

ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

KIBITZER

Newsletter of Palo Alto Unit 503 of the American Contract Bridge League Vol. LI, Issue 7, July, 2013

COME FOR THE PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 21

Picnic with your Partner at the Unit's red, white and blue Open and 199er Swiss game on Sunday, July 21st. Snack on hot dogs with all the trimmings accompanied by salads, fruit and brownies for dessert with lemonade to quench your thirst. If you have a favorite summer salad or dish that you'd like to bring and share with everyone, please let Nancy Kehl know by Thursday, July 18. Picnic starts at noon and the game begins at 1 p.m. Please remember to reserve space online or at the Bridge Center.

RESULTS OF 199ER GAME ON JULY 8 AND JUNE 3

199ers who enjoy Swiss should come out for the Monday Night 199er Unit Swiss Teams on Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bridge Center. There is an optional on-line signup. The Unit moved the date because of the proximity of the first Monday to the Unit's Firecracker Sectional.

The Unit 199ers had a one on one team match on Monday, June 3 with Joelle and Ronald Perkocha and Judy and Warren Goodnow the victors.

BLAZE A TRAIL TO THE FIRECRACKER JUNE 26-30

Grab your partner and/or your team. It's not too late to make plans to be part of our Unit's sparkling sectional tournament, aptly named FIRECRACKER. From Wednesday, June 26 through Sunday, June 30, if you want to play bridge locally, you'll need to go to the Santa Clara Convention Center for our big event because the regular Unit games will be closed. The schedule, which was published in the last *Kibitzer*, can also be found on our website and in the Forum. Daily games include Compact Knock-outs, every day but Sunday, pairs games at any hour, and lots of 49er and 199er pairs games in addition to daily Swiss Team games. There's something for everybody! If you haven't been before, you will find that parking is convenient and free. For your

pleasure, there is a no-host buffet available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as restaurants nearby. And please don't forget to bring something for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Barrels will be set up to accept food or you may give a cash donation.

Allen Wolman, the tournament chairman, and the sub-committee chair persons have been hard at work ever since last year's successful event and hope to set new attendance records this year. James Stuart-Smith is in charge of the Set-Up/Take Down Committee and, as of this writing, could use more volunteers to help with that job. If you are able to help out just before or immediately following the tournament, contact James at jstuartsmith@att.net.

THE KIBITZER IS 50!! PAGES 4 TO 7 TELL YOU MUCH MORE.....

A TERRIFIC MAY 19 FIESTA SWISS EVENT!!!

At the May 19 Fiesta Swiss, a mariachi band serenaded the winners and there were lots of them. In the 21 team Open A, victory went to: Kevin Rosenberg-Frank Lin-Yul Inn-Sam Lichtenstein; in B to Julie Joyce-Miwako Wong-Laura Walters-Dee Ann Hansen; and in C to Lynn Giusti -Eileen Zefting-Barbara Dahl-Bev Nuding. The piñata prizes in the 8 team 199ers went to the A/B team of Peggy Wheeler-Corinne Ainsworth-Marjorie Gray-Sheryl Johnson and to the C team of Bette Hirsch-Mary Driscoll-Theresa Iantosca-Diana Lloyd. Clover Worland, Cornelia Hornstein, Brian Samuels, Rick Flucke, Robin Booth, Amit Garg, Mary Lynn Ameled, and Deb

Weinstein won the prizes, many of which were donations from Virginia Lyons.

Lynn Giusti and Bev Nuding provided the Taco Bar and desserts, Nancy Kehl did the decorations and Virginia Lyons greeted the players. Paul Davis organized the setup and cleanup. Thanks go to these and to all who helped in the cleanup: Nancy Kehl, Paul Davis, Randy Ryals, Bob Horowitz, Lynn Giusti, Eileen Zefting, and Sheryl Johnson.

Special appreciation goes to Bev Nuding, who is leaving the Unit game committee. Peggy Wheeler will join Nancy Kehl to hostess the Unit event each month.

UNIT GAME SECOND HALF SCHEDULE

Mon., July 8 199er - Swiss Teams

Sun., July 21 - Open/199er Swiss Teams

Mon., Aug. 5 - 199er Swiss Teams

Sun., Aug. 11 - Open/199er Swiss Teams

Mon., Sep 9 - 199er Swiss Teams

Sun., Sep. 29 - Open/199er Swiss Teams

Mon., Oct. 7 - 199er Swiss Teams

Sun., Oct. 20 - Open/199er Swiss Teams

Mon., Nov. 4 - 199er Swiss Teams

Sun., Nov. 24 - Pot-Luck Pairs

Mon., Dec. 2 - 199er Swiss Teams

Sun., Dec. 15 - Holiday Pairs

All games at Bridge Center

Times: Mon. at 6:30 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m.

Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

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SYMPATHY

During the past month the Unit lost three long time members. The Unit officers and members extend their condolences to the family and friends of Jerry Smith, Larry Rosler and Henry Blume. Jerry Smith was a former club owner, a member of the Unit Board for 29 years and served three terms as President, founded the *Kibitzer* and was editor for 29 years. Larry Rosler was a co-inventor of Journalist leads, the Astro convention cue bids.

BRIDGE NEWS

49ers Become 99ers – Walter Miller has raised the masterpoint limit for his Wednesday Game at 1:30 p.m. at the Unity Church to welcome those with fewer than 99 points.

More NAP The North American Pairs (NAP) continue during July at the local club level. A player may qualify many times and with many different partners. Here is a list of qualifying games for July: Friday, July 5, Friday Night Barometer at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, Bridge 'n Brunch at 11 a.m., Doubleton BC at 7 p.m. and Thursday, July 25, Thursday Afternoon BC at noon. Remember to make a reservation for the Doubleton game in advance. Watch the *Kibitzer* and the Unit web site for other announcements of NAP games. The masterpoint strata are: A (unlimited), B (0-2000), C (0-500 Non-Life Masters).

Photography In the newest exhibit at the Bridge Center, Yao-Pi Hsu explores “the world around me,” as looking for water reflection from a different perspective that represents how diverse and abundant the world expresses its various forms and beauties. Her interests include China and landscapes, but the back lighting of flowers is her favorite photo subject.

Youth Bridge On Friday June 14, SiVY Bridge held a duplicate game at the Bridge Center for parent, grandparent and child partnerships. Among the eight pairs, Isha and Mukund Thapa came in first in A with Qing and Michael Hu first in B.

Need a Partner? Would you like one for a specific game date? It's best to email the director the day before the game date and, as a last resort, phone the Center *at least* one hour before game time. The phone call may only be successful for some but not all directors. Several directors have back-up partners available.

Mentor/Mentee Game With ten eligible pairs, first went to Pat Chambers/Corinne Ainsworth and second to Alan Cummings/Christin Forter at the Sunday, June 16 Unit Mentor/Mentee Pairs game.

Those two mentees, Corinne and Christin, therefore, won free plays. Thanks go to the director, Claire Coleman, and to the organizers, Chuck Lane and Pat Chambers. They hope to host another such game in the fall.

Everybody's Asking about the mentor/mentee partnership of Hansa and Prue. Which one was the mentee?????

Happy 50th The editors owe Mary Ellen Barasch and Chris Bunz a big THANKS for their assistance with the *Kibitzer* articles and art work in this special *Kibitzer* issue.

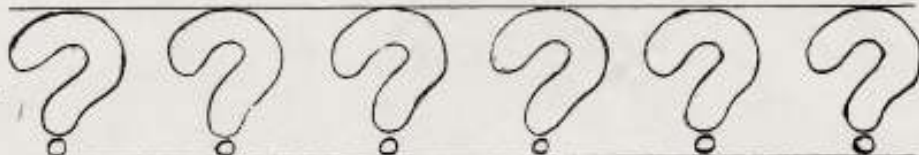
Everybody's Favorite Nonagenarian – Seen at the table: the opening bid, made by an unnamed someone still in conversation, was the red “double” card. Seconds later, Mr. Chen, seated to his left, firmly played his own bid card.....a redouble.

Library Have you often wondered why you don't win as often as you think you should? A new library acquisition, *Why you Seldom Win at Bridge* by Joe Blatnick, aims to put you in the winner's seat more often. The library also has two copies of *Why You Lose at Bridge*, by S.J. Simon. Goren, in his forward to the Simon book, says that not only weaker players can benefit from the book, but so can more experienced players.

Correction—Last month's profile of Nancy Layendecker reported that she graduated from Oregon State. Not true! Nancy is a Stanford girl, all the way. We goofed, and we apologize!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 11 at 4:00 p.m. at the
Bridge Center
All are invited to attend.



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BOARD AUTHORIZES NEW UNIT PUBLICATION

Beginning this month the Palo Alto Unit, ACBL, is providing a new service to its members--a regular monthly publication mailed to every unit member. In planning stages for some time, the move was approved at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, May 19.

As the masthead above indicates a name has not yet been selected for the publication. In another column details are given of a name competition in which we invite all unit members to participate.

A monthly schedule of all open games in the Palo Alto Unit will be a regular feature of the (????)*. The calendar format, abandoned two years ago because of the great increase in the number of games scheduled (15 to 17 every week), has been resurrected. This schedule is on the last page and may be detached to be carried in purse or pocket. Many players may wish to use the schedule as a personal bridge date-calendar.

News of Unit activities will be featured on the front page of the (????)*. Stories will tell of such things as actions taken in Board meetings, winners of Unit championships, the election campaign, the award of the Sportsmanship Trophy, our new Life Masters, etc.

On the inside page (or pages) we will present a variety of material to entertain and educate our readers. A series of articles by various writers on bridge ethics will, we hope, serve to stimulate thoughtfulness of others, and thereby enhance our enjoyment of bridge. A Bid and Play column will be written by Frank Savstrom, one of the best bridge analysts in the area. Frank has been given "carte blanche" to write as he pleases, so we can't promise what will appear. However, it appears likely we will see some hands and meet some players we personally have come up against in our local games.

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NAME THE (????)* CONTEST

All members of the Palo Alto Unit are invited to submit suggested names of the new publication. A prize consisting of a free play for the Unit two-session Open Pairs championship in September, which includes dinner between sessions, will be awarded for the name selected.

Contest Rules

1. All persons who are currently members of the Palo Alto Unit of the ACBL are eligible except elected officials of the Unit and their immediate families.
2. Entries must be submitted in writing before July 17, no more than two entries per person.
3. In the case of duplications, that one with the earliest time of submission or earliest postmark will be considered.
4. If there is a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded, unless there is evidence of collusion to defraud the Unit in which case such entries will be disqualified.
5. Decision of the judges will be final.

Names which have the best chance of being selected are those which are original and distinctive, characteristic of the game of bridge, but neither too corny nor too mundane--in short, names by which you would be proud to call your publication and of which you would not tire over the years.

Now everybody, put on your thinking caps and get your best ideas into the mail promptly. Send to Jerry Smith, 3198 Emerson Street, Palo Alto.

NOTICE: NEXT BOARD MEETING JULY 7

*Until a name is selected, this publication will be referred to by the enigmatic symbol (????)

HAPPY 50TH TO THE KIBITZER

You see here the birth of the as yet unnamed *Kibitzer*, *Volume 1, Number 1*. This first issue's home is in our library, where you can find a copy of each *Kibitzer* that has been published in those fifty years.

Editor, Jerry Smith, introduced the publication with a naming contest for the paper. He explained that each issue would feature ethics commentary, a technical article, a profile, Table Talk and a weekly club game schedule. The first calendar included games on Monday through Saturday, owned by nine different members, with two in the morning, four in the afternoon and nine at night.

The naming contest drew lots of suggestions...i.e. Finesse, Bridge Forum, Bay Bridge, The Peninsula Player, The Trumpit, The TallyHo, Top Board, Top-Score, Masterpoint, Board Talk, Deal, Shuffle, Palo Alto →



Current and Past Kibitzer Helpers: l to r: Marian Kelly, Betsy Steele, Alan Templeton, Elinor Tanck, Lori Spaeth, Carla Davis, Mary Van Tamelen, Chris Bunz, Roy Robinson

Coup, The Resulter, The Declarer, The Score Pad, The Opener, The Scroll of the Palo Alto Unit, The Handicapper, Echo, The Kibitzer, Bridge Bored, Ruff Ruffer Ruffing, The Pace, The Trumpet.

The August issue announced *Kibitzer* as the naming contest winner. Included in the pages of this issue was "Playing Against an Expert" by Ed Barlow, which Ed has revised and is printed on p. 7. In succeeding issues, the *Kibitzer* reported the announcement of the awarding of the second Sportsmanship Trophy to Grace Braab, a series of articles entitled "Past Tense," describing the history of bridge in the Palo Alto Unit area, and a Unit Board election including eight candidates. The December issue announced information about the Unit membership: an estimate of 426 members including 13 Life Masters. In April the *Kibitzer* contained an announcement of Carla Davis making Life Master.

The *Kibitzer* through the Years

In the 60's and 70's, Steve Levy and Ron Promboin authored the series, "I double," which ran from 1967-72. In December 1971, the *Kibitzer* printed the first "Winners Circle" compiled by Sam Lief. Carol Ineson contributed her talents and humor to make "Table Talk" the most popular article everyone wanted to read. The first column by Gersh Wheeler appeared in 1974. In the 70's, 80's and up to 1994, Betsy Steele did the copying at her workplace, enabling the Unit to produce the *Kibitzer* at a much reduced cost.

During the early decades of the *Kibitzer*, the editors typed the articles and made the headlines with a kit of fonts. In 1984, technology arrived and the editors produced the *Kibitzer* on a computer. Throughout the years, members received the *Kibitzer* in the mail, but from October '87 to March '88, the Unit discontinued the mailing for financial reasons. On the occasion of the *Kibitzer's* 25th birthday in July '88, Carla Davis authored an article on the history of the Palo Alto Unit. December brought the last "Winner Circle," compiled by Sam Lief and it was then taken over by Bobbie Delano.

After 28 years as editor, Jerry Smith resigned in January of 1991. During the 90's, Jerry Jones wrote a popular series of profiles of Unit members called

"Did Ja Know." In 1996, Alan Templeton took over the "Winner's Circle" and the first of Gersh Wheeler's columns, "It Seems to Me," appeared in the *Kibitzer*. The *Kibitzer* became available on the Unit web site in November '98.

Many innovations came to the *Kibitzer* in the 2000 decade. Players had access to it in living color by email in '02. In January 2008, the Unit discontinued the *Kibitzer* mailing. Players could read it on-line, by email or pick it up at the local clubs. Beginning in 2006, and continuing to date, May Van Tamalen interviewed players and authored profiles for the *Kibitzer*. August '08 saw the last "Winner's Circle" because the length of the list became longer than a single page and in January of 2012, the *Kibitzer* published the last Gersh column "It Seems to Me." In April 2011, a new look came for the *Kibitzer* with mastheads and graphics from our artist, Chris Bunz.

There are many others whom we have failed to name who lent a hand in producing our Unit newsletter. For those, other than us, who have an interest, the Unit maintains *Kibitzer* archives at the Bridge Center which make for some fascinating browsing. After 50 years, the *Kibitzer* looks forward to a future of informing the Unit about bridge events, news and continuing to publish articles by and about the Unit members and players.

***Kibitzer* Who's Who**

Editors: Jerry Smith 1963-80, 1984-91, Marilyn McCloy 1969-72, Fay Reeder 1970-71, Elinor Tanck 1972-present, Carol Ineson 1974-75, Pat Carrington 1980-83, Bobbie Delano 1986-91, Lori Spaeth 1992-2007, Marian Kelly 2007-present

Production: Eleanor and John McCarthy 1971-87, Pat Carrington 1984-90, Charles Weiler 1990-91, Emily Jacoby 1992-97

Mailing: Jim Turner 1990-2007, Ethel Worcester 1999-2007

Photographer: Roy Robinson

Historians: Nancy Bulf, Carla Davis

Profiles: Jerry Jones 1991-98, Mary Van Tamelen 2006-present

Graphics: Chris Bunz

THE *KIBITZER* RECORDS EACH UNIT EVENT; HOW MANY OF THESE DO YOU REMEMBER?

The Beginning: The Sixties

From the first issue in July 1963, the *Kibitzer* has reported significant events of the Unit in its pages along with the weekly calendar of games. George Hiura initiated the Sportsmanship Trophy and in 1963 the second one was awarded to Grace Brabb. In 1967, the Unit awarded its first Winners Trophy to the player with the best performance in the Unit games during the calendar year. A very significant event of the sixties was the Unit's first Sectional, a two-day event in May of 1969.

The Seventies:

Two tragic events for the Unit occurred in the seventies. In February 1974, the Unit President, John Gonsiewski, died at the age of 27 from an inherited heart condition. Then on April 4, 1976, four members, Jon Hall, Carol Ineson, Jim Van Vechten and Dick McClellan perished in a private plane crash in the Sierras while returning from a tournament. In 1973 the *Kibitzer* reported a Unit membership of 623. A momentous day for the Unit was March 1, 1975 with the opening of the first Bridge Center on Elwell Court. There were a number of other Unit firsts in the seventies: on November 1, 1976, the first Unit library was established; in 1977, St. Simon's BC became the first non-smoking game; and in '78 the Unit inaugurated the first Unit teaching program.

The Eighties:

By 1983 the Unit membership grew to 891. In July of 1988 on the occasion of the *Kibitzer's* 25th anniversary, Carla Davis authored the article "In the Beginning" about the history of the Unit. The same month, the Unit held its first Firecracker, a three-day tournament at the Elks Club. Under the leadership of Linda

Spengler, in November 1988 the Unit's clubs began to use computer scoring. January 1989 was a turning point when the Thursday Afternoon BC became a non-smoking game, making all the Unit clubs non-smoking.

The Nineties:

The nineties were the occasion for more innovation for the Unit's games. The Unit purchased its first bidding boxes in 1991 and May Ann Berg initiated the guest artist program for the Bridge Center. The Unit further welcomed technology and the internet with the first web page in August '96.

A new Century of Events:

After 25 years of existence, the Elwell BC closed on June 25, 2000 and the Unit's clubs that remained opened moved their playing areas to the JCC on Arastradero, the YWCA on Alma, the Unity Church and Oak Creek in Palo Alto. In February 2001, Alan Templeton became the webmaster for the Unit and continues his management of the site to the present day. The first Easy Bridge began play. A welcome day for the Unit's players was June 9, 2002 with the dedication of a new Bridge Center on Terminal Blvd. in Mountain View and the establishment of a treasure chest in December to raise \$25,000 to finance the Center. By 2003, Unit membership had declined to 676. In March 2002, the Bridge Center got its first internet connection and in September '07, the Unit purchased its first dealing machine, the third one in the country, and a year later, the first bridge pads. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Alan Cummings, the Unit 503 Education Fund was established in January 2008 to fund the Unit lectures, library and other educational programs. On August 24, the Palo →



Alto Unit held a belated 50th birthday celebration. (The actual date of the Unit's 50th was January 14, 2007.) The five-day Firecracker Sectional in July of 2009 established a record attendance for a Unit tournament of 1050 tables! In 2006, the Unit gave its 45th Sportsmanship award and its first Service award which went to Claire Coleman.

A major event occurred on February 13, 2009, the day of the great flood at the Terminal Bridge Center, when an estimated 3500 gallons from a broken pipe inundated the playing area. Problems with the leaser on rehabilitation of our area led to the termination of the Unit's lease at this location on October 13, 2011. Most games found a temporary home at the IFES Hall on Stierlin Road in Mountain View or at the J.C.C. After much anticipation, on March 18, 2012 the players had their first game at the Unit's new Bridge Center, the newly remodeled IFES annex building. There was a grand opening party to celebrate the happy occasion on April 29, 2012. The Unit membership total of 984 is approaching the Unit's goal of 1000. We hope to exceed the milestone in the very near future.

EXCERPT FROM ONE OF CAROL INESON'S KIBITZER COLUMNS....

Brothel re-visited ... the Brothel system originally conceived in a Pleasure Palace (if that's possible), is a refinement of the Brozel convention, unconventionally...first introduced by Wak Sing Roth, son of a Chinese mother and unorthodox father in the late 60's... the sire, not the system... Briefly, and that's how long it lasted (Roth also) over RHO's one no trump, a pass is forcing to game, 2 clubs shows 2 clubs, 2 diamonds shows lack of imagination, 2 hearts shows a serious physical condition, 2 spades shows a void in hearts (says, partner Avoid hearts!) and 2 no trump says "I missed the opening bid."

PLAYING AGAINST AN EXPERT

BY ED BARLOW

When the *Kibitzer* was young, I did an article on this subject. Today we run into experts, or very good players at most of the clubs. I am offering my tips for playing against very good players again. These ideas will be based on common sense.

1. Know your system. I read my card before each session. Expert partnerships have a set of notes with many pages that they review before an event.

2. Play your normal game. If you should double, then do so. If you should bid on, then do so. If everyone else is bidding and making four Spades, then playing and making three Spades against best defense will be the same bottom as going down at four Spades. Besides, experts cannot turn deuces into aces.

3. Use count and attitude signals only when necessary, since good declarers know how to read these signals also. When we come to the last few cards of a hand, partner should know what is going on most of the time without signals. One caution is that it is unethical to have a private understanding about your signals, such as having all signals be false cards against a particular opponent. You can false card, but partner should be at risk as well as declarer.

4. If making a hand depends upon an error by the opponents, then play for it. If there is a legitimate chance as well, then prefer that line against strong opponents, since they will make fewer errors than normal.

5. Preemptive bids tend to convert a hand into a guessing game, so they will reduce the advantage a strong pair has. Therefore, be a little bit freer with your preemptive bids. Any pair is better if they can make system bids than if they have to improvise.



This month's column is all about the California Capital Regional in Sacramento which took place from May 27 to

June 2. As you might imagine, many of the Unit 503 glitterati made their mark!

In dateline order, we'll start with Brenda Metz and Bev Nuding who had a 63.54% game and placed first in both B & C in the Monday Afternoon Charity Pairs. They struck again later on by coming in first in C in the Monday Eve Charity Pairs. What a day!

Euo Menezes did a double dip by coming in first in B in those same Monday Evening Charity Pairs (66.22% game). Then on Wednesday, Euo teamed up with three of his San Jose buddies to land first again in the Wednesday Evening Swiss. That same evening, Marcelo Gumucio & Rita Rubenfeld landed first in the 99er Pairs with a 66.25% game. Super duper!

Gary Macgregor & Don Spaulding placed first in A in the Thursday A/B Pairs (24 tables). Next, Glenn Ishikawa and his partner got 63.64% to take first in A & B in the Friday Senior Pairs (35 tables). Our next big act was the fab foursome of Kathie Shaw, Merle Orellove, Kip Kado and Barb Shukov—these ladies tied for first in B in the Eureka Swiss (24 tables).

In the Thursday/Friday Kings KO/Bracket 3, Margot Livenspargar plus the three Kellys—Marian, Kathleen and Leslie (is that a power name or what?) placed first. Way to go, ladies!!

Not to be upstaged, Trina Bowman and Fung Bao took first in the Thursday to Saturday Side Series (59.49%). Then in the Friday Evening Swiss, we had two winning teams. Pru Saunders and her band of others placed first in A. Carol Kemper, Randy Ryals, Art Mirin and Stephanie Singer took first in B & C in that Swiss. This same nefarious crew also placed first in the 0-2000 KO/Bracket 3. Nice going!

To round out the results, let's cite Tad & Flo Yoshikawa who took first in the Delta KO/Bracket 2 (14 tables). And last but not least, Charles Jameson and his SF partner placed first in B & C in the Thursday-

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Junior Master	5 MP	Joanie Dinsmore, Anil Gera, David Torin
Club Master	20 MP	William Dalton, Woon Lee, Kathleen Manchuk
Sectional Master	50 MP	Gillian Barsley, Paul Barsley, Patricia Crass, Paul Davis, Charles Herbert III, Virginia Lyons
Regional Master	100 MP	Joe Buchanan, Marilyn Newell
NABC Master	200 MP	Samuel F Lichtenstein
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Priscilla Cadwell, Freya Charney
Gold Life Master	2500 MP	Betsy Steele

Saturday Side Series.

As you can see, there are a number of familiar names, as well as some new ones, to add to our Hit Parade. Many of our members ranked high in the overall standings without winning any particular event. One and all should be proud and pleased to have done so well. Let me close with my usual plea for you to toot your own horn and let me know of your accomplishments via email to mmusy@apr.com. Happy Bridge!



Here you see the logo for the newly created Silicon Valley Youth Bridge organization which Debbie Rosenberg has spearheaded. They have a web site, siliconvalleyyouthbridge.org, and they've held their very first highly successful party/feasting/bridge game at the Bridge Center on Sunday, May 19. There were almost 40 young folks with ages spanning from about ten through college age, and with a variety of experiences at card games. Most played some form of bridge; those who didn't learned Whist during the party.

The program included emcee Frank Smoot challenging the group with bridge trivia questions, a bridge video compiled by Vinita Gupta, a Bridge Base Online demonstration by Jason Rosenfeld, a discussion of Junior Bridge by Debbie Rosenberg and Sam Lichtenstein and a bridge word scramble puzzle created by Randy Ryals. Meanwhile, attendees munched on pizza and a raffle was held. Winners were Michael Hu, Amanda Kerlee and Olivia d'Arezzo. Sam Lichstenstein won a \$25 credit to Bridge Winners' E-store.

After the pizza, the card games resumed with a helper at each table to give advice and encouragement. The partnerships made an effort to earn the two \$10 Spotify Music gift cards awarded for winning all 13 tricks. None accomplished this, so the partnership of Carmel Baharav and Lingling Zhang won by collecting 12 tricks. At departure, there were ACBL hats and pencils for all.

Many Unit members contributed their time and efforts

to make this a successful evening, especially the planning committee: Debbie Rosenberg, Sue Griswold, Vinita Gupta, Will Watson and Randy Ryals. Cheryl Haines and Chris Bunz did a huge amount of marketing/promotion work. SiVY especially thanks Chris Bunz for all the highly creative and delightful art work which she contributed. In addition to those mentioned above, votes of thanks go to Elinor Tanck for registration, to Helen Chang and Vinita Gupta for photos, to Alan Templeton for audio visual assistance and event promotion on the Unit web site and to helpers Chris Chung, Antony Lee, Sam Lichtenstein, and Frank Lin. Heather Cutting needs special mention for the Jack of Diamonds card decorated cake, as does Sue Griswold who assisted with so many things-- too many to list. Also, many thanks go to the Unit players who made donations to SiVY Bridge.

SiVY Bridge hopes the success of this initial event will inspire signups for its first fall after school program for 4th through 8th graders. The program will be a series of classes based on the ACBL's School Bridge program and free of charge to both schools and students. If you know a school that would be interested, please make an introduction. Debbie is also hoping to attract more volunteers from our Unit for a variety of roles. Please visit the organization's new website at www.SiliconValleyYouthBridge.org to learn more.



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
	Alpine BC	299er		Saunders	
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.		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

- Longest Day Bridge Marathon supporting the Alzheimer's Association. Friday, June 21, Bridge Center. Games will be held at at 5:48 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

PALO ALTO SECTIONAL,

Wednesday June 26-Sunday June 30, Convention Center, Santa Clara

Clubs Closed: No club games Thurs., June 27 thru Sun., June 30

- NAP qual. game, Friday, July 5 at 7:30 p.m., Friday Night Barometer
- 199er Unit Swiss teams, Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- ACBL-wide Inter-club Championship game, Tuesday, July 9 at noon. Alpine BC
- Sectional, Saturday, July 13 at Vintage House Sr. Ctr., Sonoma
- 499er NLM Sectional, Sat. , July 13 at Monterey Bridge Club, Marina
- NAP qual. game, Wednesday, July 17 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- NAP qual. game, Wed. , July 17 at 7 p.m., Doubleton Club (Resv. Req.)
- Sectional, Friday, July 19 at Transfiguration Church, Castro Valley
- Unit Open/199er Swiss Teams, Sunday, July 21, lunch at noon, game 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- NAP qual. Game, Thursday, July 25 at noon, Thursday Afternoon BC
- Sectional, Wed. July 31 at Boomtown Hotel & Casino, Verdi, NV

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