



UNIT SWISS TO GO GREEN ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18!

Check out your luck at the Unit Swiss Teams on Sunday, March 18 at 1 p.m. Come see the shamrocks because the club cards will turn green with envy as we honor the Irish. The Unit is hoping that this first Unit event of 2012 will be in our new building. But in any case, there will be a game either there or at the IFES Hall. Bring your best bridge skills and your favorite magic charms to make sure that it is your team at the top of the victory point score. Don't forget your smile! To help the director organize the seeding, please sign up your team on the Unit web site, paloaltobridge.com and arrive at least 15 minutes before game time. For further information, contact Keith at 408/867-5279 or keithsr@gmail.com

The Unit is also again tentatively scheduling the 199er Swiss on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. To play in this event, a team must have an average of less than 200 masterpoints. There is an optional sign-up on the Unit web site. But, if the new bridge center is not ready for occupancy, come to the IFES for Bingo instead of bridge! Go to the Unit web site, paloaltobridge.com for the latest news on this event.

At the February 6 199er Swiss the team of Dvesh Goyal, Hedvig Fejerne, Kate Horricks and Andrew Dentai won the contest among the eight teams. Thanks go to Margot Livenspargar for directing the event.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MARCH 18

The by-laws specify that the Unit must hold an annual Membership Meeting. The 2012 meeting will be on Sunday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m., prior to the Unit game. This meeting gives Unit members the opportunity 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, Margot Livenspargar, in advance, by telephone at (760) 964-4296 or email margotlive@aol.com. Please follow up any phone calls with a written note or email.

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT, SUE GRISWOLD

As we near our move to the new Bridge Center, I want to give you an update on the dollars. First off, the building looks amazing! I think you'll be thrilled with the outcome. The major construction costs have been paid by our lessors, IFES. We have loaned them \$50K in order to get the construction done as soon as possible; we will recover this in lower rent over a relatively short period. In addition to their expenditures, so far we have only spent \$5K to upgrade lighting and committed to \$15K for carpet. We are being very careful with our spending, but we will still have a number of significant expenditures coming up, including items such as signage, audio equipment, commercial refrigerator and dishwasher re-

quired by the Health Department, and other miscellaneous items. We will be using much of the furniture from Terminal Way but will need to supplement it in this larger Center. We really hope to replace the chairs, since we need to have a facility comparable to nearby clubs so that we can continue to attract players.

We have received about \$22K in donations or pledges from our players, as well as donations of expertise, such as, help in choosing carpet and paint colors. We are extremely grateful for their help. But for those of you who haven't donated yet, I really hope you'll consider making a (non-deductible) contribution to the effort.

BRIDGE CENTER PARTY COMING SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Save the date! On Sunday, April 29 the Unit will officially christen our New Bridge Center with a grand opening party for all area players. The Grand Opening Committee of Charlotte Carlson, Bev Nuding, Kathy Harper, Sue Griswold and Lori Spaeth delayed the original March party date to accommodate those going to the Memphis tournament in late March. Come to 432A Stierlin

Road in Mountain View at noon on April 29 for a great party with a special commemorative give-away and to admire and enjoy our very own Bridge Center. An open pairs game will follow the festivities. Get in on the fun of helping out for this very special event by contacting Charlotte at charlottercarlson@yahoo.com or Bev at bevnuding@gmail.com.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Junior Master	5 MP	Russell Norman, Jan Thompson
Club Master	20 MP	Stephen Jacobs, Donald Vance, Jon Rayden, Yuval Spector
Sectional Master	50 MP	Judy Goodnow, Todd Makler, Michael Stiege
Regional Master	100 MP	Elan Winkler
NABC Master	200 MP	Randy Jones, Kip Kado, Brian Samuels
Life Master	300 MP	Bob French
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Valerie Baldwin

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UNIT NEWS

Bridge Center Update - By the time you read this all the construction should be done including carpets, lights, painting, and kitchen area. We will be waiting for the city inspections and we hope everything will be ready for our occupancy around March 1.

Firecracker Need - Caddy, Caddy! The Firecracker committee is looking for a Caddy Master for the 2012 tournament. The Caddy Master serves as a recruiter for preteens and teens to serve as caddies, who are usually players' children or grandchildren. The Firecracker chairmen already have a list of former caddies to contact. The tournament director, Nancy Boyd, will train the caddies. If you would like to help out the committee for the Caddy Master position, please contact Allen Wolman at allenwolman@sbcglobal.net or (650) 967-2220.

Library - The Unit library has two new books that were recommended by members of our club. *Defensive Signaling at Bridge* by David Bird examines the real purpose of defensive signaling and the basic kinds of signaling available to defenders. Its final chapter describes signals that are used by eight world-class pairs. In *The Rodwell Files* by Eric Rodwell Mark Horton describes world champion Rodwell's unique approach to card play. Have you heard of ideas such as The Speed of Lightning Play, The Left Jab, The Super Duck, Days of Thunder? These are just a few of the strategies discussed in this book.

Lectures - Coordinator, Fred Schwerer, announces that the 2011-2012 PA Unit Lecture Series will recommence on Tuesday, March 20 at 9:30 am. at the new Palo Alto Unit Bridge Center. Sue Johnston will present Part II of the Finding NT Contracts series she started last fall.

Updated Directory - The newest edition of "Directory of Members and Friends" will be avail-

able at the Sunday, March 18 Unit game and at the other club locations the following week. We think you will love the pink! Directories are free to Unit members; the cost to non-Unit-members is \$2. We owe this invaluable phone and email book to the fine efforts of Lori Spaeth.

Learning Game - We are starting up again on Saturday, March 24 from 9-11:30 at our new Palo Alto Unit Bridge Center. Those who attended last year should have received notification. We are resuming our progression through the chapters in Barbara Seagram's 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know with Chapter 11-Cue Bid Raises. You need not have attended a previous class to attend, but you do need to make a reservation at unit503mentor@gmail.com. You do not need a partner. Scheduling of future classes will be posted on our web site, paloalto-bridge.com. Seagram's Conventions may be interspersed with defense classes when we have our AV system operational. Email valbaldwin@yahoo.com for more information.

Big Games - Barbara Sonsini reports that last year she and Tony Glynne started out 2011 with a 70.22% game in the Charity Pairs in Monterey and ended up 2011 with a 70.12% game at IFES at Bridge Mix on Dec. 26! Are they regressing??? We don't know, but we **do** know that Ed Barlow and Hansa Narasimhan had a **75.32%** game on January 25. Our sharp-eyed reporter, Marge Yates, comments "Isn't that the highest we've noted since doing this?"

Big Wins: In the Mini McKenny race, three Unit members scored among the best of the ACBL nationwide: Geeske Joel, first place; Polly Siegel, third; and Brian Samuels eighth.

Get Well - Our thoughts go out to Mike Atherton, as we wish him a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. If you want to send a card to him, home is 1070 Eastwood Court, Los Altos, 94024

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 5 at 3:45 p.m. at the
Bridge Center

ACE OF CLUBS

		MP
Annie Green	33	0-5
Todd Makler	25	
Paul Li	22	
		20-50
Barbara Hansen	46	
Roger Jackman	32	
Marcelo Gumucio	22	
		20-50
Miriam Jacob	46	
Bev Benson	44	
Ann Suyeyasu	29	
		50-100
Brian Samuels	72	
Larry Lasher	59	
Ellie Bernhardt	47	
		100-200
Don-Min Tsou	121	
Michele Musy	68	
Randy Ryals	63	
		200-300
Vinita Gupta	57	
Ginger Tanner	53	
Joe Foster	47	
		300-500
Polly Siegel	89	
Eusebio Menezes	76	
Metin Gokcen	65	
		500-1K
Chuck Lane	102	
Henryk Szejnwald	84	
Stan Charney	78	
		1-2.5K
Fung Bao	150	
David Wheeler	122	
David Gambelin	114	
		2.5-5K
Lori Spaeth	147	
Robin Chambers	142	
John Stanczak	119	
		5-7.5K
Patricia Chambers	152	
Margery Yates	111	
Ashraf El Sadi	3	
		7.5-10K
Jim O'Neil	127	
Hansa Narasimhan	101	
Donald Rothschild	86	
		>10K
Malcolm McLaughlin	183	

MINI-MCKENNEY

Todd Makler	57
Annie Green	42
Cathy Smith	40
Barbara Hansen	107
Roger Jackman	41
Marcelo Gumucio	30
Miriam Jacob	65
Bev Benson	60
Ann Suyeyasu	39
Brian Samuels	206
Larry Lasher	172
Kip Kado	122
Randy Ryals	274
Don-Min Tsou	228
Barbara Shukov	189
Vinita Gupta	282
Chris Chung	122
Margaret Becker	113
Polly Siegel	360
Eusebio Menezes	205
Metin Gokcen	203
Gabrielle Uz	222
Belinda Gu	155
Henryk Szejnwald	151
Geeske Joel	970
Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey	276
Fung Bao	248
Barbara Sonsini	573
Mary Ann Berg	561
Larry Mohr	407
Patricia Chambers	239
Margery Yates	194
Richard Spitalnick	79
Hansa Narasimhan	574
Jim O'Neil	489
Gary Macgregor	425
Malcolm McLaughlin	359

UNIT LEADERS IN ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI – MCKENNEY

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. The chart at left shows the top three Unit finishers for 2011 in each masterpoint bracket. Hearty congratulations to all!

Sympathy

The local bridge community recently lost a former Unit member, Miriam White, from back in the early days of the Unit and a more recent player, Richard Markell, from Los Gatos. Unit officers and members extend their condolences to the friends of these players and also to Board member, Henryk Szejnwald, on the passing of his father.

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Luanne Dunlop, Dianne Giancarlo, Gil Koury and Philip Grant.

Financial Report 2011	Unit Income		Bridge Center Income		Ed Fund Income	
	At the right, you can see the final 2011 income and expenses for each of the three separate accounting categories which the Unit uses. Both Education Fund and Bridge Center (the building) income and expenses are separate from those directly related to the bridge games which we host.	ACBL		Rent		Grant from
	Membership	\$3,127		\$118,807	Foundation	\$10,000
	Donation	\$17,424	Vending	\$980	Int. Rec'd.	\$1
	Education	\$17,144	Miscellaneous	\$208		
	Firecracker	\$108				
	Interest	\$125				
	Unit Games	\$2,477				
	Miscellaneous	\$208				
	Total	\$40,613	Total	\$119,995	Total	\$10,001
	Unit Expense		Bridge Center Expense		Ed. Fund Exps.	
	Publications		Building Move	\$10,547	Lect. Series	\$5,039
			Furnish.&			
	Kibitzer	\$3,563	Eqpmnt	\$136	Library	\$298
	Member Drctry	\$1,639	Janit. & Maint.	\$6,438		
	Website, Other	\$190	Rent	\$65,064		
	Insurance	\$895	Supplies	\$13,385		
	Taxes	\$819	Utilities	\$3,320		
	Miscellaneous	\$206	Miscellaneous	\$81		
	Tax Preparation	\$950				
	Dealing Machine	\$4,476				
	Education	\$9,909				
	Total	\$22,647	Total	\$98,971	Total	\$5,337
			Bridge Ctr. Net			
	Unit Net Income	\$17,966	Income	\$21,024	Ed Fund Net	\$4,664

PLAY LIKE A PRO—NEW INTERMED. TO ADVANCED CLASS

Debbie Rosenberg, who recently moved to the Bay Area, is an ACBL Grand Master and World Champion with 25 years of teaching experience in the NY area. Debbie will give an eight-week Play Like a Pro course at the Bridge Center Monday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. beginning March 5. Please see Unit website for directions and other details.

If you're an intermediate to advanced player and are ready to dazzle them with your declarer play, this course is for you. It includes a variety of elements of card play in both notrump and suit contracts. There will be much discussion on how to think like an expert bridge player. Instructional notes, as well as copies of the deals played in class with analysis, will be available. More details are on the Unit web site.

The cost of the 8 week series is \$175. Class size will be limited to no more than 10 tables. If space permits, individual sessions cost \$30 per session. Pre-registration is required. Please email debrose59@hotmail.com or call (408) 320-4473 with questions about the course or to register.

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
	Alpine BC	Open/Strat	12:00 p.m.	Will Watson	IFES Hall
	Grand Slam Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Marolyn Yancey	IFES Hall
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 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	When Center Reopens
SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	John Prior	Bayshore Bridge Club, Burlingame
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	When Center reopens

SPECIAL EVENTS

- * Sectional, Saturday, February 25 at Janet Pomeroy Ctr., San Francisco
- * Sectional, Saturday, March 3 at Community Ctr., El Cerrito
- * 199er Unit Swiss teams, Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m., PA Unit Bridge Center
- * 299er Sectional, Saturday, March 17 at Harbor High School, Santa Cruz
- * Membership meeting, Sunday, March 18 at 1 p.m., PA Unit Bridge Center
- * Unit Open Swiss teams, Sunday, March 18 at 1 p.m., PA Unit Bridge Center
- * Unit lecture, Tuesday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m., PA Unit Bridge Center,
- * Cue-Bid Raises and Mentee game, Sat., Mar. 24 at 9 a.m., PA Unit Bridge Center
- * Sectional, Saturday, March 24 at Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa
- * Club champ., Sunday March 25 at 1:00 p.m., PA Unit Bridge Center
- * Club champ., Tuesday, March 27 at noon, Alpine BC
- * Club champ., Thursday, March 29 at noon, Thurs. Afternoon BC
- * Club champ., Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m., Friday Night Barometer BC

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