



TEAM UP WITH THE SWISS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Celebrate bridge with the Swiss by gathering your fellow players for the Unit Open and 199er Swiss Teams on Sunday, September 16 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Come for the good competition, delicious goodies, extra masterpoints and to enjoy the friendship of your teammates and opponents. Yes, wear your smile! Please sign up your team at the list at the Bridge Center or on line at the Unit web site by Friday, September 14.

The Monday Night 199er Swiss Teams will play on Monday September, 10, the second Monday of this month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bridge Center. The conflict with the local Regional required a date change. There is an optional sign-up on the Unit web site. In the ten team event in August the team of Frances Green - Andrew Dentai - Kate Horricks - Devesh Goyal came in first in A and the team of Joe Buchanan - Joy Barrett - Shirley Streifer - Robert Bergey was tops in B.

WHO? ME? YES, YOU!

The Unit will hold the election for the 2013 Board at the Unit game on Sunday, November 12 at the Bridge Center. As required by the Unit bylaws, the president has appointed David Crosley as chair of the nominating committee with Bev Nuding assisting him. Any Unit member interested in a position on the Board should submit his or her name to **both** David at (650) 494-8727, davris@aol.com and Bev at (650) 591-1953, bevnuding@gmail.com by the September 15 deadline. (It is necessary to communicate with both to cover for vacations.) The *Kibitzer* editor will contact the candidates for biographical information including qualifications for service on the Board.

The Unit encourages its members to run for the Board; there is no limit to the number of candidates

on the ballot. A larger number of nominees will offer the voters a wider choice among the candidates. Those elected will fill the five open spots on the Board and serve with the current members: Steve Barasch, Sue Barkley, Sue Griswold, Margot Livensparger, Kevin O'Leary and Henryk Szejnwald to form the 2013 Board.

In addition, Sue has appointed Roy Robinson to succeed Susana Krulevitch as election chair. Roy will arrange for the placement of election materials at the three game locations, receive the ballots, tally the votes and announce the results at the November Unit game. The Unit is grateful to Susana for serving as election chair and the solicitation of candidates for the past two years.

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

DO YOU KNOW . . . ?

BY SUE JOHNSTON

Do you know the difference between *mistaken call* and *mistaken information*? It's not difficult to see. If you forgot the meaning of the call *you* made, it's a mistaken call. If you forgot the meaning of the bid *your partner* made, you may have given the opponents mistaken information by failing to alert or by providing the incorrect explanation of an alerted bid. "Why should I worry about it?" you ask. You are required to behave ethically in both situations, and you need to know those ethical obligations.

If you forgot what your own bid meant, you are not obligated to inform the opponents. They know as much about what's going on as your partner does.

If you forgot what partner's bid meant, your partner – who knows what has happened – *must* inform the opponents that they have received mistaken information about the partnership agreement.

If your side is declaring, tell the opponents before the opening lead is made.

If your side is defending, tell the opponents after the hand is over.

In both situations, you must not indicate in any manner that something has gone wrong, and you must not act on any unauthorized information you may have received. This is easier said than done, so we'll provide some help in next month's article.

IT'S THE WEEKEND! TIME TO PLAY AT THE BRIDGE CENTER

Bridge players-enjoy *Friday* night out at the Barometer game at 7:30 p.m. Come early at 7 p.m. for free pizza! This game features the best dressed di-



rector in town and every table has its own boards. The Barometer is an opportunity for those who are looking for a game with a different format.

Another chance to play your favorite game is at noon on *Saturday*. For every game until the end of October, the fee will be \$7 for returning players. For

those who have never played in the Saturday noon game at the new Bridge Center, there is a great bonus for the **first three games played** - the cost will be only \$5. Other possibilities: If there are at least six eligible pairs, a 299er stratified section; if there is enough interest, Swiss teams on the third Saturday of the month. As always, come for the light lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Looking for a bridge bargain? Come on *Sunday* at 1 p.m. to the Bridge Center. From now until the end of October, the fee is only \$6. This game is the only regularly scheduled Sunday afternoon game in the area from San Francisco to San Jose, so it attracts players from near and far.

DIRECTOR!

Answer the Director call! Respond by taking the ACBL Club and Cruise Director Course at the San Francisco Fall NABC on Monday, November 19-Wednesday 21, the three days before the start play at the tournament. The cost is \$50. The

Unit encourages interested members to participate. After passing the test, the Unit will offer opportunities for practice in club games and mentorship with the Unit's directors. Contact Joyce Stone at (661) 253-3138 or director_courses@acbl.org.

UNIT NEWS

Second Harvest Food Bank - Jeff Hack, the district 21 charities chairman, announced that the ACBL accepted the joint request from the San Francisco, San Mateo and Palo Alto Units for a \$5000 donation to Second Harvest Food Bank (SFHB) of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. The result was \$5000 to SFHB from the ACBL and a matching donation of \$5000 from another organization. So thanks to Alan Cummings, Jeff Hack and our three units, Second Harvest Food Bank has an extra \$10,000 to feed the hungry! Kudos to Alan Cummings!

Art - The exhibit now at the Bridge Center features the paintings of Maralyn Miller. She has been painting still life, people, landscapes, animals and abstracts in oils and pastels for over 50 years. In recent years her interest has focused on the endangered oaks and the velvety golden summer hills of California.

North American Pairs - The NAP Unit final on Sunday, September 23 starting at 1:15 p.m. is a two-session qualifier for Strata A, B, C for the District 21 Finals. Players must have pre-qualified to participate. There will also be a regular Sunday game at 1 p.m.

Library - If you need a brush-up on your defense strategies, there are three books on defense just added to the library: *Eddie Kantar Teaches Modern Bridge Defense*; *Eddie Kantar Teaches Advanced Bridge Defense*; and *Dynamic Defense* by Mike Lawrence. *Modern Bridge Defense*, contains a host of features that help the student to grasp the material: clearly laid-out concepts, margin notes, practice hands, chapter-end quizzes, key-point summaries at regular intervals and an index.

Alpine Announcement - Kevin O'Leary, Prue Saunders and Will Watson are the new owners of the Alpine Bridge Club on Tuesday afternoon. They thank all the players who have supported this club and announce that they are adding a new section for players with fewer than 300 masterpoints. Our thanks go to Cameron Cotton who owned this game for many years for his service to our Unit.

Lectures - Please note the change of date and time. Frank Smoot will give the lecture on "Pick-a-Slam and other uses for the 5NT Card" on Tuesday, September 18, 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. promptly at the Bridge Center. Frank will also speak on Tuesday, September 25 on "Splinters: Enjoy them," same time and place.

Learning Game - On Saturday, September 8, the mentees will learn about the keys to good slam bidding include Roman Key Card Blackwood and the Grand Slam Force. On Saturday, September 22, don't forget to come and learn about DON'T (Disturbing the Opponents No Trump).

Oops - The Unit adds another thank you to Brian Samuels, Ron Perkocha, Polly Siegel, Kurt Siedenburg, Lee Haze and George Paris who were omitted from the Firecracker Set Up/Take Down in the August *Kibitzer* article.

Discussion Forums - We've created a set of forums on the Unit web site to allow our users to discuss bridge and Unit related topics. Forums have been set up for Conventions, Play of the Hand and Unit Discussions and other matters.

No Tara - The Bridge and Basketball lecture by Tara VanDerveer on September 6 has been cancelled.

Membership Meeting Continuation— The August 14th meeting responded to questions submitted by Unit members and gave attendees an opportunity to air their views on a variety of Unit issues..

SYMPATHY

Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to Ed Barlow whose wife Barbara Barlow passed away in early July.

Also, our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Chod DeLong, a former EZ bridge player, who died after a long illness.

LEND A HAND AT THE NATIONALS

Your chance to shine at the San Francisco Nationals—as a VOLUNTEER! Our Unit is asked to provide volunteers for the hospitality desk, partnership desk, and various other places on Sunday, November 25, 2012. Just an hour of your time between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. is required. If you plan to play that day, you will be released in time to make the game. We need folks from all levels of play. What a great introduction to the Nationals for newcomers! On the front page of our web site, www.paloaltobridge.com, look at the “Unit” column on the right, click on [info](#) and sign up today. Questions??? Can’t get on the web? Email Margot Livenspargar at margotlive@aol.com or call her at (760) 964-2496

FIRECRACKER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is a summary of the finances for the 2012 and 2011 Firecracker Sectionals.

Income	2012	2011
Number of Tables	1058.5	1038.5
Player Fees	\$42,192	\$41,245
Expenses		
ACBL fees	21,550	18,906
D-21 Supplies	1,323	1,293
Rent	13,320	13,320
Caddies	1,565	1,400
Hand records	348	343
Board duplication	610	440
Bridge pads rental	259	245
Advertising, water, candy, PA sys, misc.	2,173	1,923
Total Expenses	\$41,148	\$37,870
Net Income	\$1,044	\$3,375

Junior Master	5 MP	Joelle Burnell, Neda Dorjath, Helen Kuckens, Aaron Jones, Vera Mackenzie, Larry Hambly, Ann Slautterback, William Slautterback
Club Master	20 MP	Linda Chang, Gerry Gassman, Mary Ann Hayward, Ed Hughot, Ava Norman, Russell Norman, Stephen Younge, Peter Mork.
Sectional Master	50 MP	Jennifer Ewald, Marcelo Gumucio, Charles Jameson, Lothar Klatt, Nancy Kehl, Agnes Lee
Regional Master	100 MP	Gaurav Agrawal, Todd Makler
NABC Master	200 MP	Patricia Mock, Paul Mock
Life Master	300 MP	Mark Mongird
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Mark Mongird
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Gloria Leitstein

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

The August ACBL report shows that the players identified at left have moved up. Congratulations to all!

POEM

To bid or not to bid, that is the question.
 Whether 'tis nobler in the end to suffer
 The slings and arrows of offended partner,
 Or to pass and let the others have the contract
 Or by opposing, stop them.

To bid, to bid some more, and by a bid we
 Get the heartache and the thousand natural problems of making
 contract.
 To pass, perchance to lose. Ay there's the rub. For in that pass
 What loss may come when we have shuffled off this
 Loss of control must give us pause.

There's the respect that makes calamity of so long a holding.
 For who would bear the whips and scorns of time, the
 Opponents grin, the partners contumely. The pangs
 Of contracts lost or being down.
 The slams not even bid, the doubled contracts set;
 The insolence of those whose finesses work;
 When he himself might his quietus make by just not playing.

Who would fardels bear. To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
 But that the dread of victories never made. The undiscovered
 pleasure
 Of a slam bid in the face of opposition,
 Makes us rather bear those ills we have, than fly
 To others that we know not of.

Thus conscience does make cowards of us all,
 And the native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er
 With the pale cast of thought –
 and we pass when game or slam was well within our grasp.

But through it all - one thought rings clear –
 At least I now have made the rank of Sectional Master.

Todd Mackler

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto
 Unit 503 members: Ron Hess, Julie
 McPherson, Faye Hirschberg, Adam
 Portley and Nathaniel Thurston.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 11 at 3:45 p.m.
 at the Bridge Center

Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

Sue Griswold, President
 David Crosley, Vice-President
 Margot Livenspargar, Secretary
 Beverly Nuding, Treasurer
 Valerie Baldwin, Steve Barasch,
 Sue Barkley, Keith Burnett, Kevin
 O'Leary, Henryk Szejnwald, Allen

All games take place at our Bridge Center, 432A Stierlin Road Mountain View 94043, unless otherwise noted.

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE/ OTHER I NFO
MON	Monday Morning	Open/Strat.	11.30 a.m.	John Schwartz	Bridge Center reservations necessary. Website or
	Monday Morning	<500,<100	11.30 a.m.	John Schwartz	Bridge Center signup123.com/jsbridge/
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.	O'Leary/Watson/	Bridge Center
	Alpine BC	299er		Saunders	
WED.	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Will Watson	Bridge Center
	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	Bridge Center
	Lori & Sue's Dblton Club < 499 M.P.		7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	Bridge Center
	Lori & Sue's Dblton Club < 99 M.P		7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	Bridge Center
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	Bridge Center
	Thurs. Afternoon 49er		12:00 p.m.	Will Watson	Bridge Center
FRI	The EZ Game	<30 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Marolyn Yancey	Bridge Center
	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Claire Coleman	Bridge Center
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Will Watson	Bridge Center
SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	John Prior	Bridge Center
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	Bridge Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Pairs STAC, Mon. Aug. 20–Sun. Aug 26 all games, all locations (except as below)
- Pairs STAC, Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at Doubleton BC. (sign-up required)
- Swiss Teams STAC, Thurs. Aug. 23 at noon, Thursday Afternoon BC
- Regional, Tues., August 28 at Santa Clara, Hyatt Regency
- Sectional, Friday, Sept. 7 at Comm. Ctr, Orangevale
- Lecture and Mentee game, Saturday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- 199er Unit Swiss Teams, Monday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Club championship, Friday, Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Friday Morning BC
- Sectional, Saturday, Sept. 15 at Club Venetian Gardens, Stockton
- Unit Open and 199er Swiss Teams, Sunday Sept. 16 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit Lecture, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center
- Club championship, Thursday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m., Thursday Morning JCC BC
- Lecture and Mentee game, Saturday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- NAP Unit Final (two sessions), Sept. 23 at 1:15 p.m. and tba, Bridge Center
- Club championship, Monday, Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m., Monday Morning BC
- Unit Lecture, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, Sept. 29 at Senior Center, Gilroy

Club Closings

- * EZ Bridge, Friday, Aug. 24
- * No games from Wednesday, Aug. 29 through Monday, Sept. 3 except the Wed. Aft 49er at Unity Church at 1 p.m., which will be OPEN

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