



**BRIDGE CENTER CLOSED THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
FOR PARKING LOT RESEALING AND RESTRIPIING.**

UNIT PAIRS ON TAP FOR NOVEMBER

The menu changes from cheese to pears, oops! from Swiss teams to pairs, for the November Unit Stratified Open and 199er Pairs game and election on Sunday, November 24 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Let's have pears and dessert in honor of the event. There will be no traditional pot luck because of the required volunteers for the set-up and clean up. Roy Robinson will announce the results of the election at game time. Bring your smile for luck with you.

At the September 22 Unit Game with 14 teams in the Open tops in A went to: Richard Williams-Jody Williams -Janice Nakao-Thomas Quinlan, in B

Misook Jung-Daniel Kroll-Panette Talia-Steve Hubbell and in C Aruna Desu-Michele Musy -Tsao-Tung Tsai-Peggy Chen. The winners in the five team 199ers were Bette Hirsch-Mary Driscoll-Vera Baum-Kathy Papermaster. As always, thanks go to the director, Will Watson and the Unit game chair, Bob Horowitz.

In the five team Unit 499er Swiss event on Monday, October 7, first place in A went to Larry Lasher-Andrew Dentai-Jana Cushman-Rick Flucke and in B to Judy and Warren Goodnow-Joelle and Ronald Perkocha. Thanks go to director Margot Livenesspargar.

NOW IS THE TIME TO VOTE

The nominating committee lists the following candidates for the four two-year terms open on the Unit Board of Directors: Leslie Altick, James Harris, Kevin O'Leary (incumbent) and Jody Williams. Voters may select four candidates including write-ins. The winners will form the 2014 Board with the current members: Valerie Baldwin, Bob Horowitz, Todd Makler, Brian Samuels and James Stuart-Smith. The *Kibitzer* has printed photos, candidate information and statements on pages four and five with a ballot and vot-

ing instructions. Beginning Monday, November 11, ballots, envelopes and boxes will be at three locations: The Bridge Center, the Unity Church and the JCC. If members play at other locations, they should plan to either vote at one of these three locations or mail their ballots. Follow the directions on the ballot to vote by mail. All ballots must be received by Tuesday, November 19. The election chair, Roy Robinson will announce the election results at the Unit Game on Sunday November 24.

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

SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Since the early days, the Unit has awarded a member the sportsmanship trophy for friendship, a pleasant attitude and the practice of active ethics. Since 2006, it has also honored a member for service to the Unit. The committee of Steve Barasch, Brian Samuels, Sue Griswold and Marian Kelly will select the recipients for the 2013 awards.

They welcome suggestions from Unit members of those who are worthy to receive these two awards. If you wish to offer names, go to the Unit website's home page or email barasch1@ix.netcom.com. Specify which award and give a reason why you think the suggested player is worthy of the award. Boxes will be available November 21 for your input at the Unity Church, JCC and the Bridge Center. The deadline for proposed candidates is Dec. 4.

THANKSGIVING APPEAL FOR SECOND HARVEST

During this joyous Thanksgiving season our Unit wishes to share with those not so fortunate in our community by giving support to our seniors. Second Harvest Food Bank tells us "half of our seniors are at risk of hunger." Food barrels will be at the Bridge Center beginning November 1 until Thanksgiving. Let's fill the barrels and consider a cash donation. Envelopes will be at the Directors' station or you can contact James Stuart-Smith for details. Remember to include a contribution whenever you come to play but especially during our November Unit game.

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Merri Banks, Reggie Harris, David Held, Samuel Huneke, Misook Jung, Leila Mattinger, Karen Murphy, Gabrielle Sherman and Joan Smith.

NAP FINAL QUALIFIES UNIT PLAYERS

In the 20-pair two session Unit final held Sunday, October 6 the winners in A were Tahir Gokcen-Robert Madalena, in B Franklin Gonzalez- Henryk Szejnwald and in C Tao Fan-Gang He. Unit players who qualified for the District final at the Diablo Valley BC in 2014 were: Tahir Gokcen, John Hoffman, Robert Madalena, Rich Spitalnick, Polly Siegel, Lori Spaeth, Vandana Vidwans in A; Franklin Gonzalez and Henryk Szejnwald in A and B; in B Steve Barasch, Allen Wolman, Aruna Desu, Flo Yoshikawa, Tad Yoshikawa, and Don-Min Tsou; in B and C Tony Jackson; in C Paul Davis and Nancy Kehl.



September was a slow month for sectionals in our area. District 21 sponsored only three—
Orangevale,

Stockton, and Gilroy. And it seems our superstars from Unit 503 had little if any representation. Hence, I have no tournament kudos to report this month. This is no fun!

Since the standout 72% games are covered elsewhere in the Kibitzer, this no doubt will be the shortest column ever. I hope to have tons to report on next month, so get out there and show your stuff! Happy Bridging!!

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.

BRIDGE NEWS

BIGger than Big - Yes, it's better late than never. July 16 was a good bridge day for local pairs: Mark



Robichek - Franz Lanzinger had a 78.3% at the Alpine BC and Joseph Chui - Erin Gove scored 73% at the Tuesday Noon BC. Those with big games in September were Dave Aston - Kathy Manchuk and Jane Herman - Suzanne Band in the EZ Game and Elisabeth Kan - Kato Reis at the Vi DBC. The Winners Circle on our website now highlights games of 70% or greater.

SiVY Bridge - The next Party, Pizza, Play Bridge is set for Friday, October 25, at 4:30 p.m. There is no bridge party in November. The September event attracted 32 eager players. SiVY Bridge has eight after-school programs with 82 youths (Wow!) enrolled in Los Gatos, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Belmont schools, and in Boys & Girls Clubs in San Jose and Menlo Park. A couple more will start soon and others are targeted to start in January.

Lectures - Note that the lectures are now starting at 9:30 a.m. To allow for a detailed discussion and practice hands, Frank Smoot will lead a third session on doubles (specifics to be announced) on October 29. The first one on "Doubles" on September 17 attracted the largest audience yet for one of these lectures. On Tuesday, November 12, Joanna Stansby will help players with "Hand Evaluation."

Library - Matthew Thomson is a current member of the Australian Bridge Team. He has written a new book with an intriguing title - *Bid More, Play More*,

Enjoy More, Win More. Amazon recommends this book stating: "The author's advice is to always evaluate your hand, and to show your "shape before strength." Better contracts and better bridge will be your reward. It provides individual advice, partnership strategies, and system recommendations that are consistent and holistic." Make this book a constant companion. You'll find this book in our Unit library

Awards - Check out the current standings as of September 1 for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Awards on the Bridge Center bulletin board.

Mentors Needed—Our mentor cheerleaders, Pat Chambers and Chuck Lane, are in dire need of more mentors to provide monthly help and advice to one of our Unit's upcoming potential mentees. Seriously, many people are searching for mentors, but the current list has been exhausted. Contact Chuck if you would be willing to help a newer player learn, chucklane5@aol.com or (650) 948-7007.

NANCY KEHL, UNIT GAME WIZARD



Recognize her?? If you've played in many Unit games this year, you do. She's Nancy Kehl, a relative newbie here with fewer than 100 points (only for the moment) but with a wonderful, willing can-do attitude. Nancy has been responsible for the decorations, the great food and for much of the organiza-

tion of about six Unit games this past year. We're taking this opportunity to sing her praises for a job VERY well done. Right now she is on hiatus from Unit games until next year when she plans to handle about six such games.

BOARD CANDIDATE PROFILES AND BALLOT



Leslie Atlick:
 Leslie learned bridge at the kitchen table, played through college, even took a few lessons after graduate school. She did not play again until a 2008 cruise. Leslie has an MBA in marketing and finance from North-

western. She worked as a stock analyst, management consultant, and banker, including a 24-year career with Wells Fargo. During those years her responsibilities included managing the company’s relationships with professional investors, Wall Street, and the rating agencies; managing marketing and advertising, all the checking, savings, and other deposit products across the nation. She has served on the board of a closely held corporation, a non-profit, and a national medical association.

“Everyone I encountered in the Unit was so helpful and supportive of me as a novice,” Leslie says. “If elected, I hope to attract and encourage other newcomers to play “up” in the open games, where I’ve learned so much and to work on other newcomer liaison issues.”

The Unit Board will meet on Thursday, November 7 at 3:45 p.m. All Unit members are invited to attend.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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

James Harris:
 I moved to the Valley in 1970 and worked for National Semiconductor and then several start-ups. Currently, I consult on semiconductor technology; I am also a Patent Agent and write patent applica-



tions for several start-up companies. Since I joined the Bridge Club when I retired and had more free time, I have become a Life Master. As a Board member, I would like to contribute my efforts to either the Education Committee or the Education Fund and to help enlarge our membership and explore new areas for members to play and win points.

Junior Master	10 MP	Dana Bisconti, Michael Yang
Club Master	20 MP	Patricia Berkley, Sandra Rollin, Alexandra Narasin, Michelle Tai, Marilyn Taketa, David Torin
Sectional Master	50 MP	Henry Hornstein, Charles Hung, Carol Swenson
Regional Master	100 MP	Sue Bockmann, Karen Cano, Winston Huang, Joelle Perkocha, Ronald Perkocha
NABC Master	200 MP	Clara Chang
Life Master	300 MP	Bev Benson, Carl Brunsting, Merry Stephenson, Susan Griswold
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Mukund Thapa
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Metin Gokcen

BOARD CANDIDATES AND BALLOT



Kevin O'Leary: has agreed to serve another term on our Board; we just had to have him back! He's a San Francisco native, brought up on the Peninsula, the father of four, a bridge director who also enjoys traveling, gardening and reading. Kevin became hooked on bridge

when he was still working as a foreman on contracting jobs and he and his wife, Nadine, began taking lessons. He loves having fun, often focusing on the social aspects of bridge, especially when he is helping newbies feel comfortable with all the potentially threatening aspects of duplicate play. Sounds like a perfect candidate for our Board.



Jody Williams: Jody is running for the Board because she feels that it is time she gave back to the Unit. She is currently working with members of the Board to revise Unit bylaws. She is interested in improving the organization and the

communication of information. The current Board has done quite a bit of work in making sure policies are written down, but there's still more to do to make sure everything is online and organized in a way that makes things easy to find. Jody retired from a career in software design and development, frequently serving as a team lead, technical lead, manager, and technical program manager, with experience in detail-oriented planning. She is married to a fellow bridge player, Rich Williams.

Hearty thanks to our photographer, Roy Robinson for the photos on these two pages and for Nancy's photo on p.3.

Official Ballot – 2013 Election - Unit 503

Select no more than four (4) candidates.

Leslie Altick ___ James Harris ___ Kevin O'Leary (incumbent) ___ Jody Williams ___

Write Ins _____

Only a ballot received in a sealed envelope with a member's legible signature on the outside is valid.

Deposit ballot in box at your local club or mail it to

Roy Robinson, 539 Los Ninos Way, Los Altos CA 94022-1728

or vote by sending a list of names by email to roylrobinson@yahoo.com

All ballots must be received by Tuesday, November 19.

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.		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, Thursday, Oct. 17 at Bridge Center, Fresno
- Mentoring Play, Saturday, Oct. 19 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- NLM Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 19 at Bridge Center, Burlingame
- Membership Appreciation game, Wed., Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC
- Sectional, Friday, Oct. 25 at West Valley College, Saratoga
- SiVY Pizza, Party, Play Bridge, Fri., Oct. 25 at 4:30 p.m. Bridge Center
- Sectional, Friday, Oct. 25 at West Valley College, Saratoga
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Sat., November 2 at El Cerrito, Community Center
- 499er Unit Swiss Teams, Mon. Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, Nov. 9, at San Ramon Valley HS, Danville
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Friday, Nov. 15 at Hiram Hall, Oakland
- Election and Open and 199er Unit Pairs, Sunday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center

Club Closings

- Friday, Oct. 25 Friday Night Barometer
- Thursday, Oct. 31 Bridge Center clubs, parking lot repaving
- Friday, Nov. 1, Bridge Center clubs, parking lot repaving
- Wednesday, Nov. 27 - Doubleton Club
- Thursday, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving: Thurs. Morning JCC BC, Thurs. Afternoon BC

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