



OPEN/299ER PAIRS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

There are no black cats or glowing jack-o-lanterns at this Unit open and 299er Pairs Game on Saturday, October 11. The Unit is saving the tricking for Sunday; Saturday is just for treats. Treat yourself to lunch at 11:30 and take lots of tricks at the pairs game at noon. Sign up online or at the Bridge Center. John Prior is your host and Will Watson will direct. Greet your fellow players with your friendly lucky smile.

SPOOKY SWISS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

It's Halloween and we're having a party! There'll be a scary fun lunch at noon featuring witch's brew, slimy salads and ghostly goodies. The Unit Swiss teams and open/299er play is set for 1 p.m. Form your teams and sign up online or at the Bridge Center. Wear something orange and black to get a special treat! No one will let the thought of a revoke haunt the mood at this fun event. But watch out for mischief from your opponents! Help is always appreciated. If you're willing to bring a salad, cookies or bars, e-mail Nancy nancy.kehl@gmail.com. Remember to bring your smile - it will keep bad luck away.

SEPTEMBER UNIT GAME RESULTS

In the open flight in the Unit game on Sunday, September 14 with 15 teams, the top score in A went to the team of Kathy Harper-Jim O'Neil-Donald Rothschild-Robert Ng. The winner in B was the team of Polly Siegel-Paul Cornelius-Sigmund Malek-Ronald Karr. The team of Ashwini Datar-Vilas Namjoshi-William Bailey-Roscoe Taylor led the way in C. In the 299er 13-team field, first place in A, B, C went to the team of Ralph Griffin-Susan Griffin-Nancy Kehl-Paul Davis. The Unit appreciates the efforts of Unit

Game Chair Jim Harris and the skillful director, Will Watson.

As the *Kibitzer* goes to press, there is late news from the Unit Pairs game held Saturday, September 20. Top results in the 13-table open were: A Tahir Gokcen- Donald Rothschild, B Polly Siegel-Ronald Karr, C Don-Min Tsou-David Cheng. There was no 299er flight due to low turnout.....an opportunity in the future for you 0—299ers! Again kudos to the Unit Game chair and to the director, John Prior.

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

BOUNDLESS OPTIMISM

BY POLLY SIEGEL

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The other day at the club, playing with one of my favorite partners, I picked up the following hand as South in 4th seat, white versus red:

♠ 10 7 4 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ A Q 5 4 ♣ Q 9 6

W, on my left, opened 3C; partner overcalled 3D, E passed. What's your call?

Marveling at our incredible diamond fit, and holding what looked like a stopper, I could count 7 tricks. Partner must have two more for me, right? I confidently bid 3NT, which passed out.

On the lead of the ♣5, dummy came down.

♠ K 9 6 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ K J 10 7 6 2 ♣ 4

Focused on counting my tricks, I completely missed the dearth of high cards in dummy. Of course what did it matter, really? Six diamonds, possibly one club, and if I were really lucky, maybe a spade. Down one seemed possible. I called for the club 4, RHO winning the K. He now played the club 10. What do you do now?

If RHO started with K10 of clubs, then it didn't matter what I did unless I ducked and my LHO made a defensive error by not overtaking. If he had three clubs, my play also wouldn't matter unless he started with KJ10 or AK10, in which case it would be important to cover. But wouldn't he have led the J from KJ10? And if RHO had AK10, wouldn't that mean LHO had preempted 3 clubs, unfavorable, on J8xxxx? I decided to duck and hope for a misplay.

The club 10 held, but RHO continued with the club J, LHO winning the A. Had I played the club Q, the suit would have blocked and RHO would have had to guess how to get back to partner's hand (however, as you'll later see, it was pretty clear how to do so).

As LHO was running the clubs, dummy was getting squeezed. I pitched a spade, then a heart, and finally a diamond, again, my optimism getting the best of me wanting to be able to run all my beautiful diamonds as soon as I got in. LHO cashed the heart A, and then shifted to a low spade. RHO won the AQ of spades and then ran all his spades. When all was said and done, I was down 9, the opponents having taken all 13 tricks! We almost received a late play since I couldn't stop laughing for several minutes.

<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ A J 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A 8 7 5 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K 9 6 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ K J 10 7 6 2 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 8 3 ♥ K 7 4 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K J 10</p>
<p>♠ 10 7 4 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ A Q 5 4 ♣ Q 9 6</p>		

I don't think I've ever declared a contract where the opponents took all 13 tricks. It wasn't a zero, however; one pair was in 6 clubs, making. Although the opponents can make 5 hearts and 5 spades their way, no one bid it.

The score for down nine is ??????

UNIT NEWS

Video - Here's a delightful link for everyone. [youtube.com/watch?v=HzC-ES8bZXw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzC-ES8bZXw)

Follow it to see a charming video created by Chris Bunz, our *Kibitzer* graphics artist.

BIG GAMES - Jerry Machle-Peter Dehlinger 72.8%, and Mike Wyman-Alan Mills 72.4% at TGIF Friday AM, Charles Jameson-Samuel Perlow, 78.3% at Friday Night Barometer, Richards Maltzman-Francine Lighter, 78.6% at Vi DBC, Brian Samuels-Jon Rayden 73.9% at LAGCC

Advancement - Note the item in the Player Advancements which shows Hansa Narasimhan having achieved the rank of Grand Life Master by earning, yes, count them, 10,000 masterpoints. The Unit will honor Hansa at its Pairs Game on Saturday, November 1. Mark your calendars.

Lectures - On October 7 Frank Smoot will explain the use of "Splinters." The October 21 lecture features Ron Karr with insight into "Rebids by Responder."

Library - Our library has a book, *The Bridge Magicians*, by Mark Horton and Radoslaw Keilbasinski. Horton has now teamed up with Eric Kokish to write *The Rabbi's Rules: Tips and Tricks to Improve Your Bridge Game*. I was intrigued to search for one Rabbi's Rule. I found several articles that referred to 'The Rabbi's Rule' which is 'When the King is a singleton, play the ace'. Omar Sharif referred to this rule in a bridge column. The book is built around real-life deals featuring the bridge-playing rabbi, Leonard Helman. The book contains a wealth of tips on bidding and play for the advancing player.

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

SiVY BRIDGE HAPPENINGS

At a recent Party Pizza Play Bridge event on Friday, September 5 at the Bridge Center, SiVY (Silicon Valley Youth Bridge) honored the U.C. Berkeley team of Armin Askari, our own Isha Thapa, and Raymond Von Mizener that recently won the ACBL Collegiate Championships in Las Vegas. (The fourth team member, Rebecca Wernis, is currently doing research in Brazil.) Kevin Rosenberg, Debbie's son, was honored as a member of the team that recently won the silver medal in the Under 21 division of the World Bridge Federation Junior World Championship event in Istanbul in August. Tribute also went to four young SiVY Bridge players--Kevin Huang (14), Michael Hu (11), Brent Xiao (14), and Rory Xiao (10). The four young players finished first in Strat C in a preliminary game at the recent Youth Bridge Championships in Las Vegas. Way to go, everyone!



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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.

5% gold for winners, the rest will be sectional-rated black. The Doubleton Club will hold an Appreciation Pairs game on Wednesday, October 15. We expect other clubs will schedule similar games.

PROFILE OF JOHN SCHWARTZ

BY MARY VAN TAMELEN



John Schwartz played bridge in college at Cornell where he studied physics, and then there was a hiatus of forty-five years in which he never picked up a bridge hand.

But he was busy during those years: getting a law degree from Harvard, practicing tax law in Phoenix, deciding he “really liked physics after all” and getting a PhD in physics and coming to teach at Stanford. That year was 1968, the turbulent time of student protests. Through a chance meeting with a Harvard classmate, John became involved. Soon he left teaching and joined the Stanford administration full time, handling all the student disruptions, like rock throwing and sit-ins.

When the protests died down, he then served as Counsel for Medical Affairs, devising a model program that was adopted by Stanford University, after which John became Counsel General. He was “Stanford’s Legal Eagle,” as a cover story in a newspaper named him. Called the driving force behind what became Stanford’s “tough as nails posture,” John took the university from easy prey to a fierce opponent when it considered

itself in the right. He served for two decades through the presidencies of Richard Lyman and Donald Kennedy. He regards it as “a dream career to have worked with two such principled individuals with the determination and resources to adhere to those principles.”

After retiring from Stanford in 1993, John became General Counsel and then CEO of Systemix, a public biotech company and retired again when the company was purchased by Novartis. At that point, as a registered investment advisor, John formed his own investment management firm. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of StemCells, Inc.

John’s hobbies have been as diverse as his careers. He has flown his own plane to Europe and Central and South America. Enjoying various sports, he played tennis several hours a day on his own court until his back gave out, fly fished in waters around the world, helicopter skied throughout the West, and alpine raced to place number one in California for those over 55.

Finally, after forty-five years, he came back to bridge. John directs the Monday morning game at the Bridge Center and the Thursday morning game at the JCC. With John Williams, he began teaching a 2/1 class before the Monday games; this brought the attendance up to 40 tables. His goal has been to attract more junior players in limited sections while still providing an open section. Running his games is a family affair. His wife, Alicia, does all the food shopping, her daughter makes the boards and his son, Rusty, helps and encourages.

John’s aim is “to try to make each game perfect” with all the players treated respectfully, few director calls, no slow tables and every person having a pleasant time. So far, he says, the feat of a perfect game eludes him, but he keeps trying.

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Junior Master	5 MP	Natalie Elefant, Vivian Pezzani
Club Master	20 MP	Christopher Kolner, Pam Robertson, Jonathan Quitty, Mary Maclellan,
Sectional Master	50 MP	Forrest Anderson, Cathy Johnson
Regional Master	100 MP	Qing Lu, Nathaniel Munger, Nan Roey
Life Master	300 MP	Thomas Durden, John Fisher, Catharine Fisher, Judith Paul
Bronze Life Master	500 MP	Gary Fong
Silver Life Master	1000 MP	Charles Riffle
Gold Life Master	2500 MP	Vinita Gupta, Andrew Hoskins
Grand Life Master	10000 MP	Hansa Narasimhan

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 2
 3:45 p.m. IFES Building
 All are welcome to attend.

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

Daffy Bridge Definitions

Short Club—a private organization for midgets.

Trump Coup—triumph of Ivana’s attorneys in securing a huge alimony.

Vienna Coup—the mating sound of Austrian doves.

Free bid—all of them, once you pay your entry fee.

Reverse Bid—an opening like “Club One.”

Doubleton—4,000 pounds.

Law of Total Tricks—recent Las Vegas ordinance to reduce prostitution.

Jack Denies—headlines about Marilyn Monroe’s relationship with J.F.K.

Wolff Sign-off—the ending of Little Red Riding Hood

Splinter Bid—the only known way to become declarer with a singleton trump in each hand.

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NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Laura Adams, Steven Boal, Marcus Edholm, Samuel Erickson, Charlotte Munger, Daniel Sonner, Robert Baltz and Eunice Menezes

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.	Claire, Kevin,	Bridge Center
		NLM	10:30 a.m.	Marolyn	
	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.	Coleman/Watson	Bridge Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, Sept. 27 at Senior Center, Gilroy
- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 4 at Convention Center, Modesto
- ◆ Unit lecture, Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Thursday, Oct 9 at Plaza Conv. Center, Carson City, NV
- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 11 at Kirby School, Santa Cruz
- ◆ Unit open/299er Pairs, Sat., Oct. 11, lunch at 11:30, game at noon, Bridge Center
- ◆ Unit open/299er Swiss Teams, Sun. Oct. 12, lunch at noon, game at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Club Appreciation Pairs, Wed., Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., Doubleton BC (reservations requested)
- ◆ Sectional, Thursday, Oct. 16 at Bridge Club, Fresno
- ◆ NLM Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 18 at Bayshore BC, Burlingame
- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, Oct. 18 at Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa
- ◆ Unit lecture, Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Friday, Oct. 24 at West Valley College, Saratoga
- ◆ **No game scheduled:** The Friday Night Barometer will be closed on Friday, Oct.24

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