



# Kibitzer

Palo Alto Unit 503

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## Team! Team! It's Swiss Time



Just a reminder that the Unit is sponsoring a Swiss Team Event, Open and 99er flights, on Sunday, February 26 at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Make sure to list your team on the Bridge Center bulletin board by February 24.

The partnership of Trina Bowman and Prue Saunders topped the field at the initial 2006 Unit Game on Sunday, January 15. This event attracted 16 ½ tables. In the B strata, Mary O'Malley and Ethel Worcester came in first with Norm MacKay and Marilyn Payne victors in C. Look in the Winners' Circle for the other overalls.

### Unit Sets Membership Meeting—March 19

The by-laws require the Unit to have an annual Membership Meeting. Therefore, the Unit has scheduled this meeting at the Bridge Center for Sunday, March 19, at 1 p.m., prior to the Mixed Pairs game. This meeting gives Unit members the opportunity for direct participation in the Unit's decision and policy making. Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda must notify the Unit secretary, David Wheeler in advance by telephone at (650) 494-1375 or email [hswdw@pacbell.net](mailto:hswdw@pacbell.net). A written note should follow any telephone communication.

### Unit Names March 19 for Mixed Pairs Game

The Unit will feature a Mixed Pairs event on Sunday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center. The ladies will pair up with the gents, so begin the search now for an appropriate partner. Unmixed pairs are welcome, but only mixed pairs are eligible for overall awards. Bring along your lucky horseshoes, your four leaf clovers and your favorite charms to improve your chances at the table. But, most importantly, come with your winning smiles. There will be hand records, name tags, a goody table and lots of fun playing your favorite game.

### Unit Game Schedule

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

March 19	Mixed Pairs
April 16	Charity Pairs
May 21	Pro-Am Pairs
June 25	Flighted Pairs
June 30-July 4	FIRECRACKER SECTIONAL

### Welcome!

To new Unit 503 members - Elena Alexander, Kieran Abbotts, Matilde Encarnacion, Karen Ersted, Vera Mackenzie, Edward Rothberg and Howard Fletcher. Hello to Robert Bergey, Marjorie Chatfield, Sigmund Malek and Marjorie Robinson who recently transferred into the Unit.



# January 2006 Winners' Circle



Daily game results are at [www.paloaltobridge.com](http://www.paloaltobridge.com)

## Sunday

### Sunday Aft. BC

- 1 (AB) A. Arnold/N. Evans  
(AB) M. O'Malley/E. Worcester
- 8 J. Flocks/M. Moore  
(B) M. Callahan/D. Tuo
- 15 Unit Game
- 22 B. Krop/B. Beardsley  
M. Pais/R. Siegrist  
(B) S. Waki/R. Randolph  
(B) E. Worcester/M. O'Malley
- 29 D. Youssefi/J. Baker  
J. Flocks/C. Lazarovici  
(B) R. & J. Robinson  
(B) A. Barber/B. Cowell

## Unit Game January 15

- A1 T. Bowman/P. Saunders
- A2 M. A. Larkin/C. Colvin
- A3 E. Tanck/C. Davis
- A4B1 M. O'Malley/E. Worcester
- A5 J. Flocks/C. Lazarovici
- A6B2 M. Troster/C. Clements
- B3 M. Foos/M. Fleisher
- B4C1 N. MacKay/M. Payne
- B5C2 E. Cowell/A. Garber
- B6 M. Kelly/R. Kilner
- C3 I. & S. Krulevitch

## Monday

### Bridge Mix

### Sherie's Monday Game

- 2 S. Greenberg/W. Pomeroy  
N. Irwin/N. Brubaker
- 9 J. Keehan/L. Lettis  
N. Nilsson/M. Payne
- 16 S. Greenberg/M. Wu  
E. Gove/J. Chui
- 23 H. Sung/J. Brandon  
D. Hornback/A. Mollard
- 30 H. Bennett/R. Luik  
S. Maisel/R. Pollak

## Tuesday

### Alpine BC

- 3 **Tuesday Noon BC**  
(ABC) C. Karnos/D. Ryan  
(AB) Y. Kano/E. Lissner  
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/P. Clermont
- 10 L. & J. Mattis  
(BC) H. Harris/E. Schmitt  
P. Krupa/C. Sideris  
(B) T. Aberg/J. Cook  
(C) M. Atherton/S. Lubeck  
B. Barlow/W. Miller II  
(BC) R. Markell/E. Kotecki  
J. Adamiak/R. Smadi  
(BC) J. Stuart-Smith/P. Clermont
- 17 (ABC) A. Natrass/M. Soltz  
(AB) F. & S. Charney  
(C) J. & R. Smith  
(AB) J. Mattis/D. Ryan  
(C) G. Gusman/M. Sternlieb  
J. Hornback/C. Weiler  
(ABC) J. Birnbaum/J. Newman
- 24 G. Bowling/D. Hornback  
(BC) C. Lemm/S. Forrest  
B. Bestor/A. Elliot  
(B) T. Aberg/J. Cook  
(C) E. & M. Herbach  
D. Doolittle/D. Stowell  
(B) S. Lubeck/R. Lynch  
(C) H. Harris/E. Schmitt  
(ABC) M. Partney/C. Segal
- 31 D. Doolittle/D. Stowell  
(BC) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell  
(AB) G. Joel/N. Rude  
(C) P. Gaffney/H. Fordham  
(ABC) J. Kiernan/P. Yelvington  
(AB) J. Williams/J. Schwartz  
(C) D. Ryan/B. Tierman

### Tuesday Night BC

Not Provided

## Wednesday

### Bridge N Brunch

- 4 M. Yates/H. Blume  
G. Yang/P. Tsu
- 11 F. Miller/R. Singer  
S. Blum/H. Bennett
- 18 N. Nazari/B. Sonsini  
J. Flocks/F. Parsons
- 25 R. Williams/P. Saunders  
N. Wang/B. Chu

### Wed. Aft. 49er

- 4 K. Gildersleeve/D. Peschcke-Koedt  
S. Ahnger/S. Barba
- 11 T. & M. Chatfield  
M. & M. Lucid
- 18 J. & K. Prak  
M. Radin/B. Thayer
- 25 G. & G. Fong  
M. & M. Lucid

### Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- 4 (AB) C. Baeuerlen/G. Ciurczak  
M. Seymour/A. Rado  
(B) P. & U. Cooney
- 11 (AB) F. Gonzalez/S. Malek  
G. Macgregor/T. Gokcen  
(B) L. Lee/R. Husain  
C. Hacking/E. Van Campen  
M. Frank/K. Greig
- 18 (AB) J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch  
(C) F. Gonzalez/C. Pryor  
C. Davis/G. Drew  
(BC) J. Samuels/R. Lachman  
M. House/S. Miller  
D. & K. Puryear
- 25 D. Dang/G. Porter  
(ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedeltchev  
(Tie-AB) W. Garrett/E. Frymoyer  
(Tie-AB) P. Kueffer/V. Blume  
(C) C. Baeuerlen/G. Ciurczak  
C. Hacking/E. Van Campen  
D. & K. Puryear

## Thursday

### Thursday Aft. BC

### Sherie's BC

- 5 M. Fikes/D. Shannahan  
C. Segal/M. Partney
- 12 R. Kilner/J. Bridges  
R. Randolph/S. Anderson  
G. Joel/N. Rude  
J. Schwartz/T. Stevens
- 19 D. Foti/F. Omori  
E. Gove/R. Jacobs  
L. Whelan/R. Palmer  
D. Armstrong/S. Atkinson
- 26 M. Sterngold/R. Lynch  
A. Pagin/M. Moutoux  
A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt  
N. Rude/G. Joel

## Friday

### Easy Bridge

- 6 B. Morgan/E. Alexandra  
C. Hackin/E. Van Campen
- 13 M. Maltz/I. Abrams  
D. Weber E. Alexandra
- 20 E. Herbach/B. Dayharsh  
D. Magay/G. Tanner
- 27 A. Bialson/B. Thayer  
M. Radin/B. Thayer

### Friday Morning BC

- 6 (AB) R. Heller/B. Hirsekorn  
(AB) C. Fay/C. McGorvin
- 13 (AB) J. Von Gehr/A. Arnold  
(AB) C. McGorvin/C. Fay  
(C) R. Lachman/G. Leitstein  
(C) L. Mattis/B. Scheidtmann
- 20 H. Narasimhan/P. Chambers  
M. Hafezi/R. Chambers  
(B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay  
(B) M. Moore/B. Bidermann  
(C) N., Cadwell/M. Payne
- 27 R. Chambers/M. Larkin  
F. Parsons/M. Hafezi  
(B) E. Chen/B. Hsu  
(B) M. Moore/D. Wheeler  
(C) N. Nilsson/R. Pollak  
(C) C. Hung/R. Chueh

### Friday Night Barometer

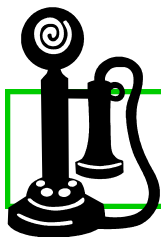
## Saturday

### One Club

## Ginger Herrick Earns Trophy

After the last cards were played in the 2005 Unit games, the score sheet showed that Ginger Herrick took first place in the Winners Trophy standings by a wide margin. Ginger also won this trophy in 2003. The Unit awards this trophy to the player who gets the most masterpoints in the Unit games. Chris Lazarovici was the non Life Master champ. Trophy Chair Liz Blum lists the final point totals below.

Ginger Herrick	17.22
Alan Cummings	13.01
Sherie Greenberg	12.57
Don Rothschild	11.88
Prue Saunders	11.06
Chris Lazarovici	10.93
Carla Davis	9.22
Trina Bowman	9.13
Carol Brigham	9.22
Alan Templeton	8.82



## Telephone Directory

The Unit will publish a revised telephone directory in the next month or so. This directory includes Unit 503 members and friends of Unit 503 (people who play in our games). Please let Lori Spaeth know by phone (650) 947-9370 or email [spaeth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spaeth@sbcglobal.net) if you need updating. The Bridge Center has a directory posted on the bulletin board for updating and announcements have been made at Walter Miller's games at the Unity Church and Sherie Greenberg's game at Cubberley. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. It is important for notices of special events to our members.

## 2005 Unit Financial Report

### Unit 503

Income:	
ACBL Membership	\$ 2531
Education	3981
Firecracker	9867
Interest	354
Miscellaneous	1485
Unit Games	1342
Total Income	\$19560

Expenses:	
Bridge Center	\$ 4817
Directory	599
Kibitzer	2147
Miscellaneous	444
Unit Party	2673
Total Expenses	\$10680

**Income \$8880**

### Bridge Center

Income:	
Interest	\$ 20
Miscellaneous	418
Rent	91649
Total Income	\$92087

Expenses:	
Computer/Internet	\$ 212
Furnishings	1155
Insurance	0
Janitorial/Main.	7225
Miscellaneous	290
Rent	71216
Supplies	1011
Unit Expenses	1327
Utilities	4515
Total Expenses	\$86951

**Income \$5136**

## 2005 UNIT LEADERS IN ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI- MCKENNEY

The ACBL gives the Ace of Clubs award to the players who earn the most points in club games and the Mini-McKenney award for total points including sectionals and higher ranked tournaments. Congratulations to those who finished in the top three for 2005.

## Board Notes

**Goodwill Award** - District 21 has honored Unit member Barbara Sonsini with the 2005 Goodwill Award. The Unit board nominated her for her contributions to the welfare of bridge players and the promotion and support of the game of bridge

**President's Message** - Unit President, Alan Cummings wants to hear from you, the Unit members and players! Let him know your words of wisdom, your opinions or whatever. Please give him a call on his cell phone at (650) 619-664 or send him an email [alan.cummings@stanford.edu](mailto:alan.cummings@stanford.edu).

**Lost and Found** - Many players at the Bridge Center are unfamiliar with the location of the coat closet next to the unisex bathroom. This closet is the place to begin any search for misplaced items such as sweaters, coats, hats, umbrellas and special pillows you may have left behind. In the near future, the Center manager plans to clean out this closet. So, please check it out for any of your missing possessions. Also in that general vicinity is a bookcase where orphaned convention cards and glasses live.

Ace Of Clubs		Mini-McKenney	
<b>Rookie of the Year</b>		<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	
Norman MacKay	17	Kirsten Gldersleeve	23
Lynn Louise Johnson	16	Lynn Louise Johnson	22
George Paris	13	Norman MacKay	21
<b>Junior Master</b>		<b>Junior Master</b>	
Stephen Lubeck	29	Stephen Lubeck	61
Mark Herbach	20	Mark Herbach	24
Ginger Johnson	17	Morgan Lucid	22
		Mary Jane Lucid	22
<b>Club Master</b>		<b>Club Master</b>	
Geeske Joel	54	Rein Luik	151
Rein Luik	51	Geeske Joel	111
Nancy Rude	40	Nancy Rude	108
<b>Sectional Master</b>		<b>Sectional Master</b>	
Lynn Whelan	45	Nongyu Li	186
Sioux Atkinson	43	Tom Cadwell	123
Grant Spaeth	41	Lynn Whelan	141
<b>Regional Master</b>		<b>Regional Master</b>	
Nadia Nilsson	82	Gabriella Bowling	170
Gabriella Bowling	61	Barbara Oshman	168
Marilyn Payne	55	Nadia Nilsson	165
<b>NABC Master</b>		<b>NABC Master</b>	
David Wheeler	89	Eric Mayefsky	283
Nancy Cadwell	56	Nancy Cadwell	197
Eric Mayefsky	36	David Wheeler	152
<b>Life Master</b>		<b>Life Master</b>	
Ann Mollard	77	Samuel leong	213
Audrey Mitchell	77	Audrey Mitchell	115
Franklin Gonzalez	50	Ann Mollard	111
<b>Bronze Life Master</b>		<b>Bronze Life Master</b>	
David Bernstein	89	Larry Mohr	453
Alice Arnold	77	Paul Cornelius	171
Doreen Hornback	66	Alan Cummings	141
<b>Silver Life Master</b>		<b>Silver Life Master</b>	
Virginia Herrick	137	Mary Ann Berg	481
Lori Spaeth	117	Barbara Sonsini	356
Prudence Saunders	108	Prudence Saunders	251
<b>Gold Life Master</b>		<b>Gold Life Master</b>	
Margery Yates	119	Hansa Narasimhan	784
Hansa Narasimhan	103	Richard Williams	281
Patricia Chambers	99	Patricia Chambers	251
<b>Diamond Life Master</b>		<b>Diamond Life Master</b>	
James O'Neil	88	James O'Neil	378
Donald Rothschild	56	Donald Rothschild	316
Sherie Greenberg	54	Ashraf El Sadi	291
<b>Grand Life Master</b>		<b>Grand Life Master</b>	
G. Venkatesh	10	G. Venkatesh	233

## Player Advancements

The ACBL January and February reports show that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	David Crosley, Mary Dowley, Barbara Lekashman, Robert Prevaux, Jacquie Reynolds-Rush, Jeanine Ardourel, Gertrude Duffie, Denise Pitsch
<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	Clara Chang, Lynne Johnson, Norman Mackay
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Michael Rappaport, Carolyn Lemm, Judy Vadasz
<u>Reg'l Master</u> 100 MP	John Schwartz
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Jeannette McNeil, Tom Cadwell
<u>Bronze LM</u> 500 MP	Eric Mayefsky
<u>Silver LM</u> 1000 MP	Alice Arnold



## Sign Up for Kib by Email

The *Kibitzer* is available by email with Adobe Acrobat Reader, downloadable free from Adobe's web site. If you receive the *Kibitzer* by mail or pickup at your local club, the Unit makes a special plea for your enrollment, because it has a potential for a considerable financial saving. Do away with the black and white copy, just print the *Kibitzer* in color on your own PC. Over 100 people have enrolled in the email service. To enroll in the *Kibitzer* email service, send an email to Lori at [spaeth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spaeth@sbcglobal.net).

## It Seems to Me by Gersh Wheeler

LUCK! When you win, you were brilliant; when you lose, it was because of bad luck. Even though bridge is a game of skill, luck plays a large part in how well you do.

There are two types of bad luck. First is distribution. You get in a reasonable game contract and are then set because the trumps split five-zero. The second type occurs when your opponents do everything right. They make killing leads, for example, and bid accurately. In both cases, you get discouraged. Your play becomes too aggressive or sloppy. The first type shouldn't bother you, because the other players in your direction face the same distribution. If you stay calm, you will still get better results than those who become upset.

There seems to be nothing you can do about the second type of bad luck, but consider it from a statistical viewpoint. If you flip a coin 10,000 times you will probably have about 5,000 heads and 5,000 tails. This is the law of averages. But if you flip it 10,000 times, there will be several runs of ten or more heads (or tails). The same thing applies to luck. It is very rare that good luck and bad luck alternate. Good luck runs in streaks. So does bad luck. But in the course of a year, it evens out.

The moral of all this should be clear but most players miss it. If they have a bad result on a hand, they get more aggressive on the next, hoping to get a top to offset the bottom. Obviously if you are in a stretch of bad luck, you should be conservative, knowing that bad luck in opponents or distribution is happening. If a game contract depends on a finesse, bid it when luck is with you. Stop short of game when your luck is bad. As an example, I was playing in a game where everything seemed to go wrong. Midway in the game, I held a hand with three aces and had to decide what to do after the first three players passed. I figured luck was bad, so I passed out the hand. The traveler showed that we got a top because all the plus scores were in the opponents' direction.

So accept the fact that good luck and bad luck run in streaks. Be conservative when distributions and opponents are unfavorable. Be aggressive when suits split evenly or opponents are helpful.

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 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	Early Bird Bridge	<100 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Coleman	Ends by 11:15 a.m.
	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	

**All games take place at 2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View unless otherwise noted.**

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## Upcoming Events

**Swiss Teams, Open & 99ers, Sunday, February 26, 12:45 p.m.**  
**ACBL Senior Pairs, Monday, Feb. 27, at 11 a.m., Bridge Mix**  
**ACBL Senior Pairs, Monday, Feb. 27, at 11 a.m., Sherie's Monday Game**  
**Club Championship, Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m., Doubleton Club**  
**Club Championship, Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. Tuesday Night BC**  
**Sectional, Friday, March 10 at Expo Ctr, San Mateo**  
**Unit Mixed Pairs, March 19 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center**



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

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 c/o Jim Turner  
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 Menlo Park, CA 94025

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