



TWO UNIT PAIRS GAMES ON TAP FOR NOVEMBER SATURDAY, NOV. 1 AND SUNDAY, NOV. 23

The Unit is starting off November with an Open/299er pairs game on **Saturday, November 1** to celebrate Hansa Narisimham attaining the rank of Grand Life Master. This requires a player to earn 10,000 masterpoints (Yes, count them!) and win a national championship. Come join in the bridge and party fun as the Unit congratulates Hansa. Lunch is at 11:30; game begins at noon. Sign up on the Unit website (preferred) or on the list at the Bridge Center. Remember to bring your smile along with your best wishes.

A second Unit Open/299er pairs game with lots of fun and anticipation is scheduled for **Sunday, November 23** with a **pot-luck lunch at noon** and

bridge at 1 p.m. The Unit will provide a holiday ham and is counting on each and every player's contribution of goodies. For simplicity, the Unit is asking those with last names to bring: A-F salad, G-L appetizer, L-R side dish, S-Z dessert. Here's a chance for those with culinary talent to show off their expertise. Decorations and prizes will add to the enjoyment. As always, please sign up on the Unit website (preferred) or on the list at the Bridge Center.

Roy Robinson will announce the results of the election to name three new members to the Unit Board. Remember to bring your pot luck dish, your food or money donation for Second Harvest and, most importantly, your smile.

IT'S TIME TO VOTE

Now that the state and federal elections are history, it is time to turn to the Unit election. The nominating committee has found three candidates for the three two-year terms open on the Board of Directors: Paul Davis, Todd Makler and David Puryear. Voters may select three candidates including write-ins. The winners will form the 2014 Board with the current members: Leslie Altick, Jim Harris, Kevin O'Leary and Jody Williams. Find photos and candidate information on pages 4 and 5 with a ballot and voting instructions.

Beginning Monday, November 10, 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 Wednesday, November 19. The election chair, Roy Robinson, will announce the election results at the Unit Game on Sunday, November 23.

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

PLAYERS CONVERGE FOR OCTOBER UNIT GAMES

With back to back Unit games the weekend of October 11, many players came to the Bridge Center to enjoy good competition. At the Saturday Pairs Game on October 11 with 18 pairs playing, the partnership of Jim O'Neil and John Schoenbrun topped the field with Spencer Sun and Chris Kolner the leaders in strata B and C. Thanks go to the director, John Prior.

When folks arrived for the Sunday, October 12 Unit game, they found a scarecrow greeting them at the door. Anyone wearing black and orange received a chocolate treat; it didn't take long for everyone to realize they were in for a scary time with pumpkins, spiders and creepy crawlers. There were Mummy Wraps, Witches Meatballs, a variety of salads and desserts and even the ghoulish punch had two hands floating in the bowl. Halloween spooks included Bev Nuding as greeter and John Schwartz and Kevin O'Leary as directors. Assisting with the goblin goodies were Jolly Perkocha, Annette Rappleyea, Kevin O'Leary, Sue Griffin, Nancy Kehl, Bev Nuding, Delores Dunlap, Debbie Machlin and Josephine Ventura.

And of course, there was a bridge game, too. The Swiss teams featured 19 teams in the open and 16 in the 299er. In the open, the team of Lori Spaeth-David Wheeler-Kou-Ping Cheng-Luen-Jyh (James) Luo was victorious in A and the team of Brian Samuels-Donald Cohn-Dick Herzog- Peter Mork first in B. In the 299ers, the team of Barbara Hansen-Carol Taylor-Cornelia Hornstein- Henry Hornstein won in A and the team of Claire Duffie-Cornelius Duffie-Fred Schwerer-Carol Schwerer led in B. The team of Edward Yang-Jeffrey Chen-Joshua Wang-Ling Ling Zhang were in front in C.

Those who helped with set-up and clean-up for the monster affair were: Judy and Warren Goodnow, Ralph and Sue Griffin, Paul Davis and Nancy Kehl. Julianne Robinson, Beverly Nuding and Edward Yang had Cheshire cat grins as winners of free plays. Mucho gracias to many but especially to Nancy Kehl, our Halloween hostess.

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." Recently Second Harvest honored the Unit with a Blue Diamond plaque in thanks for our exceptional efforts. 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 Lothar Klatt (650) 369-8352 or lnewsmore1@msn.com for details.

Remember to include a contribution whenever you come to play but especially during our November Unit games. For those who are hungry, nothing else matters.

WINNERS TROPHY RACE NEARS HOME STRETCH

The Unit gives this award to members who have earned the most masterpoints in the Unit games. With only three games remaining for this year, the leaders in the open strata are closely bunched, but among the Non-Life Masters the leader, Elan Winkler, has a big advantage Here are the standings: Open: Jim O'Neil-33.6, Kathy Harper-33.2, Polly Siegel-31.3, Don Rothschild-30.7; NLM: Elan Winkler-10.4, Deborah Macklin-7.2, Nancy Kehl-7.1, Paul Davis-7.0.

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Ying Liu, Pam Shelchuk, Violet Tivol, Susan Hailpern, C.J. Jameson, Yinghao Liu and Debbie Weinstein.

BRIDGE BITS

Wellness - As you have probably noticed, the Unit has purchased a defibrillator and a new first aid kit, mounted on the wall next to the shelves by the director's desk. In the near future, there will be training sessions for club owners and teachers.

Points - Looking for an opportunity for extra master-points? Check out the back page for numerous Club Appreciation games toward the end of October.

It's Halloween: Play Bridge - Ghosts, witches and black cats are welcome to play *free* at the Friday Night Barometer BC on October 31. Enjoy pizza too. Come in costume to take advantage of this offer.

BIGGER than ? - Elizabeth Kaplan-Phoebe Korn, 72.2% at Vi DBC, Jerry Robertson-JoAnne Robertson, 75.8% at LAGCC, Bo Xiao-Brent Kiao, 74.6% at Sunday Aft. BC.

Lectures - On November 4, Frank Smoot will explain "Inverted Minors" and continuations of the bidding sequence after their use. On November 18, Sue Johnston will examine good partnership technique in "Your partner's Opening lead."

Library - Frank Smoot presented a lecture on splinter bids in October. This lecture should have created interest in a book that was recently donated to the Unit Library, Max Hardy's *Splinters and Other Shortness Bids*, a classic in bridge literature. It covers such topics as: the role of splinters in hand evaluation; how responder splinters to support the opening bid; opener's splinter rebid. Hardy also discusses other conventions that are used to show shortness.

SiVY- The next Party, Pizza, Play Bridge is set for Saturday, October 25 at West Valley College from 2:00-5:15. The November Party, Pizza, Play Bridge is on Sunday, November 16 from 5-8 pm at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. Currently, SiVY is sponsoring after-school programs at Peterson Middle School in Sunnyvale, Graham Middle School and Girls Middle School in Mountain View, Jordan Middle School in Palo Alto, Franklin Elementary School and Bret Harte Middle School in San Jose, Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos and Cesar Chavez Middle School in Union City.

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.

EDDIE KANTAR COMING SOON

World renowned teacher and prolific bridge book writer, Eddie Kantar, will be giving an all-day seminar on Sunday, Nov 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The morning session will be about dealing with three different kinds of dummies: Long, Short, and Dead. The afternoon session will be Eddie's "Thinking Bridge" lessons on intermediate/advanced bidding, play and defense. The seminar is **sold out**, but we are still taking reservations for the waiting list, so please let us know if you have a reservation you cannot use. Contact Brian at briansamuels@yahoo.com for reservations or cancelations or Valerie at unit503mentor@gmail.com for more information.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Junior Master	5 MP	Marjory Greenwald, Behnaz Taidi, Brian Tivol
Club Master	20 MP	Carolle Carter, Harriette Huff, Puliur Santhanam
Sectional Master	50 MP	Michael Hu, Howard Neff, Ann Porteus, Isabel Shaw
Regional Master	100 MP	Eugene Acton, Marjorie Gray, Linzhi Hu, Brahm Levin, Cecile Naar, Nick Ward, Carl Wolf
NABC Master	200 MP	Diane Dollinger, Frances Green, Jim Hulseman, Eiko Lissner, Reddy Raju
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Merry Stephenson, Alice Rice, Eileen Zefting
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Steve Barasch, Aruna Desu, Don-Min Tsou
Gold Life Master	2500 MP	Manuela Marani

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS



Paul Davis

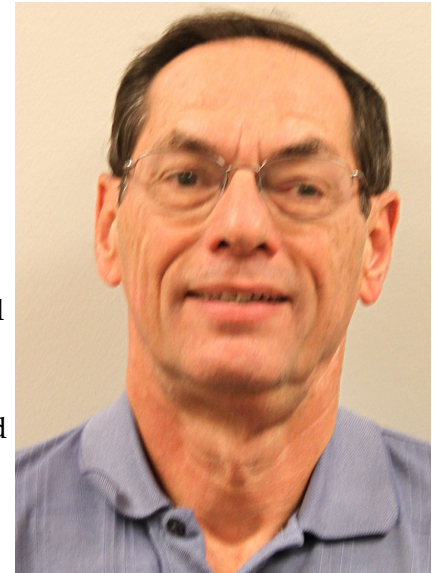
Paul grew up in the Midwest, graduated from UCSC and has enjoyed traveling much of the world by his employment with several non-profit industry associations. He spent nearly three decades, for example, with SEMI, a global not-for-profit industry association that serves manufacturing supply chains in high-tech industries,

where his final position was Executive Vice President. He is married to his longtime partner, Jade Thuma.

Paul has been a Unit member for just over three years. His regular bridge partner is Nancy Kehl whom he met by chance at his second game at Walter's and has played with ever since. He helped her set up Sunday Unit games over the past two years, co-chaired the Set-up committee for the Firecracker Sectional this year, is a frequent helper at Kathy Harper's classes, and is now responsible for the free Tuesday Lecture Series. Paul sees his potential Board interests as involving education and/or finance. He has immeasurable respect for club owners and directors and would also be interested in serving as a liaison.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 6
3:45 p.m. IFES Building
All are welcome to attend.



Todd Makler

Todd says that since he has been living in Los Altos, the bridge community has been a source of pleasure and friendship and that he is interested in being of assistance to this group by serving a second term on our Board. He hails from Pennsylvania, where he practiced academic Nuclear

Medicine until his retirement, when he moved in order to be closer to his two children and six grandchildren on the West Coast. He mentions that he is a two time NCAA Saber Champion and was a member of the 1972 US Olympic Epee team.

Todd's background also includes a consistent role as a finance officer of nonprofit organizations, i.e. medical, church and school groups and he would be willing again to serve our Unit as Treasurer. He strongly believes that all the actions of the Treasurer should be conducted in such a way that the data is available to all interested parties. He tells us, "People may disagree with the policies/decisions of the Unit, but there should be no feeling that fiscal issues are being handled behind closed doors."

Palo Alto Unit 503 Board

- Brian Samuels, President
- James Stuart-Smith, Vice President
- Todd Makler, Treasurer
- Leslie Altick, Secretary
- Valerie Baldwin, James Harris, Bob Horowitz, Kevin O'Leary, Jody Williams

Thank you again, Roy Robinson, for these fine photos!



David Puryear

David's education at Princeton in Economics and subsequent teaching positions at Syracuse and Johns Hopkins led him to Oregon in 1985. While at Willamette, he held positions as a management consultant and as Dean of the Graduate School of Management before moving to Mountain View in 1998. David and his frequent partner, Kathy, have been married for 46 years. He calls himself an intermediate bridge player, closing in on his Life Master rank. David has taught in our SiVY youth program since its inception. He is particularly interested in how the Unit can foster new players and help the rest of us improve our game. The committees that seem most relevant to this interest are Education, Education Fund, Intermediate/Newcomer, Membership, and Mentor/Mentee. In David's words: "What I like best about bridge is that I can keep on learning forever."

OFFICIAL BALLOT – 2014 ELECTION - UNIT 503

Select no more than three (3) candidates.

Paul Davis ___ Todd Makler ___ David Puryear ___

Write Ins _____

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

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

Roy Robinson, 23500 Cristo Rey Dr Unit 526G Cupertino CA 95014-6537
or vote by sending a list of names by email to roylrobinson@yahoo.com

All ballots must be received by Thursday, November 20.

IN SEARCH OF SERVICE AND SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Since 1962, the Unit has awarded a member the Sportsmanship Trophy for ethical, friendly and gracious manners at the bridge table, for proving strict competition can be pleasurable and for exemplary conduct serving the best interest of duplicate bridge and its players. Since 2006, it has also honored a member with an award for Service to the Unit; therefore, the Committee is planning to honor two Unit members.

The committee of Bob Horowitz, Valerie Baldwin and Kevin O'Leary will select the members to honor for the 2014 awards. They welcome suggestions from Unit members of those people who are worthy to receive these two awards. If you wish to offer names, go to the Unit web site, use the boxes at the Unit web page signup site or email Bob at probjudge@gmail.com. Specify which award and give a reason why you think the suggested player is worthy of the award. The deadline for proposed candidates is November 15.

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 INFO
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
	TGIF AM Bridge	Open/Strat./	10:30 a.m.	O'Leary, Davis,	Bridge Center
		NLM	10:30 a.m.	Schwartz	
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Will Watson	Bridge Center
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SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	John Prior	Bridge Center
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	1:00 p.m.	Will Watson	Bridge Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ Unit lecture, Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Club Appreciation Swiss, Wed., Oct. 22 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- ◆ Sectional, Friday, Oct. 24 at West Valley College, Saratoga
- ◆ Club Appreciation Pairs, Mon. Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m., Mon. Morn BC
- ◆ Club Appreciation Pairs, Wed., Oct. 29 at 11 a.m., Bridge 'n Brunch
- ◆ Club Appreciation Pairs, Thurs., Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m., Thurs. Morn. JCC
- ◆ Club Appreciation Pairs, Thurs. Oct. 30 at noon, Thurs. Aft. BC
- ◆ Club Appreciation Pairs, Fri. Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m., Barometer BC.
- ◆ Hurrah Hansa Unit Open/299er Pairs, Sat. Nov. 1. Lunch at 11:30, Game at Noon, Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Sat., November 1 at El Cerrito, Community Center
- ◆ Unit lecture, Tues., Nov. 4 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Seminar by Eddie Kantar, Sun., Nov. 9 at 10 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Friday, Nov.14 at Hiram Hall, Oakland
- ◆ Unit lecture, Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Election, Open/299er Unit Pairs, Sunday, Nov. 23. Pot-Luck at noon, Game at 1 p.m., Bridge Center

Club Closings: Please Note

Friday, Oct.24 - Friday Night Barometer; Sunday, Oct. 26 - Sunday Afternoon BC; Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Doubleton Club Thursday, Nov. 27 Thanksgiving - Thurs. Morning JCC BC, Thurs. Afternoon BC

Friday, Nov. 28 – TGIF AM Bridge, EZ Bridge, Friday Night Barometer

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