



KIBITZER



Flash! Boom! The FIRECRACKER is Here



Find the complete Firecracker schedule in last month's *Kibitzer* or on the Unit's website, www.paloaltobridge.com

Our annual Firecracker Sectional over the July 4 holiday and weekend is just about upon us. The tournament starts on the evening of Wednesday, July 2, and continues through Sunday, July 6, at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara hotel at 5101 Great America Parkway in Santa Clara. There will be games of interest to players of all skill

levels and personal preference, including Open and Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs, Compact and Bracketed Knockouts and Swiss teams.

There are two special events scheduled for Thursday, July 3. At 11:00 a.m., Frank Smoot and Lori Spaeth will give a bridge lesson for Intermediate/Newcomers on no-trump play. The second event features Unit

member and Grand Life Master Gene Simpson who will host a Question and Answer session at 12:15 p.m. If you have questions on any aspect of the game from bidding to declarer play to defense, ask Gene and you'll probably be glad you did. Preferably, write down your question and hand it to Gene at the beginning of the session.

NAP Qualifying Games Set for July

The July calendar has two NAP qualification matches, both on Wednesdays. Bridge 'n Brunch will hold one on July 9 at 11 a.m. and the Doubleton Club on July 16 at 7 p.m. 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 next qualification round.

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Help Light the Fire

The tournament always needs more volunteers. If you can help in the following areas, please call Ginger Herrick, Partnerships at (650) 948-2995; Phyllis Gaffney (408) 730-0654 or Marilyn Payne (650) 964-9137 for Hospitality and Decorations; Carolyn Lemm (650)

493-8017 for Caddies; Steve Barasch (408) 732-6663 or Allen Wolman (650) 967-2220 to set up tables on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. and take down Sunday evening. You may also call Steve Lubeck, Firecracker Chair at (650) 592-7707 or email him at splubeck@yahoo.com.



BIDDING QUIZ

by Hansa Narasimhan



Hansa wants to share with her fellow players some of the things she has learned in the last couple of years.

1. Which is the better hand:
AJTxx, Kxx, Ax, Qxx or

AQxxx, Kxx Ax, Qxx?

2. Bidding goes 1S, P, P, 2NT. What is 2NT?

3. Bidding goes 1D, P, P, 2H. What is 2H?

See page 4 for the answers.

LAZAROVICI Team Grabs The Cheese

Everyone (even the Swiss!) came out for the Unit Swiss teams on Sunday, May 18. There were 17 teams in the open and nine in the 99er flights. Thanks go to the directors Will Watson and John Mattis. Will did yeoman duty as he brought the food and managed to find extra players to fill out some teams. Kudos go also to Martie Moore, Carolyn Lemm, Lynn Louse Johnson and Mike Atherton for set-up and clean-up.

The top team in the open in Strata A was Chris Lazarovici, Mary Ann Larkin, and Richard and Jody Williams with the most victory points and four wins. First in B were Daniel

Raider, Janice Nakao, Cheryl Haines, and Rajan Jeyakumar tied with Steve Lubeck, Michael Atherton, Lynne Louise Johnson, Carolyn Lemm first in C. In the 99ers, the team of Evelyn Kamas, Karen Hopkins, Mona and Irwin Maltz led the way in A with Brenda Meta, Lu Isaacs, Eric Byler, Omer Barnir the winners in B and Sheryl Johnson, Merry Stephenson, Anna Maria De Acha and Joan Buell heading the list in C

Chris



The Latest from Your Unit

Remodeling is Complete

Bridge Center Manager Martie Moore reports that the remodeling of the dealing machine room in the front is complete. The Bridge Center will get a cleaning and spruce-up, including the carpet, during the Firecracker.

Beginning Bridge Lessons

Frank Smoot and Lori Spaeth will again teach the Beginning Bridge class, which starts on Thursday, September 4th, at 7:00 p.m. These lessons are offered just once annually, so please pass the word. Enrollment cutoff is 80 students. Those interested may sign up on line at www.paloaltobridge.com. Click on classes.

Additionally, the Unit is planning some exciting new programs for 2008-2009 for intermediate players.

Bridge Library to Open Soon

The Unit has received funds from the ACBL Education Fund to launch our bridge library. To get rolling the Unit has purchased a laptop computer, library software and bookcases with glass doors. Librarian Donna Armstrong will begin requesting book donations as soon as the library software is up and running. In the meantime, dust off your books and software to share. And get ready to enjoy our new bridge library.

Speaker Series

Watch the August *Kibitzer* and the Unit web site for a fall bi-monthly lesson series featuring great speakers and great topics to improve your game. Best of all, free!

Bridgepad

Many of you are aware of the May Board vote not to authorize the purchase of Bridgepad and have asked about it. The Board thought that the device needed further testing and therefore postponed the decision to purchase. The Bridge Center is no longer a beta testing site because the inventors need the Bridgepad available for trials at other locations.

Oops!

Get well wishes go to Nami Honda who is recovering from a broken shoulder.

Tea for Two

August 25 is tea time! Barbara Sonsini invites mentors and their mentees to this unique game. More in the August *Kibitzer*.

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

Junior Master	5 MP	John Flavell
Club Master	20 MP	Albert Katz, Michael Stiege
Sectional Master	50 MP	Judith Blood, Kenneth Shafer, Ying Xu
Regional Master	100 MP	Olivier Chapelle, Valerie Mason
Life Master	300 MP	John Williams
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Anthony Foti, Nancy Rude

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, July 8th at 3:45 p.m.

Newcomer Games

Tuesday evening (Begin./Intermed.)

Wednesday afternoon (<50)

Wednesday evening (<50)

Thursday evening (<50)

Friday morning (<30)

Getting to know **Ina Frymire** by Mary Van Tamelen

Do you remember who won the men's collegiate basketball tournament? It probably didn't affect many in our bridge club, but here's a nonagenarian who really cares and is proud. Ina Frymire hails from Kansas.

She might still be there if her fiancé, who worked for International Harvester, had not transferred to California. Ina was working throughout the depression because of the business skills she had learned at the business university in Wichita. But California! It was an exciting prospect, so they decided to get married—on two days' notice. The invitations went out by word of mouth but the occasion still managed to nearly fill the church.

It was a thrilling drive to California as newlyweds; gas was 22 cents a gallon, and California beckoned. However, it was not so thrilling when their destination proved to be the Imperial Valley, where temperatures soared to 120 degrees. Soon, however, they transferred to Stockton and then to one place after another in California (Ina stopped counting when it got to 21!) and then to London (for



5 ½ years), and then Brussels, and then Indianapolis and finally retirement in San Diego.

During this peripatetic life, Ina managed to raise two sons—“great guys” she says—who went on to produce for Ina four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. After her husband died in 1989, Ina moved to Menlo Park, where she still lives and avidly reads, knits, cooks (especially desserts) and did volunteer work until a recent injury to her neck slowed her down a bit.

She began playing bridge “long ago, back when you played stupid bridge.” Her only instruction came from a club in Indianapolis, where five minute lessons preceded the games. Her opponents today wouldn't believe it but she says she is “still waiting” to play “smart” bridge.

Ina hasn't lost her interest in active sports, but now watches them on television. Because she was a long-time golfer herself, she warns people not to disturb her during the Masters' golf tournament. And wasn't it obliging of the University of Kansas to produce the winning team?

Hansa's Quiz Answers

1. Look at the spade suit. If partner has three small, you'll probably lose only one trick in the suit with the first hand, hence the answer is Hand #1.
2. Here, 2NT is not for the minors. It shows 20-21HCP.
3. Since there's no reason to preempt in fourth seat, this bid shows an opening hand with a good six-card suit. Ciao! Look for more in August.



May 2008 Winners' Circle



Daily game results are at www.paloaltobridge.com

Sunday

Sunday Afternoon

- 5 C. Lazarovici/M. Larkin
- 11 F. Lubais/M. Moore
(AB) B. Ipswitch/A. Desu
(B) M. Sterngold/D. Kelley
(C) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedelchev
- 18 Unit Game
- 25 B. Steele/M. Yates
B. Luttrell/K. Nedelchev
(B) M. & T. Randolph
(B) L. Haze/P. Tsu

Monday

Bridge Mix

- 5 R. Passal/J. O'Neil
(B) B. Hirsekorn/D. Wheeler
D. Raider/J. Merzon
(B) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
(AB) M. Sterngold/M. Akselrad
(AB) H. Zoellner/R. Kilner
- 19 H. Bennett/F. Dickman
(B) A. Arnold/D. Fiero
(Tie AB) C. Clemens/G. Paris
(Tie) P. Chambers/G. Herrick
- 26 H. Solleder/J. Stanczak
(B) M. Mackinnon/B. Ross
D. Raider/J. Merzon
(B) G. Drew/G. Herrick

Palo Alto BC

- 5 (AB) M. Marx/L. Kelly
(ABC) R. Palmer/A. Wolman
(ABC) J. McNeil/S. Charney
(AB) J. Blake/T. Counihan
(C) P. Gaffney/B. Mash
(AB) R. Smadi/J. Lundquist
(C) R. Ponnappalli/E. Menezes
- 12 (ABC) I. & S. Krulevitch
E. Gove/J. Adamiak
(B) S. Barasch/D. Armstrong
(C) D. Pitsch/C. Chang
R. Singer/H. Harbatkin
(B) D. Halden/M. Bray
(ABC) M. & D. Sorenson
- 19 N. Nilsson/M. Payne
(AB) D. Low/D. Kelley
L. Sung/A. Mollard
(B) P. Gaffney/W. Dewell
(C) E. Herbach/L. Isaacs
J. Travis/H. Zoellner
(B) L. Whelan/J. Bower
(ABC) C. Lemm/L. Johnson
- 26 G. Pani/J. Sogg
(BC) J. Stuart-Smith/G. Spaeth
(ABC) L. Johnson/C. Lemm

Tuesday

Alpine BC

- 6 J. Clinch/B. Beardsley
(B) A. Arnold/S. Morley
(C) V. Blume/R. Lachman
P. Saunders/F. Parsons
(B) B. Leonard/M. Slater
R. Karr/J. Rollin
(B) A. Desu/D. Wheeler
(BC) G. Paris/R. Scheidtmann
(AB) B. Scott/K. Burnett
(C) J. Ventura/F. Bennett
J. Schoenbrun/J. O'Neil
(BC) R. Markell/W. Dewell
H. Corbin/B. Beardsley
(AB) S. Morley/A. Cummings
(C) L. Tanner/V. Howard
S. Buckley/H. Bennett
(AB) M. Orelove/P. Kueffer
(C) M. Pensler/R. Ponnappalli

- P. Chambers/D. Bernstein
(B) R. Pollak/M. Chen
- 20 P. Saunders/D. Wheeler
(BC) L. Tanner/V. Howard
R. Booth/D. Spaulding
(BC) C. Lane/M. Goodman
S. Greenberg/B. Schneider
(B) D. Peacock/N. Pappas
(BC) A. Foti/K. Hergatt
(ABC) V. Solveson/A. Rice
- 27 J. Schoenbrun/J. O'Neil
(AB) N. Evans/B. Liddicoat
(C) A. Foti/K. Hergatt
J. Flocks/R. Kilgren
(AB) C. Lane/M. Goodman
(C) R. Smadi/M. Nachman
(AB) M. Kelly/C. Cole
(C) M. Pensler/J. Joyce
A. Levy/C. Brigham
(AB) R. Heller/M. Troster
(ABC) P. Korn/L. Kelly

Tuesday Noon BC

- 6 (ABC) J. Birnbaum/D. Judd
(ABC) D. Halden/T. Hall
(AB) E. Herbach/H. Sung
(C) D. Crosley/J. Yelland
(AB) S. Thomas/J. Chien
(C) K. Kulander/K. Shafer
D. Hornback/J. Sogg
(B) A. Gaudie/E. Schmitt
(C) D. Crosley/M. Dowley
(AB) J. Stuart-Smith/P. Clermont
(C) B. Rosa/B. Nuding
D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(BC) J. & T. Iverson
(AB) L. Johnson/C. Lemm
(C) L. & M. Zatz
- 20 D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
(BC) L. Friedman/J. Moore
J. Adamiak/R. Smadi
(BC) M. Partney/C. Segal
(ABC) D. Crosley/M. Dowley
(Tie) A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(Tie AB) J. Birnbaum/D. Judd
(C) S. Archer/K. Hunt
D. Hornback/J. Chien
(BC) K. Jacobs/J. Lok
A. Robertson/E. Edwards
(BC) J. & T. Iverson

Wednesday

Bridge N Brunch

- 7 J. Merzon/J. Nakao
(BC) J. McNeil/D. Kelley
A. Levy/F. Parsons
(BC) S. Barasch/S. Atkinson
F. Miller/R. Singer
(ABC) E. So/D. Engelhard
(AB) E. Gove/F. Bao
(C) R. Ponnappalli/A. Desu
J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick
(AB) A. Desu/M. Moore
(C) K. Lorimer/I. Frymire
P. & R. Chambers
(AB) R. Smadi/J. Prior
(BC) D. Foster/C. Lemm
- 21 T. Bowman/G. Herrick
(ABC) J. McNeil/D. Kelley
(AB) N. Wang/B. Chu
(C) W. Dewell/C. Lemm
E. Barlow/V. Gupta
(ABC) C. Engelhard/E. So
T. Glynn/B. Sonsini
(BC) W. Ren/G. Joel
- 28 (AB) J. Von Gehr/A. Arnold
(C) N. Weiss/F. Nesenblatt
M. Brabb/M. Moore
(AB) D. Hornback/P. Tsu
(ABC) R. Smadi/J. Prior

Wed. Aft. 49er

- 7 S. Sevey/L. Brauner
(B) J. Prak/K. Burtness Prak
(AB) M. Stephenson/R. Rove
- 14 M. Koop/L. Perry
J. Dekker/E. Bernhardt
- 21 L. & M. Zatz
M. Bray/E. Bernhardt
- 28 J. Lynch/M. Maxfield
A. De Acha/P. Hughes

Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- 7 (AB) P. McFerren/N. Stoimirov
(ABC) S. Arf/M. Gokcen
E. Mayefsky/S. Smolen
(B) J. Gu/N. Li
(BC) L. Haze/K. Haze
(AB) M. & J. Fossourier
J. Newman/D. Martin-Newman
(AB) M. Zwiers/A. Le Cesne
Byrne
- 14 (AB) P. Kilner/R. Kilner
(C) S. & B. Chitti
(ABC) Y. Spector/M. Thapa
L. & R. Giusti
(AB) C. Tamblin/B. Klein
J. Lucas/E. Zefting
(B) S. & J. Ladenheim
(AB) J. Harpootlian/R. Ipswich
(C) B. Gu/J. Pines
J. O'Neil/T. Gokcen
(ABC) R. O'Brien/H. Szejnwald
L. & R. Giusti
(AB) C. Carlson/C. Kemper
J. Newman/D. Martin-Newman
(B) K. Peterson/J. Hubbard
H. Farhi/K. Humphrey
(Tie B) P. McFerren/N. Stoimirov
(Tie BC) S. & B. Chitti
M. Imaoka-Yancey/J. Nakao
(ABC) D. Fecher/R. French
L. & R. Giusti
(AB) M. & J. Fossourier
J. Boelke/E. Zefting
(AB) M. Zwiers/A. Le Cesne
Byrne

Thursday

Thursday Aft. BC

- 1 E. Barlow/B. Krop
(AB) J. Rollin/R. Karr
J. Flocks/E. Herrmann
(AB) G. Herrick/M. Coy
P. & R. Chambers
- 8 (B) S. Lubeck/F. Bennett
A. Oliff/S. Blum
(B) E. Edwards/M. Atherton
(ABC) E. So/C. Engelhard
P. Chambers/D. Bernstein
(B) N. Wang/B. Chu
- 15 P. Saunders/G. Herrick
(B) P. Tsu/D. Chang
R. Chambers/V. Howard
(AB) P. Gross/C. Macey
- 29 N. Evans/A. Arnold
(B) G. Leitstein/P. Gross
J. Flocks/K. O'Leary
(B) C. Tung/D. Chang

Sherie's BC

- 1 E. Kamas/K. Hopkins
M. Rappaport/A. Munger
D. Crosley/J. Yelland
B. Ward/J. Newman
J. Schwartz/J. Williams
M. Sterngold/H. Sung

- 8 N. Weiss/S. Waki
A. Laird/L. Welch
B. Barlow/F. Bao
J. Chin/P. Sun
M. & M. Lucid
D. Weissman/P. Stoner
- 15 I. Chueh/J. Tseng
V. Herrick/A. Cummings
J. Gentry/J. Yelland
W. & B. Thayer
J. Waggoner/P. Cross
B. Ward/J. Newman
N. Nilsson/M. Payne
D. & L. Donovan
L. Dubinsky/B. Bestor
H. Zoellner/M. Livenspargar
M. Williams/M. Atherton
B. Petersen/D. Dunlap
C. Weiler/E. Ehrman
P. Stoner/D. Weissman

Friday Morning BC

- 2 S. Greenberg/J. O'Neil
J. Merzon/D. Raider
B. Banda/T. Bowman
(AB) R. Lachman/S. Morley
(B) B. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
(BC) M. Gokcen/H. Kiliccote
(BC) J. Mattis/A. Story
(C) P. Bellamy/N. Finney
- 9 F. Parsons/M. Hafezi
F. Lowenthal/J. O'Neil
(AB) C. Fay/C. McGorvin
(AB) E. Gove/J. Prior
(B) S. Morley/P. Tsu
(B) J. Hack/L. Martin
(C) G. Tanner/V. Howard
(C) P. Bellamy/N. Finney
- 16 B. Dean/R. Williams
C. Brigham/G. Herrick
(B) G. Leitstein/P. Kueffer
(B) C. Tung/N. Wang
(C) I. & M. Maltz
(C) C. Clements/G. Paris
- 23 D. Raider/R. Feinberg
B. Sonsini/T. Glynn
(B) R. Lachman/S. Morley
(B) S. Shat/C. Leung
(C) P. Gaffney/E. Menezes
- 30 (AB) H. Harbatkin/G. Leitstein
(C) I. & M. Maltz

Saturday

One Club

- 3 F. Lowenthal/J. O'Neil
(ABC) M. Livenspargar/D. Partridge
M. Andrews/G. Drew
(BC) A. Malloy/M. Bodell
C. Lazarovici/B. Steele
- 10 (AB) N. Nilsson/R. Smadi
G. Macgregor/K. Harper
(B) J. Grove/L. Schwarz
(BC) J. Sheppard/J. Ventura
(ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedelchev
F. Lowenthal/R. Ng
(B) D. Sgolombis/M. Thiemmedh
(BC) S. & J. Wachsmann
N. Wolf/L. O'Rourke
(B) C. Lazarovici/B. Steele
(BC) M. Livenspargar/D. Nelson
F. Lowenthal/J. O'Neil
(BC) N. Nilsson/C. Leung
S. Greenberg/L. Frye
(AB) J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick
(C) R. Husain/G. Dalition
(ABC) C. Lazarovici/K. Nedelchev

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.	Will Watson	
	Just For Fun	Begin./Inter.	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
	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.	9:00 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	
	Sunday Afternoon BC	<99 M.P.	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	

SPECIAL EVENTS

- San Francisco Sectional, June 28 and 29.
- **Palo Alto Sectional** July 2 – July 6
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
- **All clubs closed from Wednesday evening, July 2 - Sunday, July 6**
- NAP Qual. game Wednesday, July 9 at 11 a.m. Bridge 'n Brunch
- NAP Qual. game, Wednesday July 16 at 7 p.m., Doubleton Club
- 299er Sectional, Saturday, July 26 at Monterey Bridge Center, Marin

Unit Game Schedule for the Rest of 2008

- Aug 24 - Pairs and 50th Unit Birthday celebration
- Sept 21- Compact KO (2 sessions)
- Oct 19 - Swiss Teams
- Nov 23 - Pairs, Pot Luck and Sportsmanship Trophy
- Dec 7- Pairs and Holiday Party

All games are Sunday afternoons at the Bridge Center.

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