



Kibitzer

Palo Alto Unit 503

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A Bridge Blast!

The Firecracker Sectional July 1-5 at Rickey's

Bridge is always a blast! But, things really boom in Palo Alto at our Unit's celebrated Firecracker Sectional! The tournament gets underway at Rickey's Hyatt on Thursday evening, July 1, and continues through Monday, July 5. Invite all your friends to join in the Firecracker fun. Rickey's has a special room rate for players.

There's a game for everyone: knockout teams; Swiss teams; stratified open pairs; stratified intermediate/novice pairs; and game times, morning afternoon and night, to please all. Intermediate/novice pair games are part of every session every day. An early finish on the July 4 holiday guarantees players time for bridge, barbecues and Technicolor fireworks. The Firecracker Sectional flyer, reprinted on page 4, lists the tournament schedule in detail.

Get started for a weekend of fun on Thursday evening with stratified open pairs and intermediate/novice pairs for players with under 200 points. There will be a separate area for the players in the intermediate/novice division with stratification for players with 0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100 and 0-200 points. Friday marks the first two rounds of the popular bracketed knockout teams plus more pair contests. A special innovative feature this year is 3 pair sessions with morning, afternoon and evening start times. Knockout team rounds continue on Saturday afternoon and conclude that same evening. Again, stratified open pairs and intermediate/novice pairs will be on the program both Saturday and Sunday. Note the start times for both sessions on these two days.

All's well that ends well with both the popular Swiss teams in a strati-flighted format plus stratified open pairs, intermediate, and novice pairs on tap for the final Monday.

Chairmen Gloria Leitstein and Bernadine Donoghue have chosen some top aces as committee chairs. Mary Ann Larkin, with the help of Barbara Sonsini, will chair the hospitality committee, Ginger Herrick will be at the partnership desk and Lorna Corbetta will direct the caddies.

Anyone willing to help with set-up on Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. or take-down and clean-up on Monday evening should contact Gloria by phone at (650) 326-5283 or by email halglo@pacbell.net. To volunteer for partnership or hospitality committees, contact the respective chairs.

Unit Sets Open and 99ers Game for June 5

The Unit game on Sunday, June 5 at 1 p.m. will have two flights. One flight will be an open game; the other for 99ers. Both flights will be stratified. Therefore, players of similar skills will compete directly against their peers.

The 2003 Open winners were Danning Dong and Yiqun Jin and Judith Palmer and Marion Krause led the 99ers.

Come and enjoy bridge with your fellow players in friendly rivalry. As usual, there will be hand records and players will wear name tags to help all get acquainted.

NAP Games to Start in June

Several clubs will hold NAP (North American Pairs) games in June. This will give players a chance to qualify for the next level and to earn extra masterpoints. Take a look at the back page calendar for a list of scheduled games.

To increase participation in the NAP, the ACBL has reduced sanction fees and allows clubs to schedule two qualifying events. During the coming summer months other clubs will schedule NAP games. Watch the *Kibitzer* for these opportunities to pile up the points.

Players who place in the overalls earn sectionally-rated half red and half black masterpoints. Any player who scores average or in the upper half will be eligible to play in a two-session Unit final scheduled in the fall.

Newcomers

Welcome to new Unit 503 members: Mark Dowley, John Flavin, Ellen Gonella, Adriana Ippati-Torrens, Diane Kelley Naomi Klughaupt, Sandra Pallotti, Virginia Powers, Jacquie Reynolds-Rush and Barbara Thayer.

Unit Donates Funds

The Unit received a rebate from the ACBL Charity Foundation and from the Unit and club charity games held in 2003. At the May meeting, the Board voted to send a \$100 donation to the Palo Alto Food Closet.

No Dogs, Please

The Bridge Center is not the place for dogs. Your dog may be very harmless, but many people are afraid of dogs. So...please do not bring them into the Bridge Club or near the entrance. Thank you.

Red Club Announces Special Game

On Thursday, May 27, Will Watson's Red Club will hold a club championship to welcome Frank Smoot's class to the world of duplicate bridge. There will be a limited 0-100 section and an open game. This arrangement means more masterpoints for all.

Player Advancements

The ACBL April and May report shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Sally Morton, John Schwartz
<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	David Ackerley, Edward Schmitt, Steve Barasch, Tom Cadwell, Valerie Mason
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Gabriella Bowling, Carole Parker Marilyn Payne, Henryk Szejnwald
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Alice Rice
<u>Life Master</u> 300 MP	Barbara Leonard, Ann Mollard
<u>Bronze L.M.</u> 500 MP	G. Venkatesh
<u>Silver L.M.</u> 1000 MP	Martie Moore, Vandana Vidwans
<u>Diamond LM</u> 5000 MP	Ashraf El Sadi

Sympathy

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of Elaine Canning and Teddi Schick who passed away in April, and Milt Liebhaber, who passed away in May.

It Seems to Me

By Gersh Wheeler

Here is another recent hand (I sat South):

NORTH
 ♠ AQ42
 ♥ K2
 ♦ 32
 ♣ A9842

EAST	WEST
♠ 65	♠ 98
♥ J9873	♥ Q104
♦ A9875	♦ J106
♣ J	♣ KQ763

SOUTH
 ♠ KJ1073
 ♥ A65
 ♦ KQ4
 ♣ 105

The bidding:

South (Dealer)	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT (alert)	Pass
4♠ (alert)	Pass	Pass	Pass

When East asked what the alert of 2NT was, I said that partner had four spades and enough to force to game. East said, "Oh, Jacoby." When North alerted my 4♠ bid and was asked to explain, he said. "Minimum opener, no singleton or void."

West led the ♣ J. I took the A in dummy, and then took two rounds of spades ending in dummy. Then I led the ♣ 2. East assumed his partner had the ten since he had led the jack. So East played the six, and my ten won the trick. I made six for a top.

My partner had alerted that I had no singleton, so East should have known that the missing ten was in my hand.

These are very common errors. Before playing to the first trick, try to imagine your opponents' distribution from the bidding. It's easy to forget the bidding during the play of the hand, but if you do, it will cost you.

Unit Charity—A Fun Event

At the April 25 Unit ACBL Charity Game, 12 tables of players had a good time. The bridge was enjoyable, the pot-luck finger food a hit and luck favored those players who were in the right seat at the right time. The Unit dealt out 5 free plays and 3 other prizes. The day's proceeds went to the Alzheimer's Association.

President Gloria Leitstein presided over the annual Unit Membership Meeting. As there was no official business, she acknowledged and congratulated the 2003 category winners for the Ace of Clubs (most points won in club games) and Mini McKenney (most points won in tournaments).

Not to be forgotten, the top score in the bridge game went to Marge Yates and Betsy Steele in strata A, Ethel Worcester and Mary O'Malley in B and Dorota Tokaj and Rafal Wojtczuk in C. Other overall rankings were as follows:

A1	M. Yates-B. Steele
A2	R. & P. Chambers
A3B1	E. Worcester-M. O'Malley
A4	J. Flocks-M. Moore
A5	G. Herrick-J. Von Gehr
A6B2C1	D. Tokaj-R. Wojtczuk
B3	R. Pollak-M.C. Chen
B4	S. Landsman-A. Elliot
B5C2	C. Lazarovici-F. Lubais
C3	G. Leitstein-L Blum

NEXT BOARD MEETING
 Tuesday, June 8, at 3:45 p.m.
 Bridge Center



Palo Alto
Firecracker Sectional
July 1-5, 2004



All Pairs -
Single Session

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Rickey's Hyatt
4219 El Camino Real
Palo Alto (650) 352-1234

THURSDAY, JULY 1st

Stratified Open Pairs	7:00 p.m.
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2nd

Bracketed KO—Rounds 1&2	1:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	1:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Bracketed KO—Rounds 3 & 4	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	

SUNDAY, JULY 4th

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	

MONDAY, JULY 5th

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	
Intermediate/Novice Pairs	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	
Stratified-Flighted Open Swiss	10:00 a.m. & TBA (7 boards/7 matches) out by 7:00 p.m.		

Please Note Different Start Times Each Day!

STRATIFIED EVENTS	STRATI-FLIGHTED EVENTS	I/N (STRATIFIED AS NEEDED)
A 1500+	A 3000+	D 0-200
B 500-1500	X 0-3000	E 0-100
C 0-500	B 1000-1500	F 0-50
	C 500-1000	G 0-20
	D 0-500	H 0-5

Fees: \$9.00 per session. Free Parking. Non-Smoking (hospitality breaks)

Tournament Director: JAY MAGID

Tournament Chair: GLORIA LEITSTEIN (650) 326-5283

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Directions: From Highway 101, take San Antonio Road South (towards ocean) to El Camino Real, turn right and go approximately 1 mile. Rickey's is on the right side.

Ask for Special Bridge Room Rates At Hotel

April 2004 Winners' Circle



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

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 5 (AB) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler
L. Spaeth/P. Chambers
(AB) J. Tseng/P. Tsu
12 M. Berg/D. Shannon
(B) D. Richerson/B. Olmo
J. Fisher/B. Beardsley
(B) N. Weiss/R. Rajendran
19 H. Bennett/G. Kucera
(B) D. Wheeler/R. Kilgren
(AB) J. Tseng/B. Chu
26 (AB) J. Weiss/R. Rajendran
J. Fisher/B. Beardsley
(BC) G. Leitstein/K. Shaw

Sherie's Monday Game

- 5 A. Pagin/M. Moutoux
J. Samuels/R. Robinson
12 I. & S. Krulevitch
J. Leaver/A. Elliot
19 D. Shannahan/M. Fikes
S. Barasch/D. Armstrong
26 D. Hornback/A. Mollard
J. Pomeroy/C. Macey

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 6 P. & R. Chambers
J. Schoenbrun/J. O'Neil
S. Morley/R. Robinson
B. Donoghue/L. Doying
13 D. Wheeler/M. Berg
N. Mohanram/G. Venkatesh
M. O'Leary/R. Kilner
M. & W. Mackinnon
20 E. McCarthy/S. Blum
M. & T. Sato
H. Solleder/R. Kilgren
J. O'Neil/J. Schoenbrun
27 L. Corbetta/M. Sterngold
D. Heller/D. Lowry
H. Macdonell/R. Husain
M. Moutoux/A. Pain

Tuesday Noon BC

- 6 J. Blake/J. Counihan
(B) H. Harris/E. Schmitt
(AB) J. Brandon/J. Rosner
(AB) M. & R. Lawrence
(ABC) J. & M. Williams
13 D. Hornback/C. Weiler
(B) E. Moley/J. Carollo
(C) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(AB) F. Charney/J. McNeil
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
(AB) M. & R. Lawrence
(C) J. McCullough/J. Rose
J. Hornback/S. Atkinson
(BC) G. Joel/C. Tutko
20 (AB) T. Letchfield/C. Naar
O. Sapojnikoff/W. Miller
(BC) J. & R. Smith
F. Bao/R. Smadi
(B) N. Cadwell/J. Chui
(C) B. & L. Berg
(ABC) J. & B. Stern
27 L. Mattis/R. Rice
(B) J. Dammann/S. Barasch
(C) H. Harris/E. Schmitt
(AB) Y. Kano/E. Lissner
(C) J. & M. Newell
(AB) C. Woodward/N. Cadwell
(AB) B. & J. Stern

Under 200 Bridge Club Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC*

- 6 C. Bjorklund/E. Barlow
(AB) C. & H. Lindauer
L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(B) A. Cummings/G. Drew
13 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(BC) R. Thomas/B. Tofighrad
(ABC) K. Hagan/E. Newman
20 C. Bjorklund/E. Barlow
(ABC) F. Gonzalez/T. Scharf
(AB) L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(ABC) F. Lubais/C. Lazarovici
27 C. Bjorklund/E. Barlow
C. Davis/Wilson
(B) L. Mohr/W. Bidermann
V. Vidwans/J. Williams
J. O'Neil/G. Magregor
(B) Martin/B. Tofighrad

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 7 D. Wheeler/T. Bowman
C. Coleman/M. Brabb
14 T. Moalem/M. Hafezi
R. Dean/R. Williams
21 J. Flocks/T. Moalem
N. Wang/B. Chu
28 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
H. Macdonell/J. Samuels

Wed. Aft. 49er**

- 7 J. Poppo/J. Yelland
J. Newman/R. Ward
14 A. Natrass/M. Soltz
L. Smallwood/M. Cook
21 J. Rose/M. Partney
K. Cano/D. Aitchison
28 N. Rude/J. Schwartz
B. & W. Sturtevant

Cotton Club

- 7 D. & G. Wheeler
B. Robbins/M. Moore
14 F. Gonzalez/T. Scharf
R. Haines/M. Moore
21 F. Gonzalez/C. Tataru
J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina
28 C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 1 E. Ehrman/R. Husain
L. Kelly/M. Kelly
D. Lowe/D. Halden
E. Gove/J. Adamiak
8 A. Templeton/C. Cole
C. Weiler/M. Kelly
E. Cowell/S. McGilvray
W. & J. Stern
15 A. Templeton/C. Cole
H. Sung/L. Kelly
S. & E. Krulevitch
A. Robertson/P. Korn
22 L. Prim/I. Frymire
L. Welch/J. Janetos
J. & W. Stern
R. Pollak/E. Bloom
29 A. Templeton/C. Cole
M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
G. Williams/G. Bowling
T. Hall/D. Halden

Thursday Aft. BC

- 1 H. Narasimhan/J. Kelsey
(B) T. Kridl/G. Herrick
(AB) L. Spaeth/J. Von Gehr
(BC) C. Brunsting/K. Maxfield
R. Stolee/T. Bowman

(BC) N. Evans/A. Arnold

- C. Cotton/A. Cummings
(AB) R. Heller/M. Troster
(C) B. Baxter/M. Diamond
8 P. & R. Chambers
(AB) L. Mohr/G. Kucera
T. Bowman/D. Lowry
(B) J. Lee/C. Lin
15 M. Yates/G. Drew
(B) M. & T. Randolph
L. Mohr/G. Simpson
(ABC) K. Shaw/M. Orellove
(AB) T. Kridl/G. Herrick
(C) Leger/Leger
(ABC) D. Chang/N. Wang
22 M. Yates/L. Spaeth
(AB) G. Wheeler/G. Drew
(AB) D. Chang/P. Tsu
(C) M. Orellove/L. Blum
29 B. Noda/H. Bennett
(B) G. Wheeler/I. Lee
(AB) H. Macdonell/M. Troster
(BC) B. Baxter/M. Diamond

Red Club

Unavailable

Friday

Easy Bridge

- 2 B. Dayharsh/V. Howard
C. Stone/B. Thayer
9 M. Williams/S. Huch
M. Atherton/C. Smith
16 Closed
23 D. Romani/G. Tanner
T. Tanner/D. Magay
30 C. Stone/D. Romani
V. Howard/M. Atherton

Friday Morning BC

- 2 P. Chambers/H. Narasimhan
R. Chambers/M. Hafezi
(B) J. Robinson/A. Arnold
(B) H. Macdonell/L. Spaeth
9 P. & R. Chambers
J. Von Gehr/C. Brigham
(B) R. Rajendran/D. Bernstein
(B) J. & R. Robinson
16 B. Noda/D. Shannon
(AB) D. Fiero/D. Gambelin
(B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
(AB) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
23 B. Noda/D. Shannon
(B) D. Fiero/D. Gambelin
30 F. Dickman/H. Bennett
B. Noda/D. Shannon
(B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
(B) G. Herrick/T. Kridl

Friday Night Barometer

- 2 Closed
9 E. Barlow/J. Hayashi
(AB) M. Roney/D. Fiero
(BC) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici
(C) A. Desu/D. Doolittle
16 (ABC) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici
D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
(BC) M. Fiala/M. Kaufman
(AB) C. Hanel/L. Frost
(C) F. Gonzalez/K. Nedeltschev
23 B. Luttrell/R. Newlander
(BC) K. O'Leary/D. Lowry
30 H. Solleder/J. Schoenbrun
J. Hayashi/E. Barlow
(B) J. Rollin/A. Stagner
(B) L. Cicolani/B. McCloy
(C) C. Lazarovici/R. Pollak
(C) V. Rivkin/B. Ginzburg

Saturday

One Club

- 3 M. Yates/P. Chambers
(B) K. Lorimer/C. Macey
(AB) N. Wang/P. Tsu
10 P. Galligan/P. Michael
(AB) R. Pollak/C. Lazarovici
17 M. Larkin/S. Blum
(Tie-B) R. Singer/F. Miller
(Tie-B) H. Sterngold/P. Gross
(AB) M. Kaufman/C. Haines
24 T. Moalem/C. Colvin
(B) F. Miller/R. Singer
J. & R. Williams
(ABC) J. & L. Mattis

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 4 (ABC) F. Lubais/C. Lazarovici
11 D. Youssefi/J. Baker
(B) F. Lubais/C. Lazarovici
18 R. Kilgren/J. Flocks
M. Moore/J. Williams
(B) J. Hammer/L. Ginsburg
25 Unit Game

Correction

Monday 3/29

- H. Solleder/J. Von Gehr
(B) B. Ross/N. Brubaker
C. Dietz/L. Foss
(ABC) K. Shaw/J. Samuels

*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 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.	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:

- Unit Mixed/Open Pairs, Sunday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m.**
- Regional, Monday, May 31 at Sacramento, Doubletree Inn**
- Unit Masters/Non Masters, Sunday, June 5 at 1:00 p.m.**
- Club Champ., Monday, June 14, Sherie's Monday Game**
- Club Champ., Wednesday, June 16, Bridge 'N Brunch**
- Club Champ., Thursday, June 17, Sherie's BC—4000 Middlefield**
- Sectional, Friday, June 18 at Oakland, Merritt College**
- NAOP, Thursday, June 24, Sherie's BC, 4000 Middlefield Rd**
- Sectional, Saturday, June 26 at Hollister IOOF Hall**
- NAOP, Wednesday, June 30, Bridge 'N Brunch**
- FIRECRACKER SECTIONAL, July 1-5, Rickey's Hyatt,***

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