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Palo Alto Unit 503

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Charity Pairs Event - April 17

The Unit game for April is the ACBL Charity Open Pairs on Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. Because charity club championship awards are 85% of sectional rating, this is an excellent opportunity to add some extra points and move up in the ACBL ranking. The game fee will be \$8.

To enhance this event, the Unit invites players to come at 12:30 with an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Please, indicate your intention on the bulletin board list, but please, no hot food. The Unit will also take this opportunity to honor the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners plus those who have made Life Master during the past year. Some lucky players will receive door prizes. Of course, there will be hand records and a friendly and congenial ambiance.

Beginning this year, there is no longer a Charity of the Year. The ACBL Foundation will allocate grant allocations of up to \$20,000 each to several districts each year to go to charities that they choose. The districts begin a 4- year rotation schedule. The districts on the first year rotation are 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 17.

Unit and Board News

Sunday Afternoon BC. By popular demand the club is moving the game time back to 1 p.m. starting April 3.



A Spiffy Bridge Center. Now that there's a clean carpet, the Board invites the players to join the Center clean-up team. Marge Yates is coordinating the activity for Saturday, April 16 right after the game or at about 3:30 p.m. Please bring along a bucket and rags. Please sign up for the crew on the bulletin board.

Board Meeting Date. Board meetings are now the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

Surf to the Unit Web Site. Alan Cummings and Alan Templeton have been busy expanding the Unit web site to make it more useful for the members. They invite you to visit the web site www.paloaltobridge.com and provide feedback about what you like or dislike and how to make it better. In particular, if you teach or play with others to improve their game, they would like to include information about you on our Lessons Page. Also, if you have favorite bridge websites, that you'd like to share with others, we shall add them to our Bridge Links page. Feedback and specific Information can be sent to unit503@paloaltobridge.com or by using the Webmaster link on the left of each web page.

Phone/Email Request. The club is creating a private directory, for members and friends only, to enhance communications. This is an improvement on our current list of names and phone numbers. We are inviting members to provide their email address for this directory. Please fill out one of the forms available at the Bridge Club or at the satellite games or contact Lori at spaeth@sbcglobal.net to make sure your phone and email information is accurate. Once completed we will provide a copy to all our members.

Unit Survey. The Long Range Planning Committee is conducting a survey of all 700 members of the Unit to solicit comments about our games, activities and communications. The Board of Directors will use the responses to increase interest and make participation in Unit activities an even more enjoyable experience. Surveys will be available at all Unit games the week of March 21. When you pick up a survey, please cross your name off the mailing list. We will mail surveys to the remaining names in order that we reach everyone!

Yates/Steele Valentine Victors

At the Unit Valentine Pairs on Sunday, February 13, the partnership of Marge Yates and Betsy Steele took first place in the 16-table field. Liz Blum and Gloria Leitstein headed the B strata, while John Sokolov and Raj Rajendran won in C. Twenty-two pairs participated in B, including 11 in C. The other overall results are listed in the Winners Circle.

With the players in red outfits and wearing special Valentine name tags designed by John Hornback, the holiday theme prevailed throughout. Players had the opportunity to analyze their results with the hand records provided.

Player Advancements

The ACBL October, November and December reports show that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

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| <u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP | D. Joann Bar, Ginger Johnson, Barbara Ober, Alice Radfield |
| <u>Club Master</u> 20 MP | Irene Deitsch, Mark Herbach, Benard King, Carolyn Lemm, Stephen Lubeck |
| <u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP | Rein Luik |
| <u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP | Tom Cadwell |
| <u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP | Liz Blum |
| <u>Bronze LM</u> 500 MP | Chester Binasik, Barbara Leonard |

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Bridge Center, 3:30 p.m.

2004 Unit Financial Report

Unit 503

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Income | |
| Firecracker | \$8,259 |
| Membership | 2,513 |
| Unit Games | 503 |
| Education | 4,625 |
| Total Income | \$15,900 |
| Expenses: | |
| Insurance | \$2,894 |
| Kibitzer | 2,915 |
| Education | 1,470 |
| Dec. Unit Party | 2,592 |
| Total Expenses | \$9,871 |
| Income (Loss) | \$6,029 |

Palo Alto Bridge Center

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Income | |
| Rent | \$79,703 |
| Supplies fee | 2,837 |
| Beverage fee | 385 |
| Total Income | \$82,925 |
| Expenses | |
| Rent | \$68,973 |
| Unit Supplies | 2,690 |
| Trash | 1,541 |
| Janitorial | 5,069 |
| Janitorial Supplies | 902 |
| Telephone | 651 |
| Total Expenses | \$79,826 |
| Income (Loss) | \$3,099 |

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Bill Dwyer, Dori Foster and Tushar Gheewala. Hello to the following players who has transferred into our Unit: Colette Castellino, Stephen Castellino, Gregory Ciurczak and Phyllis Davenport.

Sympathy

The Unit Board and members extend their sincere condolences to friends and family of Betty Lundberg and Otto Berger who died recently.



February 2005 Winners' Circle



Individual game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 6 M. Yates/B. Steele
- J. Flocks/G. Spaeth
- (B) M. Larkin/M. Brabb
- (B) L. Schwarz/J. Grove
- 13 Unit Game
- 20 Closed
- 27 J. & R. Robinson
- M. Larkin/C. Colvin
- (B) F. Lubais/M. Moore

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 7 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
- (B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van Tamelen
- B. Sonsini/W. Watson
- (B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
- 14 A. Templeton/S. Greenberg
- L. Spaeth/P. Chambers
- (BC) S. Liebhaber/R. Lachman
- 21 Closed
- 28 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
- (B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
- C. Dietz/L. Foss
- (B) M. Petersen/P. Kueffer

Sherie's Monday Game

- 7 R. Luik/J. Birnbaum
- E. Gove/J. Adamiak
- 14 J. & N. Weiss
- M. Wu/F. Bao
- 21 Closed
- 28 H. Sung/J. Brandon
- A. Wolman/M. Payne

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 1 M. Brabb/R. Kilgren
- C. Lin/M. Chen
- M. Larkin/M. Mackinnon
- M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
- 8 B. Sonsini/P. Saunders
- C. Brigham/R. Chambers
- M. Larkin/M. Van Tamelen
- E. Moley/J. Carollo
- 15 L. Spaeth/R. Stolee
- D. Chang/J. Wu
- D. Duncan/C. Binasiak
- E. Gove/J. Carollo
- 22 C. Coleman/I. Lee
- J. Lee/M. Chen
- A. Arnold/C. Fay
- M. & T. Sato

Tuesday Noon BC

- 1 (ABC) G. Joel/N. Rude
- (ABC) B. & T. Dayharsh
- M. Wu/E. Barlow
- (B) R. & C. Johnson
- (C) J. & M. Williams
- B. Larsen/B. Liddicoat
- (B) D. Kelley/N. Mohler
- (C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
- 8 (Tie-ABC) H. Harris/E. Schmitt
- (Tie-ABC) J. & M. Williams
- (Tie-AB) J. Blach/J. Pickart
- (Tie-AB) Y. Kano/E. Lissner
- (Tie-AB) J. Adamiak/R. Smadi
- (C) K. Gildersleeve/P. Gaffney
- M. Thompson/B. Barlow
- (B) R. & C. Johnson
- (C) G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
- (AB) F. Charney/J. McNeil
- (C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
- 15 (ABC) J. Schwartz/D. Ryan
- (AB) T. Aberg/J. Cook
- (C) P. Ingman/P. Reeser
- D. Hornback/C. Weiler
- (B) C. & R. Johnson
- (AB) D. Kelley/N. Mohler
- 22 D. Hornback/J. Chien
- (B) D. Lowe/N. Rude
- (C) J. & M. Williams
- (AB) T. Aberg/J. Cook
- B. Barlow/F. Bao
- (BC) C. Karnos/M. Herbach
- (AB) S. Segal/S. Hollon
- (C) D. Jones/B. Durey

Under 200 Bridge Club

Combined with Noon BC

Tuesday Night BC

- 1 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
- (AB) F. Gonzalez/H. Szejnwald
- 8 J. Williams/M. Moore
- (B) K. Smith/J. Vadasz
- 15 Closed
- 22 M. Brabb/M. Moore
- (B) A. Cummings/C. Lazarovici

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 2 M. Yates/D. Wheeler
- C. Davis/L. Spaeth
- 9 T. Moalem/D. Gambelin
- S. Blum/H. Bennett
- 16 Closed
- 23 T. Moalem/F. Dickman
- S. Blum/H. Bennett

Wed. Aft. 49er

- 2 J. Williams/M. Atherton
- B. Scheidtman/G. Joel
- 9 D. & V. Magay
- B. Ober/A. Chausse
- 16 (Tie) B. & W. Sturtevant
- (Tie) O. Sapojnikoff/M. Tang
- L. Perry/M. Koop
- 23 J. & R. Smith
- M. Williams/M. Atherton

Cotton Club

- 2 A. Stagner/J. Rollin
- S. Cagnina/J. Stanczak
- 9 E. & G. Rosenkranz
- E. Tanck/C. Davis
- 16 Closed
- 23 C. Lazarovici/G. Drew
- J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC

- 3 P. & R. Chambers
- (B) H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien
- (AB) R. Kilgren/D. Bernstein
- (C) K. Kelly/L. Kelly
- B. Hirsekorn/C. Brigham
- (B) C. Lane/M. Goodman
- (ABC) K. Shaw/M. Orellove
- 10 B. Hirsekorn/P. Saunders
- (B) F. Miller/B. Olmo
- (ABC) B. Baxter/M. Diamond
- 17 Closed
- 14 H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett
- (AB) J. Robinson/D. Bernstein
- (AB) D. Lowry/J. Cady

Sherie's BC

- 3 J. & W. Pomeroy
- P. Kueffer/C. Kwiatek
- J. Franke/T. Hall
- J. Brandon/J. Hornback
- 10 A. Templeton/C. Cole
- A. Pagin/M. Moutoux
- J. Franke/C. Naar
- J. Carollo/N. Nilsson
- H. Blume, Jr./C. Cole
- A. Welch/N. Brubaker
- M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
- J. Rosner/S. Goldshine
- 24 D. Shannahan/M. Fikes
- C. Kwiatek/M. Orellove
- S. Atkinson/F. Bao
- F. & S. Charney

Friday

Easy Bridge

- 4 G. Wilson/T. Tanner
- M. Jacob/J. Rush
- 11 (Tie) G. Wilson/T. Tanner
- (Tie) K. Gildersleeve/C. Shoen
- 18 A. Bialsom/U. Summey
- M. Jacob/J. Rush
- 25 L. & T. Osbourne
- M. Jacob/J. Rush

Friday Morning BC

- 4 D. Dang/S. Kodayam
- D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
- (B) J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch
- (BC) D. & T. Fiero
- (C) R. Pollak/M. Mirchandani
- 11 F. Lowenthal/R. Ng
- D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
- (B) M. & M. Yancey
- (B) A. Raymond/W. Watson
- 18 Closed
- 25 I. Lee/C. Colvin
- R. Ng/K. Nedeltchev
- (B) C. Luhr/R. Stein
- (B) L. Yokel/R. Siegrist
- (C) P. Chen/X. Cheng

Friday Night Barometer

- 4 C. Mandala/Y. Inn
- A. Levy/J. Hatfield
- (B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
- (B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
- (C) A. Robertson/J. Brandon
- 11 F. Dickman/H. Bennett
- (Tie-AB) G. Herrick/D. Bernstein
- (Tie-AB) G. Leitstein/M. O'Malley
- 18 Closed
- 25 (AB) M. Van Tamelen/A. Arnold
- G. Herrick/C. Brigham
- (B) N. Nilsson/F. Charney

Saturday

One Club

- 5 M. Berg/B. Steele
- (B) P. Gross/H. Sterngold
- J. Flocks/F. Parsons
- (B) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici
- 12 R. Siegrist/R. Yuenger
- W. Miller II/G. Joel
- (B) K. & L. Haze
- 19 Closed
- 26 P. & R. Chambers
- (B) C. Lazarovici/A. Cummings
- L. Spaeth/B. Beardsley
- (BC) K. O'Leary/R. Pollak

Unit Game

February 13 Stratified Pairs

- A1 M. Yates/B. Steele
- A2 B. & E. Barlow
- A3B1 L. Blum/G. Leitstein
- A4B2 A. Cummings/C. Lazarovici
- A5/6 C. Brigham/G. Herrick
- A5/6B3 M. Fooms/M. Fleisher
- B4/5 B. Tsai/D. Kuo
- B4/5C1 J. Sokolov/R. Rajendran
- B6C2 I. & V. Galis
- C3 F. Kitchiner/J. Casciano
- C4 L.V. Welch/N. Nilsson

| 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 | ♥ Series | 7:00 p.m. | Frank Smoot | |
| 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:

Sectional, Friday, April 1 at Masonic Temple, San Jose

Club Champ, Friday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m., Friday Morn BC

Club Champ, Friday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m., Barometer BC

Club Champ, Sunday, April 3 at 1 p.m., Sunday Afternoon BC

Sectional, Saturday, April 9 at Catholic HS, Kentfield

Sectional, Friday, April 15 at Iron Horse School, San Ramon

Unit Charity Pairs, Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. Bridge Center

Sectional, Friday, April 22 at Centre Plaza, Modesto

Sectional, Friday, April 29 at Comm Ctr, Orangevale



Firecracker Tournament
 June 30 to July 4, 2005

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