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cially for the grandchildren. We offer free Youth Bridge Classes held at CCBC on Tuesday nights at 6:15 p.m. every other week. Contact Bruce Johnsonbaugh at 925 766-7586 for more info. Bruce, thank you for your continued effort to promote the game of bridge for the young folks.

Bragging Master rights go to the following folks: (Life) Gayle Everett, Lorraine Weisenberg; (Bronze) Kathy Fernbacher, Daisy Lennon, Lorraine Weisenberg; (Silver Life) Lynne Humphrey; (Ruby Life) Linda Gross, Julia Lowe; (Diamond Life) Jerry Weitzner.

A note for all: As you've read in the past, I've mentioned a few dear ones who are now departed. Mike Bandler informed me of a wonderful woman who recently passed: Collette Johnson. She's been playing bridge with her dear friend, Jamie Ney for many years. They were known for a breakfast and bridge day every Friday. They played in our old clubs, and jumped right in to join us at CCBC. Tributes to a great lady.

Not to end on a sober note, just a reminder to please take each day as a gift. Life is precious, and I try to appreciate the blessings I do have. Let us count the ways. Enjoy, and take care of you.

Ciao Bella.

East Bay

By Larry Bowerman

Hope everyone enjoyed the wet December and January; we haven't seen that much rain in a while! As we move closer to spring, there are a few important items to note. First, there will be no Unit 502 game on Sunday, April 2, because it conflicts with the Grand National Teams Flight A

Event at the EBCBC that day. The regularly scheduled Unit 502 game on Sunday, April 16 (Easter Sunday), will take place as usual at the EBCBC.

Second, Shirley Rodenborn was awarded the District 21 Goodwill Award in January for her many years of service to Unit 502 and her consistently positive and upbeat personality. Shirley has been a Unit 502 board member for the last 10 years, handles the printing and distribution of all event flyers, is a certified club director, has organized the unit's North American Pairs (NAP) contest for the past six years, is the Unit 502 backup webmaster, has helped carpool players to and from unit games and is always ready to volunteer to help with other unit jobs. If you haven't already done so, please congratulate Shirley when you see her.

Third, Joyce Hart has retired this year as a Unit 502 board member. Joyce had been a board member for more than 20 years. She has made numerous contributions to the unit over the years, including serving as board president, locating and planning Unit 502 sectionals, promoting the unit's various games, and promoting the purchase of bridge pads. She and her late husband Dick created and updated the Unit 502 by-laws to help ensure the success of the unit. They also ran a weekly bridge game for many years at the Bellevue Club and then at the Piedmont Community Hall. One memorable feature of this game was the pool of dollars available to any pair that bid and made a grand slam!

Joyce has also served as the Unit 502 representative to District 21 for many years, received both district and national Goodwill Awards, and has mentored many people in the unit. She is a diehard baseball fan, rooting for both the Oakland A's and the San Francisco Giants. On a

personal note, Joyce was instrumental in convincing me to become a Unit 502 board member. Joyce, thanks from all of us for your many years of service! Be sure to thank her for all she has done when you next see her at the bridge table.

If you attended the Monterey Regional in early January, you may have heard about the impressive achievements of Grant Vance & Jessica Lai. In case you haven't heard, they each earned 86 gold points at Monterey by doing well in four events: two Open Pairs (one 1st place and one 2nd place), a Knockout (2nd place) and a Swiss Teams (4th place). Wow!

Congratulations to Grant and Jessica. It has come to our attention that there may be some confusion about the relationship between the East Bay Community Bridge Center (EBCBC) and Unit 502. So, here is a short summary: The EBCBC and Unit 502 are separate clubs, each with their own governing boards. Betty Kael is president of the EBCBC and Neal Mazaroff is president of Unit 502. Each club sets their own game schedules, fees, special events, tournaments, lessons and whatever other activities they wish to provide. The building is independently owned, and is used by both the EBCBC and Unit 502. Each club pays a rental fee for its use of the building. If you have further questions, please talk to Betty, Neal or Tom Pajak.

There was no unit game on January 1, but the January 15 Unit 502 game results were: Nadine Levine & Katherine Von Dohre, 1st overall, followed by: Jonathon Kael & Jacob Karstens; Ching Chao & Roland Quong; Edward & Teresa Seputis. All had games at or above 59.5%. Good work!

The annual EBCBC Fundraiser Game was held on Saturday, January 21.

Thanks to everyone who played and/or donated independently. The funds raised have already been applied to our recent purchase of the new Bridge Pads.

Welcome to Peter Bonfanti, who recently transferred into Unit 502 from the Diablo Valley Unit 499! When you see him, please take the time to welcome him to our unit.

Congratulations to the following players on their recent Master rank advancements: Robert Gebhardt, Nick McCully (Junior); Pam Sawyer (Club); Amy Bess (Regional); Dennis Bromley (Silver Life); Stephen Kennedy (Ruby Life). Kudos to each of you. When you see them, please take the time to congratulate them on their advancements.

Sandi Davis is writing next month's column, so please contact Sandi if you have interesting results or other items to report: sandi.david21@gmail.com

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

If this *Forum* arrived before Sunday, February 26, you may want to consider playing in our Pro-Am Swiss Teams game. This potluck lunch and game is always a fun event. No partner is needed; just show up and teams will be drawn before the game.

It is hard to believe, we will soon be celebrating our 8th anniversary of moving from the Clinton Clubhouse to the Fresno Bridge Center on Shaw. With the anniversary coming, you know a party day is coming in April. The date? Well, that and the plans for the luncheon haven't been decided yet (typically the second or the third Sunday of April). I will let you know more specifics in next month's column.

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UNIT 508 Marin Spring Sectional

April 22+23 2017

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 22nd</p> <p>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*</p> <p>3:00 PM Roy Hoppe Stratified Open Pairs* (2nd of 2 sessions) 0-50 MP Single Session 299er Single Session Single Session Stratified Pairs*</p> <p>\$12/session for current ACBL members, otherwise \$15. There will be a 60-min lunch break between sessions.</p> <p>* Games and Strats will be adjusted based on attendance</p> <p>Snacks will be provided both days.</p>	<p>Tournament Chair: Ellen Coll 415-272-5457 or ellen.coll@yahoo.com ACBL Sanction #: 1704109</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 23rd</p> <p>10:00 AM Single Session Stratified Pairs* (\$12 for Current ACBL Members otherwise \$15)</p> <p>10:00 AM and TBD Lura Crossley Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions (Teams <u>must</u> play both sessions) Ax/A: 0-3000 / 3000+ D/C/B: 300 / 750 / 2000 (no player may have more than 2000 masterpoints)</p> <p>Strats determined by average combined MP. 7 rounds, 7 boards per round with a 45 minute lunch break.</p> <p>Fees are for 2 sessions: \$24 for current ACBL members, otherwise \$30.</p>
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Partnerships: [Andrea Ventris](mailto:Andrea.Ventris) 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.

Sacramento Unit 505 2017 Spring Sectional

La Sierra Community Center
5325 Engle Road Carmichael, CA 95608

All Events Use Pair/Team Averages
All Strats depend upon Attendance
Games begin at 10:30 am and 3:30 pm

Masterpoint awards are silver

DAILY RESULTS now available on-line at:
www.playbridgesacramento.org
or by prior registration: **ACBL Live**

SUNDAY, May 7th 2017

2 Session A/X Swiss Teams:
Strats: 3000+/0-3000

2 Session B/C/D Swiss Teams:
Strats: 1000-2000 / 300-1000 / 0-300
No one over 2000 may play

10:30 am until approx. 6:30 pm
(Mid-game break for lunch)

Entries \$11
Unpaid & Non-members \$14

Hospitality by Sally Wheeler-Valine
Unit 505 welcomes you with coffee, tea, snacks

Saturday and Sunday lunches available for purchase each morning

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SATURDAY, May 6th 2017

9:30 am
Non Life Master Seminar
with Jim Houghton

2 Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2000+ / 750-2000 / 0-750 or by attendance

2 Single Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2000+ / 750-2000 / 0-750 or by attendance

2 Single Session 499er/NLM Pairs:
Strats: 200-500 / 100-200 / 0-100
No one over 500 may play

2 Single Session 99er Pairs:
Strats: 50-100 / 20-50 / 0-20
No one over 100 may play

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Arrive Early to Avoid
Parking Problems

Director in Charge
Dianne Barton-Paine