



The Super Bowl will be history, but for bridge players the Unit is ready with a super Swiss Teams on Sunday, February 8 at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Form a team to test your skills in bidding, defense and declarer play. Swiss teams are always a favorite because there are so many winners and oodles of masterpoints, enough for everyone. Rah! Rah! 49ers and 99ers note there will be a separate section for players at this level.

But the Unit chairs, Eric Mayefsky and Phyllis Gaffney need your help to manage a well-organized event. Please use the sign-up sheets at your local club to list a full or partial team to make the planning easier. In addition, to insure an orderly game, please come on time. For further information, contact Phyllis at 2oma-opa-gaffney@comcast.net

Players may also phone the Bridge Center to request a signup for a team.

Remember to bring your smiles for a super bridge experience.

Unit Super Swiss Slated Sun. Feb. 8

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun. Jan 18, 12:45 p.m. | Stratified Pairs |
| Sun. Feb. 8, 12:45 p.m. | Swiss Teams |
| *Mon. Mar. 2, 6:30 p.m. | Swiss Teams |
| Sun. Mar. 29, 12:45 p.m. | Board-a-match Teams |
| *Mon. Apr. 6, 6:30 p.m. | Swiss Teams |
| Sun. Apr. 26, 12:45 p.m. | IMP Pairs |
| *Mon. May 4, 6:30 p.m. | Swiss Teams |
| Sun. May 17, 12:45 p.m. | Swiss Teams – “8 Is Enough” |
| *Mon. June 1, 6:30 p.m. | Swiss Teams |
| Sun. June 14, 12:45 p.m. | Mentor/Mentee Pairs |

All games are at the Bridge Center with Open and 99er sections.

*Please see note on Monday eve team games in BridgeBits on p. 3.



2009 First-Half Unit Game Schedule

President Names Leaders

Unit Board President Mike
Atherton has announced the
2009 committee chairs

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Art Coordinator | Nita Girand |
| Bridge Center Manager | Dave Wheeler |
| Club Owner Liaison | Alan Templeton |
| Computer Support | Will Watson, Alan Templeton |
| Conduct/Ethics | Eric Mayefsky |
| District 21 Rep | Gabriella Bowling, Grant Spaeth |
| District 21 Forum | Eric Mayefsky |
| Director Course | Jeanette McNeil, Alan Cummings |
| Education | Lori Spaeth, Eric Mayefsky, Alan Cummings |
| Election | tbd |
| Firecracker | Steve Lubeck |
| Intermediate/Newcomer Liaison | Lori Spaeth |
| Kibitzer Editors | Elinor Tanck, Marian Kelly |
| Membership | Nita Girand |
| Mentor Program | Jeannette McNeil |
| Photographer | Roy Robinson |
| Publicity | Elinor Tanck |
| Recorder | Eric Mayefsky |
| Sunshine | Phyllis Gaffney |
| Supplies | Dave Wheeler |
| Telephone Directory | Lori Spaeth |
| Trophies | Eric Mayefsky, Trina Bowman |
| Unit Games | Phyllis Gaffney, Eric Mayefsky |
| Unit Electronic Contact | Elinor Tanck |
| Web Site | Alan Templeton |

It Seems To Me By Gersh

Many years ago I wrote a column for the *Kibitzer* to show that it is better to have a solid side suit than a solid trump suit. My example was as follows:

| <u>North</u> | <u>South</u> |
|--------------|--------------|
| S AKQJT | S 532 |
| H A9864 | H 532 |
| D 2 | D 7654 |
| C 53 | C AK6 |

I showed that North as declarer can make 4H, but cannot make 4S, after trumping diamonds whenever the opponents win a trick.

Now on January 29, 2009 Eric Mayefsky is giving a lecture on bids that show two suits. The problem

is which suit do you bid, when you have three cards in each of them. For example: Opener on your left bids 1D and your partner bids 2D. This is a Michaels' bid to show both majors. You hold S KJ2, H 876, D 43, C K8675. Remember that it is better to have a solid side suit. So you should bid 2H. The spade honors may make the spade suit solid.

Obviously, if your choice is between a major and a minor you will bid the major. But, if your choice is between two majors or two minors, bid the suit that doesn't have honors.

If you hold four cards in one suit and three in the other, bid the four-card suit. But prefer a three-card major to a four-card minor.

BridgePad - The Unit Board clarified the use of BridgePad. The club owners and directors will set their own policies for its use in their games.

Monday Night Swiss The ACBL has encouraged the Unit to increase the number of Unit events. Therefore, starting with the first Monday in March, the Unit will sponsor Swiss Teams on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bridge Center.

EZ Game Change - Margot Livenspargar and Kevin O'Leary have joined forces with Roy Robinson and Lori Spaeth to share director duties at the Friday morning EZ game.

Directors' Course - Are you interested in becoming an ACBL Club Director and/or perhaps a game owner? Plans are underway for a Club Director Course, likely on Monday afternoons beginning in April. If yes, please let Jeannette McNeil know, jmcsunset@aol.com.

Information, Please - Eric Mayefsky, the Unit's Forum column writer, pleads for input from Unit players for his column. Drop him a line at mayefsky@stanford.edu. After all, "no news is not good news."

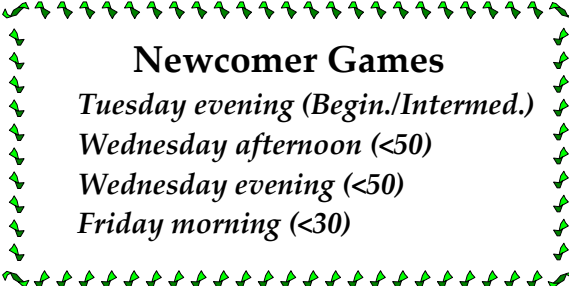
Let the Sun Shine In - The Unit's new Sunshine Chair, Phyllis Gaffney, is also asking for help in sending get-well and sympathy wishes. Please let her know the names of recipients. You may reach her at (408) 730-0654, 2oma-opa-gaffney@comcast.net.

Coming Soon, an Updated Directory - The Palo Alto Members and Friends Directory issues once a year in the spring and is given free to all Unit 503 members. Lori Spaeth plans to publish it in February.

Kibitzer by Email - Here's an invite to sign up at kelly.marian@gmail.com to receive your favorite bridge publication by email. Get the news in glorious color before the printed version appears!

Bridge Bits




Newcomer Games
Tuesday evening (Begin./Intermed.)
Wednesday afternoon (<50)
Wednesday evening (<50)
Friday morning (<30)

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit
 503 members: Joy Barrett, Kathryn Beadle,
 Alexander Elyo, Janice Elyo, Theresa Ian-
 toska, Nick Ward, Adi Zarchi, Joe Bu-
 chanan, and Charles Hung.

Financial Summaries for the Year 2008

Unit 503

INCOME

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| ACBL Membership..... | \$2,638 |
| Education..... | 10,955 |
| Firecracker*..... | 529 |
| Interest..... | 1,091 |
| Unit Games..... | 467 |
| Total..... | \$15,680 |

Notes:

* Includes \$3330 deposit for 2009

** Free Plays, Trophies, New Members, etc.

Net Income.....\$8,787

EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Admin..... | \$177 |
| Furnishings & Equipment..... | (82) |
| Misc.**..... | 1,097 |
| Publications | |
| Kibitzer..... | 1,756 |
| Membership Directory..... | 1,000 |
| Special Games (Mentor Tea & NAP)... | 180 |
| Taxes..... | 60 |
| Unit Party..... | 2,705 |
| Total..... | \$6,893 |

Bridge Center

INCOME

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Art..... | \$68 |
| Interest..... | 90 |
| Rent..... | 112,216 |
| Vending..... | 381 |
| Total..... | \$112,755 |

Notes:

*Includes \$5,751 for BridgePads

EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Admin..... | \$128 |
| Furnishings & Equipment*..... | 9,048 |
| Insurance..... | 850 |
| Janitorial & Maintenance..... | 11,939 |
| Rent..... | 77,824 |
| Supplies..... | 11,168 |
| Utilities..... | 2,291 |
| Misc..... | 330 |
| Total..... | \$113,450 |

Net Income.....(\$695)

Education Fund

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Interest..... | \$1 |
| Lecture Series | |
| Grant from ACBL Ed. Foundation..... | 2,400 |
| Spent..... | (1,755) |
| Library | |
| Grant from ACBL Ed. Foundation..... | 2,500 |
| Equipment (computer, bookcases)..... | (1,515) |
| Cash on Hand..... | \$1,631 |

SYMPATHY

The Unit Board and members extend their sincere condolences to the friends and family of long-time active Unit member Joan von Gehr, who passed away on January 14th.

Sympathy also to Unit member Maxine Thompson's family and friends. Maxine died recently also.

And a warm farewell to Grant Baze who passed away in San Diego. Way back when, Grant was a member of the Palo Alto Unit.

Player Advancements

The ACBL January report shows that the players named below have moved up. Congratulations!

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Club Master | 20 MP | Lynne Frank, Karen Greig |
| Sectional Master | 50 MP | Lynn Giusti |
| Regional Master | 100 MP | Brenda Metz, Jack Pickart |
| Life Master | 300 MP | Donal Duncan |
| Silver Life Master | 1000 MP | David Wheeler |

Learn Four Cue Bids

Series of Four Classes at The Palo Alto Bridge Center

by **Kathy Harper**

ABTA Master Teacher

Tuesday Mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

March 31, April 14, April 28, May 5

The price for the series is \$100.

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Bridge Center Art

Jan Steele, the artist with the current exhibit at the Bridge Center, states on her web site that "she has always loved working with my hands." The oil paintings on display include Stanford scenes, African animals, dogs/cat, iris, cardinal/blue jay and butterflies. Her work includes paintings, ceramics and book illustrations, including recently a children's book "The 'Magic' Red Bus." Not only does Jan work with her hands in art, but she also uses them at the bridge table at Friday's EZ Game. For more information about Jan and her work visit her web site jansteeleoilsetc.net.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, February 3 at 3:45 p.m.

Bridge Center

Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

Michael Atherton,, President
 Dave Wheeler, Vice-President
 Susana Krulevitch, Secretary
 Alan Templeton, Treasurer

Trina Bowman, Phyllis Gaffney,
 Nita Girand, Steve Lubeck, Eric
 Mayefsky, Jeannette McNeil, Grant Spaeth

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/<2K | 11:00 a.m. | Kevin/Bonnie/ Claire/John | |
| 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 | |
| | Lori & Sue's Dblton Club | <200 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 | Open/Strat | 7:00 p.m. | Eric Mayefsky | Meyer Library, 560 Escondido Mall, Stanford |
| FRI | The EZ Game | <30 M.P. | 9:00 a.m. | Roy Robinson | |
| | 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

- * Unit lecture, Thursday, January 29 at 10 a.m. Bridge Center
- * Club champ., Wednesday, February 4 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- * Unit lecture, Thursday, February 5 at 10 a.m. Bridge Center
- * Charity game, Thursday, February 5 at 7 p.m. Cardinal DBC
- * Sectional, Thursday, February 5 at Bridge Center, Fresno
- * Unit Swiss Teams, Sunday, February 8 at 12:45 p.m., Bridge Center
- * Regional, Tuesday, February 10 at Airport Marriott, Burlingame
- * Unit lecture, Thursday, February 19 at 10 a.m. Bridge Center
- * Inter-club Championship, Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. Cardinal DBC
- * Sectional, February 21 at Janet Pomeroy Ctr, San Francisco
- * ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs, Monday, February 23, 11 a.m., Bridge Mix
- * Upgraded club champ., Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Doubleton BC
- * Sectional, Saturday, February 28 at Comm. Ctr., El Cerrito

Clubs Closed

All clubs are closed during the Regional, Tuesday, February 10th through Monday, February 16th except those held at locations listed below.

Clubs Open

- * Tuesday, February, 10 Alpine BC, Bridge Ctr., Tuesday BC, Unity Church
- * Wednesday, February 11 Wed. Aft. 49er, 1 p.m., Unity Church
- * Thursday, February 12, Sherie's BC, 12:30 p.m., Cubberley, Cardinal DBC at Stanford, 7 p.m. Meyer library

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