hope you can join us.

Of course, more traditionally, February has meant it is time for the Fresno Winter Sectional! We have been fortunate to continue to have our sectional during Presidents Day Weekend (14-17). Hope you have set up your partnerships for the big 4-day weekend. Need a partner or another pair for the team game (this year

a one-session morning game)? Contact our partnership chair, Mary Lou Pease (559-288-2340 or [marlou121@comcast.net](mailto:marlou121@comcast.net)).

The Unit 522 Christmas Party and end-of-the-year meeting was on Sunday, December 8. We had 9 tables in the Open game and 5 tables in the 299er game. The winners for the Open game were N/S: Robert Durbrow & Belva Quattrin (Overall Winners) and E/W: Kim Morris & Vincent Cheng. In the 299er game, the winners were N/S: Pamela Pigg & Lois High and E/W: Don & Marion Austin (Overall Winners). The Unit Board provided the lunch with the main dish prepared and served by Jackie Finn & Deb Petersen.

Also, at the Christmas Party, two members were honored. First, Belva Quattrin was awarded our Distinguished Service Award. Second, Jackie Finn was honored as she retires from the Board and her Hospitality Chair duties. Our appreciation to both ladies for all they have done.

Other business at the Christmas party included the end of the Board of Directors election (incumbents return to the board with Jonel Mueller being added).

Considering how many games we lost to holidays in December, we had a remarkable amount of 70% games. Oakhurst had just one pair as Paul Mertens & Clem Bingham at 70.14% in the Monday morning Open game on 12/2. The remaining ones occurred in the Fresno clubhouse. Sandy Petrie & Pat Heckathorn had a great month with a 77.78% in the Tuesday evening 99er game on 12/3, an amazing 81.25% two weeks later (12/17) in the same game, & a 71.25% in the Saturday afternoon 99er game on

12/28; our other 70% in a 99er game was by Clint Hudson & Ed Keller, 72.22% in the Saturday game on 12/21; on 12/4, Carol Rodder & Rosalie Jorgensen, 73% in the Wednesday afternoon Open game; in the aforementioned Christmas party on 12/8, Belva Quattrin & Bob Durbrow, 72.69%; on the Wednesday evening Sectional Tournament at Clubs game on 12/11, Richard Meffley & Bill Glass, 71% earning them second out of 14 tables in the Auxiliary Pairs Game; finally, Bill Glass & Anthony Toto, 70.14% in the Saturday afternoon game on 12/28.

Welcome to new members Lory Johnson (Coalinga), Maura Pennington (Clovis), & Matthew Wilkins (Clovis). Also welcome to Zora Bain who moved to the Unit 522 area.

## Livermore Valley

*By Rosemarie LaFrancesca*

As I write this we are finishing our duties for the Livermore Sectional. We expect a nice crowd and a good time for all. I will give a shout out to the winners next time. Earlier this month we said goodbye to a great friend, Jim Heiner, who passed away on Christmas Day. We will miss him and his wit at the bridge table.

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.

Encourage your bridge-playing friends to give Duplicate Bridge a try. Many “party bridge” players would enjoy the challenge of duplicate bridge. Our members are friendly and eager to help newer players, so come on down! The Livermore Bridge Club website is [livermorebridge.com](http://livermorebridge.com). You will find a calendar of events there; you can also find Paul’s bridge tips and publications via [pfdubois.com/publish](http://pfdubois.com/publish). There are links to neighboring units if you want to travel to your next bridge game. We also have a Facebook page at ACBL Unit 501.

Go Niners! Not 99ers or 299ers, but the San Francisco 49ers. If you’re not a football fan or a 49er fan, you can play bridge on Super Bowl Sunday. As for me and my house, we will be rooting for a 6th Super Bowl win!

## Marin

*By Gail Haar*

We have several new members this month – Katherine Jones, Jeanne Marlow, Paula McNally, Diane Park, Nancy Phillips, Judith Purdom, Betty Schrohe, and Linda Smith. Congratulations to new Junior Masters James Bryant, Richard Sundberg and Susan Sundberg; new Club Masters Natasha Khandheria and Ken Phillips; new Sectional Masters Suzanne McMahan, Joyce Scheer and Julie Wong; new Bronze Life Master Andrea



Ventris; new Silver Life Master Martha England; and new Diamond Life Master Bruce Blakely.

Many of our unit members attended the Clambake Regional in Monterey and enjoyed the bridge, scenery, and the excellent local food scene. Our top five MP finishers were Art Bhargava, Carol Liss, Mark Peterson, Jim Griffin and Henry Kingdon. Nice going!

Remember when we all pitched in to honor Peggy Tatro, our esteemed director, teacher, and most-recognized-laugh-maybe-ever? Well, she's giving it back. She's rented the space, got all the materials together and is offering a free seminar on Hand Evaluation & Duplicate Strategy to our members who have fewer than 50 MP. It will be on Saturday, February 8 at the Terra Linda Rec Center and will cover several valuable tactics: Why am I supposed to find a major suit fit in the bidding? Is reaching for slam the best way to get a good board? Should I stretch for game every time? When should I sacrifice (go down in my contract) for a good score? These questions and more will be addressed in the all-day seminar; there will be 2 sessions, one from 10-12 and another from 1-3, with an hour break in between. There are lots of hands to play to illustrate the concepts in a fast-paced but fun environment. Come with or without a partner and look forward to meeting other newer-to-duplicate players for possible future partnerships! Bring your lunch for the break, or cross the street to a great deli. To register, contact Peggy at [peggytatro@sonic.net](mailto:peggytatro@sonic.net) or 415-299-7511.

Planning ahead, mark your calendars for the Unit 508 Marin Sectional on April 18 and 19. This is always a fun and well

attended event so it isn't too soon to start thinking about partners and teammates. On June 5 the popular, dynamic and ever so engaging Larry Cohen will be returning to Marin giving an all-day seminar. No matter your bridge level, you're going to learn something, probably A LOT. He's one of very few pros who can not only play bridge at a top level but explain it in a way everyone can understand. Larry says that the key is in teaching people to think rather than memorize. He is on topic, logical, informative, and entertaining so don't miss this opportunity.

Remember that the 2019 Edition of the Unit Directory is available through any of our club directors for only \$2 (the printing cost only). There are lots of updates and additions included, so be sure to get one so you can stay in touch with your old and new favorite partners.

They were at a concert. Said she, a bridge addict, "What's that book the conductor keeps looking at?" "That's the score," answered her escort. "Oh. Who's vulnerable?"

## Monterey

*By Mary Block*

The annual Clambake Regional at the Hyatt in Monterey is in the books and many of our members proved to be pearls; excuse my mixed mollusk metaphor. Among the highest points gained, Chuck Messenger earned 33.31 MP; Bill Cohen, 22.44; Rita Shugart, 22.43; Maja, 18.75; and new members Mano Singham and Robert Dubroff, 14.84. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the Hospitality

Desk, especially Co-Chairs Donna Jett and Hetty Eddy.

The unit welcomes new members Bertie Elliott, Charles Franklin, Susan Franklin and Carl Palminteri. Also transfers into the Unit Hong Hai Dubroff, Robert Dubroff, and Paula Robichaud.

The following rank changes were effective in January: Tom Hughes and Mano Singham are Junior Masters and Charlene Reimnitz is a new Life Master. Congratulations and keep it up!

The Lone Cypress Sectional will take place in May, as usual, but for two days, rather than three, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17. We will be renting space from the Moose Lodge this year, and therefore have increased the price of sponsorships to \$200.00 help cover the rent. Please think about supporting the unit and honoring loved ones, grandchildren or your favorite sports team. Go Bears! Is already taken.

The Monterey Bridge Educational Foundation will be starting another 8-lesson series for beginners, starting on Thursday, February 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Contact Doug Halleen at 917-2502 if you are interested for yourself or on behalf of friends or relatives.

As a reminder, the Monterey Bridge Educational Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax-deductible organization for your income tax deductions. Also, please consider this as part of your estate planning. We were blessed to have such a wonderful location as we did for eighteen plus years, but another one like it won't come along without our raising a substantial amount of money.

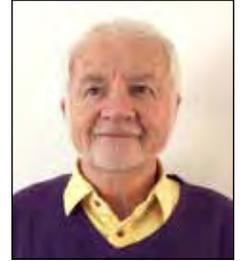
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## Napa/Solano/Sonoma

*By Tom Sheahan*

Alert! There is no game in Sonoma on Wednesday Feb. 19. They are putting in new floors at the Vintage House on that day.



It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent passing of Al Evans and Gay Metz, both long time players in our unit. Both were a joy to compete with and they were always willing to help newer players with their game. They will be missed. Bruce Irvine is back home from a stay in the hospital after a fall. Get well soon Bruce! He is one of the great personalities of our game.

Our yearend Holiday parties were a great success. The Unit party at the Elks Club in Napa hosted by Sigrid Price has become the event of the year with great food, ambience, and of course world class bridge! John Coulston did his usual fantastic job of organizing the Sonoma party with a lot of help from Marge Sheridan, Sandy Hicks, and a vast crew of others. We had 26 tables in play on that day.

We had a large number of players go to the Monterey Regional and we did well. Sigrid Price & Russell Quinnell came in second overall in a Daylight Pairs game and came in first in their section twice. Russell also combined with Tom Jacobson for a second in their section as did John Kardash & Carol Fraser. John & Carol also

had a second place finish in a section of the Midflight Pairs. Sue Vogtlin also came in second.

Roger Bohl & John Shribbs came in second overall in a Gold Rush game and had a second in a section. John also had a first in a section with his wife Patty. Bill Harper & Jeffery Bartfeld with a combined 55 points going into the Tourney finished first in their section twice picking up their first Gold points. Lynn Dondero & Karen Rocco also had a second in a section.

Bill & Jeffrey also had a first in a section in the 299er game as did John Coulston & Marge Sheridan. Arlene Holt & Victoria Bonnington had 2 second place finishes, as did Marilyn Edwardes & Sandy Hicks.

There were not as many December games because of the Holidays, but here are your winners: in Sonoma it was Leandra Stewart & Denny Olmsted, Susan Cook & Betsy Bolen, Wayne Gordon & Dolores Jaquez, Tom Jacobson & Theila Smith, and Tom & Gerry Fox combined for a brilliant 73% game! Napa winners included Dan Harp & Anita Pensler, Dale Oleson & Nathan Tierney, and Lynn Dondero & Betsy Bolen; unit game winners were Duane Smith & Richard Tebay and Sigrid Price & Russell Quinnell; in Rio Vista it was Sue Vogtlin & Bob Lohse, John Miller & Marilyn Schuyler, and Chandler Stauffer & Chiong-Yuan Han; the 499er games were won by Barbara Harper & Carole Terry, Marilyn Edwards & David Becker, and Havard & Susan Staggs.

Reinforcements are on the way! Sandy Hicks is starting up her beginner classes again and has 21 players signed up. Thank you Sandy!

## Palo Alto

*By Judi Gentry*



I believe that to really be part of an organization, you must get involved. We have a great unit. The Board members and club owners in Palo Alto really work hard to create an environment that is welcoming and challenging. With that spirit in mind, I will be writing our monthly contribution to the Diamond in the Ruff, the District 21 newsletter. I hope to keep you informed and occasionally educate or amuse you about all things bridge.

Carolyn Chaney did a marvelous job of reporting on the happenings of Unit 503 for the past 5 years. I always read her columns to find out what's going on at the club. She has made a difference in many other ways as well. Thanks to Carolyn, we all know what to put in the recycling and organic bins. She also wrote the grant proposal and got the funding to offer "Learn Bridge in a Day" at our club. She organized and promoted this great program twice for new bridge players. Over 170 people attended each time it was offered! Carolyn is moving to Santa Barbara to be nearer her son's family and enjoy her grandchildren, ages 2 and 5. Thank you, Carolyn, for taking care of our club and the greater environment and for sharing your writing skills with us. Our loss is a gain for Unit 542.

We have two great opportunities coming up for non-life masters (a majority of Palo Alto club members.) Our current membership is 926, of which 309 are Life Masters. We will be hosting a Non-Life Master Sectional at our club on Saturday

and Sunday, February 8 and 9. Each session is separate and limited to 45 tables. Silver points will be awarded. If you want to play, don't wait. Sign up on the unit website as soon as possible.

In March, we will host District 21's first ever Non-Life Master Regional at Unit 503. It is a two-day event. Each day there will be 2-session events. Saturday will have both Gold Pairs and Swiss Teams, while Sunday will only have Gold Pairs. A limit of 48 tables can be accommodated, so don't miss out. Sign up at <https://palalotobridge.org/>.

There are at least 3 members who won't be able to play in these NLM tournaments! Alex Martelli, Reddy Raju and Bette Hirsch became Life Masters in December. Congratulations! Bette wrote a wonderful letter, telling about her journey. She said she took advantage of all the resources offered through our club: she took lessons from several of our wonderful instructors, attended lectures on focused topics, and read all she could; played for a year with a mentor, enjoyed various partners and approached bridge as an adventure, with an openness to learning. She also played bridge all over the country, from Hawaii to New York. On the subject, Ely Culbertson, the man who made contract bridge, once said: "The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master bridge player." That's why we all keep working at it. See you at the table.

## Reno

*By Judith Robyns*

The Reno Bridge Center has moved! It is now called the Mathewson Bridge Center. It is located at 125 W Plumb Lane

next to SaveMart in the Lakeside Plaza. This is a great location. Our space has more than doubled. It is beautiful inside – all new and bright. It is much quieter with its high ceilings. The parking is no longer a problem. We have a Grand Opening planned for February 14 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be food and party favors and entertainment. All Bridge players are invited to come. Please RSVP to 775 827 3867 if you plan to attend. We have a Grand Opening Sectional February 15 and 16 at the Mathewson Bridge Center. There are pairs games at 10:00 and 2:30 on the 15th with a 49er game at 2:30. There is an eight is enough team game at 10:00 and 2:30 and a 49er pairs game at 2:30 on the 16th.

If you need any information, Contact Judy Robyns at [whitsettrobyns@icloud.com](mailto:whitsettrobyns@icloud.com) or call or text at 336 402 9356. We will get you a partner if you need one.

Achievements this month: Junior Master – Richard Beye, Anne Heinline, Theresa Panziera.

## Sacramento

*By Miriam Steinberg*

If you are a bridge player in Sacramento, it would be hard not to know John Hughes, who got involved with the Sacramento Bridge Center his first day in town in 1979 (after relocating from Dallas for a computer start-up) to manage MediCal. After becoming a director, he worked for Willi and Hugo Lee at the SBC and later worked one or two years for Barbara Vann at the Citrus Heights Bridge Club.



John grew up in Cleveland, married, had two children and worked as a police officer. He spent much of his time in the computer unit and later earned a B.S. in computer science with a minor in math from Cleveland State. He got involved with bridge while working as a police officer where his co-workers played during lunch.

He met his current wife, Joy O'Dell, at the Citrus Heights Center in 2004, and after playing against her several times, he (with ulterior motives) invited her to be his Tuesday partner; by 2005, they were an "item!"

I asked Joy how they manage to keep their relationship intact while being bridge partners. "I respect John as a good bridge player. He has a lot of patience! We try not to have spats at the bridge table; it takes special people to play together." She joked, "I have learned it doesn't pay to argue with him immediately!"

John added, "We realize that everybody makes a mistake now and then," and added that "Joy is very modest about her talents as a bridge player."

I commented to Joy about how many players think John is oh-so-serious about his role as director and that they rarely see him smile.

Joy explained, "He has a lot on his mind when he directs and a loud talking voice, so people may sometimes think he is mad when he raises his voice. And he smiles a lot more since he has met me!"

I actually love his smile – it's almost like he is trying to hide it! And anyone who has played bridge with John knows he has a delightful sense of humor.

John's favorite bridge author is Larry Cohen. "I think he is excellent," shared John. "I get his newsletter -- and I can send an e-mail and get an answer." John also shared his admiration for Jerry Helms and Billy Miller, who is also available by e-mail.

Locally, he would choose Ted Muller as his mentor, who he says is "the best." He also greatly admires Gary Soules. Some of his and Joy's favorite conventions include Suction over the opponent's 1 NT, Kokish (over opening 2C), Soloway jump shifts, and Flannery. John and Joy were reluctant to open 1 NT with a five-card major, until Jerry Helms convinced them at one of his classes. This does not include every 15-17 point hand evaluation, one such exception includes when most of the points are in the five-card major. They also have Puppet Stayman (over 1NT only) in their arsenal to make sure they don't miss a 5/3 fit.

Joy and John have mentored many players and are always willing to give advice to advancing players. John suggests that advancing players "move into an open game and not be afraid to get beaten!" He added, "Making mistakes is the way you learn -- make use of the chance to play with good players who correct your mistakes. Also, play more often; two days a week is not enough. If you're not playing, read a (bridge) book, take lessons." John also remarked that playing bridge is like war – the side with the most weapons wins!

Bridge is John's main hobby. He is also a big TV fan and loves to watch reruns of "Law and Order," as well as football and basketball games, especially the Sacramento Kings.

Although John will no longer direct three days a week as he did in years past, he will continue to direct the 299er games on Saturday at the SBC after Joy gives her lesson. And he will continue his job of picking up all the supplies for the club. He is relieved to be semi-retired but will always play a vital role as a member of the Sacramento bridge community. We look forward to seeing him and Joy more often in their role as partners at the table!

## San Francisco

*By Kimberly Fanady*

Our always terrific San Francisco Winter Sectional was, once again, terrific! Unit 506ers dominated their home sectional, taking home the silver in many



events. Special congrats to Anant Rathi, first overall in the two-session Open Pairs on Saturday, followed by another win in the Bracket I Swiss with teammates Will Zhu and Edmund Wu on Sunday. Nice weekend!

More victorious San Franciscans: Amber Liu, first overall, Sunday afternoon Side Pairs; Marc Rosaaen/Vicki Lerner, first overall, Lynn Norris/Dolores Mackinnon, first Strat B, Sunday morning Side Pairs; Brigitte Sandquist/Kirsten Beda, first overall, 499er Pairs; Ben Bascomb & Sarah Malarkey, first overall, morning Newcomer Pairs; Judy Grossman, first overall, afternoon Newcomer Pairs; Lea Salem/Mike Klayman, first Strat B,

Brigitte Sandquist/Kirsten Beda, first strat C, Saturday afternoon Side Pairs.

Many more Unit 506ers had overall placings and section tops. Kudos to all! Although this column rarely includes players from other units, the sectional hosted one visitor who earned his special mention: seven year old Andrew Chen, first overall in the Saturday Side Pairs, an open event, twice! The future of bridge is looking bright.

The unit game schedule kicks off this month with a pairs event on February 8. 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. Check the unit website at [www.unit506.org](http://www.unit506.org) for more upcoming dates and info.

Quicktricks' Easybridge! lesson series has gotten so popular that getting into the class is like getting a reservation at the French Laundry -- you have to sign up way in advance. The class was full and had a long wait list almost a month before the start date. See the SF Sectional results above for more evidence of the class's success: at least four of the winners are EB graduates. Send your friends and family along to learn our great game (next year).

Congrats to this month's newly ranked: Junior Master Zandra Krischer; Club Master Deihleen Claffey; NABC Master Rhian Davies; Bronze Life Master Marilu Donnici; and Sapphire Life Master Michael Whitman. Well played, all!

Welcome as always to a big batch of new members: Erik Bloom, Louis Cubba, Betty Deitch, Robin Hubinsky, Kathryn

Inglin, Daniel Lemire, Andrew Purcell, Samy Salem, Anna Skacel, Leo Susser, and Joann Zloklikovits. Be sure to say hello and welcome to these new players when you meet them at the table.

My office building includes a See's Candies on the ground floor, and of course the shop is now overflowing with Valentine's Day treats. Playing with a good bridge partner is a joy and privilege, so in honor of Valentine's Day, go to your favorite candy store and show your partner some sweet appreciation! Happy Valentine's Day everyone. See you at the table.

## **San Mateo**

*By Fran Gaura*

January 2020 was a quiet month for Unit 498. No unit games were scheduled in order to give our players the opportunity to participate in NAP games, the Monterey Clambake, and other great competitions. A quick word of congratulation to Janelle Van Rensselaer who joined the Life Master ranks by earning her final requisite gold points in Monterey; and to Jeanie Kwong who was awarded the President's Award for her contributions to Peninsula Youth Bridge at the District 21 meeting held at the Monterey Clambake on January 11.

Unit 498's hiatus is over! The shortest month of the year, February, is filled with great events.

Opening February, our first unit game of the new decade is set for our usual venue, Fattoria e Mare on February 1. Information on winners will be published in the March column.

In the latter part of the month, Bob Gleason works his magic to present the Winter Sectional at Canada College, set for February 22 and 23. Anyone who has participated in previous Canada Sectionals can attest to the great games for players of all levels of expertise both days and to the well attended team games set for Sunday. Our flyer with all details of the event can be found at our website, [www.unit498.com](http://www.unit498.com). As an added attraction for our new players, a 49er game has been added to the Saturday schedule, an excellent opportunity for beginning players to participate in a friendly, welcoming tournament.

Finally, we end February with a Leap Year Day which brings us one more day to play and we are taking advantage of it to schedule a unit game on Saturday February 29. Trying to determine if there is anything of note about this leap year day, I found from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia: There is a popular tradition known as Bachelor's Day in some countries allowing a woman to propose marriage to a man on February 29. If the man refuses, he then is obliged to give the woman money or buy her a dress. In upper-class societies in Europe, if the man refuses marriage, he then must purchase 12 pairs of gloves for the woman, suggesting that the gloves are to hide the woman's embarrassment of not having an engagement ring. In Ireland, the tradition is supposed to originate from a deal that Saint Bridget struck with Saint Patrick. In the town of Aurora, Illinois, single women are deputized and may arrest single men, subject to a four-dollar fine, every February 29.

Just an amusing factoid! But the opportunity for you to invite your partner, whether male or female, is still available. So get those partner requests out there and plan to be at Fattoria e Mare for this fun Saturday event. Look for your e-vite in your mailboxes by mid-February.

If you have not been receiving e-mail invitations to the unit games, and wish to do so, please let us know by sending us a note at [acblunit498invites@gmail.com](mailto:acblunit498invites@gmail.com), providing us your e-mail address. We will add you to the mailing list!

Great news from the beautiful Half Moon Bay community: club manager, Maria Grigorieff, advises that the Coastside Women's Club has received official ACBL Club status and has begun to schedule sanctioned open games at their location in the Ted Adcock Center on Friday afternoons at 1:30. Games will be directed by Cheryl Haines, Kent Taylor, or Bruce Bogner. The directors donate their time, and all proceeds from the games are donated to the Women's Club's scholarships and charities fund. The facility is great, with plenty of free parking and a welcoming atmosphere. It's a perfect opportunity for members of Unit 498 to experience bridge in a new setting and to give a boost to our newest club's efforts! The Ted Adcock Center is located at 535 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

Raad Bunni, whose San Mateo Bridge Center has games scheduled at Fattoria e Mare on Tuesday and Friday, has announced that he is promoting interest in duplicate Team events. He will devote his game on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning

February 4, to the Swiss Team format. If you are interested in participating you and your team should sign up at one of Raad's games, or contact him at: [bridgepals@gmail.com](mailto:bridgepals@gmail.com).

In a change which mirrors similar local bridge clubs, director and club owner, Jennifer Kuhn has announced the table fees for her Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club (PDBC) will be \$13.00 beginning on February 19.

A warm welcome to new Unit 498 members: John Abbis, Bryan Beck, Kaia Eakin, Andrew Ehrich, Linda Estrella, Catherine Legault, Deborah Nagle-Burke, Janice Brien, Barbara Posch, Paul Rochester, Xinguo Chen, Nora Frei, and David Sweet. And congratulations to players advancing over the past months: to Junior Master, Melanie Mauldin; to Club Master, Lucy Ballard, Alicia Breyer, Carl Ebling, Maureen Martin; to Life Master, Janelle Van Rensselaer.

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

## **Santa Cruz**

*By Karen Schamberg*

Mark your calendar and get your partner, the Santa Cruz Rising Stars Sectional is March 28 & 29 and will be held at the Mid County Senior Center. This tournament is for all players with fewer than 500 MPs. Follow the link on our web page for complete information.



In our ongoing commitment to bridge education and to encouraging new players, Unit 550 will hold a special Expert at Your Elbow event on Wednesday, February 12 at 6 pm. This special event is only offered once every few years and is for players with 50 MPs or less.

The newer players will watch 4 tables of local pros play 4 hands, then answer questions and discuss the bidding, defense, and play. Hand records will be available for reference.

Next, the tables will be turned and the pros will watch the newer players for 4 hands and offer gentle suggestions and plenty of praise. To start the evening, the newer players will provide a potluck dinner for the pros who are donating their time and expertise. This event is limited to 8 tables of newer players. Sign up at the Bridge Center or with Nancy Wainer at [nlmbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:nlmbridge@yahoo.com).

Beginning Bridge classes start Wednesday, January 15. You can choose either afternoons with Nancy Wainer or evenings with Bette Harken. Sessions continue for 10 weeks. The first class is free; following classes are \$10 per session. This class is appropriate for brand new beginners or those who learned to play long ago and want to update their skills. Class space is limited; a reservation is requested for the first class. Contact Nancy or Bette by email for additional information.

Several Unit 550 members distinguished themselves at the Monterey Clambake Regional. Alan Chase, Carol Avenmarg, Steve & Kristin Smith took a 1st in the Tuesday Evening Side Swiss. Nancy Ficarrotta & John Walker took

1st in Wednesday Afternoon 299er Pairs. Peter Gelfand & Mark Itabashi took 1st in Wednesday Daylight Pairs. Angie Millslagle & John Wesolowski took 1st in Friday Daylight Gold Rush.

Finishing in the top 25 % of MP earners were: Peter Gelfand, Carol Maggipinto, Jim Slinger, Dick Wasserstrom, Ken Gamble, Malcolm Sprott, Les Rabiaga, John Walker, and Carol Avenmarg. Well done folks.

High score in a club game was earned by Jim Slinger & Ken Llacera, a whopping 76.56%.

Congratulations to the following folks for attaining new Master status ranks: Nancy Wainer, Gold Life Master; Kenneth Girouard, Club Master; and Will Forest & Matthew Nathanson, Junior Masters.

Unit 550 offers games most days and several evenings. Check our website for specifics. Our unit Open Pairs Game will be on Saturday, February 15 at 10 a.m. Don't forget to bring a lunch.

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

## **Santa Rosa/Petaluma**

*By Cecelia Zachar*

On February 8, Kathy Venton is presenting a free Introduction to Duplicate for social bridge players at 10:30 a.m. at the Bridge Gallery in Santa Rosa. The day starts with a lesson, lunch is served at

11:30, and a game starts at noon, ending about 2:30 p.m. If you have a friend or neighbor who is a social bridge player and has been thinking about maybe, just maybe, trying duplicate, this is a great opportunity. Here's a link you can send your friend: <http://santarosabridge.com/free-introduction-to-the-joy-of-duplicate-bridge>. Please call Kathy at 707-591-5015 or email [bridgegalleryca@gmail.com](mailto:bridgegalleryca@gmail.com) to reserve a spot. Bring a friend or make a new one.

Our upcoming sectional is just around the corner — March 7 and 8 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Santa Rosa. The fields in the Sonoma Valley are already a beautiful emerald green, but we'll be seeing flowers by March, and it will be even more beautiful. I get a kick out of seeing sheep grazing on the weeds in the vineyards, especially the fuzzy little baby lambs; so much to see; so much to do.

We'll be offering Two Session Open Pairs, Single Session Open Pairs, and Single Session 299ers on Saturday. Pairs with 20 or fewer points get their second session free. On Sunday, we will have Open teams and B/C/D teams plus a single session 299er team game in the morning. Stratification is based on the individual in the pair or team with the highest masterpoints, not on the average number masterpoints. For more details see <http://acblunit509.org/games-2/sectionals/>.

Unit 509 knows how to start the new year right -- delicious food and a bridge game! On New Year's Day Jackie Ortiz outdid herself (again) with her appetizers and desserts. Thank you Jackie! You're our hero. After our delightful buffet, we had 15

1/2 tables of bridge. Here are the winners: N/S 1st in A, Abbe Cohen & Bob Klein; 1st in B, Roy Redlich & Hans Van Boldrik; and 1st in C, Laurie Vree & Ann Schneider. E/W 1st in A, Barry Samuel & Evelyn Holtz; 1st in B, James & Carol Reed; and 1st in C, Brian & Patrick Sullivan. Click [here](#) to go to our Facebook site to see photos from that day.

Many of the players in Unit 509 travelled down to Monterey the 2nd week of January for its regional. We had 29 players from the unit who placed in the overalls in 95 events. Bob Klein and Nancy Gunn had their photo in the Daily Bulletin for winning Friday's Barometer pair game with a 65.54% for 32.13 Gold! Other big master point wins: Lynn Blumenthal (with Cris Barrere), 24.47 Gold; Bob Klein (with David Neuman), 18.35 Gold; Sara Rothmuller, 18.7 Gold; Evelyn Holz, 17.53 Gold; and Barry Samuel, 10.09 Gold.

Other players who were first in their strat in one or more games: Kate Hill, Barbara Simon, Wayne Kaneko, Dana Murphy, Conrad Larkin, Peter Lit, John Shribbs, Pam Schrock, and Douglas Schrock. Other players who placed in the overalls include Eleanor Wales, Erwin Linzner, Jacqueline Ortiz, Muthiah Ramanathan, Nancy Johnson, Patricia Dunbar, Patricia Hertz, Patricia Shribbs, Sharon Madson, Shelly Dunietz, and Susan Campbell. Congratulations to all our competitors. They did us proud.

Nancy Gunn has taken over management of the Petaluma Bridge Club. Open games will continue to be held at noon on Thursdays and Saturdays at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell

Blvd, in Petaluma. Lessons will also be available Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30 for \$15 per session, with a discount if players attend the lesson and game on the same day. The first series of lesson is on Defensive Signals. You may contact Nancy for more information at [gunn@sonic.net](mailto:gunn@sonic.net).

The Learn Bridge in a Day® class on January 18, 2020, at the Bridge Gallery attracted twenty students. Kathy Juarez taught the class, and five volunteer table helpers -- Linda Allen, Jane Bender, Jane Drever, Carole Sunlight, and Karen Weissberg -- received rave reviews from the participants. LBIAD is an intensive five-hour course which introduces participants to the world of current bridge and, hopefully, entices them to take additional bridge classes or attend supervised play sessions to continue their learning. The next LBIAD session will likely be scheduled in the fall of 2020.

The Bridge Gallery's Wednesday Night Handicapped Teams has now moved to Tuesdays. Dinner starts at 5:30, and the game starts at 6. Dinner is Salads and Sourdough (1st Tues); Dogs, Slaw and Chips (2nd Tues); Italian Night (3rd Tues); Potluck with Kathy providing dessert (4th Tues); or Sara and Karen's choice (5th Tues). The game is \$12 with a \$2 discount if you bring a dish to share on the 4th Tuesday.

Teams are random draw on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday (you come with a partner and are matched by luck to another pair) and bring-your-own-team on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday (you come with a partner and teammates). Contact Kathy Venton at

707-591-5015 or email [bridgegalleryca@gmail.com](mailto:bridgegalleryca@gmail.com) to find a partner or teammates or to reserve a spot. Signup is required so we know how much food to prepare.

As of January 19, we had no big games (70%+) since November 19. We've had a long, dry spell. Lots of 69s.

At the end of December, the ACBL notified us about 3 rank changes. Our new Regional Master is Ed Flowers; Mary Essig became a new Bronze Life Master; Erwin Linzner became an Emerald Life Master. Nice going, everyone!

## Silicon Valley

*By Ray Yuenger*

Another year has just begun and some of our unit members have already reached some peaks on the tournament trail.



I have a lot of success to report from the Monterey Regional, unfortunately none of my own. (Well, I was elected President of District 21 during that tournament, but that's the subject of another column in this newsletter.) In open pairs events, Bill Langlois & Bob Ritz won a two-session open event, while Barbara & Bruce Luttrell had a stratification top. Section tops in such events went to Bruce Luttrell, Jung Hu (twice), Rajeeva Sharma & Paul Lee, Malcom McLaughlin & Norman Marks, and Paul Nelson & Robert Ritz. In midflight pairs events, Paul Lee won one, with strat tops earned by Shailesh Sampat and Andy Scott, and section tops by Frank Xie (twice), and Steve Burnham & Philip Freiberg.

Stacie Bowman won two gold rush pairs events, once with George Welch, while sections tops went to David & Wendy Fotland, Vera Huelbig (twice, once with Judy Kaplan), Jung Hu & Dorr Clark and Joanne Cornbleet. Kenneth Luskey & Ken Wirth won a 299er pairs event, while George Schlinkert & Thomas Morse had a strat top in another one. Shailesh Naik has a strat top in one 99ers event and a section top in another one. (Please note, if someone is first in a strat, I don't separately note that that first resulted from a section top.)

Winning in their knockout brackets were Michael Rosenberg, Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn; Lynn Bartz, Ken Imboden, Ron Baron & Norman Marks; and Regina Norberg & Kathleen Weiman. Prevailing in their Swiss team strats were Kevin Rosenberg; Michael Bodell & Mike Cailean; Erin Gove & Malcolm McLaughlin; Pangjie Xu & Vilas Namjoshi; Charlie & Andrew Chen & Kayden Ge; and Shirley Foreman, Sharon Krawetz, Ann & John Wainright. Andrew & Charlie Chen's round robin team prevailed in their bracket, while Rajeeva Sharma's team tied for first in their bracket.

I had the rare experience of being on a team that won five of seven matches and still didn't place. Almost all our wins and losses were very small.

At the recent San Francisco sectional, Kevin Rosenberg took first in the two-session open pairs, getting a head start with a 68.6% first session. Andrew Sinclair had a section top in the same event. Andrew Chen & Xin Ge won two single-session open pairs events. Shailesh Naik had a strat top in another single-session pairs

event, while Dorr Clark had a section top. Elelanali Lam's Swiss team topped their bracket.

A longer distance along the tournament trail, in an Albuquerque New Mexico regional, a team with Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn prevailed in their knockout bracket.

Moving off the tournament trail, it's time to congratulate our newest Masters: Mike Friedman, Mieko Watanabe (Junior); Lucy Chen, Shirley Shi (Club); Henry Zhang (Sectional); David Mack (Regional); Kayden Ge (NABC); Brandon Ge (Advanced NABC); Jim Liu (Gold); Nilsson (Sapphire).

Our unit board is organizing our spring's sectional, scheduled for April 3 through 5. There will be a flyer in next month's newsletter and on the District website in due course.

## Stockton

*By Debbie DeZarn*

Congratulations to Joy Gotelli on becoming a Silver Life Master in December! She returned to regional tournament play at the Monterey Clambake after an absence of many years and had a successful week winning Gold with her partner, Mary Hill.



There were many Stockton Club players in Monterey during the week, and everyone got a little something: Red Points, Gold Points and/or complimentary clam chowder, mandarin oranges and coasters at the hospitality desk. The team of Rose Knutson, Mary Sievers, Jack Fitzgerald,

and Bill Mitchell won their Knockout event.



*Mary Sievers, Rose Knutson, Bill Mitchell, and Jack Fitzgerald*

Bill then followed that up by winning another Knockout with teammates Wendy Buchanan, Debbie DeZarn, and Eli Wismer from Los Altos Hills. Debbie and Wendy also tied for 1st Overall in one of the Gold Rush events. We are thankful for our own Marilyn Minden who volunteered all week at the Clambake.

Big Games since the last issue are a 71% in the 99er game by Mikki Kindelberger and Carole Seed on January 7. The next day at Oak Park's Ann and Bill Nutting scored another 71%. In the Stockton Club Championship, January 19, Lorna Crooks and Mary Hill won with a 70% game! Congratulations to all.

Rumor has it that the instant results that have been coming to your email address (if you signed up) will begin posting to your MyACBL account automatically beginning in February. Now you won't have to wait until the 6th of the following month to

see your "pending" points earned during regular club play.

The Mini-McKenney results are available for 2019. This award recognizes the top Unit 510 point earners overall (club, tournament, online) according to fifteen specific point ranges in which a player begins the year. Beginning with the 0-5 point range and ending with the 10,000+ range, the winners for 2019 are Carole Seed, Peter Gannon, Nelda Smith, Shirley Womack, Bill Mitchell, Wendy Buchanan, Debra DeZarn, Jack Fitzgerald, Rose Knutson, Mort Horn, Doris Ashcroft, Nick Bykov, Joan Garcia, Ann Nutting, and Howard Parker III.

The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Award for 2019 is given to the top player in each of the same point brackets for points earned only at the club level. The winners are Mikki Kindelberger, Peter Gannon, Catherine Holt, Marge Walden, Bill Mitchell, Mary Hill, Debra DeZarn, Korey Baumbach, Rose Knutson, Mort Horn, Doris Ashcroft, none, Joan Garcia, Ann Nutting, and Howard Parker III. Although she finished 2nd in the unit for the 100-200 point category, Carol Hakeem joined Bill in placing in the top 25 in District 21 for Ace of Clubs.

2020 is off to a good start with some new faces playing at the Stockton and Oak Park clubs. A big welcome to Cherie Ford, Kathy Comden, Melba Thomas, Cathy Eilers, Nancy Sundahl, Judy Johnson, Jane Butterfield, April Gimmel, and Rolando Arancibia.

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