



2022 Annual Membership Meeting

April 11, 2022

State of Unit 503 today

- Financially strong with reserves to assure 3+ years of runway... but reserves are declining
- Face-to-face bridge has returned and games are growing slowly, but are only a fraction of pre-pandemic size
- Unit membership is falling, but more slowly than ACBL membership generally. Unit 503 has almost 900 members, the largest in District 21
- Online games are healthy... the Unit currently receives donations from these games when PABC Directors generously & voluntarily contribute



2021 Challenges

- Minimum face-to-face bridge
- Cancelled 2021 Firecracker
- Inequities of online bridge... ACBL rules and lack of enforcement



Recent Accomplishments

- Palo Alto Bridge Club was refurbished in 2021 with upgraded HVAC and décor. Re-opened on March 7, 2022... games are slowly growing
- Hosted two successful sectionals... with three more scheduled
- On-going celebrity lecture series which continues into 2022 with two more lectures scheduled this year
- Support the development of new players and developing new skills at the table
 - Strong mentor-mentee program
 - Library has re-opened which is a great way to improve one's game and reason to visit the Bridge Center
 - Kathy Harper's classes continue to attract new players
 - Wednesday night 0-5 MP game



What we need from you...

- Play at the Bridge Center... support our directors and the Unit
- Play in the Unit games where the profits go directly to the Unit
- Become a mentor
- Volunteer
 - Lecture Series Leader
 - Firecracker (many roles)
 - 2023 Mentor/Mentee Leader
- Donate to Peninsula Bridge Education Foundation



Do you have questions for us?

