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Come for Prizes, Potluck at Charity Pairs April 25

The Unit has scheduled the ACBL Charity Open Pairs for Sunday, April 25 at 1 p.m. Because charity club championship awards are 85% of sectional rating, this is an excellent opportunity to add some extra points and move up in the ACBL ranking. The game fee will be \$8.

To add extra enjoyment to this event, the Unit invites players to come at 12:30 with an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Please, indicate your intention on the bulletin board list, but please, no hot food. For added excitement, some lucky players will receive special prizes. Of course, there will be hand records and a friendly and congenial ambiance.

The ACBL has named the Alzheimer's Association as Charity of the Year. The Association vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease and the mission is to eliminate the disease through the advancement of research and to enhance quality care and support for individuals, their families and care partners.



Bridge Center Use

In order to avoid conflicts in the use of the Bridge Center, it is very important that club owners, directors, members and guests, contact Gloria Leitstein for any use of the Bridge Center that is not on the back page calendar of the *Kibitzer*. Contact Gloria at (650)326-1788 or halglo@pacbell.net.

Fleisher-Williams Lead in Pro-Am

On Sunday, February 26, both the "pros" and "ams" enjoyed the Unit Pro-Am event, which featured life masters partnered with non-Live Masters. But the biggest smiles were on the faces of Michael Fleisher and John Williams as E/W, who topped the 14-table field. The partnerships of Lorna Corbetta and Ruth Ann Lynch and Mary Ann Berg and Chris Lazarovici tied for first N/S.

Thanks go to Carla Davis, Unit Tournament Chair, who did an excellent job organizing the event. There were many compliments from the players. These comments prove that despite the extra effort required, these Pro-Am games are well worth it.

Emergency Contact Numbers

At the March meeting, the Board voted to compile a list of emergency contact phone numbers for use during a sudden serious illness during games. There will be a list on the bulletin board, for those who wish to post a number, voluntarily. Or, members may contact Lori Spaeth at her email address: spaeth@sbcglobal.net.

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Mary Savole, Annette Bialson, Carol Burger, Geir Helleloid, Daniel Hoffman and Garth Wilson. Hello, to the following players who have transferred into our Unit: Carol Clements and Jason Woolever.

Player Pleas for Kindness

By Marianne Moutoux

Recently, an opponent picked up the traveler score and announced that they had gotten a top score on the board. In another occurrence, before anyone else could see the score, an opponent announced that we had gotten the lowest score; other east-west pairs had scored one or two more tricks.

Notwithstanding what this says about our bridge these days, I would like to comment on how this feels. First, it is embarrassing to have it announced to the tables around us that we did that poorly on the board. Secondly, the other tables should not hear what was done at the table next to them. Traveler scores need to be seen and not heard. That way all tables will have equal footing on how to play the boards.

Score the traveling score and then show it to all four players to determine for themselves if they are top, bottom, or middle. Your opponents would then feel treated with dignity and not with gloating. It is fine to comment on your score with your partner in private after the opponents have left the table.

Player Advancements

The ACBL January and February reports show that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Joan Bower, Carolyn Lemm
<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	Janice McCullough, Fran Rappaport, Michael Rappaport Kate Smith, Judy Vadasz
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Theresa Hall, Randee Palmer Matthew Kaufman
<u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP	Nancy Cadwell, Freya Charney Dave Wheeler
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Paul Chestnut, Audrey Mitchell
<u>Life Master</u> 300 MP	Jan Samuels
<u>Silver L.M.</u> 1000 MP	Richard Stolee

It Seems to Me

By Gersh Wheeler

Recently, a player asked me how to respond when his partner opened 1NT and the next player overcalled 2D, which shows both majors. I suggested he bid 2H with a heart stopper, 2S with a spade stopper and 2NT or 3NT with stoppers in both suits. This satisfied him, but actually I use a different solution to the problem. The difficulty with my own method is that it is complicated and easily forgotten. But, if you like gadgets and are willing to try to remember them here is my approach.

After the 2D overcall of your partner's opening 1NT, you have 9 convenient calls available. These are double, 2H, 2S, 3H, 3S, 3NT and a Lebensohl 2NT followed by 3H, 3S or 3NT. Why not use these calls to describe the 9 situations your partner needs to know, which are:

1. *no stoppers in either suit*
2. *full heart stopper, none in spades*
3. *full spade stopper, none in hearts*
4. *full stoppers in both majors*
5. *full heart stopper, partial stopper in spades,*
6. *full spade stopper, partial stopper in hearts*
7. *partial stopper in hearts, no stopper in spades*
8. *partial stopper in spades, no stopper in hearts*
9. *partial stoppers in both majors.*

You and your partner will have to agree on which call how which stopper. Frankly, I have juggled them around my self. It is confusing, but when you remember and the situation arises, it can be very satisfying.

Get Back to Bridge Soon

Get well wishes go out to several players who have been away from the bridge games because of illness. We hope that Ted Aberg, Ernst Jacobi, Joan Chognard, Chuck Lane and Frank Frates are feeling better and will be playing again soon.

Sympathy

The Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to Carol Brigham on the recent passing of her husband Bill. Our sympathy also goes out to the rest of his family and all his friends. Bill was a Unit member for many years.

February 2004 Winners' Circle

Individual game results are at: <http://www.accesscom.com/~unit503/gameresults.html>



Monday

Bridge Mix

- 2 M. Yates/T. Bowman
(AB) F. Miller/R. Singer
G. Macgregor/J. O'Neil
(AB) D. Chang/B. Chu
- 9 M. Yates/A. Levy
(AB) B. Hirsekorn/H.
Macdonell
S. Blum/H. Bennett
(B) D. Wheeler/D. Bernstein
- 16 Closed
- 23 (AB) J. Tseng/E. Chen
T. Bowman/M. Marani
(B) J. Cady/H. Bailey

Sherie's Monday Game

- 2 E. Gove/J. Adamiak
S. Maisel/R. Pollak
- 9 S. Maisel/R. Pollak
K. Kelly/C. Macey
- 16 Closed
- 23 J. McCullough/J. Rose
J. Girand/R. Lachman

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 3 (ABC) K. Kelly/L. Kelly
(AB) M. Livenspargar/E.
Makowski
(C) B. Donoghue/L. Doying
M. Berg/B. Ferguson
(B) G. Herrick/H. Macdonell
(C) A. Foti/J. Hergatt
J. Flocks/R. Stolee
(B) N. Pappas/S. O'Donnell
(C) J. Hornback/D. Bernstein
- 10 M. Larkin/M. Van Tamelen
(BC) A. & B. Singh
(AB) M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
(C) R. Robinson/J. Cady
L. Spaeth/R. Stolee
(BC) M. Shaffer/M. Adams
(AB) N. Pappas/S. O'Donnell
- 17 (AB) A. Arnold/S. Morley
(C) D. Duncan/C. Binasiak
(AB) M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
(C) N. Irwin/I. Frymire
M. Hafezi/T. Bowman
(B) D. Wheeler/E. Tanck
(C) R. Pollak/J. Cady
(ABC) D. Chang/J. Wu
H. Bennett/G. Kucera
- 24 (ABC) D. Chang/B. Chu
(AB) M. & S. Sterngold
(C) M. Marx/R. Lynch
(ABC) K. Shaw/M. Orelove

Tuesday Noon BC

- 3 L. Mattis/F. Bennett
(B) C. & R. Johnson
(C) C. & J. Neubauer
R. & W. Hoeger
(BC) P. Yelvington/J. Kiernan
D. Stowell/D. Doolittle
(B) E. Tromovitch/S. Barasch
D. Holden/J. Franke
(B) B. Larsen/G. Gusman
(C) J. & B. Stern
- 10 D. Stowell/D. Doolittle
(B) E. Andrews/I. Egerman
(C) F. & M. Rappaport
(AB) D. Kelley/N. Mohler
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey
(ABC) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(AB) K. Reis/D. Gardner
(C) R. & S. Rajendran
- 17 (AB) E. Moley/J. Carollo
(C) H. Harris/E. Schmitt
(AB) J. Brandon/R. Lynch
(C) P. Reeser/P. Ingman
M. Thompson/O. Tangney
(B) D. Halden/P. Gaffney
(C) P. & D. Dollinger
(ABC) J. Newman/J. Phillips
(AB) J. Mattis/J. Chui
(C) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(ABC) P. Reeser/P. Ingman
F. Bao/S. Pau
(B) G. Bowling/T. Letchfield
(AB) E. Tromovitch/F.
Bennett

Under 200 Bridge Club Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC*

- 3 Unavailable
- 10 Closed
- 17 P. McFerren/C. Hanel
(B) R. Haines/F. Herzer
(ABC) B. Tofighrad/N. Day
- 24 P. McFerren/C. Hanel
(B) L. Wagner/W. Bidermann
(BC) B. Tofighrad/J. Cady
(ABC) R. O'Brien/H.
Szejnwald

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 4 M. Berg/B. Ferguson
T. Hale/D. Halden
- 18 J. Williams/W. Russell
- 25 T. Moalem/M. Hafezi
A. Drummond-Hay/M. Howe

Wed. Aft. 49er**

- 4 P. Gaffney/P. Stoner
R. Ward/J. Newman
- 11 G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
G. & G. Fong
- 18 K. Smith/J. Vadasz
M. Seymour/A. Rado
- 25 C. & J. Neubauer
B. Ober/A. Chausse

Cotton Club

- 4 J. & R. Robinson
(B) P. Kilner/R. Kilner
(ABC) H. Szejnwald/R.
O'Brien
- 11 Closed
- 18 (ABC) L. Mohr/W.
Bidermann
- 25 D. Wheeler/G. Wheeler
(B) S. Morley/A. Cummings
C. Davis/E. Tanck
(BC) S. Goldshine/K.
O'Leary

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 5 D. Shannahan/S. Fikes
S. Thomas/C. Gable
R. Lynch/B. Liddicoat
E. Gove/J. Adamiak
- 12 A. Robertson/P. Korn
F. Rappaport/B. Newton
A. Templeton/C. Cole
C. Weiler/M. O'Leary
D. Hornback/A. Mollard
J. Hornback/J. Brandon
- 26 A. Elliot/M. Condon
H. Sung/L. Kelly
N. Weiss/G. Johnson
A. Robertson/F. Bennett

Thursday Aft. BC

- 5 H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett
(B) J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick
(C) I. Bar-Nir/S. Goldshine
B. Oshman/G. Simpson
(BC) M. Orelove/K. Shaw
- 12 Closed
- 19 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
(AB) R. Stolee/L. Spaeth
B. Oshman/G. Simpson
(B) N. Rodgers/B. Purchase
(AB) G. Wheeler/M. Van
Tamelen
(C) A. & B. Singh
S. Blum/H. Bennett
(ABC) G. Leitstein/L. Blum

Red Club

- 5 L. Mohr/W. Bidermann
- 12 Closed
- 19 C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
M. Moore/R. Robbins
(B) J. Rollin/A. Stagner
(C) C. Lazarovici/K. Chan

Friday

Easy Bridge

- 6 M. Williams/S. Huch
V. Howard/B. Dayharsh
- 13 G. Wilson/T. Turner
D. Romani/R. Summey
S. & R. Rajendran
J. Rush/R. Seiger
- 27 G. Wilson/T. Tanner
D. Magay/G. Tanner

Friday Morning BC

- 6 H. Bennett/F. Dickman
(B) M. Slater/K. Kelly
(AB) N. Nazari/B. Sonsini
(C) B. Purchase/M. Wilson
- 13 Closed
- 20 (AB) J. Von Gehr/M. Van
Tamelen
P. Chambers/H. Narasimhan
(B) B. Sonsini/D. Bernstein
- 27 M. Yates/R. Chambers
D. Fiero/D. Gambelin
(B) B. Hsu/E. Chen

Friday Night Barometer

- 6 (AB) H. Farhi/K. Humphrey
(C) L. Gaines/P. Cornelius
(ABC) A. Mukherjee/Y. Jin
- 13 Closed
- 20 (ABC) M. Fleisher/M. Foos
R. Powell/E. Leong
(B) M. & M. Yancey
(C) S. Tu/M. Cailean
- 27 E. Barlow/A. Boboricken
(B) C. & S. Fein
(AB) L. Cicolani/B. McCloy
(C) I. & V. Galis

Saturday

One Club

- 7 L. Corbetta/A. Soares
(B) J. Robinson/P. Tsu
C. Lindfors/M. Marani
(B) L. Spaeth/B. Sonsini
- 14 Closed
- 21 T. Moalem/C. Colvin
(B) C. Lazarovici/K. Chao
(ABC) M. Muller/G. Haardt
- 28 K. Humphrey/H. Farhi
(B) A. Cummings/P. Tsu
J. & R. Williams
(B) M. Moore/J. Robinson

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 1 M. Brabb/A. Gallas
(B) M. Larkin/L. Spaeth
(C) D. & E. Ehrman
(AB) M. O'Malley/E.
Worcester
(C) F. Gonzalez/T. Scharf
K. Talbot/A. Mohammed
(BC) D. Tokaj/R. Wojtczuk
J. Flock/M. Moore
(BC) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
- 29 M. Yates/B. Steele
(B) C. & M. Maggipinto
(C) E. Schramm/A. Soares
M. Brabb/C. Lazarovici
(B) A. Cummings/R. Kilgren

*Hand records provided

**Includes lesson and hand records
with analysis

Unit Game

February 2 Unit Pro-Am

- N/S
- 1/2 L. Corbetta/R. Lynch
1/2 M. Berg/C. Lazarovici
- 3 G. Drew/E. Belatini
- 4 B. Barlow/J. Chui
- 5 G. Herrick/S. Charney
- 6 R. Smith/G. Leitstein
E/W
- 1 M. Fleisher/J. Williams
- 2 D. Tokaj/R. Wojtczuk
- 3 E. Barlow/M. Williams
- 4 J. Travis/N. Hood
- 5 C. & M. Maggipinto
6. M. Brabb/J. Adamiak

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 Tuesday of the month
WED	Sherie's Newcomer	<20 M.P.	10:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	Lesson at 10:00; Bridge at 10:15
	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	
	Wed Aft. 49er	<50 M.P.	1:00 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	Heart 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.	Claire Coleman	
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Claire Coleman	
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, April 2 at Masonic Temple, San Jose
 Club Champ, Monday, April 5 at 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday game
 Club Champ, Wednesday, April 7 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
 Club Champ, Thursday, April 8 at 12:30 p.m., Sherie's BC
 Club Championship, Tuesday, April 20, Noon, Alpine BC
 Club Championship, Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m. The Cotton Club
 Unit Charity Pairs, Sunday, April 25 at 1 p.m.
 Sectional, Friday, April 16 at Iron Horse School, San Ramon
 Sectional, Friday, April 23 at Centre Plaza, Modesto
 Sectional, Friday, April 30 at Comm Ctr, Orangevale

NEXT BOARD MEETING
 Tuesday, April 6, at 3:45 p.m.
 Bridge Center

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