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Get Set for a Bridge Blast at the Firecracker—June 30 to July 4



The Firecracker Sectional at Hyatt San Jose welcomes all players to come together for a bridge celebration from Thursday evening, June 30 through Monday, July 4.

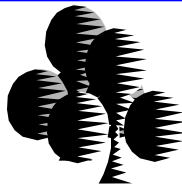
The festivities start with pairs for the open and intermediate/novice flights on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. There will be newcomer and open Pair games with a variety of master point strata, at every session. Bracketed Knockout Teams and pairs play on Friday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Saturday. Game times on Saturday through Monday are 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. with an extra session on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. Sunday has more pair games and introduces the Compact Knockout Teams, in which rounds 1 & 2 play in the morning and 3 & 4 in the afternoon. The tournament ends on Monday with the Strati-Flighted two-session Open Swiss and morning sessions of Intermediate/Novice and Open Pairs session.

Check the Firecracker flyer at your favorite game or your June Kibitzer or the Unit web page at <http://www.paloaltobridge.com/> for further information.

Everything is ready for your bridge enjoyment at the Firecracker. Spend the July 4th holiday time at fun and games with your bridge friends at the outstanding tournament in the Bay Area. If you have a problem with transportation to the Hyatt San Jose join a car pool.

New Wednesday Night Club

Lori Spaeth and Sue Johnston wish to welcome you to their new Club “Lori & Sue’s Doubleton Club” on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Hand records will be available. If you need a partner, please do not hesitate to call Lori or Sue (see back page).



In August, they will introduce a separate novice game for those players who are unable to play during the day.

The Firecracker Needs Your Help

How about helping out at the partnership desk? Contact Ginger at (650) 958-2995 or ginger@khcww.com or sign up at the Bridge Center. A special plea - Please come to set up tables and get everything ready at 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoon at the Hyatt San Jose. And even more importantly, we need help after the Monday Swiss to assist in the take-down. To volunteer sign up at the Bridge Center, or contact Alan Cummings at (650) 619-6664 or alanc@bonair.stanford.edu

NAP Qualifying - Wed., July 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Hansa's Team Earns Huge Win

At the team trials in Las Vegas the week of June 5, the team captained by Unit member Hansa Narasimhan won the right to represent the United States in the Venice Cup World Team Championships in Portugal in October. Congratulations and good luck to Hansa and her team! There will be a celebration at the Sunday afternoon Bridge Club on June 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Questionable Questions



Although the rules permit a player to ask questions about the opponent's bidding when it is his or her turn to bid or when partner has made a face-down lead, some questions can be very inappropriate. For instance, if the opponents bidding proceeds:

<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
1NT	2H (transfer announced)
2S	3C
3S	4S

There is no alert for the 3C bid, so it is natural. Therefore, any question about this bid, either during the bidding or afterwards, based on a holding in the suit, may give unauthorized information.

A good guideline is to refrain from questions during the bidding unless a player intends to bid.

Lead Out of Turn— What are Declarer's Options?

Accept the Lead:

1. Put your hand on the table and become dummy.
2. See dummy before you play to the first trick.

Do Not Accept the Lead:

The proper hand will be:

1. Required to lead the same suit*
2. Forbidden to lead the same suit*
3. Allowed to lead any card. Card led out of turn will stay on the table and be treated as a penalty card (other rules apply).

*wrong leader puts card back in his hand and can play any card in suit led.

Unit Game Results

Pro-Am Goes to... Alan Templeton/Chris Lazarovici

On Sunday, May 15, the Unit held its annual Pro-Am contest, in which the Non-Life Masters play with Life Masters against similarly matched opponents. Pairs were created for the 16 table game through blind draw. Alan Templeton and Chris Lazarovici took top honors followed by Ida Lee and Kevin Haze.

Other winners appear in the Winners Circle. Special thanks go to John Hornback, for his organization of the event.

Greenberg-Rothschild, Cowell-Suares Top Flighted Pairs

Sherie Greenberg and Don Rothschild led the 11-table Open flight in the June 12 Unit event. Because there were not enough 99er pairs, the director changed the flight to Non-Life Masters. Elizabeth Cowell and Adeline Suares set the pace over 5 other pairs. Again, see the Winners Circle for complete results.

Player Advancements

The ACBL June 1 report shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

Junior Master	Kirsten Gildersleeve
5 MP	
Club Master	Alan Gaudie, Mary Ritter
20 MP	
Sectional Master	Chris Luhrs, Nancy Rude
50 MP	
NABC Master	S. Cagnina
200 MP	
Life Master	Gloria Leitstein
300 MP	

It Seems to Me**by Gersh Wheeler**

Bidding above the level of game requires logical thinking and rarely need artificial conventions. Here are a few examples:

1. My partner was dealer and bid 1S, the next player bid 2H. I bid 5S. My partner passed! The opponents took 2 heart tricks and my partner took the rest, making his contract. The 5S bid was a logical bid, which said, "I have 2 losers in the opponent's suit. If you have second-round control or better, bid the slam."
2. I opened the bidding 1H. Partner bid 4H. This is different from the preceding case, because there was no opponent's suit in the bidding. Here the 5H bid means, "We have enough for slam, but I have no controls in the trump suit. Because, I had AJT96 in hearts, I bid 6 and hoped I would catch either the king or queen. As it happened, the opposing trump broke 2-2, so I made the slam."
3. Partner dealt and opened 2C (strong). Next player bid 2S. I passed. The other opponent bid 4S. Partner bid 5D. Next player bid 5S. Now what would you do with each of the two following hands?

Hand A: Sxxx, Hxxxx, Cxxx Cxxx

Hand B: SAxx, Hxxxx, Dxxx, Cxxx

With hand A, you must tell partner that there's no hope of making a slam, so you double. With hand B, partner might be able to make, 6, but not if he has a spade void. Your best action is to pass. Because you did not double, partner knows you have a possible trick, which can only be the SA.

4. My left hand opponent was dealer and opened the bidding with 4D. After my partner passed, the next opponent bid 5D. I had a tremendous hand and bid 6D. My partner held: S 6432 H A9754, D3, C 654. Partner knows I want him to bid 6H or 6S, if he has a four-card suit and no tricks. Because he has an A, he bid 7H, which he made easily.



Contract: 7NT
Opening Lead: 2 of spades

North
S AQJ
H J109876
D QJ10
C 10

South
S K
H AKQ
D AK
C AKQ8765

What is your foolproof plan?

Hearts are trumps, South to lead and win all six tricks!

North
S AKQJ
H
D AK
C

West
S 987
H
D 765
C

East
S 4
H Q96
D 43
C

South
S 2
H AK108
D 8
C



Survey Gets Rewarding Response

Palo Alto Unit 503 conducted a survey of its 650+ members plus some members from other Units.

The results:

- A need for partners. The Unit has established partnership page on its web site.
- Requests for more stratification and flighted games and more format variety.
- Increase promotion of games at sites OTHER than the Bridge Center.
- Re the Web site, the most popular features are the game results and game schedules. Players requested prompt posting of game results.
- 28 offered to help with Bridge Center clean-up. 25 offered to help with hospitality at special events. There were volunteers for Unit administration, Board committees and Board membership.
- Interest in lessons, especially before and after games, hand records and analyses.
- 20 members volunteered to be mentors and 30 asked to be mentored.

For a more complete report go the Unit website or check the bulletin board at the Bridge Center.

The survey results suggest a rather high level of satisfaction. Locations, parking, facilities, frequency of games, quality of play and a good feeling for the games were some of the positives. Some members requested an improvement in etiquette by both members and directors and that directors be more positive, particularly for new and/or inexperienced players. Contact Alan Cummings al-anc@bonair.stanford.edu, with comments, questions, etc. about the survey.

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Jeanine Ardourel, Yuling Chen, Joe Foster, Vinesh Hindia and Suzanne Wingate. Hello, to Constance Fisbach, Eva Herrman, Sue Hollon, Edward Makowski and Selma Strock, who have transferred into our Unit.

Bridge Bits

- Next Unit game is Board-A-Match Pairs at the Bridge Center on Sunday, August 15 at 1 p.m.
- Coming soon - Western Conference Swiss STAC, the week of Monday, August 22 through Sunday, August 28. This tournament offers silver points and inflated master point awards in your home club comfort. It is up to the individual club owners to schedule a Swiss team event for this STAC.
- Be sure to pick up the telephone list booklet at the Bridge Center and sign the list. The Unit will mail booklets to those who fail to pick them up. Please notify Lori Spaeth of any necessary corrections or additions.
- A big THANK YOU to all those who suggested topics for the *Kibitzer* and also to the prospective writer volunteers. Among the topics were bidding, play, defense, challenge hands, player profiles, director rulings, more Gersh articles, more pictures, hand analyses, recognition of younger and new players and new rules, alerts, conventions. (In regard to the last topic, the editors believe that the ACBL Bulletin can do this better than a local Unit newsletter.)
- As for player profiles, the editors welcome suggestions of players with interesting activities and lives outside bridge.

Ginger Herrick Leads Trophy Race

Ginger Herrick heads the Winners Trophy contest after six events with 12.49 points. The Unit gives this award to the member who scores the most master points in the Unit games during the year. The chair, Liz Blum, reports the following results:

1. Ginger Herrick	12.49	6. Carol Brigham	6.21
2. Chris Lazarovici	11.66	7. Carla Davis	6.17
3. Alan Cummings	10.48	8. Don Rothschild	6.02
4. Prue Saunders	8.35	9. Sherie Greenberg	5.93
5. Alan Templeton	7.21	10. Elinor Tanck	5.63



May 2005 Winners' Circle



Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 1 M. Yates/B. Steele
M. Pais/R. Siegrist
(B) B. McComb/N. Rude
- 8 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
D. Youssefi/J. Baker
(B) E. & D. Ehrman
(B) D. Raider/E. Boyer
- 15 Unit Game
- 22 N. McKay/S. Greenberg
M. Pais/R. Siegrist
- 29 M. Larkin/C. Colvin
(AB) M. Foons/M. Fleischer
(B) M. & T. Randolph

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 2 P. & R. Chambers
(B) A. Arnold/G. Drew
(AB) G. Herrick/M. Wilson
- 9 C. Colvin/P. Saunders
(B) B. Hirsekorn/H. Macdonell
J. & R. Williams
(B) D. Lowry/D. Heller
- 16 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
(B) J. Samuels/M. Orellove
(AB) G. Leitstein/L. Blum
R. & J. Williams
- 23 B. Beardsley/J. Fisher
(B) M. Orellove/L. Blum
(AB) B. Steele/G. Herrick
F. Parsons/D. Wheeler
(B) A. Cummings/N. Evans

Sherie's Monday Game

- 2 G. Bowling/M. Payne
D. Hornback/A. Mollard
- 9 J. Keehan/L. Lettis
K. Kelly/C. Macey
- 16 L. Whelan/J. Bower
S. Atkinson/J. Hornback
- 23 L. Kelly/F. Bao
E. Beckwith/C. Macey

Unit Games

May 15 Pro-Am

- A1B1 A. Templeton/C. Lazarovici
- A2B2 I. Lee/K. Haze
- A3/4B3 B. Sonsini/J. Williams
- A3/4 G. Herrick/G. Spaeth
- A5B4C1 J. Samuels/C. Naar
- A6/7B5 C. Coleman/N. Mackay
- A6/7 M. Moore/F. Lubais
- B6C2 L. Kelly/A. Simpson
- C3 R. Husain/E. Madowski
- C4 L. Doying/K. Flom

June 12 Flighted Pairs

Open

- A1 S. Greenberg/D. Rothschild
 - A2B1 A. Arnold/A. Cummings
 - A3 P. Saunders/G. Herrick
 - A4B2 M. Chen/J. Lee
 - A5B3C1 I. & S. Krulevitch
 - A6 M. Yates/B. Steele
 - B4C2 R. Lynch/A. Mollard
 - B5C3 N. Mackay/R. Rajendran
 - C4 V. Galis/C. Lazarovici
- Non Life Master
- A1 E. Cowell/A. Soares
 - A2B1C1 (T) D. Sibbert/Z. Stewart
 - A2B1C1 (T) B. Tiernan/J. Boyer

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 3 (AB) B. Liddicoat/B. Larsen
(C) D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(ABC) E. Gove/J. Chui
(ABC) G. Spaeth/M. Atherton
(ABC) W. & J. Stern
- 10 (AB) S. Barasch/G. Williams
(C) J. Schwartz/N. Rude
M. Petersen/R. Jacobs
(B) R. Lynch/J. Brandon
(C) W. & J. Stern
J. Blake/S. Lubeck
(B) G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
B. Liddicoat/C. Sideris
(B) J. & M. Williams
- 17 C. Naar/A. Garber
(B) S. Barasch/G. Williams
(C) C. Lemm/S. Forrest
(ABC) R. & J. Smith
A. Soares/F. Bennett
(B) G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(B) F. & S. Charney
- 24 (AB) S. Barasch/G. Williams
(AB) N. & T. Ito
(C) K. Kulander/L. Johnson
(ABC) D. Niemann/K. Cano
(AB) G. Joel/T. Stevens
(C) N. Rude/B. Scheidtman
- 31 J. Mattis/T. Stevens
(B) D. Lowe/E. Lissner
(AB) G. Joel/J. Schwartz
(C) R. Frohman/B. Johnson
(AB) A. Nattrass/M. Soltz
(AB) S. Hollon/C. Segal
(C) S. Lubeck/E. Tsolinas

Tuesday Night BC

- 3 L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(B) P. McFerren/C. Hanel
(AB) S. Narasimhan/V. Devadass
- 10 (AB) R. Haines/F. Herzer
(C) F. Lubais/A. Desu
M. Brabb/M. Moore
(AB) T. Scharf/K. O'Leary
(C) N. Nilsson/J. Bower
- 17 P. McFerren/C. Hanel
(AB) J. Clark/G. Bowling
(C) J. Boyer/B. Tiernan
M. Thiemmedh/V. Boyer
(B) G. Drew/A. Simpson
(BC) I. Galis/M. Mates
- 24 (ABC) F. Gonzalez/H. Szejnwald
(ABC) L. Lee/G. Spaeth
P. Kamas/L. Frost
(AB) R. Haines/F. Herzer
(ABC) I. Galis/M. Mates
L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(BC) M. Troster/S. Agrawal
- 31

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 4 J. Rollin/W. Sumner
G. Herrick/T. Kridl
 - 11 D. Wheeler/P. Saunders
G. Yang/B. Chu
 - 18 A. Arnold/M. Brabb
J. Von Gehr/W. Pomeroy
M. Hafezi/G. Yang
C. Macey/N. Brubaker
 - 25 G. Herrick/D. Wheeler
S. Greenberg/M. Brabb
- Wed. Aft. 49er**
- 4 A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt
B. & W. Sturtevant
 - 11 B. & W. Sturtevant
J. Ardourel/S. Wingate
 - 18 J. Schwartz/N. Rude
A. & C. Quaife
 - 25 (Tie) B. & W. Sturtevant
(Tie) A. & C. Quaife
K. Kulander/H. Fordham

Cotton Club

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC

- 5 G. Herrick/P. Saunders
(B) M. Howe/E. Worcester
J. Flocks/E. Herrmann
(AB) A. Cummings/L. Blum
(C) B. Baxter/M. Diamond
- 12 M. Yates/L. Spaeth
(BC) J. Weiss/C. Lane
R. & J. Williams
(AB) J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick
(C) R. Lynch/G. Spaeth
(AB) J. Tseng/M. Orellove
S. Blum/A. Oliff
(BC) G. Spaeth/C. Lane
- 26 M. Yates/A. Levy
(AB) M. Howe/J. Bower
J. Flocks/R. Stolee
(B) G. Leitstein/M. Orellove

Sherie's BC

- 5 B. Oshman/G. Simpson
J. Girand/M. Kelly
F. Bennett/S. Lubeck
E. Edwards/M. Atherton
- 12 A. Templeton/C. Cole
M. Sterngold/L. Kelly
J. Dammann/S. Barasch
N. Nilsson/J. Carollo
- 19 F. Bao/D. Hornback
H. Sung/L. Kelly
A. & R. Rice
E. Kan/K. Reis
- 26 M. Troster/S. Agrawal
H. Sung/L. Kelly
S. Hollon/E. Tromovitch
J. Brandon/A. Mollard

Friday

Easy Bridge

- 6 M. Williams/M. Atherton
J. Blood/A. Grindon
- 13 G. Wilson/V. Howard
G. Stark/D. Peschckekeoedt
- 20 D. Magay/G. Tanner
F. Johnson/K. Kaila
- 27 K. Gildersleeve/C. Shoens
L. & M. Katz

Friday Morning BC

- 6 L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler
K. Harper/J. O'Neil
P. & R. Chambers
L. Yokel/D. Kroll
- (B) N. Pappas/T. Letchfield
(B) G. Herrick/J. Samuels
(B) B. Hsu/E. Chen
(B) W. Scheidtman/N. Rude
(C) V. & N. Gupta
(C) R. Pollak/S. Agrawal
- 13 P. & R. Chambers
(AB) V. & N. Gupta
(B) J. Robinson/D. Wheeler
K. Harper/B. Beardsley
D. Kroll/L. Yokel
(B) A. Arnold/G. Drew
(B) R. Pollak/W. Scheidtman
- 27 R. & J. Williams
M. Hafezi/F. Parsons

Friday Night Barometer

- 6 (AB) V. Vidwans/R. Gupta
(AB) P. & X. Cheng
(C) N. Robinson/R. Thomas
(C) J. & J. Pugh
- 13 T. Moalem/G. Porter
L. Cicolani/B. McCloy
(C) R. Pollak/W. George
(C) D. & T. Fiero
- 20 A. Boboricken/D. Rothschild
(AB) S. Chen/T. Yang
(C) X. & P. Cheng
(AB) L. Frost/C. Hanel
N. Mohanram/G. Venkatesh
(B) R. Ng/P. Galligan
(C) T. & D. Fiero

Saturday

One Club

- 7 R. & J. Williams
(B) A. Templeton/A. Cummings
J. Flocks/F. Parsons
(AB) M. Foons/M. Fleisher
(C) K. & L. Haze
- 14 P. & R. Chambers
(B) S. Light/R. Pollak
W. Ahrens/M. Hafezi
(B) P. Krupa/C. Sideris
C. Lazarovici/D. Kao
A. Mollard/R. Lynch
- 21 (AB) M. Foons/M. Fleisher
R. & J. Williams
(AB) N. Cadwell/B. Sonsini

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Need a partner? Try the new Partnership desk.

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix Sherie's Monday Game	Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire Sherie Greenberg	
TUES	Tuesday Noon BC Alpine BC Tuesday Night BC	Open/Strat. Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Walter Miller Cameron Cotton Judy/Michael	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA New Owners! Pizza served!
WED	Bridge 'n Brunch Wed Aft. 49er Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	Open/Strat. <50 M.P. Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg Walter Miller Spaeth/Johnston	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
THUR	Thur. Afternoon BC Sherie's BC Beginning Bridge Lessons	Open/Strat. Open/Strat. ♥ Series	12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary Sherie Greenberg Frank Smoot	4000 Middlefield Road, Auditorium, Palo Alto
FRI	Easybridge! Friday Morning BC Friday Night Barometer	<20 M.P. Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Carla Davis Claire Coleman 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	

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Upcoming Events

PALO ALTO SECTIONAL Thursday, June 30 - Monday, July 4, Hyatt, SJ

All clubs closed from Friday, July 1 - Monday, July 4
 Except Easy Bridge, which will be OPEN on Friday July 1

Hansa's Celebration—Sunday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m., Sun Aft. BC
NAP Qual. game, Wednesday July 13 at 7 p.m., Doubleton Club
Sectional, Friday July 22 at Bayshore BC, Burlingame
Sectional, Friday, July 23 at Expo Hall, San Mateo
199er Sectional, Saturday, July 30 at Marina, Bridge Center

NEXT BOARD MEETING
 Tuesday, July 25, 2005
 Bridge Center, 3:45 p.m.

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