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Taste the Cheese at the Unit Swiss on March 21

It is time for the Unit Swiss teams, a one-session event, on Sunday, March 21 at 12:45 at the Bridge Center. The Board pleads teams to use the sign up list on the bulletin board by Friday, March 19 to assist in the seeding. Because of the popularity of this contest, it is important that the list include the names of the team members. Sign up even if you only have a partial team and the coordinator will find teammates. Teams and players may also notify their intention to participate by contacting Carla Davis at (650) 961-3731 or by email to carlafd@earthlink.net.

Drew-Cummings First in Unmixed

For the first time in many years, the Unit held an Unmixed Pairs. The turnout of 24 eligible pairs on January 25 justified the return of this event. Gene Drew and Alan Cummings headed A and B strata and Joe Chui and Chuck Neubauer topped the C's. The complete list of overalls appears on in the Winners Circle.

2004 Unit Games First Half

Unit Game Chair Carla Davis has announced the schedule. Please mark your calendars!

March 21	Swiss Teams
April 25	Charity Pairs
May 23	Mixed Pairs
June 13	Masters/Non-Masters Pairs

Unit Sets March 21 Membership Meeting

The By-Laws require the Unit to hold an annual Membership Meeting. The Unit has scheduled that meeting at the Bridge Center on Sunday, March 21, prior to the Swiss Team game. This meeting gives Unit members the opportunity for direct participation in the Unit's decision and policy making. Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda is asked to notify the Unit secretary, David Wheeler, by telephone at (650) 494-1375 or email hswdw@pacbell.net.

Board Meeting Highlights

Kibitzer Mailing: The Board voted that starting with the July issue, the Unit will no longer mail the Kibitzer free. The Unit will charge an annual fee of \$5 to those who wish to receive the Kibitzer by U.S. mail.

Internet Game Results: At the February meeting Alan Cummings discussed the posting of scores on the Internet including a request to facilitate the directors' posting of club game results. Will Watson will work to simplify the procedure.

Bridge Center: The Board discussed the problems with heat, noise and workmen interference during the bridge games and continues to work with the owner to resolve them.

Bidding Box Fillers: The Board thanks all the members who offered to contribute to the purchase of new side tables. The Center now has all the required tables and invites members to volunteer contributions toward the purchase of new fillers for the bidding boxes. Contact Claire Coleman at (650) 368-5917 or cclcc@aol.com.

Passing Remarks

Committee Chairs: Marge Yates, as Forum column coordinator, will be asking a different member each month to write the column. Lorna Corbetta, as Social Secretary, will send get-well and bereavement cards. Please remember to contact them with pertinent information - Marge at (650) 941-5199, Lorna at (650) 566-8994.

Partnering: The Board encourages those who are looking for partners to use the list on the Bridge Center Board. While the Board was on this subject, it wants to remind players, when they phone a director with a partnership request to make it at least 30 minutes before the start of the game. Also, it's a no! no! to do this and then show up at the game with your own partner. Pity the poor director!

Player Advancements

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

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Lynn Whelan, Henry Sterngold
<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	Donna Jones, Katherine Rickert
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	David Wheeler, Donna Armstrong, Diana Lowe, Grant Spaeth
<u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP	Jean Brandon, Richard Pollak
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Leslie Kelly, Elaine Ehrman
<u>Life Master</u> 300 MP	G. Venkatesh, Juanita Girand, Neil Robinson
<u>Silver L.M.</u> 1000 MP	Leona Lane
<u>Gold L.M.</u> 3000 MP	Hansa Narasimhan

President Names Chairmen

President Gloria Leitstein has listed the following to head the committees.

Committee	Chair
Bridge Ctr Manager	Kevin O'Leary
Conduct/Ethics	Barbara Sonsini
District 21 Rep.	Frank Frates, Tom Snouse
Computer Support	Will Watson, Dave Wheeler
Education	Claire Coleman
Election	Barbara Sonsini
Forum Coordinator	Marge Yates
<i>Kibitzer</i> Editors	Elinor Tanck, Lori Spaeth
<i>Kibitzer</i> Mailing	Ethel Worcester
Social Secretary	Lorna Corbetta
Membership	Louise Doying
Membership List	Jim Turner
Publicity	Claire Coleman, Alan Cummings
Sectional	Gloria Leitstein
Telephone List	Lori Spaeth
Trophy	Merle Orelove
Unit Electr. Contact	Elinor Tanck
Unit Games	Carla Davis
Web Site	Alan Templeton, Lori Spaeth
D-21 Contact	Claire Coleman
Art Coordinator	Liz Blum

It Seems to Me, by Gersh Wheeler

Do you pay attention to the bidding of your opponents? During the play of the hand, do you form a picture of your opponents' cards from their bidding?

My partner opened the bidding one no trump. I bid two clubs, and he said two diamonds. I closed the bidding with three no trump. The opponents passed throughout. During the play, my partner ran a 5-card club suit in dummy, forcing the opponents to find some discards. One opponent held four hearts to the jack and three other cards which enabled my partner to make an overtrick. He explained to his partner that he was afraid to throw a heart since declarer might have four hearts. His partner agreed he had a problem. Didn't anyone hear declarer's two diamond bid?

The State of the Unit

by Elinor Tanck

It is not political propaganda, but in membership the state of the Unit has turned around. The October 2003 ACBL membership lists 676 members, a 2.9% increase over the 657 from October 2002. This is the biggest percentage increase since 1987, when the Unit had 895 members. During the years that followed until 2003, the Unit lost 238 members, or 27%. The Easy Bridge and Unit Lesson programs probably played a significant role toward this recovery.

The ACBL issues the QUIP reports each December to show how Units performed in the enrollment and retention of new members. According to 2003 data, the active membership increased 3.4%, ranking 3rd of 19 in District 21. The new member gains were 8%, 5th in D-21; the member losses 4%, 3rd in D-21 and the new member retention in year two, averaged 56% over the last 3 years, 11th in D-21. The average member age is 65 and the average years of ACBL membership are 12.

G. Venkatesh has taken over the top place in masterpoints with 10,390. Sherie Greenberg with 5950 is 2nd, followed by Narayan Mohanram with 5705, Don Rothschild with 5585 and Gary Macgregor with 5367. The player closest to the average masterpoint total is Fred Phillips with 569 and Ralph Haines is at the median point with 189.

The table below also compares the masterpoint distribution for members for 2003 and 2002 from analysis of the ACBL October 2003 data.

	2002	2003	MP Total	2002	2003
Members	657	676			
Juniors (<20MP)	127	145	0-1	35	41
Life Masters	250	244	1-5	40	37
Highest	5810	10,390	5-10	27	33
Median	205	190	10-20	25	34
Average	549	568	20-50	55	59
Total	360,748	383,888	50-100	65	65
			100-300	123	123
Unit Residence	379 (58%)	387 (57%)	300-500	74	73
Santa Clara	104 (16%)	106 (16%)	500-1000	103	98
San Mateo	157 (24%)	165 (24%)	1-2.5K	82	70
Other D-21	11 (2%)	12 (2%)	2.5-5K	24	18
Outside D-21	6 (1%)	6 (1%)	5K+	4	25

2003 UNIT LEADERS IN ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI-MCKENNEY

The ACBL gives the Ace of Clubs award to the players who earn the most points in club games and the Mini-McKenney award for total points including sectionals and higher ranked tournaments. Congratulations to those who finished in the top three for 2003.

It should also be noted that Club Master Larry Mohr, who earned 393 points in the year 2003, also won the Mini-McKenney for the entire country. Look for his picture on the cover of next month's ACBL Bulletin.

Safety Play or Not by Ernst Jacobi

Bidding: South: 1NT; West: Pass; North: 6NT, All Pass

♠ K84
♥ AQ2
♦ A942
♣ A65
N

W E

S
♠ AQ4
♥ J109
♦ KJ53
♣ KQ2

You are playing in a team game. The lead is the Jack of spades. You take the Jack with your Ace. Which two cards do you play next?

Solution: You play the Jack and the ten of hearts. (a) If the heart finesse works, make a safety play in diamonds for an overtrick. Play the diamond King and a small diamond to the nine. (b) If the finesse loses, you cannot afford to take the safety play. Win the return and play the diamond Ace and a small diamond to the Jack.

Ace Of Clubs		Mini-McKenney	
Rookie of the Year		Rookie of the Year	
Fabien Lubais	28	Fabien Lubais	34
Ioana Galis	20	Ioana Galis	31
Victor Galis	19	Victor Galis	30
Junior Master		Junior Master	
Steve Barasch	48	Nancy Cadwell	76
Nancy Cadwell	37	Steve Barasch	56
Allen Wolman	23	Randee Palmer	31
Club Master		Club Master	
David Wheeler	78	Larry Mohr	393
Adeline Soares	46	David Wheeler	101
Diane Kelley	34	Adeline Soares	55
Sectional Master		Sectional Master	
Richard Pollak	52	John Mattis	70
Jean Brandon	37	Richard Pollak	64
Joan Dammann	35	Ron Kilgren	57
Regional Master		Regional Master	
Audrey Mitchell	52	Neil Robinson	153
Leslie Kelley	48	Audrey Mitchell	87
Jean Franke	48	Sam Morley	72
NABC Master		NABC Master	
Ann Mollard	79	Alan Cummings	144
Alan Cummings	56	Franklin Gonzalez	114
Franklin Gonzalez	45	Ann Mollard	111
Life Master		Life Master	
Doreen Hornback	69	Rajeev Gupta	198
Martia Fikes	39	Doreen Hornback	100
Marian Kelly	31	Laura Finklestein	96
Bronze Life Master		Bronze Life Master	
Virginia Herrick	103	Vandana Vidwans	270
Martie Moore	78	Paul Cornelius	213
Mary Randolph	75	Chandler Flickinger	171
Silver Life Master		Silver Life Master	
Hansa Narasimhan	130	Hansa Narasimhan	465
Lori Spaeth	117	Carolyn Bjorklund	435
Arlene Levy	87	Prudence Saunders	218
Gold Life Master		Gold Life Master	
Margery Yates	122	James O'Neil	424
Jean Flocks	103	Ash El Sadi	334
Robin Chambers	98	John Twineham	288
Diamond Life Master		Diamond Life Master	
Sherie Greenberg	45	Gary MacGregor	383
Donald Rothschild	40	Peter Friedland	262
Gary MacGregor	33	Donald Rothschild	258
Grand Life Master		Grand Life Master	
G. Venkatesh	21	G. Venkatesh	188

January 2004 Winners' Circle



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

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 5 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
(B) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler
R. Williams/R. Dean
(B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van Tamelen
- 12 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
(AB) D. Wheeler/P. Tsu
B. Beardsley/P. Chambers
(B) J. Tseng/E. Chen
- 17 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
(ABC) D. Tokaj/R. Wojtczuk
(AB) W. Coke/R. Singer
- 24 (AB) A. & B. Singh
G. Macgregor/J. O'Neill
(B) M. Petersen/P. Kueffer

Sherie's Monday Game

- 5 Closed
- 12 A. Pagin/M. Moutoux
N. Cadwell/J. Chui
- 19 J. Clark/M. O'Leary
K. Wesolowska/E. Gove
- 21 J. Hornback/T. Canning
J. Mattis/A. Soares
- 29 Closed

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 6 M. Yates/A. Levy
J. Burlingame/H. Macdonell
- 13 H. Solleder/A. Levy
M. Brabb/R. Kilgren
N. Evans/J. Robinsons
M. Sato/M. Mackinnon
- 20 E. Jacobi/P. Chambers
C. Lane/M. Goodman
A. Arnold/J. Von Gehr
M. Van Tamelen/H. Macdonell
- 27 N. Evans/B. Liddicoat
M. & T. Sato
M. Yates/H. Blume
C. Coleman/I. Lee

Tuesday Noon BC

- 6 J. & L. Mattis
(BC) G. Bowling/M. Payne
(AB) M. Partney/T. Anderson
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
S. Thomas/J. Chien
(B) T. Aberg/J. Cook
(AB) A. Story/R. Jastremski
- 13 (AB) A. Soares/E. Tromovitch
(C) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(AB) F. Charney/J. McNeil
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
B. Barlow/M. Thompson
(BC) C. & J. Neubauer
(AB) A. Sperry/V. Hutters
(C) P. Yelvington/J. Kiernan
- 20 O. Tangney/M. Thompson
(B) C. & R. Johnson
(C) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(AB) F. Charney/J. McNeil
(C) J. Adamiak/R. Palmer
J. Weiss/P. Chari
(B) S. Barasch/D. Armstrong
(AB) T. Aberg/J. Cook
(C) B. & J. Stern
- 27 (AB) M. & R. Lawrence
(C) S. Krulvitch
J. Chien/D. Hornback
(B) K. Reiss/D. Gardner
(C) J. Adamiak/R. Palmer
S. Krulvitch/N. Weis
(B) T. Letchfield/C. Naar
(C) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(ABC) G. Bowling/R. Jastremski

Under 200 Bridge Club Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC*

- 6 (Tie-ABC) I. & V. Galis
(Tie) F. McWilliams/Y. Chen
- 13 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(BC) C. & H. Lindauer
C. Davis/M. Wilson
(AB) A. Cummings/G. Drew
(ABC) B. Toffighrad/T. Scharf
- 20 P. Kamas/L. Frost
(B) W. Bidermann/L. Wagner
L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(BC) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais
- 27 C. Bjorklund/E. Barlow
(B) F. Herzer/R. Haines
L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(B) A. Cummings/G. Drew
(BC) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 7 R. Singer/H. Blume
T. Kridl/G. Herrick
- 14 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
G. Yang/B. Chu
- 21 D. Allison/A. Lam
W. Wang/B. Chu
- 28 T. Moalem/M. Hafezi
N. Nazari/B. Sonsini

Wed. Aft. 49er**

- 7 J. & M. Williams
R. Ward/J. Newman
- 14 G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
J. Schwartz/N. Rude
- 21 J. McCullough/J. Rose
S. Forrest/P. Burn
- 28 J. Newman/R. Ward
G. Stark/B. Johnson

Cotton Club

- 7 D. Allison/A. Lam
F. Gonzalez/C. Tataru
- 14 D. Allison/A. Lam
J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina
- 21 L. Spaeth/A. Cummings
H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien
- 28 F. McWilliams/Y. Chen
J. Parks/L. Lettis

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 1 Closed
- 8 C. Binasiak/D. Duncn
H. Macdonell/M. Troster
E. Gard/N. Sicotte
J. Thornly/C. Nealis
M. O'Leary/C. Weiler
M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
- 22 M. Marx/D. Bernstein
S. Landsman/B. Liddicoat
R. Lynch/N. Sicotte
T. Hall/D. Halden
- 29 A. Soares/J. Janetos
S. Atkinson/S. Barasch
M. O'Leary/N. Stevens
M. Goldstein/M. Muller

Thursday Aft. BC

- 1 M. O'Malley/E. McCarthy
(AB) F. Miller/R. Husain
(AB) J. & R. Robinson
(ABC) J. & W. Wu
T. Moalem/S. Cook
(AB) W. Russell/J. Williams
(AB) C. Lindfors/E. Wong
- 8 G. Wheeler/D. Heller
B. Sonsini/W. Watson
(AB) M. Howe/A. Drummond-Hay
- 15 (AB) B. Hirsekorn/P. Tsu
J. Flocks/N. Wolf
(BC) N. Wang/D. Chang
G. Spaeth/E. Jacobi
(B) P. Gross/H. Sterngold
(C) I. Bar-Nir/R. O'Brien
B. Sonsini/W. Watson
(BC) N. Wang/J. Wu
L. Spaeth/P. Saunders
(AB) P. Gross/H. Sterngold
(C) A. & B. Singh
B. Sonsini/W. Watson
(AB) K. Shaw/P. Tsu
G. Leitstein/L. Blum

Red Club

Unavailable

Friday

Easy Bridge

Friday Morning BC

- 2 M. Yates/M. Berg
(AB) A. Cummings/G. Drew
(B) J. Robinson/A. Arnold
- 9 B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
H. Macdonell/L. Spaeth
(B) G. Herrick/D. Wheeler
(B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin
(AB) G. Herrick/D. Wheeler
M. Marani/T. Bowman
(B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
(C) B. Leonard/M. Wilson
(AB) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
P. Chambers/H. Narasimhan
(B) T. Kridl/G. Herrick
L. Corbetta/N. Irwin
R. Dean/R. Williams
(B) C. McGorvin/D. Faye
(BC) A. & B. Singh
(C) L. Welch/J. Janetos

Friday Night Barometer

- 2 H. Solleder/J. Schoenbrun
(ABC) S. Tu/S. Chen
(B) A. Stagner/J. Rollin
(C) J. Travis/M. Bliss
(Tie) S. Chen/V. Vidwans
(Tie) P. Cornelius/R. Gupta
P. & X. Cheng
- 16 R. Gupta/S. Kodayam
M. Robichek/N. Mohanram
(B) S. Ravindran/D. Brown
S. Tu/S. Chen
(C) A. Quey/J. Xu
A. Janjua/B. Anik
- 23 J. Shoenbrun/J. Solleder
(ABC) R. Gupta/R. Ciszek
(B) I. Lee/P. McFerren
(C) F. Gonzalez/T. Scharf
(AB) V. Vidwans/B. Luttrell
(AB) M. & M. Yancey
(C) M. Foom/M. Fleischer
A. Quey/P. Seal

Saturday

One Club

- 3 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
(B) P. Gross/H. Sterngold
J. Flocks/T. Moalem
(B) C. Sideris/P. Krupa
- 10 P. Saunders/E. Jacobi
L. Spaeth/B. Sonsini
(AB) R. Singer/F. Miller
T. Bowman/M. Moore
(B) P. Tsu/J. Tseng
- 24 (AB) D. Hornback/P. Tsu
J. Robinson/M. Moore
(BC) G. Haardt/H. Bailey
- 31 Unavailable

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 4 (AB) D. & E. Ehrman
R. Ng/F. Jackson
(B) F. Lubais/C. Lazarovici
- 11 M. Yates/B. Steele
J. Flocks/B. Sonsini
(B) D. Sibbert/Z. Stewart
(B) G. Drew/A. Cummings
- 18 M. Yates/B. Steele
(B) L. Partridge/M. Kelly
(C) A. & B. Singh
- 25 Unit Game

Unit Game

January 21 Unmixed pairs

- A1B1 G. Drew/A. Cummings
A2B1C1 J. Chui/C. Neubauer
A3B3C2 M. Atherton/J. Williams
A4 S. Greenberg/M. Berg
A5B4C3 J. Brandon/R. Lynch
A6 M. Larkin/L. Spaeth
B5 F. Carlson/G. Haard

*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	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.	Coleman/Van Zandt	
	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:

ACBL Senior Pairs, Monday, February 23, Sherie's Mon. Game
 Sectional, Friday, March 9 at Comm. Ctr. El Cerrito
 Sectional, Saturday, March 13 at County Expo Center, San Mateo
 Unit Swiss Teams, March 21 at 12:45 p.m., Bridge Center
 ACBL-wide Charity Game, Wednesday March 24 at 7 p.m., Cotton Club

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

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