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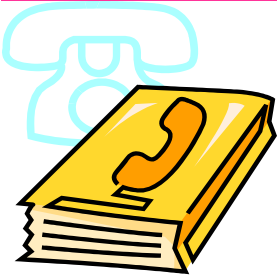
April 2006

Find Bridge, Goodies, Prizes and Much More at April 9 Unit Charity Game

The Unit will hold an ACBL Charity Open Pairs on Sunday, April 9 at 1 p.m. Because Unit charity games grant 100% sectional awards, this is an excellent opportunity to add some masterpoints and move up in the ACBL ranking. The game fee will be \$9.

As an added attraction, 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 honor the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners plus those who have made Life Master during the past year. Yes, there will be door prizes. More goodies - there will be hand records and a friendly and congenial ambiance.

New Unit Directories



The Spring 2006 Unit Directories are available at the Bridge Center, at Walter Miller's games at the Unity Church and at Sherie's game at Cubberley for pick-up through the month of April. All Unit

members and friends (people who play regularly at our games) are encouraged to take ONE FREE COPY. If they wish additional copies, we ask that they pay \$1.00 to cover our costs. There will be a receptacle at each site near the directories for your dollar.

Unit Game Schedule

Unit game chairman, Roy Robinson has prepared the following schedule. All games are on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center.

April 9	Charity Pairs
May 21	Pro-Am Pairs
June 25	Flighted Pairs

It's Official: Mentoring is Back!!



If we didn't see you on the podium at the Santa Clara Regional, help is on the way. Starting this month look for a sign-up sheet to join our Mentoring program. Mentors and "mentees" must be members of the Unit and should be willing to make approximately one

date per month to play together. Mentors should, in addition, be accessible by phone or e-mail to help with play problems and to enrich their mentees' club session and tournament play experience. Mentees should be willing to work hard to improve and to implement their mentors' suggestions. If you are interested in participating please sign up before March 30 or contact Barbara Sonsini at (650) 851-4407 or by e-mail bsonsini@hotmail.com. Without a doubt you and your mentor will share a gold medal experience.

A Message from Sherie

As I received all the wonderful good wishes by card or phone, from all my bridge-playing friends and acquaintances, I feel truly blessed. I never hid the fact that I've been fighting cancer for over 30 years. I talk about it not for the sympathy, but I know I have a message of hope to share. By opening my arms to those who need me, I never realized how much your prayers, love, and good wishes would fill my embrace to overflowing. Take my advice: the bridge community is like a family. You've been there for me and I know you'll be there for each other. Just don't shut us out. Thank you with all my heart. Bridge has given so much to me already and I'm just wanting to get back to the table as soon as possible.

Early Bird Bridge Takes Flight

The Unit Board decided to put the Early Bird Bridge Club, scheduled on Thursday mornings at the Bridge Center, "on hold" while it considers other options to attract new players. Watch the Kibitzer for future plans.

Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Colin Hacking, Lu Isaacs, Deanna Mann and Susan Stiege. Hello, to Joe Feldman, Patricia Mock, Paul Mock, Margaret Sorensen and Desmond Surfleet, who recently transferred into the Unit.

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 3:45 p.m.
Bridge Center

Larkin Team Got the Cheese

In the February 26 Unit match, the Swiss Team title went to the team of Mary Ann Larkin, Clifford Colvin, Claire Coleman and Ida Lee. Eighteen teams vied in the open section, while eight played in the non Life Master flight. This is a record team number for a lower master point field. The Merle Orelove team was second by one victory point and tops in strata B and C.

The teams of Diana Lowe, Steve Lubeck, Diane Kelley and Frances Bennett toot first place in the non-Life Masters. Marcella Atherton, Claire Shoens, Vera Howard and Ditter Peschcke-koedt led the B-C section. Look in the Winners' Circle for the other leaders.

Player Advancements

The ACBL March report shows that the following players have moved up. Well done!

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Sally Ahnger, Etta Herbach, Dittter Peschcke-Koedt, Mary Radin Shirley Streifer, Suzanne Wingate
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Dwight Aitchison
<u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP	John Williams
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Sioux Atkinson, Steve Barasch, Rein Luik, Lynn Whelan, James Wu
<u>Bronze LM</u> 500 MP	Audrey Mitchell, Jan Samuels
<u>Silver LM</u> 1000 MP	Frances Miller

Sympathy

The Unit extends its sympathy to the friends and family of Unit members Adeline Soares, a wonderful lady who played at many of our games, and to Barometer regular, and proficient player, Doug Dang.

Profile on Sherie Greenberg

by Mary Van Tamelen



When I started playing duplicate bridge, every maxim I heard began with the words: “Sherie says..” And every question about the game started with “Let’s ask Sherie.” Teacher and guru for so many of us, Sherie has had a profound effect in bridge circles—locally and nationally. A diamond life master, she has been a national winner of the Women’s Board-a-Match event; she has won the national Goodwill Award; and she is in the Encyclopedia of Bridge. Locally, she has three games: Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge Club, and Thursdays at Cubberley. She is especially known for her dedication to newer players. She says she loves, most of all, teaching beginners.

Bridge came naturally to her. She grew up watching her parents and aunts and uncles playing the game. There was a duplicate game in her high school. One summer she and a friend went to a duplicate game at a more professional club. The girls kept bidding and bidding—and going down. So they decided not to bid for a while. When their opponents discovered that both of them had opening hands and had not bid, they called the director. Only after being informed that Sherie was the daughter of a champion, Clara Rickel, their demeanor turned to respect.

Sherie says as a young woman she didn’t really know how to play or defend, just kept trying to figure it all out. Not until she read Eddie Kantar’s books did she find a clarifying description of what she had taught herself.

Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, she attended Penn State and Boston University, majoring in communication arts. After graduation, she moved to New York. There she worked as a showroom and runway model. But, she wanted to live in California. So David, an aeronautical engineer from MIT, whom she had met in Boston, and who had courted her for five years, got a job at Lockheed. They married, moved to California, had two daughters, Morisa and Stephanie. And Sherie fit in bridge whenever she could. The YWCA in Palo Alto had duplicate games—and child care (for 50 cents an hour)—which kept her involved. And when the “Y” wanted a bridge teacher for their seniors, Sherie was available. Each senior paid 50 cents, and received not only Sherie’s instruction, but the refreshments she furnished as well. And, when someone at Oak Creek heard Sherie described as “the best bridge teacher on the Peninsula,” although she was terrified, she began teaching there. She has taught everywhere on the Peninsula, and for many years wrote a bridge column for the *Palo Alto Times*.

Tournaments at first scared her, so much so that the rickety card tables of the time shook along with her. There was much screaming and yelling—no zero tolerance then—but she stuck with it. Sherie especially didn’t want anyone to tell her who the experts were, preferring to play against anonymous opponents.

As for her philosophical views of bridge, Sherie considers defense 75% of the game.

Bidding should be logical. She opposes a whole lot of new systems, considering them fads. She believes she gets many of her top boards from opponents confused with their own bidding. She remembers playing with Richard Spitalnik, when he insisted they bid 4-card majors. She went along with him, and they *did* win the mixed pairs in the sectional, but soon he came back to her point of view. “Partnerships are not marriages,” she says, and urges players to vary partners frequently. “Although one can learn from a disagreeable partner,” she says, “you’re asking for it, and must go along pleasantly!” Always agreeable herself, always ready to help the Unit, always ready to answer questions, always ready to get a newcomer to share her passion for the game, Sherie has been of immeasurable value to the Club and to bridge itself. I still hear “Sherie says..” and “let’s ask Sherie.” Yet she says, “Bridge has done more for me than I ever did for it.”

Insufficient Bids

by Gersh Wheeler

Usually, when a player makes an insufficient bid, someone says “insufficient,” the offender corrects the bid and no one objects. But, someone may have been hurt and the Laws of Duplicate Bridge do provide relief.

First, the left-hand opponent (LHO) of the offender has the right to accept the insufficient bid, no matter who called attention to the irregularity. If the LHO doesn't notice the insufficient bid and makes a call (bid, passes or double), the insufficient bid has been accepted and there is no further penalty. Why would you accept an insufficient bid? Here are some examples from actual play.

(a) I opened the bidding 1S. Partner bid 1NT and my RHO bid 1H. I accepted the insufficient bid and bid 1S, thus showing a rebiddable suit at the one-level.

(b) My partner opened the bidding 2D. I bid 2NT and he bid 2H. My RHO passes, thus accepting the insufficient bid. I now bid 2NT again. In both these cases, I had to borrow a bidding card from someone else's bidding box.

If the LHO of the one who makes the insufficient bid does not accept the bid, the offender must correct the fault, but cannot double or redouble. The correction must be a bid at a sufficient level or a pass.

If the insufficient bid was not an artificial convention and if the minimum sufficient bid in the same denomination (suit or NT) is not a convention, the offender can bid the lowest sufficient bid in the same denomination and there is no penalty. If the offender makes any other bid or passes, the offender's partner must pass for the rest of the auction.

If the insufficient bid was a convention, offender can pass or bid anything else, but again offender's partner must pass for the rest of the auction.

If the offender's correction is not in the same suit as the insufficient bid, there is a lead penalty if offender's side becomes defenders. In general, declarer can require or forbid offender's partner to lead the suit names or indicated by the insufficient bid at the player's first chance to lead.

It Seems to Me

by Gersh Wheeler

While playing in the club games, I get many tops. I would like to say that this is due to my superior bidding or play, but in truth, most come from my opponents' errors. Their most common fault is failure to recognize a forcing bid. So here are some common bidding sequences. Your problem is to determine if the last bid in each example is forcing, invitational, or sign off.

1. Partner opens 1H. You bid two clubs. Partner bids 3H.
2. Partner opens one heart. You bid one spade. Partner bids 2 clubs. You bid 3 spades.
3. Partner opens 1H. You bid 1S. Partner bids 2D. You bid 3C.
4. Partner opens 1H. You bid 2C. Partner bids 2D. You bid 3C.
5. Partner opens 2H. You bid 3C.
6. Partner opens 2H. You bid 2NT. Partner bids 3C. You bid 3D.
7. Partner opens 1D. You bid 3NT. Partner bids 4D
8. Partner opens 1NT. The next player bids 3C. You bid 3S.
9. Partner opens 1S. Next player bids 3C. You bid 3S.
10. Partner opens 1D. Next player bids 1S. You bid 3C.

I play with many different partners and they have different answers to these problems. For the most part I go along with them. Thus, there are no correct answers. The important thing is that you and your partner agree on the meaning of your bids.

	North	
	S	
	H 432	
	D 3	
	C 4	
West		East
S A6		S Q8
H —		H —
D 75		D 86
C A	South	C 2
	S K9	
	H —	
	D 92	
	C K	

Hearts are trumps. South to lead and win all five tricks.



February 2006 Winners' Circle



Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday

Sunday Aft. BC

- 5 M. Larkin/C. Lazarovici
S. Green/E. Edmondson
(B) M. Callahan/D. Tuo
(B) N. Wang/B. Chu
- 12 M. Yates/B. Steele
(B) K. & L. Haze
- 19 Closed
- 26 Unit Game

Unit Game

February 26 Swiss

- Open
- A1 M. A. Larkin, C. Colvin, C. Coleman, I. Lee
 - A2B1C M. Orelowe, L. Blum, J. Grove, L. Schwarz
 - A3 C. Brigham, P. Saunders, T. Moalem, T. Bowman
 - A4B2 B. Luttrell, M. Fleisher, M. Hafezi, K. Hornfield
 - A5B3C2 J. Maxback, J. Sogg, F. Bao, G. Pani
 - B4 N. & T. Cadwell, M. Payne, N. MacKay
 - Non LM
 - A1 D. Lowe, S. Lubeck, D. Kelley, F. Bennett
 - A2 G. Spaeth, M. Atherton D. Halden, E. Tromovitch
 - A3B1 M. Atherton, C. Shoens, V. Howard, D. Peschcke-Koedt
 - B2 G. & G. Fong, J. Sheppard, M. Merback

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 6 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
(AB) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler
B. Beardsley/J. Fisher
(B) A. Cummings/A. Templeton
- 13 C. Colvin/P. Saunders
(B) G. Wheeler/G. Drew
C. Dietz/L. Foss
(B) J. Von Gehr/J. Robinson
- 20 Closed
- 27 M. Berg/D. Wheeler
(B) B. Hirsekorn/M. Troster
D. Shannon/D. Rothschild
(AB) R. Lynch/N. Weiss

Sherie's Monday Game

- 6 J. Sogg/G. Pani
N. Irwin/N. Brubaker
- 13 H. Bennett/R. Luik
K. Kulander/L. Johnson
D. Lowe/D. Kelley
M. Wu/F. Bao
- 20 Closed
- 27 V. Moyer/G. Solveson
S. Barasch/D. Armstrong

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- Tuesday Noon BC**
- 7 (AB) S. Krulevitch/S. Hollon
(C) C. Lemm/S. Forrest
(AB) J. Newman/J. Birnbaum
(ABC) B. & L. Berg
A. Mollard/D. Hornback
(B) J. Schwartz/J. Williams
(C) M. Savoie/G. Duffie
 - 14 L. Mattis/D. Ryan
(BC) A. Nattrass/M. Soltz
R. Lynch/J. Brandon
(BC) J. Birnbaum/J. Newman
(AB) G. Gusman/B. Larsen
(C) C. & R. Johnson
(ABC) J. Yelland/D. Crosley
(AB) N. Rude/T. Stevens
(C) G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb
P. Krupa/C. Sideris
 - 21 (BC) K. Kulander/L. Johnson
S. Krulevitch/N. Weiss
(B) G. Spaeth/M. Atherton
(C) G. & G. Fong
(AB) F. Charney/J. McNeil
(C) B. & T. Dayharsh
J. Blake/J. Dellis
 - 28 (B) S. Lubeck/N. Nilsson
(C) H. Harris/E. Schmitt
B. Scott/K. Burnett
(B) Y. Kano/E. Lissner
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey
(AB) R. Luik/M. Carney
(C) R. Markell/J. Faulkner
(AB) J. Newman/J. Birnbaum
(C) J. Yelland/D. Crosley

Tuesday Night BC

Not Provided

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 1 H. Narasimhan/W. Watson
B. Beardsley/F. Parsons
- 8 P. Gross/M. Sterngold
G. Herrick/H. Macdonell
- 15 Closed
- 22 M. Hafezi/D. Bernstein
J. Flocks/F. Parsons

Wed. Aft. 49er

- 1 C. Taylor/L. Sheehan
B. & W. Sturtevant
- 8 M. Tang/O. Sapojnikoff
J. & T. Iverson
- 15 M. & M. Lucid
S. Barba/S. Ahnger
- 22 M. & M. Lucid
D. Judd/J. Birnbaum

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- 1 (ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev
J. O'Neil/A. El-Sadi
(B) R. Lachman/F. Chasalow
(C) J. Samuels/L. Blum
M. House/S. Miller
S. Rollin/S. Silvera
- 8 E. & G. Rosenkranz
(AB) J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch
(BC) S. Malek/F. Gonzalez
(AB) F. Chasalow/P. Cornelius
(BC) P. Kueffer/V. Blume
D. & K. Puryear
M. Fossourier/L. Isaacs
- 15 Closed
- 22 (AB) H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien
S. Cagnina/J. Stanczak
(B) M. Flashner/R. McComb
E. Aker/S. Braude
Ashwini/C. Prael

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC

- 2 M. Yates/L. Spaeth
(B) N. Evans/A. Arnold
J. Fisher/B. Beardsley
(B) B. Donoghue/L. Doying
(BC) G. Leistein/L. Blum
(AB) H. Macdonell/H. Sung
A. Oliff/S. Blum
(ABC) T. & N. Stevens
- 9 (AB) G. Herrick/J. Von Gehr
(ABC) M. Goodman/C. Lane
- 16 Closed
- 23 M. Yates/C. Brigham
(AB) L. Spaeth/S. Malek
G. Macgregor/D. Spaulding
(B) N. Wang/J. Wu

Sherie's BC

- 2 B. Bowling/J. Birnbaum
A. Mollard/D. Hornback
J. Sogg/P. Sanford
F. Charney/J. McNeil
- 9 J. Sogg/D. Hornback
B. Liddicoat/J. Franke
A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt
A. & R. Rice
- 16 Closed
- 23 J. & W. Pomeroy
H. Sung/L. Kelly
D. Hornback/E. Schmitt
T. Hall/D. Halden

Friday

Easy Bridge

- 3 R. Gheewala
K. Howard/D. Peterson
- 10 M. Jacob/D. Peschcke-Koedt
C. Stone/M. Maltz
- 17 C. Shoens/D. Peschcke-Koedt
(D) Peterson/V. Howard
- 24 B. Thayer/A. Datar
W. Thayer/M. Radin

Friday Morning BC

- 3 J. O'Neil/K. Harper
H. Corbin/D. Beardsley
(B) B. Hsu/E. Chen
(B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
(C) D. Armstrong/S. Barasch
- 10 K. Harper/J. O'Neil
A. Oliff/S. Blum
(B) S. Lubeck/G. Bowling
(B) B. Scheidtmann/J. Janetos
- 17 Closed
- 24 C. Brigham/T. Bowman
(AB) S. Morley/A. Arnold
(B) M. Moore/D. Wheeler
(C) G. Pani/M. Wu

Friday Night Barometer

- 3 J. Verson/T. Moalem
D. Spaulding/A. El-Sadi
(B) H. Farhi/K. Humphrey
(B) J. & G. Piaget
(C) J. & J. Ullman
(C) C. Pryor/F. Gonzalez
E. Barlow/A. Boboriken
G. Porter/M. Robichek
(B) D. & T. Fiero
(B) C. Lazarovici/A. Desu
- 17 Closed
- 24 J. Verson/T. Moalem
(B) M. Fleischer/M. Foons
(C) C. Lazarovici/A. Desu
(AC) P. & X. Cheng

Saturday

One Club

- 4 A. Cummings/A. Levy
(B) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo
T. Bowman/M. Moore
(BC) J. Clark/R. Karr
(AB) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo
(AB) G. Herrick/S. Goldshine
(C) N. Nilsson/R. Pollak
- 18 Closed
- 25 (AB) R. Singer/F. Miller

Parking Reminder: Please don't park in front of any building in our complex except our half of our building. You may park anywhere else in our complex or on the street.

Check out the schedule of special games and events including club games, sectionals, regionals, and nationals at our website: www.paloaltobridge.com, *Special Events*

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	
	Tuesday Night BC	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Judy/Michael	New Owners! Pizza served!
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
	Lori & Sue's Dbltn Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	
	Lori & Sue's Dbltn Club	<20 M.P.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	Ends by 9:45 p.m.
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/Lori Spaeth	
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	

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Upcoming Events

ACBL-wide Charity Game, April 5 at 7 pm, Lori & Sue's Dbltn BC
Sectional, Friday, April 7 at Centre Plaza, Modesto
Unit Pot Luck, Sunday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m., Bridge Center
Unit Charity Pairs, Sunday, April 9 at 1 p.m. Bridge Center
Sectional, Friday, April 21 at Iron Horse School, San Ramon
Sectional, Saturday, April 29 at Catholic HS, Kentfield
Sectional, Friday, March 24 at Masonic Temple, San Jose



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