



MARCH UNIT SWISS TO HONOR JEAN FLOCKS

As announced in the February *Kibitzer*, the Sunday, March 23 1 p.m. Unit game will be the Jean Flocks Memorial Open and 199er Swiss Teams to acknowledge her generous gift to the Unit. Because cookies were her favorite, the Cookie Monster will be a welcome guest. Jim Harris, the Unit Game Chair, is asking for volunteers to help with refreshments and clean-up. He will especially welcome home-made cookie donations so everyone can taste the goodies Jean loved, so please help Jim out by contacting him at jmharris@pacbell.net, (650) 575-2651. Please make a reservation for the game by signing up on the Unit web site (preferred) or on the list at the Bridge Center. Bring your smile and

your appetite to enjoy all the goodies and the good time.

In the February, Monday 499er three team Unit Swiss, the winners were Joelle and Ron Perkocha-Judy and Warren Goodnow. Because of the Regional and Kathy's classes, the next game is Monday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. To play in this event, a team must have an average of fewer than 499er master-points. There is an optional sign-up on the Unit web site. The Monday Swiss director, Margot Liven-spargar, will send an email to encourage the Unit's Non-Life Masters to play in the Unit monthly Monday night games.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 23

The by-laws specify that the Unit must hold an annual Membership Meeting. The 2014 meeting will be on Sunday, March 23 at 12:30 p.m., prior to the Unit game. This meeting gives Unit members the option for direct participation in the Unit's decision and policy making. Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda, please contact Unit Secretary, Leslie Altick, in advance by telephone at 650-854-6759 or email lia@pacbell.net. Please follow up any phone calls with a written note.

THE NEW SUNDAY BRIDGE- A GAME FOR ALL AGES

January 19 was the Sunday Afternoon BC's first unofficial Youth Duplicate. Five tables came out to play, including two youth pairs and one mixed (a youth/adult, father-son pair). From what we heard, all had a good time, so we call this a success! The next week, there were six tables. If it continues to grow, there could be a separate section for the youth and another for adults. The directors, Claire Coleman and Will Watson, invite all players young and old to come play every Sunday, even on the days for the Unit games.

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

PRESIDENT NAMES COMMITTEE HEADS

Unit President Brian Samuels has made the following appointments: (Please note that Membership and Trophies chairs are open. Please contact Brian to volunteer.)

Art Coordinator-Sue Barkley, Board Member's Manual-Jody Williams, Bridge Center Manager-Kevin O'Leary, Bridge Center Schedule-Polly Siegel, By-Laws Update-Jody Williams, Club Owner Liaison-Kevin O'Leary, Computer Support-Will Watson, Conduct & Ethics-Margot Livenspargar, Directory & Email List-Barbara Shukov, District 21 Reps- Bob Horowitz and Prue Saunders, District 21 Forum-Mary Van Tamelen, Education-Valerie Baldwin, Education Fund-Alan

Cummings, Election-Roy Robinson, Firecracker Sectional 2014-James Stuart-Smith, Insurance Liaison-Gil Koury, Intermediate/Newcomer Liaison-Valerie Baldwin, *Kibitzer* Editors-Elinor Tanck and Marian Kelly, Library-Valerie Baldwin and Fran Bennett, **Membership-OPEN**, Mentor Program-Chuck Lane and Pat Chambers, Notes & Flowers-Joan Bower, Photographer-Roy Robinson, Recognition-Michele Musy, Recorder-Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey, Supplies-Dave Wheeler, **Trophies-OPEN**, Unit Electronic Contact-Elinor Tanck, Unit Games-Jim Harris, Web Site & A/V Support-Alan Templeton.

IN RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE OF JEAN FLOCKS

The Board appointed a committee to recommend how to appropriately recognize Jean's generous bequest to our Unit. After speaking with many of Jean's friends and partners, the committee recommended and the Board unanimously approved the following:

(1) Use the money to establish an Endowment Fund to

which anyone could contribute to our Unit.

- (2) Reinvest all earnings in the Endowment Fund.
- (3) Establish that one of our Unit games be a Jean Flocks Memorial Game for each of the next five years.
- (4) Place a small memorial plaque at Jean's favorite table and seat – table 3 east.

Winners Trophy Results Revisited

Recently further data revealed results which changed the standings for the 2013 Winners Trophy. Tahir Gokcen and Don Rothschild tied for the award. Both of these members have won in previous years. The revised totals for points earned in the Unit games are: Tahir Gokcen-24.3, Don Rothschild-24.3, Kathy Harper-23.4, Polly Siegel-18.5, Jody Williams-16.6, Richard Williams-18.6. There were no corrections for the Non-Life Masters.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 13

3:45 p.m. Bridge Center

All are welcome to attend.

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members: Peter Dehlinger, Richard Powell, Behnaz Taidi, Brian Tivol, Leigh Cassidy, David Chang, Pamela Kissiah, Christopher Kolner and Anthony Ralston.

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

UNIT NEWS

Art—Steve Johnsen returns with an exhibit of his photography at the Bridge Center. Currently on display are his works that include images of Africa, China and many California landscapes familiar to so many of us.

Lectures—The Unit members will learn about special bridge tips at the March 11 and 25 sessions. Debbie Rosenberg will be the speaker on March 11.

Celebrity Series—The Celebrity Series with Ron Klinger concludes in March with a lecture on Saturday, March 22 and mentored play on Saturday, March 29.

BIG Games—The following pairs were successful in January: Jeanne Campbell-Marilee Beatty-75%, Patricia Crass-Carol Blumberg-73%, both at ViDBC; Kevin and Debbie Rosenberg-74% at SiVY Parent/Child Game; Beverly Bernhardt-Rochelle Gutman-75% at Doubleton BC. Congratulations to all.

Library—Our Unit Library has acquired six new books. A list of them is posted on one of the library cabinets. They will be reviewed in subsequent *Kibitzer* articles. One of our new purchases is *Bridge, Zia ... and me* by Michael Rosenberg with a forward by Zia Mahmood. Michael Rosenberg chronicles his career from his early days growing up in the UK to his position today as one of the world's best bridge players. He discusses his partnership with Zia Mahmood and includes anecdotes from his own career, his all-time favorite hands and tips and ideas that will help the reader improve his/her own game. The author also discusses some of the ethical issues that plague today's tournament scene and offers his own ideas on how to solve them.

Bidding Boxes—At its February Meeting, the Board approved the installation of mounted bidding boxes on the corners of the Bridge Center tables because the trials with the devices received good reviews. If they wish, players can remove the boxes and place them on the table. Within the next month, Kevin O'Leary and John Mattis will complete the job

Director...Y—The most watched for Unit booklet of members will be published in early March.

Sectional—Non-Life Masters: Put the weekend of May 17 on your calendar. The Saturday events will be at the Palo Alto Bridge Center with the Sunday games at the Burlingame Center.

Youth Bridge Camp—Save the date! Silicon Valley Youth Bridge is offering a bridge camp the week of June 16th through June 20th, 2014. It will be open to ages 10 through 17 with any amount of previous experience. More information to come.

Bridge, A Family Affair—The Saturday, January 18 *New York Times* bridge column featured a hand from the US trials for the World Youth Teams championship that described a good choice of an opening lead by Kevin Rosenberg to defeat the contract. It concluded with a comment that Kevin is the son of Palo Alto Unit's Debbie and Michael Rosenberg, who organized the three-day training camp before the trials. A *Times* quote noted, "The extra tutoring at home hasn't hurt."

PLAYER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Congratulations to all!

Junior Master	5 MP	Joan Erickson, Margaret Haze, John Hogan, Amy Hsieh, Jerry Machle
Club Master	20 MP	Janice Anderson, Andy Ludwick
Sectional Master	50 MP	Eugene E. Acton, Bebe Hoppe, Adele Kellman, Deborah Machlin, Margo Seymour
Regional Master	100 MP	Vera Baum, Richard Herzog, Deborah Lundahl
NABC Master	200 MP	Jon Rayden, Kate Smith
Gold Life Master	2500 MP	Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey, Nadia Nilsson

UNIT 503 ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT FOR 2013

Cost Center	Item	Income	Expense	Net
Bridge Center	Table Fees	\$112,800		
	Education	19,300		
	Other Inc.	5,400		
	Rent		\$72,000	
	Util/Suppl/Maint		43,500	
	Other		15,200	
B.C. Total		\$137,500	\$130,700	\$6,800
Firecracker		38,100	40,500	(2,400)
Educ. Free Play		19,400	13,700	5,700
Unit Games		12,400	11,200	1,200
Member Services	ACBL	3,400		
	Publishing		4,200	
	Other		5,400	
Member Services		3,400	9,600	(6,200)
Total		\$210,800	\$205,700	\$5,100

The Unit had an excellent year in 2013. There were almost 9,000 tables played at our Bridge Center and our finances improved from good to excellent.

We started the year with \$72,000 of cash assets and ended the year with \$85,000 of assets. This \$13,000 of increased cash came from \$8,000 in 2012 revenue which arrived in 2013 plus a \$5,000 surplus in our 2013 operating budget.

A brief overview of our 2013 operating budget is presented. If you want a detailed report (or have questions) please contact the treasurer at todd.makler@gmail.com.

WHEN SHOULD YOU OPEN/NOT OPEN ONE NO TRUMP?

What is your opening bid with each of the hands below?

We asked Marty Bergen that question; his responses will appear in the *Kibitzer* next month. Meanwhile, write down your opening bid choice for each hand and save the list. Suits are listed left to right all in the same format, i.e. spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs.

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| 1. ♠AT ♥K642 ♦A74 ♣AQ82 | 11. ♠85 ♥KQT6 ♦K3 ♣AQ673 | 21. ♠KJ9 ♥KQ5 ♦K87 ♣AQ53 |
| 2. AK 742 J102 AKQ93 | 12. Q654 KQJ9 AQ A64 | 22. AKJ A72 K965 742 |
| 3. KJ75 AT KJ QJ986 | 13. 54 KJ876 AT AK43 | 23. 632 AK 84 AKQT76 |
| 4. AT983 K2 A863 AQ | 14. 75 AKQ54 Q65 K86 | 24. K98 QJ96 QJT7 AK |
| 5. AQ9 AKQJ5 J62 J6 | 15. AT9 KJ4 KT QJ832 | 25. A4 AQ986 KT7 KT8 |
| 6. A93 A9 A764 KQT8 | 16. K9843 A6 A5 A742 | 26. K842 AKQ9 AJT 65 |
| 7. KQ2 AJ5 Q4 KQT98 | 17. AK54 KQ93 K9 Q42 | 27. KT4 A1086 KQ94 AQ |
| 8. AT5 97 J7 AKQ432 | 18. QT962 AK6 AJ Q87 | 28. 94 AK965 AT87 AJ |
| 9. 753 KJ AQJ764 A8 | 19. K7 KQT82 A5 KQ85 | 29. AJ AKQ9 95 JT983 |
| 10. AK5 QJ64 AJ4 K64 | 20. AKJ3 96 AK642 52 | 30. AJT AK 98764 QT9 |

MR. CHEN, AN EXCELLENT BRIDGE PLAYER AT AGE 100

Mou Chin Chen was honored on his 100th Chinese birthday at the Palo Alto Bridge Club in January with a cake brought by members of his family. One hundred is his Chinese age as you are one year old in China when you are born and you get a year older every Lunar New Year. So perhaps next January we will be able to mark the day again with him! He and his partner, Chi Yung Lin, celebrated his Chinese day by placing first in B in his section and second in B overall in a 20-table game.

Mr. Chen, as he is known at the Club, learned bridge when he was in his mid-forties. In China he worked for the government sugar industry company and later was president of a private paper company. Mr. Chen came to the States when he was in his mid-seventies.



UNIT LEADERS IN ACE OF CLUBS AND MINI MCKENNEY

The ACBL gives the Ace of Clubs awards to the players who earn the most points in club games and the Mini-McKenney awards for total points including sectional and higher ranked tournaments. Congratulations to those who finished in the top three in 2013.

MP 1/1/13			Ace of Clubs			
0-5	David Torin	62	Joanie Dinsmore	58	Merri Banks	51
5-20	Kathy Papermaster	48	Cornelia Hornstein	31	Deborah Machlin	30
20-50	Donald Cohn	62	Vera Baum	55	Richard Herzog	49
50-100	Buz Battle	62	Annie Green	55	Carl Wolf	49
100-200	Sari Staver	62	David Cheng	55	Tom Huang	49
200-300	Jayne Ralston	58	Bev Benson	49	Dan Thatte	47
300-500	Carl Brunsting	65	Joe Foster	55	Pei Sun	54
500-1000	Don-Min Tsou	111	Eusebio Menezes	90	Robert Horowitz	88
1000-2500	Polly Siegel	208	David Wheeler	152	Dave Bernstein	129
2500-5000	Fung Bao	172	Lori Spaeth	127	John Stanczak	115
5000-7500	Patricia Chambers	146	Robin Chambers	110	Margery Yates	95
7500-	Hansa Narasimhan	126	Jim O'Neil	109	Donald Rothschild	82
>10000	Debbie Rosenberg	75	Hamish Bennett	42		
MP 1/1/13			Mini McKenney			
0-5	Merri Banks	44	Leila Mattinger	37	David Torin	26
5-20	Kathy Papermaster	75	Deborah Machlin	40	William Dalton	33
20-50	Winston Huang	123	Vera Baum	81	Donald Cohn	80
50-100	Buz Battle	65	Annie Green	51	Agnes Lee	51
100-200	Todd Makler	117	Sari Staver	85	Tom Huang	75
200-300	Bev Benson	126	Dan Thatte	97	Miriam Jacob	88
300-500	Naren Gupta	243	Carol Kemper	144	Kip Kado	111
500-1000	Barbara Shukov	229	Eusebio Menezes	211	Han-Yu Chang	196
1000-2500	Vinita Gupta	716	Polly Siegel	459	Ron Karr	250
2500-5000	Geeske Joel	596	Larry Mohr	440	James Merzon	320
5000-7500	Mary Ann Berg	533	Margery Yates	207	Helen Corbin	203
7500-	Gary Macgregor	417	Hansa Narasim-	346	Jim O'Neil	342
>10000	Debbie Rosenberg	161	G Venkatesh	87	Hamish Bennett	77

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
	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, Saturday, February 22 at Janet Pomeroy Ctr, San Francisco
- ◆ Unit lecture, Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ NLM Sectional, Saturday, March 1 at Senior Center, Saratoga
- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, March 1 at Community Ctr., El Cerrito
- ◆ Regional, Mon., March 3 to Sun., March 9, Hyatt Regency, Burlingame
- ◆ Unit lecture, Tuesday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ I/N Sectional, Saturday, March 15 at Harbor High School, Santa Cruz
- ◆ Celebrity Series lecture, Sat., March 22 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, March 22 at Odd Fellows Hall, Santa Rosa
- ◆ Membership meeting, Sunday, March 23 at 12:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sunday Afternoon BC, .Sunday, Mar. 23 at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Jean Flocks Memorial Open/199er Swiss teams, Sun., Mar. 23, at 1 p.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ 499er Unit Swiss teams, Monday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Unit lecture, Tuesday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Celeb. Series mentored play, Sat., Mar. 29 at 9:30 a.m., Bridge Center
- ◆ Sectional, Saturday, March 29 at San Ramon Valley HS, Danville

**All clubs will be closed during the Regional, March 3-9 except
One Club, Sat. March 9 at noon and the Tues. and Wed.
Unity Church games.**

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