



District 21 Unitscope

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ning with Kathy, Competing for the Contract. Tuesday evenings beginning April 25 and Thursday mornings beginning April 27, Absolute Beginning Bridge. Thursday evenings in April, 6:00 p.m., free mini-lessons on Negative Doubles, Kathy Venton, followed at 6:30 p.m. with a <750 game.

Unit 509 Calendar: April 1, Do something foolish! April 2 Unit 509's Mini-McKenney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards celebration at 12:30 p.m., followed by a unit game at 1:00 p.m. at the Bridge Gallery. 2016 1st place winners were Robert Keays, Karen Aabel, Pat Lebeck, Ron Welch, John Shribbs, Ron Chestnut, Nancy Stetson, Larry Spanier, Patty Hertz, Peter Lit, Chris Flindt, Nancy Gunn, Kathy Venton, Sara Rothmuller, Bob Klein, Erwin Linzner and Carlos D'Assumpcao.

Let's honor these high achievers and, of course, play bridge!

The Buzz: (1) No fragrances, please! (2) Jan Gullarian won the Thursday evening Control Showing Cue Bidding Contest. (3) One of our beginners, Lawson James, was heard shrieking with joy when he earned his first MPs (.16). Remember those days? Congrats, Lawson! (4) Check out this video youtube.com/watch?v=sk6ArVSEmVQ

Be sure to watch to the very end to see Bob Rottmayer and Mary Lyons "bussing" in Winter Village, Bryant Park, NYC. Sweet!

(5) Marin Sectional is coming up April 22-23, Redwood High School, Larkspur.

Did You Know That? Enid Barnes is an accomplished and generous artist. She recently drew (with Sharpies markers) and donated several "pet portraits" of cats to Food for Thought. If you'd like to

see them, go to Enid Wullf Barnes' Facebook page. If you, or someone you know in Unit 509 has done or is doing something of interest in their non-bridge lives, please drop me an email. I'm curious!

Please send items or corrections for *Forum* to nancyemilystetson@yahoo.com Sometimes a longer edition of *Forum* is posted on Facebook "ACBL Unit 509 Santa Rosa CA."

Silicon Valley

By Ray Yuenger

Next month I'll have the news of our upcoming Spring Sectional. Meanwhile I can report that at the Sacramento Non-Life Master Sectional Rohit & Shalini Dubey were 1st in a pairs game. Mike Cailean's team was 1st at the Berkeley/El Cerrito/Richmond Sectional.

At the San Mateo Sectional, in the two-session Open Pairs game, section tops went to Li-Chung Chen & David Zheng, Ed Barlow, Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn. Pradeep & Sudha Verma won a limited pairs game. Jung Hu had a stratification top in an Open Pairs game, as did Sudha Verma. Prevailing in their team brackets were Mindy Foos & Michael Fleisher; and Brenna Wundram, Linda Nemmer, Dee Ann Hansen & Paul Lee.

In the District 21 North American Pairs Flight B qualifier, Elenalani Lam & Qing Yang placed 1st, while Luen-Jyh Luo & Tsao-Tung Tsai were 2nd. On the winning Flight C Grand National qualifying team were Cadir Lee, Olivier Chapelle & Aravind Alwan. On the 2nd place team were Robert Allen, George Welch, Pat Wong & Roger Joseph.

Congratulations to our unit's newest Masters: Bruce Peetz (Junior); Warren

Kaplan, Tianshu Zhou (Club); Barbara & George Roupe (Sectional); Rhonda Hardy, Judith Hecht (Regional); Vera Huelbig (Advanced NABC); Andy Scott, Frank Xie, Pangjie Xu (Life); Karen Rice (Silver); and Subramania Krishnamurthi (Ruby).

The good news at the San Jose Bridge Center is that the directors have new and improved bathroom keys. The bad news is that the Thursday evening game has gone on hiatus. If you have an idea for a bridge-related activity for Thursday nights at the club, let Lynn Yokel & Preston Kauk know.

South County

By Kate Hare

Spring is officially, finally here. Everyone is looking forward to fine weather during the next several months. This winter was particularly hard. The members of Unit 500 certainly had their share of grief. In the early months of the year they lost two very well liked and highly respected members of their bridge community. Wayne Bennett will be missed by all who knew him. He was always cheerful and hard working. He was a past member of the unit's board of directors and always ready to pitch in to help at every opportunity.

Jan Hollowell was known by just about everyone in Unit 500. She was a past president of the South County unit board of directors, director of the Hayward Easybridge! Club, mentor, friend and partner to many. A celebration in honor of her memory was held in March at the Hayward 500 Bridge Club, formerly the Easybridge! Club that Jan directed. There was a social gathering followed by a charity game. The proceeds of the

game were donated to one of Jan's favorite causes, Sleep Train Foster Kids.

Tournament Trail: A few South County players attended the San Mateo Sectional at the end of February and brought home silver. Charlie Conrad (.90), Carolyn Darcey (.85), Carol Alliger (.85), Ming-Xiang Li (.78), Rajan Jeyakumar (.54), Prakash Karamchandani (.54) Shailesh Shah (.45) and Sarah Simmerman (.45) were among the winners.

Congratulations to all of them!

Members on the Move: Besides the losses mentioned above, Lynda Griebrok transferred to the Palm Springs Unit. Good luck to her in her new locale. If you have any ideas for ways to increase membership please share them with any board member or club director.

Your input is appreciated.

Advancements: There were a few Master rank changes to celebrate: Karen Seltzer and Valerie Wood (Junior), Brent and Rory Xiao (NABC), Harvey Rosenberg (Bronze Life) and Norma Bozzini (Silver Life). Congratulations all!

Coming Up: The next Unit 500 sponsored luncheon and pairs game will take place Friday, April 28, at Marina Community Center, San Leandro. This event has traditionally been the Lasagna Lunch but the board is considering some alternative ideas. Come and enjoy an interesting menu and game.



Diablo Valley Unit 499

Spring Sectional



April 29 - 30, 2017

Dougherty Valley High School
10550 Albion Rd, San Ramon, CA 94582

Saturday, April 29th

10:00 AM

3:00 PM

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 1)
(0-750/750-2000/2000+)

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 2)
(0-750/750-2000/2000+)

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:
Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
499er (0-99/100-299/300-499)
99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:
Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
499er (0-99/100-299/300-499)
99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

* Games and strats will be adjusted based on attendance.

Sunday, April 30th

10:00 AM: 0 - 99 SINGLE SESSION SWISS TEAM EVENT. NO PLAYER OVER 99 POINTS

10:00 AM & TBD: **Bracketed Swiss Teams.** Brackets posted at tournament. **Teams must play both sessions.** 7 rounds/7 boards (lowest bracket plays 7 rounds/6 boards). 20 VP Scale for all brackets. Brackets based on team masterpoint average. Teams may elect to play in top bracket.

Table fees: \$12 per session (non- ACBL or unpaid members \$16)

Tournament Director: Lynn Yokel ACBL Sanction #:1704039

Tournament Chair: Barbara McKay at (925) 286-1904 or queeniemckay@gmail.com

Partnerships: Please use Unit 499's Google Group <http://groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499> to find a partner, and come to the sectional with a partner. You may also contact Anne Hollingsworth at (925) 899-7543 or scootcat@pacbell.net for partnership assistance.

Food: Refreshments. Lunch for purchase on Saturday and Sunday.

Directions: At Bollinger Canyon Road exit on Highway 680, head east for 3.92 miles. At Albion Road, turn left. Look for the entrance to the school on your left. From 1580, exit at Dougherty Road S and head north on Dougherty Road S for 5.7 miles. At Albion Road, turn right. The school entrance will be on the left.

UNIT 508 Marin Spring Sectional April 22+23 2017

♠ Redwood High School ♥ 395 Doherty Drive ♦ Larkspur, CA ♣

Saturday, April 22nd

10:00 AM Roy Hoppe Stratified Open Pairs*
(1st of 2 sessions)
A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
0-50 MP Single Session
299er Single Session
Single Session Stratified Pairs*

3:00 PM Roy Hoppe Stratified Open Pairs*
(2nd of 2 sessions)
0-50 MP Single Session
299er Single Session
Single Session Stratified Pairs*

\$12/session for current ACBL members, otherwise \$15. There will be a 60-min lunch break between sessions.

* Games and Strats will be adjusted based on attendance

Snacks will be provided both days.

Tournament Chair: [Ellen Coll](mailto:Ellen.Coll@yaho.com)
415-272-5457 or ellen.coll@yahoo.com
ACBL Sanction #: 1704109

Sunday, April 23rd

10:00 AM Single Session Stratified Pairs*
(\$12 for Current ACBL Members otherwise \$15)

10:00 AM and TBD Lura Crossley Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions
(Teams **must play both sessions**)
Ax/A: 0-3000 / 3000+
D/C/B: 300 / 750 / 2000
(no player may have more than 2000 masterpoints)

Strats determined by average combined MP. 7 rounds, 7 boards per round with a 45 minute lunch break.

Fees are for 2 sessions: \$24 for current ACBL members, otherwise \$30.

Partnerships: [Andrea Ventris](mailto:Andrea.Ventris@yaho.com) 415-699-3175 or aventris@yahoo.com

Special Entry Fees: Junior ACBL Members - 18 & under: Free / Age 19-26: \$5
Members below 50 MP - 1/2 price per session

Directions:

Traveling 101 South: Take Lucky Dr exit, straight through the signal light and continue left on Lucky Dr. Turn right on Doherty Dr and follow the signs to the front of Redwood High School and turn left into the west/front parking lot, which is closest to the venue.

Traveling 101 North: Take Lucky Dr exit (approx 10 mi north of GGBridge). Turn right off the exit onto Redwood Hwy. Right at first signal onto Wornum Dr. Turn right on Tamal Vista at signal. Turn left on Lucky Dr at next signal. Continue left on Lucky Dr. Turn right on Doherty Dr and follow the signs to the front of Redwood High School and turn left into the west/front parking lot, which is closest to the venue.