



IT'S OFF TO CARNIVAL ON SUNDAY MARCH 10

Join the Mardi-Gras parade to the Bridge Center for the Unit Open and 199er Swiss Teams on Sunday, March 10 at 1 p.m. Bring your best tricks and your favorite magic charms to make sure that your team is at the top of the victory point score. Your smile is the ticket to the carnival bridge party with prizes and a very special Mardi Gras lunch at noon featuring the famous King Cake. To help the director organize the seeding, please sign up your team on the Bridge Center list or the Unit

web site www.paloaltobridge.com. For further information contact Nancy Kehl, (650) 593-5705, nancy.kehl@gmail.com.

The Unit is also holding the 199er Swiss on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. To play in this event a team must have an average of fewer than 200 masterpoints. There is an optional sign-up on the Unit web site

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The by-laws specify that the Unit must hold an annual Membership Meeting. The 2013 meeting will be on Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 p.m., prior to the Unit game. This meeting gives Unit members the option 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, by email to margotlive@aol.com or by telephone at (760) 964-4296. Please follow up any phone calls with a written note.

FIRST-HALF UNIT GAME SCHEDULE

Mon., March 4 199er - Swiss Teams
Sun., March 10 - Open/199er Swiss Teams
Mon., April 1 - 199er Swiss Teams
Sun., April 21 - Open/199er Charity Swiss Teams
Mon., May 6 199er - STAC Swiss Teams
Sun., May 26 - Open/199er Swiss Teams
Mon., June 3 - 199er Swiss Teams

All games at the Bridge Center.

Sun. games at 1 p.m.; Mon. at 6:30 p.m.

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

SUPER CROWD JAMS A UNIT SUPER GAME

It appeared that almost everyone was there for the Unit Super Bowl Swiss Teams at the Bridge Center on Sunday, January 27 with 19 teams in the Open and 13 in the 199er. The champion "Super Bowl" team was Alan Cummings - Marian Kelly - Peggy Sprague - Julie Joyce. The top C team was Jayne Ralston - Tony Ralston - Bob Ward - Nancy Ward. Victorious over all the 199er strata were Deborah Machlin - Ginny Strock - Alan Polish - Debbie Lundahl. Two other special winners with free plays were Miwako Wong and Carol Field.

The ambiance with an awesome "49er football" theme featured football name tags, a red and gold cake, football napkins, hot dogs and much more. Special thanks go to the entire committee: Will

Watson for directing, Bev Nuding for the home-made salads, Nancy Kehl for arrangements and decorations, Virginia Lyons for greeting and donating veggies tray, and the setup-cleanup crew of Dave and Kathy Puryear, Cathy Johnson, Fran Gaura, Paul Davis and Pete Nuding.

The 199ers were at it again twice at the Unit Monday Night Swiss. On January 21 the Elena A - Mike Aldea - George Bazgan - Sanda Henry team was best in a seven-team field. The Roger Jackman - Annie Green - Gillian Barsley - Paul Barsley team were the winners in the five-team match on February 4.

PLAYERS SHOW THEIR TRUE LOVE IS BRIDGE

Can bridge players celebrate Valentine's Day any better way than playing the game they love? They proved their love at the Unit Valentine Pairs contest at the Bridge Center on Sunday, February 10. They admired the beautiful rose Valentine floral arrangement, enjoyed the Valentine cake, the decorated Red Velvet cookies, smiled at the heart-shaped name tags and kept scores with Valentine pencils. All this plus candy favors were at each table and free plays for two lucky attendees.

Some players had an especially lovely Valentine's Game. The Open section had 15 tables. N/S winning pairs were Cheryl Haines & Clark Millikan and Marge Yates & Betsy Steele. E/W winners were Kevin Rosenberg & Michael Rosenberg and Kathy Harper & Heather Cutting. Additionally Michele

Musy & Gene Drew tied with Manuela Mariani & Ove Jonsson for the honors in B and Aruna Desu & Rajeeva Sharma were first in C. In the eight table 199er section, Kathryn Henkens & Marleen Zwiers won in A/B and Nick & Anne Ward won in C. The free plays went to Amit Garg and Hansa Narasimhan.

Who did all this for those who love bridge? The players owe this good time to Will Watson, the director, to Bev Nuding, the "chef award" winner, who made the cake, fruit salad and sandwiches and to Nancy Kehl who decorated the cookies. Nancy also did the flowers. Virginia Lyons had a lovely smile of greeting at the door and David and Kathy Puryear, Nancy Kehl, Bev and Pete Nuding cleaned up.

BRIDGE CENTER NEWS

\$\$\$ - At the February 7 meeting, the Board voted to charge \$10 per person for all the Sunday Unit games, except for the Charity Game which will be \$11.

Library— Are you a beginning player? The library has acquired a new book, *A First Book of Bridge Problems* by Patrick O'Connor. It contains 50 problems in declarer play and defense for the beginning player. His aim is to get novices to develop recognition of certain standard situations that a more experienced player would easily recognize. Another new book is *Getting into the Bidding: A Bridge Toolkit* by Bill Treble. Every improving player needs tools to deal with the variety of today's competitive auctions and he covers the basic building blocks of competitive bidding.

Big Game—Joseph Chui and Fung Bao had a 73.53% game at Unity Church on February 12.

Lectures— The Unit members will learn about good use of trumps on March 5 in Debbie Rosenberg's lecture on "Suit Establishment: Trump Your Way to More Tricks." On March 19 Lynn Yokel will give multiple tips in one lecture in her talk on "Four Hands, Eight Lessons."

Celebrity Series— March 2 will be the first opportunity for those who have signed up for the Jerry Helm's series on "How to Play in No-Trump" to practice their skills with mentoring play. The second lecture/play will be on March 16. If you have not signed up for the series, you can still drop in and pay \$10, but you must let Valerie, valbaldwin@yahoo.com, know you are coming. The picture at right is of the first class in this series, with 72 very focused attendees. Photo by Alan Cummings.

Get Well— A speedy recovery to Hal Roey. He and Nan Roey are regulars at the Monday day game and the Wednesday night 499er game. Hal suffered a stroke in Florida on the last day of his and Nan's 50th anniversary cruise in late December. The Roeyes hope to be back in California soon to continue his recovery.

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Richard Hoppe, Barbara Lessing, David Merenbach, Sandra Merrill, Bess Olshen, Jacob Olshen, Michael Rosen, Marcy Tivol, Christine Canelo, A George Johnson, Kip Kado, Tim Kado, Robert Reis and Karen Rice.

SYMPATHY

Unit officers and members extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Unit member Susana Krulevitch whose husband Irving passed away last week. A celebration of his life will be held for family and friends at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 9th at Foothills Tennis Club, 3351 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto. Our condolences also go to Carol Schwerer, whose mother passed away early in February.



Financial Report for the Year 2012

UNIT 503 FISCAL REPORT FOR 2012

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Ongoing Activities | | Net Income |
| Bridge Center | | \$(17,639) |
| Table Fees | \$ 107,311 | |
| Insurance | \$ (856) | |
| Maintenance | \$ (12,155) | |
| Rent | \$ (83,660) | |
| Supplies | \$ (18,926) | |
| Utilities | \$ (9,353) | |
| Unit | | \$ (3,746) |
| ACBL | \$ 3,371 | |
| Misc. | \$ 221 | |
| Unit Games | \$ 777 | |
| Dec. party | \$ (2,500) | |
| Publishing | \$ (5,615) | |
| Education | | \$ 6,742 |
| Income | \$ 19,325 | |
| Expense | \$ (12,583) | |
| Firecracker | | \$ 944 |
| Income | \$ 42,192 | |
| Expense | \$ (41,248) | |
| General/Misc | | \$ (1,016) |
| Donation | \$ 1,400 | |
| Vending | \$ 875 | |
| Misc. | \$ (2,168) | |
| Tax/Accntg | \$ (1,123) | |
| Total Income | \$ 175,472 | |
| Total Expense | \$(190,187) | |
| Net Income | | \$(14,715) |

In the table at left can be found the fiscal data for 2012. Notice the change in format from prior years. Rather than list all the income and then all the expenses, we are presenting ongoing activities with their associated income and expenses. Thus when an income producing activity has a directly associated cost (e.g. Firecracker, education, etc.), it is clear how much net income is produced by that activity. Secondly, it appears that we had a net operating loss of \$14,714 in 2012. Our rent in 2012 was very high because we were renting the IFES Hall for part of the year so the 2013 rent will be reduced by \$11,000 to \$72,000. Our projection for 2013 is that the Unit should operate with positive cash flow.

| One Time Move-Related Expenses | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Income | Expense | |
| Donations | 15,675 | | |
| Equipment/furnish | | 9,357 | |
| Moving exp | | 85,588 | See note |
| Opening Party | | 1,743 | |
| Misc | | 1,206 | |
| Cost of move | 15,675 | 97,894 | (82,219) |
| Net income for year | | | (96,934) |
| ASSETS | | | |
| 12/31/11 | 168,951 | | |
| 12/31/12 | 72,018 | | |
| Change | -96,933 | | |

Note: Moving expenses include onetime costs associated with the move to the new facility and include carpet, chairs, construction, dishwasher, electrical work, legal, lighting, etc.

ALL ABOUT LORI SPAETH

BY MARY VAN TAMELEN



There was a time, long ago, when our Bridge Club was just a place where people came to play bridge. At that time there were no lessons for beginners, no flyers about upcoming events, no spirited encouragement for beginners, no outreach.

Then along came Lori.

She just recently started to play bridge herself – it was 1989. She and her husband, Grant, had taken only four lessons in the city, and she says, “I was hooked!” Soon, being Lori, she found herself on the Board as well. A fellow Board member, Atam Latchandani, was responsible for getting her a part-time job at a start-up (Juniper Networks) which turned out to be happy enough for her to stay until she retired in her late forties. “You never know who you’re going to meet at the bridge table,” she says.

While on the Board, with membership in the club declining, she connected with Frank Smoot, who wanted to “teach a game he loved to people who would use their brains.” From the beginning of his classes, Lori was there to help - advertising the lessons in newspapers and flyers, welcoming students, providing snacks, making name tags, being a teacher’s aide, keeping track of who came – but, mainly, she was coaxing people to give bridge a try. The word “duplicate” struck fear in many people,” she says, but Lori is a great persuader. Between moves, the classes were sometimes homeless, and when held at the Y for a while, they were forced to compete with bongo drums in the next room. When the Bridge Club was established at Terminal Blvd., things really picked up, and there were at one time as

many as 92 students with 8 helpers, all solicited and organized by Lori, of course. Sixteen years ago, Lori was appointed Education Liaison to the Board.

Although she will continue to be a resource and to promote bridge to newcomers, she is passing the baton as Education Liaison to Valerie Baldwin in order to spend more time with Grant and her grandchildren. See how bridge education has grown in our Unit during Lori’s tenure!

Besides the Unit-sponsored intermediate lessons by Frank, Kathy Harper teaches beginners and basic intermediates on Thursdays and Debbie Rosenberg is teaching advanced techniques. Valerie Baldwin draws a crowd of newer players on Saturdays to learn various conventions.

Education isn’t the only field in which Lori has contributed to our Unit. With Sue Johnston, she owns the very same Wednesday night game in which she and Grant began their bridge careers. She has been on the Board and served as President. She was involved in EZ Game and limited games, always encouraging prospective players. She was co-editor of the *Kibitzer* for many years. She worked on practically every move and cleanup, made flyers for parties and special events, and has published the Unit Directory since Linda Spangler left. Oh, and she plays a hell of a good game of bridge herself! All in all, she spends about half her life at the club, always trying to do what’s best for the Bridge Center. Being Lori, she credits her accomplishments to the helpfulness and advice of others, including, early on, to Mary Ann Berg, Adrienne Oliff, Frank Smoot, and, recently, to Alan Cummings and Alan Templeton, and “I’m sure I’ve forgotten others.”

“Bridge has enriched my life in so many ways,” she says, “most importantly by the wonderful and interesting people I have come to know.” She has recently been appointed to the Board of Governors for the ACBL in our district. Being Lori, she will represent us very well.

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. Congratulations to those who finished in the top three for 2012. The totals below in the left hand columns show the number of master points with which each winner started the year.

| 1/1/12 M.P. | | <u>Ace of Clubs</u> | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|--|
| 0-5 | John Verhagen | 26 | Howard Neff | 17 | Rita Rubinfeld | 15 | |
| 5-10 | Russell Norman | 25 | Nancy Sabbag | 23 | Richard Herzog | 23 | |
| 20-50 | Sari Staver | 67 | Paul Li | 44 | Roger Jackman | 43 | |
| 50-100 | Bev Benson | 55 | Todd Makler | 44 | Carolyn Taylor | 34 | |
| 100-200 | Andrew Dentai | 44 | Barbara Hansen | 43 | Miriam Jacob | 43 | |
| 200-300 | Beverly Bernhardt | 61 | Rick Flucke | 51 | Barbara Shukov | 49 | |
| 300-500 | Don-Min Tsou | 167 | Michele Musy | 73 | Vera Howard | 67 | |
| 500-1000 | Polly Siegel | 181 | Metin Gokcen | 129 | Chuck Lane | 95 | |
| 1000-2500 | Fung Bao | 166 | David Wheeler | 146 | Sigmund Malek | 138 | |
| 2500-5000 | Lori Spaeth | 115 | Geeske Joel | 114 | John Stanczak | 97 | |
| 5000-7500 | Patricia Chambers | 136 | Robin Chambers | 112 | Margery Yates | 110 | |
| 7500-10000 | Jim O'Neil | 116 | Hansa Narasimhan | 98 | Donald Rothschild | 75 | |
| >10000 | Malcolm McLaughlin | 191 | Hamish Bennett | 87 | G Venkatesh | 3 | |

| 1/01/12 M.P. | | <u>Mini McKinney</u> | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|--|
| 0-5 | John Verhagen | 47 | Winston Huang | 46 | Nathaniel Munger | 25 | |
| 5-10 | JoAnne Robertson | 39 | Carl Wolf | 34 | Richard Herzog | 33 | |
| 20-50 | Sari Staver | 85 | Paul Li | 72 | Roger Jackman | 64 | |
| 50-100 | Todd Makler | 102 | Bev Benson | 102 | Carolyn Taylor | 69 | |
| 100-200 | Naren Gupta | 161 | Barbara Hansen | 115 | Dan Thatte | 86 | |
| 200-300 | Barbara Shukov | 216 | Kip Kado | 132 | Lynn Giusti | 127 | |
| 300-500 | Don-Min Tsou | 304 | Michele Musy | 227 | Randy Ryals | 197 | |
| 500-1000 | Vinita Gupta | 620 | Polly Siegel | 533 | Metin Gokcen | 282 | |
| 1000-2500 | David Wheeler | 260 | Fung Bao | 259 | Franklin Gonzalez | 248 | |
| 2500-5000 | Geeske Joel | 714 | James Merzon | 413 | Barbara Sonsini | 407 | |
| 5000-7500 | Mary Ann Berg | 529 | Margery Yates | 215 | Patricia Chambers | 184 | |
| 7500-10000 | Hansa Narasimhan | 558 | Gary Macgregor | 401 | Jim O'Neil | 321 | |
| >10000 | Hamish Bennett | 867 | Malcolm McLaughlin | 379 | G Venkatesh | 155 | |

PRESIDENT NAMES COMMITTEE HEADS

Unit President, Brian Samuels, has made the following appointments:

- Art Coordinator-Sue Barkley
- Board Member’s Manual-Lee Haze
- Bridge Center Manager-Kevin O’Leary
- By-Laws Update-Jody Williams
- Carpool Coordinator-Sue Griswold
- Club Owner Liaison-Kevin O’Leary
- Computer Support-Will Watson
- Conduct & Ethics-Margot Livensparger
- District 21 Reps-Bob Horowitz, Prue Saunders
- District 21 Forum-Marian Kelly
- Education-Valerie Baldwin
- Education Fund-Alan Cummings
- Election-Roy Robinson
- Firecracker Sectional-Allen Wolman
- Firecracker Sectional-2014-James Stuart-Smith
- Insurance Liaison-Gil Koury
- Intermediate/Newcomer Liaison-Valerie Baldwin
- Kibitzer Editors-Elinor Tanck, Marian Kelly
- Library-Valerie Baldwin, Fran Bennett
- Membership-Sue Barkley
- Mentor Program-Chuck Lane, Pat Chambers
- Notes & Flowers-Joan Bower
- Parking Problem-Alan Cummings, Mike Atherton,
Sue Griswold, Alan Templeton
- Photographer-Roy Robinson
- Recognition-tba
- Recorder-Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey
- Supplies-Dave Wheeler
- Member Directory-Barbara Shukov
- Trophies-Steve Barasch
- Unit Games-Bev Nuding, Nancy Kehl, Bob Horowitz
- Unit Electronic Contact-Elinor Tanck
- Web Site & A/V Support-Alan Templeton.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
 Thursday, March 7 at 4:00 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
 Steve Barasch, Sue Barkley, Sue
 Griswold, Lee Haze, Bob Horowitz, Kevin
 O’Leary, James Stuart-Smith

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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

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| Junior Master | 5 MP | Donato D'Esopo, Shirley Negrin, Jerome Robertson |
| Club Master | 20 MP | Vera Baum, Cathy Johnson, Anne Ward |
| Sect. Master | 50 MP | Paul Li, JoAnne Robertson, John Wallace, Carl Wolf |
| Regional Master | 100 MP | Roger Jackman, Reddy Raju |
| NABC Master | 200 MP | Bev Benson, Roger Griffith |
| Life Master | 300 MP | Rick Flucke |
| Bronze Life Master | 500 MP | Vera Howard, Michele Musy |
| Silver Life Master | 1000 MP | Martia Fikes, Henry Zoellner |

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

- Sectional, Saturday, February 23 at Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco
- Helms Mentoring Play, Saturday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, March 2 at Community Ctr., El Cerrito
- 199er Unit Swiss teams, Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, March 5 at 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center
- NLM Sectional, Saturday, March 9 at Harbor High School, Santa Cruz
- Unit Open Swiss teams, Sunday, March 10, lunch at noon, game at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- Membership meeting, Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Helms Lecture/Play. Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, March 19 at 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center,
- Sectional, Saturday, March 23 at Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa

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