



## FAREWELL TO THE CENTER.....AFTER THE LAST GAME, OCTOBER 13, 2011



### VOTE IN THE UNIT ELECTION

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Don't let the closing of the Bridge Center keep you from voting in the Unit election. The election committee lists the following candidates for six two-year terms for the Board of Directors: Steve Barasch, Sue Barkley, Sue Griswold, Kevin O'Leary, Margot Livenspargar and Henryk Szejnwald. Voters may also choose to write in nominees. The winners will form the 2011 Board with the current members: Valerie Baldwin, Keith Burnett, David Crosley, Beverly Nuding and Allen Wolman

Go to pp 4 and 5 for ballot, voting instructions and candidate info. 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 Friday, November 11. Winners will be announced in the December *Kibitzer* and on the web site.

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

## HOW TO FIND OUR NEW BRIDGE CENTER

### From Highway 101:

Take the Shoreline Blvd Exit.  
 Turn onto Shoreline Blvd toward Mountain View.  
 Turn LEFT at the [light](#) onto Stierlin Road.  
 The Bridge Center will be on your right.

### From Northbound Highway 85:

Take the Moffett Blvd exit. Turn LEFT onto Moffett Blvd.  
 Turn RIGHT at the light onto Central Ave.  
 Turn RIGHT at the [stop sign](#) onto Stierlin Road.  
 The Bridge Center will be on your left.

### From Central Expressway:

Turn onto Shoreline Blvd North  
 Turn RIGHT at the light onto Stierlin Road.  
 The Bridge Center will be on your right.



Below please find the tentative schedule for games being played at the new IFES Bridge Center, 432 Stierlin, beginning October 23

Mondays at 11 AM	Open/Strat	Bridge Mix	Coleman/Prior
Tuesdays at noon	Open/Strat	Alpine BC	Watson
Wednesday at 11 AM	Open/Strat	Bridge 'n Brunch	Johnston
Wednesday at 7 PM	Open/Strat 199er/Strat	Doubleton Club	Johnston/Spaeth
Thursdays at noon	Open/Strat	Thursday Aft. BC	Watson
Friday at 9 AM	<30 MP	EZ Game	Imaoka-Yancey
Friday at 10:30 A.M.	Open/Strat	Friday Morn. BC	Coleman

A Friday evening 7:30 Barometer Game will be held at the Bayshore Bridge Club, 1300 Old Bayshore Highway in Burlingame.

A Saturday game at noon will be held by John Prior at the Bayshore Bridge Club in Burlingame.

No game is scheduled on Sunday.

Schedule for games currently being held at the JCC or the Unity Church will not change.

Please keep checking the website, [paloaltobridge.com](http://paloaltobridge.com) for updates.

### NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Pamela Buckley, Choongja Kahng, Yumi Kobayashi, Carol Whitfield, Joanna Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Virginia Frank, Irene Jones, Nancy Kehl, Kathryn Kranen, Jayne Ralston, Charles Riffle and Shelia Sani.

## BRIDGE BITS AND PIECES

**OK to Move In?** — On October 12 the Mountain View Zoning Administrator issued a Temporary Use Permit to the Bridge Center, subject to becoming permanent when the final conditions are formulated. The majority of the conditions are applicable to IFES and concern noise control, parking, security, etc. Our temporary permit takes effect immediately, and we hope we can arrange to start games in the main IFES Hall (which is not the building we lease) until such time as our own building is complete. We will have use of this large facility only when no other event is scheduled. Much still remains to be worked out with respect to the schedule, so there will be some games at the JCC, and possibly the Unity Church. We are hopeful that we can occupy our permanent facility in late November or more probably, sometime in December.

**Information, Please** — Please notify Lori to update phone/email information. She tries to keep up with the additions and changes from the monthly ACBL In-Out reports. However, if you are not a Unit member and want to be in the directory, you need to let her know that too. Contact Lori at (650) 906-3987, spaeth@sbcglobal.net.

**Big Game** — Henryk Szejnwald and Helen Macdonell had 71.24% game on October 13.

**Awards** — The current standings as of September 1 for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Awards are available. Check the Unit web site to discover how to access the information on the ACBL web site.

## LOOKING FOR POTENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Our Unit has annually awarded the sportsmanship trophy for friendship, a pleasant attitude and the practice of active ethics. In 2006 we added a second award, this for service to the Unit. The committee of David Crosley, Margot Livensparger, Phyllis Gaffney and Sue Johnston will select the recipients for 2011.

They welcome suggestions from Unit mem-

bers, who are worthy to receive these two awards. If you wish to submit names, go to the Unit web site, use the boxes at the club game sites or email David at davris@aol.com. Specify which award and list a reason you think the suggested player is worthy of the award. The boxes will be available November 14 for your input. The deadline for proposed candidates is Dec. 1.

## UNIT GAME HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS

Susan Barkley with partner David Wheeler led the way over seven other pairs in the Unit's annual Mentor-Mentee Game on Sunday, September 25. Bev Benson with Stephen Lubeck topped the B strata. In the 10 ½ table open flight there were multiple winners: in A, B Wayne Stuart III - Lynn Yokel; in B, Frank and Bob Frohman; in C, Josephine Ventura - Jennifer Sheppard. The team of Hedvig Fejerne-Devesh Goyal-Kate Horricks-Andrew Dentai emerged the victors in the nine team field at the Octo-

ber 3 199er Swiss event. Particular mention goes to Kathie Shaw who celebrated the Mentor-Mentee event with a special cake and to Will Watson the director and Margo Livensparger the new 199er Swiss director.

Lowlights? Because of the closing of the Bridge Center, the Unit had to cancel the Swiss Teams scheduled for October 16 and November 7 and the Unit pot luck game on November 13.



## MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FOR OUR UNIT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Steve Barasch, at left, is an Easterner with degrees from Clarkson and Rutgers. He first played duplicate more than 30 years ago while working in New Jersey, but then took a long hiatus from the game until recently. Steve retired from Apple, then spent some time as a soccer ref before his knees told him to stop. Now he puts his brain rather than his knees to work. In 2012, he will chair the Firecracker for the third and last time, when he co-chairs it with Allen Wolman.

Sue Barkley, photo at right, began playing bridge at Stanford. Her several careers include flight attendant, a remodeler and manager of tired starter homes and co-owner, with her husband, of a hardware store. For the past seven years she has run an annual charity bridge tournament providing funds for the San Francisco Symphony's Youth Outreach Program. A friend invited her to the Bridge Center four years ago and she has been hooked ever since. Since February, she has participated on the board as Secretary and would like to continue serving this very congenial club.



Sue Griswold, photo left, has an MBA from Stanford and spent her career in finance and corporate development. She retired 5 years ago and has spent the interim as a volunteer teaching English as a Second Language, playing bridge and traveling. Plus, she has already served as Treasurer and now President of our Unit. This year has been both challenging and exciting for her, working on moving the Unit into a new Bridge Center with all the attendant challenges. Sue is particularly interested in the education programs, and has helped with the beginning and intermediate bridge classes and the Just for Fun game, as well as working with new bridge players.

Kevin O'Leary, photo right, has served previously on our Board; we just had to have him back! He's a San Francisco native, brought up on the Peninsula, the father of four, a bridge director who also enjoys traveling, gardening and reading. Kevin became hooked on bridge when he was still working as a foreman on contracting jobs and he and his wife, Nadine, began taking lessons. He loves having fun, often focusing on the social aspects of bridge, especially when he is helping newbies feel comfortable with all the potentially threatening aspects of duplicate play. Sounds like a perfect candidate for our Board.

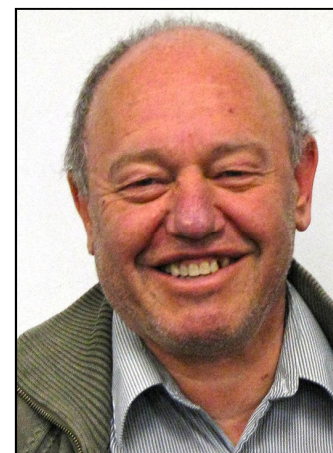


**THANK YOU, ROY ROBINSON FOR THESE GREAT PHOTOS.**



Margot Livenspargar, photo left, has been in the Bay Area just four years, having lived previously just about everywhere with her Dad and then her husband in the service....ask her! She has been a director for 35 years. Margot spent the longest time in Apple Valley, running an irrigation store with her husband and playing and directing bridge. She sold the store a couple years after her husband's death and moved to Sunnyvale. She already shares in directing the Friday morning EZ Game and she has taken over direction of the monthly 199er Monday evening team game. Margot tries to see that everyone has a good time playing bridge. This involves; conduct at the bridge table, a pleasant environment, making less experienced players welcome while making sure the more experienced players have an enjoyable game.

Henryk Szejnwald, photo at right, was born in Poland and came to the US in '69. He holds a master's degree in Electrical Engineering and an MBA which enabled him, in Silicon Valley entrepreneurial fashion, to start his own computer company after working for a while. He is a Silver Life Master and a co-developer of Bridgepad, the scoring device used in our Unit. Henryk would like to help bring a greater use of electronics into the Unit, such as a projector for scores, more electronic search for partners, etc. He learned bridge during high school where he used the strong pass system, in which a pass shows an opening hand and requires partner to open the bidding. Don't worry - this is not his current system!



**Official Ballot - 2011 Election - Unit 503**

Select no more than six (6) candidates.

Steve Barasch \_\_\_\_ Sue Barkley \_\_\_\_ Sue Griswold \_\_\_\_ Kevin O'Leary \_\_\_\_

Margot Livenspargar \_\_\_\_ Henryk Szejnwald \_\_\_\_

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 Friday, November 11.

## ACBL NATIONAL GOODWILL MEMBER OF THE YEAR (WE HOPE)

The Unit is recommending Alan Templeton for the ACBL National Goodwill Member of the Year. This award recognizes good conduct and worthy contributions to bridge that is well beyond the ordinary.

For a bridge unit to thrive, it takes people who are conspicuously active and others who work quietly behind the scenes. Alan operates in both of these modes. He has served on the Board for many years, and recently has been one of the three members of the executive committee handling the enormously complex problems created by the flood and move. Less noticeably Alan handles audio-visual for the lecture series

and for other Unit activities, contributes to Mentor/Mentee games, is a substitute director when needed, helps with intermediate classes, and he is a first-class proofreader for the Kibitzer. Whew. Spanning both categories is his considerable work on our website, which he has created and spent countless hours improving and updating. Anyone who uses our website (and, especially, compares it with other unit websites) will appreciate its completeness, ease of use, and lovely layout.

We are very happy to be able to recommend Alan.

## LOCATION CHANGE FOR UNIT NAP

The North American Pairs (NAP) Unit Qualification Final is set for Sunday, October 30 with sessions at 1:15 p.m. and tbd. Because of the closing of the Bridge Center, this event will be at the Bayshore BC, 1300 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. 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 is necessary for entry into this event. Questions? And for further information, contact Will Watson at [\(650\) 804-1731](tel:6508041731),

## UPGRADE YOUR BRIDGE BY FRED SCHWERER

At the Lecture Series Year IV Opener, Hamish Bennett discussed a variety of bidding considerations, including: when to by-pass a four-card major in opening a weak-two or as opener rebidding at the one level; exposing psych bids; and balancing over opponents' 1NT. For the latter, when the balancer is also a passed hand, Hamish introduced the use of *Bennett*, a simple method with some similarities to Hamilton and DONT. The trigger for using *Bennett* is distribution which Hamish defines as having a singleton or void. If you have either in this bidding sequence, balancing is mandatory. Hamish says that in his experience, situations for using *Bennett* arise in 3 out of 5 club games and he has never had a bad result using it. (NOTE: Mel Colchamiro advocates balancing over opponents 1NT with two shortness points, but doesn't specify the method to use.)

On Tuesday, October 4th Sue Johnston presented *Five Clubs Making Was a Zero?! ,* the first of three lectures on *Finding No Trump Contracts*. A partnership's auctions often start with a minor suit opening bid. If no major suit agreement can be found, how should the bidding proceed? Is a minor suit really the best possible strain? This series provides concepts, tools and practice for finding - or avoiding - no trump contracts in a variety of auction scenarios.

The Lecture Series is on hold until we can schedule meetings in the new Club building. We will resume the series as closely as speakers' schedules will permit. When the new schedule is known, Fred Schwerer will send announcements, but also check the Unit 503 web site. To be added to the Lecture Series mailing list contact [schwerer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:schwerer@sbcglobal.net).



## SHE'S OFF!

The Bridge Center game on Monday, October 10th was a party to celebrate Geeske Joel's departure for the Venice Cup games in the Netherlands sponsored by the World Bridge Federation. Two teams represent the U.S. After an exciting, come-from-behind match (overcoming a 62-point deficit) last May in Detroit, Geeske's team prevailed! Members of her team include Jill Myers, Jill Levin, Debbie Rosenberg, Tobi Sokolow, and Janice Molson. They'll be coached by Eric Kokish. What an honor for her. Viel Gluck indeed!



## PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

The September report from the ACBL shows that the following players have moved up. Congratulations to all!

Junior Master	5 MP	Fran Gaura, Richard Herzog, Cathy Johnson, Tim Kado, Andy Ludwick, Worth Ludwick, Cathy Priest, Joanne Rayden, Marilyn Taketa
Club Master	20 MP	Forrest Anderson, Marcelo Gumucio
Sectional Master	50 MP	Lynda Connolly, Lois Perry, Nancy Layendecker, Joelle Perkocha
Regional Master	100 MP	Wendy Benveniste, Andrew Dentai, Devesh Goyal, Carol Schwerer
NABC Master	200 MP	Larry Lasher, Brian Samuels
Life Master	300 MP	Margaret Becker, Carolyn Lemm, Malcolm McLaughlin, Ginger Tanner, Mukund Thapa
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Frances Bennett, Robin Booth, Elaine Ehrman
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Marilyn Slater, J Steffes
Diamond Life Master	5000 MP	Mary Ann Berg

All games take place at IFES Hall, 432 Stierlin Road 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	IFES Hall
	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
	Grand Slam BC	Open/Strat	12:00 p.m.	Will Watson	IFES Hall
	Grand Slam Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Marolyn Imaoka Yancey	<b>STARTS Nov 8, IFES Hall</b>
WED.	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sue Johnston	IFES Hall
	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	IFES Hall
	Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	<200 M.P.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	IFES Hall
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.	Will Watson	IFES Hall
FRI	The EZ Game	<30 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Marolyn Imaoka Yancey	IFES Hall
	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Claire Coleman	IFES Hall
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Will Watson	Bayshore B.C. 1300 Old Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame
SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	John Prior	Bayshore Bridge Club, Burlingame

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sectional, Friday, Oct. 21 at John Muir Middle School, San Jose
- Sectional, Thursday, Oct. 27 at Bridge Center, Fresno
- NLM Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 29 at Bridge4-Fun, Reno
- Unit two-session NAP Final, Sunday, Oct. 30 at 1:15 p.m., Bayshore Bridge Club
- Club Championship, Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 p.m. Doubleton Club.
- Sectional, Saturday, November 5 at El Cerrito, Community Center
- Club Championship, Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 11 A.M., Bridge 'n Brunch, JCC
- Sectional, Friday, Nov. 11, at Iron Horse Middle School, at San Ramon
- Sectional, Friday, Nov.18 at Holy Redeemer Ctr, Oakland

### Club Closings

**Wednesday, Nov. 16: Bridge 'n Brunch**

**Wednesday Nov. 23: Doubleton BC**

**Thursday, Nov. 24 Thanksgiving: Thursday Morning JCC BC, Thursday Afternoon BC**

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