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Raise the Stars & Stripes for the Firecracker Sectional - July 3-7



Celebrate the July 4 holiday time with bridge at the fabulous Palo Alto Firecracker Sectional!

The tournament gets underway at the Elks Lodge on Wednesday evening, July 3 and continues through Sunday, July 7.

The program features a variety of events including knockout teams, Swiss teams, stratified open pairs and stratified intermediate/novice pairs. The intermediate/novice pair games are on the schedule every session every day. Players can keep both bridge and holiday barbecues and fireworks in their plans, because the schedule allows for an early finish on both Thursday, July 4 and Sunday July 7, with a second session start time of 4:30 p.m. The Sectional flyer, reprinted on page 4 shows the tournament schedule in detail.

Play begins on Wednesday evening with stratified open pairs and intermediate/novice pairs for players with under 200 points, with the same agenda on Thursday afternoon and evening. There will be a separate area for the players in the intermediate/novice division with stratification for players with 0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100 and 0-200 points. Knockout team rounds begin on Friday afternoon and continue that same evening and all day Saturday. Again, stratified open pairs and intermediate/novice pairs will be on the program both Friday and Saturday. The tournament concludes with the popular Swiss teams in a strati-flighted format.

Chairman Lorna Corbetta has chosen a top-flight committee for a well-organized event.

Mary Ann Larkin will chair the hospitality committee, Ginger Herrick will be at the partnership desk and Gloria Leitstein will direct the caddies. To make this tournament even more special, there will be door prizes, which will go to those players who are extra lucky.

Anyone willing to help out with set-up on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. or take-down and clean-up on Sunday evening should phone Lorna at 650/948-2995. To volunteer for partnership or hospitality committees, contact the respective chair or Lorna.

Be with all your bridge friends, join the fun at the Firecracker Sectional!

Coming ASAP—Our New Bridge Center

The Unit had to postpone the original move on May 1, because the City of Mountain View specified remodeling of the bathrooms to satisfy the code for handicap access. This required new drawings by the architect, their submission to the City and approval by the City. The latter always takes extra time because of the usual red tape.

As the Kibitzer goes to press on Wednesday, May 15, the Unit is happy to report real progress on the new Bridge Center at 2639A Terminal Blvd in Mountain View. Today, the City approved the drawings for the bathrooms, the painting is underway, the ceiling tiles are installed, the handicap parking painted and the bathroom remodeling is in progress. The carpet installation is scheduled for the week of May 19.

The new target date is Saturday, May 25. Keep your fingers crossed. If real luck is with us, it might even be a few days earlier.

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Come Celebrate!

To All Bridge Teachers: *If you want to post your lessons on our web site, please e-mail your information to alantempleton@mac.com.*

Unit to Dedicate New Bridge Center with Pro-Am Party

Sunday, June 9 is the day the Unit players have been waiting for over two years. Yes, it's finally here! the gala celebration party for the Unit's new Bridge Center, located on Terminal Blvd. in Mountain View. The Unit invites all players to come admire the excellent playing area, greet old friends, meet new ones, enjoy a pot-luck and of course, play bridge.

Come for the party at noon and bring your favorite dish, i.e., appetizer, salad or side dish. The Unit will serve a turkey platter and cake. Game time for this popular Unit Pro-Am event, with a drawing by the Am participants for a pro partner, is 1 p.m. The Unit shall post sign-up lists to reserve with playing level, pro or am (under 200 points) and contribution to the pot-luck.

Players may also reserve with Kevin O'Leary at 650/965 1826 or email oleary20@pacbell.net Please observe the Wednesday, June 5 deadline.

To reach the Bridge Center at 2639A Terminal Blvd, take San Antonio Road to the end at the bay, turn right and the Center is in the second building on the right.

Sympathy

The Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to the families and friends of three Unit members: Ann Bingham, Clara King and Faith Lentz, who passed away in April.



Player Advancements

The ACBL April 1 printout shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

Sectional Master

50 MP

Regional Master

100 MP

NABC Master

200 MP

Life Master

300 MP

Bronze LM

500 MP

Silver LM

1000 MP

Andre Dermant, Marjory Lawrence,

Robert Lawrence, CM Lindauer

Tong Neo Choo, Audrey Mitchell,

Qixiang Sun

Adam Meyerson, Merle Orelove

Louise Doying, Marian Kelly,

Kurt Siedenberg

Michael Heymann, Albert Pagin

Patricia McFerren, Lori Spaeth

Questions

When you sit down with a new partner, you agree on some general principles, but you don't usually have time to discuss all of the possible bidding situations that may come up. But if you have a regular partner, you should both agree on what every possible bid means. That is a tall order. Some years ago one of the top players in Los Angeles said he had a list of 35 bidding questions that he asked anyone that was his regular partner for more than three games. Maybe he was exaggerating, but every time I play there is at least one hand where my opponents fail to understand each other. Here are some situations that have come up. You and your partner should agree on the answers to the questions—notice that there is no "correct" answer to each question. The important thing is that you agree on the answer.

1. Partner opens one no trump. You bid 2 clubs. Partner bids 2 diamonds. You bid two in a major, showing 5-4 in the majors. Is your last bid forcing or to play?
2. Partner opens one no trump. You hold five in each major. How do you show this and indicate a weak hand? An invitation? A force to game?
3. Partner opens one no trump. You bid 2 clubs. Partner bids 2 spades. You bid three clubs. Is your

by Gersh Wheeler

last bid forcing or to play?

4. Partner opens one no trump. Opponent overcalls 3 diamonds. You bid 3 spades. Is your 3 spades forcing or to play? If forcing, does it show a diamond stopper?
5. Your left-hand opponent opens one heart. Partner doubles. Your right hand opponent bids one spade. You double. What does your double mean?
6. Your left-hand opponent opens one heart. Partner doubles. Your right hand opponent redoubles. You bid one no trump. What does this mean?
7. You open one no trump. After two passes, your right hand opponent bids 2 spades. You and your left hand opponent pass. What does it mean if partner doubles? Bids 2NT? Bids 3 clubs?
8. Your left-hand opponent opens one spade. Partner bids one no trump. You are playing "systems on". Your right hand opponent passes. You bid 2 hearts. This can't be a transfer to spades (opponent's suit). If you wanted to play in hearts, you'd bid 2 diamonds. What does your two-heart bid mean?

Get the Kibitzer By E--Mail

The *Kibitzer* staff is now sending the monthly *Kibitzer* by email via Adobe Acrobat 5.0 available free from the web site. The Unit invites the members and players, especially those who receive the *Kibitzer* in the US mail, to enroll, because it has a potential for a considerable financial saving. When you receive the *Kibitzer* by email, it offers a special convenience. No need to search for a copy at your local club or wait for the mailman's delivery, just print the *Kibitzer* on your PC. And... it's in color!

To enroll in the *Kibitzer* email service, send an email to Lori at spaeth@sbcglobal.net.



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Palo Alto, CA
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Palo Alto
Firecracker
Sectional

July 3rd - July 7th 2002



All Pairs – Single Session		Stratified Events	
Wednesday, July 3rd			
Stratified Open Pairs	7:30 pm	A	1500+
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	7:30 pm	B	500-1500
Thursday, July 4th		C	0-500
Stratified Open Pairs	11:00 am		
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	11:00 am		
Friday, July 5th			Intermediate/Novice Pairs
Prime Time KO-Rounds 1&2	1:00 pm		(Stratified As Needed)
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 pm		
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	1:00 pm	D	0-200
Saturday, July 6th		E	0-100
Prime Time KO-Rounds 3&4	1:00 pm	F	0-50
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 pm	G	0-20
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	1:00 pm	H	0-5
Sunday, July 7th			
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	10:00 am		
Strati-Flighted Open Swiss	10:00 am		
(7 Boards/7 Matches [Finish by 7:00 pm] 20 Victory Points – Break after the 4 th round)			

Fees: \$8.00 per person, per session. Free parking. Non Smoking (Hospitality Breaks)

Tournament Director: Jay Magid.

Tournament Chair: Lorna Corbetta (650) 566-8994

Sanction#S0207035.

Partnerships: Ginger Herrick (650) 948-2995

Directions: From Highway 101 take San Antonio Road south to El Camino Real, turn right and go .7 of a mile. Elks Lodge is on the right just before Rickey's Hyatt House.



April 2002 Winners' Circle



Compiled by Alan Templeton

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 1 (A&B) C. Lin/M. Chen
F. Dickman/H. Bennett
(A&B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van Tamelen
- 8 H. Narasimhan/I. Rose
(B) J. Von Gehr/J. Robinson
(A&B) L. Spaeth/E. Jacobi
M. Berg/M. Hafezi
(B) E. McCarthy/Å. Arnold
J. O'Neil/G. Macgregor
(B) A. Oliff/J. Von Gehr
- 22 H. Solleder/A. Levy
(A&B) C. Lin/M. Chen
P. & R. Chambers
(B-Tie) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler
(B-Tie) D. Richerson/J. Chognard
(A&B) M. Brabb/D. Lowry

Palo Alto BC

- 1 D. Shannahan/S. Fikes
Å. Battle/E. Page
- 8 H. Macdonell/J. Burlingame
Canning/Hornback
- 15 Parks/McCarthy
M. Slater/Kelly
- 22 H. Sung/L. Sung
M. Slater/A. Templeton

Tuesdays

Alpine BC

- 2 P. & R. Chambers
B. Leonard/M. Slater
A. Arnold/N. Rodgers
F. Miller/B. Sonsini
- 9 V. Herrick/M. Yates
V. Jaffe/P. Blakely
L. Prim/B. Liddicoat
C. Cole/W. Sumner
- 16 B. Krop/K. Harper
T. Ross/M. Yates
R. Kilner/E. Beckwith
M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
- 23 R. Heller/H. Silver
C. Brigham/R. Chambers
S. Fikes/D. Shannahan
D. Duncan/C. Binasiak
- 30 D. Wheeler/B. Krop
W. Pomeroy/S. Greenberg
N. Evans/A. Arnold
J. Brown/P. Tsu

Tuesday Noon BC

- 2 M. Thompson/C. Brigham
(B) I. & W. Price
(C) E. Moley/J. Carollo
(A,B&C) J. Mattis/F. Bennett
- 9 H. Narasimhan/R. Stolee
(B) A. & R. Rice
(C) E. Moley/J. Carollo
M. Goodman/C. Lane
(B&C) F. Charney/J. McNeil
H. Narasimhan/R. Chambers
(B) L. Mattis/T. Stevens
(C) C. Parker/B. Garrett
J. Flocks/R. Stolee
(B) J. Dammann/J. Thornley
(C) F. Charney/J. McNeil
(A&B) L. Mattis/C. Naar
(C) G. & J. Piaget
R. Stolee/E. Jacobi
- 23 (B) A. Story/R. Jastremski
(C) J. Hyams/J. Bedke
M. Berg/L. Spaeth
(B&) G. & J. Piaget
J. Flocks/M. Hafezi
(B) J. Keehan/E. Kates
(C) F. Charney/J. McNeil

Under 200 Bridge Club

Included in Tuesday Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC*

- 2 H. Deeby/L. Gaines
(B) Ramirez/E. Burns
(A,B&C) K. Hagan/C. Lee
- 9 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(B) F. Gonzalez/B. Briant
J. O'Neil/G. Macgregor
(A&B) R. Haines/M. Moore
- 16 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(B) C. & H. Lindauer
M. Brabb/M. Moore
(B) A. Cummings/S. Morley
- 23 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch
- 30 P. McFerren/C. Hanel
(A&B) K. Siedenburg/C. Larsen
M. Moore/M. Brabb
(B) J. Samuels/K. Mills

*Hand records provided

Wednesdays

Bridge N Brunch

- 3 Closed
- 10 H. Narasimhan/H. Solleder
- 17 H. Narasimhan/Cindy
M. Hafezi/D. Lowry
- 24 W. Coke/V. Herrick
G. Flocks/H. Solleder

Wed. Aft. 49er**

- 3 C. & C. Johnson
F. Bennett/J. Chui
- 10 A. Sperry/N. Blais
J. & M. Newell
- 17 D. Doolittle/G. Williams
M. Pais/D. Armstrong
- 24 B. Coyle/J. Sheppard
F. Bennett/J. Chui

Cotton Club

- 3 Closed
- 10 J. Kuhn/A. Lin
N. Mohanran/G. Venkatero
- 17 R. Ipswitch/J. Harpootlian
V. Blume/P. Kueffer
- 24 H. Deeby/P. Seal
P. Kamas/P. McFerren

**Includes lesson and hand records with analysis.

Fridays

Friday Morning BC

- 5 M. Yates/H. Solleder
(A&B) M. Van Tamelen/N. Robinson
E. Jacobi/H. Bennett
(A&B) A. Cummings/S. Morley
- 12 S. Greenberg/R. McNeil
(B) J. Brown/V. Herrick
(A&B) J. Robinson/P. Tsu
- 19 (Tie) M. Yates/R. Chambers
(Tie) H. Narasimhan/H. Solleder
(A&B) A. Arnold/N. Evans
(A&B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
- 26 H. Solleder/H. Narasimhan
(B) E. Kridl/V. Herrick
W. Bidermann/G. Simpson
(B) M. O'Malley/E. Worcester
(B&C) A. Cummings/S. Morley

Friday Night Barometer

Temporarily Closed

Thursdays

Sherie's BC

- 4 V. Burkman/C. Weiler
C. Binasiak/D. Duncan
L. Chaffee/J. Franke
S. Cahn/J. Brandon
- 11 E. Ehrman/R. Husain
C. Binasiak/D. Duncan
S. Waki/C. Maggipinto
A. Story/R. Jastremski
- 18 A. Templeton/C. Cole
M. Slater/I. Frymire
J. Sogg/C. Kwiatek
R. Jastremski/A. Story
- 25 Liddicoat/Lynch
Pledger/Kechler
Burkman/Weiler
Duncan/Binasiak

Thursday Aft. BC

- 4 (A&B) N. Evans/A. Arnold
B. Sonsini/C. Cotton
(B) B. & D. Altman
C. Hanel/L. Frost
(B) M. Chen/F. Miller
M. Hafezi/G. Yang
(B) C. Lin/J. Lee
- 11 P. & R. Chambers
(B) B. Hirsekorn/B. Sonsini
J. Flocks/E. Herrmann
(A&B) V. Herrick/J. Von Gehr
- 18 G. Wheeler/R. Friend
(B) F. Miller/A. Gallas
K. Maxfield/C. Cotton
(B) K. Lorimer/C. Macey
- 25 H. Narasimhan/R. Chambers
(A&B) B. Olmo/R. Heller

Red Club

- 4 (A&B) L. Gaines/P. Cornelius
- 11 F. McWilliams/Y. Chen
(B&C) F. Gonzalez/S. Wicka
L. Sink/J. Hoffman
(B) G. Porter/K. Siedenburg
(C) S. Chen/M. Fleisher
(A&B) M. Heymann/F. Chasalow

Saturdays

One Club

- 6 D. Brown/T. Pearson
(B) J. Chognard/E. Worcester
C. & W. Brigham
(B) J. Robinson/M. Moore
- 13 P. & R. Chambers
(B) R. Singer/F. Miller
H. Narasimhan/P. Cornelius
(A&B) S. Chen/M. Fleisher
- 20 C. Bjorklund/A. Levy
(B) B. Figueiredo/H. Deeby
J. Flocks/J. Von Gehr
(A&B) M. Slater/J. Burlingame
- 27 M. Yates/B. Steele
(B) J. Robinson/M. Larkin
(A&B) B. Sonsini/L. Mohr

Sundays

Sunday Aft. BC

Temporarily closed

The schedule below is effective at the opening of the new Bridge Center. Please check with directors:

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Palo Alto BC	Open	10:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	JCC, 655 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto
	Bridge Mix	Open	11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire	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.	12:00 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	Alpine BC	Open	12:15 p.m.	Cameron Cotton	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
WED	Kevin's Tuesday Night BC	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Kevin O'Leary	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg/	2639A Terminal Street, Mountain View
	Wed Aft. 49er	<50 M.P.	1:30 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
THUR	The Cotton Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Cameron Cotton	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Thur. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Sherie's BC	Open/Strat.	1:00 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg	JCC, 655 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto
FRI	Red Club	Open/Strat.	7:15 p.m.	Will Watson	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Coleman/Van Zandt	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Friday Night Barometer	To be announced			
SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	To be announced			

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Upcoming Events:

Regional, Monday May 27 at Sacramento, Doubletree Hotel
Sectional, Saturday, June 8 at San Francisco Rec Ctr for Handicap
Sectional, Saturday, June 24 at Hollister IOOF Hall



FIRECRACKER SECTIONAL

Wednesday, July 3 - Sunday, July 7, Elks Lodge

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 4:00 p.m.

Bridge Center, 2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View

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