



# Kibitzer

Palo Alto Unit 503

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## Bridge, Dinner, and a Toy SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Celebrate the Season by grabbing your favorite partner, finding a toy, and signing up to play *free* bridge and eat a *free* dinner catered by Chef Chu on Sunday, December 9th at your friendly Bridge Center. Your only payment is in the form of an unwrapped new toy. The Unit has a new charity "Toys for Kids," a local program for needy kids in the Palo Alto area. They are looking for toys and games for children from pre-school to around sixth grade. Gift certificates for food (especially fast food) are popular with the older children.

Partnerships should sign up before December 3. The Unit regrets that there is room for only 70 partnerships; both must be Unit members. There will be two flights, an open and a 99er. After the December 3 deadline the Tournament Chair, Martie Moore, will review the sign-up list and if there is room, invite players from outside the Unit to join in the party.

The game begins at 2 p.m. with dinner afterward. Beverages will be on hand but feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share with your friends. And don't forget to bring a toy! For further information, contact Martie at (650) 591-3872, martiemoo@comcast.net.

## Cell Phones and Game Leftovers

Important message from your Board:

Turn your cell off or put on "vibrate" before game time.

Cell phone "music" deserves a score penalty.

At the end of the game, please clean up around your table and return cups, glasses, trash to the kitchen. Recycle!



## UNIT INFORMATION MISUSED

Recently some of our members' personal information provided by the ACBL was used to solicit them for commercial purposes. The Unit respects our members' privacy and wants our members to know that the Unit as well as the ACBL does not permit this and that we are taking action to prevent this from recurring.

## GIFTS GALORE GREET STAC PLAYERS

Talk about the holiday spirit! Your friendly local club will award presents of extra masterpoints to those who excel in the STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) games during the week of Monday, December 17 through Sunday, December 23. The winners' points will have a shiny glimmer – silver of course! See the *Kibitzer* directory on the back page to find the many chances to grab all these masterpoints. All clubs except The EZ Game will hold a STAC.

## GETTING OUT THE VOTE!

The Unit election to select members for the 2008 Board of Directors is now underway. The candidates are Alan Templeton (incumbent), Mike Atherton, Trina Bowman, Nita Girand, Susana Krulevitch and Steve Lubeck. Voters may write in the name of a candidate instead of voting for those listed. The winners will form the 2008 Board with the current members: Gabriella Bowling, Alan Cummings, Eric Mayefsky, Martie Moore and Dave Wheeler. The Election Chair will announce the election results at the Unit party on Sunday, December 9

Cast your ballot at your local club or vote by email (ginger@kheww.com) or U.S. mail by sending your choice to Ginger Herrick in sealed envelope with a legible signature on the outside to 12760 Dianne Dr. Los Altos, CA 94022-4606. The deadline for ballots is December 4.



## EASYBRIDGE NOW "THE EZ GAME"

Four years ago, Carla Davis agreed to teach Easybridge for 10 weeks as an experiment. The experiment worked. Easybridge on Friday mornings has averaged about nine tables since its inception. Carla recently decided to retire. The players said goodbye at a luncheon on the last Friday in October and her loyal following gave her loads of gifts.

Lori Spaeth, Sue Johnston, Roy Robinson and Kathy Harper have agreed to join forces and continue what Carla started. They will share teacher/director duties starting in January 2008. (Roy Robinson will run the game through the end of 2007.) "The EZ Game" will essentially continue with the same format. We are pleased to announce that pre-dealt hands, with hand records, will be in use for later study and/or questions. For more information about this and other games, please see the flyer on [www.paloaltobridge.com](http://www.paloaltobridge.com).

## JUST FOR FUN RETURNS TO TUESDAY

You are welcome to come and play at the Tuesday night "Just for Fun" game run by Solna Braude and Omer BarNir.

It is a non-competitive game (no director, no master points given) to help players learn the lessons they were taught in Frank Smoot's classes (Audrey Grant and/or Pat Harrington series). No need to come with a partner. The cost is \$3 per person. Coffee is free, but players provide their own card decks, supplies and snacks.

The format is shuffle, deal, play, followed by a discussion of the bidding and play of the hand. Players at each table decide on the length of the discussion. Each table plays at its own speed and stays together for the evening unless a rotation is necessary due to a "short table". Game time is Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Bridge Center. The game is in the small section to the left as you enter. To allow discussion on line, there is a Yahoo Group.

For further information visit the Unit website, <http://www.paloaltobridge.com/justforfun.html> Contact Solna Braude (408) 685-5323 [Solna@pacbell.net](mailto:Solna@pacbell.net), or Omer BarNir (408) 245-5942 [omerbn@yahoo.com](mailto:omerbn@yahoo.com).

## UNIT NEWS UPDATE

**Firecracker:** The 2008 Palo Alto Firecracker Sectional is set for the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Santa Clara (the same venue as in 2006) starting the evening of Wednesday, July 2 and ending on Sunday, July 6. Chair Steve Lubeck is currently at work on a game schedule.

**Sportsmanship and Service awards:** Trophy Chair Ginger Herrick is delighted with your response to her request for nominations for this annual award. She reports that every single club participated and that you nominated, in total, more than 30 folks for this award. That's gotta be a record!

The nominations included not simply names, but also reasons why the nominee deserved the honor. Here are a few excerpts: "a sportsman, polite and kind to everyone," "always charming and very fair," "helps out novices, always available and gracious," "a great partner, welcomes everyone with a smile, never gets out of sorts with anyone & never criticizes," "even polite to spouse when playing with him or her," "works for the club like he/she is getting paid," "gets things done".

Thank you, thank you to all of you who made these suggestions both from Chair Ginger and from the entire Unit. How great it is to be part of a group with so many folks who participate so readily and cheerfully! Stay tuned for the final result.

**Other Unit celebrities to be honored at Nationals:** Claire Coleman and Elinor Tanck will be honored by side games at the Nationals on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2, respectively. These are in addition to Walter Miller, Sherie Greenberg and Will Watson, who were named in the November Kibitzer. Benefactors are paying tribute to each of these valuable Unit celebrities.

**Winners Trophy:** The finish line nears. With two games to go, John Stanczak continues to lead in the Unit Winners Trophy race with 16.02 points. Close behind are Trina Bowman with 14.57, Margery Yates 12.63, Hansa Narasimhan 12.47, Helga Solleder 11.5 and Dave Wheeler 11.20. The Non-Life Master in front is Fabien Lubais with 7.86 with Richard Pollak 6.67, second and Diane Kelley third at 6.23.

## SYMPATHY

The Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Norma Irwin who passed away in October.

## PALO ALTO UNIT MAINTAINS GROWTH

by Elinor Tanck

The Unit added 28 new members, 3.8 % from October 2006 to October 2007. Although this increase is smaller than the 46 added last year, it is still significant. The Unit owes this increase to the efforts of the Board members, the Education committee members, the club owners and directors and the Unit members.

The ACBL October QUIP reports the following information. In the last 12 months, the active membership increased 3.4%, the new membership gains were 7.5% and the member losses 4.2%. In these three categories, the Unit ranked 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively among the 20 District 21 units. Both the average member age and the average years of ACBL membership remained at 67 and 19, respectively

Gary Macgregor leads the masterpoint list with 6903, followed by Don Rothschild 6742, Sherie Greenberg 6708, Jim O'Neil 6115 and Ashraf El Sadi 6000. The player closest to the average masterpoint is Sherman Maisel with 534 and Ted Aberg is at the median with 136.

Each October the ACBL issues a Unit membership list. An Excel spreadsheet version is the source of the information in this article. The table at the right compares the masterpoint distribution and other information for members for 2007 and 2006 from analysis of the ACBL data

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:  
Monday, December 10 at  
2:45 p.m.  
Bridge Center**

## UNIT SWISS HOSTS A FULL HOUSE OCTOBER 14.

Players flocked to the Bridge Center on Sunday October 14 for the Unit Swiss Teams. There were 34 teams, 26 in the Open flight and 8 in the 99er. The winning open team was Bruce and Barbara Luttrell - Kamen Nedeltchev - Bonnie Janzen. Two teams tied for first in B: William Sumner - Richard Pollak - Dell Berg - Christine Ding and Alan Cummings - Alan Templeton - Alice Arnold - Jan Samuels. The team of Lynne Whelan - Joseph Chin - Pei Sun - Randee Palmer triumphed in C. The team of Lynn Giusti - Rick Giusti - Omer Barnir - Khalid Kazi led the 99er flight.

Thanks to directors Claire Coleman and John Mattis, to caddy Russell Luttrell. Thanks also to Fabien Lubias for his help in setting up the game and to Annette Bialson, Ethel Worcester and Lorna Corbetta for their great work in the kitchen.

BELOW FIND DATA COMPARING MEMBERS, THEIR MASTER POINT TOTALS AND THEIR HOME RESIDENCES FOR THE YEARS 2006 AND 2007.

	2007	2006	MP Total	2007	2006
# of Members	770	742			
Juniors (<20MP)	181	186	0-1	50	67
Life Masters	277	253	1-5	51	43
Highest	6903	6508	5-10	35	32
Median	136	142	10-20	45	44
Average	534	529	20-50	92	67
Total	411,232	392,256	50-100	77	76
<b>Unit Residence</b>			100-300	122	131
Palo Alto Unit	468 (61%)	453 (61%)	300-500	75	74
Santa Clara Unit	115 (15%)	114 (15.4%)	500-1000	101	91
San Mateo Unit	166 (21.5%)	156 (21%)	1-2.5K	85	85
Other D-21	14 (2%)	12 (1.6%)	2.5-5K	28	25
Outside D-21	5 (0.6%)	7 (.9%)	5K+	9	7
Unlisted	2				



## It Seems to Me

By Gersh

When your partner opens 1NT and the next player passes, you usually have no difficulty getting to the best contract. But if your right hand opponent doubles or overcalls, it raises problems. How do you indicate enough for game or simply a desire to compete for a part-score? How do you tell partner you have a stopper in the opponent's suit?

There are many methods of coping with the interference, such as doubles, cue-bids, and the Lebensohl 2NT. You should discuss with your partner what each of these mean and when to use them.

If you bid 2 of a suit over the interference, it is weak, to play. If you bid at the 3 level, it is a force to game. Here are some ideas about what to do, but these are suggestions, not rules.

1. With enough for game and a stopper in the opponent's suit, bid 3NT. With enough for game and no stopper, bid 3C. If opener has no stopper, you will have to scramble at the 3 level to find a fit. Note that the 3C bid can also indicate a desire to play at a slam in clubs. In that case, you will bid further if opener bids 3NT.
2. If you have a 5-card major and enough for game, you might prefer to try for game in the major. Bid three in your major if you have a stopper in the opponents suit; with no stopper bid 2NT. This is Lebensohl and asks opener to bid 3C. Then you bid 3 in your major. I prefer the direct 3 bid to show a stopper and the Lebensohl sequence to deny a stopper, but obviously you could play it the other way around.
3. If the overcall is 2C, it is not much interference. A simple approach is to play that a double is Stayman, and all other calls have the same meaning they would have without the overcall. If you use this method, then a bid of 2NT after the 2C overcall is *not* Lebensohl.
4. If the overcall shows 2 suits, then a cue bid in one of the suits shows a stopper. With stoppers in both, bid 2 or 3NT, depending on your strength. Here again the 2NT bid is not Lebensohl.
5. If the opponent doubles the NT bid, you can bid Stayman and transfers just as without the double. With a weak hand and a long minor, you can redouble. This asks opener to bid 2C, so that you can get out at two in a minor.
6. If you pass the double, you are asking opener to redouble. The pass shows 2 possible hands. One, you are willing to play at 1NT redoubled. Two, you have 2 weak suits. In the first case you pass the redouble. In the second case you bid the lower ranking of your two suits, and then scramble to find a fit.
7. A cue-bid of the opponents' natural overcall of two in a suit other than clubs could be used as Stayman. But it could also be used as Michaels. Discuss this one with your partner.
8. A double of the overcall could be for penalties, negative, or a shadow double. Discuss!

If all this sounds too complicated, don't try to adopt it in one sitting. Choose one or two ideas you can live with. When they become familiar to you, add others one at a time.

### Newcomer Games

*Tuesday evening (<20)*  
*Wednesday afternoon (<50)*  
*Wednesday evening (<50)*  
*Friday morning (<20)*

### NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members:  
 Douglas Cox, Gene Simpson and Eleanor Van Campen.





# October 2007 Winners' Circle



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

## Sunday

### Sunday Afternoon

- 7 (AB) J. Samuels/M. Orelove  
(AB) M. & T. Randolph  
(C) S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman  
(C) C. & N. Ramsden
- 14 Unit Game
- 21 W. Watson/T. Hwa  
(AB) N. Strand/S. Mandana  
(B) A. Cummings/E. Shai
- 28 W. Watson/B. Janzen  
B. Banda/D. Sgolombis  
(B) N. Pappas/D. Peacock  
(B) M. O'Malley/E. Worcester  
(C) B. Gibson/J. Black  
(C) J. Paeternell/C. Friday

## Monday

### Bridge Mix

#### Palo Alto BC

- 1 A. Cummings/A. Templeton  
(AB) J. Keehan/L. Lettis  
E. Gove/J. Adamiak  
(B) S. & T. Schafer  
(BC) J. Ventura/S. Hagerty  
(AB) S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman  
N. Cadwell/F. Rappaport  
(BC) L. Johnson/D. Dollinger
- 8 P. Blakely/M. Van Tamelen  
(AB) M. Payne/S. Lubeck  
(ABC) J. Ventura/M. Atherton
- 15 M. Fikes/D. Shannahan  
(AB) R. Palmer/A. Wolman  
(BC) A. Bialson/E. Herbach  
(ABC) C. Chang/D. Pitsch  
G. Herrick/S. Goldshine  
(B) L. Whelan/J. Bower  
(AB) R. Caren/J. Lekashman  
(C) C. & T. Feury

## Tuesday

### Alpine BC

- 2 (AB) S. Malek/H. Szejnwald  
(ABC) G. Joel/N. Rude  
(ABC) G. Leitstein/E. Hariton  
(AB) J. & M. Morrison  
(C) L. Kelly/P. Korn
- 9 (AB) M. Larkin/M. Van Tamelen  
(AB) A. Cummings/S. Morley  
(C) M. Ritter/A. Katz  
(AB) G. Herrick/B. Nene  
(ABC) F. Nesenblatt/N. Weiss  
(ABC) C. Leung/B. Chu  
A. Elliot/H. Zoellner  
(ABC) K. Hergatt/D. Rathbun
- 16 M. Yates/G. Herrick  
(AB) B. Ross/S. Thomas  
(C) A. Bialson/R. Markell  
(AB) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore  
(C) W. Dewell/C. Lemm  
(AB) P. Tsu/B. Chu  
(C) B. Donoghue/L. Doying  
(ABC) L. Kelly/M. Kelly
- 23 (AB) E. Hariton/H. Harbatkin  
(C) H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien  
(AB) N. Wang/B. Chu  
L. Dubinsky/P. Korn  
(B) B. Donoghue/L. Doying  
(C) M. Atherton/J. Carollo

- 30 (AB) M. Brabb/J. Von Gehr  
L. Spaeth/D. Bernstein  
(AB) R. Haines/M. Moore  
(C) C. Lane/M. Goodman  
(AB) G. Drew/V. Herrick  
(C) J. Williams/J. Schwartz  
(ABC) G. Joel/N. Rude  
K. Shaw/P. Tsu  
(ABC) E. Kotecki/L. Johnson

### Tuesday Noon BC

- 2 D. Doolittle/D. Stowell  
(B) M. Pensler/J. Jayce  
B. Scott/K. Burnett  
(BC) D. Crosley/J. Yelland  
F. Bao/C. Kwiatek  
(B) G. & G. Fong  
(AB) K. Smith/J. Vadasz  
(C) C. Chaney/V. Baldwin  
(AB) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell  
(C) K. Gildersleeve/C. Shoens  
B. Scott/K. Burnett  
(BC) D. Crosley/J. Yelland  
(AB) L. Tromovitch/B. Kates  
(C) G. & G. Fong  
A. Wolman/M. Payne  
(BC) C. Chaney/V. Baldwin
- 16 J. Blake/J. Dellis  
(B) T. Letchfield/C. Naar  
(C) J. McNeil/D. Kelley  
F. & S. Charney  
(BC) C. Drozdak/J. Slenkovich  
(AB) G. Gusman/B. Larsen  
(ABC) M. Partney/A. Sebastian
- 23 J. Blake/T. Counihan  
(B) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell  
(C) B. Kates/A. Rado  
(AB) R. Ward/J. Newman  
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey  
(ABC) J. Gentry/M. Cook  
(AB) J. Birnbaum/D. Judd  
(C) S. Ahnger/S. Barba
- 30 (AB) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell  
(C) L. Friedman/J. Pickart  
(AB) R. Ward/J. Newman  
(C) J. & R. Smith  
D. Hornback/J. Chin  
(B) G. Spaeth/M. Atherton  
(C) J. Gentry/M. Cook  
A. Mollard/H. Sung  
(B) J. Birnbaum/D. Judd  
(C) M. Partney/C. Segal

## Wednesday

### Bridge N Brunch

- 3 D. Fiero/M. Hafezi  
(B) F. Miller/R. Singer  
(C) R. Palmer/L. Whelan  
L. Spaeth/D. Bernstein  
(AB) E. Kridl/G. Herrick  
(C) M. Becker/F. Rappaport  
G. Wheeler/T. Bowman  
(B) J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick  
(C) D. Peacock/J. Sogg  
B. Sonsini/T. Glynne  
(B) M. Brabb/M. Moore  
(C) R. Palmer/L. Whelan
- 17 M. Yates/J. Samuels  
(B) J. Von Gehr/W. Pomeroy  
(C) D. Peacock/J. Sogg  
(AB) K. Kelly/M. Slater  
(C) C. Donovan/C. Henkels
- 24 (AB) B. Hirsekorn/B. Steele  
(AB) C. Clements/M. Troster  
M. Hafezi/D. Fiero  
(AB) D. Wheeler/V. Herrick  
(C) A. Bialson/K. Kelly

- 31 N. Wolf/C. Colvin  
(AB) A. Arnold/I. Lee  
(AB) M. Brabb/M. Moore  
(C) R. & W. Hoeger  
(AB) B. Hirsekorn/B. Steele  
(BC) D. Peacock/J. Sogg  
(AB) W. Mackinnon/J. Prior  
(ABC) G. Joel/D. Bernstein

### Wed. Aft. 49er

- 3 J. & T. Iverson  
(Tie) W. Epperly/A. Munger  
(Tie) M. Stephenson/S. Johnson
- 10 M. Jacobs/S. Stiege  
W. Epperly/A. Munger
- 17 H. & L. Bottino  
M. Radin/B. Thayer
- 24 S. Alim/S. Marshall  
M. Radin/B. Thayer
- 31 J. Waggoner/P. Crass  
K. Pickert/M. Hahn

### Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- 3 H. Solleder/J. Schoenbrun  
(AB) A. Arnold/J. Tang  
(C) J. Yang/M. Zhu  
S. Cagnina/J. Stanczak  
(B) P. Cornelius/K. Siedenburg  
(C) I. & M. Maltz  
(AB) L. & R. Giusti  
C. Hunter/B. Metz  
(AB) J. Newman/E. Zefting  
(ABC) S. Arf/M. Gokcen
- 0 (AB) P. Cornelius/K. Siedenburg  
(BC) Y. Xu/J. Yang  
L. Isaacs/C. Rodolfo  
(AB) C. Tamblin/B. Klein  
(AB) J. Newman/D. Martin-Newman
- 1 (ABC) R. Bestock/M. Harris
- 7 J. & R. Robinson  
(B) D. Allison/A. Lam  
(C) R. McComb/M. Flashner  
(AB) P. Losch/A. Schmid  
(AB) A. Bazarian/B. Werner  
(AB) S. Malek/F. Gonzalez
- 2 (C) O. Barnir/S. Chitti  
H. Cutting/J. O'Neil  
(B) P. Cornelius/K. Siedenburg  
(C) J. Bower/A. Wolman  
L. Isaacs/C. Rodolfo  
(B) B. Klein/C. Tamblin  
J. Lucas/J. Boelke
- 3 L. Frost/C. Hanel
- 1 (AB) F. Herzer/R. Haines  
(BC) M. Harris/R. Bestock  
J. Nakao/M. Imaoka-Yancey  
(B) K. Siedenburg/J. Tang  
(C) M. Frank/C. Prael  
(AB) A. Schmid/P. Losch  
(AB) R. Rodriguez/S. Griswold

## Thursday

### Thursday Aft. BC

- 4 S. Blum/H. Bennett  
(B) N. Evans/A. Arnold  
J. Von Gehr/B. Beardsley  
(B) J. & M. Morrison
- 11 (AB) C. Fay/J. Robinson  
(AB) I. Lee/H. Harbatkin  
(C) G. Joel/N. Rude
- 18 L. Spaeth/R. Stolee  
(AB) C. Fay/A. Arnold  
(AB) M. Kelly/J. Girard  
P. & R. Chambers
- 25 P. & R. Chambers  
L. Spaeth/R. Stolee  
A. Cummings/H. Bennett  
(B) J. Girard/E. Kridl

### Sherie's BC

## Friday

### Easy Bridge

- 5 M. Ellis/E. Eggers  
C. Shoens/Elena A.
- 12 C. Chaney/C. Kendall  
B. Rosa/Elena A.
- 19 J. Steele/J. Rush  
J. & L. Loops
- 26 J. Steele/J. Rush  
A. Brodie/S. Cooper

### Friday Morning BC

- 5 H. Solleder/T. Bowman  
(AB) M. Chen/C. Lin  
S. Greenberg/K. Harper  
(ABC) M. Pais/G. Daliton  
(B) D. Hornback/F. Bao  
(B) Y. Chen/D. Fiero  
(C) S. Hagerty/D. Crosley  
(C) I. & M. Maltz
- 12 H. Bennett/F. Dickman  
F. Parsons/M. Hafezi  
(B) C. Cole/M. Kelly  
(B) R. Palmer/L. Whelan  
L. Shannon/F. Dickman  
(AB) R. Heller/B. Hirsekorn  
(B) B. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore  
(C) J. Girard/C. Clements  
(C) C. Leung/S. Shat  
J. & R. Williams  
(AB) N. Wang/P. Tsu  
(BC) G. Joel/N. Rude  
(C) L. Whelan/R. Palmer

### Friday Night Barometer

## Saturday

### One Club

- 6 J. O'Neil/F. Lowenthal  
(B) J. Samuels/J. Von Gehr  
(C) D. Lowell/F. Lubais  
T. Bowman/M. Moore  
(BC) G. Daliton/J. Pickart  
(AB) R. Dewes/N. Gordon  
(AB) E. Kridl/G. Herrick  
(C) L. Isaacs/B. Metz
- 20 (AB) S. Green/R. Ipswitch  
(C) C. Lazarovici/R. Pollak  
F. Lowenthal/J. O'Neil  
(BC) K. Haze/L. Haze

**All games take place at 2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View 94043 unless otherwise noted.**

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE/OTHER INFO
MON	Bridge Mix	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire	
	Palo Alto Bridge Club	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	John Prior	
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	
	Just For Fun	<20 MP	7:00 p.m.	Solna/Omer	No master points given; call Solna at (408) 685-5323
WED.	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sue Johnston	
	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	
THUR	Lori & Sue's Dbltn Club	<50 M.P.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	
	Thur. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/Mattis	
	Sherie's BC	Open/Strat.	12:30 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg	4000 Middlefield Road, Auditorium, Palo Alto
FRI	Play and Learn	.	7:00 p.m.	Frank Smoot/Lori	Defense class starts January 10th
	The EZ Game	<20 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Harper	
	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Claire Coleman	
SAT	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Claire Coleman	
SUN	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	John Prior	
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	

## SPECIAL EVENTS

ACBL Fall Nationals, Thurs. Nov. 22-Sun., Dec. 2, at Marriott, San Francisco  
 Club championship, Tuesday, Dec. 4 at noon, Alpine BC  
 Club championship, Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., Friday Night Barometer  
 Sectional, Friday, Dec. 7 at Orangevale, Community Ctr  
 Unit Game and Election, Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., Bridge Center  
 Unit Dinner Party, Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m., Reservation Required  
 Club championship, Monday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m., Palo Alto BC  
 Club championship, Thursday, Dec. 13 at noon, Thurs. Afternoon BC  
 Club championship, Saturday, Dec. 15 at noon, One Club  
 STAC, Monday, Dec. 17-Sunday, Dec. 23 at all clubs  
 Club championship, Sunday, Dec. 30 at 1 p.m., Sunday afternoon BC

### CLUB CLOSINGS

#### During the Nationals:

All evening games will be **closed**.  
 Daytime games will be **open** except for  
 Saturday, November 24 and December 1, One Club  
 Thursday, November 22 & 29, Thursday Afternoon BC

#### During STAC:

Friday, December 21, The EZ Game  
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Regional Master	100 MP	Susan Hagerty, Pei Sun