

# Firecracker 2008 - a Big Success <br> By Event Chair Steve Lubeck 



After a slow start on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, things started to roll and we had great momentum on July $4^{\text {th }}$ and the weekend to end up with 917 total tables, a new attendance record exceeding last year's record of 907.5 tables. This is a tribute to all the members of our Unit who volunteered to help organize this tournament and all who came out to play and support our annual event. We also received a big boost from the other Bay Area units in District 21, especially our friends and neighbors from the Santa Clara Valley Unit.

Top attendance was 119 tables on Saturday morning with many different games on the schedule. Wed. eve had drawn 65; Thurs. 37, 116, 84; Fri. 103, 89; Sat. 119, 107; Sun. 105, 92. Total table counts include open pairs, 272; 199er pairs 134; Swiss, 35; side pairs, 22; KO, 70; comp. KO 191, and open Swiss, 193.

The Hospitality and Partnership desks were popular, attractively decorated places. Setup got all the tables placed and spaced
well with trash bags; the caddies were there on schedule. The highly experienced directors did a great job of running the sessions.

An emphasis this year was to encourage and increase participation by newer and intermediate players. This effort, which came from many sources including the unit's classes, the many I/N weekly games and the tournament schedule with I/N events in every session, paid off nicely. A total of 169 tables were recorded for I/N games, with the last day's I/N Swiss teams morning and afternoon sessions totaling a whopping 35 tables. The 199er pairs table count was $21 \%$ higher than in ' 07.

The final day's Strati-Flighted Open Swiss Teams four session event was very popular. The 65 teams split into two almost equally divided stratifications with 31 teams in the $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{X}$ category and 34 teams in $B / C / D$, providing much exciting competition.

All in all, a lot of people contributed to make Firecracker 2008 another big success and keeps the tradition going strong. We predict a nice net profit of over $\$ 3000$.


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This year's Firecracker attracted a large number of I/N players. Check out the big smiles on four of them above. L to R, Lu Isaacs, Mark Herbach, Brenda Metz, Etta Herbach

## Mine for Silver <br> at STAC Pairs and Swiss Teams

Note the major change in this year's Great Western Swiss STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs). Set for the week of August 4-10, it is now the Great Western Summer Fun STAC, no longer limited to Swiss teams. Club owners can run pair games or Swiss teams as they choose. Like the other STACs, the pair overalls will be computed across all participating clubs. The stratification for the open games remains the same $A=1500+B=500-1500$ and $C=0-$ 500. The Unit's schedule for STAC TEAMS and STAC PAIRS is on the back page.

## PLEASE read it carefully so that you know whether your game is a pairs or a team event!!

The winners' awards are silver and all points are sectionally rated.

## Mentor-Mentee Tea by Barbara Sonsini

Many surprises are heading your way at the Men-tor-Mentee Doublement Teatime Extravaganza!

On Monday, August 25 after the morning game the festivities will begin at 3:30! There will be elegant tasties, bubbly, special guests, an 18 board sanctioned game and favors galore....not to mention double masterpoints to double your pleasure!! Our signup sheet will be posted early in August, accompanied by a list of current Mentoring Pairs. If you are not listed with your partner on this list, you are not invited to attend! If you are on the list and wish to find a partner for the day, because your partner is unavailable, please contact Barbara Sonsini for assistance! Reach her at (650) 851-4407 or at bsonsini@hotmail.com. Thank you.

## Table Talk

## New Look

Did you notice the attractive new look of the July Kibitzer? Marian Kelly spent many hours researching and designing this eye-catching newsletter. We editors hope you will enjoy the new format and request your feedback. This is, after all, YOUR newsletter. Our contact info is on the back page.

## Fire Crackers

Roy Robinson on vacation hiking in Colorado had the bad fortune to encounter snow and had to abort his trek, but it was the Unit's good fortune because he returned in time to take photos at the Firecracker. On Thursday, the hospitality committee gave a seat at its table to Lorna Corbetta so she could greet all her bridge friends.

## Big Hands

On Tuesday, June $27^{\text {th }}$, Parul and Shamik Mehta, two of the Just 4 Fun Bridge group, celebrated their $31^{\text {st }}$ wedding anniversary. We decided to have extra fun and, with Will Watson's help, arranged for a special hand for them with 31 points each! Parul (E 31 points), with disbelief and surprise, opens 2C (North - Pass), Shamik (W 31 points as well), expecting his partner to pass and wondering if his partner forgot the meaning of 2 C , contemplated his correct move: a. Pass b. 7 NT c. Call the director (there isn't one) d. Fall down laughing. (The correct answer is " d " - see below.).

## Art

The Bridge Center currently displays the paintings of Unit member artist Jackie Blake. Her works reflect personal creative memories of fields, lakes, gardens and figures of her many travels.

## Clean Bidding

During the Firecracker, we put the Unit's 177 bid boxes through our dishwashers and reviewed all the bid box inserts to be sure the bid cards were in the right configuration. Thanks to the following people for their good work: Betsy Steele, Julianne Robinson, Martie Moore, Gloria Leitstein, Nancy Evans, Trina Bowman, Fung Bao, and Alice Arnold.

## August STAC Games...Don't Be Confused

Before you attend one of the STAC games scheduled for August 4 through 10, be sure to check the schedule on the back page of this Kibitzer so you'll know whether the game is scheduled as a pairs or a teams format.

## September Unit Game Change

Please note that the date for the September Unit game, featuring Compact Knockout Teams, has been changed. The new date is Sunday, Sept. 14.

## Membership Milestone

For the first time in a long time (18 years) the Unit membership is over 800 . As of July 1 the ACBL report shows 803 Unit members. In 1990 the Unit had 807 members.

## Just 4 Fun

The Just 4 Fun Tuesday Bridge group would like to bid farewell and to give an extra thank you to Bill Sumner. Bill has been volunteering as a mentor of the group since its early days. Bill's dedication, clear and patient explanations, and guidance helped many of us improve our bridge skills. We wish Bill good luck and many slam contracts in the future.

# Unit Belatedly Celebrates Its 50th Year 

We missed the real January 24 , 2007 anniversary, but players know it's never too late to party. The Unit will celebrate with a stratified pairs Unit game on Sunday, August 24 at 12:45 p.m. The festivities will feature a choice cheese buffet, champagne and cake. To top off the gala affair the Unit will honor the players who are still with us and who were there at the Unit's creation.

To help the planning for this special occasion, the Unit requests players use the sign-up lists posted at the three game locations. Bring your smiles, your appetites and best bridge for a great time. For more details on how the Unit began and the players who were there see Carla's article, "Fifty Years and Some Time Ago," on page 8.

## Firecracker Partners

## Many thanks to all you wonderful Firecracker volunteers!

The Unit owes the success of this event to so many: First, Chair Steve Lubeck. He wishes to acknowledge Alan Cummings who secured the Hyatt as the tournament site, John Hornback who planned the table layout, Alan Templeton for the web set-up for posting daily results, photographers Roy Robinson and Lori Spaeth, Fran Bennett for flyer distribution and hotel arrangements and the 2007 chair, Roy Robinson who taught Steve all he needed to know on tournament organization. And then all those wonderful committees!

Decorations and Hospitality: Chair, Phyllis Gafney. Marilyn Payne, Julianne Robinson, Pat McFerren, John and Linda Mattis, Sue Fikes, Dorothy Shannahan, Eileen Kotecki, Bruce Scott, Lynne Louise Johnson, Jean Franke, Diane Kelley, Donna Armstrong, Martie Moore, Clara Chang, Annette Laird, LaVerne Welch, Barbara Mash and Walt Gaffney.

Partnerships: Chair, Ginger Herrick. Fran Bennett, Alan Cummings, Nancy Evans, Alice Arnold, Valerie Baldwin, Carolyn Chaney, Geeske Joel, Nancy Rude, Chuck Lane, Margot Goodman, Martie Moore, Maria Brabb, Nancy and Tom Cadwell, Pat and Robin Chambers, John and Linda Mattis, Dick Kilner and John Hornbeck

Caddies: Chair, Carolyn Lemm. Vlad Andersen, Amanda Atkinson, Jacob Burns, Brandon Cochran, Tucker Gibbons, Beth Luttrell, Russell Luttrell, Jeanne Martin, Nathan Mueller, Derek Pinkus, Samantha Pinkus, Maryssa Sklaroff, and Colin Tribble.

Set-up/Take-down: Chairs, Steve Barash and Allan Wolman. Fran Bennett, Joan Bower,Keith Burnett, Joseph Chin, Alan Cummings, Gene Drew, Grant Spaeth, Lori Spaeth, John Mattis, Linda Mattis, Kevin O'Leary, Bruce Scott, James StuartSmith, Elinor Tanck, Dave Wheeler, Geeske Joel, Nancy Rude and Will Watson.

## NAP Qualification Games Continue

August is the last month for players to qualify at the club level for the NAP. The Doubleton BC will hold a game on August 20 at 7 p.m. If you would like more opportunities to play in a NAP qualifying game, please request a club owner to schedule one, announce it to the players and notify the web site.

Players who place in the overalls in their respective strata earn sectional-rated half red and half black masterpoints. Any player who scores average or higher or finishes in the upper half will be eligible for the Unit final. This year the Palo Alto Unit will hold a two-session Unit final on Sunday, October 5 at the Bridge Center..

## Williams Leads Trophy Contest

Has the tennis game taken over bridge? It's not Venus and Serena but Jody and Richard Williams who head the list of Unit members with the most points. The Unit awards the Winners' Trophy annually to the Unit member who accumulates the most points in Unit games

Trophy chair, Eric Mayefsky reports the following standings at
the half-way point: Jody Williams 12.88, Richard Williams 12.88, Christian Lazarovici 10.77, Franklin Gonzalez 7.81, Sigmund Malek 7.81, Mary Ann Larkin 6.68. In the NonLife Masters contest, the lead belongs to Susan Stiege with 3.17 points followed by Junfeng Yang with 2.78.

## Hansa's Hints

We have all learned the basic ways to open the bidding, but what about the next few bids? How do we reevaluate hands when we have an eight-card fit?

1. Notice vulnerability. Bid the hand to the hilt when non-vulnerable.
2. Add three points for a singleton in the opponent's suit or an unbid suit.
3. Deduct one point for a queen or jack in the opponent's suit.
4. Deduct a point for a 4-3-3-3 hand.
5. Add a point for a good side suit. (A side suit is also very import in slams.)
6. Add a point for any extra trumps you hold.
7. Honors in short suits don't always carry full value. For example, AK in a suit with fetch two tricks but AKxxx in a suit can fetch three, four or five tricks, if partner has cards in the same suit.

## First in the Firecracker? You? Then Smile-You're on Candid Camera!

Why are so many of your fellow players wearing big smiles ? They are happy because they won first place overall in their strata at the Firecracker. The delighted faces belong to:

John Stanzchek (2), Helga Solledar (2), Belinda Gu, Lynn Giusti (2), Rick Giusti (2),Henryk Szejnwald, Eric Byler, Omer Barnir, Allen Wolman, Michael Atherton, Marilyn Payne, James Stuart-Smith, Mildred Sato, Toshio Sato, William Sumner, Elena Grewal, Jerianne Foley, Kenneth Shafer, James Blach, Roy Woolsey, G Vankatesh, Evelyn Kamas, Ron Karr, Lynn Louise Johnson, Nancy Rude, Alan Cummings, John Schwartz, John Williams, Paul Cornelius, Mark Herbach, Etta Herbach, Lu Isaacs, Brenda Metz, Dana Martin-Newman, John Newman, Ian Friedland, Merry Stephenson, Ashraf El Sadi.

If you belong on this list and don't see your name, the editors apologize for the omission

## Kibitzer to Discontinue Winners' Circle

The Unit has decided to cease publishing the Winners' Circle in the Kibitzer after the August issue. With the growth of our games the Winners' Circle has outgrown the printed page. The Unit hopes to automate the Winners' Circle on our web site so it will be available at any time for any month and have this working by September. If successful, we will also post the current Winners' Circle information at the Bridge Center. Successful or not, the "Game Results" page on our website will continue to list the daily winners.
The Unit and editors owe many votes of thanks to Alan Templeton for collecting all the data and typing each individual name into the Winners' Circle page for many, many years. How many of the players realize the effort this took!

## Bridge Library Plans Take Shape

Great progress is being made on the bridge library. We are hoping for a September opening.


In order to build our inventory, we will be asking our members to donate bridge books and CDs. Donated books should be in good to excellent condition accompanied by a list giving book names, authors and comments on the contents. This will help in entering of the information into the library's data base. All donated books will become the property of Unit 503. The librarian, Donna Armstrong, will designate a place at the Bridge Center for these donations. For further information contact Donna at (650) 968-6700, bridgelibrary@gmail.com.


## SYMPATHY

Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Unit member Shirley McGilvray who recently passed away.

## Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

## Dave Wheeler, President <br> Martie Moore, Vice President Susana Krulevitch, Secretary Alan Templeton, Treasurer

Mike Atherton, Gabriella Bowling, Trina Bowman Alan Cummings, Nita Girand, Steve Lubeck, Eric Mayefsky

## It Seems to Me By Gersh Wheeler

Here is a hand that came up in a recent duplicate event:

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ヘ: Q876
- : 4
A: 109
- : K53
- QJ1087
- : 9432
*: KQ2
*: 10543
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©: J43
マ : AQJ1086

- AK
2: AJ

I sat South and opened the bidding $1 \boldsymbol{\vee}$. Partner bid $1 \wedge$ and I closed the bidding with $4 \boldsymbol{\varphi}$.

West led the Q $\downarrow$, East played the 2, and I took the trick with the A. Since I wanted to take the $\downarrow$ finesse, I led a small to dummy's K and led the 9 . The finesse was successful, and I pulled three rounds of hearts. Now I could see eleven top tricks, but if the opponent's spades were 3-3, I could set up the fourth spade for my twelfth trick. So I led the $₫ \mathrm{~J}$. Who knows...my opponents might let it win. But West played the Q, which I ducked.

Now West became frantic. He could see I had six heart tricks, two spades and two diamonds. Could he keep me from making overtricks? He played the K, hoping for some club tricks. I took the Ace and ran hearts. When I played the $K$, this was the situation:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { ^: A5 } \\
& \text { : } 6
\end{aligned}
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ค: 87
2: Q
2: 1054

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\begin{aligned}
& \star: 4 \\
& \bullet: K \\
& *: J
\end{aligned}
$$

If West discarded the Q , my J would win. If West discarded a $\uparrow$, dummy's two spades would win. So I made six. But West should have seen the squeeze coming. When he took the $Q$, he should exit with a spade, and there would be no threat of a fourth spade winning. This is not a difficult defense to find. Ask yourself, "What is declarer trying to do?" Then make the play that stops him.

Fifty Years and Some Time Ago by Carla Davis (Reprinted from February, 1998 Kibitzer with updates by Elinor Tanck)

In the early 1950s duplicate bridge came to Palo Alto along with the rash of new homes. Helen and Herb Goudzward had a duplicate bridge game in San Mateo, so when they moved here, it seemed logical to introduce duplicate bridge to people in Palo Alto.

In due course, Frank Savstrom and Nancy Bulf opened a second club. Actually Stanford University had had a duplicate game going for several years. This made three clubs, but no Palo Alto Unit. So why have a unit? One good reason was "POINTS." A unit could hold a monthly master point game, while Clubs could only issue fractional points. Also, a Unit could hold a sectional. The unit is a governing body for the ACBL with unit members electing a board. (In those days, it was the Western Conference, run by Tom Stoddard.)

To start the Palo Alto Unit, an interim committee was formed in December, 1956, consisting of three volunteer players from each of the three clubs. The committee asked each club owner to hold an election at their games during the week of January 14, 1957. The first board members were: President-Boyd Thompson, Secretary-Carla Davis, Treas-urer-Mary Huggins, Tournament Chair-
man-Jim Davis, Geo McDougall, Mrs. Fish and Lucille Rhodes.

The Unit managed a Bridge Center at 1000 Elwell Court in Palo Alto from March 1975 through June, 2000. After the closing of the Center, many clubs held games at the YWCA at 1462 Alma Street in Palo Alto until the Unit leased new space. The current Bridge Center at 2639A Terminal Blvd in Mountain View opened in June 2002.

On January 14, 2007, the Unit was fifty years old. Yes, we missed the date but it's never too late to party! The Unit will hold a belated $50^{\text {th }}$ Birthday Party on Sunday, August 24 and honor Unit members who were there at the start Carla Davis, Gene Drew, John Hancock, Jerry Smith, Maxine Thompson, Gersh Wheeler, John and Miriam White, Virginia Savstrom, Pat and Bill Milwitt, Virginia Fenerin and Steve Levy.

Throughout the years, many loyal bridge players volunteered their time to continue the work of the earlier boards. While holding championship events and sectionals and maintaining a Bridge Center since 1975 have had top priority, the encouragement of new players to bridge and duplicate has always been an important part of the picture.

The ACBL June report shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations!

| Junior Master | 5 MP | Kathleen Roeder, Yuval Spector |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Club Master | 20 MP | Janet Cross, Rhea Friend, Zizhuo Wang |
| Sectional Master | 50 MP | Barbara Arons, Gloria Darke, Daniel <br> Harting |
| Regional Master | 100 MP | Han-Yu (Helen) Chang, Edward Schmitt |
| Life Master | 300 MP | Ralph Haines |
| Bronze Life Master | 500 MP | Bernadine Donoghue |
| Silver Life Master | 1000 | Nadia Nilsson |
| Gold Life Master | 2500 | Kathy Harper |

# A - June 2008 Winners' Circle 

## Sunday

Sunday Afternoon
1 M. Moore/F. Lubais
C. Lazarovici/M. Larkin
(B) M. \& T. Randolph
(B) R. \& A. Rice
(C) D, Geiger/J. Foley

8 J. \& R. Williams
C. Lazarovici/J. Flocks
(B) S. Streifer/R. Bergey
(B) G. Near/G. Darke
(C) B. McComb/M. Flashner

15 L. Spaeth/B. Schneider
D. Sgolombis/B. Banda
(B) A. Desu/S. Hagstrom
(B) B. Janzen/B. Luttrell
(C) M. Flashner/B. McComb

22 Unit Game
29 M. Foos/M. Fleisher
M. Moore/F. Lubais
(B) X. Ge/T. Fan
(B) S. Lipson/S. Zimmerman

## Monday <br> Bridge Mix

2 (AB) A. Arnold/G. Herrick (AB) C. Clements/J. Girand
9 A. Levy/B. Steele
(B) G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
P. Saunders/C. Colvin
(B) C. Fay/J. Robinson

16 P. \& R. Chambers
(B) M. \& W. Mackinnon
(AB) M. Sterngold/L. Haze
23 (AB) G. Herrick/G. Drew R. Chambers/D. Wheeler (B) J. Girand/C. Clements
(B) M \& T Randolph
L. Spaeth/R. Karr
(B) W, Pomeroy/G. Skidmore

## Palo Alto BC

2 (ABC) F. Rappaport/J. Jacobs N. Nilsson/M. Payne (BC) A. Wallace/P. Bellamy (AB) R. Scheidtmann/J. Williams
B. Scott/E. Kotecki
(B) A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(BC) T. Ito/J. Ventura
9 (AB) D. Kelley/C. Weiler (C) D. Halden/M. Bray
(AB) E. Gove/J. Adamiak
(ABC) C. Lemm/L. Johnson (ABC) R. Scheidtmann/J. Williams
(ABC) S. Lipson/S.
Zimmerman
16 B. Liddicoat/N. Evans (AB) E. Cowell/D. Halden (ABC) H. Fordham/J. Murray S. Atkinson/J. Hornback (ABC) N. Finney/P. Bellamy R. Palmer/A. Wolman
(AB) S. Lipson/S.
Zimmerman
M. Orelove/F. Bao
(AB) R. Scheidtmann/J,
Williams
(BC) G. Spaeth/J. StuartSmith
23 (AB) H. Sung/J. Brandon (ABC) G. Gusman/A. Story (ABC) M. Atherton/S.
Lubeck
(AB) S. Maisel/R. Pollak
(ABC) D. \& B. Levin (ABC) R. Caren/J. Lekashman
30 (Tie) M. Mars/A. Mollard (Tie-ABC) I. \& S. Krulevitch
A. Cummings/A. Templeton
(B) P. Gaffney/E. Menezes
(C) D. \& J. Foster
(ABC) M. \& D. Sorenson
(AB) R. Caren/J. Lekashman

## Tuesday <br> Alpine BC

3 (AB) A. Arnold/S. Morley
(BC) F. Rappaport/S.
Krulevitch
P. Chambers/D. Bernstein
(ABC) P. Kueffer/L. Frye
M. Yates/H. Corbin
(AB) M. \& T. Randolph
(ABC) S. Zimmerman/S.
Lipson
J. Schoenbrun/J. O'Neil
(B) M. Livenspargar/H. Sung
(C) J. Ventura/A. Desu

10 (AB) J. Travis/H. Zoellner (C) R. Ponnapalli/M. Pensler B. Banda/M. Moore
(AB) G. Joel/N. Rude
(ABC) R. Scheidtmann/G.
Paris
B. Steele/B. Sonsini
(AB) P. Vierra/J. Carollo
(C) J. Leaver/M. Smith
(AB) M. Akselrad/M.
Livenspargar
(C) L. Weiss/M. Diamond

17 (ABC) E. So/C. Engelhard
(AB) K. Kelly/P. Kueffer
(C) G. Paris/R. Scheidtmann
F. Lowenthal/J. O'Neil
(BC) M. Pensler/R. Ponnapalli
M. Hafezi/T. Bowman
(AB) Y. Chen/N. Wang
(C) A. Wolman/M. Payne

24 (ABC) P. Chari/S. Light
(AB) C. Clements/R. Singer
(ABC) D. Armstrong/S.
Atkinson
T. Bowman/M. Hafez
(AB) G, Leitstein/L. Dubinsky
(C) M. Pensler/R. Ponnapalli
A. Levy/C. Brigham
(AB) M. O'Leary/R. Kilner
(C) B. Leonard/S. Thomas

Tuesday Noon BC
3 M. O'Leary/J. Bower
(BC) T. Richards/A. Talbott
(AB) J. Phillips/J. Newman
(C) D. Jones/B. Durey
D. Shannahan/S. Fikes
(B) V. Mason/K. Cano B. Gove/J. Chui
(B) K. Kulander/K. Shafer
(C) M. Gampell/J. Shannahan

10 W. Sumner/C. Francis
(B) T. Richards/A. Talbott
A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(BC) J. Newman/J. Phillips D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(BC) L. Friedman/J. Pickart F. \& S. Charney
(B) D. Jones/B. Durey

17 M. Kelly/D. Hornback
(B) G. Spaeth/M. Atherton
(C) C. Chaney/S. Griswold
(ABC) B. Rosa/B. Nuding
C. Karnos/J. Brandon
(B) T. Letchfield/C. Naar
(AB) J. Newman/R. Ward
(C) J. \& T. Iverson

24 (AB) J. Dammann/B, Kates
(C) L. Friedman/J. Pickart
T. Hall/J. Franke
(BC) M. Stewart/D. Weissman
(AB) J. Rose/D. Raynor
(C) C. Chaney/V. Baldwin
(AB) K. Kulander/K. Shafer
(C) M. Radin/B. Thayer

## Wednesday <br> Bridge N Brunch

4 E. Barlow/V. Gupta
(B) Y. Chen/W. Ren
(BC) J. McNeil/D. Kelley
T. Glynne/B. Sonsini
(AB) N. Wang/B. Chu
(C) J. Bower/D. Crosley

11 (ABC) C. Engelhard/E. So
(AB) B. Chu/N. Wang
(C) M. Petersen/V. Hatton

18 (Tie-ABC) J. Blake/T.
Counihan
(Tie) T. Bowman/G. Herrick
J. Flocks/J. Samuels
(BC) L. Isaacs/E. Herbach
N. Honda/C. Brigham
(BC) A. Desu/R. Ponnapalli
H. Corbin/B. Beardsley
(B) E. Gove/J, Prior
(BC) A. Wallace/P. Bellarny
25 N. Wolf/L. O'Rourke
(AB) A. Arnold/B. Banda
(C) D. Crosley/J. Bower
(AB) J. Prior/E. Gove
(ABC) K. Khanna/P. Chari
Wed. Aft. 49er
4 B. Bergey/S. Streifer
C. Chaney/M. Dowley

11 C. Chaney/M. Dowley
R. Rove/B. Nuding

18 C. Chaney/M. Dowley
J. Elman/T. D'Esopo

25 S. Barkley/D. Vance
R. Rove/B. Nuding

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club
4 E. Barlow/G. Joel
(BC) M. Gokcen/S. Arf
J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina
(BC) R. Bestock/M. Harris
(AB) K. Peterson/J. Hubbard
(AB) S. Johnson/M. Gray
11 (ABC) M. Gokcen/S. Arf
J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina
(BC) I. \& V. Galis
L. \& R. Giusti
(AB) D. \& P. Dollinger
(AB) P. Burn/R. Rhody
18 C. Hanel/L. Frost
(AB) P. Kilner/R. Kilner (BC) D. Sibbert/G. Dalition P. Cornelius/K. Siedenburg
(BC) J. Bower/A. Wolman
(AB) P. Losch/A. Schmid
E. Byler/O. Barnir
(AB) E. Miller/B. Hanson
25 (AB) L. Cicolani/J. McCloy (C) S. \& J. Wachsman G. Macgregor/H. Cutting
(BC) A. Wolman/J. Bower
(AB) J. Pietrzak/K. Brown
(AB) A. Schmid/P. Losch

## Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC
5 (AB) J. Weiss/C. Lane
(AB) B. Leonard/N.
Brubaker
12 B. Krop/E. Barlow
(AB) R. Ponnapalli/A. Desu
(AB) C. Lane/M. Goodman
(BC) E. Edwards/M.
Atherton
19 C. Clements/G. Simpson
(B) R. Singer/H. Harbatkin
(BC) S. Zimmerman/S.

Lipson
(AB) M. Orelove/K. Shaw
(C) M. Atherton/E. Edwards

26 P. \& R. Chambers
(AB) P. Tsu/D, Chang
J. Merzon/D. Raider
(AB) R. Heller/B. Olmo
(C) V. Howard/L. Tanner

Sherie's BC
5 F. \& T. Yoshikawa
J. Adamiak/E. Gove
A. Bialson/D. Crosley
N. \& K. MacKay
V. Howard/L. Tanner
A. Sebastian/M. Partney

12 C. Cole/A. Templeton
N. Stevens/M. O'Leary
G. Paris/P. Clermont
K. Arnold/N. Rude
J. Rose/D. Raynor
A. Sebastian/M. Partney

19 V. Herrick/A. Desu
T. \& F. Yoshikawa
E. Schmitt/A. Gaudie
J. Brandon/J. Homback

26 B. Scott/N. Nilsson
A. Templeton/C. Cole
J. Sheppard/J. Pickart
A. Mollard/J. Brandon
M. Cook/J. Gentry
C. Shoens/S. Johnson

## Friday

Friday Morning BC
6 H. Solleder/M. Yates
F. Parsons/M. Hafezi
(B) H. Harbatkin/B. Pomeroy
(B) J. Franke/C. Naar

13 E. Barlow/N. Girand
F. Parsons/M. Hafezi
(B) J. Blake/T. Counihan
(B) N. Wang/B. Hsu
(C) P. Chari/Kanti
$20 \quad \mathrm{H}$. Bennett/F. Dickman
D. Fiero/J. Merzon
M. Chen/C. Lin
T. Glynne/B. Sonsini
N. Wang/C. Tung
(B) B. Liddicoat/J, Ventura
(B) N. Wang/C. Tung
(B) P. Chen/Y, Chen
(C) M. Atherton/J. Stuart-

Smith
27 J. \& R. Williams
J. Merzon/D. Fiero
P. \& R. Chambers
T. Bowman/F. Bao
(B) S. Morley/P. Tsu
(B) G. Leitstein/H. Harbatkin
(B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
(B) B. Liddicoat/J. Ventura
(C) C. Clements/D. Kelley

## Saturday <br> One Club

7 E. Mayefsky/S. Smolen
(AB) M. Foos/M. Fleisher
(C) B. \& G. Roupe
W. Watson/G. Joel
(BC) K. Haze/L. Haze
(AB) D, \& E. Ehrman
M. Andrews/G. Drew
(B) S. Green/R. Ipswitch

21 (AB) M. Brabb/B. Steele
(AB) B. Luttrell/B, Janzen
(C) S. Miller/N. Pappas

28 (AB) A. Malloy/M. Bodell
J. Flocks/C. Lazarovici
(AB) C. Haines/J. Nakao

| 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. | Will Watson |  |
|  | Just For Fun B | Begin./Inter.7 | 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 | 7:00 p.m. | Spaeth/Johnston |  |
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| 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 |
|  | Cardinal DBC at Stanford | <50 M.P. | 7:00 p.m. | Eric Mayefsky | At Bridge Center beginning June 19 |
|  | Cardinal DBC at Stanford | Open | 7:00 p.m. | Eric Mayefsky | At Bridge Center beginning June 19 |
| FRI | The EZ Game | <30 M.P. 9 | 9:00 a.m. | Kathy Harper | No game August 8th. |
|  | Friday Morning BC | Open/Strat. | 10:30 a.m. | Claire Coleman |  |
|  | Friday Night Barometer | Open/Strat. 7 | 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 |  |
|  | Sunday Afternoon BC | <99 M.P. | 1:00 p.m. | Coleman/Watson |  |

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Sectional, Friday, Aug. 1 at Hayward, Centennial Hall NLM Sectional, Saturday Aug. 2, Fresno, Bridge Center

## STAC PAIRS GAMES

Monday, Aug. 4 at 11 a.m., at Bridge Center
Tuesday, Aug. 5 at noon, Tuesday Noon BC, Unity Church
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m., 49ers, Unity Church
Thursday, Aug. 7, noon, Thurs. Aft. B.C.
Thursday, Aug. 7, 12:30, Sherie's, Cubberley
Saturday, Aug. 9, noon, One Club

## STAC SWISS TEAM GAMES

Tuesday, August 5, noon, Alpine Bridge Center
Wednesday, August 6, 11 a.m., Bridge ' n Brunch
Wednesday, August 6, 7 p.m., Doubleton Club
Friday, August 8, 10:30 a.m. Friday Morning, Bridge Center
Friday, August 8, 7:30 p.m., Barometer
Sunday, August 10, 1 p.m. Sunday Afternoon, Bridge Center
NAP qual. game, Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC
Unit $50^{\text {th }}$ Birthday Pairs Party, Aug. 24 at 12:45 p.m. Bridge Center Regional, Tuesday, August 28 at Santa Clara, Hyatt Regency Unit Compact KO's, Sun. Sept.14, 12:45 p.m., Bridge Center (date change)

## CLUB CLOSINGS

No game for Easy Bridge, Friday, August 8.
No games from Tues. evening, August 26 through Monday, September 3 except Wed. Aft 49er BC at Unity Church at 1 p.m. will be OPEN

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