



Palo Alto Unit 503

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Election Party, Treasure Chest, Unit STAC, December 22

The Unit has lined the master points with silver for the Holiday STAC on Sunday, December 22 at 1 p.m. Join your bridge friends at the Bridge Center for the opportunity to earn lots of these precious points and for the fun of the drawing of the Treasure chest winners (see article on page 3). Honor and congratulate the new Board members at the Election Party. The Election Chairman, Ginger Herrick, will report the names of the Unit members who will serve on the Unit Board for next year. The STAC game will attract a good turnout as players strive for the silver in this sectionally-rated event with large master point awards and enjoy congratulating the three lucky Treasure Chest winners.

Holiday STAC Cheers Players December 16-22

Once again, the Western Conference presents its holiday cheer to players with its STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) master point giveaway. The date for these silver point awards is the week of Monday, December 16 through Sunday, December 22. The place - your favorite local club. All the local clubs as listed in the directory on the back page have scheduled STAC games but the Unit STAC will replace the Sunday Afternoon STAC at 1 p.m.

Get your share of the precious points in the world's largest silver point tournament. Mark down several dates on your calendar to make sure you maximize your winnings. The awards for these games are generous for those who finish in the overalls. These silver points are especially attractive to Non-Life Masters, who require them to attain the Life Master ranking.

Unit to Hold Election December 22



Palo Alto Unit has scheduled its annual election of the Board of Directors for six twoyear terms. The deadline for

voting is Sunday, December 22 at 1 p.m. at the Unit STAC. The candidates are Carla Davis, Frank Frates, Chuck Lane, Merle Orelove, David Wheeler and Ethel Worcester. Voters may also use a write in option instead of voting for one of the listed candidates. The winners will form the 2003 Board with the current members: Claire Coleman, Ginger Herrick, Gloria Leitstein, Kevin O'Leary and Barbara Sonsini.

To help you to get acquainted with the nominees, the Kibitzer has printed photos, candidate information and statements on page 5. The ballot and voting instructions are at the bottom of this same page. Unit members may vote at the Bridge Center, the Unity Church or Cubberly, where ballots, envelopes and ballot boxes will be at hand. Members may also vote by mail or by e-mail by following the directions on the ballot.

Ethel Worcester Wins Sportsmanship Trophy

The winner of the Sportsmanship Trophy awarded annually by the Unit goes to Ethel Worcester. She is an excellent example of a member who shows "ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, for proving strict competition can be pleasurable and for exemplary conduct serving the best interest of duplicate bridge and its players."

Pat McFerren, the 2002 winner presented the award to Ethel at the pot luck game held on Sunday evening, November 17. The partnership of Hanan Deeby and Bernard Figueiredo won the event, which attracted 13.5 tables. Liz Blum and Merle Orelove finished first in C. The other leaders are listed on the Winner's Circle page.

Party Planned for New Year's Eve



Sherie Greenberg is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration at the Bridge Center featuring a pot luck and duplicate bridge. "Ring in the New" with dinner at 6 p.m. and the game at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the good food and camaraderie of your friends and then stay for the bridge, as you end 2002 by taking pleasure in your favorite game. This party will replace the regularly scheduled Tuesday Night game.

Santa Clara Captures InterUnit Event

Five Palo Alto teams lost to those from the Santa Clara Valley Unit in a stratified challenge event held on Sunday, October 27 at the Bridge Center. The Unit thanks all who participated. A number of players, including one complete team, substituted some at the last minute, for those who originally qualified and who could not play because of other commitments. Our appreciation goes to Hansa and Sriram Narasimhan, Carol Brigham, Arlene Levy, Tom and Mary Randolph, Mary O'Malley, Mary Ann Larkin, Cres Cole, GingerHerrick, Barbara Sonsini. Alan Templeton, Kathie Shaw, Merle Orelove, Kevin O'Leary, Alan Cummings, Grant Spaeth, John Mattis, Adeline Suares and Tomie Sera.

Congratulations, Santa Clara. Until next year...

Bridge Club News

ACBL Rule: The necessity for the announcement of the point range for partner's opening 1NT bid is not optional. The ACBL still requires this statement in all games <u>including club games</u>.

Monday Bridge. The Palo Alto BC resumed operation as a separate club on Mondays at 11 a.m. at the Bridge Center. The strata are 0-200, 201-LM, > LM. The Bridge Mix club which meets at the same time

and place has the following strata NLM, LM-1000, > 1000.

The Tuesday Night BC held a farewell party on October 29 for Kurt Siedenburg, who is returning to Germany. Good luck, Kurt! Volume XXXX, Issue 12

Treasure Chest



You've seen our signs and heard our pitch for the Treasure Chest ticket sales. All proceeds will go to retire the debt we incurred from our move to the new Center. Many thanks to you who have already donated items—new ones are arriving daily. One month's free play at any game at the Center; playing lesson with Gene Simpson followed by luncheon and a critique, 8-week class series with Cameron Cotton, a gourmet French dinner—everything provided and prepared by Fabien Lubais at your home for your next

two table duplicate soiree, Lunch at the Village Pub, dinner at the Duck Club, Stanford Park Hotel, a gold bracelet, plus wines, parties and getaways. Please contact any committee member with brilliant ideas and/ or a donation: Robin Chambers, Gloria Leitstein, Cres Cole, Fabien Lubais, Merle Orelove, Lori Spaeth or Barbara Sonsini. Remember there are three chests and only one winner per chest. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 22 at the 1:00 p.m. game. An individual ticket is

\$10. There are discounts for multiple tickets. You could hold that lucky ticket!!

Unit NAOP Qualifies Ten Pairs

Ten pairs finished average or above or in the top half of their strata in a two-session NAOP Unit final at the Bridge Center on Saturday, October 19.

These pairs qualified for the district final at the Oakland Sectional, November 23-24. The qualifying pairs included 6 pairs in Flight A, 4 in B and 2 in C (some pairs qualified for multiple strata). Robin Roche of SF and Anlin Xu of Vallejo were first in A, B. The list of overalls is below.

WINNERS OCT. 19 NAOP UNIT FINAL (6 tables)

A1B1 Robin Roche-Xu Anlin A2 Diane Shannon-Don Rothschild A3 Richard Spitalnick-Rob Stevens A4 Linda Mattis-Walter Miller B2 Franklin Smoot-Rick Jasper B3 Tania Moalem-Suzanne Cook

NOVICE - INTERMEDIATE DUPLICATE the <u>fun</u> games - tell your friends

0 - 50 MP (with lesson) Wed. 1:30 pm < 200 MP Tues 12:00 pm Unity Church, 3391 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto for info call Walter Miller at 510-839-5929

Board Meeting Highlights

- Treasurer Arthur Pagin reviewed with the Board the list of expenses incurred for the establishment of the Bridge Center and posted it on the Bulletin Board.
- The Board approved the voluntary collection, starting January 1, of \$1 per player at each game at the Bridge Center. The money collected will go toward the reimbursements for the establishment of the Bridge Center until the debt is paid.
- The Board nominated Claire Coleman for the District 21 Good Will Award. Not only has Claire promoted bridge as a player, director and club owner, but she also had a significant role in the establishment of the new Unit Bridge Center.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Tuesday, December 3 3:45 p.m.—Bridge Center

SYMPATHY

The Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of John Brown who recently passed away.

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October 2002 Winners' Circle



Friday

Friday Morning BC

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(A&B) Å. Arnold/J. Robinson

(B&C) M. Wilson/B. Purchase

(A&B) J. Chognard/T. Schick

(A&B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin

(A&B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin (A,B&C) N. & V. Gupta H. Narasimhan/G. Simpson

(B) E. Schramm/S. Landsman (A&B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin (B&C) D. Levin/R. Lynch

Friday Night Barometer (A&B) K. Humphrey/H. Farhi (A,B&C) C. Flickinger/N.

D. Shannon/D. Rothschild

(A,B&C) S. Tu/M. Fleisher (A,B&C) C. Flickinger/N.

(A,B&C) F. & C. Grant

(B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van

F. Parsons/M. Hafezi

P. & R. Chambers

Tamelen

Robinson

Robinson

(A&B) H. Sung/B. Varner

Compiled by Alan Templeton

Tuesday Night BC* P. Kamas/L. Frost Monday Thursday 1 Sherie's BC J. & W. Pomeroy Bridge Mix (B) K. Siedenburg/C. Larsen M. Moutoux/A. Pagin A. Mollard/D. Hornback 7 M. Moore/M. Brabb 3 (B) K. Talbot/J. Schwarz P. Seal/H. Deeby L. Doying/B. Donoghue R. Lynch/ N. Sicotte L. Corbetta/S. Thomas L. Spaeth/B. Sonsini 8 (B) J. Harpootlian/R. Haines L. Cicolani/J. McCloy D. Harden/T. Hall H. Narasimhan/A. Levy 10 M. Fikes/D. Shannahan 14 (B) A. Laird/J. Janetos W. Brigham/R. Chambers J. Burlingame/H. Macdonell M. Fikes/D. Shannahan 15 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak J. Franke/T. Hall (A&B) F. Gonzalez/B. Briant (A&B) G. Dougherty/H. B. Sonsini/F. Kitchiner, Jr. A. Story/R. Jastremski M. Yates/C. Brigham (A&B) W. Pomeroy/G. H. Sung/H. Macdonell S. Waki/R. Randolph 21 17 Macdonell 22 P. Seal/H. Deeby Skidmore D. Foti/F. Omori (A&B) P. Cornelius/L. Gaines J. Brandon/R. Lynch (A&B) D. Shannahan/M. A. Cummings/L. Frost A. Templeton/C. Cole 24 Fikes (A&B) K. Siedenburg/C. (A,B&C) A. Laird/L. Welch A. Pagin/M. Moutoux M. Moutoux/A. Pagin B. Coyle/J. Sheppard 28 Larsen A. Mollard/B. Liddicoat 29 E. Barlow/C. Bjorklund S. & T. Schafer (A&B) P. Cornelius/L. Gaines J. Rollin/J. Hancock B. Hirsekorn/V. Herrick (A&B) T. & M. Randolph M. Fikes/D. Shannahan 31 M. Moutoux/A. Pagin (A&B) C. Larsen/K. V. & R. Serrano Siedenburg (C) I. & V. Galis T. Hale/D. Halden Tuesday Thursday Aft. BC *Hand records provided Alpine BC 3 P. Chambers/H. Narasimhan M. Howe/A. Drummond Hay (B) N. Evans/A. Arnold 1 (A&B) B. Olmo/V. Herrick M. & T. Randolph Wednesday V. Herrick/C. Cole J. Flocks/R. Stolee 10 J. Robinson/P. Tsu (B) F. Miller/B. Olmo Bridge N Brunch 2 S. Blum/H. Bennett E. & T. Canning N. Pappas/S. O'Donnell H. Narasimhan/R. Stolee J. Flocks/L. Corbetta F. Miller/S. Landsman (A&B) C. Lane/M. Goodman 8 17 R. Chambers/M. Hafezi (B&C) P. Gross/G. Leitstein C. Dietz/L. Foss B. Lutz/R. Gow (A,B&C) J. Samuels/M. K. Harper/B. Krop J. Von Gehr/M. Van Wilson 15 H. Narasimhan/D. Wheeler 9 Tamelen M. & T. Sato R. Stolee/L. Spaeth N. Robinson/C. Epps M. Howe/A. Drummond Hay (B) W. Pomeroy/J. Weiss 24 M. Larkin/R. Friend D. Chang/G. Yang (B) G. Wheeler/G. Drew (B) N. Irwin/C. Macey (A&B) F. McWilliams/E. 22 16 S. Blum/H. Bennett Ruben N. Pappas/S. O'Donnell H. Narasimhan/R. Williams (B) J. Weiss/W. Pomeroy 31 L. Corbetta/M. Thompson N. Honda/M. Hafezi (B) B. Hirsekorn/T. Kridl J. Robinson/M. Van Tamelen (B) J. Girand/M. Van (C) J. Vadeboncoeur/I. Bar-29 M. Van Tamelen/M. Larkin Tamelen Nir M. Petersen/M. Kelly (C) R. Lynch/D. Levin (A,B&C) N. Wang/J. Tseng T. Shick/J. Chognard 23 T. Moalem/M. Hafezi M. Goodman/C. Lane (B) L. Mohr/G. Kucera Red Club (A&B) R. Scheidtmann/R. Unavailable Tuesday Noon BC Pollak (A&B) L. Mattis/A. Suares 1 30 (A&B) C. Donovan/C. (C) H. Harris/E. Schmitt Henkels (A&B) J. Brandon/R. Lynch Nov. 17 Unit E. Barlow/J. Min (C) L. Westerinen/H. Master (B&C) P. Tsu/K. Shaw 8 (A,B&C) H. Harris/E. Schmitt Trophy Game (A&B) A. Robertson/E. Wed. Aft. 49er** Edwards 2 T. Stevens/A. Suares (C) J. Mattis/J. Chui Figueiredo M. Thompson/O. Tangney N. & T. Ito 15 A2 Kathy Harper/James O'Neil (B) R. Nelson/B. Larsen (C) D. Lowe/R. Gutmann 9 T. Stevens/D. Doolittle A3B2 Julianne & Roy Robinson N. & T. Ito J. Seiff/E. Tromovitch A4 Tahir Gokcen/Don Rothschild (A&B) T. Aberg/J. Cook (C) J. Chui/C. Neubauer 16 A5 Gary Macgregor/Heather F. Charney/J. McNeil T. Stevens/D. Doolittle Cutting A6B3C1 Lisbeth Blum/Merle (A&B) T. Letchfield/C. Naar (C) B. Kates/E. Gorlin 23 22 D. Armstrong/S. Atkinson A. Nattrass/M. Soltz Orelove (A&B) C. Mahoney/M. Baird (C) J. & M. Newell 30 B4 Todd Bendigkeit/Henryk N. & T. Ito Szejnwald 29 Closed B5 Lou Frost/Carencay Hanel Cotton Club C2 Suzanne Hassid/Leslie Kelly 2 Under 200 Bridge Club H. Macdonell/C. Cole C3 Louise Doying/ Bernadine D. Fecher/R. French Combined with Tuesday Noon Donoghue 9 J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch BC, except: C4 Bernie Loth/Barbara Franklin (A) R. Nelson/B. Larsen(B) D. Doolittle/T. Stevens P. Saunders/N. Mohanram 29 F. & C. Grant J. Parks/L. Lettis 16 K. Reis/D. Gardner 23 J. Stanczak/H. Macdonell (B) F. Charney/J. McNeil G. Venkatesh/N. Mohanram 30 A. & D. Foti G. Venkatesh/N. Mohanram *Includes lesson and hand records with analysis

A. & J. El Sadi (A,B&C) C. Flickinger/N. Robinson (A,B&C) G. Uz/V. Rachman P. Kronfeld/R. Passal P. Cornelius/K. Siedenburg

Saturday One Club 5 B. Figueiredo/H. Deeby (B) P. Gross/G. Leitstein A. Gallas/M. Brabb (B) M. Livenspargar/E. Makowski P. Chambers/M. Yates 12 H. Sung/S. Hughes (B) M. Randolph/E. Worcester 19 P. & R. Chambers (B) E. & E. Jacobi (C) R. Hanna/L. McKenna (A&B) G. Gecht/M. Fleisher

(C) M. Anderson/M. Pace (A&B) V. Vidwans/R. Gupta 26 C. & W. Brigham (B) A. Templeton/B. Sonsini (C) J. Green/J. Shaffer

Sunday Sunday Aft. BC

6	E. Jacobi/P. Chambers
	(B) B. Leonard/J. Chognard
	(Tie) R. Chambers/E. Jacobi
	(Tie-A&B) M. & T. Randolph
13	P. Chambers/B. Sonsini

- (A&B) J. Williams/W. Russell (A&B) J. williams/w. Rus (A&B) M. & T. Randolph M. Berg/F. Frates III (B) A. Drummond Hay/R. 20 Senior H. Narasimhan/V. Vidwans (B&C) M. Moore/G. Porter
- (A&B) F. Frates III/M. Moore (C) M. Fikes/L. Kelly 27



Chuck Lane

I am a Realtor affiliated with Coldwell Banker. Bridge is my #1 hobby. I started playing bridge as a child; continued in college and then dropped out for around 10 years. I enjoy the game, the people and the competition. I try not to take the game too seriously. Other activities include affiliation with a HOA Board of Directors, including service as President for several years; volunteer work for Santa Clara County ARIS, food and emotional support for people. Also worked with Partners In Caring, Stanford Hospital.



Frank Frates

Current District 21 Unit representative, Board member, 1992-1997, served two years as Unit President. It will be my pleasure to rejoin the 2003 Board and to work with its dedicated volunteers in maintaining the ambiance that we have all enjoyed.

Meet the Candidates



Ethel Worcester

(Incumbent) In Palo Alto 40+ years, retired from Wells Fargo, 2 adopted Korean granddaughters, Allied Arts Auxiliary, travel, cooking, entertaining. Unit Membership Sunshine Committee Chair, Kibitzer distribution and mailing. Would like to remain on Board to continue to contribute to assist the Unit in a significant way.



Merle Orelove

(Incumbent) Semi-retired realtor, finds bridge more fun than selling houses. Founder of "Alaska Travel Adventures," a tour company featuring rafting, kayaking, canoeing in Alaska. Cancer survivor, counsels pre- and post- surgery cancer patients. Has 2 daughters, 3 stepdaughters and 1 granddaughter. Loves to hike, bike, swim. Designer and knitter of hand knit garments. Current Unit VP, Firecracker 2003 site search and tournament committee, Firecracker 2000 Sect'l chair.



Carla Davis

Current bridge teacher. Formerly worked in various insurance offices. Grew up with bridge. Played in the first duplicate opened by the Goudzwards in Palo Alto. Secretary/Treasurer on first Unit Board. Former director, but prefers teaching. Silver Life Master. Also enjoys tennis (her other love until the knees gave out), theater including ushering at MV Center for Performing Arts, swimming, football and baseball fan. Pleased with Unit teaching program, hopes to encourage students to join duplicate, preferably in their own section.



Dave Wheeler

My father and mother played in this unit for many years. I started playing bridge in the Palo Alto Unit about 40 years ago. I stopped playing when my kids and job took too much time. Now my youngest kid is 33 and I have no job and I can play again!!! I am looking forward to serving on the Board of Directors as, I think, if you're going to take advantage of an organization you should contribute to it as well.

Official Ballot – 2002 Election - Unit 503

Select no more than six (6) of the following candidates:

Carla Davis ____ Dave Wheeler ____ Merle Orelove ____ Frank Frates ____ Ethel Worcester ___ Chuck Lane ____

Write-In:

Only a ballot received in a sealed envelope with a **legible signature on the outside** is valid. Deposit ballot in box at your local club or mail it to Ginger Herrick, 12760 Dianne Dr. Los Altos, CA 94022, or vote by email to ginger@picogram.com by specifying above slate or list names. You may also bring your ballot to the Unit game at 1 p.m. on December 22.

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Sherie's Monday Game	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	EZ Bridge	<50 M.P.	7:15 p.m.	Faye Parsons	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
TUES	Tuesday Noon BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	"Under 200" Club	<200 M.P.	I 2:00 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	Alpine BC	Open/Strat.	I 2:00 p.m.	Cameron Cotton	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Kevin's Tuesday Night BC	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Kevin O'Leary	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
WED	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	2639A Terminal Street, Mountain View
	Wed Aft. 49er	<50 M.P.	I:30 p.m	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	The Cotton Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Cameron Cotton	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
THUR	Thur. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Sherie's BC	Open/Strat.	I 2:30 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg	4000 Middlefield Road, Room M4, Palo Alto
	BRIDGE LESSONS	Grant Series	5 7:00 p.m.	Frank Smoot	2639A Middlefield Road, Mountain View
	Red Club	Open/Strat		Will Watson	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Red Club	Under 200	7:15 p.m.	Will Watson	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
FRI	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Coleman/Van Zandt	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	l:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View

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TIME VALUE—DATED MATERIAL

Upcoming Events:

Charity game, Monday, November 28, 11:00 a.m., Sherie's Game Sectional, Friday, December 6 at Orangevale Community Center
Club championship, Monday, December 2, 11:00 am, Sherie's Game
Club championship, Thursday, Dec 4, 11:00 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
Club championship, Thursday, December 5, 12:30 p.m. Sherie's BC
Charity game, Thursday, December 5, 7:15 p.m., Red Club
Holiday STAC, Monday, Dec. 17 to Sunday, Dec 22 - all clubs
Unit Election party, Treasure Chest, Holiday STAC, Sunday, Dec 22, 1 pm, Bridge Center

Closed Tues., Dec. 24, Tuesday Noon "under 200' and Night BC Closed Wednesday, December 25, all clubs New Year's Eve pot luck, bridge, Dec. 31, 6 p.m., Bridge Center Closed Wednesday, January 1, Cotton Club

Palo Alto Unit 503 Board:

Pat McFerren, President Merle Orelove, Vice President Claire Coleman, Secretary Albert Pagin, Treasurer Cres Cole Ginger Herrick Gloria Leitstein Kevin O'Leary Barbara Sonsini Ethel Worcester

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