

Table Talk – July 2017

District 21

South County Unit 500

ACBL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 MBC Closed RBC 4 th of July Game 11:00	5	6	7	1/8
9	10	11 MBC International Fund Game #2 SFP Regular Game 7-9 pm	12	13	14 Castro Valley Sectional	15 Castro Valley Sectional
16 Castro Valley Sectional	17 RBC Inter-club Championship	18 SFP Regular Game 7-9pm	19 RBC NAP	20	21	22
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30	31 RBC NAP					

For last minute changes to game times and locations, please check the unit's Website <http://unit500.org>

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President's Message

Charlie Conrad

Sectional Tournament time is upon us: July 14 – 16 for the Castro Valley Sectional at Transfiguration Church. We hope for a huge turnout this year. It is right before the summer Nationals in Toronto, so people will be fine-tuning their games.

What can you do to help? Please come and play. If you need a partner, we have several volunteers. We also need help on Thursday, July 13, to set up for the tournament. We'll start at 2 and finish around 4:30 or 5. Bring work gloves if you have them. We'll also need a lot of help Sunday afternoon to take down tables and chairs and return the venue to its original configuration. More hands mean less work for each person, and a faster completion of the jobs.

Report on the Pro-Am Game at the Hayward 500 Club. Sarah and her crew are to be commended for hosting 11 ½ tables of bridge. Life Masters were paired with newer players. Players brought tons of food!! Everyone had fun!! That's what this game is about.

Julie continues her chemo treatment. She felt good enough to vacation in Hawaii a couple weeks ago. And she continues to teach yoga several times a week. This series of treatments continues into August, after which she'll have another PET scan to monitor her progress. She gets a few weeks off after that.

I now have eight dedicated players in the Easybridge! class I'm offering at my house on Tuesday evenings. This week they started earning masterpoints! Anyone who wants to learn the basics of bridge is welcome to join us. In September, I'll start a new series for beginners, as well as a follow-on class for players to continue improving their skills. Please get your contact info to me if interested. I have room for more, and extra card tables. So, if you have friends and/or family members who want to try our game, please let them know and have them contact me. Cconrad313@aol.com

The San Felipe Bridge Club closed its doors last week and has relocated to my home. We'll try to build our beginner game up to several tables over the next year or so and then possibly open it up to more experienced players.

See you at the bridge tables.

What's News in South County

Kate Hare

July is a big month for Unit 500. The annual Sectional will take place in a few weeks. It takes many hands and a tremendous amount of work to plan and produce a tournament of this size. The board members have been working to solicit donations and organize the event under the guidance of Tournament Directory **Mary Ramos**. She has been responsible for the Castro Valley Tournament for the last 14 years and the tournament has been a success in no small part due to her efforts. The kitchen will once again be supervised by **Susan Lambert** who always provides an enticing selection of items for continental breakfast and snacks throughout all three days and a simple but satisfying lunch on Sunday. The food is provided by Unit 500 and generous donations from local vendors.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL: There were several first place wins by Unit 500 players at the California Capital Regional, May 29 through June 4. Some of these wins were mentioned in last month's column. The top winners and others who placed brought home a total of 211.74 points from Sacramento. Here is a list of who earned how much, punctuated with an asterisk for first place wins: **Don Bierman*** (34.16), **Sarah Simmerman*** (33.54), **Ashraf El Sadi*** (28.82), **Carla Francis*** (17.18), **Dottie Reid*** (12.02), **Shailesh Shah*** (10.86), **Andy Sass** (10.26), **Kunio Okui** (9.63), **Drayton Swartz** (8.88), **Charlie Conrad** (8.88), **Jean Wood*** (8.73), **Tina Kahn*** (6.22), **Bob Hamilton** (6.07), **Linda Duchscherer** (2.82), **Ann Conrad** (2.81), **Kevin Schoenfeld** (2.46), **Mike Stambaugh** (2.09), **Fred Tierney Jr.** (1.79), **Dan Claassen** (1.79), **Peter Cheung** (.93), **Kate Hare** (.93) and **Olga Swartz** (.89).

There were no first place wins for any South County players at the San Francisco Sectional but a few members did attend and brought home silver. **Rajan Jeyakumar** (1.34), **Brent Xiao** (.78), **Bo Xiao** (.76), **Sarah Simmerman** (.48) and **Don Bierman** (.48) were among the winners.

Shailesh Shah and team earned 5.59 silver points each when they placed first in the Sunday Swiss, Bracket 3 at the Oakland Sectional. Other Unit 500 who brought home points were: **Bo Xiao** (8.46), **Brent Xiao** (5.88), **Rory Xiao** (3.32), **Don Bierman** (1.84), **Terry Gardner** (.24), **Drayton Swartz** (.24), **Valerie Byrne** (.18), **Bob Hamilton** (.18), **Charlie Conrad** (.18) and **Ann Conrad** (.18). Congratulations to all!

** Please let me know if you place at a tournament or have a big win. Send an email to kate.p.hare@gmail.com to share your accomplishments**

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS ON THE MOVE: Welcome *Bill Hammerback* who is new to Unit 500 and ACBL. Also welcome *John Grout* who transferred his membership to South County from Unit 498.

ADVANCEMENTS: There were a couple changes in rank last month: *Richard Becker* is now a Club Master and *Ethan Liu* is a Ruby Life Master. Congratulations *Richard* and *Ethan*!

COMING UP: The Castro Valley Sectional will be held July 14, 15 and 16 at Transfiguration Church in Castro Valley. The North American Pairs Qualifying Games continue. Check the calendar for dates and times of the NAP games.



Hayward 500 Bridge Club

Sarah Simmerman

What a month! Lots of winners in Sacramento. A great ProAm Game (thank you to all who contributed to its success: Pros, Ams, set up and clean up, technical support, chefs, the directorial committee, and any other helpers. Our trophy winners were Carolyn Darcey and Christine Wright and Rich Russ and Charlie Conrad. Congrats to them and to everyone else who played.

Other winners this month were Carolyn Darcey and Pam Fisher, Mike Stambaugh and Mitch Darnell.

We hope to have another NAP qualifier and August is STaC month. We will keep you posted.

MAY ALL YOUR SLAMS BE
INTERESTING!



SAN FELIPE BRIDGE CLUB

At my home
Castro Valley CA

Director/Presenter: Charlie Conrad

THERE'S A GREAT BRIDGE GAME WAITING FOR YOU!!

Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm

The game at San Felipe Park has closed. The club sanction continues with beginner games in my home.

We've begun Easybridge! lessons and games for new players. Masterpoints are awarded. Currently we're conducting "individual" games, where each player partners with each other player for one or two hands. As we improve our ability and speed, we'll play more hands and begin pairs games.

A new class will start in September for beginners. We'll also offer a follow-on class for those who have completed the first series.

Games in July

July 4 and 25 Closed, Regular games July 11 and 18

Please e-mail or call Charlie. (510) 329-5916 or cconrad313@aol.com
Refreshments provided!!

For announcements and game results, please see our website:
<http://unit500.org> Put your pointer over Results and then down the menu to San Felipe, then click. You can see all our results there.

Unit 500 Bridge Clubs

San Felipe Park Bridge Club (SFP)

Contact Charlie Conrad for address
Tuesday: 7 – 9 pm, Beginner/Novice
Directors: Charlie Conrad 329-5916

Hayward 500 Bridge Club (HBC)

Weekes Park Community Center, 27182 Patrick Ave., Hayward
Thursday: 11:30 am (11:00 Lesson) Stratified/Limited (0 - 499 MP)
Presenters: Sarah Simmerman 569-8721, Barbara Dabney 599-6308,
Don Bierman 501-3458

Marina Bridge Club (MBC)

Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro
Tuesday: 10:30 am Open/Stratified
Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

Redwood Bridge Club (RBC)

Kenneth Aitken Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Monday: 12:00 pm Open & Non-Life Master Sections (11:45 am Lesson)
Wednesday: 11:15 am Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections
Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

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