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Players Party with Free Bridge and Dinner—Dec. 4

On Sunday, December 4, the Unit will party big time at the Bridge Center, with bridge at 2 p.m. followed at 5:30 by dinner catered by Chef Chu. This is the way the Unit shows its gratitude to the players for a successful year. The Unit invites players to bring an unwrapped new toy with them to the event. These toys will go to the "Toys for Tots" charity.

The Unit asks you to make a dinner reservation by a sign-up on the list at the Bridge Center. First come first served to the first 180 players. The caterer needs an accurate count; so make a firm commitment when you list your name. There will be a \$10 charge to "no shows." The deadline is Thursday, December 1. Questions? John Hornback at 650/962-1109 johnback2@sbcglobal.net

Choose the Unit Board

The Palo Alto Unit has scheduled its annual election of persons to serve on the Board of Directors. The candidates are: Claire Coleman (incumbent), Mona Maltz, Roy Robinson and Alan Templeton. Voters may exercise a write-in option instead of voting for the listed candidates. The winners will form the 2006 Board joining the current members: Dave Bernstein, Gabriella Bowling, Liz Blum, Alan Cummings, John Hornback. Chuck Lane and David Wheeler

To inform the voters of the candidates' qualifications, the Kibitzer has printed photos, candidate information and statements on page 3 with a ballot and voting instructions. Ballots, envelopes and boxes will be at every game site to make voting easy for Unit members. Follow the directions on the ballot to vote by mail or email.

Cast Your Vote at Unit Game on Sun., Dec. 18

Unit members will have a final chance to vote in the Unit election for the 2006 Board of Directors. After the Election chair Louise Doying finishes the count, she will introduce the new 2006 Board.

The Unit will hold a stratified pairs game at 1:00 p.m. and make merry with festive holiday refreshments. Name tags will help in getting to know the opponents, making introductions unnecessary. Please circle the date for good food, good games and good times.

STAC Points

Oodles of master points are yours to grab at the annual Great Western Holiday STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs). The winners and others at the Unit clubs will have this opportunity from Monday, December 5 - Sunday, December 11. The points earned by the winners will glow in the dark. They are silver! All the clubs listed in the directory on the back page will participate in this treasure hunt.

Bridge on New Year's Eve??

Based on interest expressed on a sign-up sheet posted on the Bridge Center bulletin board, the Unit will make a decision on scheduling a bridge game at the Center on Saturday evening, December 31. Express your opinion by Saturday, December 10. Kibitzer Page 2



Boo! None of the Halloween goblins could scare away the players from the Halloween bridge party Swiss Teams sponsored by Bridge Mix and Sherie's Monday Game. Gabriella Bowling, Nancy Cadwell and Randee Palmer put out a wonderful luncheon spread for more than 140 players. To add to the fun, many came in memorable costumes, notably Bonnie Beardsley and Judy Clark as scary witches, Hamish Bennett in his kilt, Jan Adamiak as the Cat in the Hat, Dolly Halden as Lily Munster. Check out the names on the winning teams on the Winners Circle page.

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Beverly Brockway and Evelyn Kamas. Hello, to Janice Anderson, Trina Bowman, Don Ehrman, Curtis Pryor and Trudy Shoch, who recently transferred into the Unit.

Ginger Herrick Races to the Front

With two December Unit games to go, Ginger Herrick has a big lead in the Unit Winners Trophy standings. The Unit makes this award for the best record in Unit games. Chairman Liz Blum reports the following standings:

G. Herrick 17.22
 P. Saunders 14.89
 A. Cummings 13.01
 C. Lazarovici 11.66

4. C. Lazarovici 11.66 5. T. Bowman 11.64 6. A. Templeton 9.737. C. Davis 9.22

8. C. Brigham 8.92

9. E. Tanck 8.68 10/11 C. Hanel 8.65 10/11 L Frost 8.65

Anyone for Early Bird Bridge?



The Unit is announcing a new game in town! Starting in January, there will be a duplicate game on Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Bridge Center.

This shorter game is for parents with school children, or anyone who would like to play a few hands and not miss their lunch date or afternoon tennis game. It is also perfect for those weeks when you have to miss your regular name, but need a quick bridge fix to see you through. Partner guaranteed.

To help in the planning, please inform Debbie Romani of your interest. If you know of any players who might want to play in this game, please inform them and also give contact information to Debbie. Debbie's vital information is phone number (650) 851-9673 and email address dzromani@aol.com.

Player Advancements

The ACBL November report shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

Junior Master
5MP
Club Master
20 MP
Sect'l Master
50 MP
Reg'l Master
100 MP
NABC Master
200 MP
Life Master
300 MP
Silver LM

1000 MP

Annette Bialson, George Paris, Alice Wallace

Arlene Chausse, Morgan Lucid, Mary Jane Lucid, Curtis Pryor Carrie Karnos, Ailene Nattrass, Robert Scheidtmann

Geeske Joel, Chris Lazarovici

Nancy Rude

Jean Franke, Ruthann Lynch, Randee Palmer, Marilyn Payne

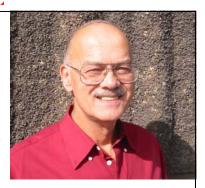
Nancy Cadwell

Mary Randolph



Meet the Candidates

Los Altos resident, retired telecommunications engineer, BS, MBA. Trying to play our favorite game is just one of many sometimes frustrating but always exciting activities I enjoy, since retirement from the railroad in 1996. On the Board in 1997-98, including a year as Unit President, so I should at least know what I'm getting into. Wants to help develop a more formal organizational structure, defining the (often) separate functions and responsibilities of the Unit and the Palo Alto Bridge Center Need to do this before any serious problems crop up, not after. The present Board has done an outstanding job, encouraging programs for our newer players and generally making the Bridge Center a more pleasant environment for all of us. I look forward to working with these dedicated people and the new Board members to continue these trends.



Roy Robinson



(Incumbent) Director for 17 years. Current co-owner of Sunday Afternoon and Friday Morning and Barometer and Bridge Mix clubs. Would like to see people behave in a nicer manner at the table and not to think of the game as a matter of life or death. With husband Duane, very active in site search, establishment of and maintenance of the Unit Bridge Center. She will speak up for the concerns and interests of the Unit club directors and owners.

Claire Coleman

Husband Irwin also a player. Originally from Los Angeles, former owner of wholesale baking company. Volunteer job as Catering chair led to her going into business. Now retired. Volunteer on many levels at the Kol Emeth synagogue in Palo Alto. Loves to paint, specializes in acrylic non-objective and realistic types and has exhibited her work at Open Studios in Los Altos. Has a renewed interest in bridge, which she played many years ago. Eager participant in Frank Smoot's lessons and a fan of Easy Bridge. Looks forward to playing more and more to improve and earn more points. Believes that the Board needs a member to represent the players new to duplicate.



Mona Maltz



Happily retired from a career developing computer software. Besides bridge, likes fooling around on the computer, hiking, movies and vacations at Lake Tahoe. Member of Unit Long Range Planning Committee. Compiles Kibitzer Winners' Circle. Created and runs the Unit website. Substitute director. 2004 Unit Sportsmanship winner. Seven years previous service on the board of directors including 1999-2000 president. Wants to make sure that Unit represents new as well as experienced players and that we represent our members who primarily play at locations other than the Bridge Center. Our greatest challenge is to get new players into the Unit and create an environment at our games so people will be comfortable and not intimidated, while preserving the competitive nature of the game.

Alan Templeton



Sportsmanship Trophy Goes to Gersh Wheeler

It may have been a surprise to him, but it was not to all the other players as President Barbara Sonsini presented the 2005 Unit Sportsmanship Trophy to Gersh Wheeler. The Unit congratulates him as a member, who shows "ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, for proving strict competition can be pleasurable and for exemplary conduct serving the best interest of duplicate bridge and its players." In addition to his frequent games with a variety of partners, members know Gersh through his *Kibitzer* articles entitled "It Seems to Me," many of which promote the traits represented by this trophy.

In a 17-table game, Prue Saunders and Trina Bowman took first place, the top spot in B went to Julianne and Roy Robinson and Belinda Gu and Nongyu Li led in C.

All the players enjoyed a pot-luck, featuring oodles of delicious dishes.

Special thanks go to Claire Coleman who did more than her share, cooking two turkeys and a ham!

Board Meeting Notes

- The Unit is considering the purchase of a defibrillator. The use of this device requires a person with CPR training. Anyone interested in this activity, should contact Gabriella Bowling at 650/941-8398 or palogabl@aol.com to express his or her interest or for further information
- The Unit Board wants everyone to have a written authorization from the president before making any special purchases in the name of the Unit or Bridge Center.
- The Board nominated Barbara Sonsini for the District 21 Goodwill award.
- Now that winter is fast approaching, the Bridge Center has a new air conditioner!

2005 Unit Sportsmanship Trophy winner Gersh Wheeler.



Official Ballot – 2006	Election	- Unit 503
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Select no more than four (4) candidates. (Ballot position determined by draw)

Roy Robinson _____ Claire Coleman (inc.) ____ Mona Maltz ____ Alan Templeton ____ Write In

Only a ballot received in a sealed envelope with a legible signature on the outside is valid. Deposit ballot in box at your local club or mail it to:

Louise Doying, 530 La Conner Dr. #9, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-5726

or vote by sending a list of names by email to louisedoy@aol.com.

You may also bring your ballot to the Unit game at 1 p.m. on December 18.





October 2005 Winners' Circle





Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

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Sunday Sunday Aft. BC

- 2 M. Berg/C. Clements (B) J. Samuels/A. Desu 9 S. Greenberg/L. Frye (B) B. Cowell/A. Suares
- Unit Game
- S. Greenberg/L. Frye C. Lazarovici/J. Flocks (B) R. Pollak/N. Nilsson
- R. Robinson/L. Corbetta (B) M. & T. Randolph W. Miller II/G. Joel (B) R. Pollak/N. Nilsson

Unit Games

October 16 Swiss

A1 B. & B. Luttrell/ C. Hanel/L. Frost A2 B. Krop/E. Barlow/ B. Beardsley/K. Harper A3 C. Brigham/P. Saunders/ T. Bowman/C. Colvin A4 S. Greenberg/J. O'Neil/ D. Rothschild/D. Shannon D. Rothschild/D. Shannon A5B1 S. Chen/G. Spinazze/ M. Fleisher/M. Foos A6B2 A. Cummings/A. Templeton/ A. Arnold/C. Fay (B3C1-Tie) R. Luik/A. Tampilang/ R. Baron/M. Carney (B3C1-Tie) J. Koransky/K. Mesolowska/ Mesolowska/ J. Carollo/N. Nilsson (B3C1-Tie) E. & D. Ehrman/ J. & R. Wegsten

November 13 Sportsmanship A1 P. Saunders/T. Bowman A2 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb A3 M. Larkin/C. Colvin A4B1 J. & R. Robinson A5B2 M. & T. Randolph A6 M. Andrews/S. Johnston B3C1 G. Gu/N. Li B4 A. Templeton/C. Cole B5C2 A. Garber/J. Hornback C3 C. Lazarovici/B. Nene

Monday Bridge Mix

- H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow (AB) G. Wheeler/G. Drew B. Sonsini/W. Watson (AB) E. Chen/M. Chen H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
- (B) B. Hirsekorn/H. Macdonell (AB) J. Robinson/J. Von Gehr
- (AB) G. Wheeler/M. Brabb B. Sonsini/W. Watson 17
- B. Sonsini/W. Watson
 (B) J. Tseng/B. Chu
 B. Sonsini/P. Saunders
 (B) L. Mohr/M. Moore
 P. Chambers/D. Bernstein
 (B) D. Wheeler/E. Tanck
 (C) G. Leitstein/K. Shaw
 H. Bennett/G. Kucera/
 J. O'Neil/G. Macgregor
 (BC) K. Smith/J. Vadasz/
 M. Seymour/K. Rasdal
- M. Seymour/K. Rasdal

Sherie's Monday Game

- H. & L. Sung A. Mollard/J. Franke 3
- 10 J. Sogg/G. Pani J. & R. Israel
- 17 G. Pani/J. Sogg N. Nilsson/M. Payne

24 R. Smadi/J. Lundquist E. Gove/J. Adamiak

See Bridge Mix

Tuesday

- D. Duncan/C. Binasik A. Mollard/H. Sung L. Corbetta/I. Lee B. & W. Barlow
 (B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
 (B) R. Palmer/N. Cadwell
 (C) B. Donoghue/L. Doying (C) M. Smith/J. Leaver (C) C. Lane/M. Goodman
- A. Lalchandani/H. Bennett P. Chambers/C. Brigham F. Miller/R. Husain F. Miller/K. Husain
 H. Sung/B. Hsu
 (B) M. Slater/N. Irwin
 (B) R. & V. Hoeger
 (C) E. Cowell/A. Story
 S. Morley/R. Robinson
 H. Macdonell/G. Herrick
- A. Lalchandani/D. Rothschild A. Arnold/S. Morley M. & T. Sato (B) H. Sung/A. Mollard (B) B. Chu/D. Chang
 - (B) A. Foti/K. Hergatt (C) N. Cadwell/R. Palmer (C) B. Donoghue/L. Doying (C) M. Smith/J. Leaver
- L. Lane/B. Olmo A. Lalchandani/H. Bennett A. Arnold/C. Fay H. Sung/B. Hsu (B) B. Chu/D. Chang (C) S. Lubeck/J. Hornback (C) M. Pais/M. Newell

Tuesday Noon BC

- B. Liddicoat/B. Larsen (B) C. & R. Johnson A. Robertson/E. Edwards (B) K. Mackay/J. McNeil (C) K. Kulander/L. Johnson (Tie-AB) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell
- Lobdell
 (Tie) J. Blake/S. Lubeck
 (AB) T. Aberg/J. Cook
 W. Sumner/C. Francis
 (B) E. Tromovitch/B. Kates
 (AB) T. Stevens/G. Joel
 (C) J. Yelland/D. Crosley
 D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
 (B) R. Luik/M. Carney
 P. Krupa/C. Sideris
 (B) A. Wolman/M. Payne
 (AB) G. Gusman/B. Larsen
 T. Hall/J. Franke
- T. Hall/J. Franke (B-Tie) T. Stevens/J. Schwartz (BC-Tie) P. Stoner/C. Drozdiak (BC-Tie) J. Stuart-Smith/J. (AB) G. Joel/J. Williams E. & M. Muller
- (B) T. Aberg/J. Cook R. Palmer/F. Bao (B) E. Tromovitch/F. Bennett D. Halden/S. McGilvray (AB) T. Stevens/G. Joel (Tie-AB) G. Spaeth/M. Atherton (Tie) J. Blake/J. Dellis (AB) Y. & T. Kano

Tuesday Night BC Not Provided

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch H. Narasimhan/W. Watson

- B. Sonsini/N. Nazari
- E. Gove/J. Prior
- S. Zimmerman/S. Lipson
- S. Greenberg/M. Berg P. Saunders/D. Gambelin
- N. Wolfe/C. Colvin S. Blum/H. Bennett

- Wed. Aft. 49er C. Karnos/N. Lobdell P. & P. Mock
- C. Karnos/N. Lobdell B. & T. Dayharsh R. Markell/M. Stewart
- 19
- J. Yelland/A. Fletcher
 J. Ardourel/S. Wingate
 K. Kulander/L. Johnson

- Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club D. Dang/R. Gupta (BC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev S. Cagnina/J. Stanczak
 (B) P. Cornelius/M. Fleisher
 (BC) R. O'Brien/H.
- Szejnwald (ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina (AB) P. Cornelius/F. Gonzalez
- M. House/S. Miller (ABC) R. O'Brien/H. Szejnwald C. Ďavis/E. Tanck (BC) D. Fletcher/R. French D. & K. Puryear
- K. Greig/M. Frank
 K. Harper/D. Kuo
 (ABC) M. Harris/R. Bestock
 J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina (AB) F. Gonzalez/C. Pryor (C) R. O'Brien/H. Szejnwald N. Homan/B. Morgan S. Lau/C. Prael

Thursday Thursday Aft. BC

- (AB) M. & T. Randolph (AB) W. Yetter/D. Gambelin (C) G. Leitstein/R. Lachman 6 H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett (B) B. Ross/N. Brubaker R. Williams/M. Moore (B) M. Troster/H. Macdonell
- (C) K. Shaw/L. Blum R. Williams/A. Lalchandani (B) N. Evans/A. Arnold A. Oliff/S. Blum
- A. Olitt/S. Blum
 (AB) D. Lowry/B. Nene
 M. Larkin/C. Coleman
 (B) R. & W. Hoeger
 (AB) M. Sterngold/M. Goodman

- **Sherie's BC**E. Ehrman/C. Weiler
 J. Adamiak/E. Gove A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt N. Nilsson/D. Ryan
- C. Cole/A. Templeton (BC) A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt (ABC) S. Barasch/D.
- Armstrong
 D. Hornback/F. Bao M. Kelly/J. Girand H. Chapman/A. Story
 D. Armstrong/S. Atkinson

B. Barlow/F. Bao L. Welch/A. Laird R. Luik/G. Bowling J. Hornback/J. Brandon

Friday

- Easy Bridge G. Wilson/Ted Tanner
- V. Howard/C. Shoens
- L. & B. Karlekar C. Hacking/E. Van Campen D. Peterson/D. Dunlap

- A. Bialson/B. Thayer V. Howard/C. Shoens L. & M. Zatz

- Friday Morning BC
 (AB) G. Herrick/D. Wheeler
 B. Beardsley/H. Corbin
 (B) G. Skidmore/W. Pomeroy
 M. Van Tamelen/A. Oliff
 L. Corbetta/I. Lee
 P. Chambers/M. Yates
 (B) T. Kridl/J. Robinson
 M. Hafezi/B. Nene
- (B) M. Payne/W. Bidermann D. Bernstein/L. Spaeth (B) R. Pollak/N. Nilsson (AB) G. Herrick/T. Kridl

- Friday Night Barometer (AB) E. Leong/D. Dong (C) R. Thomas/N. Robinson (AB) M. Fleisher/M. Foos (C) D. & T. Fiero
- G Venkatesh/V. Vidwans (B) M. Fleisher/M. Foos (Tie) L. Cicolani/B. McCloy (Tie) D. Shannon/D.
- Rothschild (C) P. & X. Cheng B. Dai/J. Shi (C) E. Mayefsky/T. Hwa D. Shannon/D. Rothschild (B) M. & M. Yancey (C) T. Scharf/S. Sane
- R. Ng/A. El-Sadi
 (B) R. Thomas/N. Robinson E. Mayefsky/S. Smolen
 (B) N. Li/J. Gu

Saturday

One Club

- F. Parsons/B. Beardsley (B) R. Kilner/C. Lazarovici

- (B) R. Kilner/C. Lazarovici J. Flocks/F. Lubais (B) M. Sterngold/E. King W. Miller II/G. Joel (B) T. Maloney/K. Schardt J. O'Neil/K. Harper (AB) J. Robinson/M. Moore N. Wolf/B. Beardsley (B) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici J. Williams/M. Moore (BC) N. & T. Cadwell M. Yates/A. Levy (B) B. Nene/A. Godbole M. Andrews/S. Johnston (B) C. Sideris/P. Krupa (C) T. Kato/K. Osumi P. & R. Chambers
- P. & R. Chambers
- (B) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici (C) J. & L. Mattis (ABC) N. & T. Cadwell

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix	Open/Strat.		Kevin/Bonnie/Claire	
TUES	Sherie's Monday Game Tuesday Noon BC Alpine BC	Open/Strat. Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.		Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
WED	Tuesday Night BC Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	Judy/Michael Sherie Greenberg	New Owners! Pizza served!
	Wed Aft. 49er Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	<50 M.P. Open/Strat.	1:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Walter Miller Spaeth/Johnston	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
THUR	Lori & Sue's Dblton Club Thur. Afternoon BC	<20 M.P. Open/Strat	7:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston Beardsley/O'Leary	Ends by 9:45 p.m.
	Sherie's BC Beginning Bridge Lessons	Open/Strat. ◆ Series	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg Frank Smoot	4000 Middlefield Road, Auditorium, Palo Alto
FRI	Easybridge! Friday Morning BC	<20 M.P. Open/Strat.	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.		
SAT	Friday Night Barometer One Club	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Claire Coleman 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, December 2 at Orangevale, Community Ctr Unit Game, Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m., Bridge Center Unit Dinner Party, Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m., *RSVP Required* STAC, Monday, December 5-Sunday, December 11 at all clubs Unit Election Party, Sunday, December 18, 1 p.m. at Bridge Center Club Closed: Sunday, December 25



Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 3:45 p.m.
Bridge Center

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