



# Kibitzer

Palo Alto Unit 503

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## Name Your Choices for the Unit Board

The Palo Alto Unit has scheduled its annual election of the Board of Directors for seven two-year terms. The candidates are: Dave Bernstein, Liz Blum, Gabriella Bowling, Alan Cummings, John Hornbeck and incumbents Chuck Lane and David Wheeler. Voters may also use write-in options instead of voting for the listed candidates. The winners will form the 2005 Board with the current members: Claire Coleman, Louise Doying, Gloria Leitstein and Barbara Sonsini.

To help you to get acquainted with the nominees, the Kibitzer has printed photos, candidate information and statements on page 2. The ballot and voting instructions are at the bottom of page 3. Unit members may vote at the any club game, where ballots, envelopes and ballot boxes will be at hand. Members may also vote by mail or by email by following the directions on the ballot.



## Holiday Time Means STAC Time

The Western conference has prepared a gift package full of master points waiting for players to grab. They are there for the winners and others at our Unit clubs who participate in the STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs). Just come and play any time or better many times during the week of Monday, December 6 through Sunday December 12. Best of all, those awards for the winners are sterling silver. All the clubs listed in the directory on the back page are waiting for you to "STAC" up the points at their games.

## Unit to Feast and Frolic December 5

The Unit's big bridge bash, the event of the year, is almost here! On Sunday December 5 at the Bridge Center, the Unit will show its appreciation to its players by celebrating a successful year with free bridge and free dinner. Game time is 2 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Chef Chu will cater the dinner and Hansa Narasimhan is organizing a dessert table. To add to the merriment, the Unit will donate wine.

The Unit requires players to make a dinner reservation by a sign-up on the list at the Bridge Center. This event is for UNIT MEMBERS ONLY. The caterer needs an accurate count; so make a firm commitment when you list your name. The Unit will charge a fee of \$10 to "no shows," who do not cancel. The deadline for sign-ups and cancellations is Thursday, December 2. Sign up early as space is limited.

## VOTE AT UNIT GAME ELECTION PARTY, DEC. 19

Sunday, December 19 at noon is your last chance to vote. Take a break from the busy holiday shopping and join us for great nibbles and surprise festive libations at the last Unit game of 2004. The event will combine stratified pairs plus last minute voting and the announcement of the Palo Alto Board election results. Please circle the date for good food, good games and good times.



## Meet the Candidates

Alan Cummings



Education, career at Stanford. Works full time. Wife Judy, son Chris, and daughter-in-law Michelle, and the two most beautiful granddaughters in the world, who live in Palo Alto. Returned to bridge 5 years ago, enjoys all my new friends. I am learning every day! "I want to help promote our games and events, attract new members, increase frequency of play of current members, provide quality services, plan the long term future of the Unit including our own facility. I would enjoy the challenge! "

Liz tried bridge by osmosis, sitting under tables as a kid. Didn't work, so learned as a student to impress a boyfriend. Boyfriend didn't work out but game did. Been playing and loving it ever since. Duplicate career started many years ago with Virginia Savstrom's lessons at the Y. Tried ACBL games, but discouraged by smoky rooms and unfriendly attitude. But, found the present game and Unit clubs particularly welcoming and friendly. "I think the mission of our Board of Directors should be to encourage that attitude of welcome and to promote the game at the entry level in any way we can. I'd like to be part of that effort as a member of the Board of Directors."



Liz Blum

David Wheeler



(Incumbent) Dave's parents played in the Unit for many years. He started playing bridge about 40 years ago. He stopped when his kids and job took too much time. Now, his youngest is 33 and with no job, he's playing again!!! Dave was 2004 Unit Secretary and is looking forward to continuing on the Board of Directors. His monthly minutes demonstrate a perceptive insight to the problems at meetings. He believes that if you're going to take advantage of an organization you should contribute to it as well.

Gabriella became passionate about duplicate at Walter's clubs, where "all is forgiven." Soon ventured to Bridge Center to try her luck with some of the best players in the world. "A smile, self confidence and good bridge skills are the essential ingredients needed for acceptance." Loves to prepare exotic cuisine, playing competitive tennis, write and arrange flowers. On the Board, she wants to be the Ambassador of Good Will, helping bring in new members, enticing them to venture to "the other side," to try their luck with the great players that surround them.



Gabriella Bowling



**Dave Bernstein**



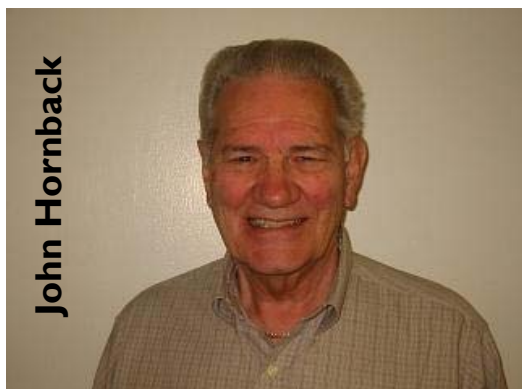
Bridge has been an important part of Dave's life, for it was there he met his wife Anne of 43 years. After being an addict in 50's and 60's he went cold turkey for 40+years to turn his attention to his career and family. Came back last year to discover bidding boxes and that very few bids were natural. He has found the Unit clubs to be very welcoming and friendly for a return to bridge. Still works part time at Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation, but bridge is trumping work more and more.

(Incumbent) Chuck is a realtor with Coldwell Banker. Bridge is his #1 hobby. He started playing as a child; continued in college and then dropped out for around 10 years. He enjoys the game, the people and the competition, but tries not to take the game too seriously. Other activities include affiliation with a HOA Board of Directors, including President; volunteer work for Santa Clara County ARIS, food and emotional support for people. Also worked with Partners In Caring, Stanford Hospital. Chuck was 2003 & 2004 Unit Treasurer.



**Chuck Lane**

**John Hornback**



Married to Dee Hornback. 4 children, 10 grandchildren. Recently became Life Master. Licensed architect, construction management. Now retired but still does consulting. President and Board member for several boards including: Homeowners Assn, professional groups, civic committees, school district. Hobbies are photography, coin collecting, gardening, golf, travel, music and first of all, bridge. Has enjoyed the benefits of membership in the Unit and feels it is time to give something back.

**Official Ballot – 2005 Election - Unit 503**

Select no more than seven (7) candidates. (Ballot position determined by draw)

Alan Cummings \_\_\_ Liz Blum \_\_\_ David Wheeler \_\_\_ Gabriella Bowling \_\_\_  
 Dave Bernstein \_\_\_ Chuck Lane \_\_\_ John Hornback \_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Only a ballot received in a sealed envelope with a legible signature on the outside is valid. Deposit ballot in box at your local club or mail it to Barbara Sonsini, 370 Mountain Home Road, Woodside, CA 94062 or vote by sending a list of names by email to [bsonsin@hotmail.com](mailto:bsonsin@hotmail.com). You may also bring your ballot to the Unit game at noon on December 19.



# October 2004 Winners' Circle



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

## Monday

### Bridge Mix

- 4 R. Williams/R. Dean  
(B) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler  
J. Flocks/D. Bernstein  
(B) L. Blum/G. Leitstein  
11 R. Heller/D. Richerson  
S. Greenberg/W. Pomeroy  
18 R. Dean/R. Williams  
(AB) I. Frymire/C. Macey  
25 H. Solleder/M. Yates  
C. Brigham/J. Schoenbrun  
(B) C. Francis/W. Sumner  
R. Smadi/Nach  
(C) D. Kelley/D. Lowe  
J. Franke/D. Halden

### Sherie's Monday Game

- 4 M. Moutoux/A. Pagin  
N. Irwin/N. Brubaker  
11 H. Sung/B. Liddicoat  
L. Sung/J. Brandon  
18 B. Hirsekorn/A. Oliff  
M. Wang/B. Chu  
25 See Bridge Mix

## Tuesday

### Alpine BC

Not Submitted

### Tuesday Noon BC

- 5 (Tie-AB) R. Palmer/J. Adamiak  
(Tie-AB) J. Mattis/B. Kates  
D. Halden/J. Franke  
(BC) J. Schwartz/D. Ryan  
(ABC) C. Lemm/J. Cross  
D. Doolittle/D. Stowell  
(B) J. Rosner/J. Brandon  
(C) T. Sera/C. Stone  
12 (AB) R. & C. Johnson  
(AB) D. Kelly/N. Mohler  
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford  
B. Liddicoat/A. Welch  
(BC) L. Whelan/M. Soltz  
(ABC) J. & R. Smith  
19 (AB) J. Dammann/M. Payne  
F. Bao/S. Atkinson  
(BC) K. Smith/J. Vadasz  
L. Mattis/J. Chui  
(BC) H. Harris/E. Schmitt  
(AB) G. Bowling/R. Jastremski  
(C) G. Joel/N. Rude  
26 L. Mattis/A. Soares  
(Tie-B) M. & R. Lawrence  
(Tie-B) G. Spaeth/M. Atherton  
(Tie-BC) L. Whelan/M. Soltz  
(AB) R. Luik/J. Birnbaum  
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey  
(AB) C. Woodward/N. Nilsson  
(C) N. & A. Dalal  
(AB) J. Bower/R. Palmer  
(C) P. Ingman/P. Reeser

### Under 200 Bridge Club

Combined with Noon BC

### Tuesday Night BC

- 5 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak  
(AB) S. Malek/J. Mrazek  
(BC) C. & H. Lindauer  
12 L. Cicolani/J. McCloy  
19 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak  
(B) F. Gonzalez/H. Szejnwald  
(AB) L. Cicolani/J. McCloy  
26 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak  
(B) F. Gonzalez/H. Szejnwald  
R. Madalena/G. Macgregor  
(B) P. McFerren/C. Hanel

## Wednesday

### Bridge N Brunch

- 6 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow  
J. Flocks/T. Moalem  
13 S. Greenberg/R. Pollak  
T. Bowman/D. Wheeler  
20 J. McCullough/J. Rose  
J. Rollin/N. Cadwell  
27 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams  
J. Flocks/N. Wolf

### Wed. Aft. 49er

- 6 J. Williams/M. Atherton  
N. & T. Ito  
13 J. Murray/E. McCrory  
N. & T. Ito  
20 J. Schwartz/N. Rude  
P. Reeser/P. Inman  
27 G. Joel/B. Scheidtman  
J. & T. Strong

### Cotton Club

Not Submitted

## Thursday

### Sherie's BC

- 7 M. Marx/R. Lachman  
A. Pagin/M. Moutoux  
S. McGilvay/E. Cowell  
J. Thornley/C. Nealis  
14 H. Macdonell/M. Troster  
A. Templeton/M. Moutoux  
R. & A. Rice  
J. & W. Stern  
21 G. Bowling/R. Jastremsky  
M. Moutoux/A. Pagin  
R. Palmer/L. Whelan  
C. Segal/S. Hollon  
28 A. Templeton/C. Cole  
C. Kwiatek/F. Bao  
D. Lowe/D. Kelley  
E. Gove/J. Adamiak

### Thursday Aft. BC

- 7 M. Yates/R. Williams  
(AB) N. Evans/A. Arnold  
B. Sonsini/W. Watson  
(AB) J. Clark/G. Pani  
(C) K. Shaw/M. Orelove  
14 B. Hirsekorn/P. Saunders  
(AB) N. Evans/A. Arnold  
(C) D. Peacock/B. Russell  
(AB) M. Chen/J. Tseng  
(BC) G. Leitstein/M. Orelove  
21 P. & R. Chambers  
(B) B. Ross/M. Sterngold  
(AB) W. & R. Hoeger  
R. Stolee/L. Spaeth

- (AB) N. Evans/A. Arnold  
B. Sonsini/W. Watson  
(AB) R. Kilner/R. Lachman  
(ABC) G. Leitstein/L. Blum  
28 H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett  
(B) G. Wheeler/G. Drew  
(ABC) M. Goodman/C. Lane  
B. Krop/E. Barlow  
(B) E. Ehrman/R. Husain  
B. Sonsini/W. Watson  
(B) D. Chang/P. Tsu  
(BC) T. & N. Stevens

### Red Club

Not submitted

## Friday

### Easy Bridge

- 1 V. Howard/M. Atherton  
G. Tanner/D. Magay  
8 J. Rush/M. Jacob  
V. Howard/A. Munger  
15 D. & V. Magay  
G. Stark/C. Stone  
22 M. Williams/M. Atherton  
V. Cleaver/D. Thompson  
29 J. Rush/M. Jacob  
C. Stone/U. Summey

### Friday Morning BC

- 1 P. & R. Chambers  
(AB) C. Fay/C. McGorvin  
(B) B. Hirsekorn/H. Macdonell  
8 M. Hafezi/P. Saunders  
R. Williams/R. Dean  
(B) R. Heller/B. Hirsekorn  
(B) J. Girand/R. Lachman  
(C) A. Mollard/M. O'Malley  
15 R. Williams/R. Dean  
T. Bowman/M. Hafezi  
(B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin  
(B) C. Clements/A. Laird  
22 W. Watson/H. Narasimhan  
C. Brigham/T. Bowman  
(B) T. Kridl/G. Herrick  
(BC) M. O'Malley/G. Leitstein  
29 P. & R. Chambers  
(AB) C. McGorvin/C. Fay  
(B) J. Blake/R. Pollak  
(C) F. Nesenblatt/S. Landsman

### Friday Night Barometer

- 1 (AB) P. Kamas/M. Cochran  
(AB) G. Porter/S. Tu  
(C) N. Robinson/R. Thomas  
8 D. Dang/S. Kodayam  
G. Venkatesh/N. Mohanram  
(B) G. Porter/M. Robichek  
(B) L. Cicolani/B. McCloy  
(C) F. Gonzalez/R. Haines  
(C) D. Lowry/K. O'Leary  
15 H. Solleder/J. Schoenbrun  
(AB) B. Luttrell/K. Mirchandani  
(B) K. Humphrey/H. Farhi  
(C) C. Lazarovici/C. Tataru  
(C) J. Pahk/S. Leong  
22 E. Barlow/R. Spitalnick  
R. Ng/P. Galligan  
(B) M. Cochran/A. Simpson

- (BC) C. Luhrs/R. Stein  
29 Closed

## Saturday

### One Club

- 2 M. Yates/G. Herrick  
(B) R. Husain/M. Chen  
J. Flocks/H. Narasimhan  
(BC) B. Gu/E. Mayefsky  
9 M. & W. Mackinnon  
(B) M. Petersen/P. Kueffer  
(AB) M. O'Malley/E. Worcester  
16 R. & J. Williams  
(B) P. Gross/H. Sterngold  
J. Flocks/T. Moalem  
(BC) P. Korn/A. Robertson  
23 Closed  
30 M. Larkin/C. Brigham  
(AB) R. Pollak/M. Chen

## Sunday

### Sunday Aft. BC

- 3 Closed  
10 N. Stoimirov/M. House  
C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo  
17 Unit Game  
24 Closed  
21 J. Flocks/M. Moore

## Unit Games

### October 17 Swiss

- A1 P. Cornelius/T. Moalem  
V. Vidwans/G. Porter  
A2/3 A. Boboricken/E. Simons  
D. Shannon/D. Rothschild  
A2/3 J. Stanczak/H. Solleder  
R. Senior/A. Hay  
A4 L. Frost/C. Hanel  
B. & B. Luttrell  
A5/6 C. Davis/E. Tanck  
D. Wheeler/G. Drew  
A5/6B1C1 Robertson/Edwards  
D. Ulrich/M. Ballinger  
B2 J. & N. Weiss  
J. & W. Pomeroy  
B3 G. Leitstein/A. Cummings  
M. Orelove/A. Arnold

### November 14 Sportsmanship

#### Trophy

- A1 C. Davis/G. Drew  
A2B1 A. Templeton/C. Cole  
A3 L. Spaeth/K. Harper  
A4 A. Boboricken/D. Rothschild  
A5B2C1 N. Nilsson/K. Wesolowska  
A6 M. Berg/C. Brigham  
B3C2 G. Leitstein/L. Blum  
B4 A. Arnold/A. Cummings  
B5 F. Lubais/M. Moore  
B6C3 P. Korn/L. Kelly  
C4 R. Lynch/G. Spaeth

## Trophy Race Nears the Finish Line

With two December games to go, Gene Drew leads the 2004 Winners Trophy, awarded for the best record in Unit games. Chairman Merle Orelove reports the following standings:

Gene Drew	12.04	Marge Yates	6.30
Carla Davis	9.20	Betsy Steele	6.30
Alan Cummings	7.47	Mou Chin-Chen	5.49
Maria Brabb	6.70	Fabien Lubais	5.16
Ruthann Lynch	6.41	John Williams	5.02

## Sympathy

The Unit Board and members extend their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Frank Frates, who passed away in October. Frank was a member of the current Board and the Unit representative to District 21. Frank also served on the Board from 1993-98 and as President in 1993-4.

The Unit sends condolences to Ash El Sadi and the family and friends of his wife Jill, who recently passed away. Jill and Ash were regular players at the Friday Night Barometer.

Our sympathy also goes to the family and friends of Anne Gallas who recently passed away. Anne's daughter brought in two cakes to the Bridge Club to let us know of her passing and to thank us for the joy bridge brought to Anne.

## Celebrate New Year's Eve With Bridge

The Friday Night Barometer club will host a New Year's eve bridge party on December 31 at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature a special format - Swiss Pairs. Note that this is a pairs game not a team one. There will be holiday cheer and munchies. The club invites players to contribute finger food or hors d'oeuvres for the goodie table. Be there to "ring in the new" with your friends playing your favorite game!!



## Alan Templeton Wins Sportsmanship Trophy

Congratulations to Alan Templeton! He is the 2004 recipient of the Unit Sportsmanship Trophy. The Unit makes this award annually to a member, who shows "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."



Ginger Herrick, standing in for the Trophy chairman, Merle Orelove, who could not be there, presented the award to Alan at the Unit Sportsmanship pot luck game held Sunday, November 14. Cres Cole spoke glowingly of his friend and partner. Afterward, Alan forwarded the following message to the *Kibitzer*: "I want to thank the Academy, my fellow actors, my family...Oops, wrong speech. It was an honor being chosen for this year's Sportsmanship Award and joining those who have been similarly honored in the past. Thanks, again, and I'll see you at the tables."

In a 17-table game the top spot went to Carla Davis and Gene Drew. Second overall and first in B were Alan Templeton (he was having a good day!) and Creswell Cole. Nadia Nilsson and Kat Wesolowska led the C Strata.

Thanks go to everyone who lent a helping hand and contributed their dishes for the pot luck.

## Cornelius Team Snatches Cheese

At the Unit Swiss Team event on October 17, the team of Paul Cornelius, Tania Moalem, Vandana Vidwans and Gary Porter edged out the Boboricken and Stanczak quartets by one victory point. This popular contest attracted a total of 20 teams including four in the 99er strata. Tops in the 99ers were Diana Lowe, Geeske Joel, William & Joyce Stern. The Winners Circle page lists the teams in the overalls.

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	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.	12:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	

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

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## Upcoming Events:

**Unit Game**, Sunday, December 5 at 2 p.m., Bridge Center

**Unit Dinner Party**, Sunday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m., Reservation Req'd

**STAC**, Monday, December 6-Sunday, December 12 at all clubs

**Unit Election Party**, Sunday, December 19, Noon at Bridge Center

**Club championship**, Monday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday Game

**Club championship**, Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch

**Club championship**, Thursday, December 23 at 12:30 p.m., Sherie's BC

**NY Eve Swiss Pairs and party**, Fri., Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m., Fri. Night Barom.

**CLUBS CLOSED:**

Friday, December 24: Morning BC, Easybridge, Barometer,

Saturday, December 25, One Club

Friday, December 31 Easy Bridge

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 7 at 3:45 p.m.**

**Bridge Center**

**Palo Alto**

**Unit 503 Board:**

Gloria Leitstein, President  
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