Palo Alto Unit 503

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Alert! Do Not Stop. Bid for the Board

Kibitzer

Here's a chance to play a role in the Unit decision making process by joining the 2007 Unit Board of Directors. The Unit expects Board members, in addition to attendance at monthly meetings, currently the first Tuesday afternoon, to make a significant contribution and effort to fulfill the duties required by service on one or more committees. Become an active participant in making bridge a happy experience for yourself and your fellow players. Your ideas and opinions are important. Alan Cummings is waiting to hear of your interest in becoming a nominee in the coming election. Contact him at (650) 619-6664 or alan.cummings@stanford.edu.

Search for "Swiss" Silver

Start the hunt for silver points at the local Unit clubs at the Western conference Swiss STAC August 21-28. All the point awards are silver and sectionally rated. At press time, these clubs have announced Swiss STAC events: Tuesday's Alpine BC, Tuesday Noon BC (limit 24 teams), Wednesday's Bridge 'n Brunch and Doubleton Club, Thursday's Sherie's BC, Friday Night Barometer, and Sunday Morning BC. (For the Thursday game, Sherie requests that players not arrive with set-up teams. Simply come with a partner and she will determine the teams at game time.)

Larkin Leading Trophy Race

At the halfway point, Mary Ann Larkin has sprinted to first in the Winner's Trophy Standings. The Unit awards this trophy annually to the Unit member who accumulates the most points in Unit games. Trophy Chair Liz Blum reports the top ten scores as follows:

Mary Ann Larkin	9.67	Jim O'Neil	5.91
Merle Orelove	8.69	Ida Lee	5.65
Trina Bowman	8.22	Claire Coleman	5.10
Prue Saunders	6.70	Eric Mayfesky	4.83
Chris Lazarovici	6.12	Carla Davis	4.67

Celebrate at Unit Game on August 6

The Unit will hold a Stratified Pairs Game on Sunday, August 6 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center. The Unit invites all Firecrackers to come and celebrate our successful sectional. The Unit will acknowledge those who placed first in the overalls.

Of course, there will be lots of goodies, name tags, friendly competition, hand records and last but not least, SMILES!

At the June 25 Flighted Pairs in the 10-table open flight, Phoebe Korn and Leslie Kelly were first overall in strata A, B, and C. The pairs of Dave and Kathy Puryear and Barbara Coyle and Jennifer Sheppard tied for first in the 3-table 99er flight. See the Winners Circle for other results.

Bridge Center—Full House!

The Bridge Center is rapidly approaching a Full House on several afternoons, especially Monday and Tuesday. Monday, July 10th, there were 31 ½ tables.

The Mountain View Fire Department has set the maximum occupancy at 130 people which is 32 tables. Thanks to our landlord, Twisters, we have been able to "overflow" at the last minute into the back room but only when activities are not scheduled. Sooo!! Be alert that the day is near that we may have to send you home. Ugh!!!! The lesson for players is to arrive early to insure there will be room for you. Pay special attention! The Unit expects big crowds for the Swiss STAC event August 21-27.

Your Board is working at seeking additional space but the short-term prospects are not good.



Firecracker Pictures

Lorna Corbetta, Mary Ann Larkin and Claire Coleman



Partnership Desk - Martie Moore & Maria Brabb





Firecracker Chairman, John Hornback

The 49'er lesson and game on Saturday.



Firecracker Financials

The following is a summary of the finances for the 2005 and 2006 Firecracker Sectionals.

Income	2006	2005
Number of Tables	767	717.5
Player Fees	\$27,583	\$25,792
Expenses		
ACBL fees	12,784	11,165
D-21 Supplies	959	897
Rent	8000	7425
Caddies	1175	1125
Hand records	155	194
Advertising, Candy,		
PA sys, misc.	1677	539
Total Expenses	\$24,750	\$21,399
Net income	\$2833	\$4393

Player Advancements

The ACBL July 1 reports show that the following players have moved up. Well done!

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Sherry Barba, Steven Miller
Clu <u>b Master</u> 20 MP	Joe Foster, Richard Stein
Sect'l Master	Mark Herbach, Lynn Johnson,
50 MP	Donna Jones
Reg'l Master	Michael Atherton, Ioana Galis,
100 MP	Victor Galis, Chris Luhrs
	Ed Makowski
NABC Master	Donna Armstrong, Geeske Joel,
200 MP	Nancy Rude, John Schwartz
Life Master	Donal Duncan, Maggie Wilson
300 MP	
Silver LM	Narayan Mohanram
1000 MP	-

Next Board Meeting Tuesday, August 1 at 3:45 Bridge Center

Unit Firecracker Sparkles and Shines—All the Scoop!

The Unit has done it again! Special thanks to John Hornback, the Tournament Chair and his innumerable staff, the Unit had another smashing Sectional success! John has been a member of the ACBL for 10 years and, fortunately for us, transferred to our unit 4 years ago. This is his second year on the Board, first running our Unit games then the Fire-cracker. John is a retired architect. He and wife Dee love to travel and are currently viewing Scandinavian capitals. Thanks also go to Alan Cummings, tournament chairman last year, who obtained this wonderful site for us and was at the ready this year to help out any way he could.

We had 10 sessions of 767 tables, beating all attendance since the 780.5 in 1997. Top attendance of 109 tables was Saturday afternoon with Open and Intermediate-Novice Pairs and Bracketed KO's on the agenda. The totals for all the sessions were: Fri. eve 62, Sat 22, 109, 72, Sun 81, 82, Mon. 97, 92, Tues. 81, 69. The open pairs table count was 281, the I/N pairs 113, the KO 75, the Compact KO 124 and Swiss 174.

The player participation was greater than the Unit had hoped for in spite of unforeseen problems with access to the parking garage. The Hyatt Regency and Convention Center served us well. Jay Magid and staff did a great job! And we must not forget our caddies. They did a super job! And to our coordinators, Ginger Herrick, Mary Ann Larkin, and Lorna Corbetta and their crews of volunteers, we couldn't do it without all of you! See additional articles for the humongous list of helpers, the financial report and the record of winners. (We hope we didn't miss anyone, but apologize, if we did.) The Firecracker was a blast! Let's do it again in 2007!

SALUTE TO THE VOLUNTEERS...

Saturday Morning Newcomer Program: The Unit is grateful to Lori Spaeth and Sue Johnston, who gave pointers on play of the hand. There was an 8 table-game including 3 tables of players with less than 5 masterpoints. We are so pleased that our goal of introducing newer players to the tournament arena was a success. We hope they will return next time and will spread the word that it is not all that terrifying to play in the big events.

Partnership: Ginger Herrick thanks her committee: Kathie Shaw, Marian Kelly, Cres Cole, Martie Moore, Alice Arnold, Nancy Evans, Maria Brabb, Sue Johnston, Mike Andrews, Tom and Nancy Cadwell, Merle Orelove, and Jan Samuels.

Hospitality: Mary Ann Larkin did a great job with the patriotic decorations and is grateful to Liz Blum, Maggie and Garth Wilson, Claire Coleman, Carol Brigham, Julianne Robinson, Nancy Evans, Alice Arnold, Martie Moore, Caddies Angie and Jeremy Inn, Chris Evert, Scott Mohan, Stephanie Geni, Adam and Melanie Jasper, Hillary Vance, Nicole ?. Set-up and Take-down: Roy and Julianne Robinson, Alan Cummings, Elinor Tanck, Steve Lubeck, Bill Sumner, Bernadine Donoghue, Louis Doying, Gene Drew, Mike Atherton, Carol Woodward, Walt and Phyllis Gaffney, Liz Blum, Barbara Sonsinsi, Steve Barasch, Tom and Nancy Cadwell, Grant and Lori Spaeth, Will Watson, Mary Ann Larkin, Claire Coleman, Franklin Gonzalez, Mike Andrews and Sue Johnston.

HURRAY FOR THE WINNERS ...

The Unit members listed below enjoyed their first place overalls at the Firecracker Sectional. The Unit will honor them at the August 6 Unit Game and invites them to come and celebrate their success. The Unit member who earned the most masterpoints was Samuel Ieong with 23.13. Nonyu Li (3), Alan Cummings (2), Margo Seymour (2), Sherie Greenberg, Bob Enenstein, Lynne Whelan, Marilyn Payne, Ron Powell, Stephen Lubeck, Carol Clements. Marguerite Troster, Nadia Nilsson, Allen Wohman, Joan Bower, Priscilla Cadwell, Annette and Rich NielsenPaul McEleney, Gloria Leistein, Janice McCullough, Diane Kelley, Jeanette Rose, Diana Lowe, Paul Chestnut, Sherman Maisel, Richard Pollak, Samuel Ieong, Irwin and Mona Maltz, Michelle and Steven Miller, Norman Wang, Don Spaulding, Prue Saunders, Geeske Joel, Nancy Rude, John Schwartz, Fran and Michael Rappaport, Mou Chou Chen, Gary Macgregor, Tahir Gokcen, Peter Friedland, Franklin Gonzalez, Henryk Szejnwald, Donna Armstrong, Sioux Atkinson, Dale Johannsen, Pei Sun, Joseph Chin.

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Club Owners Sign License Agreements

Thanks to the help of Grant Spaeth, Mike Atherton, Roy Robinson, Alan Cummings and Alan Templeton, each Licensee (Owner) has signed a new License Agreement, which sets forth the obligations of the Licensor (Unit) and Licensee (Owner) for use of the Bridge Center. The License Agreement pertains only to games at the Bridge Center, not the Unity Church, Cubberley Community Center, etc. A similar agreement was in effect when the Unit leased space at Elwell.

The *Kibitzer* and Unit web page both include a list of owners and games.

Unit 503 subleases space at the Bridge Center that expires in August, 2008. Efforts are underway to extend the Sub Lease because of the convenient location and ample parking.

UNIT GAME SECOND-HALF SCHEDULE

Aug. 6	Open Pairs, 1 p.m.
Sept. 17	Open Pairs, 1 p.m.
Sept. 25	Two session NAP Unit Final,
	1 p.m. & TBA
Oct. 15	Swiss Teams, 12:45 p.m.
Nov. 12	Pot Luck, Noon
	Sportsmanship Trophy Pairs, 1 p.m.
Dec 3	Election/Party Pairs TBA

All games are Sunday afternoon.

Who's New to Our Club?

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members Tom Chatfield and Jo Palermo. Hello to those who recently transferred into the Unit: Stephen Cochran, Elizabeth Kan and Michael O'Leary.

Mentor/Mentee—A Cup of Tea

The Unit sponsored a mentor - mentee game on Monday, July 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Eleven tables came out for the festive event to play 18 hands of bridge. The format provided an opportunity for each apprentice to play with his/her choice of an experienced player. For an even nicer experience, participants enjoyed champagne and a spread of sumptuous food from Nancy Cadwell's kitchen. Thanks go to Barbara Sonsini, the coordinator, for her untiring efforts to promote the mentor program, Gabriella Bowling and to Kevin O'Leary, the director, for a pleasant occasion. The Unit also acknowledges Wayne Stuart for speaking up in support of the benefits of the mentor concept. The Unit expects to continue this competition as an annual event. (Mentor/Mentee pictures can been found on the website. Our thanks go to mentee/photographer Kirsten Gildersleeve.)



Beginning Bridge Lessons start on Thursday, September 14, at 7 p.m.

It's Right Around the Corner

If you haven't heard yet, the news is that San Francisco will host the 2007 Fall National tournament! Barbara Sonsini will serve as Co-chair of Corporate Sponsorships. As you all know NOW is the time to start planning our fund raising strategies. If anyone has any thoughts, please contact Barbara at (650)851-4407 or e-mail to <u>bsonsini@hotmail.com</u>Seed money donations, events named in honor of a friend or loved one, program ads, Ideas!



June 2006 Winners' Circle

Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday Sunday Aft. BC

C. Colvin/M. Glick

- D. Black/M. Van Poppelen M. & T. Randolph 11
- (B) E. Worcester/M. **O'Malley**
- B. Beardsley/L. Spaeth (B) M. Moore/F. Lubais 18
- 25 Unit Game

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Monday Bridge Mix

- (AB) B. Hirsekorn/D. 5 Wheeler J. Flocks/N. Wolf (AB) A. Templeton/A. Cummings
- H. Solleder/R. Kilgren (B) G. Wheeler/M. Brabb 12 P. Chambers/D. Bernstein (AB) J. Robinson/J. Von
- Gehr D. Wheeler/T. Bowman (AB) M. & W. Mackinnon B. Sonsini/W. Watson 19 (AB) J. Tseng/B. Chu
- (Tie) B. Krop/E. Barlow (Tie) L. O'Rourke/H. 26 Bennett (AB) N. Brubaker/N. Irwin

Sherie's Monday Game

- 5 M. Marx/L. Kelly
- T. & S. Schafer
- E. Gove/J. Adamiak S. Maisel/R. Pollak 12
- 19 M. Moutoux/A. Pagin
- B. Liddicoat/J. Franke 26
- M. Moutoux/A. Pagin C. Carollo/C. Clements

Tuesday

M. Berg/B. Ferguson 6 (AB) J. Robinson/J. Von Gehr (C) M. Marx/J. Janetos (ABC) C. Tung/B. Chu M. Livensparger/D. Partridge (AB) C. Weiler/M. Diamond (C) É. Moley/J. Carollo 13

- (ABC) S. Lipson B. Krop/B. Beardsley (AB) D. Wheeler/G. Wheeler (BC) E. Yanklowitz/P. Gross T. Bowman/D. Bernstein (ABC) P. Kueffer/M. Orelove (ABC) P. Kueffer/M. Orelo A. Templeton/C. Kwiatek (B) M. Fikes/D. Shannahan (BC) P. Crass/M. Buckley (ABC) R. & A. Rice (AB) R. Kilgren/M. Moore (ABC) B. Ross/S. Thomas (AB) A. Templeton/N. Stevens
- 20 Stevens (BC) M. Howe/E. Worcester (ABC) M. Atherton/J. Carollo M. Moutoux/A. Pagin (AB) N. Weiss/F. Nesenblatt (BC) S. Hollon/S. Krulevitch (B) G. Wheeler/J. Girand (C) B. Ross/N. Irwin (ABC) D. Chang/B, Chu 27 (ABC) M. Adams/J. Leaver

M. Moutoux/A. Pagin (B) I. Frymire/N. Brubaker

Tuesday Noon BC R. Palmer/F. Bao 6 (B) J. Pickart/J. Blach (C) M. & I. Maltz (AB) J. Rosner/J. Brandon (C) C. Lemm/L. Johnson J. Adamiak/R. Smadi (BC) D. Crosslet/J. Yelland (AB) N. Rude/G. Joel (C) J. & M. Newell (ABC) C. & R. Johnson

- 13 (Tie) A. Robertson/E. Edwards (Tie-ABC) J. Yelland/D. Crosley G. Bowling/W. Sumner (BC) C. Lemm/J. Cross (ABC) K. Smith/J. Vadasz (AB) J. Williams/J. Schwartz 20 (C) B. & L. Berg
 - (ABC) A. Bialson/M. Dowley J. Blake/J. Dellis (B) J. Pickart/J. Blach (C) A. Nattrass/M. Soltz (ABC) B. & W. Sturtevant
- 27 (AB) J. Dammann/A. Story (C) R. Markell/L. Faulkner (AB) D. Judd/J. Birnbaum (C) P. Sun/J. Chin (ABC) C. Lemm/J. Cross (ABC) G. Paris/R. Scheidtmann

Tuesday Night BC

Wednesday Bridge N Brunch

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- S. Greenberg/M. Wu B. Chu/N. Wang D. Wheeler/P. Saunders 14
- B. Chu/G. Wang C. Colvin/B. Beardsley 21
- B. Chu/N. Wang G. Wheeler/T. Bowman M. Brabb/M. Moore 28
 - R. Rajendran/S. Chiu M. Hafezi/D. Bernstein

Wed. Aft. 49er

- G. & G. Fong J. Buchanan/J. Barrett D. P-Koedt/K. Gildersleeve D. Crosley/P. Hughes
- J. & T. Iverson 21
- N. Kehl/B. Nuding
- 28 D. Niemann/K. Cano M. & M. Lucid

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- C. Hanel/L. Frost (AB) F. Herzer/M. Mongird (ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev (ABC) R. O'Brien/H. Szejnwald L. Isaacs/A. Schmid C. Prael/S. Lau C. Coleman/P. McFerren (AB) S. Malek/F. Gonzalez (ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev D. Bernstein/E. Barlow (B) P. Kueffer/R. Lachman (BC) N. Rude/J. Bower J. & M. Fossourier
- M. Becker/R. Heath

21 L. Frost/C. Hanel (AB) D. Allison/A. Lam (C) F. Yang/S. Zhang (ABC) H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien M. Fossourier/A. Schmid A. Byrne/M. Zwiers J. Rollin/W. Sumner 28 (B) P. Kilner/R. Kilner (C) I. & M. Maltz F. Chasalow/P. Cornelius (BC) J. Chen/N. Li C. Hacking/E. Van Campen S. Rollin/S. Silvera

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- Thursday Aft. BC E. Barlow/B. Krop (B) G. Leitstein/L. Blum M. Glick/C. Colvin (B) T. & N. Stevens B. Krop/E. Barlow (AB) N. Evans/A. Arnold (AB) R. Seaholm/E. Mavefsky 8 Mayefsky (BC) J. Lee/R. Pollak
- B. Beardsley/F. Parsons (B) M. Chen/E. Chen 15 (AB) B. Hsu/B. Chu (C) E. Edwards/M. Atherson
- 22 T. Bowman/R. Chambers (B) L. Spaeth/S. Malek P. Chambers/D. Bernstein
- (AB) G. Herrick/P. Tsu 29 H. Bennett/A. Lalchandani (B) N. Evans/A. Arnold J. Flocks/E. Herrmann (AB) J. Girand/P. Tsu (BC) L. McKenna/F. Lubais E. Barlow/B. Krop (B) D. Peacock/J. Sogg B. Sonsini/W. Watson (AB) R. Pollak/M. Chen

Sherie's BC

- L. Dubinsky/B. Bestor J. Sheppard/B. Coyle 1
- 8
- A. Templeton/C. Cole H. Sung/J. Brandon G. Williams/S. McGilvray
- D. & J. Foster B. Bestor/L. Dubinsky J. Birnbaum/L. Poole 15

 - D. Lowe/E. Lissner D. Halden/T. Hall
- 22 A. Templeton/C. Cole M. Moutoux/A. Pagin S. Lubeck/F. Bennett
- N. Nilsson/B. Scott G. Bowling/W. Sumner J. Brandon/E. Worcester 29 S. Lubeck/N. Nilsson F. & S. Charney



Friday Morning BC

- 2 (AB) F. Gonzalez/C. Pryor N. Wang/B. Chu 9 A. Levy/H. Solleder M. Hafezi/F. Parsons (B) N. Wang/B. Hsu
 - (B) D. Bernstein/G. Herrick (C) H. Szejnwald/C. Pryor
- B. Pomeroy/S. Greenberg (AB) M. Chen/C. Lin 16 (B) C. Pryor/H. Szejnwald (C) C. Wanant/J. Ventura

P. Tsu/K. Shaw 23

- R. Kilgren/G. Herrick
- (C) C. Taylor/L. Sheehan H. Bennett/F. Dickman G. Herrick/M. Moore 30

- Friday Night Barometer J. Verson/T. Moalem P. Kamas/B. French 2
- (B) G. Porter/S. Tu (C) R. Thomas/N. Robinson
- (Tie) R. Spitalnick/E. Barlow (Tie) P. McFerren/P. Kamas 9 (The) P. McFerten/P. Kamas B. Ritz/B. Luttrell (B) N. Robinson/R. Thomas (C) K. Nedeltchev/F.
 - Gonzalez J. Verson/T. Moalem
- 16 M. Robichek/G. Porter (B) H. Farhi/K. Humphrey
- P. Kamas/C. Lazarovici P. Cornelius/P. Saunders 23
- (B) R. Thomas/N. Robinson 30 Closed

Saturday One Club

- S. Greenberg/N. MacKay (B) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici 3 (C) M. Wu/R. Ro J. Flocks/F. Lubais
- (B) N. Wang/J. Wu (BC) S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman 10 B. Krop/E. Barlow (B) M. Larkin/G. Drew
- M. Larkino. Drew M. Andrews/S. Johnston (B) N. Wang/P. Tsu S. Greenberg/N. MacKay (BC) C. Lazarovici/R. Pollak 17 R. & J. Williams (AB) J. Lee/M. Chen
- (BC) D. & J. Foster (AB) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici 24

Unit Game June 25 Flighted Pairs

Open A1B1C1 P. Korn-L. Kelly A2/3 K. Harper-J. O'Neil A2/3B2 M. Orelove-J. Samuels A4B3C2 L.V. Welch-N. Nilsson A5 J. Flocks-C. Lazarovici A6 C. Hanel-L. Frost B4 R. Pollak-L. Lee

99er A1/2B1/2 D. & K. Puryear A1/2B1/2 B. Coyle-J. Sheppard



DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	ТҮРЕ	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire	
	Palo Alto Bridge Club	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/<1K	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 Dblton Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	
	Lori & Sue's Dblton 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	Beginning Bridge Class starts September 14, 2006
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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Michael O'Leary(408) 296-4067Frank Smoot(408) 732-5736Lori Spaeth(650) 947-9370Will Watson(650) 804-1731	Swiss STAC, Wed. Aug 23 at 7 p.m., Lori & Sue's Doubleton Cllub Swiss STAC, Thurs. Aug. 24 at 12:30 p.m. (teams formed at game time), Sherie's BC Swiss STAC, Friday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Friday Night Barometer Swiss STAC, Sunday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. Sunday Afternoon BC
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