





# WINNERS



Unit 503  
attended the  
recent SF Na-

tionals in force, with more than 300 members taking home over 3000 points and many, many bottles of wine (given out as section tops). Some of the members taking home top placings in limited, regional, and National events are listed below (unfortunately, there were way too many successes to list them all).

In Intermediate/Newcomer events, Vera Baum and Kathryn Papermaster, John Verhagen and Alan Polish, Deborah Machlin and Ginny Strock, Greg & Kathy Manchuck, and Ken Peloski and Lori Mirek all came home with wins in 49ers pairs. Judy & Hide Tanigami, Adele Kellman and Deborah Lundahl, and Jeanine Ardourel and partner were victorious in 299er pairs events. Carol Field, Linda Rocha, Rita Rubenfeld, Wray Brett, Peggy & Marty Rubenstein, Elizabeth Burke, Sylvia & Jay Ladenheim, and Alice Smith all took home masterpoints in I/N events.

In Regional team events, Mary Ann Berg's team, the team of Franklin Gonzalez, Sigmund Malek, Rich O'Brien, and Henryk Szejnwald, the team of Eileen Zetting, Rick Flucke, Lynn Giusti and Carol-Ann Ackerman, the team of Kathie Shaw, Merle Orelove and Barbara Shukov, Martia Fikes' team, Flo & Tad Yoshikawa's team, Larry Lasher's team, Carol Kemper and Margaret Becker's team, Winston Huang's team, Eiko Lissner and Don-Min Tsou's team all won bracketed KOs, Compact KOs and bracketed Swiss events. Eugene Hung's team, Maggie & Garth Wilson's team, and Ron Karr and Sigmund Malek's team came home with trophies in Regional Swiss events.

In Regional pairs action, the partnerships of Julianne Robinson and Jan Samuels, Mukund Thapa

and partner, and Qixiang Sun and partner won two-

session pairs events.

Palo Alto members also did very well in National events. Vinita Gupta's team made it all the way to the finals of the Senior KOs to finish a close second. In the Womens' BAM teams, Geeske Joel's team finished second, with Barbara Sonsini's finishing 9th, and Prue Saunders' team making it into the finals. In the Open BAM teams, Eugene Hung's team finished 37th, Vandana Vidwans' team finished 38th, and Jun Shi's team made it to the finals. In the National Womens' LM pairs, Hansa Narasimhan finished 5th, Barbara Sonsini finished 11th and Prue Saunders came in 17th. In the Nail LM pairs, Jun Shi finished 42nd and Jenny Ewald and Florin Constantin finished 50th. Jim O'Neil finished 14th in the Super-Senior Pairs.

In the three-day Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Chris Chung and partner, Jody & Rich Williams, and Mukund Thapa and partner finished 12th – 14th respectively, with Helen Chang finishing 18th, Franklin Gonzalez and Henryk Szejnwald finishing 55th, and Prue Saunders and Jim Merzon finishing 58th. In the three-day Blue Ribbon Pairs, Gary Macgregor and Bob Madalena finished 67th. In the three-day North American Swiss, Mary Ann Berg's team finished 6th, Richard Spitalnick's team finished 18th, Bob Sanner's team finished 26th, Hansa Narisimhan and Polly Siegel's team finished 29th, the team of Gary Macgregor, Tahir Gokcen, Malcolm McLaughlin and Metin Gokcen finished 38th, and Geeske Joel's team finished 44th.

Congratulations to everyone on their fine showing in SF!

## UNIT NEWS

**Bridge Center** - John Mattis is taking a leave of absence as Bridge Center Manager. Kevin O'Leary volunteered to step in when John is away. For any repairs or other matters that need attention, please contact Kevin by email [oleary.205@gmail.com](mailto:oleary.205@gmail.com). He requests that you do not phone him.

**Lectures** - On Tuesday, Jan 22 at 9:45 at the Bridge Center, Sue Johnston will give inside information on "Leads, Signals and Tactics." (Will those signals include coughs and gestures, which some social bridge players consider vital to a partnership??)

**Learning Game** - The January Learning Game schedule introduces the Ogust convention on January 19. What's that? This is a series of responses by an opening weak two-bidder to further describe the hand. Who is Ogust? He was Harold Ogust, an outstanding former player, former plastics manufacturer and travel agent, who invented the convention which bears his name. Thereafter there will be only one more Learning Game class, on February 2 on Lead-directing Doubles. The series will not be repeated. However, a new Saturday morning class featuring Jerry Helms via the internet will be coming to our Unit beginning February 9. Stay tuned.

**2013 Firecracker** - Chair Allen Wolman presented the flyer for the June 26-30 Palo Alto Sectional to the December Board. There was much discussion about the finances for the tournament, including fees and hotel space reservations.

**Library** - Our Unit library has acquired seven new books, listed on the door of the bookcase. For *Winning Notrump Leads*, a book ranked third in Amazon's USA's Bridge Top 100 listing, David Bird and Taf Anthias spent over a year running computer simulations to determine why a particular lead worked better than others. Another new book is *Bridge at the Edge* by Boye Brogeland and David Bird. One of the world's best bridge players discusses bidding and card play, as well as his approach to the mental side of the game.

**Happy, happy** - Twelve and a half tables of players gathered at the Bridge Center on Sunday, November 18 to celebrate with an original Unit member, Carla Davis, on her 90th birthday.

**Director...y** - The Palo Alto Members and Friends 2013 Directory, free to all Unit members, will issue in the spring. Make sure you are included and that your info is current. Please notify Barbara Shukov, (650) 949-2410, [bshukov@pacbell.net](mailto:bshukov@pacbell.net).

**Kibitzer by Email** Are you getting the Kibitzer in living color? Sign up now to receive it electronically by sending a message to Marian Kelly at [kelly.marian@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.marian@gmail.com)

**Food Drive** - Thanks to all of you who donated food and dollars to support our seniors and young people in Santa Clara and San Mateo during this joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season. Donations totaled \$2,229 in checks and cash along with three brimming full barrels of food. Although the campaign ended on November 21st, barrels will remain through December.

**Service and Sportsmanship Awards** - This year the Unit's annual awards for Service and Sportsmanship go to Sue Griswold and Marian Kelly, respectively. The recognition is for qualities above and beyond their bridge playing skills. The service award is for a member who has given time, effort and dedication to the Unit's interests. The member who receives the sportsmanship award is one who exhibits ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, demonstrating that keen competition should be pleasurable; and exemplary conduct in serving the best interests of duplicate bridge and its players.

The Unit thanks Steve Barasch and his committee Henryk Szejnwald, Mike Atherton and Betty Liddicoat for the time and thought they gave in making their decisions.

## PARKING GUIDELINES

### FROM PRES. BRIAN SAMUELS, CONT. FROM P. 1

of unhappy neighbors would be a disaster for us.

You may park **only** in the following 2 areas:

1. The IFES parking lot.

Please note that there is a lot of additional parking on the north side of the building (Shoreline Blvd. side) and some at the rear of the building. Most people are not aware of these spaces. Please use them. Also, please be courteous and park parallel in your spot so that it will be easy for cars to park on either side of you.

2. There is one small exception to our not being allowed to park on the street and that is we can park on our side of Stierlin Rd. but **only** between our two driveways. No other street parking is allowed.

Please start to carpool so that we can reduce the number of parking spaces we need!

We have formed a committee to get this problem solved and to eliminate any risk that we will lose our Bridge Center because of parking violations. The committee members are: Mike Atherton, Alan Cummings, Sue Griswold and Alan Templeton. This committee will be coming up with additional actions, recommendations and communications to help us all participate in solving this problem. Please feel free to speak with me or any of these people if you have any suggestions, comments or questions.

In the meantime, we need your absolute compliance with the parking guidelines above.

I am very proud to be the new Unit 503 President. Thank you very much for supporting me and all of your 2013 Board members. We are looking forward to serving you and the best interests of bridge in our Unit.

On behalf of your Board, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Holiday and a happy and healthy 2013, filled with lots of challenging and fun bridge.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Brian Samuels (650) 703-9510

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## BOARD SELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2013

At its December 5 meeting, the Board elected several new faces to lead the Unit. The officers for 2013 are: Brian Samuels as President, Valerie Baldwin as Vice President, Todd Makler as Treasurer and to continue serving as Secretary, Margot Livensparger. The Board and members thank those who are leaving the Board for their time and talents to the Unit: Keith Burnett, David Crosley, Beverly Nuding and Allen Wolman.

### Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

Brian Samuels, President  
 Valerie Baldwin, Vice-President  
 Margot Livenspargar, Secretary  
 Todd Mackler, Treasurer  
 Steve Barasch, Sue Barkley, Sue  
 Griswold, Bob Horowitz, Kevin O'Leary,  
 James Stuart-Smith, Henryk Szejnwald.

### SYMPATHY

Unit members, Jim Hubbard and Carencay Hanel passed away in November. Jim often played in the 499er flight in the Wednesday evening Doubleton Club. Carencay was also a night time player both at the Doubleton club and the Friday Night Barometer. The Unit Board and members extend their condolences to the family and friends of these members.



**NEWCOMERS**

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Wray Brett, Roger Dunlap, Ryan Fortune, Ernestine Fu, Edie Gilbertson, Saroj Gulati, Richard Lareau, Gilbert Reese, Margaret Reese and Norman Rosenstock.

**PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS**

The December ACBL report shows that the players identified below have moved up. Congratulations to all!

Junior Master	5 MP	Vera Baum, Gil Koury, Raghu Murthy, Kathryn Papermaster, Rita Rubenfeld, Vicki Warden
Club Master	20 MP	Nelson Chi, Sue Kaupp, Sally Morton, Howard Neff, Vivian Weber,
Sectional Master	50 MP	Buz Battle, Bette Hirsch, Gloria Wallace, Suzanne Wingate
Regional Master	100 MP	Hedvig Fejerne, Sheryl Johnson, Alice Redfield
NABC Master	200 MP	Curt Engelhard
Life Master	300 MP	Carol Burnett
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Beverly Nuding
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Vinita Gupta

**TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE.....**

I'm giving up bridge, tonight's my last night,  
It's Amen to Stayman; I give up the fight.  
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles  
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten  
Who's played and what's trumps and what's gone  
on my right!  
So for now it's all over - I'm off to the back wood  
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.  
So I'm giving up bridge- tonight's a bad night  
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope  
And when he/she says "double", I know we're  
in trouble.  
My points are not high and I'm wondering why  
He/she kept bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades  
When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays!  
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick,  
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge- tonight's my last night  
Farewell to conventions - I give up the fight!  
So I leave with few words but some that are true,  
Bridge is a game- not for me , but for you!

So be kind to your partners and don't mind their  
cheek  
For it's only a game - Oh! Yes, I'll see you  
next week!!!!!!

Todd Makler



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
	Mon. Think Slam BC	<100,<300,Open	12:30 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
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
	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
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

- Club Championship, Tuesday, Dec. 18 at noon, Unity Church.
- Club Championship, Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m., Unity Church
- Club Championship, Monday, Dec. 31 at 12:30 p.m. Unity Church
- Sectional, Saturday, January 5 at Janet Pomeroy Ctr, San Francisco
- Regional, Monday, January 7-13 at Hyatt Monterey
- 199er Unit Swiss Teams Mon. Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, January 26 at Alameda Co. Fairgrds, Pleasanton
- Unit Swiss Teams, Sun., Jan. 27 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center

### Club Closings

Christmas Eve, both Monday games are closed. Also, on Christmas Dec. 25 Alpine BC, Tuesday Noon BC are closed. As we go to press, we don't know whether clubs will be open over the New Year holidays.

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