



MONKEY BUSINESS AT AUGUST 11 UNIT GAME

It's hot and "It's a Jungle Out There"! Your Unit game tribe is up to Monkey Business for the Sunday, August 11th game. Put together your team for an afternoon of Swiss and come join the fun. Lunch will start at 12:00 noon, with play beginning at one pm. There will be a separate Swiss game for the 199er

folks. Please don't forget to reserve a space for your team either on the web site or on the sign-up sheet at the Bridge Center....that part is very important. Unit events are first-rate --- good competition, good fun, good friends and good eats.

A FUN, FESTIVE, FIERY FIRECRACKER!

The Unit held its annual Firecracker at the Santa Clara Convention Center on June 26 - 30. Our tournament was a huge success with 362 players, many coming a long distance to join us, having a lot of fun, facing strong competition and earning master points.

Many, many thanks go to Tournament Chairman Allen Wolman, to his committee chairs and to the many, many members who played and assisted at the event. Also, we're sure the players appreciate the work of Will Watson in posting the results on the Unit web site.

Saturday was the big day with 239 tables and Friday, second with 194.5. The table summary for all the sessions was: Wed., first 91.5, second 75; Thurs., 111, 70; Fri., 126, 92.5; Sat., 132, 113, Sun., 90.5, 83. An encouraging number was the 199er pairs table count, almost 15% higher than last year. The open pairs table count was 315.5, 199er pairs 149.5, 49er pairs 60.5, KO 195 and Swiss 234

These members were the glow worms who lit the way for the players to the Firecracker tournament:

Hospitality-Chair, Sioux Atkinson - Linda Mattis, John Mattis, Annie Green, Kay Miller, Joan Bower, Michele Musy, Polly Burn, Randee Palmer, Margery Yates, Beth Cowell, Robin Chambers, Pat Chambers, Alice Arnold, Valerie Baldwin

Partnership, Carol Chaney- Rita Rubinfeld, Debbie Machlin, Kathleen Kelly, Leslie Kelly, Valerie Hatton, Minnette Diamond, Merle Orelove, Kathie Shaw, Marian Kelly, Euo Menezes, Margot Livenessparger, Don Partridge, Nancy Sabbag, Alan Polish, Joe & Dori Foster, Fran Bennett, Steve Lubeck.

Caddies-Chair, Josephine Ventura - Winston Shustock, Ryan Sato, Sarah Hayden, Brandon Cochran, Claire Duffie, Simone Shaw, Elizabeth Arnold, Beth Luttrell, Douglas Sefton, Kendall Yamauchi, Russell Luttrell (to p. 7)

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

BRIDGE RULED THE DAY.....THE ENTIRE DAY

For bridge players, the Longest Day was a delight from sunrise to sunset with seven consecutive games all day long. The first game began at 5:48 a.m. and the last did not end until after 11 p.m. Randy Ryals, the event coordinator, recruited directors, team members, players and encouraged donations. Together with the other main fundraisers, Carol Kemper and Art Mirin, our Unit raised over \$5,000 for the Alzheimer's Association. The source of these donations was \$4921 donated online, another \$691

cash and check donations on the day of the event, with the Unit donating \$1 per person per game equaling \$234 donated by the Unit.

Randy Ryals, Lynn Giusti, Stephanie Singer and Jim Harris played in all six open games. Thanks go to the directors who volunteered to run these games: Kevin Leary, Lori Spaeth, Prue Saunders, Claire Coleman, John Prior and Will Watson.

FIRECRACKER BENEFITS SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Lothar Klatt and James Stuart-Smith who helped as co-chair for the Second Harvest Food drive enabled the Firecracker to raise about \$6,000. Thanks to the generosity of all who enjoyed the 2013 Firecracker, SHFB's Share Your Lunch program will benefit young people in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, who rely on school meals; therefore, summer only brings long days filled with hunger.

Chris Bunz designed an eye catching poster and Sioux Atkinson printed them out in large size, 2 ft. by 3 ft. Two ACBL directors, Matt and Brian, were

particularly proactive in promoting cash donations. Our target was \$5,000 and 7 barrels of food. We ended up with something over \$6,000, i.e. \$6,067.01 from cash, check and online donations, and one quarter barrel of food.

In SHFB terms our overall target was 12,950 points and we have raised 14,980 points so far with \$75 in checks in the mail and a quarter barrel of food to be added.

FIND STAC OVER THE RAINBOW

Many search for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but bridge players seek the silver at the Great Western Summer Fun STAC VI. Put this large, large sectional on your calendar for the week of August 19-25. Don't wait for the rain clouds for gold, this is the time to win precious silver points right here at your Unit club games. As with the other STAC's, the pair overalls will be computed across all participating clubs in the Western Region. The masterpoint levels and strat limits are set by the STAC sponsor. All STAC games will be pairs except the Wednesday Bridge 'n Brunch at 11 a.m. which will be a Swiss Teams. To review the STAC schedule, refer to the back page.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 1 at 3:45 p.m. at the
Bridge Center
All are invited to attend.

Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

Brian Samuels, President
Valerie Baldwin, Vice-President
Margot Livenspargar, Secretary
Todd Makler, Treasurer
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BRIDGE NEWS

NAP – Here are dates and times when you can qualify for the Unit NAP final: Thursday, July 18 at the JCC at 11 a.m.; Thursday, July 25 at noon; Monday, July 29 at 11:30; Thursday, August 1 at the JCC at 11 a.m.; Wednesday, August 7 at 7 p.m.

New 99er Game - Tuesday, July 16 was the first day of a new 99er game at the Bridge Center. It starts at 11:30 a.m. and the next Kibitzer will print an expanded description. The fee in July is \$5.00.

Seen at the Firecracker - Claire Duffie, 13-year old granddaughter of Unit members Fred and Carol Schwerer and Gertrude Duffie, was caddying when a substitute was needed in the Swiss game. Claire told a director she “sort of” plays bridge and so was drafted to fill in with Raja. Claire says that not only was Raja gracious and charming, making Claire feel very comfortable, but she also helped Claire earn her first master points, 0.46 silver. When she got home, she joined the ACBL, joining her twin brother who became an ACBL member a month ago. They plan to play together at our club.

How to Play 3 NT (July 27) - Come hear **Marty Bergen** lecture over the internet on *Playing 3NT* on

Junior Master	5 MP	Matthew Allen, Pamela Buckley, Ryan Fortune, Qunxiang Ong
Club Master	20 MP	Ann Slautterback, Joanna Wilkinson
Sectional Master	50 MP	Donald Cohn, Winston Huang, Barbara Klein, Russell Norman Pat Ogle, Alan Polish, Rita Rubenfeld, Mickie Winkler
Regional Master	100 MP	Diane Dollinger, Peter Dollinger, Marcelo Gumucio, Naren Gupta.
NABC Master	200 MP	Judith Gentry, Garth Wilson
Life Master	300 MP	Valerie Hatton
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Michael Atherton, Chris Chung

Saturday, July 27 at 9 a.m.. Marty will show play of the hands but participants will not be playing hands. Fee is \$8.00. Event presented by Valerie Baldwin.

Mentoring on Defense (September 7 - October 19)
There will be three lectures and hand play with **Barbara Seagram** over the internet and three mentoring games. There will be some bidding but mostly play of the hands from Barbara’s book *25 Ways To Be a Better Defender*. Fee is \$10/session or \$50 for all six sessions. For more information, see the web site or contact Valerie Baldwin.

Teddy Kridl - is ready to choose a retirement home and would like to find someone who knows something about Sunnyview, which is off El Camino near hwy 85. Call Teddy at (650) 326-2219 to share any information that you have.

Walter Miller’s Unity Church Games—are closed on Tuesday, Aug. 13 and Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Electronic Kibitzer—more and more of you are reading your Kibitzer online. Add your email to our list by sending it to kelly.marian@gmail.com.

Library Did you know that Charles M. Shultz created a cartoon feature on bridge called *It’s Only a Game* starting in the late 1950s? A new book of these cartoons was just published called *Bridge Mix: the Bridge Cartoons of Charles M. Schulz*. You will find it displayed in the library near the check-out slips. If you are in the mood for more bridge cartoons, there was a recent book donation to the library, *Bridge is a Funny Game* by Mikhael Kollander.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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



It was scorching outside and sizzling at the tables during this year's Firecracker Sectional

in Santa Clara, hosted by our very own Unit 503. Before reviewing the results, let's give yet another *hip, hip hooray* to Allen Wolman, Tournament Director, and his sparkling committee—Sioux Atkinson, Carolyn Chaney, James Stuart-Smith, and Josephine Ventura. All of their planning and hard work made for a star-spangled event!

Bridge players gathered over a five-day period from June 26-30. For space economy's sake, I'll give the result highlights day by day, noting only those who placed first in A, B or C, or overall in their KO, and naming only those who are Unit 503 members. Keep in mind all of the Knockout events were bracketed Compact KO's. Here we go with Wednesday. Hansa, Malcolm, Geeske and Will (last names hardly needed) placed first in Bracket One of the KO. Kip Kado and Barb Shukov teamed up with the Samuels—Brian and Jan—to take Bracket Two. That evening Tahir Gokcen and Gary Macgregor came in first in A in the Open Pairs while John Rollin and his partner placed first in B.

Thursday's KO expanded to three brackets; two of them were topped by our members: Geeske & Will plus Lori S. and Jim O. took Bracket One. Larry Lasher and three of his buddies from other parts captured Bracket Three. The 199er Evening Pairs found Russell Norman and a partner placing first; Charles Riffle and partner took first in B in the Evening Open Pairs. For those who landed in the Evening Swiss, the team of Kathie Shaw/Merle Orelove/Barb Shukov and a nameless dude from SF came in first in A/B. Omer Barnir and three others placed first in the C section of the Swiss.

Friday found Claire Coleman and Eva Herrmann cleaning up in the open pair events. In the AM, they placed first in A, and in the PM they took first in B. Not bad! In the afternoon in that same event, Eiko Lissner and her other smiling partner placed first in C. In the 199er Afternoon Pairs, Carol Swenson and Jo Palermo came in first.

As for the KOs Friday, Elan Winkler/Jim Harris/Eileen Zefting/Lynn Giusti scored first in Bracket 3. Then Fran Bennett and David Cheng teamed with the Fosters to grab first in C in the Afternoon Swiss. And our self-named Swiss Queens—Kathie, Merle, Barb and Kip took first in A & B in that same Swiss event. Good going, ladies!

Moving onto Saturday. Bob French and his partner placed first in C in the AM Open Pairs. That afternoon, Garth and Margaret Wilson raked in the points by winning the B bracket of the Open Pairs. Now it's nice to acknowledge some newer players for their wins in 49er Pairs—in the AM on top were Kathleen and Greg Marchuk, and in the PM Ken Pelowski and Lori Malek placed first. Kudos to all of you. In the KOs, Gloria Darke and three gents topped Bracket Two, while CJ Jameson + three were first in Bracket Three.

In the Sunday A/X Swiss, Will and Geeske plus two others came in first. All other Unit 503 results that day came in the pair events. CJ Jameson, Donna Raynor, Deb Machlin and another were first in the 199er Pairs. Ida Lee & Claire Coleman placed first in the Afternoon Open Pairs in the A strat. Mou Chou Chin and partner took first in B. And finally, Richard Herzog and Buz Battle came first in C. And that wraps up the Firecracker story.

We'll end this month's column by reporting one off-the-charts game—Freya and Stan Charney got a 73.48% result in Walter's Tuesday game. Wow! Remember to email me *your* memorable outcomes to mmusy@apr.com. Here's wishing you lots of slams and scintillating bridge!

NEWS FLASH: Just hours before the Kibitzer goes to press, we have learned that on July 16 Unit 503's own Barbara Sonsini and her team won the 2013 Women's Team event at the United States Bridge Championship in Orlando, FL. This means they will represent the USA1 in Bali, Indonesia September 16-29 at the World Championships. Congratulations to Barbara and her teammates Judy Radin, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Irina Levitina, and Kerri Sanborn. This is an amazing accomplishment!

MID-YEAR LEADERS IN ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI MCKENNEY CONTESTS

Here we are midway through the year—time to let everyone know about Unit members' progress in the annual races called Ace of Clubs (points earned in club games) and Mini McKenney (total points earned including tournaments).

As of June 30, Ace of Clubs leaders, shown by the number of points they started with, are: 0 to 5 MP, David Torin; 5 to 20 MP, Kathryn Papermaster; 20 to 50 MP, Vera Baum; 50 to 100 MP, Annie Green; 100 to 200 MP, Sari Staver; 200 to 300 MP, Roger Griffith; 300 to 500 MP, Carl Brunsting; 500 to 1000 MP, Robert Horowitz; 1000 to 2500 MP, Polly Siegel; 2500 to 5000 MP, John Stanczak; 5000

to 7500 MP, Pat Chambers; 7500 to 10,000 MP, Hansa Narasimhan; over 10,000, Hamish Bennett.

Mini-McKenney leaders are: 0 to 5 MP, David Torin; 5 to 20 MP, Kathryn Papermaster; 20 to 50 MP, Rita Rubenfeld; 50 to 100 MP, Marcelo Gumucio; 100 to 200 MP, Todd Makler; 200 to 300 MP, Bev Benson; 300 to 500 MP, Naren Gupta; 500 to 1000 MP, Eusebio Menezes; 1000 to 2500 MP, Vinita Gupta; 2500 to 5000 MP, Geeske Joel; 5000 to 7500 MP, MaryAnn Berg; 7500 to 10000 MP, Gary Macgregor; over 10,000, Hamish Bennett.

You can find the complete list posted at the Bridge Center.

FIRECRACKER, CONT. FROM P.1.

Set-up/Take down Chair, James Stuart-Smith -

James does not want miss people, so is giving (to p. 7) a general thank you to those who assisted with either the set up or take down.

The 954.5 tables, 104 fewer and 10% lower than the record setting year in 2012, were not as good as was hoped for. As a result, tournament expenses exceeded income by an estimated \$2,600. Interestingly, the pairs game table counts compared favorably with previous years, but the team games count was less than prior every day. The Board is hard at work trying to identify causes and decide how to improve in future years.

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Ellen Beaudet, Tom Huang, Bolton Bailey, Maryann Constantino, Robert Constantino, Cornelius Duffie, David Demers, Robert Martin, Faye Parsons and Ronald Powell.

POEM

BY TODD MAKLER

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow;
I creep at my petty pace to the Bridge Center,
and never yet have managed to bid six spades.

Out, out brief candle
I'm but a walking shadow, a poor player
Who comes and spends his hours around the table
Then passes when others go on to slam.
It is a tale told by an idiot,
Full of bids and frustration, signifying nothing.

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
I march with shoulder back unto the Bridge Center,
For yesterday I bid and made six spades.

Oh light the celebratory candles!
I'm now a maker of slams and a good player
Who comes and spends his hours around the table
and bids with confidence and hope of what's to
come.
It's a tale for the record book,
Full of pride and glory, signifying victory.

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	<100,<500	11.30 a.m.	John Schwartz	Bridge Center signup123.com/jsbridge
TUES	Tuesday Noon BC	<100,<300,Open	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
	EZ Bridge	<99 MP	11:30 a.m.	Saunders	Bridge Center
WED.	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Will Watson	Bridge Center
	Wed Aft. 99er	<100 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.	Open/Strat.	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.	John Williams	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

- ◆ Sectional, Friday, July 19 at Transfiguration Church, Castro Valley
- ◆ Unit Open/199er Swiss Teams, Sun, July 21, lunch at noon, game 1 p.m., BC
- ◆ NAP Qual. Game, Thursday, July 25 at noon, Bridge Center
- ◆ Internet Lecture by Marty Bergen on How to Play 3NT. Saturday, July 27 at 9:00 a.m. Bridge Center
- ◆ NAP Qual. Game, Monday, July 29 at 11:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Wed., July 31 at Boomtown Hotel & Casino, Verdi, NV
- ◆ NAP Qual. Game, Thursday, August 1 at 11:00 a.m. at the JCC.
- ◆ 199er Unit Swiss Teams Monday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ NAP Qual. game, Wednesday August 7 at 7 p.m., Doubleton Club (sign up)
- ◆ I/N Sectional, Saturday, August 10 at Fresno Bridge Center
- ◆ Unit Open and 199er Swiss, Sunday, August 11, lunch at noon, game at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, August 17 at Janet Pomeroy Ctr, San Francisco
- ◆ Pairs STAC, Mon. Aug. 19–Sun. Aug 25 all games and all locations except Swiss Team STAC Wed. Aug 22 at 11 a.m. at Bridge Center.
- ◆ Pairs STAC, Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at Doubleton BC. (sign-up required)
- ◆ Regional, Tues., August 27 at Santa Clara, Hyatt Regency

Club Closings

Walter Miller's Unity Church games are closed on Tuesday, August 13 and Wednesday, August 14.

No games from Tuesday evening, Aug. 27 through Monday, Sept.2 except Wed. Aft 49er at Unity Church at 1 p.m. will be OPEN

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