



TWO CHEESY SWISS TEAM GAMES IN MAY

Listen up, all you Swiss Team lovers! The game on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. is for teams with a master point average of fewer than 200. And yes, it's a STAC game with silver points offered. Sign up on the Unit web site.

There's more Swiss cheese for the players at the Unit Swiss teams game on Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. Get together your favorite players and form a team for an event where almost every-

one is a winner. There will be *no* separate 199er flight. Sign-up on the Bridge Center bulletin board or enroll on the Unit web site.

Both of these events are at the Bridge Center with lots of good eats, lots of fun, lots of master-points, lots of good cards, and best of all, a great group of friendly players. To sign up, enroll on the Unit web site.

HEADS UP: THE FIRECRACKER IS SMOLDERING....

Start making your plans to help make our annual Firecracker Sectional Tournament another huge success. **Remember there are new dates this year: Wednesday, July 13 to Sunday, July 17.** The Firecracker is at the same venue as last year, the Santa Clara Convention Center, adjacent to the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara Hotel. The hotel is offering a special bridge rate of \$99 per night. Enjoy the convenience of free parking in the multi-level attached garage with elevator access to the Convention Center.

The Unit is fortunate to have many new players who have taken an avid interest in learning how to play duplicate bridge. To generate excitement for their participation in the Firecracker, it will feature **49er pair games** specifically for them. As always, there will be Open Pairs and Swiss Team games including 199er pair games every day and several Compact KO games that begin and end on the same day. Wednesday and Thursday will have afternoon and evening games and on Friday, (cont. p.5)

GREAT PROGRESS MADE ON A NEW LOCATION FOR YOUR BRIDGE CENTER!

READ ALL ABOUT IT ON P. 5

Find the *Kibitzer* on the Unit's website, www.paloaltobridge.com

STACK 'EM UP

The Spring Fling STAC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) is coming Monday, May 3 through Sunday, May 10 at the clubs throughout the Unit. This is a sectional tournament played simultaneously in local clubs throughout the Western Conference. Polish up your partnership to get your share of shining silver points and masterpoint awards while playing in your

favorite game. Come out to this masterpoint gem to win sectionally rated points at all the clubs listed in the directory except Easy Bridge. The competition is terrific, the masterpoint awards are high and a treasure of silver points awaits the winners.

199ER RESULTS—APRIL 4

The Swiss came, the players saw and the top teams conquered in a 13 team field at the Unit 199er game on Monday evening, April 4. The victors in A were:

Gina Norberg, Rochelle Gutmann, Kathleen Weiman, and Sharon Krawetz; the champs in B were Andrew Dentai, Kate Horricks, Devesh Goyal and Hedvig Fejerne; the winners in C were Barbara Hansen, Robert Lee, Helen La Rash and Wendy Benveniste.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

The March report from the ACBL shows that the following players have moved up.

Congratulations to all!

Junior Master	5 MP	Buz Battle, Sue Bockmann, Paul Li, Carl Wolf
Club Master	20 MP	L Charlene Amherd, Lothar Klatt, Sandra Neuwelt-Truntze, Kathleen Roeder, James Sevey
Sectional Master	50 MP	Marcella Atherton, Kim Shetter
Regional Master	100 MP	C Engelhard, Dee Peterson
NABC Master	200 MP	Elizabeth Cowell, Diana Lowe, Alice Wallace
Life Master	300 MP	Brenda Metz
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Metin Gokcen, Eusebio Menezes, Josephine Ventura
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Randee Palmer

UNIT NEWS

Library - CALLING ALL BOOKS!

The Unit library has over 500 books with a list of titles and authors posted on the side of the bookcase and on the Unit website. But alas, the assets are shrinking and expansion cannot keep pace with the loss of books. Too many books are walking away. Please check your belongings and home book shelves for Unit library holdings and return them.

Ace-Mini - The Unit has posted the 2008 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenny race standings as of March 31 on the Bridge Center bulletin board.

Big Score - Michele Musy and Devesh Goyal had a 70.49% game on March 23.

New Lecture Series Chair - The popular bi-weekly Unit lecture program needs a new chair. There is no problem with the current seats but rather we need someone to coordinate and schedule the speakers and topics. Our reliable Alan Cummings is signing

off once the June series ends. Please contact Sue Griswold to volunteer and for further information.

May Lectures will be held at 10 a.m. on May 3 and May 17. Check the back page of this Kibitzer or the web site for topic and lecturer.

Mentor-Mentee In May, the mentees at the bi-weekly Saturday morning lessons will look forward to learning about reverses on Saturday, May 14 and will get acquainted with Mr. Blackwood and Mr. Gerber on May 28. See photos below.

A warm welcome to
NEW
PALO ALTO UNIT 503
MEMBERS

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

Joelle Burnell, Hilary Charlton, Anne Dauer, Anup Joshi, Sherron Kalbach, Mimi Menard, Amy Moskovitz, Ram Moskovitz, Vicki Warden, Donald Way, Gretchen Wyatt, Cynthia Yock, Barbara Burwick, Doris De Lay, Gerry Gassman, Cathy Johnson, Agnes Lee, Shamik Mehta, Maureen Roskoph, Paul Roskoph, Carolyn Taylor, Don-Min Tsou, Min Wells and Jimmy Woo.



Thanks to Roy Robinson for these photos of one recent mentor/mentee Saturday morning class.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. Lead a low card from dummy toward the Q.
 2. Cash the A and lead toward the Q 10. If no honor appears, guess whether to play Q or 10.
 3. Lead the 9 and finesse if W plays a low card. If E wins the J, return to hand and lead 10 and finesse through W for the K; a "double finesse."
 4. Lead low from dummy toward the Q. If W wins the K, lead from your hand and finesse the 10. You will win 2 tricks unless W has the K and E has the J.
 5. Lead low to the Q. If the finesse succeeds, cash the A and hope W has a doubleton K.
 6. Lead low to the 10. If the finesse wins, lead low to the Q. This line is better than leading the J. It gains a trick if W has a singleton or doubleton K.
 7. Lead low toward the Q J. If the Q wins, return to dummy and lead toward the J. You win 3 tricks if the suit divides 3-3, or if E has the K.
 8. Lead low toward the J. If E wins the trick, cash the A when you regain the lead. Three tricks are won only if W holds K Q x.; you will win two tricks against any other 3-3 distribution, or if W has a singleton or doubleton K or Q.
 9. Lead low from dummy to the J. If this wins, lead low and duck in dummy (or play the A and then lead low). You will win 3 tricks only when E has the K and at most 3 cards in the suit.
 10. Lead low from dummy to the K. If this wins, lead low and duck in dummy. When you regain the lead, play low from dummy again. You will win a 2nd trick with the Q if E has 3 or fewer cards including the A.
 11. Lead low and finesse the 10-J unless W plays an honor. If E wins the 1st trick, finesse again when you gain the lead. You will win 2 tricks unless E holds both the K and Q.
 12. Lead low from your hand and finesse the 9-10. If E wins the Q or J, finesse again. You will win one trick if W has the Q, J, or both., or if he has just the A and plays it the 1st or 2nd time.
 13. Lead low from your hand and finesse the 9; a "triple finesse". If E wins with the K or Q, lead low from your hand and finesse the J. You will win 2 tricks if W has K 10, Q 10, or K Q 10.
 14. Lead low from your hand and finesse the 9 - 10. If E wins the 1st trick, finesse the 10. You win 3 tricks unless E has both the Q and J.
 15. Cash the K 1st and the lead to dummy intending to finesse the 10 - J if the Q is not played. If you win the trick, repeat the finesse. Four Tricks are won if W has the Q or E has a singleton Q.
 16. Cash the A or K. If both opponents follow with low cards, return to your hand and finesse.
 17. Cash the A or K. If both opponents play low cards, play the K with 9 cards.
 18. Lead from your hand and finesse. If it wins, finesse again.
 19. Lead from your hand; if W follows with a low card, the odds heavily favor taking the finesse.
 20. Cash the A. With 11 cards, the odds slightly favor the K dropping.
 21. Cash the A or Q first to insure 5 tricks, even if the suit splits 4-0.
 22. Cash the A or K 1st, to avoid losing a trick if W has J 10 x x.
 23. Cash A or K: If E plays a low card, cash the K and hope the suit divides 2-2. If E plays an honor or is void, return to your hand and finesse.
 24. To win 5 tricks, finesse the Q and hope W has a doubleton Q. To win 4 tricks, cash the A; if the K doesn't fall, return to hand and lead toward the Q.
 25. To win 6 tricks, cash the A and hope for a singleton K. To insure 5 tricks, lead toward the A-10 and finesse the 10 if E follows with a low card or play the A if E follows with an honor or shows out.
 26. To win 6 tricks, lead low toward your hand intending to finesse the 9-10. The only chance is if E has a doubleton QJ or QJx. To win 5 tricks, cash the A or K. If both E and W play a low card, go to dummy and lead toward your hand, intending to finesse if E follows with a low card.
 27. To win 4 tricks, cash the K and lead toward dummy, intending to finesse the J if W follows suit. To win 3 tricks, cash the A and lead toward K 9 x. If E follows with a low card, finesse the J. If E follows with a low card, finesse the 9. If E plays the 10 or Q win with the K. If E shows out, go up with the K and lead toward the J.
- To win 4 tricks, cash the K and lead to the Jack, hoping W began with Qxx. To win 3 tricks, cash the A and K in that order and lead toward the Jx. This gains a trick when E has a doubleton Q 10.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, May 10
3:45PM

BRIDGE CENTER NEWS

Most of you know that the Unit has investigated moving next door to our current Bridge Center in September. About three weeks ago we discovered another location, the IFES Hall in Mountain View near Shoreline and Central Expressway. After discussions with the Hall owners we determined that not only would this be a good fit for us, but they will give us a long term lease which is not possible next door. As a result of this, we have been focusing our energies in pursuing a lease with them.

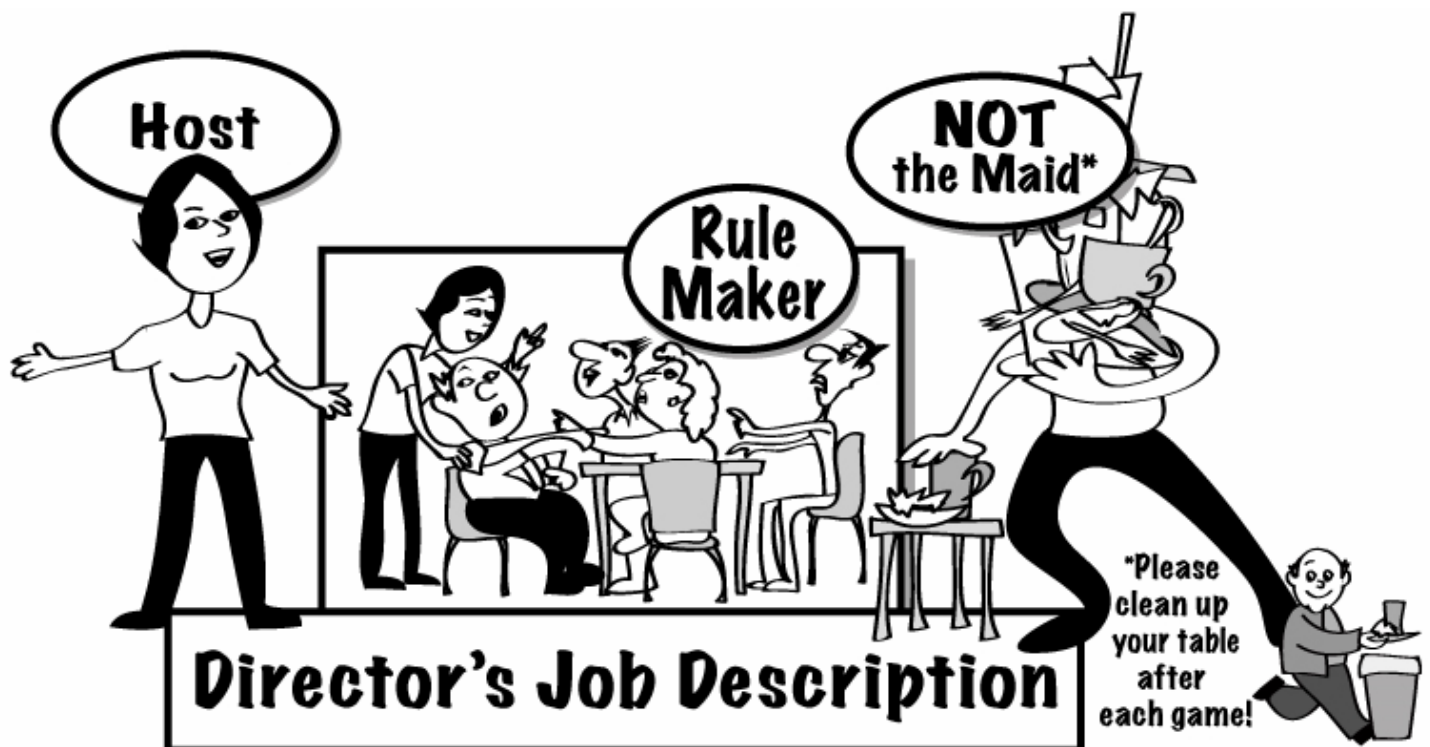
At the last meeting the Board authorized Sue, as President, to execute a lease for a long term rental at the IFES Hall in Mt View., subject to working out a few final details, and subject to approval by the lessor BOD. This would still require approval by the City of Mt View for a Conditional Use Permit, so nothing is absolutely certain. Hopefully, however, the process can be initiated within the next 10 days.

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Saturday and Sunday there will be two games, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The full schedule for the tournament is available on the Unit's web site.

Tournament Chair for his second year is Steve Barasch. The working committee chairs are: Fran Bennett, Partnerships; Allen Wolman,

Setup and Take Down; and Carolyn Lemm, Caddies. Doris Peacock is distributing and mailing flyers to the other units in District 21. Since this is a Unit event, your help is needed; please contact any of the above (contact information in the Unit Directory) to lend your support.



All games take place at 2639A Terminal Blvd., Mountain View 94043 unless otherwise noted.

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE/ OTHER I NFO
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.
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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, (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	
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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

- Unit lecture, Tuesday, April 19 at 10 a.m., Bridge Center
- Charity Game, Wednesday, April 20 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch BC
- Membership Game, Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC
- Sectional, Friday, April 29 at Comm. Ctr., Orangedale
- Lecture and Mentee game, Sat. April 30 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- Great Western Spring Fling STAC, Monday, May 2-Sunday, May 8 – all clubs but Easy Bridge
- 199er Unit Swiss STAC, Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit Lecture, Defensive Ruffing and Overruffing, by Jim Leuker, Tuesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. Bridge Center
- Sectional, Friday, May 13 at Bridge Ctr. Monterey
- Lecture and Mentee game, Sat. May 14 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- Unit Open Swiss Teams, Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit Lecture, Penalty Doubles by Frank Smoot, Tuesday, May 17 at 10 a.m. Bridge Center
- Sectional, Friday, May 20 at Elks lodge, Walnut Creek
- Lecture and Mentee game, Sat. May 28 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- Regional, Monday, May 30 at Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento

Easy Bridge is Closed Friday, May 6

- Firecracker...New Dates....**Wednesday, July 13-Sunday, July 17.**

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