



# KIBITZER



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The Sunday, October 18 Unit Barometer game at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center promises to be a fun-filled event. If you have never played in a barometer game you are in for a treat. Every pair plays the same board at the same time and the matchpoint results are posted on the board for all to see along with the top leaders after each round. The fun intensifies as pairs' scores rise and fall each round, just like a barometer. In addition, the Unit invites Mentor/Mentee partnerships to take advantage of this opportunity to compete against similar partnerships.

Both open partnerships and Mentor/Mentee partnerships should sign up on the web site or on the Bridge Center list. If enough Mentor/Mentee partnerships sign up, there will be a separate section for them. In any case, stratified scoring will give every pair an opportunity to earn masterpoints. Please contact Jeanette McNeil, [jmcunset@aol.com](mailto:jmcunset@aol.com) or (650) 854-2249 if you are looking for a Mentee and want to be a Mentor. She is seeking mentors for the many Mentees who still want a partner.

Even with the effort required to pre-duplicate many sets of boards, the fee will remain \$8. Great goodies, exciting competition, friendly players, name tags, hand records and more at this October Unit function.

**Mentor/Mentee  
Partnerships:  
Come to October 18  
Barometer Game!**

Since the early sixties the Unit has awarded the sportsmanship trophy to a member for friendship, a pleasant attitude and the practice of active ethics. Additionally, beginning in 2006, it has presented a plaque for service to the Unit. The committee of Eric Mayefsky, Alan Cummings and Alan Templeton will select this year's recipients.

They welcome suggestions of Unit members worthy to receive these two awards. If you wish to offer names, go to the Unit web site, use the boxes at the club game sites or email Eric at [mayefsky@stanford.edu](mailto:mayefsky@stanford.edu). Specify which award and list a reason you think the suggested player is worthy of the award. There is an October 15 deadline for proposed candidates. The Unit will award the trophy and plaque at the Sportsmanship pot luck and trophy game on Sunday, December 20.

**Award Recipient  
Hunt Happening  
Now**

## Get Ready to Vote

Your *Kibitzer* editors are preparing the candidates' bios and the Unit photographer, Roy Robinson has submitted "mug shots" for *Mike Atherton, Steve Barasch, Susan Griswold, Lou Isaacs, Terry Lancaster* and *John Mattis*, who are running for the Unit Board for two year terms starting in 2010. Be ready to cast your vote when the ballot boxes open on November 1 at the three game locations. The November *Kibitzer* will feature the candidates' photos and bios along with the ballot and voting instructions. Because of the proximity of the Nationals to the December STAC week, the election chair, Ginger Herrick will announce the results at the Bridge Mix game on Monday, November 16.

## New Date Set for Unit NAP Final

Because the original September 17 date coincided with Yom Kippur, the Unit has changed the date for the NAP Unit Final to Sunday, October 11 with sessions at 1:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. This is a two-session qualifier for Strata A, B, C for the District 21 Finals. No sign-ups needed, but prequalification at a club game required for entry into this event. The District finals will be at the Bayshore BC in Burlingame the weekend of Jan. 30-31. Information: Eric Mayefsky (614)299-1311, mayefsky@stanford.edu.

The Sunday Afternoon BC will have its usual game at 1 p.m.

## Player Advancements

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

Junior Master	5 MP	Bev Benson, Hedvig Fejerne, Alice Smith, Isha Thapa, James Van Campen, Vivian Weber
Club Master	20 MP	Geoffrey Blood, Brahm Levin, Ronald Perkocha, Donna Raynor, Randy Rhody
Sectional Master	50 MP	Robert Bergey, Dana Martin-Newman, Barbara Thayer, Zizhuo Wang, Eileen Zefting
Regional Master	100 MP	Kenneth Shafer, Alice Wallace
NABC Master	200 MP	James Stuart-Smith
Life Master	300 MP	Josephine Ventura
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Geeske Joel, Marjorie Sterngold
Gold Life Master	2500 MP	Jody Williams

## Unit News



**A Star is Rising** - In June, Polly Siegle and her partner had a 79% game in EZ Bridge. On September 7 this bridge newcomer and Unit lesson grad with her mentor, Clifford Colvin, came in eighth overall in the double session Monday Fast Open Pairs at the All Western Regional. Polly won her very first gold (2.88). She was thrilled!

**Another whopper from Easy Bridge** - Marc Cohen and Bob Foo had a 79.17 game on August 21!

**October Lectures** - Be sure the October lectures are on your calendar! On Thursday the eighth, Frank Smoot will tell you all about penalty doubles. On the 22nd, Jim Leuker discusses defender play, including when to split or cover honors, when to play second hand low and more.

**Oops** - No worry! You forgot to pick up the printed *Kibitzer*! It's no problem, because you signed up to receive the *Kibitzer* in color by email. To get your electronic copy contact [kelly.marian@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.marian@gmail.com). Also view the *Kibitzer* on the Unit website, not just the current issue, but all of them in the archives from 2001 to date.

**Gesundheit, Bless You** - Keep the swine flu and standard flu away from the bridge table. The CDC advises people to cover their noses and mouths with a tissue when they cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after you sneeze or cough. An even more important instruction is to stay away if you have flu symptoms to avoid contact with others. The Board also requests that the club directors make timely announcements about the importance of these precautions.

**Smokers** - At the Bridge Center, use the receptacle at the bottom of the ramp for discarded butts. Also to prevent second-hand smoke problems inside the Bridge Center, please smoke at the end of the ramp, not in front of the door. Horrors! Someone found a butt inside the Center!

**Pool**—It's not for swimming but for driving green. The Unit considers this an important activity for players. Visit the Bridge Center bulletin board to sign up for drive or ride sharing. Use one of the forms to the right and place your information in the appropriate geographic location to help form groups for car pooling. The Unit web site has information on forming car pools.

### NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Deborah Kane, Madhu Khanna, Larry Lasher, Dorothy Lodato, Anne Ward, Belinda Gu, James Harris, Samuel Lichtenstein and Chuck Wong.

# Teams Score a Top

Once again this past month players showed that team matches top their list of favorites. On Sunday August 31 at the Unit Night-Time Swiss there were 20 teams, six in the open and 14 in the 99ers. The team of Hansa Narasimhan, Edward Barlow, Geeske Joel and Dave Bernstein was first in the open with David Crosley, Joan Bower, Lynne Louise Johnson and Annette Bialson taking the B strata. In the 99er Swiss, the squad of Gina Norberg, Kathleen Weiman, Sharon Krawetz and Beverly Bernhardt took the cheese.

On Sunday, September 20 the two-session Compact Knockout/Swiss combo was the feature team match at the Unit game. The Unit owes the scheduling of this to the persistence of Alan Cummings with the ACBL tournament gurus. The ACBL noted that as far as it knows, the Palo Alto Unit is the only unit to have held such an event.

Players participated in a 31 team knockout with three brackets in the morning. After lunch those who did not survive the KO took part in an afternoon Swiss, while the KO winners continued play. The bracket winners were: #1Tahir Gokcen, Sherie Greenberg, Don-

ald Rothschild, Gary Macgregor; #2 Belinda Gu, Michael Bodel, Derek Fiero, Teddi Fiero; #3 Beverly Bernhardt, Kathleen Weiman, Sharon Krawetz, Gina Norberg.

The consolation prizes went to: #1 Prudence Saunders, Cris Barrere, Bill McIntosh, Jean Barry; #2 Lisa Evans, Jack Fulcher, Daniel Raider, Rajan Jeyakumar; #3 Reginald and Alice Rice, Virginia Solveson, Richard Recht. In the Swiss the team of Ginger Herrick, Mary Ann Larkin, Christian Lazarovici and Miwako Wong was first in strata A/B with Gina Norberg, Kathleen Weiman, Sharon Krawetz and Beverly Bernhardt leading the way in C.

These special events require a large team of volunteers to whom everyone expresses appreciation. First of all, Will Watson managed the set-up of the KO match including round robin matches in a yeoman and competent manner. Unit Game chairs, Eric Mayefsky and Phyllis Gaffney organized the refreshments available to the players at the start of the event and at the lunch break. Carolyn Lemm and Hansa Narasimhan volunteered to donate food. Additionally, Claire Coleman, Josephine Ventura and Jeanette McNeil helped in the preparation.

### Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, October 6 at 3:45 p.m.  
Bridge Center



*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
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.	Will Watson	
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, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m., Slam Bidding, Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, October 3 at Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa
- Unit Swiss, Open and 99er, Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit lecture, Thursday, October 8 at 10 a.m., Penalty Doubles by Frank Smoot, Bridge Center
- Sectional, Thursday, October 8 at Plaza Hotel, Carson City, NV
- Sectional, Saturday, October 10 at Harbor HS, Santa Cruz
- Unit two-session NAP Final, Sunday, October 11 at 1:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m. Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, October 17 at Toulumne Sr. Ctr., Sonora
- Unit Barometer Pairs, Open and Mentor-Mentee, Sun. Oct. 18 at 12:45 p.m. Bridge Center
- Club Appreciation Pairs, Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC
- Unit lecture, Thursday, October 22 at 10 a.m., Defender Play by Jim Leuker, Bridge Center
- Sectional, October 23 at Masonic Temple, San Jose
- Club Appreciation Pairs, Wednesday, October 28 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- Club championship, Thursday, October 29 at noon, Thur. Afternoon BC
- Sectional, October 29 at Bridge Center, Fresno

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