



# KIBITZER



Newsletter of Palo Alto Unit 503 of the American Contract Bridge League Vol. XLIX, Issue 3, March, 2011

The leprechauns are bringing good luck to the players who come to the Bridge Center on Sunday, March 13 at 1 p.m. for the Unit Swiss team event. Make sure you are there to enjoy the game where all your finesses work and your team scores lots of victory points. The game will have open and 199er sections. The Unit wants to make sure that it plans for adequate food, so please sign up your team on the Unit web site or on the Bridge Center bulletin board. Make a date to line up your teammates. The Unit invites players to arrive early, then the director can deal with the sign-ups so the game can start on time. For further information contact Keith at (408) 867-5279 or keithsr@gmail.com. Bring your shamrocks and good luck charms and especially your smile!

The 199ers will start off the month at the Monday Night Swiss Teams at the Bridge Center on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. To play in this event a team must have an average of fewer than 200 masterpoints. There is an optional sign-up on the Unit web site.

At the Unit Swiss on January 23, 14 teams showed that skiing takes second place to bridge. The winning team included Margery Yates-Betsy Steele-Bonnie Janzen-Barbara Luttrell. In the 199er pairs, Wendy Benveniste and Lynda Connolly won over five other pairs. Frances Green, Hedvig Fejerne, Devesh Goyal and Kate Horricks led the way in strata A, B, C in the 10-team 199er Swiss field on Monday, February 7.

On February 13, the players again showed their love for bridge at the Unit Valentine Pairs in an 18-table game. Here are the partnerships wearing the winning smiles: A Erin Gove-Malcolm McLaughlin, B Jan and Brian Samuels, C Isha and Mukund Thapa.

The Unit owes all these wonderful successful events to the many volunteers: the directors, Will Watson, Claire Coleman and Sue Johnston and the Unit game chair, Keith Burnett. Also, we appreciate all those who helped with clean-up.

## Swiss Teams Again!

Expect Green Cheese  
at the  
Sunday, March 13  
Unit Game.

And Swiss for the  
199ers on Monday,  
March 7.

Plus some recent Unit  
Game results.

The by-laws specify that the Unit must hold an annual Membership Meeting. The 2011 meeting will be at the Bridge Center on Sunday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m., prior to the Unit game. This meeting gives Unit members the option for direct participation in the Unit's decision and policy making. Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda must notify the Unit secretary, Sue Barkley, in advance by telephone at (650) 328-2238 or email [ssbarkley@yahoo.com](mailto:ssbarkley@yahoo.com). Please follow up any phone calls with a written note.

Membership  
Meeting Set for  
March 13

Find the *Kibitzer* on the Unit's website, [www.paloaltobridge.com](http://www.paloaltobridge.com)

## Grand Slam Club Opens Tuesday Night March 1

Hello, my name is Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey. I joined the Palo Alto Bridge Unit 503 because of the enthusiasm of the people working to create an environment where bridge can actually grow and thrive. Since I am no longer gainfully employed, I have been teaching and running duplicate games at the Los Altos Country Club, as well as directing the EZ Game on Friday mornings at the Bridge Center and I have been loving the opportunity to help people learn to play bridge. With this in mind, beginning on March 1, I am starting the Grand Slam Club, a Tuesday night game at 7 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Attendance will dictate the type of game, but hopefully there will be enough interest for me to run an open/stratified pairs game and then possibly a separate 199er game as well. Ideally I would love to have a less than 50 game as well, but that will depend on the support from that group of players. I hope all of you will come and join me. If you have any questions, please contact me at 408-828-9222 or marolyni@gmail.com.

## Bridge for Beginners Begins March 3

The Thursday Afternoon BC invites players with fewer than 50 masterpoints to a new duplicate game at the Palo Alto Bridge Center at noon, starting March 3. The game, which costs \$8 per person, will consist of 16-20 boards. There will be a light lunch and hand records. Questions? John or Linda Mattis, (408) 739-7812, [john.mattis@gmail.com](mailto:john.mattis@gmail.com) or [linda.mattis@gmail.com](mailto:linda.mattis@gmail.com).



Last month we told you about the recipients of the 2010 Winners' Trophies. Roy Robinson has kindly provided photos of them both, Polly Siegel at the left with Sue Griswold, and Don Rothchild at the right. Congratulations to you both!



## 2011 First-Half Unit Game Schedule

Mon. Mar. 7, 6:30 p.m.	199er Swiss Teams
Sun. Mar. 13, 1 p.m.	Swiss Teams, Open and 199er
Mon. Apr. 4, 6:30 p.m.	Swiss Teams charity game
Sun. Apr. 17, 1 p.m.	Charity Pairs, Open and 199er
Mon. May 2, 6:30 p.m.	199er Swiss Teams
Sun. May 15, 1 p.m.	Swiss Teams, Open and 199er
Mon. June 6, 6:30 p.m.	199er Swiss Teams
Sun. June 19, 1 p.m.	Pairs, Open and 199er
Mon. July tbd	199er Swiss Teams

All games are at the Bridge Center.

## Unit News



**Library** -The library has two books by Julian Laderman: *A Bridge to Simple Squeezes*, which won the Book of the Year award given by the American Bridge Teachers and *A Bridge to Inspired Declarer Play*. Both books were recommended by Unit member Dave Bernstein. If you have some suggestions for books for the Unit library, please contact Fran Bennett or Valerie Baldwin.

**Lectures** - On Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at the Bridge Center come hear Jim Leuker speak on: Bidding Over Opponent's No Trump. On Tuesday, March 22, you'll learn a lot from Sue Johnston's presentation: On Your Mark -Get Set- Stop! Adventures at Trick One. Also at 10 a.m.

**Updated Directory** - By the time you receive the *Kibitzer*, the newest edition of "Directory of Members and Friends" will be available at the Bridge Center and other club locations. Perhaps, to remind players of the newest eco science, the editor, Lori Spaeth has given it a green cover. Directories are free to Unit members; the cost to non-Unit-members is \$2.

**Partner?** - New help for finding partners has been added to our web site. Go to [Paloaltobridge.com](http://Paloaltobridge.com), click Partnership Desk. There you will find options that allow you to specify the ability level of the partner you seek.

**Mentor-Mentee** - March 12 will begin a new Saturday morning mentoring game for learning and playing modern conventions based upon Barbara Seagram's *25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know*. The session starts at 9 a.m. with a lecture followed by eight hands. Mentors will be at each table to help with bidding and play. No masterpoints. March 12: Stayman; March 26: Takeout Doubles. Reservations are required: [unit503mentor@gmail.com](mailto:unit503mentor@gmail.com).

**McKenney** - The Unit had two players with BIG TOTALS in the Mini-McKenney race for 2010. Polly Siegel led over all other ACBL members with 311 in the 50-100 masterpoint strata and Geeske Joel was third in the 1000--2500 strata. Congratulations!

## 2010 Unit Financial Summary

Unit Income		Bridge Center Income		Education Fund Income	
ACBL Membership	\$ 2,195	Rent	\$ 135,250	Grant from Foundation	\$2,500
Donation	500	Vending	2,016	Interest Rec'd.	1
Education	15,907	Miscellaneous	164		
Firecracker	3,190				
Interest	201				
Unit Games	1,447				
Miscellaneous	946				
<b>Total Unit Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,386</b>	<b>Total B.C. Income</b>	<b>\$ 137,430</b>	<b>Total Educ.Fnd Income</b>	<b>\$2,501</b>
Unit Expense		Bridge Center Expense		Education Fund Expns.	
Publications		Flood Damage	\$ 769	Lecture Series	3,828
Kibitzer	\$ 3,619	Building Move	222	Library	288
Membership Directory	1,222	Furnishings & Equipment	154		
Website and Other	156	Janitorial & Maintenance	9,891		
Insurance	850	Rent	83,002		
Taxes	184	Supplies	14,411		
Miscellaneous (Adj.)	(746)	Utilities	2,583		
		Miscellaneous	(163)		
<b>Total Unit Expense</b>	<b>\$ 5,285</b>	<b>Total B.C.Expense</b>	<b>\$110,869</b>	<b>Total Educ. Fund Exp.</b>	<b>\$4,116</b>
<b>Unit Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 19,101</b>	<b>Bridge Ctr. Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 26,561</b>	<b>Ed. Fund Net Inc (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$1,615</b>

### Newcomer Games

Monday morning (<50 & <200)  
 Tuesday evening (Begin./Intermed.)  
 Wednesday afternoon (<50)  
 Wednesday evening (<200)  
 Thursday afternoon (<50)  
 Friday morning (<30)

### NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members:

Judy Anderson, Andrea Batista, Justin Chueh, Woon Lee, Janice Pierce, Evan Porteus, Esme Scanlin, Leslie Altick, Charlotte Carlson, Eugene Hung, Lori Livingston and Mary Savoie.

### Player Advancements

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

Junior Master	5 MP	Roger Jackman, Nancy Sabbag
Club Master	20 MP	Kent Peterson
Regional Master	100 MP	Barbara Shukov, Shirley Streifer
NABC Master	200 MP	Judy Vadasz
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Joseph Chin, Gabrielle Uz
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Samuel Leong
Diamond Life Master	5000 MP	Patricia Chambers
Emerald Life Master	7500 MP	Jim O'Neil

<b>ACE OF CLUBS</b>	<b>MP</b>	<b>MINI-MCKENNEY</b>	
Larry Lasher	63	0-5	Larry Lasher 94
Helen LaRash	20		Helen LaRash 23
Ron Chestnut	14		Lynda Connolly 19
		5-20	
Barbara Shukov	44		Barbara Shukov 91
Marc Cohen	42		Marc Cohen 77
Wendy Benveniste	31		Wendy Benveniste 71
		20-50	
Rick Flucke	65		Mukund Thapa 135
Michele Musy	58		Isha Thapa 135
Ellie Bernhardt	27		Michele Musy 113
		50-100	
Polly Siegel	78		Polly Siegel 331
Merry Stephenson	44		Carol Kemper 126
Carol Kemper	40		Eileen Zefting 91
		100-200	
Vinita Gupta	67		Chris Chung 157
David Crosley	55		Daniel Harting 147
James Harris	43		Margaret Becker 104
		200-300	
Brenda Metz	53		Han-Yu Chang 123
Valerie Baldwin	46		Brenda Metz 118
Vera Howard	43		Valerie Baldwin 113
		300-500	
Metin Gokcen	63		Eusebio Menezes 159
Lee David Haze	59		Josephine Ventura 133
George Paris	58		George Paris 113
		500-1K	
David Kane	148		Henryk Szejnwald 211
Henryk Szejnwald	104		David Kane 206
Stan Charney	82		Belinda Gu 191
		1-2.5K	
Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey	138		Geeske Joel 843
Martie Moore	135		Fung Bao 347
David Wheeler	135		Franklin Gonzalez 258
		2.5-5K	
Patricia Chambers	172		Mary Ann Berg 460
Trina Bowman	131		Barbara Sonsini 437
Kit Humphrey	125		Lori Spaeth 295
		5-7.5K	
Hansa Narasimhan	102		Hansa Narasimhan 494
Donald Rothschild	98		Jim O'Neil 343
Margery Yates	95		Donald Rothschild 189
		7.5-10K	
Sherie Greenberg	59		Gary Macgregor 334
Gary Macgregor	44		Sherie Greenberg 162
		>10K	
Malcolm McLaughlin	168		Malcolm McLaughlin 274
			G Venkatesh 63

## UNIT WINNERS IN 2010 ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI - MCKENNEY RACES

The ACBL gives the Ace of Clubs awards to the players who earn the most points in club games and the Mini-McKenney awards for total points including sectional and higher ranked tournaments. Congratulations to those who finished in the top three for 2010

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, at 3:45 p.m.  
Bridge Center

### Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

Sue Griswold, President  
Mike Atherton, Vice-President  
Beverly Nuding, Treasurer  
Sue Barkley, Secretary  
Steve Barasch, Valerie Baldwin,  
Keith Burnett, David Crosley, Lu Isaacs,  
John Mattis, Allen Wolman



*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/Strat.	11.00 a.m.	John Schwartz	Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, P.A.
	Monday Morning JCC	<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
	Grand Slam Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Marolyn Imaoka Yancey	
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
	Thurs. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	12:00 p.m.	John & Linda Mattis	
	Thurs. Afternoon BC	<50 M.P.	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

- Sectional, Saturday, February 26 at Muni Services Bldg., So. San Francisco
- Sectional, Saturday, March 5 at Community Ctr., El Cerrito
- 199er Unit Swiss teams, Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bridge Center
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. Bridge Center
- Stayman lecture and Mentee game, Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- Membership meeting, Sunday, March 13 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit Swiss teams, Open and 199er, Sunday, March 13 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- Membership Game, Wednesday, March 16 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- Club Champ., Thursday, March 17 at noon, Thurs. Afternoon BC
- 299er Sectional, Saturday, March 19 at Harbor High School, Santa Cruz
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, March 22 at 10 a.m., Bridge Center,
- Takeout-Double lecture and Mentee game, Saturday, Mar. 26 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, March 26 at Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa
- Firecracker...New Dates....**Wednesday, July 13-Sunday, July 17.**

### Club Contacts

Gabriella Bowling (650) 941-8398  
 Claire Coleman (650) 368-5917  
 Sherie Greenberg (650) 856-7941  
 Sue Johnston (510) 505-0275  
 John/Linda Mattis (408) 739-7812  
 Walter Miller (510) 839-5929  
 John Prior (408) 745-0380  
 John Schwartz (650) 324-2424  
 Lori Spaeth (650) 906-3987  
 Will Watson (650) 804-1731  
 Marolyn Yancey (408) 532-6437

Unit Contact: Claire Coleman  
 (650) 368-5917 or e-mail  
[unit503@palooatobridge.com](mailto:unit503@palooatobridge.com)

**Unit 503 Web Address:**  
[www.palooatobridge.com](http://www.palooatobridge.com)

**Bridge Center Phone: (650) 940-1824**

District 21 Hotline: (888) 292-4612  
 Dist. 21 Website: [www.d21acbl.com](http://www.d21acbl.com)

### Kibitzer Editorial Staff

Elinor Tanck (408) 738-2511  
 e-mail: [tancke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tancke@sbcglobal.net)  
 Marian Kelly (650) 854-1896  
 e-mail: [Kelly.marian@gmail.com](mailto:Kelly.marian@gmail.com)