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# Two Upcoming Unit Games.....Sunday, Sept. 14 & Saturday, Sept 20

Rah! Rah! Teams! It's Swiss Time. Be at the Unit open and 299er Swiss Teams on Sunday, September 14 at 1 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Pre-game meal at noon, kick-off time is 1 p.m. Come wearing your favorite football team's colors, be it red, blue, gold, black or whatever. The cheerleaders, the fans, the colleges, the pros are all geared up for football. Are the bridge players ready to bring victory to their team? There's the good competition, delicious goodies, extra masterpoints and enjoyment of the friendship of your teammates and opponents. Yes, wear your smile! Show that

you are raring to go by signing your team up on the Unit website or the list at the Bridge Center.

Then, Saturday, September 20 is Unit "Pears" day. "Pear up" with your favorite partner for the Unit open and 199er game. Bring your appetite for lunch served at 11:30 with the game at noon. John Prior and Will Watson will be the directors. Make sure that your smile is bright and shiny. Again, help the directors and luncheon host by signing up on the Unit website or at the Bridge Center.

## LECTURE SERIES REBOOTS SEPTEMBER 23

Our acclaimed Lecture Series begins again on Tuesday, September 23 when Geeske Joel kicks it off. You may not recall this, but Geeske is a fitting choice since it was she who inaugurated the series in September 2008. Her second lecture's title is "How to Improve Your Bridge Game at Any Level: Introducing Tricks and Tools for Learning."

Over the years there have been 87 lectures attended by between 45 and 110 eager students of bridge (Aren't we all?). Your Unit has been able to provide this terrific learning opportunity due to the generosity of members and friends who have made tax-deductible donations to the series. Many sincere thanks go to each of them. However, the arrangement with the ACBL which made tax-deductibility possible is no longer available to us. If we are to continue with the lecture series, we obviously need to provide a stipend to our lecturers

and along with other expenses, the cost of each lecture approaches \$400, so we encourage you to continue your generosity with donations to support the series.

Here are Geeske's thoughts: "I am very proud of the Unit to have started this lecture series and kept it alive. Bridge is a hard game to learn and the Unit and its members have done a fantastic job to get people to start bridge and offer opportunities to improve their skills along the way. Thank you to all the lecturers and the people behind the scenes who worked hard on it."

By the way, all the past lectures are on the website and provide an invaluable learning tool. Go to paloaltobridge.com, click on Education at the top, then Lectures. A box on the right will lead you to all the previous lectures, organized by subject, along with pdf's of the handouts. Try it! Then come to the Bridge Center on Tuesday, September 23 at 9:30.

# Unit Prepares for November Election

As required by the Unit Bylaws, the President has appointed a Nominating Committee to propose new Board members for a two-year term starting January 1, 2015. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Leslie Altick, Chairperson, Jody Williams and Jim Harris. It is the Committee's objective to complete the nominations no later than September 15. The Committee expects that one of the nominees will be a club owner to ensure that the club owners maintain Board representation. There is no limit to the number of candidates that can run for election. If you or anyone you know are interested in running, please contact Leslie, leslie.altick@gmail.com; Jody, jody@hamilton.com, or Jim, jmharris@pacbell.net. There will be four Board positions open and the four people elected to fill those positions will serve on the 2015 Board with current members Leslie Altick, Jim Harris and Jody Williams.

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Junior	5 MP	Armond Bigler, Geri Derby,
Master		Cornelius Duffie, Vinesh
		Hindia, Amy Salisbury,
		Pamela Kissiah, Carol Berg
Club	20 MP	Ralph Griffin, Susan Griffin,
Master		John Hogan, Michael Hu,
		Donald Levy, Shirley Negrin,
		R.E. Terry
Sectional	50 MP	Sheila Hochman, Nathaniel
Master		Munger, Kathleen Quinn
Regional	100 MP	Gillian Barsley, Paul Barsley,
Master		Nelson Chi, Gerry Gassman
NABC	200 MP	Susan Barkley, Donna
Master		Raynor, Frederick Tierney,
		David Cheng
Life Master	300 MP	Minnette Diamond, Naren
		Gupta, Miriam Jacob,
		Garth Wilson
Bronze Life	500 MP	Margaret Becker, Kip Kado,
Master		Naren Gupta, Larry Lasher
Silver Life	1000	Anne Keyser
Master	MP	

# Summer – a Good Season for Bridge

On July 14, the players took time off from vacation and outdoor fun to come to the Bridge Center for their favorite indoor game, the Unit Swiss Teams. In the 14-team open flight, the team of Prudence Saunders-Hansa Narasimhan-Trina Bowman-Sigmund Malek flew into first with the team of Reddy Raju-Josephine Ventura-Andrew Dentai-Nate Munger winning in strata B and C. The high flyers among the eight teams in the 199ers were the team of Ingrid Mattinger-Leila Mattinger-Barbara Hansen-Carolyn Taylor with top in strata B and C going to Delores Dunlap-Roger Dunlap-Janet Dekker-Barbara Dicks.

On August 10, it was time again to welcome the Swiss back for a much larger Unit Swiss Teams with 22 teams in the open and 14 in the 299er. In both the open and 299er, first overall went to C strata teams: in the open, the team of Jim Harris-Elan Winkler-Joe Foster-Dori Foster and in the 299er, George Hopkins-Mary Claire Hopkins-Gary (James) Lipe-Jayne Lipe.

Many thanks go to the helpers, to the director, Will Watson, who managed the big turnout and to Unit Game Chair Jim Harris for refreshments.

#### PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

The August ACBL report shows that the players identified at left have moved up.

#### SYMPATHY

THE UNIT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS EXTEND THEIR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PETER BARBA, WHOSE WIFE, SHERRY, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. BOTH PETER AND SHERRY BELONG TO THE PALO ALTO UNIT.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Unit member Agnes Bennett who has also passed away.

# Unit News

Parking Alert - From Wednesday, September 10 to Sunday, September 14, IFES is hosting an event for a large group. This will impact our use of the parking lot. So plan to arrive at the games earlier than usual because finding a space could be a problem.

Art -The newest exhibit at the Bridge Center features the works of Jan and Bob Grady. Jan's paintings in transparent water colors include reflections in glass, landscapes with water, brightly-colored flowers and leaves or still-life subjects with a close focus. Her work shows her fascination with warmer colors and vivid hues. Though Jan paints with watercolors, Bob likes oils since he finds they are more forgiving. While Yosemite lessons force him to practice painting in nature, he prefers to include far more detail than the time there allows. Thus, he likes to work from photos. Painting provides a source of relaxation, creativity, growth, and a sense of completion that he can always look forward to.

**299ers Smile -** The Unit has changed the masterpoint requirement for the second flight in the Unit games to 299er from 199er.

BIG Games -This month many pairs had great success at the bridge table. Robin Booth-Ron Powell, 74% at Friday Night Barometer, David Chang-Chee Tune, 73.1% at Thurs, Morn. JCC, Jon and Deborah Krass, 75.2% at Bridge 'n Brunch, Irene and Paul Hashfield, 73% at Alpine BC and Carol Berg-Janet Tate, 78.1% at ViDBC.

**Library -** Members of our Bridge Club often express interest in books about the 2 over 1 system which is a popular variation of Standard American bidding. Two of our favorite authors, Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell, have written a book called 2 *Over 1 Game Force*. Frank Smoot used this book in his 2/1 summer class. People who use this system feel it can make it easier for a partnership to get to the best game contract. Bidding is color-coded in this book. You will also find summaries, exercises and sample deals. Give it a try!

### LOOKING FOR A PARTNER???

Yes? Then read on. The recent membership survey discovered that many Unit members would play more bridge if finding a partner were easier. Many of you responded to our request for volunteers to help find a solution. Thank you! Now all we need is for those of you looking for partners or open to playing with new partners to identify yourselves. We have several ways for you to do this.

Contact Aruna Desu (arunashiva@comcast.net, (650) 533-3321), if you are looking for a partner for a specific game. She will work with all of the directors to help match people who want to play in their games. Additionally, Aruna and Ed Zuckerberg have developed a form for you to fill out if you wish to be available as a partner more generally. Find the form on our web site, paloaltobridge.com. At this writing, it is easy to find on the first page of the site; subsequently, Alan will probably move it. The completed form goes into a partnership binder at the Bridge Center. The more people who fill in the form, the easier it will be for people to find partners. If you need help filling out the form, contact Corinne Carter (Corinne.carter@sbcglobal.net).

# REVISED UNIT GAME SCHEDULE

Mark and remark your calendars for the latest revision of the Unit Game schedule.

Sunday, Sept. 14 - Open/299er Swiss Teams

Saturday, Sept. 20 - Open/299er Pairs

Saturday, Oct. 11 - Open/299er Pairs

Sunday, Oct. 12 - Open/299er Swiss Teams

Saturday, Nov. 1 - Open/299er Pairs

Sunday, Nov. 23 - Open/299er Pot Luck Pairs

Sunday, Dec. 14 - NAP Unit Final

Sunday, Dec. 21 - Open/299er Holiday Pairs

### STILL SECOND

Some of you old timers may remember that almost 40 years ago, when I first entered the Palo Alto area, I frequently wrote articles for the *Kibitzer*. One thing that has not changed is my knack of finishing second, always a bridesmaid. My previous articles had hands posed as a problem for the reader to solve. Here are a few hands from the finals of the recent Grand National Teams (GNT) event. Partner Ed Barlow and I lost by about 50 imps. With a little luck and better decisions we might well have won. See if you would have done better than we did.

Board 4; as East, **♦**J98643 I declared 3NT and **♥**3 with a diamond lead **♦**1084 and continuation I **♣**K65 AQ10 had no play. At the **♥**J105 other table West was ♣A10987 declarer and with a ¥A9874 natural spade lead it was cold. So that was a loss of 12 imps where it might have been a gain of 12 imps.

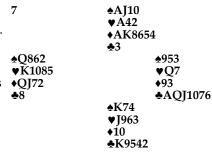
Board 8 was sim-**♠**A7 ilar in that it was **♥**10954 ♦AKJ wrong-sided, i.e. if ♣AK54 played from the oth-**♦**K1085 419432 **V**KQJ73 er side of the table **♦**0964 **♦**83 we would have **♣**J976 scored better. This **♥**A86 hand was written up ♦10752 in the NY Times last ♣Q1082 month. Find it at

http://nytims/1ughGZK. My RHO, N, opened 1C. Would you have bid with the East hand? If you chose 1S, partner Ed would have bid 3S and if North bid 3NT, a spade lead by me would have beaten it. I passed and now 3NT was played by South instead of North. The natural spade opening lead coming from Ed rather than from me gave them the ninth trick. At the other table, my hand overcalled 1H then led a heart against North's 3NT contract, giving declarer a chance to make it for a push, but he did not find the best line. So we lost 11 imps instead of possibly winning 11 imps.

Board 7 was a tough decision for me. North, my RHO opened 1D; do you overcall or not, remembering that you are playing against very good players? The 10 of clubs convinced me to bid 2C, but what I feared

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might happen did. It went pass, pass, double, all pass. So, I went for 800 and they cannot make game. At the other table the auction was the same except Ed's hand redoubled( a clear error in my opinion as any other contract does not seem to



be any better and might be worse) and they ended up in 2S doubled also down 800 for a push. But I could have won 13 imps if I had just passed.

Board 11 was one more tough decision. South, my LHO opened 1D, RHO bid 1S! (not alerted, presumably natural) and I passed. 1NT from LHO, then 2C from RHO (which is

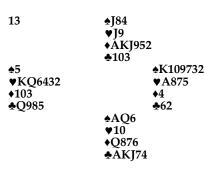
a puppet to 2D), pass, pass back to me. I reasoned that the opponents have about half of the high cards, so Ed can't have very much; we probably have no better than an 8-card fit, so I chickened out and passed. As you can see, not only can we make 4S, but they made 2D.

	11	<b>♦</b> 982
		♥42 ♦J832 ♣QJ97
	<b>♦</b> AK73 ♥1098	•Q1054 ♥KQJ7
	♦A75 ♣653	♦9 ♣A842
-		<b>≜</b> J6 ♥A653
e		♦KQ1064 ♣K10
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Even if I had doubled, it would have been virtually impossible for us to get to 4S. Another 11 imps lost.

Here is my last hand. Board 13, North opened a weak 2D, LHO bid 2NT asking for trump quality, RHO bid 3NT showing good trumps and LHO bid 6D. What to lead? I knew

that LHO had a very good hand, first round controls in the black suits and second round control in hearts. He very likely had running clubs, so I figured the only way to beat the hand was to take two heart tricks. Since



I presumed he had the king of hearts, I underled the ace of hearts hoping partner had the queen and declarer the jack. I could see the bridge headlines: "Brilliant Lead Beats Slam, Spitalnick's Team Pulls Off Huge Upset". By looking at the hand record, you can see that a spade lead at trick one or two might have beaten the slam. The high five from my opponent "for my brilliancy" was of little solace. Anyway, that was 13 imps away as our teammates did not bid the slam. Were you counting the imps? Well, maybe next year.

### FIRECRACKER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is a comparison of the finances for the 2014 and 2013 Firecracker Sectionals:

Income	2014	2013
Number of Tables	1042	954.5
Player Fees	44912	38017
Expenses		
ACBL fees	20052	20706
D-21 Supplies	1302	1193
Rent	13570	13570
Caddies	1000	1400
Hand records	385	349
Board duplication	650	500
Bridge pad rental	314	258
Advertising, water,		
candy, PA sys, misc.	4073	2672
<b>Total Expenses</b>	41345	40648
Net Income	3567	-2631

#### **NEWCOMERS**

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Richard Geno, Leika Kejriwal, Emily Tashman, Mike Wyman, Madhusree Biswas, Marian Christensen, Thomas Durden, Narayan Mohanram and Judith Paul.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, September 4
3:45 p.m. Bridge Center
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

# Update from Your Board By Brian Samuels

Dear Members and Friends of Unit 503,

Thanks to all of you we are having another very successful year with attendance growing at our games, our first class education classes being well attended and receiving rave reviews, our beautiful Bridge Center continuing to be the envy of other clubs, and on top of all that, we are in excellent financial condition.

The purpose of this write-up is for your Board to let you know what has been happening in our Unit and what our many dedicated volunteers have been doing to continue to provide all of us with enjoyable, challenging and high quality bridge in a beautiful environment.

Our Club Owners and Directors - On behalf of the Board and all of our members, I would like to officially thank our Club Owners and Directors for all the great work they do for our Unit. They are the key to the success of our Bridge Center. We are all very grateful to them all for the high quality games they run for us and for the new limited games that have been started this year. Please take time to personally thank each of them for the great work they do for us.

Our Unheralded Volunteers - The backbone of our Unit is the huge number of volunteers who work tirelessly and without visibility or recognition to do all the things that need to be done to keep our organization running smoothly. On behalf of the Board and all of our members, I would like to officially thank all the wonderful people who do so much for all of us. We're very fortunate to have so many people volunteer so much of their time to keep our unit running so well for our members.

**Table Counts -** Bridge is continuing to grow in our Unit. In the first 7 months of 2014, 8,091 tables of bridge were played in Unit, which is a 2.6% growth over the 7,883 tables played in the same period in 2013. Of the 8,091 tables played so far this year, 5,566, or 69%, were played at our Bridge Center. This is an amazing growth of 5.7% over last year. The rest of the tables, 2,525 or

# Update from your Board, cont.

31%, were played at other facilities in our unit (JCC, Unity Church, Vi & Los Altos Golf & Country Club). That is an average of 795 tables per month at our Bridge Center and 360 tables per month at other facilities for a total of 1,155 tables per month. These are the highest monthly table counts since we started keeping records.

**Education** - Our extensive education program is offering outstanding classes to our members and friends as well as attracting new players to our club. We are very fortunate to have our absolutely first-class teachers Kathy Harper, Debbie Rosenberg and Frank Smoot offering more bridge classes, including 3 this summer and several in the fall. So, please check our website for class descriptions and schedules. Also, we have two very special events coming up at our Bridge Center with world-renowned teachers Eddie Kantar on November 9, 2014 and Larry Cohen on July 24 and 25, 2015. Our bi-weekly Tuesday morning free Lecture Series was well attended in the spring and will start up again in September. Funding for our Lecture Series and library requires donations from our players, so we hope you will consider this in your year-end donations (no longer tax deductible). We have over 700 bridge titles in our library for your reading pleasure.

Our Bridge Center - We have made several improvements to our bridge infrastructure, including hanging our award plaques, mounting our bidding boxes, replacing our Directors' computer, replacing our dealing machine computer and replacing our bidding box inserts (thanks to a generous donor). The audio-visual system we purchased a couple of years does not work well when both screens are in use and we need both screens for several of our upcoming educational events. We have been working to bring down the cost of the upgrade and we should have a cost-effective solution in place by the end of the year. John Mattis and Kevin O'Leary continue to work tirelessly to maintain our building and improve our Bridge Center. Please thank them the next time you see one of them.

**Finances** - In order to be financially prudent, your Board approved a financial reserve of 6-months of expenses or about \$65,000. Much like most of us have an emergency fund for our personal finances, the Unit keeps this money in reserve in case of emergencies.

The financial status of our Unit is excellent. We started the year with \$73,400 of liquid assets and a balanced budget. Our cash on hand was \$8,400 greater than our reserve of \$65,000. During the first 7 months of this year, we have had an unanticipated increase in our cash of about \$10,000 due to increased income. This is from the Firecracker (\$3,000), Education (\$4,000), NLM Sectional (\$1,000) and table fees (\$2,000). Expenses have been on budget. This good financial news reflects the hard work of our members, the introduction of new programs (LBIAD, NLM Sectional) and the increasing attendance of players at our bridge games. Just so you know, it costs about \$400 per day to run our Unit, including our Bridge Center.

We have a lot more financial data available to any member who is interested. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for the Board's monthly financial report package, please contact Todd at todd.makler@gmail.com.

Play Nice - We are continuing to hear complaints that some of our players are unfriendly and occasionally even rude. While it is true that competitive bridge can be serious, it's also supposed to be fun for everyone. So, lets all try to be a little friendlier at the table! The Board has adopted the ACBL's Play Nice program because we believe it lists some of the behaviors we would like to see from our players. You will see Play Nice posters at our Bridge Center. Please read them and take the message to heart. Anyone experiencing rudeness at the table should report it to the Director immediately, for corrective action under the ACBL's Zero Tolerance Policy.

Firecracker Sectional -Thanks to James Stuart-Smith and his very large team of volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's tournament so successful and so much fun for all of us. Attendance increased to 1,042 tables, an increase of 9% over the 954 tables last year. Thank you to our 450 unit members who played in the tournament, an increase of a whopping 19% over the 377 who played last year. The Firecracker was also a financial success, making a profit of about \$3,000. We recognize that we did have a problem with the scheduling of pairs games for people with fewer than 500 points and this will definitely be fixed for Firecracker 2015. There also continued to be some problems with traffic and parking. We have been looking for al-

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ternate sites for our tournament but so far have not been able to find anything better. Please let James (jstuartsmith@att.net) know if you have any venue ideas or any other suggestions on how to improve this event.

Need A Partner? - One of our challenges continues to be getting more players for our Friday evening and weekend games. Please come out and support these games! We conducted a survey to find out why more people aren't playing and one of the results that stood out was that some people are having problems finding partners. In response to this, we have just launched both a paper and an online system for finding partners or for volunteering to be a partner. Please see the details in the article in this *Kibitzer* or check it out on our website at

paloaltobridge.com/games/partners/partners.html

Looking For 2015 Board Members – As you may already be aware, your Board voted to reduce the size of the Board from 9 members to 7 members, starting in 2015. Three of our current Board members, Leslie Altick, Jody Williams and Jim Harris will remain on the Board for 2015, while the rest of us will complete our terms at the end of 2014. A Nominating Committee has been formed (see separate article in this *Kibitzer*) to search for 4 nominees for your 2015 Board. The Nominating Committee is looking for people who actually want to serve on the Board and are willing to work to continue to improve our Unit. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping your Unit in this way, please contact Leslie, leslie.altick@gmail.com, Jody, jody@hamilton.com, or Jim, jmharris@pacbell.net.

**Unit Games** - Under the leadership of Jim Harris, with lots of enthusiasm and assistance from Nancy Kehl, we have continued to have fun, well attended Swiss Team Unit Games once a month on a Sunday. Jim has also started a new idea - Pairs Unit Games on Saturdays - which are off to a very good start.

Non-Life Master Sectional - Thanks to the leadership of Kevin O'Leary, we held our first Non-Life Master Sectional in May. It was a joint event with the Burlingame Unit with Saturday at our Bridge Center and Sunday in Burlingame. Players reported having a lot of fun earning silver points. There were over 40 tables played and the event was a financial success as well.

Bylaws Update - Jody Williams has led an effort to update our Unit Bylaws to improve Board transparency, establish some procedures for financial management, indemnify Board members and add clarity where needed. The changes have now been approved by the Board and by our membership. The New Bylaws are posted on our website.

Unit Email List – During the last few months, you have received occasional emails from your Unit containing what we believe is important information for you to know. This is our new Unit Email List in action. Thanks to Barbara Shukov and her team for putting this together and getting it into operation. (p.s. thanks again to Barbara for producing and distributing our 2014 Directory, with larger print and all)

**Youth Bridge** – Our Unit continues to provide financial support and use of our Bridge Center to Silicon Valley Youth Bridge (SiVY). Thanks to Debbie Rosenberg's leadership, SiVY is really thriving.

Parking Problems - Thanks to all of your efforts, our parking problems have been reduced dramatically. In fact, at the most recent Mountain View city hearing, two neighbors, representing the area home owner associations, commented on the excellent job we have done managing our parking problems and actually said that we were good neighbors, whom they were pleased to have in the neighborhood. Please continue to be a good neighbor and park ONLY in our parking lot and not on the street. Also, please use every opportunity possible to carpool to help reduce the need for parking spaces.

Parking Lot Re-Sealing & Re-Striping - Last October, our landlord, IFES, re-sealed and re-striped our parking lots. To accelerate this project, your Board agreed to loan them \$12,000, which they repaid on schedule.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, at briansamuels@yahoo.com, or any other Board member, if you have any questions or comments. We sincerely welcome your feedback and thank you for your continued participation and support.

On behalf of Your Unit 503 Board,

Brian

Brian Samuels, President

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,Ope	n 12:00 p.n	n. 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 Clu	b Open/Strat	t. 7:00 p.m	. Spaeth/Johnston	Bridge Center
	Lori & Sue's Dblton Clu	b < 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	n. 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	n. Marolyn	
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m	. Will Watson	Bridge Center
	Friday Night Barometer	<500 MP	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**

- Pairs STAC, Mon. Aug. 18–Sun. Aug 24 all games, all locations
- Board-A-Match STAC (open flight), Fri., Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Fri.
   Night Barometer BC, Bridge Center
- Pairs STAC, (<500 MP), Friday, Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Friday Night Barometer, Bridge Center

# Regional, Tuesday, August 26 thru Monday, September 1 at Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara

### **Club Closings:**

No games from Tuesday evening, Aug. 27 through Monday, Sept. 1 except Wed. Aft 49er at Unity Church at 1 p.m. will be OPEN

- 499er Sectional, Saturday, Sept. 6 at Bridge Center, Marina
- Sectional, Friday, Sept. 12 at Community Center, Orangevale
- Unit open and 299er Swiss Teams, Sunday Sept. 14, lunch at noon, game at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- Unit lecture, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9:45 a.m., Bridge Center
- 0-500 Sectional, Saturday, Sept. 20 at Diablo Valley BC, Walnut Creek
- Unit open/299er Unit Pairs, Sat. Sept. 20, lunch at 11:30, game at noon, Bridge Center
- Sectional, Saturday, Sept. 27 at Senior Center, Gilroy

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