

Kibitzer

Palo Alto Unit 503

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Members Elect Four to Unit Board— Board Names Alan Cummings President

In the election held December 19, the voters chose Claire Coleman (incumbent), Mona Maltz, Roy Robinson and Alan Templeton to serve two-year terms on the Unit Board. They will form the 2006 Board with current members Dave Bernstein, Liz Blum, Gabriella Bowling, Alan Cummings, Chuck Lane, Dave Wheeler and Claire Coleman. Louise Doying, the Election Chair, reported that 78 members cast ballots.

The 2006 Unit Board, at its December 21 meeting, unanimously selected Alan Cummings as President. Also reelected were Claire Coleman as Vice President and Dave Wheeler as Secretary. Alan Templeton will serve as Treasurer. Alan Cummings has chosen Board and Unit members to serve as chairs of a variety of committees. (See page 2 for the list). The Unit extends its thanks to Barbara Sonsini, Gloria Leitstein and Louise Doying for their service on the Board.

On Our Website

We've added a perpetual calendar to our website to provide information on special games and events. This calendar will list special club games, club closures, unit games, local sectionals and regionals, nationals, STAC weeks, NAP qualification games, etc. It will also list Unit activities such as the Board of Directors meetings and Bridge Center clean-up days.

The calendar currently shows events for the current month plus STAC weeks, local regionals for all of 2006 and sectionals through June, 2006. We will add additional events as information becomes available. Because events can be scheduled on short notice we encourage you to check the calendar frequently. To view the calendar go to our website, www.paloaltobridge.com, and use the Special Events link at the left of most pages. Use the Previous and Next> buttons to change months.

Teams to Match Up Sunday, Feb. 26

The Unit has scheduled a Swiss Teams event for Sunday, February 26 at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Drop the skis! You don't need to bundle-up! Get together your team and come to challenge the other teams. Because of the popularity of this game, the Unit requires advance sign-ups. List your full team or partial team no later than January 25 on the board at the Bridge Center or phone Roy Robinson at (650) 941-7978 or email Roy at roy-robin@aol.com. If there are at least four teams, there will be a separate 99er flight. Please cooperate with the advance sign-up to help the game get started on time.

Dec. 19 Unit Game Results

Players came out for the Unit game at the Bridge Center on Sunday, December 19 to learn the results of the Unit election and to enjoy their share of holiday goodies. In the 12-table game, Danush Youssefi and Joan Baker took first place in Strata A. Arlie Lamb and Marcus Ballinger topped the B field and Ioana and Victor Galis led in C.





Unit Keeping Pace by Elinor Tanck

The Unit extended its trend of increasing membership with a total of 696 members as listed by the ACBL in October of 2005. However, the membership increase of 7 members, an increase of 1% falls short of the 1.9% in 2004. Again, the Easy Bridge and Unit Lesson programs have fostered this growth. Although, the increase is not as large as in the previous year, the Unit ranks 5th in member losses, and 4th for new membership retention in District 21. (See data below)

According to 2005 data as found in the October ACBL QUIP report, the active membership trend increased over the last 12 months 1.75%, ranking 7th of 19 in District 21. The new member gains were 6.2%, 11th in D-21; the member losses, 5.2%, 5th best in D-21 and the new member retention in year two, averaged 66% over the last 3 years, 4th in D-21. The average member age is 67 and the average years of ACBL membership are 20.

Sherie Greenberg again leads the masterpoint list with 6291, followed by Gary Macgregor with 6128, Don Rothschild with 6105, Peter Friedland with 5725 and James O'Neil with 5429. The player closest to the average masterpoint total is Chester Binasik with 526.9 and Susana Krulevitch is at the median point with 154.

The table below compares the masterpoint distribution and other information for members for 2005 and 2004 from analysis of the ACBL data.

5 (0.7%)

Outside D-21

Unit President Selects Committee Chairs

President Alan Cummings announces the following appointments:

| Committee | Chair |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Art Coordinator | Mona Maltz |
| Bridge Center Manager | Claire Coleman |
| Club Owner/Board Coord. | Roy Robinson |
| Computer Support | Will Watson |
| Conduct/Ethics | Alan Cummings |
| District 21 Rep. | Gabriella Bowling, Tom Snouse |
| Education | Lori Spaeth |
| Election | Chuck Lane |
| Forum Editor | Dave Bernstein |
| Historian | TBA |
| Intermediate/Newcomer | Gabriella Bowling, Mona Maltz |
| Liaisons | |
| Kibitzer Editors | Elinor Tanck, Lori Spaeth |
| Kibitzer Mailing | Ethel Worcester |
| Membership | Liz Blum |
| Membership List | Jim Turner |
| Mentor Program | Barbara Sonsini |
| Photographer | Lori Spaeth |
| Publicity | Chuck Lane, Elinor Tanck |
| Recorder | Mary Van Tamelen |
| Sectional | John Hornback |
| Sunshine | Lorna Corbetta |
| Supplies | David Wheeler |
| Telephone List | Lori Spaeth |
| Trophy | Liz Blum |
| Unit Game Coordinators | Roy Robinson, Martie Moore, |
| | Chuck Lane |
| Unit Electronic Contact | Elinor Tanck |
| Web Site | Alan Templeton, Alan Cummings |

| | 2005 | 2004 | MP Total | 2005 | 2004 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------|------|
| Members | 696 | 689 | 0-1 | 59 | 57 |
| Juniors (<20MP) | | 161 | 1-5 | 36 | 46 |
| i i | | | 5-10 | 34 | 22 |
| Life Masters | 243 | 232 | 10-20 | 30 | 37 |
| Highest | 6291 | 6108 | 20-50 | 60 | 63 |
| Median | 154 | 160 | 50-100 | 84 | 69 |
| Average | 527.2 | 522.5 | 100-300 | 126 | 127 |
| Total | 365,871 | 360,537 | 300-500 | 74 | 77 |
| | | | 500-1000 | 83 | 85 |
| Unit Residence | 423 (60.8%) | 418 (60.7%) | 1-2.5K | 78 | 76 |
| Santa Clara | 106 (15.2%) | 101 (14.7%) | 2.5-5K | 24 | 22 |
| San Mateo | 152 (21.8%) | 150 (21.8%) | 5K+ | 8 | 9 |
| Other D-21 | 10 (1.4%) | 15 (2.2%) | | | |

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Sympathy

The Unit officers and members express their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Alice Arnold, who recently lost her husband, Joe. Condolences also to the friends of former Unit member, Vern Hefte who passed away in Mesa, Arizona.





Hamish's 10 Ideas to Improve your Game (part 2 of 2)

My first five points concerning the mental or "ambiance" attributes for winning bridge appeared in the January Kibitzer. Now, let us move onto the more technical aspect of my recommendations.

"Try to visualize the opponents' distribution" Point #6

I cannot emphasize this point more strongly. If a player is able to do this, then that player is automatically an above average player. There are many clues to be had from the bidding; as declarer, once dummy comes down, take time to review mentally the auction. If left hand opponent has opened with a major and then bid a minor, there is a start to the puzzle. He/she probably has 9 or 10 cards in those suits. From that you can deduce how many cards in those suits right hand opponent has. After drawing trump, you find out how that suit was distributed and that will help determine the complete distribution of the hand. Similarly in defense, after you have made the opening lead and you get to see the dummy, take time to visualize the unseen 26 cards, declarer's 13 and your partner's 13. Your partner will help by giving "count", if appropriate. Believe me, your card play will improve if you can develop this technique of determining how the suits are distributed. Lo and behold, some of your finesses, instead of being a 50% chance, become a 100% certainty.

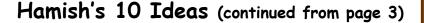
Point #7 "Counting"

The visualizing in the last point, does involve counting. For this discussion, the term "counting" includes the number of cards in each suit, the number of high card points and the number of winners and losers. The first two are vital if you wish to become a better bridge player. It is difficult to do; it is very hard to count on every hand, but try to train yourself so that this becomes a "must do" habit in your game. However, it is the counting of winners and losers that I wish to discuss. As declarer, you can see often that you have 10 winners in a major suit contract, but you have 4 losers if the defenders get the lead. You must find a way to discard one loser before giving up the lead or, if you have to give a trick to the opponents, do it early in the hand before they have time to "visualize the distribution." As defenders, you will see that you have three winners and need a fourth if the contract is to be defeated. Where is it to come from? You have the club king; is it possible that partner has the club queen? This declarer has put you in later in the hand, so that counting high card points comes into the deduction process. Let us see...declarer has shown 14 high card points, yet he did not open his balanced hand with one No Trump; thus partner does have the club queen. A club lead away from the King, or leading the king, will defeat this hand. It is important to know the right things to count in each different situation; this will help improve your game.

"Bid what you are looking at"

This is my favorite. It seems so obvious but many times I have seen players bidding what they do not hold in their hands. Some examples: (a) holding: 5, Q1042, AJ103, AK65. They open a diamond, partner bids a spade and opener now re-bids 1NT. What they are "looking at" is a 2 club response. The no trump bid should show a somewhat balanced hand and a desire to play in no trump. (b) Holding: AJ9753, 8, AKJ8, Q4. One spade is opened and partner bids 1NT (either forcing or not). I see many players re-bid two spades. "to show partner that I have six spades." Opener is "looking at" a fine diamond suit and should bid two diamonds. If partner now bids (say) 2NT, opener can bid three spades showing a 6-4 distribution and allows responder to choose the proper final contract. A three diamond bid by opener would show 5-5 or a 6-5 hand. (c) I saw this happen only a few weeks ago Holding J95, KQ109, KQ, AKJ3, opener correctly bid one club; partner bid one spade and opener reversed with two hearts. Opener is not "looking at" a reverse which always shows a longer first bid suit than the second. Here clubs and hearts were of equal length. The "looking at" bid is 2NT, a balanced 19 high card point hand. When responder now supported clubs, opener compounded her error by bidding 3S. Partner, thinking that opener's distribution was 3-4-1-5, promptly bid four spades on the 4-3 fit. This made comfortably but resulted in a bottom board as a no trump contract made as many or more tricks. (continued on page 4)





Point #9 "Follow the rules"

Bridge is a game of experience. Hand patterns repeat themselves. All of us come across problems that we have not confronted before. In this situation I try to follow the general rules that have been established in the days of whist and auction bridge which still apply today in the game we play today. "Lead through strength" or "lead up to weakness" "fourth best of your longest suit against no trump" "third hand high, second hand low" are examples of "the rules." If I have no insight into the killing lead, I try to remember these rules like "lead the unbid major" or "lead top of a sequence." It takes experience to know when these rules should be broken. I am going to give you two examples of bidding rules that should be broken; when and why.

The first rule is "Always rebid your four-card major." You should bypass rebidding a four card major when you have a 4-3-3-3 or a 4-4-3-2 distribution and the major is weak, plus you have two stoppers in the other unbid suit. Let us say you have 10xxx, Qx, AQ9, KQxx and the bidding goes 1C - P - 1H - P; rebid 1NT. Your spades are weak and you have two stoppers in diamonds. Again, you hold KQx, KJxx, xxx, KJx and the bidding goes 1C - P - 1D - P; again rebid 1NT. This limits your hand and shows a balanced distribution. Partner can check back, so if you now bid a previously unbid major, partner will know your hand pattern and strength.

"Do not preempt with a side four card major", is the second example. When your main suit is strong, you should preempt with a side four card major, especially when your main suit is the other major. To many of you this will be heresy! I had a hand playing with Fred Hamilton and he opened 2S with KQJ10xx, Jxxx, Kx, x. He wanted to play in spades even if we had a heart fit. I did hold four hearts (Axxx), but without a heart lead we made 6, losing only to the spade ace. In 4H, you will lose a spade and maybe two or three hearts. After we won all the match points, this convinced me. Again, holding x, Jxxx, x, KQJxxxx, open 3C. It is folly to pass; forget about the hearts as the opponents may have a grand slam.

Last Point "Defense"

Defense is probably the single most important phase in bridge. Theoretically, you will be defending 50% of the time, although aggressive bidders can reduce this somewhat. It is essential that a partnership is on the same wavelength when it comes to defense. A common understanding on opening leads, what type of discards and when to give count or attitude is a must. You cannot have optimum defense without confidence and trust in partner's play. Respect partner's signals unless you know something about the distribution which she does not. It is difficult to know whether to give count or attitude or suit preference. I try to give the most relevant information; what does she want to know? What is most helpful? Is it your length; is it to continue or switch suits and, if switch, to which suit? All this is very difficult and the answers to these questions for your partnerships, has to come in the discussions as you are filling out your convention card.

Well, for the readers, that is the end. (Perhaps, thankfully) I hope this helps in your continued enjoyment of this wonderful game and pastime. Enjoy!

Hamish





December 2005 Winners' Circle





Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday Sunday Aft. BC

Unit Game

(Tie) R. Siegrist/M. Pais (Tie) H. Solleder/J. Stanczak (B) J. & R. Robinson H. Cutting/M. Cailean (B) M. Moore/F. Lubais (C) M. Callahan/D. Tuo

Unit Game

Closed

Unit Game

December 18 Unit Election Party A1 D. Youssefi/J. Baker A2B1 A. Lamb/M. Ballinger A3B2C1 I. & V. Galis A4 C. Colvin/T. Bowman A5B3 M. Sterngold/S. Goldshine A6 S. Greenberg/A. Bennett B4C2 N. Nilsson/H. Szejnwald B5C3 D. Haldon/E. Tromovitch

Monday Bridge Mix

F. Dickman/H. Bennett (B) A. Arnold/T. Kridl (AB) J. Samuels/M. Orelove P. Saunders/C. Colvin (B) B. Hirsekorn/H. Macdonell

Macdonell
(Tie) H. Bennett/S. Blum
(Tie) M. Hafezi/H. Corbin
(B) J. Von Gehr/J. Robinson
M. Yates/C. Brigham
(B) S. Liebhaber/R. Lachman
(AB) M. & T. Randolph
M. Yates/H. Blume, Jr.
(B) M. Larkin/L. Von Gehr

26 (B) M. Larkin/J. Von Gehr (AB) G. Herrick/H. Macdonell

Sherie's Monday Game

5 L. Doying/L Kelly S. Barasch/D. Armstrong H. Sung/B. Liddicoat

A. Wolman/R. Palmer

I. & S. Krulevitch R. Pollak/N. Nilsson

D. Allison/A. Lam F. Bao/R. Smadi

Tuesday Alpine BC

E. McCarthy/S. Blum P. Korn/L. Kelly E. Barlow/B. Krop H. Corbin/A. Lalchandani (B) A. Arnold/S. Morley (B) M. & T. Randolph

(B) G. Leitstein/L. Blum (C) G. Paris/D. Black

D. & G. Wheeler T. Bowman/S. Blum (B) M. Sterngold/R. Lachman (B) C. Lane/M. Goodman (C) A. Foti/K. Hergatt

C. A. FOLI/K. Hergall
G. & D. Wheeler
C. Fay/C. McGorvin
F. Miller/R. Singer
C. Kwiatek/N. Cadwell
(B) R. Kilner/R. Lachman
(B) A. Mollard/I. Kelly (B) A. Mollard/L. Kelly (C) P. Korn/J. Rosner

S. Greenberg/W. Pomeroy M. Andrews/S. Johnston D. Shannahan/S. Fikes D. Duncan/C. Binasik
(B) M. Marx/R. Lynch (B) H. Szejnwald/F. Gonzalez (C) E. Cowell/P. Korn (C) L. Weiss/M. Diamond

Tuesday Noon BC (ABC) R. Palmer/N. Cadwell (ABC) R. Smadi/J. Adamiak (ABC) M. Payne/A. Wolman (AB) R. Jacobs/E. Gove (C) A. Roberton/E. Educada

(AB) R. Jacobs/E. Gove (C) A. Robertson/E. Edwards (AB) J. Pomeroy/J. Rosner (C) C. Lemm/S. Forrest (AB) G. Paris/N. Rude (C) P. Gaffney/H. Fordham G. Bowling/M. Carney (BC) C. & R. Johnson (AB) T. Stevens/G. Joel (C-Tie) M. Gampbell/J. Shannahan 13 Shannahan (C-Tie) K. Kulander/L. Johnson

D. Stowell/N. Gordon (BC) J. Kiernan/P. Yelvington E. & M. Muller (B) G. Joel/N. Rude (C) J. & R. Smith

(AB) M. Payne/A. Wolman (AB) B. Tiernan/H. Fordham L. Mattis/C. Lemm (B) J. Mattis/F. Bennett (C) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell F. Bao/R. Palmer (B) G. Gusman/B. Larsen (C) M. Gampbell/J. Shannahan

> Tuesday Night BC Not Provided

Wednesday Bridge N Brunch

P. & R. Chambers P. Saunders/T. Bowman L. Mohr/G. Simpson C. Donovan/C. Henkels

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S. Blum/H. Bennett
B. Chu/N. Wang
J. Samuels/H. Macdonell
M. Wu/M. Kelly
P. Krop/F. Parlow 2.1

B. Krop/E. Barlow C. Davis/M. Moore 28

Wed. Aft. 49er

7 M. Dowley/G. Duffie M. & M. Lucid

K. Gildersleeve/C. Shoens 14 B. & W. Sturtevant

J. & T. Iverson 21

K. Kulander/L. Johnson 28 L. & M. Zatz

J. Ardourel/S. Wingate Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

W. Bidermann/G. Simpson (AB) J. & P. Kuhn (ABC) R. O'Brien/J. Szejnwald (ABC) M. Ballinger/E. Sor K. Greig/M. Frank R. Nigam/S. Shah

D. Dang/R. Gupta
(B) S. Malek/F. Gonzalez P. Cornelius/F. Chasalow J. & R. Robinson M. House/S. Miller K. Greig/M. Frank

(AB) K. O'Leary/S. Goldshine (AB) H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien M. Encarnacion/C. Engelhard

S. Rollin/S. Silvera (ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev M. House/S. Miller R. Milman/M. Encarnacion

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC
(AB) M. Van Tamelen/A. Oliff

M. Hafezi/D. Bernstein (BC) K. Kelly/L. Kelly E. Barlow/B. Krop (B) N. Evans/A. Arnold P. & R. Chambers

GBC) J. Tseng/M. Chen G. Wheeler/T. Bowman (BC) N. Evans/J. Harpootlian F. Parsons/H. Corbin (ABC) J. & M. Wu 15

H. Narasimhan/H. Bennett (B) N. Evans/A. Arnold P. & R. Chambers (AB) J. Robinson/D. Bernstein

H. Bennett/S. Blum (AB) F. Herzer/M. Moore (C) J. Rooney/G. Johnson M. Andrews/S. Johnston (ABC) A. & R. Rice (AB) L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler J. Flocks/E. Herrmann (ABC) R. Lachman/K. Kelly

Sherie's BC

C. Kwiatek/H. Blume A. Pagin/M. Moutoux J. Franke/T. Hall F. Bennett/H. Nelson

S. Lubeck/F. Bennett

S. Lubeck/F. Bennett
B. Liddicoat/J. Franke
L. Whelan/R. Palmer
K. Kulander/J. Sheppard
L. Kelly/M. Kelly
J. Adamiak/R. Smadi
H. Chapman/A. Story
R. Luik/G. Bowling
D. Shannahan/M. Fikes

(BC) C. Lemm/C. Karnos (ABC) N. Rude/J. Schwartz

Friday

Easy Bridge

V. Howard/G. Duffie M. Cavello/J. Boelke J. Blood/A. Grindon M. Jacob/J. Rush M. Malatz/I. Abrams I. Rush/M. Jacob

16 J. Rush/M. Jacob

L. & M. Zatz 23 D. Mann/L. Spain

(Tie) M. Dayharsh/B. Morgan (Tie) M. Frank/K. Greig C. Hatching/E. Van Campen

Friday Morning BC G. Drew/M. Larkin (B) E. Chen/P. Chang (C) M. Payne/B. Bidermann (AB) C. Fay/C. McGorvin (C) L. Welch/M. Christensen

M. Brabb/A. Arnold L. Yokel/D. Shannon (B) M. O'Malley/G. Leitstein (B) P. Kueffer/K. Kelly

M. Hafezi/F. Parsons (B) P. Chang/E. Chen (AB) D. Bernstein/M. Moore Z(C) R. Lynch/K. Kelly (AB) M. Brabb/M. Van

Tamelen G. Simpson/B. Oshman
(B) B. Hsu/E. Chen
(C) N. & T. Cadwell
(AB) F. Gonzalez/C. Pryor
L. Spaeth/R. Stolee

(B) A. Cummings/R. Lachman (C) C. Lane/M. Goodman

Friday Night Barometer (AB) K. Humphrey/H. Farhi (C). C. Lazarovici/B. Nene

(C.). C. Lazaroviche. Inche (ABC) P. Cheng/X. Cheng T. Moalem/J. Verson (B) P. McFerren/P. Karnos (C) C. Dunkelman/L. Dimmitt (ABC) M. Ballinger/E. Sor D. Nemiro/H. Bennett (BC) W. Bidermann/N. Cadwell T. Bowman/P. Saunders
(B) D. Fiero/D. Gambelin (C) S. Atkinson/D. Armstrong

D. Deng/R. Gupta (B) C. Hanel/L. Frost (AB) J. Kelsey/W. Hodges (AB) B. Luttrell/C. Lazarovici

D. Shannon/D. Rothschild (B) B. McCloy/L. Cicolani

D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici B. McCloy/L. Cicolani

Saturday One Club

H. Bennett/G. Kucera (B) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo P. & R. Chambers

(B) P. Krupa/C. Sideris C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo (AB) M. Foos/M. Fleisher (BC) K. & L. Haze (AB) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo (AB) K. O'Leary/A.

Cummings
C. Lazarovici/B. Luttrell
(B) G. & L. Spaeth
M. Andrews/S. Johnston
(B) B. Leonard/E. Worcester (C) S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman

| 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. | 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. | Walter Miller | 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 | , | <20 M.P. <100 M.P. | 7:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. | Spaeth/Johnston Coleman | Ends by 9:45 p.m. Ends by 11:15 a.m. |
| | Thur. Afternoon BC Sherie's BC | Open/Strat Open/Strat. | 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. | Beardsley/O'Leary Sherie Greenberg | 4000 Middlefield Road, Auditorium, Palo Alto |
| FRI | Beginning Bridge Lessons Easybridge! | ♥ Series <20 M.P. | 7:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. | Frank Smoot Carla Davis | |
| | Friday Morning BC Friday Night Barometer | Open/Strat. Open/Strat. | 7:30 p.m. | Claire Coleman Claire Coleman | |
| SAT SUN | One Club Sunday Afternoon BC | Open/Strat. Open/Strat. | 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. | Beardsley/O'Leary Coleman/Watson | |

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Upcoming Events

Sectional, Saturday, February 11 at Janet Pomeroy Ctr San Francisco Regional, Tuesday, February 14 at Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara Unit Game, Sunday, February 26, 12:45 p.m., SWISS TEAMS ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs, Mon., Feb. 27, 11 a.m., Bridge Mix ACBL-Wide Sr Pairs, Mon., Feb. 27, 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday Game

Easy Bridge, Friday, February 17 at 9 a.m. at the Bridge Center and Wed. Aft. 49ers, Wednesday, February 15 at 1 p.m. at Unity Church are OPEN.

All other games from Tuesday evening, February 14 through Monday, February 20 are CLOSED.



Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 3:45 p.m.
Bridge Center

Palo Alto Unit #503

c/o Jim Turner

418 Gilbert Avenue

Menlo Park, CA 94025

TIME VALUE—DATED MATERIAL

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