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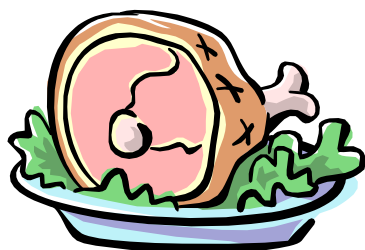
November 2004

Coming Soon to a Unit Near You

Your own Unit 503 Board of Directors election!! Have you considered running? We certainly need new members to set policies and maintain our busy activity schedule. Two incumbents, Dave Wheeler and Chuck Lane, will seek reelection. Election chair, Barbara Sonsini, has announced that Dave Bernstein, Liz Blum, Gabriella Bowling and Alan Cummings, have agreed to be nominees. That means we need one more candidate at least, and that could be you! The ballot will appear in the December *Kibitzer*, along with voting instructions, bios and the candidates' photos. If you are interested, please contact Barbara at (650) 851-4407 or email her at bsonsini@hotmail.com. The ballot will appear in the December *Kibitzer*, along with voting instructions, bios and the candidates' photos.

The deadline for the election material for the December *Kibitzer* is November 1, so time is running out.

Potluck, Award, Bridge Set at Unit Game November 14



The Unit has crammed the Sportsmanship Trophy event on Sunday, November 14 with lots of treats. Taste the potluck dishes, play your best bridge and, congratulate the recipient of the trophy, chosen for ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, for providing strict competition can be pleasurable and for exemplary conduct serving the best interest of duplicate bridge and its players. (Did you guess right on the winner?)

It's a time for - good food, good company and good bridge fun. Be at the head of the pot luck line at noon. The trophy presentation and a stratified pairs game will follow at 1 p.m.

Players, please donate a dish for the pot luck, be it hors d'oeuvres, salad, casserole, dessert. The Unit will supply ham, bread and coffee. Please make it easier to plan the menu by making a reservation by November 10. To reserve, please sign up and specify your food donation on the list at the Bridge Center or phone Carla at (650) 961-5993 or email carlafd@earthlink.net or phone the Bridge Center (650) 940-1824 to add your name to the bulletin board list.

There's still time before the November 1 deadline for players to submit a suggested sportsperson in the box at club games or with a call to Merle at (650) 326-1788 or an email to her at merleor@wans.net.

Bridge Bash - See page 2

Bridge Bash—December 5

To show the Unit's appreciation to all the players for support throughout the year and especially at the Firecracker Sectional, the Unit will host free dinner and free bridge to all comers on Sunday, December 5 at the Bridge Center. Game time is 2 p.m. and the dinner will be after the game.

The Unit has contracted with Chef Chu for a catered dinner. In addition, there will be wine and a dessert table, organized by Hansa Narasimhan. However, to ensure that the Unit has an accurate count on the number of participants, sign up on the Bridge Center list, when posted - about November 14. Make a firm commitment. The Unit will assess no-shows who sign up and do not cancel a fee of \$10 to cover the cost of food ordered.

Money Bridge with Hansa

I have to tell my story of a team game I played in for big money. It was the 30th Cavendish Invitational. The Cavendish was originally held in New York but is now in Las Vegas. For me it was the first time and I was so excited. There, as usual, were all the big stars of the bridge world (the bridge royalty). (In fact, when I was told that one of them had gone to get his crown fixed, silly old me thought a gem had fallen out of his crown; didn't imagine it was merely a visit to his dentist). First, there was the team event - entry fee \$10,000. (Yes. You counted the zeros right!) This year the World Bridge Productions, which conducts this event, is holding a second team event for which the entry fee will be only \$1,000. So gather up your favorite teammates and hope to see you there.

The most fun part of this event (after playing) is the Cavendish auction, where the top players are auctioned off like horses. You can buy a pair for a minimum price of \$12,500 but you can bid up the price. Last year the top pair went for around \$56,000. That was the debonair Norberto Bocchi & his partner Duboin. Norberto, who is very popular with the ladies and they really jacked up their price. There is a second pairs event for second rate players like me where the entry fee is \$750. These pairs are also bid on. After deducting the expenses, all the money is plowed back as winnings. Last year \$1.4 million was paid out as prize money.

Abridgements

Local experts will post mortem hands with players after club morning games on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ed Barlow will review hands on Monday and Wednesday and Will Watson on Friday. These sessions start on October 25 with no post mortem on Friday, October 29. The cost is \$2 per player.

The ACBL has sent a new Unit roster, which shows 690 members an increase of 2% over 2003.

The update lists for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenny standings are on the Bridge Center bulletin board.

Hip! Hip! Hurrah! Hip surgery was so successful, Larry Mohr was out playing bridge within two weeks.

Player Advancements

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Geeske Joel, Katsum Osumi, Diane Weiseman
<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	Joan Bower, Robert Scheidtmann, Monica Williams, Bruce Cohen, Rein Lui, Marjorie Lundquist
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Ioana Galis, Victor Galis
<u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP	Gabriella Bowling, Jill Collier, Barbara Oshman, Adeline Soares
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Annette Laird, Mary O'Malley
<u>Life Master</u> 300 MP	Sam Morley
<u>Bronze LM</u> 500 MP	Charles McGorvin, Joon Pakk

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Cyrus Coupal, Laura Hagan, Daniel and Veronica Magay, Susan Moriconi, Marilyn Rasdal, Anstella Robinson, Edwin and Laura Ginger Tanner. Hello to Michael Callahan, Schulyer Cullen and Greg Larsen, who recently transferred into the Unit.

September 2004 Winners' Circle



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

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 6 Closed
- 13 H. Bennett/A. Lalchandani
(B) D. Richerson/B. Olmo
(AB) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
- 20 R. Dean/R. Williams
(B) B. Hirsekorn/A. Arnold
(AB) D. Wheeler/E. Tanck
(C) R. & C. Hoeger
- 27 P. Saunders/D. Wheeler
(B) L. Spaeth/P. Chambers
(C) D. Lowry/D. Heller
(B) M. Payne/D. Bernstein

Sherie's Monday Game

- 6 Closed
- 13 J. Clark/M. O'Leary
E. Gong/J. Adamiak
- 20 D. Lowe/D. Kelly
S. Barasch/D. Armstrong
- 27 J. Clark/M. O'Leary
D. & B. Levin

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 7 E. McCarthy/S. Blum
M. Sterngold/A. Mollard
M. Yates/G. Herrick
J. Flocks/N. Wolf
- 14 M. Hafezi/P. Saunders
N. Pappas/S. O'Donnell
M. Larkin/M. Van Tamelen
S. Blum/T. Bowman
- 21 A. Oliff/M. Van Tamelen
M. O'Leary/L. Frye
F. & W. Roeger
D. & G. Wheeler
- 28 S. Greenberg/B. Wiggins
J. Flocks/E. Hermann
M. Howe/E. Worcester
J. Burlingame/C. Cole

Tuesday Noon BC

- 7 (ABC) D. Ryan/J. Schwartz
(Tie) R. Lynch/J. Brandon
(Tie) W. Sumner/M. Kelly
(B) B. & J. Stern
(AB) E. Moley/J. Carollo
(C) F. & M. Rappaport
(ABC) N. Rude/G. Joel
- 14 (AB) W. & C. Hoeger
(C) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(AB) S. Barasch/S. Atkinson
(Tie-AB) M. Thompson/B. Barlow
(Tie-AB) A. Soares/D. Niemann
(C) S. Zimmerman/S. Lipson
(AB) A. Welch/B. Larson
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
- 21 J. Sogg/C. Kwiatek
(B) J. Pomeroy/J. Rosner
(C) J. Schwartz/D. Ryan
R. Lynch/J. Brandon
(B) S. Hollon/C. Segal
(C) R. & J. Smith
(AB) R. Palmer/J. Adamiak
(C) J. McCullough/L. Brauner
(AB) D. Kelley/N. Mohler
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
- 28 L. Mattis/A. Story
(BC) L. Whelan/M. Soltz
(AB) M. Baird/C. Mahoney
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey
(AB) D. Lowe/N. Rude
A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(B) E. Gove/C. Woodward

Under 200 Bridge Club

Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC

- 7 M. Cochran/P. Kamas
C. Davis/E. Tanck
- 14 H. Cutting/G. Macgregor
C. Davis/E. Tanck
(B) C. Tataru/C. Lazarovici
- 21 J. Mrazek/S. Malek
J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch
- 28 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(AB) C. & H. Lindauer
(AB) J. Harpootlian/R. Haines

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 1 Closed
- 8 P. & R. Chambers
L. Spaeth/C. Brigham
- 15 D. Wheeler/B. Hirsekorn
R. & W. Hoeger
- 22 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
S. Blum/T. Bowman
- 29 F. Dickman/T. Moalem
H. Macdonell/M. Wilson

Wed. Aft. 49er

- 1 A. Natrass/M. Soltz
L. Smallwood/M. L. Cook
- 8 N. Rude/J. Schwartz
B. & W. Sturtevant
- 15 A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt
B. & W. Sturtevant
- 22 J. Schwartz/N. Rude
J. Newman/C. Segal
- 30 J. Schwartz/N. Rude
P. Gaffney/L. Faulkner

Cotton Club

- 1 Closed
- 8 P. McFerren/H. Szejnwald
C. Baeuerlen/G. Ciurczak
- 15 J. & R. Robinson
A. Cummings/C. Lazarovici
- 22 A. Stagner/J. Rollin
A. Cummings/S. Morley
- 29 L. Spaeth/J. Samuels
A. Cummings/S. Morley

Thursday

Sherie's BC

- 2 Closed
- 9 W. & J. Pomeroy
M. O'Leary/N. Stevens
R. Palmer/L. Shelan
J. & W. Stern
- 16 Closed
- 23 E. Yanklowitz/J. Rosner
H. Sung/M. Sterngold
J. Collier/J. Black
E. Gorlin/S. Holman
- 30 A. Templeton/C. Cole
L. Kelly/M. Kelly
D. Lowe/D. Kelley
J. McNeil/F. Charney

Thursday Aft. BC

- 2 Closed
- 9 (AB) N. Evans/A. Arnold
(Tie) C. Coleman/B. Beardsley
(Tie) M. Coy/B. Schneider
(ABC) M. Orelove/K. Shaw
- 16 R. Stolee/L. Spaeth
(AB) H. Macdonell/H. Sung
(ABC) M. Goodman/C. Lane
B. Sonsini/G. Simpson
(B) G. Herrick/J. Von Gehr
(AB) T. & N. Stevens
(C) D. Armstrong/S. Atkinson
- 23 H. Narasimhan/P. Chambers
(B) J. Robinson/D. Bernstein
(AB) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett
(B) G. Wheeler/G. Drew
(C) J. Clark/G. Pani
(AB) C. Lin/J. Lee
(C) M. Goodman/C. Lane

Red Club

Not submitted

Friday

Easy Bridge

- 3 (Tie) M. Williams/M. Atherton
(Tie) C. Stone/M. Hinden
I. & D. Levine
- 10 G. Tanner/D. Magay
T. Tanner/V. Magay
- 17 M. Atherton/V. Howard
K. & L. Hagan
- 24 M. Jacob/J. Rush
B. Thayer/M. Radin

Friday Morning BC

- 3 Closed
- 10 A. Levy/J. Hatfield
P. McFerren/A. Oliff
(B) R. Lynch/A. Mollard
(B) E. Herrmann/N. Wolf
(C) W. Shaughnessy/D. Raider
- 17 K. Harper/B. Beardsley
(AB) C. Fay/C. McGorvin
(B) A. Arnold/S. Morley
- 24 W. Watson/H. Narasimhan
A. Levy/J. Hatfield
(B) B. Sonsini/N. Nazari
(B) T. Kridl/G. Herrick
(C) K. Kelly/R. Lachman

Friday Night Barometer

- 3 Closed
- 10 S. Castellino/F. Dickman
R. Ritz/R. Ng
(BC) K. Nedeltchev/V. Rivkin
(BC) M. Fooks/M. Fleisher
(AB) M. & M. Yancey
(AB) C. Hanel/L. Frost
(C) J. Barth/T. Choo
(C) L. Cicolani/B. McCloy
(AB) A. Greenberg/J. Pakh
D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
(B) G. Porter/M. Robichek
(C) P. & X. Cheng
(C) D. & T. Fiero

Saturday

One Club

- 4 Closed
- 11 J. & R. Williams
(B) C. Lazarovici/A. Cummings
- 18 W. Miller II/G. Joel
(B) H. Macdonell/P. Tsu
T. Bowman/M. Moore
(B) K. & L. Haze
- 25 M. Yates/J. Von Gehr
M. Andrews/S. Johnson
(B) C. & W. Hoeger

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 5 Closed
- 12 L. Corbetta/R. Robinson
J. Flocks/M. Moore
(B) E. Worcester/M. O'Malley
(B) N. & T. Cadwell
N. Wolf/C. Colvin
- 19 M. Fleisher/M. Fooks
(B) M. Larkin/G. Drew
(B) M. Fleisher/M. Fooks
R. & J. Williams
J. O'Neil/H. Cutting
(BC) E. & D. Ehrman
(BC) V. & I. Galis

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	<i>NOTE NEW TIME!</i>

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

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Upcoming Events:

Club Appreciation Swiss Teams, Mon. Oct. 25 at 11 a.m.,

Bridge Mix, Sherie's Monday Game

Sectional, Friday, November 5, at Community Ctr, El Cerrito

Sectional, Saturday, November 13, Iron Horse School, San Ramon

Unit Pot Luck, Sunday, November 14 at noon, Bridge Center

Unit Sportsmanship Trophy game, Sunday, November 14

at 1 p.m., Bridge Center

Sectional, Friday, November 19 at Merritt College, Oakland

No games scheduled:

Wednesday, November 24 Cotton Club,

Thursday November 25, Thurs. Afternoon BC, Sherie's BC, Red Club

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 9 at 3:45 p.m.

Bridge Center

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c/o Jim Turner

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