

# Kibitzer

#### Palo Alto Unit 503

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#### UNIT 503 EDUCATIONAL FUND

Donations are rolling in for the restricted fund established at the ACBL Educational Foundation. The letter sent to all unit members and the publicity on the web site <a href="https://www.paloaltobridge.com">www.paloaltobridge.com</a> has generated a lot of interest.

Plans to initiate outreach programs, guest lectures, lessons, etc. will begin in early 2008. If you are interested in serving on the Fund committee and/or have programs you are interested in pursuing, please contact Alan Cummings, alan.cummings@stanford.edu, (650) 619-6664.

Those interested in donating in 2007 will receive a gift acknowledgement for tax purposes provided there is time to process the gift before year-end.

# 2008 UNIT BOARD GETS UNDERWAY

At its December 10 meeting, the Unit Board elected the 2008 officers; David Wheeler, President; Martie Moore, Vice President; Susana Krulevitch, Secretary; Alan Templeton, Treasurer. Former President Alan Cummings thanked the retiring 2007 Board members: Liz Blum, Maria Brabb, Claire Coleman, Ginger Herrick and Roy Robinson. The Unit members owe them much gratitude for their time and efforts in service to our organization. Alan and Dave welcomed newly elected Board members Mike Atherton, Trina Bowman, Nita Girand, Susana Krulevitch and Steve Lubeck plus the returning Alan Templeton.

The Board has changed the date for its meeting from the first Monday to the first Tuesday of the month at 3:45 p.m. However, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15.

#### JANUARY UNIT GAME WILL CELEBRATE HANSA'S WIN!

The first Unit game of the New Year will honor Unit member Hansa Narasimhan, whose women's team took first place at the World Bridge Federation Championship in Shanghai in October. The Trophy Chair will also present the plaques to the winners of the Winners Trophy Race for most points earned in Unit games in 2007.

Sunday, January 20 is the date and the time is 1:00 p.m. for this special stratified pairs event with a special section for our 99ers. Please use the sign-up sheets at your local club to help in the planning. Mike Atherton is our newly appointed Unit Tournament Chair, so please contact him at (650) 968-8679 or michaelatherton@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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Seasons Greetings from the Kibitzer staff and contributors: Elinor Tanck, Marian Kelly, Lori Spaeth, Alan Templeton, Mary Van Tamelen, Gersh Wheeler, Dave Bernstein, Nancy Cadwell, Alan Cummings, Eric Mayefsky, Martie Moore, Roy Robinson, Don Rothschild, Barbara Sonsini and Frank Smoot.

# President for Life by David Wheeler

Most bridge players who come to play in our Bridge Center several times a week are blissfully unaware of what goes on behind the scenes. They are just happy playing in one of the most attractive bridge clubs in Northern California and in one of the most vibrant units in the country. Why is our game attendance increasing at an amazing (and perhaps alarming) rate, and why is our Unit membership increasing?

While all this wonderfulness is not due to any one individual, an amazing amount of it is due to the efforts of our retiring president, **Alan Cummings** (see photo). Let's look at some of his achievements.

The first impact of his efforts had to do with our sectional, the Firecracker. When the Palo Alto Hyatt closed we were in desperate straits. There appeared to be no place in the area that could accommodate us. But Alan doggedly checked every possible venue until he found our current location, the Hyatt in Santa Clara. In addition, he revamped our schedule of events in the sectional and has made it perhaps the most popular sectional around. His guidance and oversight have helped Roy Robinson and Steve Lubeck to carry on.

An even more important contribution was made when he worked with our treasurer Alan Templeton,

to straighten out our finances. We are now a solvent, well run Unit.

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Under Alan's guidance much needed refurbishing of the physical plant has taken place. We have new chairs, supply cabinets, and a professional janitorial service. We now have an integrated PA system. And it was almost entirely through his efforts that we now have recycling in the Club.

Perhaps the trait of Alan's that has amazed me the most is that when he has a vision, he will work toward it and not

be deterred by anything. He watched directors spending hours making boards for special games. He decided that what this Unit needed was a dealing machine so that any game that wished to could have predealt hands and hand records without a major effort on the part of the director. The Board of Directors turned him down several times. He never gave up. We now have a dealing machine that is used on a daily basis.

Another of his visions was to have a tax deductible educational fund for our Unit. The ACBL turned him down, but they didn't know who they were dealing with. He kept the issue alive until the ACBL realized this was a great idea. Our fund is being launched this year.

Under his guidance bridge in Palo Alto has been revitalized. All of us thank Alan for his extraordinary efforts on our behalf.

### Thursday Night Open Game at Stanford Begins January 10th



We are excited to announce the establishment of a weekly ACBL sanctioned duplicate bridge game on the Stanford campus. This game will be open to the public and will help strengthen ties between the Stanford bridge community and the greater Palo Alto community while providing a student-friendly venue for newer players trying duplicate for the first time. The game will feature hand records, frequent special games and a fun, friendly environment. The game will take place at the Elliot Program Center at 7 p.m. Details are available at the club's website, cardinalclub.stanford.edu.



# ELINOR TANCK WINS SERVICE AWARD



The 2nd annual recipient of Unit 503's Service Award is Elinor Tanck who received the award at the November 18 Sportsmanship Trophy Award Potluck and Game. The award, which goes to the person who works exceptionally hard for the Unit, was presented by Lori Spaeth who told the crowd, "Our club doesn't just run itself. Elinor deserves recognition for all her years of work.

25+ years publishing and co-editing the Kibitzer, which also means she has attended practically every board meeting and is our parliamentarian. Thank you, Elinor."

#### Elinor's Letter to the Unit:

Well - - since the editor can't very well write a letter to the editor, she will do the next best thing. I want to send a huge **THANK YOU** to the Unit for the Service Award given me at the 2007 November Unit game. I also want to thank the anonymous donor who named a game in my honor at the Nationals. Alas, unlike Sherie, though I played in my game, I did not win it. I *did* enjoy the experience of a once in a lifetime event.

You may not all know that I was the sole editor of the *Kibitzer* only once- - during 1973. For all the other years up to 1991, I served as an associate editor under Jerry Smith, Carol Ineson (deceased) or Pat Carrington, who now lives in Connecticut. Jerry Smith was editor 1974-'79, Pat 1980-'83 and again Jerry 1984-1990. Since 1991 I have been one of the coeditors with Bobbie Delano (deceased), Lori Spaeth and currently Marian Kelly. So it is obvious that although I have served for many long years – it does seem forever—on the staff of the Unit newsletter, always I have been part of a team and all these other worthy members also deserve awards and your gratitude.

Again many thanks for all your tributes. Elinor

# SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD To DAVE WHEELER



Our annual Sportsmanship award goes to a player who exhibits (a) ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, demonstrating that keen competition should be pleasurable; and (b) exemplary conduct in serving the best interests of duplicate bridge and its players.

This year it was given to Dave Wheeler, a thoughtful and kind fellow - a hardworking and loyal

member and officer of our club. David is most generous with his time; he is almost always quietly behind the scenes.

Dave started playing bridge the summer of 1959 after graduating from high school. He played a bit thereafter, mostly with his wife Lanie. He stopped playing in the early 70's when his three young kids and his job at Sony took precedence. He resumed playing with his dad - "Gersh" to all of us - in Jim Woodside's Thursday night game at Elwell Court. Dave retired about 6 years ago and usually plays about four times a week. And he has a style of play which is sensitive and polite and fair.

Dave has been Unit Secretary for the past four years and is our 2008 President-elect. He works out, plays golf, and tutors reading at Castro School in Mountain View to third graders...and then he plays bridge!



NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Tuesday, January 15 at 3:45 p.m.
Bridge Center
Please note day/time change

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#### TABLE TALK

- ◆ Steve Lubeck has presented to the Board the schedule for the Firecracker Sectional which he will distribute at the Monterey Regional in January. The tournament starts on the evening of Wednesday, July 2 and continues through the afternoon of Sunday, July 6. For those members who like to plan ahead, the detailed information is available on the Unit website and the Bridge Center bulletin board.
- ◆ Here it is, the start of a game at the Nationals! You and your tablemates sort the cards in suits and begin the duplication. But wait! There's something strange about Board 8. After the duplication, the players return the hands to the board pockets. Surprise! Half the deck has red backs and half yellow. Because it is a side game, and directors are spread thin, you finally manage to get some attention.
- What's better then a win in a two-session event at the Nationals? Of course a win in your own game! Sherie Greenberg won the Wednesday Daylight Open pairs named in her honor.
- ◆ Add Gene Simpson, who recently transferred into the Palo Alto unit, to the many Unit members honored with games named in their honor at the Nationals.

- ◆ The Unit member who is supposed to be on top of things and whose name will go unmentioned, missed an important Unit milestone last January. It was the Unit's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Stay tuned for a catchup opportunity to mark the occasion appropriately.
- ◆ The legendary Eddie Kantar lectured for three hours to over 50 bridge students at a private class at the Villa Taverna Club in San Francisco during the Nationals in November. The lecture and a luncheon were organized by their teacher, our Kathy Harper. Kathy is encouraging her students to improve their games and to venture into newcomer games. After the luncheon, Kathy took several of her students to the tournament to witness the awesome sight of the Marriott sea of tables. Kathy will be donating all proceeds from the event to Unit 503. See photo below left.
- ◆ Deanna Mann, photo below right, one of Frank Smoot and Lori's students, is justly proud of the WINNER trophy she took home from one of the I/N events at the recent Nationals!



Left Photo, l to r: Grant Spaeth, Lori Spaeth, Kathy Harper, Eddie Kantar, Yvonne Kantar, Alan Cummings Right photo: Deanna

Mann



### **NEWCOMERS**

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Sundri Alim, Louise Hockey, James Van Campen, Daniel Harting, Margot Livenspargar, Angeliki Magklara, Rosario Mendez and Cheri Rodolfo.

#### **Newcomer Games**

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



# UNIT KNOWS HOW TO HAVE FUN

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Players had a ball at the Unit bash held at the Bridge Center on Sunday, December 9. So many goodies! A bridge game with tons of tables (32), loads of toys donated to "Toys for Kids," wine and plenty of cheese and dips for pre-game snacking, and finally a buffet catered by Chef Chu with lots of



the delicious and beautiful cheese and appetizer table. His expertise with the food selections made our holiday table both festive and delicious. Julianne Robinson, Dave Wheeler and Nami Honda helped with the set up; Roy Robinson handled the Toys for Kids program and the delivery to the Palo Alto Children's Zoo and Museum. Reg Rice and Tom

Randolph helped with clean up - but biggest thanks to Omer Barnir and Subbu Chitti for staying late and taking care of the heaviest part of the clean up chores. Kudos also to Claire Coleman and Nancy and Tom Cadwell for the decorations, and to our directors, Will Watson and Walter Miller.

It was a wonderful party - a chance for the Unit to give back to its players - and for the players to share the spirit of the season with our community's children.

good food for all.

Prior to the game, Election Chair Ginger Herrick announced those chosen by the members for the 2008 Board: Mike Atherton, Trina Bowman, Nita Girand, Susana Krulevitch, Steve Lubeck and Alan Templeton. The number of votes cast was 35.

In the two-section open flight first overall in A went to Lori Spaeth and David Wheeler, top in B to Gabriella Bowling and Rein Luik with the lead in C to Don and Elaine Ehrman. In the 5-table 99ers flight, best were Omer Barnir and Subramanyam Chitti.

Thanks to Martie Moore for coordinating a great event. The Unit also recognizes Fabien Lubais for









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## NOVEMBER 18 UNIT AWARD EVENT - A BIG WINNER

Winners galore! First the pre-game winning buffet with loads of turkey donated by the Unit and a sumptuous spread of potluck dishes donated by the players. Next, the Unit Service Award given to Elinor Tanck for her many, too many, years as editor and coeditor of the Kibitzer and then the Sportsmanship Award to David Wheeler, an excellent player and a pleasant and fun partner and opponent. To add to the success, President Alan Cummings announced the establishment of the Unit ACBL Educational Foundation fund, which will allow members to make tax-deductible contributions to promote bridge through education. And finally, the Unit won again with a 26-table Unit flighted game in which the winning pairs were Donald Spaulding and Edgar Simons in A, Elaine Erickson and William Ahrens in B and Frances Bennett and Elizabeth Tromovitch in C. In the 99ers' game, Subramanyam Chitti and Deise Fitlach were the victors.

One of the best things about this game was how many folks worked to make the event special. Lots of our members spent serious time in their kitchens to ensure a delicious and attractive pot luck. Also, we had a lot of help at the Bridge Center. Thanks to the following: Nami Honda, Nita Girand, Judy Travis, Fabien Lubais, Lori Spaeth, Josephine Ventura, Claire Coleman and Roy Robinson for help with set up, clean up, and whatever else needed doing. Thanks also to the organizer, Martie Moore and our wonderful directors Will Watson and Kevin O'Leary for running great games - and for going beyond the call of duty to help with clean up.



# It Seems to Me By Gersh

The most difficult part of playing bridge is defense. Sometimes the best defense is so obscure that even after all four hands are seen, it is overlooked. Here is a hand from a recent barometer game: **North** 

	S: QJ10	
	H: 6543	
	D: A54	
West	C: 1086	East
S: 63		S: 84
H: K109		H: J72
D: Q873		D: J1097
C: AKQ2	South	C: J975
	S: AK9752	
	H: AQ8	
	D: K2	
	C: 43	

At every table South was declarer at four spades. Every West led out the top three clubs. South trumped the third club. Every declarer found the best line: eliminate the diamonds, pull trumps, and throw West in with a small heart. West would then have to lead a heart up to South's AQ or would have to give declarer a ruff-and-sluff. So declarer played the king of diamonds, a small diamond to the ace, trumped dummy's last diamond, and then took two rounds of trumps ending in dummy. Now at every table declarer led a heart, and East played the deuce! Declarer played the eight, and thus made the contract.

Maybe because it was a barometer, no one commented on East's play, since there was no traveling score slip to allow the players to compare results. But obviously if East played the jack of hearts instead of the deuce, declarer would be set. This is not a difficult defensive play, since it should have been obvious to East what declarer's line was. Good defensive play in most cases requires the defenders to know what declarer is doing and try to prevent it.

However, on this hand there is a more subtle defensive error on the part of West. I can't really find fault with leading out three high clubs (that means I would have played that way myself). But suppose West led only one high club and then shifted to a trump. Later when he is thrown in with another high club, West leads another trump. Now declarer cannot strip the minors and end in dummy, and he must go down. This play is really too difficult to find and only illustrates how hard it is to play brilliant defense.





# November 2007 Winners' Circle





Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday

Sunday Afternoon (AB) G. Špinazze/M. Foos L. Spaeth/D. Allison

(BC) C. Prael/O. Barnir M. Yates/P. Saunders K. Cheng/D. Kuo (B) M. & T. Randolph L. Quintal/J. Ventura

Unit Game (Tie) A. Templeton/L. Frye

> Monday Bridge Mix

(Tie) B. Steele/C. Brigham

E. Barlow/G. Joel (B) M. & T. Randolph R. Williams/M. Moore (B) M. Troster/B. Olmo M. Yates/R. Williams

(B) G. Wheeler/M. Brabb (AB) J. Robinson/C. Fay R. & J. Williams (B) B. Steele/J. Von Gehr

B. Beardsley/J. Fisher (B) J. Girand/E. Kridl

Palo Alto BC

(AB) R. Palmer/A. Wolman J. Tseng/F. Bao (AB) S. & T. Schafer (C) C. Chang/D. Pitsch E. Gove/J. Chui (B) S. Lubeck/M. Payne S. Maisel/C. Weiler (AB) R. Caren/J. Lekashman (BC) T. Ito/E. Lissner

> M. Fikes/D. Shannahan (AB) E. Tromovitch/J. Dammann (AB) D. Halden/M. Bray (C) C. Chang/D. Pitsch M. Hafezi/D. Foster (BC) R. Scheidtmann/G. Paris AB) R. Caren/J. Lekashman (C) N. Finney/S. Hagerty J. & L. Mattis

(AB) R. Palmer/A. Wolman F. Bao/D. Weissman (B) S. & T. Schafer (C) B. Rosa/S. Stiege D. Hornback/C. Weiler
(B) S. Lubeck/M. Atherton (AB) S. Barasch/D.

Armstrong (C) V. Baldwin/L. Spain M. Yates/C. Brigham (B) P. Kueffer/V. Blume (BC) S. & D. Barkley F. Lubais/M. Moore (BC) L. Kelly/K. Kelly (BC) V. Baldwin/L. Spain

> Tuesday Alpine BC

(AB) J. Robinson/J. Von Gehr (C) G. Leitstein/R. Lachman J. Schoenbrun/J. O'Neil (BC) P. Kom/L. Kelly (ABC) N. Finney/S. Hagerty (AB) N. Evans/J. Harpootlian (C) É. Kotecki/L. Johnson (AB) R. Karr/J. Clark (C) G. Joel/N. Rude

B. Krop/E. Barlow (BC) P. Vierra/J. Carollo T. Bowman/C. Brigham (B) B. Hsu/H. Sung (C) L. Mattis/S. Lubeck (AB) M. Larkin/B. Steele (C) A. Wolman/R. Palmer (AB) N. Wang/J. Tseng (C) S. Barasch/D. Armstrong D. Wheeler/P. Saunders

(B) A. Arnold/S. Morley (BC) K. Hergatt/A. Foti B. Oshman/G. Simpson (B) G. Joel/D. Bernstein (C) D. Fisher/L. Donovan B. Krop/E. Barlow (AB) D. Hornback/P. Tsu (C) P. Sun/R. Yu (AB) Y. Chen/N. Wang

(C) C. Chang/C. Leung A. Arnold/C. Fay (BC) A. Foti/K. Hergatt P. & R. Chambers (ABC) S. Thomas/B. Leonard

Tuesday Noon BC A. Desu/D. Stowell

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(B) J. Pomeroy/J. Rosner F. & S. Charney (BC) P. Stoner/D. Weissman (AB) G. & G. Fong E. Herbach/H. Sung (BC) B. Rosa/K. Hunt

J. Blake/J. Dellis (BC) J. & T. Iverson (ABC) B. & W. Sturtevant A. Robertson/E. Edwards (BC) V. Howard/L. Tanner C. Karnos/W. Miller II (BC) P. & P. Mock (AB) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell

B. Scott/K. Burnett (BC) M. Cook/S. Barba N. Nilsson/R. Smadi (B) R. Scheidtmann/D. Donovan A. Mollard/H. Sung (BC)\_ M. Stephenson/s. Johnson

(ABC) J. & T. Iverson (ABC) C. Chaney/V. Baldwin

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch J. Girand/E. Barlow (AB) G. Yang/P. Tsu (C) R. Scheidtmann/G. Paris C. Brigham/P. Chambers (B) M. Brabb/M. Moore (C) S. Atkinson/M. Payne 14 (AB) G. Leitstein/R. Lachman

(ABC) C. Leung/C. Chang S. Blum/H. Bennett (AB) B. Hirsekorn/M. Moore (C) M. Pensler/R. Ponnapalli (AB) A. Cummings/T. Stevens

(BC) G. Joel/N. Rude (AB) A. Arnold/J. Von Gehr (C) C. Fay/C. McGorvin (ABC) P. Kom/N. Cadwell

Wed. Aft. 49er

J. Ardourel/S. Wingate A. De Acha/P. Hughes

V. Baldwin/L. Spain W. Epperly/A. Munger F. Anderson/B. Thayer

R. Rove/B. Nuding

J. Waggoner/P. Crass R. Rove/B. Nuding

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

S. Smolen/E. Mayefsky (C) L. Cicolani/J. McCloy (C) M. Harris/R. Bestock A. Greenberg/M. Develin (AB) P. Cornelius/K. Siedenburg (C) E. Grewal/B. Gu L. & R. Giusti (B-Tie) F. Schwerer/E. Zefting (B-Tie) A. Schmid/P. Losch (AB) A. Le Cesne Byrne/M. Zwiers

(AB) J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswitch (C) G. Spaeth/J. Stuart-Smith S. Tu/R. Gupta (B) D. Allison/A. Lam (BC) E. Grewal/B. Gu J. Cady/O. Barnir (AB) C. Tamblin/B. Klein B. Metz/C. Hunter (AB) R. Rodriguez/S. Griswold

E. Mayefsky/S. Smolen (AB) S. Malek/C. Pryor (ABC) R. Kichinski/K. Mirchandani (AB) D. Geiger/J. Foley (ABC)) C. Prael/M. Fodor

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC (Tie) M. Larkin/C. Coleman (Tie) P. Saunders/V. Herrick (AB) R. Karr/J. Rollin E. Tanck/C. Davis (B) J. Robinson/D. Bernstein

(BC) S. Light/J. Ventura (AB) G. Wheeler/G. Drew 8 (AB) K. Kelly/L. Kelly

M. Yates/A. Levy
(B) W. Mackinnon/J. Prior
M. Hafezi/B. Nene (B) R. Haines/M. Moore (ABC) H. Izushima/G. Ingram H. Cutting/G. Macgregor (B) M. Troster/R. Heller (BC) M. Diamond/B. Baxter

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Sherie's BC

E. Schmitt/A. Gaudie D. Fisher/L. Donovan F. Miller/R. Husain M. Sterngold/H. Sung N. Finny/S. Hagerty

M. Atherton/E. Edwards B. Bestor/L. Dubinsky H. Sung/J. Brandon

E. Schmitt/A. Gaudie D. Fisher/L. Donovan I. Chueh/J. Tseng C. Cole/A. Templeton

N. Pappas/M. Mackinnon J. Newman/B. Ward

Friday Easy Bridge

W. Thayer/E. Tanner B. Rosa/L. Rocha

F. Anderson/Elena A. B. Rosa/L. Rocha J. Steele/J. Reynolds-Rush 16

S. Griswold/K. Greig

Closed

C. Hacking/E. Van Campen 3

B. Nuding/R. Rove

Friday Morning BC

M. Yates/H. Solleder C. Brigham/G. Herrick (AB) C. Cole/M. Kelly (ABC) C. Leung/S. Shat (C) D. & E. Ehrman (B) B. Hirsekorn/R. Heller (BC) R. & W. Hoeger

H. Solleder/A. Levy R. Haines/M. Moore (B) S. Shat/C. Leung

(B) J. Blake/J. Dellis H. Solleder/J. Samuels J. Williams/M. Moore B. Beasley/G. Drew (AB) R. & W. Hoeger (B) D. Peacock/D. Hornback (B) B. Hirsekorn/R/. Heller

(B) N. Girand/M. Kelly Closed

(AB) P. Tsu/A. Arnold F. Lubais/M. Moore (BC) P. Bellamy/A. Wallace

Friday Night Barometer

Saturday One Club

3 (AB) R. Dewes/N. Gordon (AB) S. Green/R. Ipswitch

(B) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo B. Luttrell/K. Nedeltchev (BC) K. Haze/L. Haze B. Krop/E. Barlow

(ABC) M. Ponnapalli/M. Pensler M. Andrews/M. Moore (B) N. Pappas/S. Miller (BC) A. Malloy/M. Bodell

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

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	ТҮРЕ	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.	Will Watson	•
	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 Dblton Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	
	Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	<50 M.P.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	
THUR	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
	Play and Learn		7:00 p.m.	Frank Smoot/Lori	Defense class starts January 10th
	Cardinal DBC at Stanford	Open	7:00 p.m.	Eric Mayefsky	Elliot Prog. Ctr., 589 Governor's Ave., Stanford
FRI	The EZ Game	<30 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Harper	
	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.	John Prior	
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Club championship, Sunday, Dec. 30 at 1 p.m., Sunday afternoon BC Regional, January 1-6 at Hyatt Monterey

Sectional, January 12 & 13 at Janet Pomeroy Center, SF

Unit Stratified Pairs, Sunday, January 20 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center

Sectional, January 26 & 27 at Hart Middle School, Pleasanton



**D**o you ever forget to pick up a *Kibitzer?* Is some of the news old by the time you get to it? You can receive a color edition of the Kibitzer as soon as it is available, via your computer. Send your e-mail address to Kelly.marian@gmail.com and we'll add you to our list.

### Congratulations to the following players who have moved up!

Junior Master	5 MP	Leon Kitain, Merry Stephenson
Club Master	20 MP	Lynn Giusti, Rick Giusti, Robert Rodriguez, Stephanie Kung
Sectional Master	50 MP	Mary Jane Lucid, Morgan Lucid
		Mona Maltz
Gold L.M.	2500 MP	Robert Madalena

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