



# Kibitzer

Palo Alto Unit 503

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## You Disagree? Become a Nominee!

Before we know it, the December election date for the Unit Board of Directors will be upon us. Have you considered running? The Unit would like to encourage every player to make a contribution toward the Unit management. You will have the opportunity to work on the committee of your choice and to put your own opinions to work. Board meetings are once a month and the Unit needs your support.

Please contact Barbara Sonsini at (650) 851-4407 or [bsonini@hotmail.com](mailto:bsonini@hotmail.com), if you have an interest in running for a Board position.

### NAP Unit Final Set for September 12

The Unit will hold a two-session NAP (North American Pairs) Unit Final on Sunday, September 12 at the Bridge Center. The first session is at 1 p.m.; the second to be announced at the game. This event will qualify pairs, who score average or in the upper half, for the District 21 final scheduled for the Palo Alto Bridge Center, October 23-24. Overall winners in all flights will receive a mixture of red-gold points.

This is a stratified flight A, B, C event for players who qualified in club NAP games by scoring average or better or finishing in the upper half of their respective flights. Also eligible are pairs made up of life masters, who joined ACBL before 1996.

### Red Club Offers "Last Chance" NAP

The Red Club has scheduled a NAP qualification game for Thursday, August 26. This will be the last NAP club game before the Unit final. Those who finish in the overalls earn sectionally rated half red and half black masterpoints. Anyone who scores average or in the upper half qualifies for the two-session Unit final on Sunday, September 12.

### Bridge Briefs

**Editors Goof** How could the August *Kibitzer* dare to print bridge advice in "It Seems to Me" and omit the source of these words of wisdom! Gersh Wheeler, please forgive.

**Bridge Classes** Frank Smoot's Beginning Bridge Class has a new starting date, Thursday, October 14. There will be lessons in the club series every Thursday from 7-10 p.m. for 8 weeks. Cost: \$70 (includes book). Call Lori Spaeth (650) 947-9370 or Barbara Sonsini (650) 851-4407 for more information.

**Telephone List** Are you a player who wishes to arrange a game with a new or different partner? Use the Unit telephone list to make your contact. The list is available by email from Lori Spaeth, [spaeth@abglobal.net](mailto:spaeth@abglobal.net), or a hard copy for \$1.00 from a club owner.

**Dist. 21 NAP Final** The Palo Alto Unit has agreed to host the District 21 NAP Final the weekend of October 23-24 at the Bridge Center. Such a convenient location for this big event offers a special encouragement for the participation of local players.

**Firecracker Chair** Yes, the Unit is already looking for a chair for the 2005 Unit Firecracker Sectional. Please express your interest and obtain further information from Gloria Leitstein at (650) 326-5283 or [halglo@pacbell.net](mailto:halglo@pacbell.net).

**Welcome back, Frank** Good to have Frank Frates back at the Board meeting. Hope to see him back at the table very soon.

## Player Advancements

The ACBL July and August reports show that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

<b>Junior Master</b> 5MP	Alan Gaudie, Steven Lipson, Belinda Gu, Rein Luik
<b>Club Master</b> 20 MP	Lynne Whelan, Sandy Forrest, Nongyu Li, John Williams
<b>Sect. Master</b> 50 MP	Fabien Lubais, Tom Stevens, Joanne Lang, Verne Welch, Allen Wolman
<b>Regional Master</b> 100 MP	H.E. Bailey, Ron Kilgren, Jeannette McNeil, Behrooz Tofighrad
<b>NABC Master</b> 200 MP	Danning Dong, Sheila Goldshine, Ron Kilgren, David Wheeler, Mei Wu
<b>Life Master</b> 300 MP	Beverly Altman, Audrey Mitchell, Qixiang Sun
<b>Bronze LM</b> 500 MP	Doreen Hornback
<b>Gold LM</b> 3000 MP	Arlene Levy
<b>Diamond LM</b> 5000 MP	James O'Neil

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 3:45 p.m.**  
**Bridge Center**

## Sympathy

The Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Unit member, Stormy Sterngold. We will miss him, Marjorie.

The Unit would also like to extend their condolences to Lois Poole who lost her husband recently.

## It Seems to Me

**By Gersh Wheeler**

### More on Transfers

You open 1NT. Partner bids 2D. You bid 2H. Now partner bids 2NT or 3NT. The 2NT shows a willingness to play in game, if you have a maximum no-trump opening. The 3NT wants to be in game with any kind of no-trump opening. Both of these bids indicate that partner has a five card heart suit and doesn't know if you have more than two hearts. With only two hearts and a minimum no-trump, pass the 2NT rebid, with two hearts and a maximum bid 3NT, with three hearts and a minimum bid 3H, with three hearts and a maximum bid 4H.

This is all straightforward, but what do you do if an opponent interferes? Consider the sequence: 1NT P 2D 2S, Now what do you do? Partner could have zero points. I suggest that with four hearts you bid 3H. Even if partner has zero points, you won't be hurt too much with a nine-card fit and opponents probably have a game. So, if you don't have four hearts, you pass. Partner bids 2NT or 3NT. These bids should have the same meaning as they would have if the opponent had not bid. But, do they show a spade stopper? I would suggest that they show a stopper and that you use a double to show the equivalent of the 2NT bid without a stopper. But, some might prefer the double for penalties and use the no-trump bid with no stopper as in Lebensohl.

Obviously, you and your partner should discuss this situation and agree on a course of action. You should extend your course of action to cover other variations, such as 1NT P 2D 3C or 1NT P 2D 2H (cue bid).

## Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Chris Luhrs and Mary and Jack Pickard. Hello, to Barbara Hariton and James and Mei Wu, who recently transferred into the Unit.

# July 2004 Winners' Circle



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

## Monday

### Bridge Mix

- 5 Closed
- 12 (AB) A. Arnold/T. Kridl  
J. Fisher/B. Beardsley  
(AB) J. Tseng/E. Chen
- 19 M. Hafezi/J. Girand  
(B) J. Clark/M. O'Leary  
(BC) C. Woodward/N. Nilsson  
(AB) F. Bao/M. Wu  
(ABC) J. Thornley/P. Korn
- 26 (AB) P. Tsu/G. Herrick  
(AB) C. Lin/M. Chen

### Sherie's Monday Game

- 5 Closed
- 12 N. Cadwell/T. Kato  
D. Hornback/J. Chien
- 19 M. Hafezi/J. Girand  
F. Bao/M. Wu
- 26 J. Pomeroy/N. Weiss  
D. Halden/S. Greenberg

## Tuesday

### Alpine BC

Not Submitted

### Tuesday Noon BC

- 6 (AB) J. Mattis/G. Joel  
(C) S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman  
(AB) F. & S. Charney  
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey  
(Tie) L. Mattis/J. Chui  
(Tie) D. Doolittle/D. Stowell  
(B) E. Moley/J. Carollo  
(C) J. & B. Stern
- 13 E. Barlow/M. Wu  
(B) R. Gerrits/H. Chapman  
(C) H. Harris/E. Schmitt  
(ABC) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford  
(ABC) J. McCullough/J. Rose  
(AB) F. Charney/J. McNeil  
(C) M. Partney/A. Sebastian
- 20 M. Wu/E. Barlow  
(B) H. Chapman/R. Gerrits  
(C) G. Joel/J. Schwartz  
R. Jacobs/M. Petersen  
(B) J. Bower/R. Palmer  
(C) J. & M. Newell  
M. Thompson/O. Tangney  
(B) A. Soares/T. Stevens  
(C) J. McCullough/J. Rose  
S. Barasch/D. Halden  
(B) F. Charney/J. McNeil
- 27 M. Wu/E. Barlow  
(BC) L. Whelan/M. Soltz  
(AB) R. Lynch/J. Brandon  
(C) P. Ingman/P. Reeser  
(ABC) R. Luik/J. Birnbaum  
T. Hall/J. Franke  
(B) T. Stevens/G. Williams  
(C) R. Ward/J. Newman

### Under 200 Bridge Club

Combined with Noon BC

### Tuesday Night BC

- 6 Closed
- 13 P. Kamas/M. Cochran  
D. Golan/L. Frost
- 20 A. Lalchandani/R. Passal  
(AB) I. & V. Galis
- 27 A. Lalchandani/R. Passal  
(B) R. Bestock/M. Harris  
L. Spaeth/B. Beardsley  
(BC) C. Lazarovici/F. Lubais

## Wednesday

### Bridge N Brunch

- 7 P. & R. Chambers  
J. Kelsey/P. Saunders
- 14 J. Weiss/W. Pomeroy  
P. & R. Chambers
- 21 D. Wheeler/L. Spaeth  
W. Mackinnon/R. Pollack
- 28 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow  
S. Atkinson/J. Hornback

### Wed. Aft. 49er

- 7 J. Murray/E. McCrory  
K. Klander/H. Fordham
- 14 A. Natrass/M. Soltz  
M. Van Poppelen/D. Lundahl
- 21 A. Chausse/B. Ober  
M. & M. Lucid
- 28 J. Poppo/N. Rude  
C. & K. Arnold

### Cotton Club

Not Submitted

## Thursday

### Sherie's BC

- 1 A. Templeton/C. Cole  
M. O'Leary/R. Kilner
- 8 G. Bowling/R. Luik  
A. Pagin/M. Moutoux  
S. Krulevitch/R. Mankoff  
F. & S. Charney
- 15 J. & W. Pomeroy  
A. Anderson/R. Randolph  
J. Franke/J. Leaver  
R. & A. Rice
- 22 M. Marx/H. Sung  
M. O'Leary/R. Kilner  
J., Dammann/S. Barasch  
J. Adamiak/E. Gove
- 29 J. & W. Pomeroy  
M. Livenspargar/E. Makowski  
J. Collier/I. Steed  
D. Armstrong/S. Atkinson

### Thursday Aft. BC

- 1 Closed
- 8 G. Macgregor/J. O'Neil  
(AB) G. Wheeler/I. Lee  
(AB) M. Chen/J. Tseng  
(C) N. Wang/J. Wu
- 15 E. McCarthy/E. Worcester  
(B) R. Pollak/M. Chen  
(AB) M. Van Tamelen/D. Bernstein  
(C) S. Lakshman/S. Ramurthy
- 22 G. Herrick/T. Bowman  
(B) N. Evans/A. Arnold  
(AB) Y. Sahae/J. Kelkar  
(C) N. Wang/J. Wu
- 29 H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett  
(B) J. Clark/G. Pani  
P. & R. Chambers  
(B) M. Slater/K. Kelly  
(C) C. Lane/M. Goodman

### Red Club

- 1 Closed
- 8 (AB) C. Karnos/M. Herbach  
(C) I. Hartley/G. Joel
- 15 P. McFerren/C. Coleman  
(AB) M. Fleisher/L. McKenna  
(BC) D. Schmickrath/I. Hartley
- 22 M. Moore/D. Sgolombis  
(B) M. Zwiars/L. Kavanau
- 29 R. Ipswitch/J. Harpootlian  
(B) K. Nedeltchev/R. Rajendran

## Friday

### Easy Bridge

- 2 G. Wilson/D. Magay  
(Tie) B. Henderson/S. Abraham  
(Tie) S. Crow/P. Richman
- 9 C. Stone/G. Stark  
V. Howard/A. Munger
- 16 B. Dayharsh/A. Munger  
M. Jacob/J. Rush
- 23 D. & V. Magay  
P. Richman/G. Stark
- 30 G. Wilson/D. Magay  
P. Richman/N. Klughaupt

### Friday Morning BC

- 2 Closed
- 9 M. Yates/B. Beardsley  
(B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller  
P. Blakely/V. Jaffe  
(B) R. Kilner/E. Beckwith  
(AB) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller  
S. Greenberg/W. Pomeroy  
(B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van Tamelen
- 23 (AB) D. Wheeler/G. Leitstein  
(AB) G. Herrick/T. Kridl  
H. Narasimhan/P. Chambers  
(AB) C. Fay/C. McGorvin  
H. Corbin/B. Beardsley  
(ABC) R. Pollak/J. Grout
- 30

### Friday Night Barometer

- 2 Closed
- 9 S. Greenberg/V. Kilstrup  
(AB) C. Hanel/L. Frost  
(C) F. Gonzalez/C. Lazarovici
- 16 (AB) J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch  
(C) F. Gonzalez/D. Lazarovici  
D. Dang/S. Kodayam  
(B) M. Imaoka-Yancey/M. Yancey  
(C) E. Ruben/B. Kemper
- 23 B. & E. Barlow  
(B) C. Hanel/L. Frost  
D. Rothschild/D. Shannon  
(BC) C. Lazarovici/F. Gonzalez
- 30 D. Dang/S. Lorvan  
(ABC) F. Gonzalez/C. Lazarovici  
(AB) J. McCloy/L. Cicolani  
(C) K. Nedeltchev /Z. Kadah

## Saturday

### One Club

- 3 Closed
- 10 (AB) M. O'Malley/A. Soares  
M. Chen/M. Hafezi  
(BC) C. Lazarovici/R. Pollak
- 17 (AB) N. Wolf/M. Chen  
(C) S. Goldshine/E. Yanklowitz  
(ABC) K. & L. Haze  
B. Sonsini/W. Watson
- 24 (B) R. Pollak/C. Lazarovici
- 31 Not submitted

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:**

**NAP Qualif. Game**, Thursday, August 26, 7:15 p.m., Red Club

**All Western Reg'l**, Tues., 8/31-9/6 at Santa Clara Marriott

**Instant Match Point Game** (gold points), Wednesday, Sept. 9  
 at 7 p.m., Cotton Club

**Sectional**, Friday, September 10 at Orangevale, Comm. Center

**Unit NAP Final**, two sessions, Sunday, September 12 at 1 p.m.  
 and TBA, Bridge Center

**CLUB CLOSINGS:**

No game on Tuesday evening, August 31, Tuesday Night BC

No game at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, Bridge 'n Brunch

No game on evening of Wednesday, Sept. 1, Cotton Club

No games on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday,  
 September 2-6

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