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Palo Alto Unit 503

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Unit Lists Individual on Sunday, September 21



A Unit Individual game is set for Sunday, September 21 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center. This will replace the regular game. Sherie Greenberg was the winner in the last Individual held two year ago

As an added attraction the Unit will honor players who have achieved milestones during the past year such as category winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenny awards and Life Masters.

Those who play with different partners, who use a variety of systems and styles, have an easy adjustment to the individual format. Each participant will play each round with a different partner. Good luck and bridge sense without reliance on special or obscure conventions will lead to a good score. This game, for which name tags are a must, gives players an opportunity to meet and enjoy partners with whom they may never have had a chance to play.

Bridge Welcome Wagon Arrives

The Unit is sponsoring two programs at the Bridge Center to introduce bridge to newcomers, one in the daytime, another in the evening. The evening session meets Thursdays at 7-10 p.m. starting September 4, and features Frank Smoot teaching beginning bridge. The cost is \$70 for the 8-week series and includes the cost of the book. Call Lori at (650) 947-9370 or Barbara at (650) 851-4407 for further information.

Carla Davis will lead Easy Bridge on Friday mornings from 9:00-11:30 starting September 12. Each session consists of a 20-minute lesson followed by two hours of play. The first four are free, the rest \$6 per event. Easy Bridge is not for total beginners, participants should have played some bridge. There is a partner guarantee. Meet other players, enjoy snacks and socializing. For information call Lori at (650) 947-9370 or Carla at (650) 961-3731 or carlafd@earthlink.com. Please tell your friends!

You Disagree? Become a Nominee



Before we know it, the December election date for the Unit Board of Directors will be upon us. Have you considered running? The Unit would like to encourage every player to make a contribution toward the Unit management. You will have the opportunity to work on the committee of your choice and to put your own opinions to work. Board meetings are once a month and the Unit needs your support.

Please contact Ginger Herrick at (650) 948-2995 or ginger@khw.com, if you have any interest in running for a Board position.

Help Clean Up to Earn Free Plays

As many players know, Robin and Pat Chambers perform the janitorial duties at the Bridge Center. They offer their valuable services to help reduce expense at the Center and provide a pleasant ambience for players. Frequently, they are away for a week or more at a time. Because no one is responsible for cleaning during their absence, the Board has asked that they find someone to do the same cleaning chores when they are away. There is no direct financial compensation, but the substitute can earn up to 11 free plays (about a \$70 value) for a week of service with the number prorated according to the service time rendered.

For further information and to volunteer to be on the list, contact Robin at (650) 856-2101.

Encounters of a Rich Kind by Hansa Narasimhan

My trip to Long Beach to play at the Nationals was one of the most exciting experiences of my life. Walking in the corridors of the Convention Center with people saying, "I had..." and "my partner had..." Just listening to all the bridge talk and walking past all the stores with bridge paraphernalia (pins, bags, t-shirts, bridge books, etc., etc.) was so much fun. We do belong to an exclusive group. From Bill Gates (the world's richest man) to people living on food stamps - this game is a great equalizer. A huge number of star players had come out to play. Rubbing shoulders with Zia Mahmood (charming) and all the hoi polloi of international bridge was absolutely intoxicating.

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: D. Joann Barr, Ho-Lin Chen, Steven Lipson, Sue Lubais, Jean Sandberg, William Skotnica and Mary Lou Zoback. Hello, to Michele House and Samuel Leong who recently transferred into the Unit.

Table Talk

Carolyn's Bjorklund success at the Nationals in Long Beach is the talk of the Unit. Congratulations go to her as playing captain on the winning team in the Senior Swiss event. The Board voted to honor her at the Unit Swiss Team event on August 21.

Hansa Narasimhan reported an amusing encounter from the Nationals. Jay Sweet, her teammate and she were standing in line to buy the entry for the Swiss Teams. Bill Gates and Warren Buffet were in line behind them - please note, no lackeys or hangers on. So Jay bought the ticket and turned around and inadvertently tried to give the change to them instead of to her. Hansa quipped, "Please don't give them the change, they have too much money already." (Incidentally, Bill Gates sold 4 million shares of Microsoft the week before he came to Long Beach.)

Everyone is glad to hear that Walter Miller is recovering well from his recent surgery. All the players are grateful to Claire Coleman, Alan Templeton and Ralf Singer who have been directing his games during his recovery.

Prospecting? Discover gold at the Instant Match Point game at the Cotton Club on Wednesday, September 10 at 7 p.m. This is the only chance to earn gold points at a club game.

Kevin O'Leary wants people to know that while he's on vacation in September, there will be pair games only on Tuesday nights—no barometer.

Many prefer to sit North South because it gives them a permanent "home." However, this privilege comes with a responsibility. They need to keep the table orderly for the enjoyment of the East West visitors. The directors request that N/S pairs make a special effort at the end of the last round to tidy up the table, to dispose of trash to return coffee mugs to the kitchen and remind the East West pairs to do the same.

Note the page of Newcomer Tips on the Bridge Center bulletin board. If you have added "words of wisdom" to contribute, give Lori the message at (650) 947-9370 or spaeth@sbcglobal.net.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 2, 3:45 p.m.
Bridge Center



July 2003 Winners' Circle



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

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 7 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
(B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van Tamelen
(A&B) D. Altman/D. Baerncopf
- 14 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
(B) M. Sterngold/B. Ross
(A&B) E. Chen/J. Tseng
- 21 B. Nene/P. Saunders
(A&B) R. Heller/M. Troster
(A,B&C) A. Suares/E. Tromovitch
N. Weiss/J. Sogg
(B) R. Wertheimer/J. Girand
(B&C) P. Korn/J. Thornley

Sherie's Monday Game

- 7 H. Sung/L. Sung
C. Macey/K. Kelly
- 14 M. Coy/S. Balson
S. Maisel/R. Pollak
- 21 M. Wu/P. Corigan
A. Laird/L. Welch
- 28 A. Suares/E. Tromovitch
N. Weiss/J. Sogg

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 1 N. Evans/A. Cummings
M. & T. Sato
- 8 M. Chen/C. Lin/M. Glick/R. Pollak
- 15 N. Evans/B. Liddicoat
N. Weiss/G. Kahn
S. Blum/H. Bennett
W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
- 22 M. Howe/B. Purchase
H. Sung/B. Hu
J. Weiss/W. Spicer
G. Van Deirse/C. Macey
- 29 M. Howe/A. Drummond-Hay
M. Coy/B. Schneider
G. Simpson/N. Nazari
H. Bennett/G. Kucera

Tuesday Noon BC

Unavailable***

Under 200 Bridge Club

Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC*

- 1 F. McWilliams/Y. Chen
Z. Mohammed/K. Talbot
- 8 R. Passal/V. Kilstrup
(B&C) S. Wicka/F. Gonzalez
(A&B) P. Cornelius/M. Fleisher
- 15 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(B) W. Bidermann/L. Wagner
(C) G. & J. Piaget
(A&B) H. Bailey/R. Husain
(A,B&C) C. Lazarovici/C. Tataru
- 22 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(B) F. Herzer/R. Haines
(A,B&C) C. Tataru/C. Lazarovici
- 29 D. Wheeler/G. Wheeler
(B) F. Herzer/R. Haines
(B&C) I. Bar-Nir/G. Spaeth
L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(A,B&C) C. & H. Lindauer

*Hand records provided

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 2 E. Jacobi/D. Wheeler
S. Atkinson/J. Hornback
- 9 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
G. Yang/S. Greenberg
- 16 T. Kridl/E. Jacobi
M. Van Tamelen/J. Girand
- 23 M. Yates/V. Herrick
A. Levy/C. Coleman
- 30 L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler
B. Beardsley/K. Harper

Wed. Aft. 49er**

Unavailable***

Cotton Club

- 2 Closed
- 9 G. Macgregor/T. Gokcen/D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
- 16 P. Seal/H. Deeby
S. Cagnina/J. Stanczak
- 23 D. Allison/A. Lam
R. Kilgren/E. Alcoff
- 30 F. Gonzalez/B. Briant
T. Kofler/M. Fleisher

**Includes lesson and hand records with analysis

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 3 Closed
- 10 M. Marz/P. Korn
M. Kelly/L. Kelly
R. Lynch/N. Sicotte
A. Mollard/C. Gable
- 17 E. Ehrman/R. Husain
J. Girand/E. Edwards
I. & S. Krulevitch
D. Lundahl/E. Gorlin
- 24 D. Duncan/C. Binasik
N. Weiss/M. Kelly
D. Kelley/D. Low
D. Halden/T. Hall

Thursday Aft. BC

- 3 Closed
- 10 H. Narasimhan/P. Chambers
(A&B) R. Stolee/E. Jacobi
(A&B) B. Nene/D. Lowry
(B&C) N. Irwin/A. Lyew
- 17 H. Narasimhan/M. Hafezi
(B) G. Wheeler/B. Nene
(A&B) B. Leonard/E. Worcester
(C) L. Doying/B. Donoghue
- 24 M. Yates/L. Spaeth
(A&B) N. Gordon/N. Irwin
J. Flocks/R. Stolee
(A&B) B. Nene/D. Lowry
- 31 L. Spaeth/P. Saunders
(B) G. & S. Akhtar
L. Johannesen/C. Mandala
(A&B) K. O'Leary/D. Lowry

Red Club

- 3 Closed
- 10 M. Robinson/R. Ehrman
- 17 F. Herzer/M. Maggipinto
(A&B) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
M. Herbach/C. Karnos
- 24 D&K. Puryear
R. & J. Williams
- 31 P. McFerren/C. Coleman
(A&B) M. Niejadlik/X. Ge
C. Luhrs/A. Asarinas

Friday

Friday Morning BC

- 4 Closed
- 11 (A,B&C) R. Pollak/M. Muller
(A&B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
(C) C. Wu/N. Cadwell
- 18 H. Narasimhan/J. Kelsey

(B) L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler
(A&B) C. Lin/M. Chen
(C) R. Pollak/M. Muller
- 25 (A&B) N. Wolf/L. Spaeth
(C) J. Janetos/R. Lachman
(A&B) T. Kridl/L. Jamart
(C) M. Kelly/L. Kelly

Friday Night Barometer

- 4 Closed
- 11 H. Solleder/J. Schoenbrun
(B) P. Kamas/M. Cochran
(C) E. & R. Ehrman
(A,B7C) T. Fiero/D. Fiero
- 18 R. Kilgren/H. Solleder
D. Kuo/E. Sun
(A&B) B. Ipswitch/J. Harpoottlian
(C) E. Alcoff/R. Kilgren
- 25 R. Ritz/R. Ng
(B) B. McCloy/L. Cicolani
(C) T. & D. Fiero

***Best wishes to Walter Miller for a speedy recovery

Saturday

One Club

- 5 Closed
- 12 H. Narasimhan/E. Jacobi
(A&B) M. Larkin/M. O'Malley
J. Flocks/R. Kilgren
(B) J. Tseng/D. Chang
- 19 S. Cook/T. Moalem
(B) K. Lorimer/C. Macey
T. Quinlan/J. Nakao
(B&C) D. Tokaj/R. Wojtczuk
- 26 M. Larkin/J. Von Gehr
(A&B) R. Pollak/C. Lazarovici
B. Beardsley/L. Spaeth
(B) J. & L. Mattis

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 6 Closed
- 13 E. Schramm/L. Corbetta
(B) M. & T. Randolph
(C) A. & B. Singh
J. Flock/M. Moore
(B&C) L. Calof/P. Khanna
- 20 T. & S. Cohn
(B&C) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
A. Struthers/E. Erickson
(B) M. Kelly/L. Partridge
L. Corbetta/M. Johnson
(B) E. Schramm/A. Suares
J. Flocks/M. Moore
(B) F. Lubais/C. Lazarovici

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
	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	

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Upcoming Events:

All Western Reg'l, Tuesday, 8/26-9/1 at Santa Clara Westin Hotel
Instant Match Point Game (gold points),
 Wed., Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., Cotton Club

Sectional, Friday, September 12 at Orangevale, Comm. Ctr
Club champ., Monday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday Game
Club champ., Wed., September 17 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
Club champ., Thursday, September 18 at 12:30 p.m., Sherie's BC

Unit Individual Game, Sunday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
Sectional, Friday, September 26 at San Jose, Masonic Temple

CLUB CLOSINGS:

No game on Tuesday evening, August 26, Tuesday Night BC
 No game at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 27, Bridge 'n Brunch
 No game on evening of Wednesday, August 27, Cotton Club
 No games on Thursday through Monday, August 28-September 1.

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