



EXPECT EERIE EXPERIENCES AT THE OCTOBER 13 UNIT EVENT

There will be no black cats to ruin your luck but watch out for the goblins at the Sunday, October 13, 1 p.m. Open and 199er Swiss Teams at the Bridge Center. Instead of lunch, dessert and fruit will be available. Additionally, the per person charge is reduced to \$9.

No one will let the thought of a revoke haunt the mood at this fun event. But watch out for mischief from your opponents. Please sign up your team on the list at

the Bridge Center or on the web. Remember to bring your smile - it will keep the bad luck away.

In the Monday, September 9, 499er Swiss Teams, the team of Bill Dalton - Margie Dalton - Alan Huggins - Lindsay Huggins won over three other teams. Note that the masterpoint requirement is now a team average of fewer than 499 points. The next 499er Swiss will be on Monday, October 7.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTED AUGUST UNIT SWISS

It was truly a fusion of many cultures at the Bridge Center at the Unit Swiss Teams on August 11. The committee treated the players to a creative display of plant and flower arrangements that expanded the Asian Fusion theme. The lunch, a tasting of Asian flavors, featured lamb curry, chicken curry, rice, wonderful salads and other homemade dishes brought by Josephine Ventura, Jan and Bob Horowitz, Sona Bhambhra, Phil Lowe and Manda Thatte. A big thank you goes to them for making this so much fun-- and of course, the faithful—Paul Davis, and Peggy Wheeler. As always,

we give thanks for the supreme direction of Will Watson and the planning and preparation of Nancy Kehl.

And the winners are: in the 18-team Open: A Tahir Gokcen - Kathy Harper - Donald Rothschild - Robert Madalena, B Dinah McNutt - Spencer Sun - Adam Meyerson - Elianna Meyerson, C Bob Ward - Nancy Ward - Jayne Ralston - Tony Ralston; in the eight-team 199ers: Nick Ward - Anne Ward - Annette Rappleyea - Phil Lowe. The free plays went to Anne Neeter, Merle Orelove and George Welch.

UNIT SETS OCTOBER 6 FOR NAP UNIT FINAL

The two-session North American Pairs (NAP) Unit Qualification Final is set for Sunday, October 6 at the Bridge Center at 1 p.m. and tbd. No sign-ups needed, but prequalification at a club game is required for en-

try. The District finals will be in Walnut Creek in January and February. There will also be a regular Sunday Afternoon BC game at 1 p.m. for those not playing in the NAP.

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



Our cowgirls and cowboys lassoed a lot of first places in our recent All-Western Regional in Santa Clara. The *Kibitzer*

editorial mavens constantly keep an eye on the column space, so I will do my best to call out all the stars. But truth be told, I won't be able to highlight every single outstanding performance. Just let me say congratulations to all of you, named and unnamed, for doing so well!

Tuesday saw Unit 503 come out with all guns blazing. Vinita Gupta and her gang placed first in A in the afternoon Charity Swiss. Polly Siegel and Ron Karr took top place in B in the same Swiss event. Then the adorable Eiko Lissner and her partner stole first in A/B in the afternoon Charity 299er Pairs. Good going!

Wednesday produced a whole slew of winners. Mickie Winkler and a buddy won first in A/B in the morning 299er Pairs. Fung Bao and partner took first in A in the morning Side Pairs. Then Jack Lucas and Jan Boelke topped the afternoon 299er Pairs. Barbara Klein and friend had a 66.96% game to take the evening 299er Pairs. Wow on steroids! Lastly, the Kit Karson KOs had winners in three brackets. Larry Mohr and his posse came first in Bracket 1; Don-Min Tsou et. al. took Bracket 3; and Ellie Bernhardt, Merry Stephenson, Deborah Lundahl & Donna Raynor finished first in bracket 4.

Moving on to Thursday, AB Open Pairs found Don Spaulding and partner taking top honors. Next Jun Shi finished first in A/B in the evening Side Game. John and Catharine Fisher grabbed first place in the Cherokee Gold Pairs. And in the Wyatt Earp KOs, Lori Spaeth's team cornered first in bracket two. Impressive.

Friday saw Val Baldwin and Carolyn Chaney plus two place first in B & C in the Goodwill Swiss Teams. Jeanine Ardourel and partner took first in A/B/C in the afternoon 299er Pairs. Deborah Machlin and Mary MacLellan grabbed first in E/F. The delightful Margery Yates and John Stanczak paired up to steal first in the Senior Pairs. Finally on Friday, Omer Barnir and Eric Byler found themselves on top in the evening 299er Pairs. Good going all around!

The weekend began with Gillian & Paul Barsley winning first in G in the morning 99er Pairs. My good

buddies Carol and Keith Burnett with their side-kicks Nancy and Bob Ward came in first in B/C in the evening Swiss. Bravo!

Sunday saw a lot of winners, many of them the usual suspects. In the Doc Holiday Morning Swiss, first in B were Kathie Shaw, Merle Orelove, Val Baldwin and Sue Griswold. Did I hear that Sue became a new Life Master? In the C level, Carol Kemper, Randy Ryals, Lynn Giusti and their fourth took first place in that same Swiss game. Polly Siegel and her East Bay recruit Kevin came first in A/B in the afternoon Side Game. Tad and Flo Yoshikawa + two more from across the Bay came in first in Bracket 2 of the OK Corral KO. In the Tumbleweed Compact KOs, Will & Geeske with two professional hotshots came in first in Bracket 1, while Randy Ryals and Carol Kemper & team were first in Bracket 4.

To finish up the tournament there was one especially shining moment. Two more of my partners and buddies, Henryk Szejnwald and Rich O'Brien, finished first overall in the Monday Fast Open Pairs. Talk about guns blazing! Let me say again, congratulations to all of you who did so well. We have one hummin' Unit!!

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PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

The September ACBL report shows that the players identified below have moved up.

Congratulations to all!

Club Master	20 MP	Wray Brett, Greg Manchuk, Kay Miller, Paula Miller, Cathy Priest, Gilbert Reese, William Slutterback
Sectional Master	50 MP	Nelson Chi, Kathryn Papermaster, Claudia Tamblin
NABC Master	200 MP	Dawn Black
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Joe Foster
Gold Life Master	2500 MP	David Gambelin

BRIDGE NEWS

SiVY Bridge - At the World Youth Open Championships held in Atlanta, in the Youth Board-A-Match Teams, Unit member Frank Lin was on the third place California Aces. His partner was Kevin Rosenberg. Unit member, Isha Thapa and her partner finished third in the Girls Pairs. SiVY Bridge held a bridge and pizza party at the Bridge Center on Friday, August 23. They hope to hold a monthly event. Check the Unit web page for further news on this group

Art - Jane Ferguson, Rajani Balaram and Kaaren Marquez are now exhibiting their water colors with the newly acquired picture hanging apparatus at the Bridge Center. Here are a few words about the artists: Jane, originally from England, paints full time with her first love, water colors, but also uses mixed media. Rajani paints to create a mood and capture a sense of atmosphere. She loves bold color, shapes and textures and works in watercolor, acrylic and collage. Kaaren graduated as an electrical engineer from Stanford. After a successful career at HP and Agilent, she chose to stay home to raise her two children. For the past seven years, she has been devoting more and more time to painting watercolors, both plein air and in her studio.

Lecture - The Unit series continues on October 1 with Frank Smoot offering a second session on Doubles. The October 15 lecture features Sue Johnston on "The ABC's of Defensive Signals."

Unit Celebrity Teacher Series - In October the players will learn about defense from Barbara Seagram on Saturday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. with a mentoring workshop on Saturday, October 19.

Library - For those of you who are faithful readers of David Bird's column in the monthly Bridge Bulletin, you will be glad to know that our Unit library now has two new books about the Abbot and the bridge-playing monks of St. Titus monastery. They are *The Abbot and the Sensational Squeeze* and *The Abbot, the Witchdoctor and the Disastrous Double*. The books provide a mixture of excellent bridge, entertaining characters and sparkling dialogue. The library has also received a donation of many bridge CDs by Marty Bergen, Larry Cohen, Eddie Kantar, Mike Lawrence and a few other bridge writers. They are in a box marked "CDs" on a library shelf. Check them out the same way that you do books by filling out a check-out slip.

Appreciation - All clubs may hold a Club Appreciation Pair Game and a Club Appreciation Swiss Teams Event during the month of October. For pair games, the awards will be sectional-rated black points; for teams the awards will be 5% gold for winners, the rest will be sectional-rated black. The Doubleton Club will hold an appreciation pairs game on Wednesday, October 23. We expect other clubs will schedule similar games.

Forum New Face - We introduce Mary Van Tamelen as the new editor of the *Forum* Unit column. Please help Mary out by reporting to her interesting items for her use. The Unit members appreciate Marian Kelly's efforts in writing the column for many years.

Service Smiles - Thanks go to Alan Cummings who has agreed to "relead" the Education Fund. Also the Bridge Center management is grateful to Josephine Ventura and Paul Davis for staying after Hamish Bennett's memorial service to help clean up.

Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

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OOPS!!!



If there's an accident, don't just let it be. Please clean it up yourself or notify a director to help us keep the Bridge Center carpet and chairs looking sparkling clean.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

THERE ARE TWO SECTIONS: (A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (B) TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Finance Committee

The Unit has assets, revenue, expenses, and no liabilities. To make clear our areas of activity, the sources of our revenue, and associated expenses, we organized into five cost centers: Bridge Center, Firecracker, Education, Unit games and Member Services. The income and the expenses for each activity are combined for each function so that it is obvious which activities are net sources of revenue and which activities use our funds. Since we are a non-profit organization, it is important that our overall cash flow be in balance, but it is not intended that each cost center should be 'profitable'. If we operate a balanced budget, then the net income in one cost center must be matched by a net deficit in another area. The purpose of dividing our financial affairs into the five cost centers is to allow the Board and our membership a clear view of our fiscal status. If all goes well then there are no issues. If a problem should develop, then the transparency allows a clearer discussion of what we are doing and where we can improve our fiscal performance.

Report of the Treasurer

1 - Note that the period covered is seven months (January to July) to include the results of the Firecracker.

2 - As of 7/31/13 the actual liquid reserves are greater than \$72,000 and the Unit had net operating income of approximately \$3,800 in the seven-month period.

3 - In 2013 the Unit received \$8,049 from 2012 activities. This is a non-recurring event and the income is not listed as part of the budget

In conclusion: The Unit is fiscally sound with balanced income and expenses and good cash reserves. Those who wish a detailed breakdown of income and expenses within each cost center can send an email to todd.makler@gmail.com

Cost Center		YTD budget	YTD actual	YTD variance
Bridge-Center	Income	78,920	80,420	
	Expense	72,090	75,288	
	Net Inc	6,830	5,132	-1,698
Firecracker	Income	42,000	38,107	
	Expense	42,000	40,638	
	Net Inc	0	-2,536	-2,536
Education	Income	10,000	12,393	
	Expenses	8,049	8,994	
	Net Inc	1,931	3,399	1,468
Unit Game	Income	4,000	4,000	
	Expense	3,358	3,823	
	Net Inc	642	177	-465
Memb. Serv	Income	3,370	3,370	
	Expense	4,792	5,699	
	Net Inc	-1,422	-2,329	-907
Unit Income	Net inc	7,981	3,843	
2012 items			8,049	
Total net income		7,981	11,982	

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Miller Geschke, Cynthia Lautzenheiser, Sally Maeshall, Amy Salisbury, Martha Woollomes, Michael Yang, Joan Erickson and Pat Nofrey.

JULIANNE AND ROY ROBINSON

By MARY VAN TAMELEN



He's a long-distance hiker and he plays bridge. She's a bridge player and she hikes. So they fit together very

nicely and have for their 53 years of marriage. You might not know that Roy is *famous* in the hiking community. He invented the "cat" stove, a cooking device for backpackers that weighs only 2 ounces and can boil a pint of water in four minutes. This won a prize in *Backpacker* magazine and is now used by most hikers. Why "cat?" Because it's made from cans that once contained cat food. He's also designed a poncho to be used as a rain tent and a bug cage. His web site has had 150,000 hits.

Julianne often goes on hikes with Roy; they enjoy the "Wayfarers" organization, which sponsors hikes all around the world. Together they hiked recently in New Zealand and were looking forward to another this summer in Italy.

You probably didn't know that Julianne is famous for her berry pies, made from home-grown berries. For 35 years, she cooked once a week at Allied Arts. The berries come from their extensive garden

Both Julianne and Roy are from Portland, Oregon. Both also attended Oregon State University in Corvallis, although not at the same time. Roy had joined the Navy directly after high school, where he served as an electronics technician. Julianne got her degree in business education and secretarial science, enabling her to get a good job as secretary to the president of the Oregon bank. She left home and rented an apartment with three other girls.

Roy, along with other young men, went to "check out those girls," and there he met Julianne. He asked

her roommate for a date. Fortunately the roommate was busy and he went with Julianne to the beach with a keg of beer.

Roy had a job at this point parking cars at a restaurant. He made no salary and worked for tips only, making lots of money by recognizing women by their hats and having their cars ready. He'd pick up Julianne at 1 a.m. after work. Within a year they were married.

Roy went back to school in Corvallis to finish his education as an electrical engineer. In 1963 they moved to California and Roy eventually took a job with the Southern Pacific Railroad. He became head of telecommunications and signals, which included radio, TV, and microwaves. Roy says that climbing to those microwave towers might have fostered his love of hiking.

They have two sons. Brian, also a long-distance hiker famous for hiking the Appalachian, Pacific Crest and Continental Divide trails (7,371 miles) all in one year, is now an accountant with H and R Block. Greg, a former Navy pilot, lives in Connecticut. He and his wife Meredith have two children, Zachary, 9 and Helena, 6.

While Julianne enjoys reading (particularly mysteries), Roy is interested in astronomy and says, "I have 52 years of *Sky and Telescope*," and he's deeply involved in photography. He's the Unit's photographer, and you can check out his great bridge pictures—and others—on his website, RoyRobinson.homestead.com. You'll probably find yourself there, smiling brightly.

You might guess from hearing about all the cat stoves that Roy has made, that they'd have cats. They don't. Roy, generous as always, empties all the tins, and puts the cat food in big jars and takes it to the local pound, for which they are very thankful.

The Unit Board will meet on
Thursday, October 3 at 3:45
p.m. All Unit members are in-
vited to attend.

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

- Unit lecture, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center
- Mentoring lecture Saturday, Sept. 21 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- Unit Open & 199er Swiss Teams, Sunday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- Mentoring Play, Saturday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, Sept. 28 at Senior Center, Gilroy
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center
- ACBL-wide Instant Match Pt. Game, Wed., Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., Dbleton BC
- Mentoring lecture, Saturday, Oct. 5 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 5 at Harbor HS, Santa Cruz
- Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 5 at Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa
- NAP 2-Session Unit Final, Sun., Oct. 6, 1 p.m. and TBA, Bridge Center
- 499er Unit Swiss Teams, Monday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- Sectional, Thursday, Oct. 10 at Plaza Conv. Ctr, Carson City, NV
- Unit Open and 199er Swiss Teams, Sun. Oct. 13, 1:00 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center
- 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

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