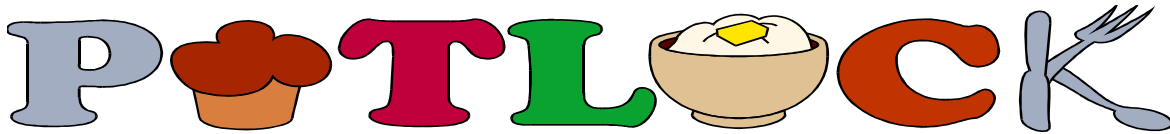




# KIBITZER



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Start off your Thanksgiving week with your bridge friends at the Bridge Center on Sunday, November 21. The festivities begin at noon with a potluck with the Unit providing the turkey and trimmings through the efforts of our caterers, Rick and Lynn Guisti. The Unit invites the players to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to complete the delicious menu.

The fun continues with a Unit stratified open and 199er pairs game set for 1 p.m. Players, please list your name on the sign-up sheet at the Center or on the Unit website. Participants may also contact the Bridge Center at (650) 940-1824 or Phyllis Gaffney at (408) 730-0654, 2oma-opa-gaffney@comcast.net

Susana Krulevitch will announce Unit election results and introduce the 2011 Board members.

**Unit Presents  
Thanksgiving  
Potluck, Bridge and  
Election Report**

Don't let the California election hoopla distract you from voting in the Unit election. The Unit asks its members to choose Board of Director candidates for two-year terms. The election committee has chosen nominees: Valerie Baldwin, Keith Burnett, David Crosley, Beverly Nuding and Allen Wolman. Voters may choose to write in other nominees. The winners will form the 2010 Board with the current members: Mike Atherton, Steve Barasch, Sue Griswold, Lu Isaacs, Terry Lancaster and John Mattis.

The *Kibitzer* has printed photos, candidate information and statements on pages 4 and 5 with a ballot and voting instructions. Beginning November 1, ballots, envelopes and boxes will be at every game site to make voting easy for Unit members. Follow the directions on the ballot to vote by mail or email. The Unit must receive all ballots by Monday, November 15. The election chair, Susana Krulevitch, will announce the election results at the unit Pot Luck on Sunday, November 21.

**Vote in the  
Unit Election**

## **Palo Alto Meets the Challenge**

Part two of the Peninsula Challenge between the Palo Alto and the San Mateo Units took place on September 25 at the Bridge Center with 11 teams representing each Unit. The top teams for Palo Alto were: A: Hansa Narasimhan - Edward Barlow - Patricia Chambers - Robin Chambers, B: Rajeeva Sharma - Lee David Haze - Marjorie Akselrad - Aruna Desu, C: Polly Siegel - Dinah McNutt - Chris Chung - Daniel Harting. Palo Alto scored 401 victory points and San Mateo 363; the April totals were 265 and 282, respectively. The Palo Alto Unit with a final total of 666 won over San Mateo with 645. Thanks go to Eric Mayefsky and all the players who participated both in April and September.

## **Unit NAP Qualifies Players for District Final**

As a result of the two-session NAP final held Sunday, October 3, Fung Bao, Franklin Gonzalez, Sherie Greenberg, Henryk Szejnwald, Isha Thapa and Mukund Thapa qualified for the district final scheduled for January 2011. First place among the 18 pairs went to: Cheryl Mandala and Yul Inn in A, Art Quey and Norman Marks in B and Isha Thapa and Mukund Thapa in C.

## **September 19 Unit Event Winners**

The results of the Unit Pairs Game held on Sunday, September 19 show that the Gabriella Bowling-Miwako Wong partnership prevailed in the 16-table event in the A1B1 strata. Polly Siegel and her partner Chris Chung were first in C.

The October 4 Monday Nite 199er Swiss with 10 teams participating saw Polly Siegel and Chris Chung again on the winning side in A with their teammates Randy Ryals, Marla Kravatz. The top team in B was Marc Cohen, Dee Ann Hansen, Dick Yaeger, Bob Foo.

## **October 10 Mentor/Mentee Game Results**

October 10's Sunday Unit game featured a flighted event, which included a 10-table Mentor/Mentee match and an 8-table Open section. In the Mentor/Mentee match, the partnership included a player with higher masterpoint totals paired with a player with a lesser amount. The leaders in the Mentor/Mentee contest were Isha Thapa-Mukund Thapa, Ida Lee-Roger Jackman and Joyce Sogg- Kim Shetter. The partnerships of Jody and Richard Williams and Bonnie Janzen-Barbara Luttrell were first in strata A and B respectively, in the open section.

The Unit expresses its appreciation to the directors and coordinators of these events: Claire Coleman, Sue Johnston, Phyllis Gaffney and Eric Mayefsky. Special thanks go to the Mentor/Mentee chairs: Kathie Shaw and Merle Orelove for their efforts in encouraging the learning of bridge skills by duplicate's newer players.

**Friday Morning** - The Friday Morning BC and Easy Bridge will hold games on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 26, but there will be NO LUNCH. The deli is also closed, so players will have to bring their own lunch.

**BIG games** - Kip Kado and Barbara Shukov did it with a 73.4% score at the Santa Clara Regional Saturday Afternoon 99er pairs. On September 16, Ginger Herrick and Missy Verson did it with 70.51%. Congratulations to all!

**Achievement** - Players looking for acknowledgement should check the monthly Player Advancements sent by the ACBL and published in the *Kibitzer*.

**Awards** -The current standings as of September 1 for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Awards are on the Bridge Center Bulletin Board.

**Lost** - but not found. The editors apologize to the players at Walter's games for their missing October *Kibitzer*. We hope they managed to get the news from the web site or at other game locations.

**Bridge Center Rehab** - No news is no news! It was necessary to postpone the meeting planned for discussing the details of the agreed rehab because the VIP's had a conflict. Hopefully, more info will be available in November.

**Screen** - The Bridge Center now has an overhead projection screen for use with the lecture series and bridge classes.

**Lectures** -Upcoming lectures include Counting Your Tricks by Jim Leuker on Tuesday, October 26 and Principles of Declarer Play on Tuesday, November 9 by Hamish Bennett, both at the Bridge Center at 10 a.m. Because of the holidays, there will only be one November lecture.

**Library Corner** -Besides the Barbara Seagram books mentioned in last month's *Kibitzer*, your lending library has also purchased the following smaller books by Seagram each of which is part of the *Practice Your Bidding Series*: Four-Suit Transfers, Jacoby 2NT, Jacoby Transfers, Roman Keycard Blackwood, Splinter Bids, and Stayman Auctions. We hope you will find them useful

**Membership** -Thanks to the efforts of Unit members, including the membership chair, the lecture series chair, the Unit club owners, the mentor-mentee chairs, the Unit education program instructors and helpers, the *Kibitzer* editors and many others, the current October 1 roster, sent by the ACBL, shows that the Palo Alto Unit tops off with 901 members. This ties a record for membership totals in 1983 and 1985.

## Bridge Bits



### NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Ruth Foster, Roger Jackman, Anil Khatri, Renee Koury, Jerold Lipson, Marilyn Lipson, Andy Ludwick, Beth Lyon, Mary Maclellan, Todd Makler, Howard Neff, Kellie Saul, Alev Bueyuekkoekten, Mary Driscoll and Robert Horowitz.

# Meet Your Candidates For Our Unit's Board of Directors and Vote!

Thank you, Roy Robinson for these great photos.



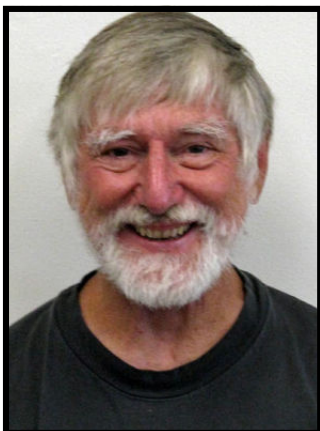
Valerie Baldwin

Valerie is a Bay Area native who learned bridge from her grandparents, life-long duplicate players. She has a master's degree in Molecular Biology and an MBA and she lives in Portola Valley with her husband and adult son. For 26 years she has been an active volunteer serving on Boards of Directors of two Palo Alto non-profits. Four years ago she took up bridge again utilizing the Unit's rich learning opportunities for beginners and intermediates. Now Valerie would like to give something back. She is co-librarian of the Bridge Center's extensive loan library of bridge books and would like to participate further as a member of the Unit's Board.

Keith came to San Francisco in the 60's, after graduating from college and marrying Carol. He played a bit of bridge in college but became interested in duplicate only after taking some lessons in Marin. Keith's family and his printing business were his primary interests until 2000; now his family has grown and his business has been sold. So, with time to return to bridge, he finds that he's hooked. "I love playing bridge and look forward to playing for many years to come". Keith's goal for the Unit is for it to continue to be a strong organization in every way and to meet the needs of its members.



Keith Burnett



David Crosley

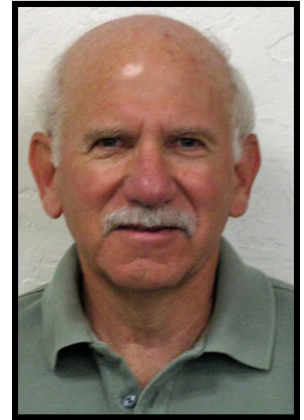
David is an Iowan, attended Iowa State University and continued at Columbia for grad school. In the 70's he worked his way west to Palo Alto and SRI International where he was a research physicist. Now nearly totally retired, he has time for hiking, traveling, reading, and relearning bridge after the long hiatus since university. David says he is having great fun playing and learning the game and hopes to help make the Unit and the games as enjoyable for others as they are for him.



Beverly Nuding

Beverly moved to California from the Midwest as a young woman. She has several non-bridge interests such as helping her husband build a plane then flying across the U.S. in it, and scuba diving, often looking for abalone. As a dental hygienist she observed that bridge playing patients seemed to remain sharp in their minds longer and that they had a greater enthusiasm for life. Beverly says she has been blessed to find wonderful partners who share her appreciation of bridge, and she wishes to give back to the game that has given her so many hours of pleasure.

Allen grew up in Maryland, where he attended college and played a little bridge. He relocated to Chicago for two advanced degrees, but then the cold in Chicago convinced him and his wife that the Bay Area was beckoning. After a career in marketing with various high tech healthcare companies, Allen resumed playing bridge and learned duplicate. He has been a committee co-chair and chair for the Firecracker for two years and says he is most interested in trying to make the club a friendlier place for newcomers.



Allen Wolman

## Official Ballot - 2010 Election - Unit 503

Select no more than five (5) candidates.

Valerie Baldwin \_\_\_ Keith Burnett \_\_\_ David Crosley \_\_\_ Beverly Nuding \_\_\_ Allen Wolman \_\_\_

Write Ins \_\_\_\_\_

Only a ballot received in a sealed envelope with a legible signature on the outside is valid.

Deposit ballot in box at your local club or mail it to

**Susana Krulevitch 440 Harrington Ct Los Altos CA 94024**

or vote by sending a list of names by email to [susana440@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susana440@sbcglobal.net)

All ballots must be received by Monday, November 15.



**Rothschild  
Maintains Lead in  
Trophy Race**

With four events left in 2010, Don Rothschild still leads in the Winners' Trophy race for the most points earned in the Unit games. Among the Non-Life Masters, Polly Siegel is far ahead of Omer Barnir. Here are the leaders with the point totals: Don Rothschild-17.08, Tahir Gokcen-14.73, Sherie Greenberg-12.4, Polly Siegel -12.23, Jim O'Neil -9.57, Franklin Gonzalez-8.92, Henryk Szejnwald-8.54, Carol Brigham- 8.24, Betsy Steele -7.88 and Omer Barnir - 7.17.

**Sympathy**  
The Unit Board and members extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mary Ann Larkin, a long time Unit loyalist. See tribute on next page. The Unit also extends condolences to the family and friends of Jenny Solveson, who also passed away recently.



Do you ever forget to pick up a *Kibitzer*? Is some of the news old by the time you get to it? You can receive a color edition of the *Kibitzer* as soon as it is available, via your computer. Send your e-mail address to Kelly.marian@gmail.com and we'll add you to our list.

- Newcomer Games**
- Monday morning (>50 & >200)
  - Tuesday evening (Begin./Intermed.)
  - Wednesday afternoon (<50)
  - Wednesday evening (<200)
  - Friday morning (<30)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, November 2, at 3:45 p.m.  
Bridge Center

**Palo Alto Unit 503 Board**  
Michael Atherton, President  
Sue Griswold, Treasurer  
Terry Lancaster, Secretary  
Steve Barasch, Phyllis Gaffney,  
Lu Isaacs, John Mattis, Grant Spaeth,  
Betsy Steele, Dave Wheeler.

**Player Advancements**

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

Junior Master	5 MP	Audrey Brodie, Barbara Hansen
Club Master	20 MP	Bev Benson, Lynda Connolly,
Sectional Master	50 MP	Roger Griffith, Anthony Ramsden, Donna Raynor, Barbara Shukov, Dan Thatte
Regional Master	100 MP	B Bernhardt, Minnette Diamond, Dana Martin-Newman, Malcolm McLaughlin, Isha Thapa, Mukund Thapa
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Ralph Haines

Mary Ann Larkin was my dear friend. Now that we've lost her, I'd like to tell you why she was so wonderful. If I were to describe her with just one word, that word would be "Lady", using the traditional meaning of the word. She loved decorating her house sometimes with tapestries she had made herself, decorating the Bridge Center especially at Christmas, shopping (I won't tell you how many jackets she had or how she loved chocolate and always kept chocolate or candy in her purse).

Mary Ann was a helper. She helped her husband Jerry run Jerry's Liquors and Deli in Los Altos for many years. She helped with anything that needed doing at the Bridge Center, including scrubbing tables and chairs and cabinets, arriving early and staying late to help with setup and cleanup. Her son made the tray that the coffee pot sits in. She had new flooring put into the Center kitchen, paying for it herself.

Probably shopping (jewelry, antique glassware, chocolate) was her favorite pastime, but bridge came a close second. She played five or more days/week. She and I played together frequently and attended tournaments, which with her were always great fun. She often told a story about being totally embarrassed when a neighbor came over as she was leaving for bridge one day and asked her where she worked. Mary Ann said, "I had to tell her I didn't work I was going to play bridge." And the neighbor said, "Every day??" Of course if you are not a bridge player, you would never understand, right

Mary Ann and Jerry have three children, two girls and a boy and eight grandchildren, two boys and six girls, all of whom were a great joy to Mary Ann. She was expecting her first great grandchild any day.

Goodbye to you, dear friend. We all miss your good humor, your terrific attitude, your friendship and your bridge skills.

**A Tribute to  
Mary Ann Larkin  
By Claire Coleman**

To rent the Bridge Center, check  
with the Bridge Center Manager,  
John Mattis, (408) 739-7812,  
jismattis@yahoo.com

**Just For Fun bridge - Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm to 10:pm - Bridge Center**

- \* A non-competitive "just for fun" game (no master points given) intended to help improve bridge play.
- \* Format is informal and includes play of the hand followed by a short discussion of the bidding and play.
- \* Pre-dealt hands with hand records are kindly provided by Will Watson from his Tuesday afternoon game.
- \* Each table plays throughout (no movement) and sets the game speed and discussion level on its own.
- \* You can show up as a group of four, with a partner, or by yourself (we set pairs as people show up).
- \* For more information contact Solna at (408) 685-5323 or Omer at (408) 203-5869.

*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.	Coleman/Prior	
	Monday Morning JCC	Open/<50,200	11.00 a.m.	John Schwartz	Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, P.A.
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	<200 M.P.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	
THUR	Thursday Morning JCC	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	John Schwartz	Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, PA
	Thur. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	12:00 p.m.	John & Linda Mattis	
FRI	The EZ Game	<30 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Marolyn Imaoka Yancey	
	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

- Club Appreciation Pairs, Sunday, Oct. 17 at 1 p.m., Sunday Afternoon BC
- Club Appreciation Pairs, Monday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m., Monday Morning JCC
- Club Appreciation Pairs, Wednesday, October 20 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- Club Appreciation Pairs, Wednesday, October 20 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC, sign up please
- Membership game, Thursday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m., Thursday Morning JCC
- Sectional, Friday, October 22 at San Jose, Masonic Temple
- Lecture, Counting Your Tricks, by Jim Leuker, Tuesday, October 26 at 10 a.m., Bridge Center
- Club Appreciation Swiss Teams, Tuesday, Oct. 26 at Noon, Alpine BC
- Sectional, Thursday, Oct. 28 at Fresno, Bridge Center
- Club championship, Monday, Nov.1 at 11a.m., Monday Morning JCC
- 199er Unit Swiss Teams, Monday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Club championship, Thursday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m., Thursday Morning JCC
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m., Hamish Bennett, Bridge Center
- Club championship, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Doubleton BC, sign up please
- Sectional, Saturday, Nov. 13, at San Ramon, Pine Valley Middle School
- Membership game, Monday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. Monday Morning JCC
- Club championship, Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- Sectional, Friday, Nov.19 at Holy Redeemer Ctr, Oakland
- Unit Pot Luck, Sunday, Nov. 21 at Noon, Bridge Center
- Unit Pairs, Open and 199er Flights, Sunday Nov. 21 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center

### Club Closings

- Friday, October 22: Friday Night Barometer
- Wednesday Nov. 24: Doubleton BC
- Thursday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving: Thurs. Morning JCC BC, Thurs. Afternoon BC

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