



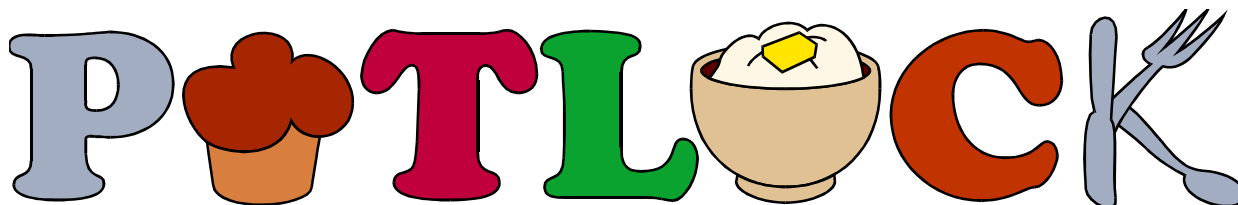
Kibitzer

Palo Alto Unit 503

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Come Nov. 13 for Potluck, Award, Bridge



For lots of treats, join your fellow players at the Unit Sportsmanship

Award, pot luck and game on Sunday, November 13 at the Bridge Center. Enjoy the goodies at noon with bridge set for 1 p.m. At a surprise presentation, the Unit will award a member the trophy for ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, for proving strict competition can be pleasurable and for exemplary conduct serving the best interests of duplicate bridge and its players. There's still time before the November

1 deadline for players to submit a suggested winner in the box at club games or with a call to Liz Blum at (650) 941-2824 or an email to her at liz@blums.com.



Please donate a dish for the pot luck—appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert. The Unit is also asking for volunteers to cook a turkey, to be paid for by the Unit, for the event. Please contact John Hornback to offer by Saturday, November 5.



To plan for a balanced menu, the Unit requests players to use the sign-up sheet at the Bridge Center to specify what they are bringing. Participants may also contact John Hornback at (650) 962-1109 or john-back2@sbcglobal.net or phone the Bridge Center to add a name and dish to the list.

Unit Board Election

There is still time to list your name on the ballot for the 2006 Unit Board election set for December 18. Members expressed interest in the Board in the Unit survey and the election chair, Louise Doying, hopes to hear from them.

Two incumbents, Claire Coleman and Gloria Leitstein, will seek reelection. Mona Maltz and Alan Templeton have agreed to be nominees. If you are interested, please contact Louise at (408) 736-9375 or email her at louisedoy@aol.com. The December *Kibitzer* will feature the candidates' photos and bios along with the ballot and voting instructions.

The deadline for the election material for the December *Kibitzer* is November 1.

Bridge Bonanza—Dec. 4

The Unit will show its gratitude for the members' support in 2005, especially at the Firecracker, with a party featuring bridge and dinner on Sunday Dec. 4 at the Bridge Center. Play begins at 2 p.m. with dinner afterwards. Chef Chu will cater the meal and the Unit will provide wine and dessert.

There will be a sign-up at the Bridge Center to be posted November 13. **First come, first served** to the first 180 players. (Please only one name per line to make an accurate count easier.) Make a firm commitment. The Unit will assess no-shows a \$10 fee for signing up without canceling.

A player's entry fee to this event will be the donation of an unwrapped new toy. The Unit will donate the toys collected to "Toys for Tots."

Abridgements

OOPS! Sorry about that! The *Kibitzer* mixed up the back page calendar with last year's schedule. So some dates were off by one day. There is no Sectional in San Jose on October 29!

Spic and Span. That describes the Bridge Center. Thanks to the efforts of Marge Yates chair and her committee: Carol Brigham, Lorna Corbetta, Ginger Herrick, Dick Kilner, Mary Ann Larkin, Ida Lee, Kevin O'Leary, Martie Moore and Elinor Tanck.

At the Board meeting, Barbara gave brief kudos to Frank Smoot and Lori Spaeth for successful beginning bridge classes - 48 signed up. There are many new players some of whom play in the Wednesday night under-twenty-points game.

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



Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Jacques Fossourier, Mary Fossourier, Kelly Germa, James McCauley, Denise Pitsch and Bill Ralston. Hello, to Gertrude Duffie, Edwin King and Florence King, who recently transferred into the Unit.

Unit Open Swiss Title to Lutrell Team, Clements Team Tops 99ers

Again, the players showed their enthusiasm for Swiss Teams at the Unit Game on Sunday, October 16, with 20 teams in the Open and four in the 99er flights, respectively. With 3.5 wins and 64 victory points, Barbara and Bruce Lutrell, Caren-cay Hanel and Lou Frost led the way. Three wins and 47 victory points were enough for Carol Clements, George Paris, Marian Christensen and Marnie Van Poppelen to squeak out a 99er win. Other overall results appear in the Winners Circle.



Player Advancements

The ACBL September and October reports shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

Junior Master
5MP

Peter Dollinger, Michele House,
Lynn Louise Johnson
Geraldine Steinberg
John Cademartori

Club Master
20 MP

Sect'l Master
50 MP

Reg'l Master
100 MP

NABC Master
200 MP

Life Master
300 MP

Bronze LM
750 MP

Silver LM
1000 MP

Michael Atherton,
Genevieve Gusman
Ted Aberg, Jean Cook,
Diane Kelley, Diana Lowe
Nongyu Li

Anthony Foti, Dorothy Foti,
Barbara Oshman
Dorothy Foti, Carolyn Kwiatek

Rose Heller

Ten Commandments of Bridge

By Carol Ineson

This article, from the May 1976 Kibitzer, was found in Carol's files, soon after she perished with three other Unit members in a plane crash, while returning from the Tahoe Sectional. Carol was the Kibitzer editor and author of the "Table Talk" column. Long-time Unit member Maxine Thompson thought it was worthy of a repeat and asked us to reprint it.

1. Honor thy partner and thy opponent, that thy days in duplicate may be long, and free from director calls.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of thy partner in foul language, lest it be ruled that thy bid be insufficient, nor bear false witness against thy opponent; "Didst," "Didst not," being verily a no-no
3. Thou shalt do no gambling, even though this rule out thy opening 3NT.
4. Thou shalt make thy bids and passes in tempo, lest thy partner be barred by thy hesitation thus; thou shouldst not endow thy doubles with sinister innuendo, nor bang thy tiny fist upon the table when thou doublest, that thy partner mayst twig, yea, 'tis for business.
5. Makest thou no suggestive movement with thy bod, nor thy hands, nor thy face, nor thy feet, even thou thou be'est Italian.
6. Thou shouldst wear garments modest and seemly, which shouldst in no manner amplify thine obvious charms, nor distract thy worthy opponents lest they foul up and utter bids most impossible.
7. Thou shalt do no murder.
8. Thou must speak the term "alert" whenever the liddle red star appeareth upon thy convention card, moreover thou mayest speak no word other than "alert", (even if thy partner ist not) and offereth not explanation unless thy opponent saith, "What the devil doth that bid mean?"

Digressions to Weak Two Bids

In the April 2005 *Bulletin*, on page 42, the article on "Filling out the convention card" states that "Anything of relevance regarding your style for these opening bids goes under "DESCRIBE". For example if you frequently open a weak two-bid with a five-card suit, make a note of it here."

According to rulings@acbl.org, the description should include any or all of the following: To have an agreement to open sometimes with 4 HCP and then mark 5 HCP as the minimum on your card is a violation. Likewise, if one might frequently have a five-card suit or occasionally have a seven-card suit, this should be noted on the card. This applies also to partnerships whose style is routinely to make a weak two-bid without any of the top three honors.

There is no automatic adjustment for misinformation, but, if the director deems that the pair did not fully disclose their agreements and that this action resulted in damage to the opponents, he will assign an adjusted score.

In other words, full disclosure is required.



9. Thou must have duplicate convention cards (that pun ist verily frowned upon; for it slip-peth unbidden from the pen; rhetoric, pure rhetoric) and be these cards filled in complete and identical in every detail, bearing thy full lineage.
10. Remember thou the skip-bid and observe its warning; play not thy card with undue flamboyance; covet not thy opponent, nor his partner, nor his fancy system, nor his higher McKenney rating, but strive to enjoy thyself, and heeding thus these commandments so let others follow suit.

It Seems to Me, by Gersh Wheeler

Here is a hand which seems simple, but appearances are deceiving.

North

S: J6542
H: 98
D: AK3
C: 764

South

S: AKQ83
H: AK4
D: 65
C: AQ8

Contract: 6S Opening lead: Jack of Diamonds

Here a novice will sometimes get the same result as an expert. The novice sees that he can make the hand if the club king is held by East. So to spare himself pain, he wins the opening lead, pulls trumps, and takes the club finesse.

The expert takes a bit longer to plan the play. First, he notes that if the eight of clubs were the nine, the contract would be safe. He plans to pull trumps, then strip the red suits from both hands, and finally lead a club from dummy. If East plays low, declarer plays the eight. West wins but is end-played. He must lead a club up to declarer in AQ or else give declarer a ruff-and-a-sluff. But if East is on his toes, he will play the 9, 10, or J on the first club, thus breaking up the end-play.

Before committing himself, the expert tries to COUNT. He takes the king of diamonds on the first trick and calls trumps. West is void in spades; so declarer must play three rounds. He then takes the ace of diamonds and trumps dummy's last diamond. West discards on the third diamond. Declarer now plays the top hearts and trumps the third heart in dummy. But defenders follow suit to three rounds of hearts. The expert relaxes. He knows he will make the hand regardless of the position of the club king!

Here is the count: West had only two diamonds. Therefore East had six. East followed suit to three rounds of spades and three rounds of hearts. That accounts for twelve of his cards. So East has at most one club.



North

S: AK
H: 108
D: 2
C: -

West

S: 2
H: QJ9
D: 9
C: -

East

S: --
H: A
D: AKQJ
C: --

South

S: --
H: K654
D: --
C: Q

You are South in a heart contract. You need three of the remaining five tricks. West is on lead and plays the two of spades. East trumps with the ace and returns a diamond. How do you play the hand?

So the expert plays a small club from each hand and doesn't care who wins it. If East wins, he has no more clubs and must give declarer a ruff-and-a-sluff. If West wins, he must play up to declarer's AQ of clubs or give declarer a ruff-and-a-sluff.



September 2005 Winners' Circle



Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC
Not Submitted

Unit Game

October 16 Swiss - Open

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
A5 C. Davis, E. Tanck,,
L. Cicolani, J. McCloy
A6B1 A. Cummings, A. Templeton,
A. Arnold, C. Fay
B2/4C1/3 R. Luik, A. Tampilang,
R. Baron, M. Carney
B2/4C1/3 J. Koransky, K.
Wesolowska,
J. Carollo, N.Nilsson
B2/4C1/3 E. & D. Ehrman,
J. & R. Wegsten
B5 S. Chen, G. Spinazze,
M. Fleisher, M. Foos

99er Swiss

A1B1 C. Clements, G. Paris,
M. Christensen, M. Van Poppelen

Monday

Bridge Mix

5 Closed
12 M. Mackinnon/M. O'Malley
(B) J. Robinson/J. Von Gehr
(Tie) P. & R. Chambers
(Tie) C. Colvin/P. Saunders
(AB) M. & T. Randolph
19 P. Chambers/L. Spaeth
(B) J. Robinson/M. Van
Tamelen
(AB) J. Tseng/B. Chu
26 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
(B) G. Wheeler/R. Kilgren
L. Spaeth/A. Levy
(AB) B. Leonard/M.
Randolph

Sherie's Monday Game

5 Closed
12 M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
A. Story/J. Franke
19 R. Luik/M. Carney
J. Adamiak/E. Gove
26 S. Greenberg/M. Freeman
T & S. Schafer

Tuesday

Alpine BC

6 M. & T. Sato
A. Arnold/S. Morley
B. Krop/E. Barlow
M. Hafezi/D. Bernstein
(B) H. Silver/R. Heller
(B) M. Troster/D. Lowry
(B) J. Weiss/W. Pomeroy
(C) J. Leaver/M. Smith
(C) E. Moley/J., Carollo
(C) P. Korn/L. Kelly
13 H. Sung/B. Hsu
R. Stolee/J. Rollin
J. O'Neil/J. Schoenbrun
M. Berg/M. Hafezi
(B) M. Howe/E. Worcester
(B) M. & T. Randolph
(B) J. Weiss/W. Pomeroy
(C) L. Kelly/M. Kelly
(C) R. Palmer/N. Cadwell
(C) C. Lane/M. Goodman
(C) A. Foti/K. Hergatt
20 H. Silver/R. Heller
J. Burlingame/C. Cole
R. Williams/M. Moore
M. Yates/G. Herrick
(B) A. Arnold/S. Morley
(B) M. & T. Randolph
(B) A. Foti/K. Hergatt
(C) R. Lynch/J. Brandon
(C) J. Williams/J. Merlin
(C) R. Pollak/E. Belatini
27 C. Macey/B. Olmo
J. Burlingame/C. Cole
D. Chang/B. Chu
H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
(B) A. Cummings/G. Paris
(B) A. Arnold/C. Fay
(B) B. Ross/N. Irwin
(C) R. Lachman/K. Kelly
(C) G. Leitstein/L. Blum
(C) S. Landsman/F. Nesenblatt
(C) M. Marx/R. Lynch

Tuesday Noon BC

6 (AB) A. Wolman/J. Bower
(AB) J. Birnbaum/J. Newman
G. Bowling/R. Luik
(B) C. & R. Johnson
E. & M. Muller
(B) B. Kates/G. Williams
13 (AB) J. Dammann/S.
McGilvray
(AB) T. Stevens/G. Joel
D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(B) J. Schwartz/D. Ryan
G. Solveson/A. Rice
(B) J. & W. Stern
(C) J. & R. Smith
20 (AB) T. Stevens/J. Schwartz
(AB) S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman
L. Mattis/F. Bennett
(B) J. McCullough/J. Rose
(AB) B. Scott/K. Burnett
27 L. Mattis/A. Story
(B) J. McCullough/J. Rose
(AB) A. Wolman/M. Payne
(AB) A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt
F. & S. Charney
(B) J. Newman/J. Birnbaum

Tuesday Night BC

Not Provided

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

7 Closed
14 T. Bowman/R. Chambers
S. Blum/H. Bennett
21 K. Lorimer/S. Thomas
H. Corbin/B. Beardsley
28 B. Krop/E. Barlow
T. Bowman/M. Moore

Wed. Aft. 49er

7 J. & T. Iverson
B. & H. James
14 S. Sevey/L. Brauner
(Tie) M. & M. Lucid
(Tie) B. Martin/B. Bakalish
21 S. Sevey/L. Brauner
M. & M. Lucid
28 T. & M. Chatfield
J. Yelland/A. Fletcher

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

7 C. Coleman/P. McFerren
(B) P. Kueffer/V. Blume
(C) R. Bestock/M. Harris
M. House/S. Miller
14 C. Hanel/L. Frost
(B) P. & R. Kilner
(C) R. Palmer/L. Whelan
G. Macgregor/T. Gokcen
(B) R. Haines/J. Harpootlian
(C) D. Armstrong/S. Atkinson
21 P. McFerren/C. Coleman
(ABC) C. Lazarovici/K.
Nedeltshev
(AB) D. Allison/A. Lam
(C) J. Ohme/H. Bailey
M. Maltz/M. Ryan
A. Byren/M. Zwiers
28 (AB) S. Malek/F. Gonzalez
(C) M. Erdos/J. Cornell
J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina
(AB) A. Cummings/L. Blum
(ABC) J. Ohme/H. Bailey
M. Ryan/F. De Francesco
D. & K. Puryear

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC

1 Closed
8 M. Yates/A. Levy
(B) J. Clark/G. Pani
R. Chambers/M. Hafesi
(AB) J. Robinson/C. Fay
(C) E. Edwards/M. Atherton
15 H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett
(AB) F. Herzer/M. Moore
(AB) G. Herrick/D.
Bernstein
P. & R. Chambers
(AB) J. Tseng/J. Wu
(AB) J. Clark/G. Pani
22 A. Levy/M. Yates
(AB) W. Bidermann/L. Mohr
L. Spaeth/H. Corbin
(AB) M. & T. Randolph
(C) K. Kelly/R. Lachman
B. Schneider/S. Kirshenbaum
(B) M. Sterngold/P. Gross
G. Yang/B. Chu
(ABC) S. Liebhaber/S. Waki
29 G. Wheeler/D. Rothschild
(B) F. Herzer/M. Moore
(AB) M. Howe/M. Orelove
(C) G. Leitstein/L. Blum

Sherie's BC

1 Closed
8 L. Dubinsky/B. Bestor
M. Kelly/C. Weiler
S. & T. Schafer
J. McNeil/F. Charney
15 E. Barlow/M. Wu
B. Liddicoat/A. Mollard
J. Pickart/J. Blach
S. Zimmerman/S. Lipson
22 R. Luik/M. Carney
A. Pagin/M. Moutoux
D. Armstrong/S. Barasch
A. Robertson/P. Korn
29 D. Duncan/C. Binaskik
D. Foti/F. Omori
S. Lubeck/J. Blach
F. Charney/J. McNeil

Friday

Easy Bridge

2 J. Blood/A. Grindon
B. Thayer/G. Wilson
9 A. Bialson/B. Thayer
L. & M. Zatz
16 G. Wilson/T. Tanner
G. Stark/E. Kamas
23 G. Wilson/T. Tanner
D. Weber/M. Goldberg
30 R. Gheewala/K. Kaila
D. Peterson/D. Dunlap

Friday Morning BC

Not Provided

Friday Night Barometer

Not Provided

Saturday

One Club

3 Closed
10 (AB) E. McCarthy/J. Dennis
(AB) J. Robinson/M. Moore
17 (AB) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo
(AB) C. Davis/M. Wilson
24 S. Greenberg/L. Frye
W. Hodges/J. Kelsey
(B) M. Moore/J. Robinson

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 Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	Open/Strat. <50 M.P. Open/Strat. <20 M.P.	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg Walter Miller Spaeth/Johnston Spaeth/Johnston	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA Ends by 9:45 p.m.
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

Sectional, Friday, November 4, at Community Ctr , El Cerrito
Club championship, Monday, November 7 at 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday Game
Club championship, Tuesday, November 8, at 7 p.m., Tuesday Night BC
Club championship, Wednesday, November 9 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
Club championship, Thursday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m., Sherie's BC
Sectional, Saturday, November 12, Iron Horse School, San Ramon
Unit Pot Luck, Sunday, November 13 at noon, Bridge Center
Unit Sportsmanship Trophy game, Sunday, November 13 at 1 p.m. BC
 No games scheduled, Thursday, November 24, Thurs. Afternoon BC, Sherie's BC

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 3:45 p.m.
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