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Palo Alto Unit 503

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Unit Sets Spree for Sunday, December 3

The Unit will celebrate a successful year by throwing a party featuring bridge and dinner on Sunday, December 3 at the Bridge Center. The bridge game will begin at 2 p.m. with dinner afterwards. Chef Chu will cater the meal. The Unit will provide wine and dessert.

The sign-up at the Bridge Center will be posted November 12—first come, first served for the first 180 players. Please only one name per line to make an accurate count easier. The Unit will assess no-shows a \$10 fee for signing up and not canceling.

The Unit is again asking each participant to donate an unwrapped new toy, which it will give to "Toys for Tots."

Reserve Nov. 12 for Potluck, Awards, Bridge

For good eats, good bridge and trophy awards, come to the Unit game on Sunday November 12 at the Bridge Center. The pot luck begins at noon with bridge set for 1 p.m. At that, the Unit will award the Sportsmanship Trophy and a second award to honor service to the Unit.

Please donate a dish for the pot luck including appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert. The Unit is also asking for volunteers to cook a turkey with reimbursement for all costs paid by the Unit. Please contact Roy Robinson to do the turkey by Saturday, November 4.

To plan for a balanced menu, the Unit requests players to use the sign-up sheet at the Bridge Center to specify what they are bringing. Participants may also contact Roy Robinson at (650) 941-7978 or royrobin@aol.com or phone the Bridge Center to add a name and dish to the list.

Vote to Select the 2007 Unit Board

The Palo Alto Unit will hold the annual election of its Board of Directors for six two-year terms and one one-year term. Election Chair, Chuck Lane announces that the candidates for the two-year terms are: Liz Blum (incumbent), Gabriella Bowling (incumbent,) Alan Cummings (incumbent), Eric Mayefsky, Martie Moore and David Wheeler (incumbent). The nominee for the one-year term is Maria Brabb. Voters may offer write-in candidates. The winners will join the remaining members: Claire Coleman, Mona Maltz, Roy Robinson, and Alan Templeton

The *Kibitzer* has printed photos, candidate information and statements on pages 4 and 5 with a ballot and voting instructions. After November 6, ballots, envelopes and boxes will be at every game site to make voting easy for Unit members. Follow the directions on the ballot to vote by mail or email.

O'Neil Team First in Swiss

In the 22-team October 15 Unit Swiss team field, the largest in over three years, the team of James O'Neil, John Schoenbrun, Bonnie Beardsley and Kathy Harper with 57 victory points edged Franklin Gonzalez, Joseph Dodson, Richard O'Brien and Henryk Szejnwald who were first in B with 56 points. Barbara Mash, Bruce Scott, H. Luyle Supp and Eileen Kotecki were best in C. Of the 22 teams, there were 8 in B and 5 in C. The team standings were:

A1 J. O'Neil	A6 T. Reyes
A1B1 F. Gonzalez	B3C1 B. Mash
A3 S. Greenberg	B4 N. Cadwell
A4 B. Steele	B5 A. Cummings
A5B2 P. Korn	C2 J. Williams



Unit NAP Qualifies Nine

Fourteen pairs took part in the two-session NAP Unit final held on Sunday September 24. The partnership of Ari Greenberg and Mike Devlin finished first overall with Belinda and Jennifer Gu first in both B and C strata.

The qualifiers for the District finals were Ari Greenberg-Mike Develin, Sheryl Mandala-Yul Inn, Greg House-Sarita Mathiasen, in A; Franklin Smoot-Rick Jasper, Marcus Ballinger-Miwaki Litwin, Rajeev Gupta-Vandana Vidwans, Nongyu Li-John Barth in A and B; Belinda & Jennifer Gu in A,B,.C and Chris Luhrs-Victor Chubukov in C.

Members Vote to Revise Constitution

There will be a special Unit meeting whereby Unit members will be asked to vote to revise the Unit constitution. It will be held at the Unit Sportsmanship Trophy game on Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m. The current and revised Constitution documents are available at club game sites and on the Unit web site. The Unit asks that members, after reviewing the proposed Constitution revision, who wish to suggest changes contact the Unit President Alan Cummings at (650) 619-6664 or alan.cummings@stanford.edu before November 6, in order to address them prior to the vote.

Offer Your Suggestions for Trophies

This year the Unit will present both a Sportsmanship Trophy and a Service Award at the Unit game at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 12. The Sportsmanship Trophy will go to a member for ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, for proving strict competition can be pleasurable and for exemplary conduct serving the best interest of duplicate bridge and its players. The Service Award is for accomplishments that benefit the Unit. Liz Blum and the committee of Merle Orelove and Julianne Robinson will make the selection.

There's still time before the November 1 deadline for members to nominate candidates. Please list the name and either the sportsmanship award or the service award on your suggestion. Place any suggestions in the box at club games or call Liz Blum at (650) 941-2824 or email liz@blums.com.

Bridge Bits

RECYCLING AT THE BRIDGE CENTER. All plastic, glass and paper should go in the **BLUE** recycling receptacles. Important: This does not include paper products (napkins and plates) which have been touched by food. Thank you for your cooperation.

BRIDGE DIRECTORY. New Unit member and friends directories will be published early next year. If you wish to be included in our directory, or if you would like to make changes or add your email address, please email Lori Spaeth at spaeth@sbcglobal.net.

58 Students (and still counting!) signed up for the Beginning Bridge Class which started on September 14.

The current standings as of September 1 for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Awards are posted on the Bridge Center Bulletin Board.

Get well and quick recovery wishes go to Eleanor McCarthy who is recuperating from a broken hip.

Lee-Thomas Win Pairs

At the 12-table September 17 Unit Open Pairs, Ida Lee and Ravi Thomas were victorious in Strata A and B with Linda Schwarz and Janet Grove tops in C. Look for the overalls in the Winners Circle.

Who's New to Our Club?

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Irwin Maltz, David Min, Mary Ranieri, Bill Thayer, William Hsieh, Ralf Singer, Regina Singer and John Tse.

Player Advancements

The ACBL October report show that the following players have moved up. Well done!

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Valerie Baldwin, Marjorie Chatfield, Tom Chatfield, Judith Gentry, Colin Hacking, Jane Waggoner
<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	Stan Charney, Etta Herbach, Pei Sun, Veronica Howard, Katsumi Osumi, Garth Wilson
<u>Sect'1 Master</u> 50 MP	Alan Beban, Joseph Chin, Sandy Forrest, Alan Gaudie, Haskell Harris, Marion Partney, Kate Smith
<u>Regional Master</u> 100 MP	Carrie Karnos, Nancy Sicotte, Guy Williams, Fabien Lubais
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Don Ehrman, Jane Janetos, Allen Wolman
<u>Life Master</u> 300 MP	Gabriella Bowling, Ann Carlson Randee Palmer, Alice Rice, Reginald Rice, Charlie Weiler
<u>Bronze LM</u> 500 MP	Ronald Karr, Leslie Kelly, Marian Kelly, Barbara Oshman, Charlie Weiler, Roy Robinson, Barbara Varner

Next Board Meeting

Monday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.

Bridge Center

It Seems to Me By Gersh

Your partner opens 1 NT. The next player over-calls, say, 2H. How do you show a 4-card spade suit? There are the common methods: a cue bid of 3H or a negative double. Why not use both? Of course, you must discuss this with your partners before plunging in.

I would suggest that you use the cue bid when your hand meets all three of these criteria: (a) you have a 4-card major; (b) you have a stopper in the opponent's suit; and (c) your hand is strong enough to make a game a possibility even when partner holds a minimum no-trump opening. Then you can use the negative double to show a 4-card major and a hand missing one or both of the other two criteria. However, your hand should be strong enough to play for game if partner holds a maximum opening. That is, don't fight for a part-score when your opponents are probably in over their heads.

With this in mind, when you double, your partner can pass if he has a minimum no trump and no 4-card major. He knows the opponents have only about 17 HCP between them and probably cannot make eight tricks.

If the overcall is at the 3-level, your only choice is to double to show a 4-card major (or both). Here, you have a choice whether or not you need a stopper. I would double even without the stopper, hoping that partner has 4 cards in my suit or a stopper. This is a gamble, to be sure, but experience has shown you will be successful at least 4 out of 5 times.

Incidentally, you do not have to alert either the double or the cue-bid. In the no-trump section of your convention card check the box marked "negative double". Cue bids never have to be alerted.



Meet the Candidates



Alan Cummings

(Incumbent) Education and career at Stanford. Recently retired. Wife Judy shows our collies and teaches obedience. Son Chris and spouse Michelle and three granddaughters live in Palo Alto. Returned to bridge 7 years ago and learning every day! " I want to help promote our games and events, attract new members, increase frequency of play of current members, provide quality services, plan the long term future of the Unit including our own facility". Currently President.

(Incumbent) Liz tried bridge by osmosis, sitting under tables as a kid. Didn't work, so learned as a student to impress a boyfriend. Boyfriend didn't work out but game did. Been playing and loving it ever since. Duplicate career started many years ago with Virginia Savstrom's lessons at the Y. Tried ACBL games, but discouraged by smoky rooms and unfriendly attitude. But, found the present game and Unit clubs particularly welcoming and friendly. "I think the mission of our Board of Directors should be to encourage that attitude of welcome and to promote the game at the entry level in any way we can. I'd like to be part of that effort as a member of the Board of Directors." Former Center art coordinator; currently Unit trophy and membership chair.



Liz Blum



David Wheeler

(Incumbent) Dave's parents played in the Unit for many years. He started playing bridge about 40 years ago. He stopped when his kids and job took too much time. Now, his youngest is 33 and with no job, he's playing again!!! Dave was 2004 and 2005 Unit Secretary and is looking forward to continuing on the Board of Directors. His monthly minutes demonstrate a perceptive insight to the problems at meetings. He believes that if you're going to take advantage of an organization you should contribute to it as well.

(Incumbent) Gabriella continues to share her enthusiasm for the game of duplicate, enticing new members to spread their wings and partake of the great variety of games the Unit has to offer. She is the voice of the Intermediate/Novice player on the Unit Board. When not at the bridge table, she enjoys preparing exotic foods, writing, directing and teaching.



Gabriella Bowling



Eric Mayefsky

First year PhD student in Economics at Stanford University. Originally from Westchester, NY, Stanford student/resident since 2002, member of Unit 503 since 2004. Bronze life master, bridge player for around 10 years, ACBL member for 5 years. Member of Team USA for 2004 World Schools Championship, participant in 2006 World Junior Pairs. Winner of 2003 North American Collegiate Bridge Championship, plus other high finishes. President of the (semi-dormant) Stanford bridge club. Hopes to bring unique perspective to board as a junior; interested in efforts to attract new players and maintain interest, especially for younger players; and help with board initiatives in any way I can. In favor of stronger active ethics promoting, increased game type variety.

Native of Prague, grew up in Montreal, BS from McGill, graduated from med school in Philadelphia, doctor at Kaiser for 23 years. Interests include history of women in medicine. Took bridge lessons at Sunnyvale community center, married the teacher Bill. Daughter and 2 grandchildren. Travels frequently to foreign parts and to Colorado to visit grandchildren. Unit Board member in '81, President in '82. I am proud of our Unit for its generally pleasant behavior. I think ethical behavior is vital to the welfare of our game. I am happy to see the return of the young people.



Maria Brabb

UCLA alum, Retired government employee. Transferred to Palo Alto Unit as a rookie in 1995. Enjoys gardening and easy home maintenance projects. Hopes everyone knows they are welcome to join the after bridge Baylands strolls, great scenery, wonderful birds and a relaxed time for conversation. We are lucky to have so many talented and hard working club owner/directors and to have a clean well lighted place for bridge - wants to help wherever I can.



Martie Moore

Official Ballot – 2007 Election - Unit 503

Select no more than seven (7) candidates.

Alan Cummings (Inc.) ___ Maria Brabb ___ Dave Wheeler (Inc.) ___ Martie Moore ___
 Eric Mayefsky ___ Gabriella Bowling (Inc.) ___ Liz Blum (Inc.) ___
 Write Ins _____

Only a ballot received in a sealed envelope with a legible signature on the outside is valid.

Deposit ballot in box at your local club or mail it to

Chuck Lane, 13 Deep Well Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022-4603 or email to chucklane@cbtnorcal.com



September 2006 Winners' Circle



Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday

Sunday Afternoon

- 3 Closed
- 10 L. Frye/S. Greenberg
- 17 Unit Game
- 24 (AB) R. Thomas/A. Cummings
M. Brabb/M. Larkin
(B). N. Gordon/E. Frymoyer

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 4 Closed
- 11 P. Saunders/C. Colvin
(B) M. Larkin/A. Arnold
P. Blakely/V. Jaffe
(B) R. Husain/R. Pollak
- 18 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
(B) D. Richerson/R. Heller
J. Flocks/G. Paris
(B) J. Tseng/B. Chu
- 25 (AB) D. Allison/A. Lam
(AB) R. Heller/B. Olmo

Sherie's Monday Game

- 4 Closed
- 11 H. Sung/B. Liddicoat
B. Donoghue/A. Mollard
- 18 H. & L. Sung
A. Mollard/D. Hornback
- 25 H. Sung/J. Brandon
L. Sung/B. Varner

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 5 N. Wolf/R. Williams
(AB) A. Arnold/S. Morley
(C) D. Chang/B. Hsu
C. Brigham/A. Levy
(ABC) C. Lane/M. Goodman
(AB) D. Duncan/C. Binasik
(C) A. Foti/K. Hergatt
- 12 (AB) M. Larkin/M. Van
Tamelen
J. O'Neil/J. Schoenbrun
(B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
(AB) B. Chu/C. Tung
M. O'Leary/R. Kilner
(AB) M. Fikes/D. Shannahan
(C) C. Clements/A. Laird
C. Davis/M. Wilson
- 19 (B) L. Weiss/M. Diamond
H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
(AB) M. Larkin/J. Robinson
(C) M. Marx/C. Weiler
(AB) G. Spaeth/D. Bernstein
(C) B. Baxter/M. Diamond
M. Yates/G. Herrick
(B) G. Wheeler/D. Wheeler
(BC) P. Kueffer/K. Kelly
(AB) F. Tao/D. Chang
(C) C. Lane/M. Goodman
(ABC) R. & A. Rice
M. & T. Sato
- 26 C. Coleman/I. Lee
(AB) R. & T. Randolph
(C) B. Donoghue/L. Doying
C. Brigham/R. Changers
(AB) D. Wheeler/D.
Bernstein
(C) T. Letchfield/C. Naar
(ABC) D. Peschcke-Koedt/V.
Howard
H. Sung/B. Hsu
(B) N. Cadwell/C. Kwiatek
(C) S. Hollon/S. Krulevitch

Tuesday Noon BC

- 5 (AB) G. Joel/N. Rude
(C) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell
(AB) C. Naar/J. Brandon
(C) J. Sheppard/J. Ventura
J. Dammann/W. Miller
(B) B. Coyle/J. Blach
(C) D. Weissman/P. Stoner
(AB) D. Kelley/N. Mohler
(C) P. Ingman/P. Reeser
- 12 C. Kwiatek/F. Bao
(BC) J. Ardourel/L. Hawkins
(AB) N. Rude/J. Schwartz
(C) J. Stuart-Smith/P. Clermont
- 19 D. Stowell/D. Doolittle
(B) S. Krulevitch/S. Hollon
(C) E. & M. Herbsch
(ABC) A. Rado/J. Vadasz
(AB) J. McNeil/D. Kelley
(C) B. & L. Berg
(AB) T. Stevens/J. Schwartz
(C) J. Yelland/D. Crosley
- 26 (ABC) B. & L. Berg
M. Wu/M. Kelly
(BC) J. Chin/P. Sun
L. Mattis/F. Bao
(B) G. Spaeth/M. Atherton
(C) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell
(AB) A. Wolman/M. Payne
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey

Tuesday Night BC

- 5 J. Clark/M. O'Leary
- 12 P. Kamas/L. Frost
- 19 E. Leong/R. Powell
- 26 P. Kamas/L. Frost

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 6 P. Galligan/M. Coy
(AB) W. Pomeroy/J. Weiss
(C) R. Palmer/L. Whelan
J. Flocks/G. Paris
(B) N. Wang/B. Chu
(C) S. Barasch/A. Wolman
- 13 M. Hafezi/D. Fiero
(AB) C. Kwiatek/F. Bao
(C) I. Frymire/U. Reghuram
G. Yang/B. Chu
(B) R. Smadi/J. Prior
(C) A. Wolman/J. Bower
- 20 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
(AB) M. Moore/B. Hirsekorn
(BC) R. Luik/G. Bowling
(AB) A. Mollard/D.
Hornback
(BC) N. Nilsson/R. Pollak
J. Girand/E. Barlow
(B) D. Richerson/B. Olmo
M. Hafezi/G. Yang
(B) J. Adamiak/R. Smadi
(C) D. Kelley/J. McNeil
- 27 (AB) G. Herrick/D. Wheeler
(C) J. Blake/J. Dellis
(ABC) R. & W. Hoeger

Wed. Aft. 49er

- 6 E. Herbach/N. Day
S. Ahnger/S. Barba
- 13 E. Herbach/L. Tanner
M. & M. Lucid
- 20 E. Herbach/L. Tanner
M. & M. Lucid
- 27 E. Herbach/L. Tanner
J. Buchanan/J. Barrett

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- 6 (AB) P. McFerren/D. Chang
(C) H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien
(ABC) G. Spaeth/D. Puryear
M. & S. Stiege
O. Barnir/M. Jacob

- 13 (ABC) H. Szejnwald/C. Pryor
L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(BC) G. Spaeth/J. Stuart-
Smith
L. Isaacs/J. Lucas
J. Newman/D. Martin-
Newman
- 20 R. Passal/J. O'Neil
(AB) F. Herzer/R. Haines
(C) M. & S. Miller
(ABC) R. O'Brien/J.
Szejnwald
E. Van Campen/C. Hacking
A. Schmid/L. Isaacs
(ABC) R. O'Brien/H.
Szejnwald
- 27 L. Cicolani/J. McCloy
(BC) K. Greig/M. Frank
M. & J. Fossourier
J. Boelke/J. Lucas

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC

- 7 B. Krop/E. Barlow
(B) D. Allison/A. Lam
(AB) K. Shaw/P. Tsu
(C) J. Ventura/J. Sheppard
L. Spaeth/J. O'Neil
(AB) M. Chen/R. Pollak
(C) C. Karnos/G. Williams
(AB) W. Yetter/D. Gambelin
(C) J. Schwartz/N. Rude
- 14 (AB) L. Spaeth/R. Stolee
(AB) G. Herrick/J. Von Gehr
(AB) N. Evans/A. Arnold
B. Sonsini/W. Watson
(AB) M. Diamond/M. Van
Tamelen
L. Mohr/J. Williams
(AB) B. Hirsekorn/P. Tsu
P. & R. Chambers
(B) N. Pappas/M. Mackinnon
- 28 (AB) L. Spaeth/S. Malek
A. Oliff/J. Von Gehr
(B) C. Lane/M. Goodman
D. Straus/B. Johnson
(B) N. Wolf/R. Kilgren
(AB) B. Donoghue/L. Doying

Sherie's BC

- 7 Closed
- 14 L. Dubinsky/B. Bestor
E. Gove/J. Prior
A. & R. Rice
M. Atherton/S. Hollon
C. Kwiatek/H. Blume, Jr
F. Bennett/E. Lux
A. Bialson/M. Dowley
N. Nilsson/B. Scott
- 28 D. Ryan/N. Nilsson
F. & T. Yoshikawa
S. Ahnger/S. Barba
F. Bennett/S. Lubeck

Friday

Easy Bridge

- 1 Closed
- 8 J. Blood/A. Grindon
D. Peterson/V. Howard
- 15 D. Pitsch/P. Lacy
S. Stiege/D. Musey
- 22 J. Rush/J. Steele
(Tie) C. Hacking/E. Van
Campen
(Tie) E. Kamas/K. Hopkins
- 29 S. Stiege/D. Musey
J. Blood/A. Grindon

Friday Morning BC

- 1 Closed
- 8 G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
J. & R. Williams
(B) R. Pollak/J. Tse
(B) G. Paris/R. Scheidtman
- 15 (AB) A. Arnold/G. Drew
(A) J. O'Neil/F. Lowenthal
(B) C. Fay/C. McGorvin
(C) I. & M. Maltz
(C) T. Richards/P. Talbot
- 22 H. Solleder/K. Harper
(AB) M. Kelly/R. Kilner
(B) A. Arnold/M. Van
Tamelen
(C) R. Pollak/J. Tse
(C) S. Morley/J. Girand
- 29 R. Dean/R. Williams
(ABC) J. Ventura/J. Sheppard
(B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller
(C) I. & M. Maltz

Friday Night Barometer

- 1 Closed
- 8 R. Thomas/S. Mandava
R. Powell/E. Leong
(B) L. Cicolani/B. McCloy
(AB) D. Zhou/X. Zhang
H. Cutting/G. Macgregor
(B) G. Porter/S. Castellino
G. Venkatesh/V. Mohanran
(AB) C. Lazarovici/M.
Cochran
(B) E. Leong/T. Yang
(C) P. Kamas/B. French
(AB) M. Fooks/M. Fleisher
M. & M. Yancey
- 29 (B) T. Yang/E. Leong
(C) C. Lazarovici/R. Pollak
(C) E. Mayefsky/D. Shabes

Saturday

One Club

- 2 Closed
- 9 P. Saunders/T. Bowman
(B) D. Kuo/C. Lazarovici
- 16 (AB) M. Shah/R. Pollak
(AB) V. Solveson/D. Kelley
- 23 Closed
- 30 L. Corbetta/M. Sterngold
(AB) R. Singer/F. Miller
M. Andrews/S. Johnston
(AB) M. Fooks/M. Fleisher

Unit Games

September 17

- A1B1 I. Lee-R. Thomas
- A2 G. Herrick-C. Brigham
- A3 R. Kilgren-J. Flocks
- A4 C. Lazarovici-M.A. Larkin
- A5B2 M.C. Chen-R. Pollak
- A6B3C1 L. Schwarz-J. Grove
- B4 R. Lynch-A. Mollard
- B5C2 D. & E. Ehrman
- C3 I. & S. Krulevitch

October 15

See article

Profile on David Bernstein

by Mary Van Tamelen



Addiction: Imagine being addicted, then quitting—for the good of your marriage, your life, your children—cold turkey, for 41 years; then, with a clear conscience, becoming addicted again. Such is the story of Dave Bernstein.

From Ohio, Dave attended MIT, Cal Berkeley, then got a PhD at Stanford, in particle physics, studying the effects of materials at high pressure. All that, while feeding his addiction to bridge. He played with Dick Walsh, and Sami Kehala, both winners of world championships. Dave "chased after master points"-400 in six years--and became a Life Master long ago, probably earlier than anybody in our club. (Speak up, if you suspect an earlier LM.)

While playing bridge he met his wife, Anne. A couple of years later he quit bridge, not Anne. They have two children, Paul, in Hawaii, and Susan, a clinical psychologist in the East Bay, and two grandchildren. After getting his PhD, Dave worked first at Stanford Research Institute, then, following his interest in world disarmament, at the Center for International Security and Arms Control, a foundation, funded center at Stanford. There, he concentrated on converting for peaceful uses the defense establishment built up in the former Soviet Union. Traveling back and forth between Russia and the US, he tried to get US companies interested in investing, setting up a dialogue and developing transparency in international affairs.

Retirement led, with Anne's blessing, back to bridge. He's readdicted. He doesn't "give a damn about master points," but wants only to enjoy the game, and improve. Bidding systems now are completely different from what they were. He reads a lot of bridge books, and found Max Hardy on his two-over-one system, Eddie Kantar on defense, and Mike Lawrence most helpful. He checks Mike Lawrence's bridgeclues.com on the internet daily.

Dave likes to have objective discussions about the hands after the games, but finds blaming awful. "Partnerships are important," he says. "In only a few aspects of the game are you alone." He would like to have just a few partnerships, and work on building them even stronger. But "it's painful to give up other partnerships." He finds defense the most fascinating part of the game, and the hardest is judgment in competitive auctions.

He's happy in our Unit. He likes the game. He likes the lack of smoke-filled rooms. And he likes the people. He doesn't mind being addicted at all.

Easy Bridge Honors Grads

On Friday, October 6, Carla Davis announced that Easy Bridge graduated six regular players, Veronica Howard, Garth Wilson, Judy Blood, Ditter Peschcke-Koedt, Dee Peterson, and Mona Maltz. Only those players with fewer than 20 master points can compete in Easy Bridge. Pictures were taken and the Unit donated a free play to each grad, for use in any regular game. (Ed Note: Thank you to Liz Blum for taking the picture which managed to capture Garth (6' 8") and Carla (5') in the same shot!)

Veronica Howard, Ditter Peschcke-Koedt, Garth Wilson

Dee Peterson, Carla Davis and Judy Blood (not pictured: Mona Maltz)



DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE/OTHER INFO
MON	Bridge Mix Palo Alto Bridge Club	Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire Sherie Greenberg	
TUES	Tuesday Noon BC Alpine BC Tuesday Night BC "Just4Fun" Bridge Group	Open/Strat. Open/<1K Open/Strat. <20 MP	12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Walter Miller Cameron Cotton Judy/Michael Leaders: Solna/Lu	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA No master points given; call Lu at (650) 321-9522
WED	Bridge 'n Brunch Wed Aft. 49er Lori & Sue's Dblton Club Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	Open/Strat. <50 M.P. Open/Strat. <20 M.P.	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sue Johnston Walter Miller Spaeth/Johnston Spaeth/Johnston	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
THUR	Thur. Afternoon BC Sherie's BC Beginning Bridge Lessons	Open/Strat. Open/Strat. ♣ Series	12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary Sherie Greenberg Frank Smoot/Lori	4000 Middlefield Road, Auditorium, Palo Alto Beginning Bridge Class started September 14, 2006
FRI	Easybridge! Friday Morning BC Friday Night Barometer	<20 M.P. Open/Strat. Open/Strat.	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Carla Davis Claire Coleman 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 94043 unless otherwise noted.

Directors:

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Club championship, Wed., Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., Lori & Sue's Dblton BC
Sectional, Friday, November 4, at Community Ctr, El Cerrito
Sectional, Saturday, November 11, Iron Horse School, San Ramon
Unit Pot Luck, Sunday, November 12 at noon, Bridge Center
Special Unit Meeting, Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m. Bridge Center
Unit Sportsmanship Trophy game, Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m. BC
Club championship, Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. Bridge 'n Brunch
No games scheduled on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23.

Newcomer Games

Tuesday night (<20 MP—no master points given)
Wednesday afternoon (<50)
Wednesday evening (<20)
Friday morning (<20)
See schedule above.

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