



Palo Alto Unit 503

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Look to Serve on the Unit Board

In December, the Unit will conduct its election for the Board of Directors. There are four open positions. Gloria Leitstein and Claire Coleman plan to run for re-election. Barbara Sonsini and Louise Doying have decided to retire from the board.

If you have ever considered serving on the Board, please take a moment to speak to Louise Doying, the election chair, or any other board member, before October 15, about the commitment. You may reach her at (408) 736-9375 or louisedoy@aol.com.



Search for 2005 Sportsmanship Trophy Recipient



The Sportsmanship Trophy Committee looks to honor the Unit member noted for friendship, a pleasant attitude and the practice of active ethics. The Unit has presented a trophy annually since 1962 to a member with these excellent qualities.

Liz Blum, the Unit trophy chair has named a committee to select the recipient. The members are Liz Blum, Alan Templeton and Lori Spaeth. They invite Unit members to suggest the name of a player whom they believe worthy. To submit a player's name by phone or

email contact Liz at (650) 941-2824 or liz@blums.com.

In October, there will also be boxes available at the Bridge Center, Unity Church and Cubberley for players to offer suggestions. The deadline for nominees is November 1.

Make sure to join your fellow players at the Sportsmanship Trophy pot luck luncheon and game on Sunday, November 13 for the trophy presentation.

Get Ready! The Swiss are Coming

Swiss teams are back again on the Unit calendar. An event is set for Sunday, October 16 at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Note this is a change from the date originally announced in the Unit schedule published in the August Kibitzer. The tournament chair, John Hornback, requests sign ups on the Center bulletin board. List a full team or partial team no later than October 14 or phone John at (650) 962-1109 or email john-back2@sbcglobal.net. If there are at least four teams, there will be a separate 99er section. Cooperation by the participants with a sign-up will help to get the game started on time!

Be there with your smile and name tags for bridge fun!

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Board Meeting Notes

The Board voted to spend \$200 from the Unit account to supply Sherie's Thursday Afternoon game with bidding box refills.

The Board approved the appointment of Mary Van Tamelen as recorder to register players' reports of violations of the ACBL Zero tolerance policy and to help mediate them.

President Barbara Sonsini presented a list of issues and concerns regarding insurance coverage for (a) club directors and (b) Bridge Center contracts with club owners.

The Board authorized the printing of an additional 100 telephone directories. By now, all Unit players who wanted one have received them. Thanks to the efforts of Gloria Leitstein and Pat Chambers for following through.

There will be a Unit party on Sunday December 4 at the Bridge Center. Details to be announced later.

Club Appreciation Month

All sanctioned clubs may hold a Club Appreciation Pair Game and a Club Appreciation Swiss Teams Event during the month of October per-sanctioned session. As this is a sectionally rated event, increased points will be earned, a fraction of which will be gold. Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club will hold a pairs game on Wednesday, October 12.

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Frank Defrancesco, Steven Miller and George Paris. Hello, to Susan Buckley and Chris Lazarovici, who recently transferred into the Unit.

It Seems to Me by Gersh

My right-hand opponent (RHO) opened "one spade." I passed. Left-hand opponent (LHO) bid two spades. My partner doubled. RHO passed. I bid 3 hearts. This was followed by two passes. The opening bidder (RHO) now bid 3 spades. I bid 4 hearts, which became the final contract. As it happened I made it for a top, but whether I made it or not, the 3 spade bid by opener was a tactical error. If he couldn't or wouldn't bid over the double, he shouldn't have bid 3 spades, which could push me into a game.

This is a very common type of error. You know that you can make your part-score (in this case, 2 spades) and you hate to see the opponents sticking their neck out to interfere. So first of all, don't push your opponents into game unless you intend to double them there. Secondly, a primary rule of bidding is that if you know that neither side has enough high-card points to justify a game contract, you should try to push the opponents to the 3-level, but you should avoid going to the 3-level yourself.

A corollary to this is that if you do push your opponents into game, they must not be allowed to play there undoubled. A pass by you or your partner following their game bid is a <u>forcing pass</u>, saying, "I have something extra and maybe we should bid further or double."

Player Advancements

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

<u>Junior Master</u> Angela Coons, Diane Dollinger, 5MP Joe Foster, Norman Mackay

<u>Club Master</u> Belinda Gu, Marilyn Newell, 20 MP Marcie Pais, Fran Rappaport

<u>Life Master</u> Shirley Liebhaber

300 MP

Bronze LM Samuel Ieong, Ann Mollard

750 MP

Kibitzer Profile

by Liz Blum



Gloria Leitstein

We hear it every day, "Bridge is a funny game." One of the funniest/strangest aspects of our game is that we sit across from our partners for hours on end. We know exactly how they feel about light preempts, Jacoby Two Notrump

and Puppet Stayman, yet we may know far less about the real person over there sitting North to our South. In the face of an impending deadline, I asked one of my partners, Gloria Leitstein, our Immediate Past President, if she'd be my subject for this profile. In my ignorance, I almost felt I could write it without an interview. Soooo wrong.

Gloria is a native New Yorker, went through New York City public schools and earned a degree in biology from Hofstra University, with the idea of teaching high school biology. While working toward a Master's Degree with a fellowship from Hofstra, she became fascinated by research in genetics being done by a colleague. High school teaching was soon replaced as a goal by work as a research geneticist at Smith College and subsequently, Cold Spring Harbor, one of the largest facilities in the early study of genetics.

After marrying and moving back to Manhattan, Gloria spent many years as a stay-at-home mom, although remaining extremely involved in charities and travel with her husband, an executive for Revlon in their international divisions. Her three children were all raised in Manhattan.

A great memory for Gloria from their childhood is "Richard, Robert and Dina's Garden." The city of New York set aside small garden plots in Central Park and allowed them to be "farmed" by local residents, no small task when all gardening materials had to be trekked from an apartment and dropped over the wall into the Park!

(profile continued at right)

Regional Rewards Unit Player

After the recent All Western Regional Unit Member Nancy Rude was full of excitement. Well, she should be! She started out the year with 33 masterpoints and more than doubled her total at the tournament. As part of a team with Geeske Joel and a variety of other players, she won three Knockouts and earned four points in a Swiss Team match. To add to her success, she came in first in Strata A, B and C in the 299er Pairs. All this added up to 37 points, 11 of them gold. Geeske almost matched Nancy's total with 34 points. Nancy said she missed the pairs game, because she needed her sleep!

Profile (continued)

When her children were nearly grown, Gloria went back to work as an office manager for a doctor. After thirteen years in that career, she became a travel agent, continuing in that field until she moved to California in 1989 with second husband, Hal.

Hal and Gloria settled on Oak Creek Apartments as their home base in California, and quickly began making friends and getting involved with the community. In addition to bridge and a lifelong interest in art, Gloria works as an Environmental Volunteer, being a docent for school children's hikes to The Baylands, Los Trancos Earthquake Trail, and Jasper Ridge.

A Master's in Biology, a research geneticist.doctor's office manager, travel agent, world traveler... environmental volunteer. There was a great deal I didn't know about my bridge partner beyond her considerable talents at the table!





2005 Unit Event Calendar

Oct.. 16 Unit Swiss, 12:45 p.m.

Nov. 13 Pot Luck, Noon

Sportsmanship Trophy Pairs, 1 p.m.

Dec. 4 Unit Bridge Party, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 Election/Holiday Party Pairs, 1 p.m.

All games are Sunday afternoons.

Results—Sept. 11 Unit Game

A1B1C1 P. Korn-L. Kelly
A2 M.A. Berg-A. Levy
A3B2 C. Davis-E. Tanck
A4B3C2 R. Lynch-A. Mollard
A5B4 R. Kilner-M. Kelly
B5 M. Foos-K. Maxfield

Korn-Kelly Top Unit Pairs, NAP goes to Macgregor-Gokcen

The Unit held a bridge double header on Sunday, September 11. In the 9-table Unit game, Phoebe Korn and Leslie Kelly took first overall. In the 8-table NAP Unit Final, Gary Macgregor and Tahir Gokcen earned the top score. Cai Gao and Danning Dong were fourth in A and first in B and C. Other qualifiers for the District Finals were Sherie Greenberg and Jim O'Neil, Margery Yates and Betsy Steele, Don Rothschild and Diane Shannon in A; Ravi Thomas and Neil Robinson, Liang and Song Wang, Franklin Gonzalez and Curt Pryor, Pat Galligan and Patty Michael in A and B; Nongyu Li and Jiang Chen in A, B, and C; Randee Palmer and Lynne Whelan, Ioana and Victor Galis in C.

The list of the overalls in the Unit game is in the Winners Circle.

Results—August 14 Unit Board-a-Match

Last month, the *Kibitzer* did not list the overalls for the Unit Board-a-Match game on August 14. The teams which finished in the overalls are:

A1 J. Von Gehr, G. Herrick, T. Bowman, P. Saunders A2 J. Barth, E. Mayefsky, S. Smolen, B. Seaholm A3B1 N. Robinson, K. Maxfield, M. Foos, M. Fleisher Α4 D. Spaulding, A. El Sadi, R. Gupta, D. Dang A5 D. Dong, X. Zhang, C. Gao, T. Yang L. Spaeth, D. Wheeler, P. & R. Chambers A6/10 J. Stanczak, H. Solleder, M. Yates, B. Steele A6/10 A6/10B2/4 H. Zoellner, R. Kilner, D. Bridges, C. Binasik A6/10B2/4 F. Gonzalez, J. Dodson, S. Malek, H. Szejnwald A6/10B2/4C1 A. Robinson, E. Edwards, P. Korn, A. Mollard C2 R. Palmer, L. Whelan, N. Mackay, M. Payne





August 2005 Winners' Circle







Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday Sunday Aft. BC

- (AB) D. Wangsvick/J. Allen J. & R. Williams (B) M. & T. Randolph
 - Unit Game
- A. El-Sadi/D. Spaulding (Tie) M. & T. Randolph (Tie) J. & R. Williams
- D. Dong/B. Dai/ N. Li/X. Zhang

Monday

- **Bridge Mix**
- P. Saunders/L. Spaeth
 (B) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler A. Levy/F. Parsons (B) M. & T. Randolph
- P. Chambers/D. Bernstein 8 (B) M. Van Tamelen/A. Oliff (AB) D. Heller/D. Lowry
- (AB) D. Heller/D. Lowry
 (AB) D. Richerson/R. Heller
 J. Van Gehr/A. Oliff
 (B) M. & T. Randolph
 B. Sonsini/R. Williams/
 C. Colvin/P. Saunders
 (BC) A. Wolman/R. Luik/
 J. Birnbaum/M. Payne
 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
 (AB) L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler
 J. Flocks/M. Hafezi
 (B) E. Lowenthal/M. Van
- (B) E. Lowenthal/M. Van Tamelen

Sherie's Monday Game

- 1 M. Marx/P. Korn J. Girand/E. Edwards
- 8 M. Moutoux/A. Pagin S. Maisel/R. Pollak
- H. Zoellner/R. Kilner F. Bao/M. Wu
- See Bridge Mix
- J. Pomeroy/C. Macey S. Atkinson/J. Hornback

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- D. Wheeler/L. Spaeth A. Templeton/N. Stevens H. Sung/R. Pollak H. Silver/R. Heller
- (B) J. Samuels/B. Oshman (C) M. Goodman/C. Lane (C) M. Adams/M. Robertson
- (C) C. Clements/G. Paris
- B. Beardsley/K. Harper P. Chambers/C. Brigham M. Howe/E. Worcester
- G. Van Deinse/L. Lane
 (B) G. Leitstein/M. Sterngold
- (B) M. Troster/D. Lowry (B) H. Sung/B. Hsu

- (B) H. Sung/B. Hsu
 (C) D. Peacock/P. Levin
 (C) J. Samuels/D. Levin
 (C) C. Woodward/R. Smadi
 (C) J. Janetos/G. Spaeth
 R. Stolee/L. Spaeth
 J. O'Neil/J. Schoenbrun
 A. Cummings/G. Paris
 A. Wallace/P. White
 (B) B. Hsu/J. Tseng
 (B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
 (C) R. Palmer/N. Cadwell
 (C) C. Lane/M. Goodman
 (C) K. Smith/J. Vadasz

A. Oliff/C. Colvin/ S. Blum/M. Larkin (B) M. & T. Randolph/ G. Skidmore/W. Pomeroy (C) H. Silver/J. Israel/

- R. Israel/M. Condon
- H. Narasimhan/P. Chambers H. Narasimhan/P. Chamber A. Arnold/S. Morley W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore M. & T. Randolph (B) M. Marx/M. Sterngold (B) L. Weiss/S. Thomas (C) A. Foti/K. Hergatt (C) G. Linkon/J. Birnbaum

Tuesday Noon BC

- A. & R. Rice (Tie-B) F. & M. Rappaport (Tie-B) G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
 - (AB) D. Kelley/N. Mohler (C) M. Seymour/A. Rado M. Condon/L. Friedman (B) J. Pickart/J. Blach (C) C. Lemm/S. Forrest (AB) H. Harris/E. Schmitt
 - (C) J. Yelland/A. Fletcher E. & M. Muller
 - (B) J. Pickart/J. Blach (AB) B. Scott/K. Burnett (ABC) S. Zimmerman/S.
 - Lipson (AB) C. Segal/J. Thornley (C) F. & M. Rappaport (AB) J. Prior/E. Gove
- (AB) A. Wolman/M. Payne (AB) A. Wolman/M. Pay (C) K. Aring/E. Eppinga (AB) K. Reis/E. Kan (Tie) F. & S. Charney (Tie-AB) D. Kelley/N.
- Mohler Mohler
 (C) J. Stuart-Smith/J. Ford
 (AB) S. Barasch/S. Atkinson/
 F. & S. Charney
 (C) G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb/
 P. Ingman/P. Reeser
 R. Palmer/F. Boa
 (B) T. Letchfield/C. Naar
 (ABC) F. & M. Rappaport 23
- 30

Tuesday Night BC Not Provided

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- F. Miller/R. Singer J. Flocks/T. Moalem 3 N. Wolf/B. Beardsley
- T. Bowman/P. Saunders 10 J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick
- M. Payne/N. Nilsson G. Herrick/T. Bowman 17
- M. Yates/H. Solleder 24 A. Oliff/E. Lowenthal S. Jones/R. Smith
- 31 Not Provided

Wed. Aft. 49er

- 3 C. Karnos/N. Lobdell B. & T. Dayharsh
- 10 C. Karnos/N. Lobdell M. & J. Lucid
- C. Karnos/N. Lobdell 17 B. Bakalish/B. Martin A. Nattrass/K. Pickert/
- 24 M. & M. Lucid
 - G. & G. Fong K. Cano/D. Aitchison

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- A. Stagner/J. Rollin (AB) J. Samuels/G. Spaeth (C) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina (AB) R. Ipswitch/G. Drew (BC) R. O'Brien/H. Szejnwald
- C. Hacking/E. Van Campen L. & M. Zatz (AB) C. Coleman/P. McFerren P. Friedland/E. Barlow
- P. Friedland, E. Barlow (ABC) L. Lee/C. Pryor M. Maltz/P. Shur L. & M. Zatz G. Drew/C. Lazarovici (AB) S. Malek/F. Gonzalez (ABC) R. O'Brien/H. Szejnwald Szejnwałd
 (Tie) E. Barlow/D. Bernstein
 (Tie) E. Mayefsky/S. Smolen
 (BC) C. Pryor/L. Lee
 J. & S. Sevey
 C. Prael/S. Lau
- G. Simpson/W. Bidermann/ H. Bennett/F. Dickman (ABC) M. Kelly/L. Partridge/ P. & R. Kilner D. & K. Puryear S. Lau/C. Prael

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC

- B. Krop/E. Barlow (B) F. Herzer/M. Moore (AB) M. Chen/B. Chu (ABC) G. Leitstein/K. Shaw
- B. Krop/B. Beardsley
 (AB) J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick
 (AB) I. Chueh/P. Tsu
- (AB) L. Chueh/P. I su (C) A. Suares/N. Cadwell M. Yates/Å. Levy (AB) G. Wheeler/M. Sterngold (AB) L. Kelly/H. Sung L. Spaeth/K. Harper (AB) C. Coleman/J. Robinson W. Watson/B. Sonsini (AB) G. Herrick/D.
- Bernstein
 J. O'Neil/J. Shoenbrun/ B. Krop/B. Beardsley
 (BC) S. Waki/S. Liebhaber/ C. Leung/C. Ravelo

Sherie's BC

- (ABC) G. Gusman/B. Larsen (AB) J. Carollo/E. Gove (AB) J. Franke/T. Hall (ABC) J. Collier/I. Steed (AB) A. Robertson/P. Korn (C) J. & M. Newell
- D. Hornback/F. Bao (BC) R. Luik/G. Bowling (ABC) M. Payne/N. Mackay (AB) R. Lynch/S. Lubeck (BC) R. Palmer/L. Whelan
- (ABC) F. Charney/J. McNeil (AB) W. & J. Pomeroy (ABC) K. O'Leary/M. O'Leary (ABC) N. Mackay/M. Payne (ABC) C. Lemm/J. Cross (ABC) F. Bennett/S. Lubeck
- R. Palmer/L. Whelan/ S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman B. Varner/Fl Stanton/ T. Hall/D. Halden N. Sicotte/L. Poole/ G. Johnson/W. Hall

Friday Easy Bridge

- S. Cooper/J. Bruffy G. Tanner/B. Morgan
- E. & M. Herbach G. Tanner/D. Magay
- E. & M. Herbach
- D. Mann/L. Spain
- A. Bialson/B. Thayer B. Morgan/D. Musey

- **Friday Morning BC** G. Simpson/L. Mohr B. Hsu/E. Chen
- (B) B. Bestor/M. Sterngold (B) G. Leitstein/K. Shaw
- (B) G. Leitstein/K. Shaw
 (C) L. Mattis/G. Joel
 H. Bennett/F. Dickman
 C. Colvin/B. Sonsini
 (B) J. Von Gehr/A. Arnold
 (B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
 (C) M. Payne/N. Cadwell
 S. Greenberg/L. Frye
 (B) M. Dubinsky/M. Sterngold
 (C) R. Pollak/B. Scheidtmann
 (AB) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
 (C) M. Troster/C. Clements
 B. Sonsini/P. Saunders/
- B. Sonsini/P. Saunders/C. Colvin/R. Williams (B) P. Chang/E. Chen/B. Hsu/C. Lin

- Friday Night Barometer (AB) J. Harpootlian/B. Ìpswitch (C) N. Robinson/R. Thomas
- (C) N. Robinson/R. Thomas B. Ritz/B. Ng (B) M. & M. Yancey (C) P. & X. Cheng (AB) P. Cornelius/V. Vidwans (AB) R. Ng/J. Boey (C) P. & C. Cheng D. Rothschild/A. Boboricken (B) D. Dong/X. Zhang (Tie) W. Laubenheimer/C. Parker
- Parker
 (Tie) V. Laycock/M. Moss
 (B) S. & C. Castellino
 (C) J. & B. Gu
 D. Recht/E. Mayefsky/
 R. Smith/J. Barth
 (B) N. Li/B. Gu/
 J. Gu/D. Dong

Saturday

- One Club
 B. Krop/E. Barlow
 (B) W. Yetter/W. Traver
 T. Bowman/M. Moore (AB) J. Robinson/P. Tsu (ABC) S. Lipson/S.
- Zimmerman P. & R. Chambers (AB) P. & J. Kuhn (AB) J. Robinson/M. Moore (C) N. & T. Cadwell
- T. Bowman/G. Herrick (AB) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo J. & R. Williams
- (BC) J. & R. Israel H. Solleder/J. Stanczak/ H. Bennett/H. Narasimhan (B) M. Chen/R. Pollak/ N. Wang/R. Husain (C) R. Luik/G. Bowling/ M. Charney/A. Tampilang

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix Sherie's Monday Game	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire Sherie Greenberg	
TUES	Tuesday Noon BC Alpine BC	Open/Strat. Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Walter Miller Cameron Cotton	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 Event

Sectional, Saturday, October 2 at Santa Rosa, Druids Hall Sectional, Saturday, October 9 at Capitola, Mid County Sr.Ctr. Club Appreciation Pairs, Wed. Oct.12 at 7 p.m., Lori & Sue's Sectional, Saturday, October 16 at Sonora, Tuolomne Sr. Ctr. Unit Swiss Teams, Sunday, October 16 at 12:45 p.m., Bridge Center Club championship, Tuesday, October 19 at noon, Alpine BC Club championship, Wednesday, October 20 at 7 p.m., Lori & Sue's Sectional, Friday, October 29 at San Jose, Masonic Temple

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 3:45 p.m.
Bridge Center

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