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Jack up the Flag—The Firecracker Sectional is Here: July 2-6 at Rickey's



Holiday time in Palo Alto means it's time for bridge at the celebrated Palo Alto's Firecracker Sectional! The tournament gets underway at Rickey's Hyatt on Wednesday evening, July 2 and continues through Sunday, July 6. Invite your out-of-town friends to join in the Firecracker fun. Rickey's has a special room rate of \$89 for players..

The schedule has an assortment of events including knockout teams, Swiss teams, stratified open pairs and stratified intermediate/novice pairs. The intermediate/novice pair games are part of every session every day. Players can keep both bridge and barbecues and/or fireworks in their game plan, because there are provisions for an early finish on both Thursday, July 4 and Sunday, July 7 with a second session start time of 3 p.m. or thereabouts. The Sectional flyer, reprinted on page 5 shows the tournament game list in detail.

Play gets underway on Wednesday evening with stratified open pairs and intermediate/novice pairs for players with under 200 points. 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. On Thurs-

day, add in two rounds of the popular bracketed knockout teams to the pair contests. Again, stratified open pairs and intermediate/novice pairs will be on the program both Friday and Saturday. Note the different start time for both sessions on these two days. Knockout team rounds continue on Saturday afternoon and conclude that same evening. It's farewell to bridge on Sunday with the popular Swiss teams in a strati-flighted format plus intermediate novice pairs and stratified open pairs, for those who prefer pairs to team matches.

Chairman Merle Orelove has chosen some top aces as committee chairs. Mary Ann Larkin will chair the hospitality committee, Ginger Herrick will be at the partnership desk and Lorna Corbetta will direct the caddies.

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 Merle at 650/326-1788. To volunteer for partnership or hospitality committees, contact the respective chair.

March to the table with your bridge friends, celebrate your holiday at the Firecracker Sectional!

Unit Holds Masters/Non-Masters Game June 8

On Sunday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center, there will be a Unit game with two flights. One flight will be open for which all are eligible; the other for 99ers. Both flights will be stratified. This set-up allows players of similar skills to compete directly against their peers.

This event also marks the first anniversary of the opening of the new Bridge Center on Terminal Blvd. Come celebrate with your fellow players in friendly rivalry. As usual, there will be hand records and players will wear name tags to help all get acquainted.

RED Club Announces Special Game

On Thursday, June 19, Will Watson's Red Club will hold a club championship to welcome Frank Smoot's class to the world of duplicate bridge. There will be a limited 0-100 section and an open game. This arrangement means more master-points for all.

Letter to the Editor

A player has inquired about the correct reaction, when a declarer claims and an opponent feels differently (i.e., disagrees). Or two, if more than one response is acceptable.

We submitted this inquiry to Will Watson, a Unit director. This is his advice. The opponent should respond, "I believe there may be a problem with the claim. Could we please call the director." Make certain you know exactly what words the declarer used with his claim. There is a big difference between "I will play the AK of hearts" and "I have the AK of hearts." Oftentimes when the claim is discussed amongst the players, the declarer will state several slightly different lines, and players forget exactly what was said when. This makes things more difficult to untangle.

Player Advancements

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

<u>Junior Master</u>	June Rynne
5 MP	
<u>Club Master</u>	Karen Cano
20 MP	
<u>Sectional Master</u>	Larry Mohr, Adeline Soares
50 MP	

Board Meeting Highlights

- The Board postponed discussion of the terms for the new lease until August when further information will be available.
- The members suggested methods to reduce the heat and electric bills by installation of timers.

Sympathy

The Unit officers and members extend their sincere sympathy to the families and friends of two Unit players. Condolences to Pat Keuffer on the passing of her husband, Edward, and to Marta Cordell on the loss of her husband, Len.

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Alan Gaudie, Susan Hoerger, Lois Smallwood and Ms C.J. Walker. Hello, to Ioana Galis, Victor Galis, Marcie Pais and Rochelle Rosler, who have transferred into our Unit.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 3 at 3:45—Bridge Center

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	

Where Does the Unit Membership Go From Here? By Elinor Tanck

A look at the Unit 503 statistics as of October shows that the Unit membership total is 657, which is a 1% loss from 2001, while the total master point increase is 1%. The table below compares the 2002 data with that for 2001.

How has the Unit performed in the enrollment and retention of new members? According to the recent ACBL Quip report for the 2002 calendar year, the data is much the same as in last year's report. The active membership decreased by 0.8%, ranking 9th of 19 in District 21. The new member gains were 5%, 14th in D-21; the member losses 6%, 5th in D-21 and the new member retention in year two, averaged 52% over the last 3 years, 13th in D-21. The average member age is 66 and the average years of ACBL membership are 12.

The ACBL has instituted a new membership program under which a Unit will receive a minimum of \$0.50 per member, if there is any membership increase for the calendar year. If at the end of 2003, the membership increases by only one member, the Unit will receive a reimbursement of \$329. Come on people—let's start recruiting!

Sherie Greenberg with 5810 now leads and has a substantial lead over Don Rothschild, followed by Rich Spitalnick, Peter Friedland and Gary Macgregor respectively. The player closest to the average master-point total is Jewel Ogorzaly with 552 and those at the median point are Marian Russ with 205 and Theodore Hwa with 207.

The table below also compares the master point distribution for the members for 2002 and 2001. The source of the information is from analysis of the membership information supplied by the ACBL.

	2001	2002	# of Master Points	2001	2002
Members	661	657			
Juniors (<20 MP)	133	127	0-1	31	35
Life Masters	246	250	1-5	47	40
Highest (# of MP)	6458	5810	5-10	27	27
Median (# of MP)	206.48	206.63	10-20	28	25
Average (# of MP)	539.86	549.08	20-50	56	55
Total (MP)	356,847	360,748	50-100	63	65
Unit Residence	378 (57%)	379 (58%)	100-300	125	123
Santa Clara County	119 (18%)	104 (16%)	300-500	79	74
San Mateo County	146 (22%)	157 (24%)	500-1000	101	103
Other District 21	12 (2%)	11 (2%)	1000-2000	66	72
Outside Dist. 21	6 (1%)	6 (1%)	2000-3000	18	19
			3000 Plus	20	19



April 2003 Winners' Circle



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

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 7 (A&B) M. Larkin/H. Macdonell
(A&B) C. Lin/M. Chen
14 M. Yates/C. Brigham
(B) D. Wheeler/P. Tsu
(A&B) C. Lin/M. Chen
21 G. Yang/P. Tsu
(B) A. Arnold/M. Troster
C. & F. Fein
(B) M. O'Malley/E. Worcester
28 M. Brabb/G. Wheeler
(B) J. Tseng/V. Chen
C. & W. Brigham
(A&B) C. Lin/M. Chen
28 Unavailable

Sherie's Monday Game

- 7 A. Suares/J. Damann
J. Franke/D. Halden
14 A. Pugin/J. Sheppard
D. Hornback/J. Chien
21 M. Fikes/D. Shannahan
A. Mollard/D. Hornback
28 D. Hornback/A. Mollard
K. Shaw/M. Orelove

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 1 V. Serrano/B. Mills
H. Silver/R. Heller
H. Narasimhan/M. Brabb
F. McWilliams/E. Ruben
8 A. Arnold/N. Rodgers
H. Sung/S. Liebhaber
S. Greenberg/L. Frye
S. Balson/M. Coy
15 M. Adams/L. Lane
H. Sung/A. Mollard
P. Chambers/H. Narasimhan
J. Flocks/C. Brunsting
22 M. Howe/E. Worcester
K. Harper/B. Wilsey
E. Jacobi/H. Bennett
S. & C. Fein
29 L. Prim/B. Liddicoat
M. & T. Sato
H. Narasimhan/R. Stolee
W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore

Tuesday Noon BC

- 1 (A,B&C) C. & J. Neubauer
(A&B) A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
(A&B) D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
8 (C) G. Bowling/S. Swetka
J. Hornback/S. Atkinson
(B) F. Bao/R. Smadi
(C) C. Waller/C. Tutko
(A&B) J. Mattis/J. Chui
15 (C) R. & S. Caeton
T. Hall/J. Franke
(B) F. Charney/J. McNeil
(C) K. Smith/J. Vadasz
(A,B&C) K. Smith/J. Vadasz
(A,B&C) S. Barasch/R. Manoff
22 (A&B) D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(C) E. Tromovitch/S. Barasch
(A&B) M. Baird/C. Mahoney
(C) F. & M. Rappaport
(A,B&C) G. Bowling/M. Payne
J. Chien/D. Hornback
(B) F. Bao/R. Smadi
(C) P. Corrigan/F. Kitchiner, Jr.

- 29 (A&B) D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(C) J. Foss/S. Caeton
(A&B) A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(C) R. Palmer/N. Cadwell
(A&B) M. Wu/L. Kuoh
(C) B. Kates/E. Gorlin
(A&B) F. Bao/R. Smadi
(C) A. Wolman/G. Williams

Under 200 Bridge Club Combined with Noon BC

- Tuesday Night BC***
1 Z. Mohammed/K. Talbot
(B) L. Gaines/P. Cornelius
J. McCloy/L. Cicolani
(B&C) J. Beck/C. Riffle
8 L. Spaeth/E. Jacobi
(B&C) Bhunasali/I. Bar-Nir
(A&B) W. Bidermann/L. Wagner
(B&C) C. Tataru/C. Cojocarn
15 F. McWilliams/Y. Chen
(B&C) W. Bidermann/L. Wagner
(A,B&C) J. Beck/C. Riffle
22 J. O'Neil/J. Schoenbrun
(A,B&C) W. Bidermann/L. Mohr
M. Wilson/C. Davis
(B) M. Moore/R. Haines
(B&C) F. Lubais/C. Lazarovici
29 B. Briant/F. Gonzalez
W. Bidermann/L. Mohr

*Hand records provided\

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 2 M. Yates/K. Harper
J. Flocks/T. Moalem
9 S. Greenberg/D. Wheeler
A. Lamb/M. Litwin
16 R. Chambers/H. Narasimhan
J. Flocks/T. Moalem
23 J. Van Gehr/V. Herrick
B. Sonsini/G. Simpson
E. & D. Ehrman
J. Hornback/S. Atkinson
30 J. Burlingame/M. Mackinnon
L. Spaeth/V. Vidwans
J. Wu/D. Chau
S. Atkinson/J. Hornback

Wed. Aft. 49er**

- 2 K. Smith/J. Vadasz
S. Hollon/E. Webster
9 G. Spaeth/M. Atherton
R. Ward/J. Newman
16 K. Smith/J. Vadasz
D. Kelley/N. Mohler
23 G. Fong/N. Daniher
C. Burger/B. Tanner
30 G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
P. Corrigan/N. Cadwell

Cotton Club

- 2 C. Bjorklund/. Turner
A. Garg/N. Wadia
9 S. Malek/J. Mrazek
P. Vevera/H. Cutting
16 D. Allison/A. Lam
C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
23 A. Garg/N. Wadia
W. Bidermann/G. Simpson
30 T. Bendigkeit/H. Szejnwald
J. Williams/K. Nickerson

**Includes lesson and hand records with analysis

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 3 S. Barasch/J. Damann
T. & N. Stevens
H. Sung/H. Macdonell
J. Clark/G. Pani
10 A. Templeton/C. Cole
B. Oshman/C. Cotton
I. & S. Krulevitch
J. Thornley/C. Nealis
17 A. Templeton/C. Cole
L. & M. Kelly
S. Barasch/J. Damann
A. Mollard/J. Brandon
24 A. Templeton/C. Cole
R. Randolph/S. Anderson
K. Kelly/R. Lynch
A. Robertson/J. Mattis

Thursday Aft. BC

- 3 M. Yates/H. Corbin
(B) G. Wheeler/D. Heller
J. Flocks/E. Herrmann
(B&C) C. Lane/M. Goodman
(A&B) R. Stolee/E. Jacobi
(A&B) J. Tseng/M. Chen
(C) N. Wang/J. Wu
17 H. Narasimhan/P. Chambers
(A&B) K. Lorimer/C. Macey
(A&B) R. Pollak/J. Grain
(A&B) N. Evans/A. Arnold
(C) N. Irwin/R. Pollak
B. Beardsley/L. Spaeth
(B&C) L. Tsai/J. Tseng

Red Club

Unavailable

Friday

Friday Morning BC

- 4 L. Spaeth/E. Jacobi
F. Frates III/G. Rosenthal
(B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin
(B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
11 H. Solleder/A. Levy
(A&B) M. Orelove/G. Herrick
(B) A. Arnold/J. Robinson
18 E. Lowenthal/A. Oliff
F. Parsons/K. Cheng
(B) L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler
C. McGorvin/C. Fay
25 B. Beardsley/M. Yates
(A&B) N. Irwin/D. Lowry
(B) L. Tsai/E. Chen

Friday Night Barometer

- (Tie) M. Cochran/P. Kamas
(Tie) E. Tanck/C. Davis
F. & R. Noble
11 G. Porter/M. Robichek
K. Cheng/B. Luttrell
(B) A. Stagner/J. Rollin
(B) S. & C. Castellino
(C) V. Rivkin/B. Ginsberg
(C) B. Meers-O'Hara/Y. Tanaka
18 A. & J. El-Sadi
(A&B) B. Luttrell/M. Robichek
(B) K. Humphrey/H. Farhi
(C) I. & V. Galis
(C) G. Spaeth/I. Bar-Nir
25 A. & J. El-Sadi
D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
(B) K. Humphrey/H. Farhi
(B&C) G. Venkatesh/N. Mohanram
(C) B. Meers-O'Hara/C. Castellino

Saturday

One Club

- 5 (A&B) R. Singer/F. Miller
T. Bowman/M. Moore
(A&B) C. Cojocarn/C. Tataru
12 T. Bowman/V. Herrick
(A&B) E. Jacobi/D. Wheeler
(C) D. & E. Ehrman
(A&B) S. Shih/M. Fleisher
(C) D. Tokaj/R. Wojtezuk
19 P. Chambers/M. Yates
(B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van Tamelen
(A,B&C) G. Hua/D. Kuo
26 H. Bennett/K. Nickerson
(B) J. Blake/R. Pollak
S. Blum/T. Bowman
(B&C) M. & L. Kelly

Sunday

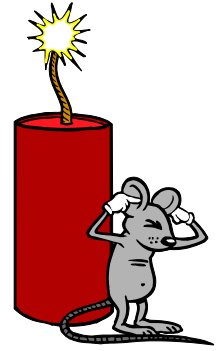
Sunday Aft. BC

- 6 M. O'Malley/E. Worcester
13 Unit Game
20 A. Suares/J. Chui
27 F. Frates III/M. Moore



Firecracker Sectional

July 2nd – July 6th 2003



Rickey's Hyatt
 4219 El Camino Real
 Palo Alto, CA
 (650) 352-1234

All Pairs – Single Session		
Wednesday, July 2nd		
Stratified Open Pairs		7:00 pm
Intermediate/Novice Pairs		7:00 pm
Thursday, July 3rd		
Bracketed KO-Rounds 1&2	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
Friday, July 4th		
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Saturday, July 5th		
Bracketed KO-Rounds 3&4	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Sunday, July 6th		
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	10:00 am	
Strati-Flighted Open Swiss	10:00 am + TBA (7 Boards, 7 Matches, Out by 7pm)	
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 am	

Stratified Events		Strati-Flighted Events	
A	1500+	A	3000+
B	500-1500	X	0-3000
C	0-500	B	1000-1500
		C	500-1000
I/N Pairs (Stratified As Needed)		D	0-500
D	0-200	*Please note different start times each day Ask for special bridge room rates at hotel	
E	0-100		
F	0-50		
G	0-20		
H	0-5		

Fees: \$8.50 per person, per session. Free parking. Non Smoking (Hospitality Breaks)
Tournament Director: Jay Magid
Tournament Chair: Merle Orellove (650) 326-1788
Partnerships: Ginger Herrick (650) 948-2995
Directions: From Highway 101 take San Antonio Road south (towards ocean) to El Camino Real, turn right and go approximately 1 mile. Rickey's is on the right side

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire	
	Sherie's Monday Game	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	
TUES	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	
	Kevin's Tuesday Night BC	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Kevin O'Leary	Barometer 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
WED	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	
	Wed Aft. 49er	<50 M.P.	1:30 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	The Cotton Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Cameron Cotton	
THUR	Thur. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	
	Sherie's BC	Open/Strat.	12:30 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg	4000 Middlefield Road, Room M4, Palo Alto
	Red Club	Open/Strat.	7:15 p.m.	Will Watson	
FRI	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Coleman/Van Zandt	
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	
SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	

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

Upcoming Events:

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Unit Mixed/Open Pairs, Sunday, May 25 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
 Regional, Monday May 26 at Sacramento, Doubletree Hotel
 Unit Master/Non-Masters (flighted), Sunday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at
 Bridge Center
 Club champ., Thursday, June 19 at 7:15 p.m., Red Club Open Game
 Club champ., Thursday, June 19 at 7:15 p.m., Red Club 0-100 Game
 Club champ., Friday, June 20 at 10:30 a.m., Friday Morning BC
 Club champ., Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m., Friday Night Barometer
 Sectional, Saturday, June 21 at Hollister IOOF Hall
 Club championship, Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m., Sunday Aft. BC
 Club champ., Monday, June 23, 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday Game
 Club champ., Wednesday, June 25, 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
 Club champ., Thursday, June 26, 12:30 p.m., Sherie's BC
 Sectional, Friday, June 27 at Oakland, Merritt College

FIRECRACKER Wed., July 2 - Sunday, July 6, Rickey's Hyatt **SECTIONAL**

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