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Firecracker Sets Bridge World Ablaze!

The Unit Firecracker Sectional was fabulous! The unit hosted the annual sectional at Rickey's Hyatt on Wednesday, July 2 through Sunday, July 6.

There were 712.5 tables for 9 sessions with an average of 79 tables per session. This total easily tops the 660 in 2002. The 712 table-count is the largest since 2000 when there were 725 for 10 sessions. In 1998, the 9-session tournament had 748 tables. Was it the change in venue, the addition of a pairs game to the Sunday schedule, the earlier start and finish times, that increased the attendance?

The top attendance was on Saturday afternoon with 100.5 tables, followed closely with 100 on Thursday afternoon. The table count was 48.5 for Wednesday, 171.5 for Thursday, 159.5 for Friday, 168.5 for Saturday and 164.5 for Sunday. On Sunday, there were 69.5 teams in the Swiss and 25.5 in the pairs game. The I/N table count was 124, an average of 15.5 per session, versus a 14 average in 2002.

What makes a successful sectional? It's the hard work and dedication of many including the Firecracker Sectional chairman, Merle Orelove and her committee chair, Mary Ann Larkin in hospitality, Ginger Herrick with partnerships and Lorna Corbetta, caddy master. Equally important were the players who pitched in. The holiday decorations, personal warmth of committee members and the orderly tournament management, all played a part.

Hurrah for the Swiss! Play August 17



The Unit Swiss Teams is back again for the second time this year. The date is set for Sunday, August 17 at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center. This is a popular event, so please sign up your teams on the Bridge Center bulletin board by Friday, August 15. Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints are especially encouraged to participate. If there are enough teams there will be a separate 99er section for teams at this level. Also, sign up even if you only have a partial team and the coordinator will try to find teammates. Teams and players may

also notify their intention to participate by contacting Carla Davis at (650) 961-3731 or by email to carlafd@earthlink.net.

This event presents an excellent opportunity to fine tune tactics for team play in preparation for the Regional in Santa Clara later this month. As customary at Unit events, players will wear name tags and smiles.

Beginning Bridge Lessons Offered—see page 2



Unit Promotes Bridge for Newcomers

The Unit has a variety of plans to encourage new players in the development and enjoyment of the game. Tell your friends.

Beginning Bridge Classes

Starting Thursdays, on September 4, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Frank Smoot will teach beginning bridge classes. The Audrey Grant series of lessons (four 8-week lessons) is offered to beginners only once a year. This is Frank's eighth year of teaching this course—the only bridge classes offered in the evening. 25 recent graduates of Frank's class (which ended in May) played in the June 19 "Red Club" new player game. Cost: \$70 (includes book). Call Lori Spaeth (650) 947-9370 or Joan Von Gehr (650) 366-2554 for more information.

Easy Bridge

The Palo Alto Unit will sponsor Easy Bridge, an ACBL promotion, on Friday mornings from 9:00-11:30 a.m. starting September 12 at the Bridge Center. Each session, led by Carla Davis, consists of a 20-minute lesson followed by two hours of play. The cost of each session is \$6 with the first four free. There is a partner guarantee. Easy Bridge is really not for total beginners; they should have played some bridge. Total beginners should go to Frank's class (see above). Meet other bridge players and enjoy free snacks and coffee. For more information call Lori at (650) 947-9370 or Carla at (650) 961-3731 or carlafd@earthlink.com,

Mentor Program

On Friday, July 11, new mentors and mentees enjoyed an afternoon of lunch and bridge. There are still some mentors who need mentees. For further information about future program events, and to sign up as a mentor or mentee, contact Barbara Sonsini at (650) 851-4407.

Herrick Leads in Winner's Trophy Race

At the mid point after four events, Ginger Herrick is in first place in the Unit Winners Trophy standings followed by Marge Yates. The Unit gives this award to the member who scores the most masterpoints in the Unit games during the year. The standings of the top players are:

Ginger Herrick	7.80	Elinor Tanck	4.88
Marge Yates	7.54	Lou Frost	4.25
Betsy Steele	6.16	Carencay Hanel	4.25
Carla Davis	5.74	Jean Flocks	4.17
Don Rothschild	5.56	Martie Moore	4.17
Lori Spaeth	5.12		

NEXT BOARD MEETING Tuesday, August 5, 3:45 p.m. Bridge Center

Sympathy

Mary Ellers, a very gracious lady, died recently. We also say goodbye to Todd Bendigkeit who died Wednesday evening, July 10, after suffering a heart attack. Todd, who had juvenile diabetes, was an amazingly upbeat person. We will miss them both.

The Unit officers and members also extend their sincere condolences to Ada Elliot on the recent passing of her son and to Sue Koppett on the death of her husband Leonard.

WE APPRECIATE...

Hospitality, partnership, setup and take-down crew: Claire Coleman, Barbara Sonsini, Alan Cummings, Missy Coy, Perry Seals, Caroline Macey, Mary O'Malley, Pat Chambers, Marge Yates, Louise Doying, Bernadine Donoghue, Chuck Lane, Jeanne and Bill Pomeroy, Kathie Shaw, Gloria Leitstein, Don and Vicki Laycock, Sid Lorvan, Gene Drew, Merle Orelove, Lorna Corbetta, Ginger Herrick, Elinor Tanck, Mary Ann Berg, Martie Moore and Eleanor McCarthy.



Player Advancements

The ACBL May 1 report shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

Junior Master	Michael Atherton,
5 MP	Gabrielle Bowling, Sally Forrest,
	Marjorie Lundquist,
	Nancy Mohler,
	John and Monica Williams
Club Master	Helen Taeng
20 MP	-
Sect'l Master	Frances Bennett
50 MP	
Reg'l Master	Joan Dammann, Rose Lachman
100 MP	Alice Story
NABC Master	Shirley Liebhaber
200 MP	•
Life Master	Alan Cummings, Patricia Kueffer
300 MP	Carolyn Kwiatek, Kathie Shaw
Bronze LM	Louis Finkelstein,
500 MP	Geoff Skidmore

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Ronald Croen, Janice McCullough, Judy Tanigam and Barbara Wilsey. Hello to those who recently transferred into the Unit: Nancy Cadwell, Tom Cadwell, Fabien Lubais and Florence Nesenblatt.

Try Something New at the Regional



Try something different and fun at the upcoming Santa Clara Regional. Play in the Prize Money Bridge event where everyone is on

equal footing, using the ACBL Standard Yellow Card. Sign up early and get a discount. Contact Carolyn Kwiatek at (650)961-7174 or cjfk4444@cs.com for more information. (Juniors, 26 and under, play at half price.)

Firecracker Financial Statement

Income	2003	<u>2002</u>
Number of Tables	712.5	660.5
Player Fees	\$24,183	\$21,151
Expenses		
ACBL fees	9396	8898
D-21 Supplies	891	827
Rent	6300	8750
Caddies	850	875
Hand records	150	150
Advertising	200	100
Other: Lights	N/A	330
Candy	314	200
Misc	128	398
Total Expenses	18,229	20,528
Net income	\$5,954	\$623

Smile! You Won



The Unit members listed below enjoyed their first overalls at the Firecracker Sectional. Karen Cano, Audrey Mitchell, Mike Harris, Ralph Bestock, Donal Duncan, Chester Binasik, Tom Snouse (2), Norma Homan, Marcie Pais, Alan Cummings (2), Sam Morley

(2), Peng Cheng, Donald Spaulding, John Twineham, Peter Friedland, Alice and Reginald Rice, Vandana Vidwans, Tokiko Kato, Yumiko Kato, Mark Robichek, Franz Lanzinger, Carolyn Bjorklund, Nancy Evans and Alice Arnold.



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Palo Alto Leaders in Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Race

The Mini-McKenney is for all points earned (club games and tournaments). Ace of Clubs is for masterpoints earned at club games only. Congratulations to the players who are in the lead at the Midpoint in 2003.

Mini-McKenney

Ace of Clubs

Rookie of the Year		Rookie of the Year		
Mr Fabien Lubais	13.28	Mr Fabien Lubais	11.62	
Mr Victor V Galis	8.81	Mary Linda Cook	6.14	
Ioana M Galis	8.81	Mr Victor V Galis	6.14	
		Ioana M Galis	6.14	
Junior Master		Junior Master		
Steve Barasch	26.45	Steve Barasch	25.59	
Ms Carole I Parker	21.80	Mr Allen J Wolman	13.46	
Helen Tseng	15.51	Jack A Birnbaum	8.69	
Club Master		Club Master		
Mr Larry Mohr	105.94	Mr David Wheeler	31.29	
Mr David Wheeler	35.71	Mrs Adeline Suares	26.07	
Mrs Adeline Suares	31.39	Sioux L Atkinson	13.67	
Sectional Master		Sectional Master		
Mr John S Mattis	41.99	Joan E Dammann	19.67	
Margo Parmacek	34.62	Mr Richard J Pollak	17.37	
Robert A McNeil	27.47	Mrs Jean C Brandon	16.46	
Regional Master	27.17	Regional Master	10.10	
Mr Neil Robinson	85.80	Leslie Kelly	27.53	
Ms Audrey A Mitchell	43.25	Ms Audrey A Mitchell	24.40	
Shirley Liebhaber	42.44	Jean Franke	22.96	
NABC Master	42.44	NABC Master	22.90	
Mr G Venkatesh	118.63	Ms Ann L Mollard	33.86	
Ms Carolyn J Kwiatek	68.41	Mr Alan A Cummings	22.72	
Mr Alan A Cummings	62.40	Franklin N Gonzalez	17.4	
Life Master	02.40	Life Master	17.4	
Mr Rajeev Gupta	101.67	Mrs Doreen K Hornback	35.52	
Mr J T Steffes	58.54	Martia A Fikes	19.44	
Mrs Doreen K Hornback	56.41	Mrs Marjorie L Howe	17.2	
Bronze Life Master Bronze Life Master Bronze Life Master		17.2		
Vandana N Vidwans	154.57	Mrs Mary Randolph	46.78	
Mr Narayan T Mohanram	112.85	Tom Randolph	46.43	
Mr Paul A Cornelius	105.68	Mrs Virginia K Herrick	42.00	
Silver Life Master	105.00	Silver Life Master	12.00	
Mrs Hansa Narasimhan	193.17	Mrs Lori E Spaeth	54.97	
Richard J Williams	175.37	Mrs Hansa Narasimhan	41.91	
Mrs Carolyn Bjorklund	171.5	Mrs Arlene H Levy	38.85	
Gold Life Master	1/1.3	Gold Life Master	36.63	
James R O'Neil	147.62	Mr Robin M Chambers	51.08	
Mr Robin M Chambers	137.66		44.36	
Mrs Patricia J Chambers	116.85	Mrs Margery A Yates Mrs Patricia J Chambers	43.06	
Diamond Life Master	110.03	Diamond Life Master	45.00	
	151.46		19.19	
Dr Gary Macgregor Dr Donald R Rothschild	131.46	Mrs Sherie Greenberg	19.19	
Dr Peter Friedland	98.68	Dr Gary Macgregor Dr Donald R Rothschild	18.87	
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June 2003 Winners' Circle





Compiled by Alan Templeton - Individual game results are at: http://www.accesscom.com/~unit503/gameresults.html

Monday

Bridge Mix

- V. Herrick/J. Von Gehr 2 (B) G. Venkatesh/K. Krishnakur
- (A&B) W. Sumner/D. Raider M. Yates/C. Brigham 9 (B) D. Wheeler/P. Tsu B. Beardsley/J. Fisher (B) G. Skidmore/W. Pomeroy
- (Tie) M. Berg/M. Hafezi (Tie) H. Narasimhan/A. Levy (B) C. Macey/I. Frymire
- (A&B) D. Wheeler/E. Tanck (A&B) A. Lalchandani/E. Jacobi B. Sonsini/G. Simpson
- (B&C) E. Chen/J. Tseng E. Jacobi/R. Williams (B) N. Wang/P. Tsu J. Flocks/L. Spaeth
 (B) M. & S. Sterngold

Sherie's Monday Game

- J. Tseng/P. Tsu S. & T. Schafer 2
- 9 A. Pagin/M. Moutoux P. Korn/J. Thornley
- S. & I. Krulevitch 16
- S. Barasch/D. Armstrong A. Pagin/M. Moutoux 23 B. Liddicoat/J. Franke
- 30 D. Hornback/J. Chien
- S. Maisel/R. Pollack

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 3 J. Chognard/E. McCarthy M. Parmacek/B. Oshman J. Schoenbrun/J. O'Neil M. Orelove/W. Sumner E. McCarthy/M. O'Malley
- M. Moutoux/A. Pagin J. Schoenbrun/J. O'Neil W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore L. Prim/B. Larsen
- B. Oshman/M. Parmacek H. Narasimhan/D. Wheeler
- S. Blum/H. Bennett F. Miller/R. Singer T. Kridl/J. Jamart H. Solleder/J. Von Gehr A. Levy/C. Coleman

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- Tuesday Noon BC (A&B) M. & R. Lawrence (C) M. Payne/S. Swetka (A,B&C) J. Rose/J. McCullough
- 10 (A&B) T. Letchfield/C. Naar (C) B. Kates/E. Gorlin (A&B) J. Chui/F. Bennett (C) A. Wolman/M. Payne
- 17 (A&B) A. & R. Rice (C) S. & R. Caeton T. Hall/J. Franke (B&C) S. Hollon/E. Webster (A&B) J. & M. Wu (C) G. Williams/A. Wolman R. Jacobs/M. Petersen (B) Y. Kano/E. Lissner (C) B. Durey/D. Jones
- (A&B) J. Mattis/J. Dammann (C) S. & R. Caeton (A&B) I. & W. Price (C) C. & J. Neubauer J. Newman/S. Field (B) L. Mattis/J. Chui (Tie-C) B. Kates/E. Gorlin (Tie-C) G. Williams/A. Wolman T. Hall/J. Franke (B) J. Keehan/E. Kates (C) B. Durey/D. Jones

Under 200 Bridge Club Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC*

- 3 P. Kamas/M. Čochran (A&B) F. Gonzalez/B. Briant L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
 (B) W. Bidermann/L. Wagner
- (A&B) J. Mrazek/S. Malek R. Passal/J. O'Neil (B) R. Pollak/C. Lazarovici
- (A&B) R. Haines/F. Herzer (B&C) S. Wicka/F. Gonzalez A. Cummings/L. Frost (A,B&C) R. Pollak/C. Lazarovici
- P. McFerren/C. Hanel (B) I. & V. Galis (A&B) B. Nene/C. Lazarovici

Wednesday Bridge N Brunch

- H. Solleder/R. Kilgren B. Chu/N. Wang
- F. Phillips/S. Greenberg 11
- G. Yang/B. Chu D. Chang/P. Tsu 18
- B. Beardsley/H. Corbin
- E. Lowenthal/A. Oliff 25 T. Moalem/S. Cook

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- Wed. Aft. 49er**
 D. Lowe/T. Hall
 M. Cook/K. Pickert
 M. Cook/K. Pickert 11
- C. Waller/C. Tutko.
 C. Karnos/M. Herbach
- 18 J. Vadasz/K. Smith
- 25 B. & L. Berg
- N. Anderson/S. Dinsmore

Cotton Club

- T. Bendigkeit/H. Szejnwald 4 S. Cagnina/J. Stanczak
- 11 K. O'Leary/S. Goldshine
- R. O'Brien/J. McCarthy
- 18 C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
- M. Moore/H. Solleder 25 Z. Mohammed/K. Talbot
- R. Yuenger/D. Kroll

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- S. Barasch/J. Cammann A. Robertson/J. Chui 5
 - E. Ehrman/R. Husein T. Birnbaum/S. Greenberg
- D. Kelley/D. Lowe A. Mollard/C. Gable 12
- J. Sogg/C. Kwiatek H. Sung/M. Kelly J. Keehan/T. McCaffrey B. Stern/J. Janetos
- F. Miller/A. Garber C. Weiss/L. King T. Letchfield/C. Naar 26
 - S. McGilvray/L. Poole R. Nelson/B. Larsen D. Duncan/C. Binasik

Thursday Aft. BC

- 5 B. Hirsekorn/C. Brigham (A&B) V. Vidwans/B. Nene R. Chambers/M. Hafezi (B) T. Schick/A. Garber (B&C) M. Orelove/K. Shaw
- 12 H. Narasimhan/P. Chambers (B&C) K. Lorimer/S. Thomas (A&B) M. Chen/J. Tseng (B&C) N. Wang/J. Wu
- (A&B) R. Stolee/E. Jacobi M. Hafezi/R. Chambers (B) B. Nene/D. Lowry (B&C) F. Bao/R. Smadi
- H. Narasimhan/J. Kelsey (B) D. Hornback/P. Tsu J. Flocks/R. Stolee (A&B) B. Leonard/N. Stevens (A,B&C) G. Leitstein/L. Blum

Red Club

Unavailable

Friday Friday Morning BC

- F. Dickman/H. Bennett G. Min/E. Barlow
- (B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller (B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
- P. Chambers/G. Leitstein
- F. Chambers/G. Letisterii C. Fay/C. McGorvin H. Narasimhan/R. Chambers (A&B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin (B) D. & J. McClintic
- P. Chambers/H. Narasimhan J. Hatfield/A. Levy
 - (B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller (B) M. Slater/H. Sung (C) D. Levin/R. Lynch

Friday Night Barometer

- 6 P. Kamas/M. Cochran (A&B) B. McCloy/L. Cicolani (B) R. Ravidrau/D. Brown (C) M. & M. Morris
- R. Ng/R. Rose G. Porter/W. Stuart (B) P. Cornelius/M. Fleischer
- (C) J. & J. Piaget 20 C. Hanel/L. Frost R. Ritz/R. Ng (B) K. Fanady/J. Coray
- (C) F. Gonzalez/J. Dobson F. Gonzalez/S. Wicka
- D. Shannon/D. Rothschild (B) P. Cornelius/G. Porter (C) G. Venkatesh/N. Mohanram

Saturday One Club (A,B&C) R. Pollak/C.

- Lazarovici K. Cheng/D. Kuo (A&B) M. Foos/M. Fleisher (B&C) J. & L. Mattis
- P. Chambers/B. Beardsley (B) P. Gross/H. Sterngold (A,B&C) D. Tokaj/R.
- Wojtczuk (A&B) T. Moalem/S. Cook (A,B&C) C. Lazarovici/B. Neme
 - T. Bowman/M. Moore (B&C) M. Orelove/J. Samuels M. & W. Mackinnon
- (A&B) E. Jacobi/L. Spaeth (A&B) D. & J. Gunther

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- M. Larkin/L. Corbetta M. Hafezi/B. Nene
- Unit Game
- M. Yates/B. Steele (A&B) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
- (B) V. Vidwans/R. Gupta K. Cheng/T. Yang M. Larkin/G. Herrick

C. Tataru/C. Cojocaru

(B) M. Soltz/L. Whelan 29 J. & D. McClintic

^{*}Hand records provided

^{**}Includes lesson and hand records with analysis

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix Sherie's Monday Game	Open/Strat.		Kevin/Bonnie/Claire Sherie Greenberg	
TUES	Tuesday Noon BC Alpine BC	Open/Strat. Open/Strat.		Walter Miller Cameron Cotton	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
WED	Kevin's Tuesday Night BC Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat. Open/Strat.		Kevin O'Leary Sherie Greenberg	Barometer 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
	Wed Aft. 49er The Cotton Club	<50 M.P. Open/Strat.	1:30 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Walter Miller Cameron Cotton	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
THUR	Thur. Afternoon BC Sherie's BC	Open/Strat Open/Strat.	12:30 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary Sherie Greenberg	4000 Middlefield Road, Auditorium, Palo Alto
FRI	Red Club Friday Morning BC Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Will Watson Coleman/Van Zandt Coleman/Watson	
SAT SUN	One Club Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary Coleman/Watson	

All games take place at 2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View unless otherwise noted.

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Upcoming Events:

Sectional, Friday, August 1 at Hayward, Centennial Hall Club championship, Tuesday, August 5 at noon, Alpine BC Club championship, Weds., August 6 at 7 p.m., Cotton Club Sectional, Saturday August 9 at San Rafael Civic Center Unit Swiss Teams, Sun., August 17 at 12:45 p.m. Bridge Center Sectional, Saturday, August 23 at San Francisco at Handicap Ctr Regional, Tuesday, August 26 at Santa Clara, Westin Hotel

NOVICE - INTERMEDIATE DUPLICATE - tell your friends

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

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