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Palo Alto Unit 503

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Clubs to Hold STAC Games May 5-11



For players who yearn for extra master points, especially those shiny silver ones, the biannual Western Conference Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC) is an excellent opportunity. All the clubs listed in the directory on the back page plan to sponsor STAC events the week of May 5.

The stratification is Strata C: 0-300 master points, Strata B: 300-750, Strata A: 750+. All players, no matter their ranking, relish the good competition at STAC games, so plan now for lots of playing. Obviously, the more games the better the chances for piles of points.

Mixed/Open Pairs Set for May 25

The Unit will hold a Mixed/Open Pairs game on Sunday, May 25 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center. It will replace the regular Sunday afternoon club game. To reward the players who play as a mixed pair, only these pairs will receive overall point awards.

As usual, there will be hand records, name tags and a friendly environment for the enjoyment of all the participants. So, guys and dolls pick your partner and play a mixed pair event for a change. For further information, contact Carla 650/961-3731 or email carlafd@earthlink.net.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 6 at 3:45—Bridge Center

Firecracker Sectional Blast to Boom—July 2-6



It's time to make plans for the Palo Alto Unit's Big Bang - the annual Firecracker Sectional! The dates are set for Wednesday, July 2 through Sunday, July 6. The tournament chair, Merle Orelove and her committee have located a new site, Rickey's Hyatt. The milieu will give the players an improved playing environment in comparison with the previous Elks. The Unit has also arranged with Rickey's for a discounted room rate of \$89. Just mention the Bridge tournament, when making a reservation.

The tournament gets under way with the pairs games on Wednesday evening and concludes with Pairs and Swiss teams matches on Sunday. The popular bracketed team knockouts are set for play on Thursday and Saturday.

At the request of many players, the committee has made arrangements for shorter breaks between sessions and an earlier start time on July 4th than in previous years.

All pair games will be single session events at 1 p.m. in the afternoon or 7:00 p.m. in the evening, with the exception of Thursday July 4, when a 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. schedule will allow players to enjoy both bridge and traditional fireworks and holiday fun. At the final event on Sunday, an early start will allow all play to finish by 7 p.m.

As always, newcomers are especially welcome. There will be separate events for the under-200 crowd. Each I/N pair event will be stratified so everyone has a chance to win!

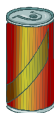
Mary Ann Larkin will be at the hospitality center to welcome the players. Ginger Herrick will head the partnership desk and Lorna Corbetta will be in charge of the caddies. Anyone willing to help out with set-up on Wednesday or clean on Sunday evening should phone Merle at 650/326-1788. To assist with partnership or hospitality committees, contact the respective chair or Merle.

Look for the complete game schedule in the June *Kibitzer* but begin to get ready for the Firecracker now.

Flocks-Moore Score in Unit Charity

Players competed in a benefit for the ACBL Charity, the National Hospice Foundation, at a Unit game on Sunday, April 13. In the 14 1/2-table contest, Jean Flocks and Martie Moore came in first overall and Joan Von Gehr and Virginia Herrick first in B and second overall. Alice and Reginald Rice topped C. Look at the Winners Circle page for the rest of the overalls.

No No's at the Bridge Center



Sodas are not free! Please deposit 50 cents into the kitty, when you take one from the refrigerator. If there is a future shortage of funds, no more sodas will be available.



No smoking on the landing outside the Center door. Don't throw the butts in the bushes. Smokers must go down to the bottom of the ramp and use the ash tray for the butts.

Unit Announces Director's Course

The Unit has authorized Will Watson to conduct a training course for new directors. The course will consist of one and a half hour sessions, weekly for 4 weeks. Please contact Will at 650/610-0225 or wilwats@attbi.com for further information. There will be a nominal charge, the amount to be determined. The Unit will also post a sign-up list at the Bridge Center.

The Unit has a need for more certified directors, particularly as substitutes when the regulars are absent.

Board Meeting Notes

Highlights from the April 1 board meeting:

- The Board approved a revision of Article VII of the Unit Constitution. "The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven persons." The change is "nine persons".
- The Board approved a Director's course to be taught by Will Watson. See article on this page.
- The Board received a report on the success of the new coffee service area with dishwasher. There has been a reduction in trash and coffee spills from the switch to mugs.

Player Advancements

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

<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	Eugene Kates, Carole Parker
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Yi Chen, Catherine Johnson
<u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP	Robert McNeil
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Neil Robinson
<u>Life Master</u> 300 MP	Bernadine Donoghue
<u>Bronze LM</u> 500 MP	Martia Fikes
<u>Silver LM</u> 1000 MP	Bernice Olmo, Thomas Snouse

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Judith Maurier, Katsumi and Wu Yuan. Hello, to Clara Chang, Carole Donovan, Mark Herback, Elizabeth McKenna and Lawrence Rosler, who have transferred into our Unit.

Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney 2003 First Quarter on bulletin board at Center



March 2003 Winners' Circle



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

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 3 P. & R. Chambers
(B) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler
T. Bowman/S. Blum
(A,B&C) G. Leitstein/M.
Orelove
- 10 M. Van Tamelen/A. Oliff
(B) R. Heller/I. Schwab
P. Saunders/E. Jacobi
(B&C) M. Wilson/B.
Purchase
- 17 (A&B) E. Jacobi/J. Samuels
J. Flocks/L. Spaeth
(A&B) C. Lin/M. Chen
- 24 E. Jacobi/H. Bennett
(B) M. Larkin/V. Herrick
T. Bowman/S. Blum
(A&B) G. Yang/P. Tsu
- 31 F. Miller/W. Mackinnon
(B) B. Ross/N. Brubaker
J. Flocks/L. Spaeth
(B) B. Sonsini/D. Wheeler

Sherie's Monday Game

- 3 (A,B&C) A. & R. Chausse
K. Kelly/C. Macey
(B) J. Franke/D. Halden
(B&C) R. Smadi/F. Bao
- 10 A. Pagin/J. Dammann
(A&B) A. Mollard/B.
Donoghue
(C) D. Kelley/H. Fletcher
K. Kelly/C. Macey
(B&C) B. Cohen/C. Chang
- 17 (A,B&C) A. Suares/J.
Dammann
C. Binasi/D. Duncan
(A,B&C) S. Barrasch/D.
Armstrong
- 24 H. Macdonell/J. Burlingame
(B) S. & T. Schafer
H. Sung/H. Hassid
(A&B) S. Barrasch/D.
Armstrong
- 31 R. Husain/E. Ehrman
(B&C) A. Suares/E.
Tromovitch
A. & F. Carlson
(A,B&C) F. Bao/M. Wu

Saturday

One Club

- 1 R. Chambers/E. Jacobi
(B) A. Suares/C. Naar
X. Zhang/K. Cheng
- 8 (B) R. Chesler/M. Feldstein
P. Chambers/M. Yates
(B) H. Sterngold/P. Gross
J. Robinson/M. Moore
(B) K. O'Leary/R. Pollak
- 15 P. Chambers/M. Yates
(B) P. Gross/H. Sterngold
H. Deeby/P. Seal
(B) J. & L. Mattis
- 22 G. Kucera/H. Bennett
(B&C) A. Suares/E.
Tromovitch
C. & W. Brigham
(B) M. Sulczynski/C. Jahns
(C) J. Green/J. Shaffer
- 29 M. & W. Mackinnon
(B) D. Hornback/P. Tsu
R. Chambers/C. Kwiatek
(B) A. Cummings/R. Kilgren

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 4 (A&B) P. Gross/H. Sterngold
M. Akselrad/A. Oliff
P. & R. Chambers
C. Brigham/A. Levy
- 11 M. Howe/E. Worcester
P. Kueffer/M. Orelove
G. Kucera/H. Bennett
F. Phillips/E. McCarthy
- 18 M. Larkin/J. Robinson
A. Oliff/S. Blum
M. Hafezi/C. Kwiatek
C. Brigham/A. Levy
- 25 M. Larkin/A. Oliff
H. Silver/R. Heller
R. Stolee/M. Hafezi
J. O'Neil/J. Schoenbrun

Tuesday Noon BC

- 4 (Tie) D. Hornback/A. Mollard
(Tie-A&B) A. & R. Rice
(C) H. Harris/A. Guadie
J. Hornback/S. Atkinson
(B) F. Charney/J. McNeil
(C) I. Hupp/J. Smith
- 11 (A&B) D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(C) E. Tromovitch/S. Barasch
(A,B&C) G. Williams/A.
Wolman
- 18 J. Birnbaum/R. Chesler
(B&C) C. & J. Neubauer
(A&B) A. Robertson/E.
Edwards
(C) R. Palmer/I. Deutsch
(A&B) R. Larsen/R. Nelson
(C) C. & J. Neubauer
J. Birnbaum/R. Chesler
(B&C) J. Chui/F. Bennett

Under 200 Bridge Club Combined with Noon BC

- 4 C. Bjorklund/E. Barlow
(B) F. Gonzalez/B. Briant
(A,B&C) C. & H. Lindauer
- 11 L. Spaeth/J. Samuels
(B) F. Gonzalez/B. Briant
K. Talbot/Z. Mohammed
(B) G. Spaeth/P. Cardoza
D. & G. Wheeler
(B) V. Vidwans/Bhanushali
(B&C) C. Cojocarn/C. Tataru
(A&B) H. Macdonell/R.
O'Brien
(B&C) I. & V. Galis
- 25 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(B) S. Malek/J. Mrazek
(B&C) Bhanushali/I. Bar-Nir
C. Davis/M. Wilson
(A,B&C) C. Cojocarn/C.
Tataru

*Hand records provided\

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 2 M. Berg/L. Spaeth
M. Kaufman/C. Haines
(B) D. & T. Fiero
- 9 M. Yates/B. Steele
(B) A. Pagin/A. Garber
(A&B) E. Worcester/M.
O'Malley
- 16 Closed
- 23 K. Harper/H. Cutting
(A&B) M. Adams/L. Lane
G. Macgregor/F. Lowenthal
(B) S. Shih/J. Min
- 30 L. Corbetta/J. Flocks

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 5 M. Berg/M. Hafezi
(A&B) J. Chognard/E.
Worcester
A. Oliff/M. Van Tamelen
(Tie-B&C) J. Franke/D.
Halden
(Tie-B&C) G. Leitstein/L.
Blum
- 12 T. Moalem/M. Hafezi
(B) K. Lorimer/I. Frymire
C. Hughes/P. Saunders
(B) C. Macey/N. Irwin
- 19 E. McCarthy/M. Mackinnon
(B) W. Russell/J. Williams
(C) P. Gross/G. Leitstein
A. Levy/C. Coleman
(B&C) C. Donovan/C.
Henkels
- 26 T. Moalem/M. Hafezi
(B) V. Herrick/A. Arnold
R. Chambers/W. Brigham
(A&B) D. & B. Altman

Wed. Aft. 49er**

- 5 G. Spaeth/M. Tang
B. & T. Dayharsh
- 12 D. Lowe/D. Kelley
I. Deutsch/R. Palmer
J. & B. Birnbaum
D. Kelley/N. Mohler
- 26 J. & M. Williams
R. & N. Ward

Cotton Club

- 5 (A&B) P. & R. Kilner
(C) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
M. Moore/H. Solleder
(A,B&C) S. Morley/A.
Cummings
- 12 H. Szejnwald/C. Cotton
(B) D. & W. Spicer
(B&C) C. Lazarovici/F.
Lubais
P. Cornelius/G. Porter
(AB&C) J. Parks/L. Lettis
- 19 L. Spaeth/J. Samuels
(A&B) T. Bendigkeit/H.
Szejnwald
F. Parsons/D. Rothschild
(A,B&C) C. Lazarovici/F.
Lubais
- 26 J. & R. Williams
(A,B&C) D. Allison/A. Lam
(A&B) F. Gonzalez/C.
Kwiatek
(B&C) C. Lazarovici/F.
Lubais

**Includes lesson and hand records
with analysis

April 13 Unit Game

- A1 J. Flocks/M. Moore
A2B1 J. Von Gehr/V. Herrick
A3 L. Finkelstein/J. Hodges
A4 D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
A5 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
A6 P. Chambers/L. Spaeth
B2 C. & M. Maggipinto
B3C1 A. & R. Rice
B4C2 F. Gonzalez/A. Cummings
B5 M. Kelly/L. Partridge

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 6 D. Kelley/D. Lowe
T. Hall/D. Halder
H. Sung/H. Macdonell
B. Liddicoat/R. Jacobs
- 13 J. Hornback/S. Greenberg
D. Hornback/A. Mollard
H. Macdonell/J. Burlingame
L. & M. Kelly
- 20 A. Templeton/L. Doying
L. & M. Kelly
J. Franke/J. Leaver
R. Lynch/J. Brandon
- 27 A. Pagin/M. Moutoux
L. Prim/I. Frymire
V. Serrano/B. Mills
A. & B. Katz

Thursday Aft. BC

- 6 P. Chambers/J. O'Neil
(B) B. Olmo/V. Herrick
C. Hanel/F. Frates III
(B) C. Lane/M. Goodman
P. Chambers/J. O'Neil
(B&C) K. Lorimer/S. Thomas
F. McWilliams/G. Kucera
(B) M. & S. Sterngold
(B&C) B. Baxter/M.
Diamond
- 20 R. Stolee/L. Spaeth
(B) R. Hanna/A. Pagin
(A,B&C) G. Leitstein/L.
Blum
- 27 (A,B&C) F. Zerbo/A.
Mitchell
M. Hafezi/R. Chambers
(B&C) G. Leitstein/L. Blum

Red Club

Unavailable

Friday

Friday Morning BC

- 7 M. Mackinnon/L. Lane
(B) F. Miler/G. Kahn
C. Coleman/F. Frates III
(B) R. Kilner/E. Beckwith
G. Kucera/H. Bennett
(B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
R. Chambers/W. Brigham
(B) W. Mackinnon/R. Chesler
- 21 F. Dickman/H. Bennett
(B) S. Landsman/E. Schramm
F. Parsons/M. Hafezi
B. Varner/H. Sung
- 28 F. Dickman/H. Bennett
(B&C) B. Hsu/E. Chen
(A,B&C) 7A. Cummings/S.
Morley

Friday Night Barometer

- 7 (A&B) L. Frost/C. Hanel
(A,B&C) B. Meers-O'Hara/L.
Brill
(A,B&C) F. Gonzalez/C.
Kwiatek
- 14 B. & E. Barlow
(B&C) P. Cornelius/L. Gaines
W. Stuart/C. Millikan
(B) W. Hoffman/R. Yuenger
(B&C) S. Cook/G. Humphrey
(A,B&C) R. Gupta/V.
Vidwans
R. Ritz/F. Lowenthal
(B&C) D. & T. Fiero
(A&B) H. Farhi/K. Humphrey
(C) C. Castellino/B. Meers-
O'Hara
(A&B) P. McFerren/M. Brabb
(C) R. Jeyakumar/S.
Narasimhan

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	
	EZ Bridge Lesson	<50 M.P.	6:55 p.m.	Faye Parsons	
	EZ Bridge	<50 M.P.	7:15 p.m.	Faye Parsons	
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	
WED	Kevin's Tuesday Night BC	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Kevin O'Leary	Barometer 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	
THUR	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. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	
FRI	Sherie's BC	Open/Strat.	12:30 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg	4000 Middlefield Road, Room M4, Palo Alto
	BRIDGE LESSONS	Grant Series	7:00 p.m.	Frank Smoot	
	Red Club	Open/Strat.	7:15 p.m.	Will Watson	
	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Coleman/Van Zandt	
SAT	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	
SUN	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	
	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:

Sectional, Friday, May 3 at Community Center, Orangevale
Western Conference STAC, Mon., May 5-Sun, May 11 - all clubs
ACBL Int'l Fund Game & lunch, Wed., May 14, 11 a.m., Bridge Mix
Sectional, Thursday, May 15 at Bridge Center, Fort Ord
Sectional, Saturday, May 24, Senior Center, Napa
Unit Mixed/Open Pairs, Sunday, May 25 1 p.m., Bridge Center
Regional, Monday, May 26 at Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento

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
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