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Palo Alto Unit 503

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## Earn Extra Points at April 13 Charity Pairs

The Unit has scheduled an ACBL Charity Open Pairs for Sunday, April 13 at 1 p.m. It will replace the regularly Sunday Afternoon club game. Because Charity club championship awards are 85% of sectional rating, this is an excellent opportunity to add some extra points and move up in the ACBL ranking. The game fee will be \$7.

The ACBL has named the National Hospice Foun-

ation as Charity of the Year. This organization addresses the needs and desire of terminally ill patients, their families and loved ones. Its mission is to expand America's vision for end of life care

Add extra enjoyment to your bridge at this Unit event with hand records, name tags and a friendly and congenial ambience.

## Frost Team Wins Swiss

At the Unit Swiss teams on Sunday afternoon, March 16 the undefeated team of Lou Frost, Carencay Hanel, Elinor Tanck and Carla Davis scored a one point win with 61 victory points. First in C went to the team of Chris Laxarovici, Fabien Lubais, and Ioana and Victor Galis. This event proved its popularity by the 20-table participation with 7 teams ranked B and 7, C. Readers will find the overalls on the Winners Circle page. Much appreciation goes to Will Watson for directing and managing the game.

## Board Meeting Notes

At the March 4 Board meeting, Merle Orelove reported that Arlene Levy would serve as the Unit alternate at District 21 meetings. Also, Barbara Sonsini volunteered to be the chair of the Mentor Program.

This was the annual membership meeting as required by the Unit bylaws. No member submitted any issues for discussion.

## 2003 Unit Game Schedule

Tournament Chairman Carla Davis has set the following schedule:

April 13	Open Pairs
May 25	Mixed/Open Pairs
June 8	Masters/Non-masters Pairs
August 17	Swiss Teams
September 21	Individual
October 5	NAOP D-21 Qualification
November 16	Sports. Trophy Pairs-Pot Luck
December 21	Individual/ Election Holiday Party

All games are Sunday afternoon.

## Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Diana Bryan, Joyce Castellino, Sally Corley, Kris Klint, Marjorie Lundquist, Susan Matthews Alice Simpson and Colleen Stone. Hello, to James Cornell and Rajeev Gupta, who have transferred into our Unit.

NOVICE – INTERMEDIATE DUPLICATE  
the **fun** 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

## Table Talk



Unit member Carole Parker and her partner Eddie Saxe (San Jose Unit) gained 11.56 master points in the 299er games at the Santa Clara Regional. On Wednesday, they placed second; on Sunday afternoon, they placed first overall and in the evening, placed second overall. On Monday, they were members of a team, which placed first in the morning and second in the afternoon.. Carole remarked, "After being stuck at just under 20 master points for so long, this felt really nice."

Lorna Corbetta and Ethel Worcester, chairs of the Hospitality and Partnerships at the February Regional, thank the Unit members who helped out: Mary Ann Berg, Shirley Blum, Maria Brabb, Bernadine Donoghue, Louise Doying, Gene Drew, Marcia Fikes, Ginger Herrick, Mary Ann Larkin, Eleanor McCarthy, Pat McFerren, Martie Moore, Kevin O'Leary, Mary O'Malley, Roy and Julianne Robinson, Sue Shanahan and Polly Tsu.

A member reports that while searching the web for "Palo Alto Bridge" on Google, a journal entry from a young man, who played in one of our games in 1999 at Elwell, popped up. It was a very thoughtful report of his day. One particular paragraph leaped out: "One difference between the club and the match at the tournament last summer was that few people said hello, asked our names, or were chatty at all. I presume that this is because they all pretty much knew everyone, and knew Ben as well. So I was the only new person. It did make the atmosphere a little less comfortable, though. [*emphasis added*] The first pair we played against were among the friendlier ones, however, which helped." This illustrates how important it is for everyone to be particularly sensitive to make sure new players are made to feel welcome.

NEXT BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, April 1  
3:45 p.m.—Bridge Center

## Safety First

by Ernst Jacobi

	North	
	♠AK43	
	♥J9	
	♦876	
	♣AK10642	
West		East
	South	
	♠Q52	
	♥K102	
	♦A542	
	♣Q9	

South plays 3NT. West leads the 4 of hearts to the 9, the 3 from East, to your 2. You are playing a "team" game, how can you assure the game?

Solution: You play a small club to the 9 so that East does not take the lead. Even if West has the jack, your king of hearts is protected and you can always make a minimum of 10 tricks.

## District 21 Installs New Website

Players will be glad to hear that District 21 has a new website. The address is

<http://www.d21acbl.com>

Add it to your list of favorites. The new site is an improvement many times over than the outdated previous one.

## Player Advancements

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

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Allan Wolman
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Freya Charney
<u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP	Ruthann Lynch
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	James Coons, Jan Samuels, Joan Shaffer
<u>Silver LM</u> 1000 MP	Julianne Robinson



# February 2003 Winners' Circle



Compiled by Alan Templeton

## Monday

### Bridge Mix

- 3 M. Yates/C. Brigham  
(B) L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler  
N. Wolf/P. Saunders  
(B) M. & S. Sterngold  
10 M. Yates/P. Saunders  
(B) V. Herrick/P. Tsu  
L. Spaeth/R. Chambers  
(A&B) S. Maisel/R. Pollak  
(C) G. Leitstein/L. Blum  
17 Closed  
24 M. Berg/D. Wheeler  
(B) E. Chen/J. Tseng  
C. Dietz/L. Foss  
(A&B) N. Mohanram/G.  
Venkatesh

### Sherie's Monday Game

- 3 A. Mollard/D. Hornback  
(B&C) S. Atkinson/K. Osumi  
(A,B&C) J. Keehan/T.  
McCaffrey  
10 (A&B) E. Edwards/J. Girand  
(B&C) A. Soares/E.  
Tromovitch  
(A,B&C) J. Keehan/T.  
McCaffrey  
17 Closed  
24 (A&B) M. Marx/L. Kelly  
(B&C) D. Kelley/H. Fletcher  
H. Sung/S. Hassid  
(A&B) J. Franke/D. Halden  
(B&C) F. Stanton/B. Wurzburg

## Tuesday

### Alpine BC

- 4 B. Krop/K. Harper  
C. Weiler/M. Diamond  
F. Miller/R. Singer  
A. Foti/K. Hergatt  
11 N. Evans/J. Robinson  
A. Foti/K. Hergatt  
P. & R. Chambers  
H. & R. Huffaker  
18 N. Evans/J. Harpootlian  
A. Templeton/N. Stevens  
J. Hodges/L. Finkelstein  
L. Spaeth/R. Stolee  
25 R. Williams/E. Jacobi  
M. Brabb/V. Herrick  
S. Fikes/D. Shannahan  
M. & T. Sato

### Tuesday Noon BC

- 4 (A&B) A. Soares/L. Mattis  
(Tie-C) J. Foss/S. Caeton  
(Tie-C) F. Bao/R. Smadi  
(A&B) I. & W. Price  
(C) A. Wolman/G. Williams  
11 (A&B) E. Moley/L. Carollo  
(C) G. Williams/A. Wolman  
J. Chien/C. Weiler  
(B) A. Story/R. Jastremski  
(C) B. Durey/D. Jones  
18 O. Tangney/M. Thompson  
(B) A. Story/R. Jastremski  
(C) D. Lowe/J. Chui  
R. Jacobs/M. Petersen  
(B) J. & L. Mattis  
(C) G. Williams/A. Wolman  
25 (A&B) A. Soares/J. Dammann  
(C) M. Payne/S. Swetka  
(A&B) W. & I. Price  
(C) M. Partney/A. Sebastian

**Under 200 Bridge Club**  
Combined with Noon BC

### Tuesday Night BC\*

- 4 P. McFerren/C. Hanel  
P. Cornelius/R. Williams  
11 Closed  
18 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak  
L. Frost/A. Cummings  
25 C. Bjorklund/E. Barlow  
(B&C) F. Herzer/R. Haines  
C. Davis/M. Wilson  
(A,B&C) G. Spaeth/P.  
Cardoza

\*Hand records provided

## Wednesday

### Bridge N Brunch

- 5 M. Hafezi/T. Bowman  
(B) J. Chognard/E.  
Worcester  
(C) B. Russell/D. Peacock  
(A,B&C) S. Atkinson/J.  
Hornback  
S. Blum/H. Bennett  
(A,B&C) R. & J. Israel  
12 Closed  
19 M. Hafezi/H. Macdonell  
(B) G. Leitstein/P. Gross  
J. Burlingame/C. Cole  
(A&B) K. Kelly/M. Slater  
(C) C. Henkels/C. Donovan  
26 E. Lowenthal/A. Oliff  
(B) L. Mohr/A. Templeton  
(A&B) N. Wang/D. Chang

### Wed. Aft. 49er\*\*

- 5 D. Kelley/N. Mohler  
F. Clark/E. Webster  
12 B. & L. Berg  
J. & N. Aderhold  
19 J. Kiernan/P. Yelvington  
D. Kelly/N. Mohler  
26 A. Quaife/C. Tutko  
F. Charney/J. McNeil

### Cotton Club

- 5 H. Narasimhan/G. Kucera  
J. Kelsey/R. Dannels  
12 Closed  
19 H. Szejnwald/T. Bendigkeit  
A. Cummings/S. Morley  
26 J. Kelsey/R. Dannels  
R. Bestock/M. Harris

\*\*Includes lesson and hand records  
with analysis

## Thursday

### Sherie's BC

- 6 N. Sicotte/L. Poole  
D. Foti/F. Omori  
B. Liddicoat/R. Jacobs  
T. & S. Schafer  
13 Closed  
20 J. Dammann/S. Barasch  
K. Reis/D. Gardner  
C. Binasiak/D. Duncan  
R. Husain/E. Ehrman  
M. Howe/K. Shaw  
27 E. Ehrman/R. Husain  
M. Smith/J. Leaver  
D. Hornback/N. Weiss

### Thursday Aft. BC

- 6 T. Bowman/R. Stolee  
(B) J. Chognard/M. Ellers  
M. Hafezi/R. Chambers  
(B) F. Bao/R. Smadi  
13 Closed  
20 B. Hirsekorn/P. Tsu  
(B) K. Lorimer/C. Macey  
J. Hodges/L. Finkelstein  
(B) N. Wang/J. Wu  
(A&B) P. Tsu/V. Herrick  
27 F. McWilliams/G. Kucera  
(B) T. Schick/A. Garber  
(B&C) G. Leitstein/L. Blum

### Red Club

Unavailable

## Friday

### Friday Morning BC

- 7 H. Narasimhan/W. Stuart  
(A&B) L. Spaeth/J. Samuels  
H. Bennett/A. Lalchandani  
(B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay  
14 Closed  
21 E. Jacobi/R. Stolee  
(A&B) N. Evans/A.  
Cummings  
D. Wheeler/L. Spaeth  
(B) M. Petersen/J. Leaver  
28 L. Mohr/H. Bennett  
(B) E. Chen/B. Hsu  
J. Min/E. Barlow  
(B) M. Slater/H. Sung

### Friday Night Barometer

- 7 (A&B) R. Ipswitch/J.  
Harpootlian  
(A,B&C) K. O'Leary/J.  
Klonizchii  
M. & M. Yancey  
(A&B) B. Figueiredo/H.  
Deeby  
(Tie-A,B&C) G. Gecht/M.  
Fleisher  
(Tie-A,B&C) D. & T. Fiero  
14 Closed  
21 (A,B&C) V. Vidwans/R.  
Gupta  
V. Laycock/R. Roche  
(B) H. Farhi/T. Snouse  
(C) V. Rivkin/B. Ginzburg  
28 P. Talia/F. Dickman  
(B) C. Davis/E. Tanck  
(B&C) N. Robinson/C.  
Flickinger  
(A,B&C) J. Singer/E. Ruben

## Saturday

### One Club

- 1 (A&B) D. Brown/S.  
Ravindran  
J. & R. Williams  
(B) J. & R. Robinson  
8 G. Min/E. Barlow  
(B&C) E. Schramm/A. Soares  
J. O'Neil/K. Harper  
15 Closed  
22 (A&B) P. Tsu/D. Hornback  
J. Hodges/L. Finkelstein  
(B) I. & V. Galis

## Sunday

### Sunday Aft. BC

- 2 L. Spaeth/F. Gonzalez  
(B&C) D. Wheeler/H. Bailey  
F. Frates III/L. Mattis  
(A&B) A. Cummings/J.  
Klonizchii  
(A,B&C) S. Atkinson/H. Blum,  
Jr.  
9 (A&B) A. Soares/C. Naar  
J. Flocks/M. Moore  
(B&C) C. Lazarovici/F.  
Lubais  
16 Closed  
23 M. Soules/R. Ng  
(A&B) P. Saunders/H. Deeby  
(Tie-B&C) D. & F. Weener  
(Tie-B&C) J. Chui/A. Soares  
(A&B) M. Moore/G. Porter  
(B&C) M. O'Malley/E.  
Worcester

## March 16 Unit Swiss Game

- 1A1B Lou Frost, Carencay  
Hanel, Elinor Tanck Carla Davis  
2A Margery Yate, Betsy  
Steele, Patricia Chambers, Robin  
Chambers  
3A2B Richard Sarsfield, Tania  
Moalem, Dana Brown, Prudence  
Saunders  
4A Sherie Greenberg,  
Diane Shannon, Edgar Simons,  
Donald Rothschild,  
5A Robert Ritz, Mike  
Cailean, Mike Roney, Franklin  
Lowenthal  
6A3B1C Chris Lazarovici, Fabien  
Lubais, Ioana Galis, Victor Galis  
4B2C Eric Anderson, Uri  
Lerner, Sunil Aihanya, Daren Kuo  
C3 Gloria Leitstein, Lisbeth  
Blum, Carolyn Kwiatek, Joyce  
Sogg  
5B Lori Spaeth, Barbara  
Sonsini, Derek Fiero, Teddi Fiero

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 Lesson	<50 M.P.	6:55 p.m.	Faye Parsons	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
TUES	EZ Bridge	<50 M.P.	7:15 p.m.	Faye Parsons	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	Tuesday Noon BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	Alpine BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 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/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	2639A Terminal Blvd., 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.	12:30 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg	4000 Middlefield Road, Room M4, Palo Alto
FRI	BRIDGE LESSONS	Grant Series	7:00 p.m.	Frank Smoot	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	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
SAT	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View

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## Upcoming Events:

**Sectional**, Friday, April 4 at Masonic Temple, San Jose  
**Club Championship**, Tuesday, April 8, Noon, Alpine BC  
**Club Championship**, Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m. The Cotton Club  
**Sectional**, Friday, April 11 at Double Tree Hotel, Modesto  
**Unit Charity Pairs**, Sunday, April 13 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center  
**Sectional**, Friday, April 25 at Iron Horse School, San Ramon

**STAC Western conference Week**, Monday May 5-Sunday May 11

To look up club game results:

<http://olearybridge.tripod.com>  
<http://watsonbridge.tripod.com>  
<http://greenbergbridge.tripod.com>  
<http://colemanbridge.tripod.com>

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