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liams & Judith Corney had a section top. Aman Desai won the Newcomer Pairs. Steven Jacobson won a limited game, while Donna Wirt topped her stratification.

Winning their respective teams brackets were Leila Sink & Will Watson; Arif Janjua & Ken Rosenfeld; Chia-Fong Chang & Jie-Ren Shih; Ann & John Wainright and Sharon Krawetz; and Sudha Verma.

This was the last sectional that Rick & Kathy Jasper will coordinate. When you see them, thank them for their efforts. It takes teamwork to organize and set up a sectional. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer for this position.

In the national events in Kansas City, Alan Woods was 2nd in the Flight B North American Pairs. Michael Leitner was 4th in the Flight C NAP. Michael Rosenberg's team was 7th in the Jacoby Swiss, while Peter Friedland's was 8th. Steve Chen had a section top in a pairs game.

In regional events at the nationals, Tsao-Tung Tsai & Luen-Jyh Luo had two strat tops in pairs. Sections tops went to Jay Baudler & K-P Cheng and Tony Trebaol. In limited pairs, Frank Xie had a section top, as did Laurie Faulkner & Roger Joseph. Peter Friedland's Knockout team won.

At the Berkeley Sectional, Mike Cailean's team came in 1st. At the Santa Cruz Non-Life Master Sectional, Pradeep Verma & Meena Oza won a pairs game, as did Sudha Verma & Shrikant Sathe. First in their directions were Vera Huelbig and Ashwini Datar & Vilas Namjoshi. Winning their Swiss strat were Joan & George Schlinkert, Sandra Erickson & Cindy De Santis.

Congratulations to our unit's newest Masters: Sue Casey, David Chen (Junior); Judy Macarthur (Regional); George Welch (Advanced NABC); K-P Cheng, Bruce Luttrell (Diamond).

By the time you read this, we'll be looking for new unit board members, so let me know if you feel the calling to serve your fellow bridge players. I'd also like to hear from someone with skills and interest in redesigning *sjbridge.org*

South County

By Kate Hare

It's not too late! Due to circumstances beyond the control of Unit 500, the special pairs game slated for April 28, has been rescheduled for May 5. Since it will take place on Cinco de Mayo the board of directors has decided to have an ethnic-themed lunch suitable for the day. The menu will be a departure from the lasagna and salad that has been served at the spring events in the past. The game and lunch are open to all players and as usual the lunch will be complimentary to Unit 500 members in good standing and reasonable for all others. Beverages and snacks will be available throughout the afternoon. Cake will be served in honor of the unit's 1st place winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Races for 2016. If you would like a complete list of the top ten players in each masterpoint rank you can find them on the ACBL website, *acbl.org* - choose Races from the menu bar on the Home page, then choose Unit Races from Races, Results and Masterpoints. Choose the race (Ace of Clubs or Mini-McKenney), 2016, and Unit 500 from the drop down menu.

Tournament Trail: There were four tournaments within driving distance of South County players during March. At the Silicon Valley Spring Sectional, Kunio Okui & partner placed 1st in Stratified Pairs. Others who earned silver were: Ethan Liu (13.53), Vandana Vidwans (10.04), Rajan Jeyakumar (7.01), Prakash Karamchandani (7.01), Jim Kelsey (7.01), Rory Xiao (5.50), Alan Davis ((3.70), Jennifer Carini (.52) and Daniel Claassen (.28). At the Santa Cruz I/N Sectional, the team of Don Bierman, Mitch Darnell, Shailesh Shah & Mike Stambaugh placed 1st in Stratified Swiss Teams for 3.85 silver each. Daniel Claassen brought home 2.17 silver. Vandana Vidwans attended the El Cerrito Sectional and brought home 1.60 silver. And at the Saratoga Sectional, Prakash Karamchandani earned .95 silver.

Congratulations to all!

Big Wins: Darrell Fung & Jerry Weitzner did it again with a 71.70% game at the Lamorinda Bridge Club on March 15. Well done!

New Members and Members on the Move: Long time player at Redwood Bridge Club, Marge McIntosh, has transferred her membership to Unit 500 from Livermore Valley. Another long time player, Lynda Griebrok, has transferred out of Unit 500 to Palm Springs. Good luck to her in her new locale.

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

Coming up: The Western Conference Spring Fling STAC will take place at all Unit 500 clubs during the week of May 8-14. Don't miss this great opportunity to earn those elusive silver points at your home club.

Stockton

By Wendy Buchanan

Put four bridge players at the table and you'll get four different opinions. Yup, that's life at the Stockton Bridge Center! As a C level player, I experience a wide range of "what I should have done" moments at the table, all well meaning, but sometimes confusing to us "lower strat" players. I do appreciate the A level players taking the time to partner with me as I learn a great deal from them.

SBC's very own Howard Parker recently earned 175 masterpoints at one tournament! Needless to say, I was very impressed as I am currently working on earning Regional Master.

The parking lot for our bridge center was recently repaved and, better yet, restriped. Sounds like a minor thing but, believe me, it's nice to be able to actually pull in between real lines!

Congratulations to Judy Tillinghast, who recently earned Club Master status.

SBC: Korey Baumbach & Joan Garcia experienced a first for them ... earning a 71.13% game! That just happened to be the top game for the Madness of March.

Ken Hillman & Norma Fetters were close on their heels with an impressive 68.89%.

SBC Intermediate: High game for our Thursday Non-Life Master games were Pete Ottesen & Shirley Dozier with a huge 71.06%; close behind was the team of Carol Hakeem & Jerry Barnes with a 62.22%.

We welcomed Linda Decquir and Larry Smith into our intermediate group.

Oak Park: Mort Horn & Dennis Del Paine continued their winning ways by topping off the *N/S* pairs four out of the five Wednesdays in March. The top game of the month was won by the Nuttings with an impressive 74.07%.

Jill Craig & Nelda Smith took home a grand slam jackpot of $63.42. Nicely bid and played, ladies!

Unit 498

Intermediate/Newcomer

May 20 – 21, 2017
At the Bayshore Bridge Center
1300 Bayshore, Suite 168
Burlingame, CA 94010
(650) 344-4919

Sanction 1705045

Saturday May 20, 2017	Sunday May 21, 2017
10:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session	10:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session (Note: This is the only pair game on Sunday.)
	10:00 AM Swiss Teams Flighted 7 rounds, 6 boards per round; First 4 rounds
1:30 PM Lunch hour	1:30 PM Lunch
3:00 PM Stratified Pairs Single Session	Approximately 2:30 PM Swiss Teams; Last 3 rounds

Pair games will be flighted 0/100 (Stratifications 20-50-100) and 100+/500 (Stratifications100-200-500)
Stratifications for pairs and teams will be determined by average MPs for the pair/team.

Director: Will Watson WatsonBridge@gmail.com
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Partnerships: Margery Pacchetti (650) 451-8852 or pacchettim@sbcglobal.net

NOTE: Starting with this tournament, we will be requesting all participants to sign-up in advance by logging onto www.unit498.com and submitting the Reservation Form which you will find near the top of the home page.
This will allow us to plan the tables and other accommodations in advance. If you cannot access www.unit498.com, please work with your friends or one of the directors at the Burlingame Bridge club to sign in. TYVM.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED

Entry Fees (Pairs): ACBL Current Members per session $11; others $14.
Sunday Entry Fees per person (Teams): ACBL Members $22; others $28 seven rounds.

Do your own lunch Saturday; Soft drinks and bottled water will be available for $1.

Sunday Light Lunch will be available for $5.

Come and get your Silver Points in Competition at your own I/N level.

FIRECRACKER
SUPER SECTIONAL
June 28th to July 2nd, 2017

Palo Alto Bridge Club; 432 Stierlin Road; Mountain View, CA 94043

Free parking at the Bridge Center and Buddhist Temple opposite. Car pooling encouraged.

Delicious home prepared food for sale. Morning coffee and specialty pastries daily. Sandwich style lunches with snack options on Thursday through Sunday.

Tournament hotel: Sheraton Sunnyvale, 1100 N. Matilda Ave, Sunnyvale CA 94089.
For $ 99/$ 119 bridge rate, call 408 745 6000 or go to the PABC website to use the booking link.

For the very latest information, go to: www.paloaltobridge.com

Come for Silver Point Fun
Pairs games for players at all levels,
including 0-5 beginner games.
Full and Compact KOs and Swiss team games.

Schedule

Welcome Wednesday June 28th		
Open Stratified Pairs	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
99er and 499er Stratified Pairs	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
Thoughtful Thursday June 29th		
Open Stratified Pairs, 2 session	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Side Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
499er Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
99er Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Compact KO, rounds 1&2, 3&4	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams		3:00 pm
Fantastic Friday June 30th		
Open Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
499er Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
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Bracketed KO, rounds 1&2 of 4	10:00 am	3:00 pm
continues Sat.10:00 am		
Bracketed Swiss Teams		3:00 pm
Super Saturday July 1st		
Open Stratified Pairs, 2 session	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Side Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
499er Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
99er Stratified Pairs	10:00 am	3:00 pm
0-5 Beginner Pairs. Free Youth Entry.	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Bracketed KO, rounds 3&4 of 4	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 am	3:00 pm
Swiss Sunday July 2nd		
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 am	
Fast Pairs	10:00 am	2:15 pm

Tournament Information

Stratifications, by pair or team average
2000+ / 2000 / 750
500 / 300 / 200
100 / 50 / 0
Stratifications may be adjusted by director to suit entries.

KO events may be handicapped.
If insufficient entries, bracketed games may be stratified, at director's discretion.

Table Fees:
$12 per session for paid ACBL members.
$15 for others.
Youth (students under 26) half price, except for the free 0-5 games on Saturday

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Full Information:
For directions, parking details and much more, visit the Firecracker web page at www.paloaltobridge.com

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