

Newsletter of Palo Alto Unit 503 of the American Contract Bridge League Volume XLVI, Issue 9, September, 2008

September 14 is Teams Time

The Unit will hold a **Swiss Team** contest on Sunday, September 14 at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center. This will replace the Knockouts on the original schedule, because the ACBL would not permit the Unit to run this competition. There will be an open and a 99er flight each with its own director.

Please use the sign-up sheet at your local club to help with the planning. For further information or to sign-up phone the Bridge Center at 650/940-1824 or email michaelatherton@sbcglobal.net. Be sure to bring your smile and your enthusiasm for the excitement of team contests.

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Who, Me?



Yes, definitely you! Tis time for *you* to join your Unit's decision making process by becoming a member of the Unit Board. The Unit needs nominees to serve five two-year terms. Trina Bowman and Ginger Herrick have already recruited this fella; how about you? Call Trina at (650) 948-6050 or Ginger at (650) 948-2995.

Doubleton Club Holds Special Event	Lori & Sue's Doubleton Club will hold a North American 49er Pairs Game every Wednesday evening in September. Players with 50 or fewer masterpoints will compete throughout North America. There will be district recognition for winners with the highest percentage score. No additional fee will be charged and there is no National Final. In other words - extra masterpoints for no extra money
Unit Education Leads Off with Two Lectures	As part of the Unit education program, Geeske Joel has arranged for a series of seven free lectures for intermediate to early advanced players. The idea is to not only scratch the surface of the topics, but to explain the motivation behind rules and concepts and to include continuations of conventions past the first couple of bids. The lec- tures will start at 10:00 a.m. sharp and end at 11:30 a.m. so that the directors can set up for the game at noon. The lecturers for Septem- ber will be: Thursday Sept. 11, Geeske Joel on "Leads against NT and Suit Contracts," with handouts authored by Debbie Rosenberg; Thursday Sept. 25, Sherie Greenberg on "New Minor Forcing and Fourth Suit Forcing."
Mentor-Mentee Pairs Do Tea	The Third Annual Mentor-Mentee Tea will be held on Monday, Au- gust 25, at 3:30 at the Center. We shall have a teatime celebration, some welcoming comments, party favors and an eighteen board game. A sign-up is ready for those who wish to attend. Before sign- ing, please note that this sign-up is only for existing mentor pairs in our Unit's program. The current list of Unit pairings is posted on the bulletin board. If you are on the list, and your partner is not avail- able on August 25, <u>please contact Barbara Sonsini for assistance</u> . (650) 851-4407 or <u>bsonsini@hotmail.com</u>
Coleman-Braude Mentor/Mentee Pair Earns First Place	The Unit Handicap Pairs held Sunday, June 22 featured both estab- lished mentor/mentee pairs and one time masters/non-life masters partnerships. In the 14-1/2 table match, life master Claire Coleman and non-life master Solna Braude led the field with Richard Pollak and Irving Krulevitch finishing second. Special thanks go to Mike Atherton, who spent a lot of effort contacting life masters to partner the non-life masters and to directors, Will Watson and Linda Mattis who handicapped and organized the matchups.

Kibitzer

ACE OF CLUBS

ACE OF CLUBS			MINI-MCKENNEY
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Patricia Crass	6	0-5	Zizhuo Wang
Susan Barkley	5		Susan Barkley
Marjorie Robinson	5		Patricia Crass
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Janet Cross	12		Merry Stephenson
Merry Stephenson	11		Janet Cross
Jack Lucas	9		Fred Schwerer
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Susan Griswold	14	_0 00	Daniel Harting
Lynn Giusti	13		Ying Xu
Rick Giusti	13		Carolyn Chaney
Nex Olusti	10	50-100	Carolyn Chancy
Annette Bialson	19	50-100	Han Vu (Halan) Chang
			Han-Yu (Helen) Chang Vera Howard
David Crosley	19		
Vera Howard	19	100 000	Elena Grewal
		100-200	
Carolyn Lemm	31		Joseph Chin
Lynne Louise Johnson	31		Lynne Louise Johnson
Joseph Chin	26		Josephine Ventura
		200-300	
Joan Bower	29		Phyllis Gaffney
Lee David Haze	28		Belinda Gu
Belinda Gu	27		Stan Charney
		300-500	
Christian Lazarovici	48		Diane Kelley
Stephen Lubeck	28		Christian Lazarovici
Diane Kelley	28		Nancy Rude
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David Wheeler	64		Nadia Nilsson
D Bernstein	55		David Wheeler
Marjorie Sterngold	49		Franklin Gonzalez
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Virginia Herrick	71		Barbara Sonsini
Martie Moore	70		Larry Mohr
Lori Spaeth	56		Mike Develin
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Patricia Chambers	69	2.0 010	Richard Williams
Robin Chambers	63		Mary Ann Berg
Trina Bowman	59		Patricia Chambers
	57	5-7.5K	I atricia Chambers
Margany Vatas	60	5-7.5K	Jim O'Noil
Margery Yates			Jim O'Neil
Jim O'Neil	51		Gary Macgregor
Hansa Narasimhan	42		Donald Rothschild
	_	7.5-10K	
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Gene Simpson	32		Gene Simpson
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MINI-MCKENNEY

ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI-MCKENNEY 2008 LEADERS

The ACBL gives the Ace of Clubs award to the player who earns the most points in club games and the Mini-McKenney award for total points including sectionals and higher ranked tournaments. Congratulations to those who are in the lead at midyear 2008 Table

Talk

What's New? Three new additions all starting with "C" are coffee maker, clock and computer. Many thanks to Will for assisting with the information transfer and eliminating rough spots in the new computer.

Winners Circle. Effective this month, the Winners Circle will no longer appear in the Kibitzer. However, you will be able to find a version of it on the Unit web site, www.paloaltobridge.com. When the Circle is available, information about retrieving results will appear in the News section of the home page on the web site.

Dealing Machine. A meeting between Will Watson and the manufacturer at the Las Vegas Nationals has resolved several issues. Improved rollers and an adequate parts supply should guarantee reliable operation.

Bridge Pad. The Board will consider the purchase of a set of 36 units pending the providers' installation of improvements.

Congratulations to Eric Mayefsky! Eric is a member of the winning team in the Junior Team Trial finals at the Nationals. They will represent the U.S. in the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in October.

Beginning Bridge Class. Lori Spaeth and Frank Smoot report that the 13-week Beginning Bridge Class which starts on September 4 is full. 80+ people have signed up.

NAP. The NAP Unit final on October 5th will be a 2-session qualifier for strata A, B, C for the District 21 Finals.

Board Change. All thank Martie Moore for her fine service on the Board. She is stepping down and will be replaced by Ginger Herrick.

This month the topic is defensive discards. Some people play odd-even, Lavinthal, and/or upside-down count and attitude. But there are some basics which we should all play:

- 1. When the opponents lead a suit, give *Count*. High-low is an even number of cards and low-high an odd number.
- 2. When partner leads a suit, give *Attitude*. High-low shows encouragement while low-high shows discouragement.

One and two are standard, but if you play upside-down, you show attitude and count in reverse; i.e., high-low shows an odd number of cards and a high card to partner's suit shows discouragement.

There are certain basics to follow:

- 1. Never throw away a winner as a signal.
- 2. If a queen or lower takes the trick in dummy, give count.
- 3. When you know you are not going to get any more tricks in a suit, use that suit to give suit preference when discarding.
- 4. When discarding from the suit that partner originally led at NT, discard the card you would play back if you were on lead. That helps partner get the count on the suit.
- 5. Do not discard all the cards in a side suit so that when declarer plays the suit and you show out, declarer knows exactly how to play the suit.

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Hints

By

Hansa Narasimhan

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Junior Master	5 MP	Charlene Amherd, Donna Raynor								
Club Master	20 MP	Jeanine Ardourel, Norma Homan, Fred Schwerer, Merry Stephenson, Bill Thayer								
Sectional Master	50 MP	Carolyn Chaney, Judith Gentry, David Puryear								
Regional Master	100 MP	Vera Howard								
NABC Master	200 MP	Joseph Chin								
Life Master	300 MP	Victor Galis								
Silver Life Master	1000	Dave Bernstein, Doreen Hornback								

Player Advancements

The ACBL July report shows that the players named at the left have moved up.

Congratulations!

Income	2008	2007			
Number of Tables	917	907.5			
Player Fees	\$36,671	\$36,274			
Expenses					
ACBL fees	17,316	16,565			
D-21 Supplies	1,146	1,134			
Rent	11,200	11,780			
Caddies	1,590	1,380			
Hand records	230	148			
Advertising, candy,	1,434	1,548			
PA sys, misc.					
Total Expenses	\$32,916	\$32,555			
Net Income	\$3,755	\$3,719			

New Bridge Class

"Two Over One in a Nutshell"

Kathy Harper, an ABA Master Teacher, will hold a four-week series on the basics of Two Over One this fall. This series will be held on Tuesdays at the Bridge Center from 9:30-11:00 a.m., bi-weekly (September 30, October 14, October 28 and November 11). The price for the series of four lessons is \$100. A small textbook by Dee Barry will be available for purchase at discount price of \$5. Please call (650/207-1816) or email (<u>kharper100@aol.com</u>) Kathy if you would like to join this class.

FIRECRACKER FINANICAL STATEMENT

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Firecracker Sectionals.

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NEWCOMERS

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A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit
503 members: Bev Benson, Polly Siegel, R.
Booth, Aruna Desu, Sheridan Downey,
Mary Stone, Gabrielle Uz and Metin Uz.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 2nd at 3:45 p.m.

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				Kevin/Bonnie/Clair	
	0	Open/Strat.			
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	
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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	Temporarily at Bridge Center
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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		Open/Strat.	-		
SUN		-	-	Coleman/Watson	
	Sunday Afternoon BC	<99 M.P.	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	

SPECIAL EVENTS

Regional, Tuesday, Aug. 26 at Santa Clara, Hyatt Regency Club Champ, Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch BC NA49er Open Pairs, Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC Club Champ. Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., Doubleton, BC NA49er Open Pairs, Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., Doubleton, BC Sectional, Friday, Sept. 12 at Comm Ctr, Orangevale Unit Swiss Teams Sunday, Sept. 14 at 12:45 p.m., Bridge Center NA49er Open Pairs, Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC Sectional, Friday, Sept. 19 at Middle School, Campbell NA49er Open Pairs, Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC

CLUB CLOSINGS

No games from Tuesday evening, August 26 through Monday, September 1 except Wed. Aft 49er at Unity Church at 1 p.m. will be OPEN

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