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Come November 16 to Eat, Cheer and Play

Bring along your favorite dish, cheer the Sportsman of the year and enjoy the game as the Unit awards the Sportsmanship Trophy to a worthy member with a pot luck and bridge on Sunday evening, November 16 at the Bridge Center. It's a time for - good food, good company and good bridge fun. Be at the head of the pot luck line at noon. The trophy presentation will follow and finally a stratified pairs game at 1 p.m.

The Unit encourages players to donate a dish for the pot luck, be it hors d'oeuvres, salad, casserole, dessert. The Unit as usual will serve turkey, ham bread and coffee. Please make it easier to plan the menu by making a reservation by November 12. To reserve, please sign up on the list at the Bridge Center or phone Carla at (650) 961-3731 or email carlafd@earthlink.net or phone the Bridge Center (650)940-1824 and ask to add your name to the list on the bulletin board.

Last year's trophy winner, Ethel Worcester will present the Sportsmanship Trophy to the 2003 winner, chosen for ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, for proving strict competition can be pleasurable and for exemplary conduct serving the best interest of duplicate bridge and its players.

There's still time before the November 1 deadline for players to submit a suggested winner in the box at club games or with a call to Ethel at (650) 493-8409 or an email to Elinor Tanck at etanck@yahoo.com.

Coming Soon—Unit Board Election

This is the time the Unit makes plans for the 2003 election of the Board of Directors. The date set to count the votes is Sunday, December 21. Three incumbents, Claire Coleman, Gloria Leitstein and Barbara Soncini will seek a second term. There is still time and a need for other members to become candidates.

The recent state recall generated excitement, new ideas and new faces. The Unit would like to generate a similar enthusiasm amongst its members for the Unit government. The slogan is "Don't gripe, make it right!" Those of you, who have not participated in the past, please come forward now. This is an opportunity to help set policies and express your opinions on Unit issues.

The Election chairman urges any member who would like to add his or her name to the nomination list to immediately contact Ginger at (650) 948-2995 or email her at ginger@picogram.com.

In the December *Kibitzer*, the Unit will publish the ballot, voting instructions, pictures and biographies of the candidates.

Board Meeting Highlights

- The ACBL has sent a new Unit roster, which shows 676 members a increase of more than 2% over 2002.
- The update lists for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney standings are on the bulletinboard.

Herrick Tops Individual List

Eleven tables joined in the fun and camaraderie of the Unit Individual Game held Sunday, September 21. The participation among the 44 players by strata included 39 in B and 20 in C. The outstanding individual player was Ginger Herrick with Fung Bao first in C. The rest of the standings appear on the Winners Circle page.

The Unit took this opportunity to honor the members who finished first in their respective ranks in the 2002 Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs races. In addition, it made special mention of the new Life Masters.

Sympathy

The Unit members and Board extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bennie Lou Chakerian who passed away in September.



A few Bridge Club regulars took a quickie cruise recently (Vancouver to S. F). They had a blast! Standing: Carol Brigham, Arlene Levy, Marge Yates, Mary Ann Berg, Lori Spaeth, Carol Dietz and Mary Ann Larkin. Seated: Pat Chambers, Claire Coleman and Bonnie Beardsley.

It Seems to Me by Gersh Wheeler

Here is a highly instructive hand.

North	South
S KJ86	S AT972
H J2	H 43
D K543	D A62
C 765	C J4

1. East is the dealer and opens 1H. After aggressive bidding by both sides, EW reach 4H and you, South bid 4S. No one is vulnerable. EW doubles. Your opponents take 2 heart tricks and 2 club tricks. You trump the third club and you still have to lose a diamond trick.

If the opponents can make 4H, down 2 would be a good save, but down 3 would be a bottom. If the opponents, would go down in 4H, you've already got a bottom. Thus, to have any hope for a good score, you must assume the opponents will make 4H. This means they will lose 2 diamond tricks and only 1 spade. So, you must assume that their spades are divided 3-1. You must lay down one high spade and then finesse for the SQ. From the bidding, you may have some idea as to who has the singleton.

2. Now consider how you would play the hand, if you are not doubled. Probably, few EW pairs will be in game and most may be allowed to play in 2H or 3H. They will make +140, if their spades are 2-2 and +170, if they are 3-1. So you should play the SA and SK. If the spades are 2-2, you'll go down 2 tricks for -100, which is better than losing 140. If the spades are 3-1, you'll lose a spade trick for -150, but EW could make +170. By the way, in the first case, if you have no idea, who has the singleton, use Wheeler's rule. This states that, if you are playing against a mixed pair, the lady holds the Q. This is right about 50% of the time. This is obviously better than other guesses, which are wrong 50% of the time!



September 2003 Winners' Circle



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

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 1 Closed
 8 M. Yates/R. Williams
 (B) J. Tseng/E. Chen
 A. Templeton/F. Frates III
 (A&B) M. & T. Randolph
 15 M. Yates/G. Herrick
 (B) M. Larkin/B. Sonsini
 (A&B) G. Leitstein/K. Shaw
 22 B. Sonsini/H. Narasimhan
 (Tie-B) K. Shaw/P. Tsu
 (Tie-B) J. Tseng/E. Chen
 A. Templeton/F. Frates III
 (B) M. & T. Randolph
 29 (A&B) D. & G. Wheeler
 J. Flocks/L. Spaeth
 (B) G. Leitstein/M. Orelove

Sherie's Monday Game

- 8 M. Marx/L. Kelly
 F. Bao/N. Cadwell
 15 R. Lackman/S. Liebhaber
 A. Mollard/D. Hornback
 22 M. Moutoux/D. Hornback
 S. Barasch/D. Armstrong
 29 H. & L. Sung
 B. Varner/J. Pomeroy

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 2 A. Arnold/N. Rodgers
 H. Silver/R. Heller
 J. Weiss/W. Spicer
 C. Brigham/A. Levy
 9 M. Howe/E. Worcester
 B. Hsu/H. Sung
 M. Yates/G. Herrick
 F. Fay/C. McGorvin
 16 B. Sonsini/H. Narasimhan
 M. & T. Randolph
 N. Evans/A. Cummings
 M. Hafezi/T. Bowman
 23 M. O'Leary/R. Kilner
 J. Burlingame/H. Macdonell
 H. Cutting/K. Harper
 A. Templeton/N. Stevens
 30 R. Singer/R. Pollak
 J. Brandon/P. Korn
 B. Krop/E. Barlow
 C. Brigham/A. Levy

Tuesday Noon BC

Unavailable

Under 200 Bridge Club

Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC*

- (A,B&C) F. Gonzalez/C.
 Tataru
 L. Frost/A. Cummings
 (B&C) M. Moore/P. Cornelius
 9 P. Kamas/M. Cochran
 (B) L. Wagner/R. Pollak
 (C) L. Mohr/W. Bidermann
 L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
 (B&C) I. & V. Galis
 16 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
 E. Gove/J. Adamiak
 23 C. Bjorklund/E. Barlow
 (B) R. Haines/F. Herzer
 (B&C) L. Mohr/W.
 Bidermann
 (A&B) P. Cornelius/M. Moore
 (B&C) E. Gove/J. Adamiak
 30 L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
 (B&C) I. & V. Galis
 B. Beardsley/F. Parsons
 (B&C) C. Lazarovici/F.
 Lubais

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 3 M. Yates/P. Chambers
 N. Honda/C. Brigham
 10 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
 S. Greenberg/N. Wolf
 17 G. Herrick/T. Bowman
 R. Dean/R. Williams
 24 E. Jacobi/R. Chambers
 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow

Wed. Aft. 49er**

Unavailable

Cotton Club

- 3 P. & R. Kilner
 H. Szejnwald/P. McFerren
 10 D. Allison/A. Lam
 T. Gokcen/D. Rothschild
 C. Davis/M. Wilson
 L. Spaeth/P. McFerren
 17 H. Szejnwald/P. McFerren
 J. Rollin/J. Hancock
 24 A. & D. Foti
 C. Davis/E. Tanck

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 4 F. Miller/G. Kahn
 F. Bao/R. Smadi
 J. Keehan/F. Bennett
 S. Barasch/N. Cadwell
 11 J. Sogg/C. Kwiatek
 J. Brandon/H. Sung
 J. Keehan/L. Lettis
 D. Armstrong/S. Atkinson
 18 F. Grove/M. Baird
 A. Mollard/C. Gable
 M. Howe/M. Petersen
 E. Edwards/N. Girand
 25 S. Landsman/B. Liddicoat
 C. McGorvin/C. Cole
 R. Soffer/S. Barasch
 N. Weiss/M. Kelly

Thursday Aft. BC

- 4 M. Yates/A. Levy
 (B) N. Evans/A. Arnold
 J. Robinson/A. Oliff
 (B&C) N. Irwin/M. Slater
 11 C. Coleman/M. Larkin
 (B) L. Spaeth/G. Wheeler
 A. Oliff/M. Van Tamelen
 (B) M. & T. Randolph
 (Tie-C) B. Baxter/M.
 Diamond
 (Tie-C) C. Blumberg/E.
 Yanklowitz
 18 (A&B) G. Hwa/N. Wang
 (A&B) R. Pollak/P. Kuak
 25 G. Kucera/H. Bennett
 (A&B) P. Tsu/J. Robinson
 J. Flocks/M. Hafezi
 (B) B. Leonard/N. Stevens
 (C) N. Wang/D. Chang

Red Club

Unavailable

Friday

Friday Morning BC

- 5 H. Narasimhan/R. Chambers
 (B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
 (A&B) H. Macdonell/J.
 Burlingame
 12 H. Narasimhan/R. Chambers
 (B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
 (A&B) G. Spaeth/E. Jacobi
 A. Hopkins/I. Rose
 19 J. Robinson/S. Morley
 (B) B. Sonsini/N. Nazari
 (B) F. Miller/R. Husain
 26 Y. Inn/C. Mandala
 C. & W. Brigham
 (B) L. Spaeth/H. Macdonell
 (B) A. Arnold/S. Morley

Saturday Evening BC

- 5 (A&B) G. Porter/T. Moalem
 (C) L. Gaines/P. Cornelius
 M. & M. Yancey
 (B&C) C. Tataru/F. Gonzalez
 12 D. Dang/S. Kodayam
 (B) L. Frost/C. Hanel
 (C) V. Vidwans/R. Gupta
 (A&B) M. Fooks/S. Shih
 (C) I. & V. Galis
 19 S. Goodgold/R. Ritz
 (B&C) V. Vidwans/R. Ciszek
 (A&B) L. Yokel/S. Chen
 (C) C. Tataru/C. Lazarovici
 26 D. & R. Ng

Saturday

One Club

- 6 V. Vidwans/H. Narasimhan
 (B) R. Singer/F. Miller
 (A&B) E. Alcoff/R. Kilgren
 (C) D. Tokaj/R. Wojtczuk
 13 P. Chambers/M. Yates
 (A&B) R. Singer/F. Miller
 J. Flocks/T. Moalem
 (B&C) S. Shih/M. Fleisher
 20 (A&B) C. Lazarovici/R.
 Pollak
 W. Brigham/D. Kuo
 27 M. Berg/L. Corbetta

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 7 G. Porter/D. Straus
 J. Flocks/L. Spaeth
 (B) W. Russell/J. Williams
 (B) M. O'Malley/E.
 Worcester
 14 D. Hong/B. Luttrell
 (B&C) F. Lubais/C.
 Lazarovici
 21 Unit Game
 28 (A&B) F. Finkelstein/A.
 Schneider
 (C) L. Whelan/M. Soltz

September 21 Unit Individual Game

- A1B1 G. Herrick
 A2B2 C. Kwiatek
 A3B3 T. Randolph
 A4B4 G. Drew
 A5B5C1 F. Bao
 A6B6C2 E. Mayefsky
 C3 N. Cadwell
 C4 B. Bailey
 C5 F. Bennett
 C6 G. Bowling

*Hand records provided

**Includes lesson and hand records
with analysis

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, Auditorium, Palo Alto
	Beginning Bridge Lessons	Club Series	7:00 p.m.	Frank Smoot	
	Red Club	Open/Strat.	7:15 p.m.	Will Watson	
FRI	Easybridge!	<20 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Carla Davis	
	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.

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Upcoming Events:

Sectional, Friday, October 31, at Community Ctr , El Cerrito
Club champ., Monday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday Game
Club champ., Wednesday, November 5 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
Club champ., Thursday, November 6 at 12:30 p.m, Sherie's BC
Sectional, Friday, November 7, Iron Horse School, San Ramon
Sectional, Friday, November 14 at Vintage House Sr. Ctr, Sonoma
Unit Pot Luck, Sunday, November 16 at noon
Unit Sportsmanship Trophy game, Sunday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m.
Sectional, Friday, November 21 at Merritt College, Oakland

No games scheduled: Wednesday, November 26 - Cotton Club,
 Thursday, Nov. 27—Thurs. Afternoon BC, Sherie's BC, Red Club

NEXT BOARD MEETING
 Tuesday, November 4, 3:45 p.m.
 Bridge Center

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