



# District 21 Unitscope

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2160 First Street, in Livermore. Parking and entrance are in the rear; an elevator is available. A calendar of events, contact information, and other information are on our website, [livermorebridge.com](http://livermorebridge.com)

Novice games (0-50 points) are held the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Encourage your bridge-playing friends to give duplicate bridge a try!

At the website is a sign-up for our e-mail list, which also allows you access to our partnership e-mails, and how to contact our partnership chair.

Check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/unit501](http://www.facebook.com/unit501) for announcements, bridge puzzles, photos, and the more social aspects of the unit.

Most games, including extra points games, are only \$5.00. STAC games are \$6.00. Reservations are suggested for the Monday STAC. Players bring food to share; the club provides coffee/tea.

Also on the page is a link to Paul DuBois' intermediate-oriented notes on SAYC, 2/1, Conventions, and Precision. These books are free, and may be accessed as web pages, PDFs, or epub for your tablet or phone (please see directions).

Happy Halloween!

## Marin

By Phyllis Kreider

August was a huge month for rank advancements for our unit. Carole Liss advanced to Diamond Life Master. Achieving Silver Life Master were: Cindy Blum, Norma Connor, Barbara Cooper, Alex Kinan, Debbie Levine, Margaret Peterson & Todd Werby.

Our unit was well represented at the recent NABC held in Chicago. Two of our younger members, Ivan & James Marchant did very well, achieving 1st in C in the Youth Pairs and scoring 1st again in C in 49er Pairs. Jim & Gayle Tunnell were 1st A/B in a pairs side game, and Bob & Gail Haar teamed with Todd Werby & Arti Bhargava to come in 1st in a Swiss Teams 5-8 table game. Several other members represented our area well and came home with points.

Top scorer from our unit was Jim Griffin with 39+ points followed closely by Gene Simpson with 31+ points.

If you haven't attended an NABC, you are missing out. The next will be in Denver, November 26-December 6. Not only are there so many possible games to play, but you can attend lots of free lectures and seminars by the best in the game. It's also fun to socialize with bridge players from around the world.

STAC week is always popular in Marin as it is a chance to earn those coveted silver points without traveling. Crossley held several STAC week events in Open Pairs and an Stratified Swiss Teams event. The Swiss event was won by Richard Riezman, James Griffin, Mary Teply, Michael Levin. STAC events were held at all the clubs. There will be a repeat December 7-13 (Holiday STAC), so put it on your calendars as another opportunity to earn silver points.

Jim Cohen is trying to get the youth bridge program going. Marin is missing out on opportunities by not having candidates to use funding available for regional youth days. He needs bridge tutors and will provide you with a proven syllabus for kids starting in 4th grade through AP Calculus. If you can help in any way please contact him at 415 302-0957 or [james-cohen@comcast.net](mailto:james-cohen@comcast.net)

Another valuable program in need of helpers is the mentoring program run by Margaret Peterson at [mooganbaby@hotmail.com](mailto:mooganbaby@hotmail.com) Players are assigned a mentor who will play twice in games with them.

If you are a mentor, you will receive two playing passes.

70% games: Open: Jim Griffin & Todd Werby; Gabriel Fadel & Janet Myers Limited Games: H. Carmella Sogge & Jonmarie Maloney; Carolyn Farren & Paulette Moe; Hannah Kishi & Jim Cohen.

Please report any *Forum* news to me at [kreider222@yahoo.com](mailto:kreider222@yahoo.com)

## Modesto

By Christine Barkley

From the Modesto club: Our masterpoint winners for August included Barbara Page (6.18), Ralph Jungwirth (5.41), and Ray Adams (4.77) with several members in the 3's in descending order: Libby Longstreth, Joyce Rudecill, Latrelle Uhl, Jan Mastenbroek, Gail Vick, Barbara Price, and Nan Hornberger. We had two North American Pairs games with Ray Adams & Christine Barkley first and Ralph Jungwirth & Lee Maddocks second in one game, and Lee Maddocks & Jan Mastenbroek first with Jackie & Roland Wilson second, earning both black and red points.

At our unit game, there was a tie for 1/2 between Lorna Crooks & Ralph Jungwirth and Lee Maddocks & Latrelle Uhl; Jan & Pieter Mastenbroek, 3rd; Lyn Rabinovitz & Lee Striplin, 4th.

From Ray: Hi, all, we'd like to welcome our newest participant, Sherrie Varakatt. There was a lot of activity in the Sunday games this past August. For one thing, we had four games, not two or three, plus a STAC game and a club championship, so there were plenty of points available. Overall August leaders were: Barbara Page, 1st; Gail Vick, 2nd; Jeanne Russo, 3rd; Nan Hornberger, 4th; and Sharon and Neil Von Tresh, 5th. The STAC game was paced by Libby Longstreth & Mike Saeler who were first in A/B/C; 2nd were Barbara Barnewald & Betty Beard, while Judy Remmers & Connie Arnold were third. In the club championship, Barbara & Gail were 1st; Jeanne & Nan, 2nd; the Von Treshes, 3rd; Pat Gallo & Barbara Bogart, 4th. The Von Treshes were also 1st B/C, while the Lairds, Jim and Marcia, 2B.

Big game of the month was 64.35% turned in by Barbara & Gail at the club championship, but Toni & Ken Hillman were right behind them with a 64.29% on August 2. All in all, 21 separate players won masterpoints in the Sunday game in August. Congratulations to you all.

I was traveling myself for the latter part of August so haven't gotten any reports of others who have played out of town. Rita O'Hare & I came in 3rd in C in her local Newport, Oregon game.

From Sonora: Our players of the month for August are Alan and Susan Hamilton. Ron Michaelis and Dick Rosenbaum with a 61.79 % game were the winners of the unit game.

## Monterey

By Mary Block

During the recent STAC event, a local pair placed first out of 38 tables in the district in the Saturday morning event. Howard & Karin Evans were first overall and earned 4.50 MP with their 67.05% game. Jill Leach also reports that the club championship in her Saturday morning game was won by Jeanette Stern & Rayanna Bramblett.

Lyde McReynolds' club championship winners in her Tuesday EZ-Bridge game were Flo Griva & Walt Blankley. Walt also was a winner in the Oaks Friday club championship, this time with Don Graham.

Plans for the NAP unit level game have been finalized. The next step will be held Saturday, October 3 at 1:00 for both NLM (<499) and open players. Consult the list on the wall at the bridge club for

your name as a qualifier. You may play with any other qualifier, not necessarily the person with whom you qualified. Reservations are required (sign up at the BC or call Lyde, 626-4796), and there must be at least five tables in each section for the event to proceed.

Lyde is starting a new series of Intermediate classes on Wednesday, September 30, October 7 & 14, at 3:00 p.m. The general topic is Bid and Play and there are pre-duplicated hands designed to test playing and defense. Please sign up at the BC or call Lyde.

The unit has two new members this month: Wayne McIntyre and Dr. Gary Taylor.

Doug Halleen is teaching EZ-Bridge again at the BC, with the able help of Hetty Eddy. The middle school bridge classes at Sacred Heart are continuing, thanks to Julie Garvin and Pat Haynes. Both of these programs are education for the future of bridge, sponsored by the Monterey Bridge Educational Foundation. Remember, any donations to the foundation are tax-deductible.

The unit gratefully thanks Peter De Gregorio for taking on the challenge of editing the unit newsletter. No details are available at this time, but this valuable resource has been missed and we are looking forward to the next issue. Peter will need the cooperation of many people who have been resources in the past.

Save the date, Sunday, December 6, for the annual Holiday Party, luncheon followed by bridge. The board of directors heeded your concerns from last year, and changed the location to the Monterey Elks Club; details to follow.

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## Napa/Solano/Sonoma

By Tom Sheahan

The election for the board of directors in the Sonoma club is over and the results are in. The new board consists of Renate Bialy, Roger Bohl, Rick Davis, Lilyan Frank, Jay Gardner, Sandy Hicks, Steve Mercer, Bonnie Spillane, and Bill Wells. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump also ran, but didn't make the cut.

Many thanks to former board members Joe Freeman, Dan Harp, Barbara Lemme, Sigrid Price, and Joanne Wegsten who put in a lot of effort and time to make this club as great as it is. They had to deal with many difficult issues and did a fantastic job! Be sure to thank them for a job well done when you see them.

Sigrid also made the news by becoming the second player in our unit to make Diamond Life Master in the last two months by attaining the 5000 career point level! Al Evans is halfway there as he recently picked up his 2500th hundred point to reach Gold Life Master. Congratulations to both for their achievement and for being such a joy to compete against.

Great players! Great people!

Joanne Wegsten did very well in Napa last month. She & Dan Harp won a unit game while Anastasia Loban & Barbara Kiesel won the other. Joanne teamed up with Larry Page for two wins in the Friday game. Wayne Miller & Bob Locke and Gerry Fox & Molly Johnston won the other two.

In Rio Vista, Ken & Wilma Powell, Alan Morris & John Shick, Sue Vogtlin & Bob Lohse, and Robert Wiskotzil & Lars Orteblad were winners.

In Sonoma, Don Powell & Phil Shoemaker won and Don also won with Theila Smith. Phil had another winner with Anita Pesler. Other winners included Mary Omodt & Shelly Dunietz, Evelyn Holtz & Barry Samuel, Lee Grams & Bruce Emmons, Susan Cook & Denny Olmsted, and Tom Jabobson & Cecelia

Zachar.

In the 499er game, it was Carol Fraser & Susan Hoffman, Dick Hale & Willa Mundell, and Dennis Sturdevant & Brooke Farkas. It was Western Conference STAC week in the month of August and Dolores Jaquez & Sherry Shone finished 4th overall out of 262 teams while Anna Webster & Lois Lourie were a shade behind in 6th place.

Very well done!

The winners of the Friday night Swiss Teams game were Anita Pensler, Al Evans, Dan Harp & Richard Tebay. There was a tie in the Wednesday Swiss game between the teams of Jeanie Bang, Ram Ramanathan, Nancy Stetson, & Ron Chestnut and Richard Zelenski, Nancy Johnson, Vince Taylor, & Nancy Rude.

Send your best Karma to Preston Shackelford while she fights her illness. You would never know she is ill because of her great attitude. Get better Preston!

Two players that haven't played in our unit for quite awhile have passed away. They are Dyane Prifty and Tom Williamson. Dyane moved to New Zealand about 5 years ago and Tom hasn't played in our games for at least three years. They were both good people and a joy to be with.

Laura Camm has started her beginner's class at the Vintage House on Wednesday mornings again so if you know anyone that might be interested in learning this great game, send them to Laura.

## Palo Alto

By Carolyn Chaney

Fall is like spring at Palo Alto Bridge Club; lots of new events starting up. First, our awesome free lecture series started on September 8 with "Competitive Bidding: Part One" by Frank Smoot. On October 6, Frank will continue with "Competitive Bidding: Part Two," including plenty of exercises and practice deals for everyone. On November 6, Lynn Yokel will present "6-Hands." Lectures are always on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m., open to all, members and nonmembers alike. Check our website for dates and topics. Or sign up to receive free notifications: [paloaltobridge.com/education/lectureseries/lectureseries.html](http://paloaltobridge.com/education/lectureseries/lectureseries.html)

Speaking of classes, Frank Smoot will be teaching Intermediate 1 on Thursday evenings, 7:15-9:30 p.m. beginning September 24. It isn't too late to sign up! And Kathy Harper is offering three classes for beginners to intermediate players; they started in September but if you missed the first one, contact Kathy via our website.

Unit games are scheduled twice each month, with a pairs game on Saturday and Swiss Teams on Sunday. Both include a 299er section for less experienced players, and Saturday games often include a mentor-mentee section. On Saturday, October 3, and again on October 31, there will be lunch at 11:30 and pairs game at noon, then on Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. is a Swiss Teams, preceded by lunch at noon. Unit games are open to all (including non-members), but please pre-register at [paloaltobridge.com/specialevents/unitgames.html](http://paloaltobridge.com/specialevents/unitgames.html)

Silicon Valley Youth Bridge is getting under way in many schools around the area via after-school clubs. If you know of a school wanting to get a bridge club started or you would like to volunteer yourself, check out SiVY programs at [siliconvalleyyouthbridge.org/programs/programs.html](http://siliconvalleyyouthbridge.org/programs/programs.html) If your child/grandchild doesn't have a school program, another opportunity to learn is the free Sunday youth pizza party on October 9 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. All levels of experience welcome, from new players who want a lesson, to tournament players com-

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