

Table Talk – August 2017

District 21

South County Unit 500

ACBL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 RBC Unit Game	3	4	5
6	7 RBC NAP	8 MBC Inter club Championship SFP Regular Game 7-9 pm	9	10 HBC NAP	11	12
13	14	15 MBC NAP SFP Regular Game 7-9pm	16 RBC NAP	17	18	19
20	21 RBC STaC	22 MBC STaC SFP Regular Game 7-9 pm	23 RBC STaC	24 HBC STaC	25	26 MBC Salad Lunch STaC Game 11:30
27	28	29 SFP Closed	30	31		

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: The tournament was a great success, thanks to the large group of folks who came to help let up and take down the venue. Special thanks to Susan Lampert, who is retiring as chairman of the kitchen committee this year. Thanks also to the group of people who made sandwiches and helped us keep the players fed.

Another special thanks to Mary Ramos, who is retiring as tournament co-chairman after 14 years of dedicated work. Next year, I'll need a new co-chairman. Please contact me if you're interested.

We also need to thank some great companies who donated to the cause, keeping our costs down. Columbus Meats donated all the cold cuts we used in sandwiches. Bay Cities Produce provided the veggie trays. Lucky Supermarket provided some of the water and sodas. Trader Joe's donated many of the snacks we put out in the afternoons. Please patronize these generous donors.

Save the date: Due to scheduling problems at Marina, we had to move the Salad Game to **Saturday, August 26**. As usual, we'll eat at 11:30 and play bridge at noon. This will be our first attempt at holding a Saturday Unit event. It will be a STaC game, so all points awarded will be silver. Flyers and sign-up sheets will be in the clubs very soon.

Beginning bridge classes: We now have nine players making the trip to my house every Tuesday evening. We've had a couple individual games and are now in a home-style pairs game, all of which are awarding masterpoints. We added one returning member of the ACBL last week: David Nakamura. He's taking the course to learn modern bidding. He's also playing at the Hayward 500 club on Thursdays. We'll be starting a new Easybridge! class on Tuesday, Sept 12, to learn and play alongside the current class. I'll be putting out flyers in a couple weeks.

Julie continues her chemo treatment. Next week she'll have her final treatment before the next PET scan. Hoping for more good news from that.

Keep playing in those NAP club games to earn qualification to the Unit level. Ours will be Sunday, October 8, noon, at Aitken Center: more info next month.

See you at the bridge tables.

What's News in South County

Kate Hare

If you read Charlie's letter you know the Sectional Tournament was considered a success by all who were involved in its production. If you attended the games your opinion is welcome. Share your thoughts with any board member. They are always eager listen to the compliments and concerns of the members of Unit 500 regarding the annual tournament.

Thank you to both Mary Ramos and Susan Lampert for all they have done for the Unit 500 Sectionals over the years. Their departures as Tournament Co-Chair and Kitchen Manager leave some big shoes to fill. Next year's tournament will most likely be quite different. It is unlikely that those who step up to take their places will do just what they did, the way they did it, for the Castro Valley Sectional. It is sad to see them go but we can look forward to positive things in the future.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL: The "home sectional" drew players from all over California and as far away as Seattle, Washington. There were a total of 834 masterpoints earned by 269 players. Unit 500 players earned a fair share of those and some even took first places in their events. Unfortunately no South County players had first place wins in the Swiss Teams Event although many brought home points. In Open Pairs, **Terry Gardner & Drayton Swartz** placed first in B & C with 58.7%. In 499 Pairs, **Shailesh Shah &** partner were first overall with 62%, **Bob and Anna Bauman** were first in E with 56.6%, **Kevin Patterson &** partner were first in E and F with 67%, and **Asha Apte & Joan Roe** were first with 63%. Congratulations to all!

For detailed results visit the ACBL website, acbl.org. Click on Tournament on the Home Page menu bar and then Calendar/Results from the side bar of the Tournaments page. Select "July" and "California" from the search criteria and then click on Search. Scroll down to Castro Valley and then choose "Results." To be notified of results instantly, sign up for ACBL Live. You can find ACBL Live on the Tournaments page. Select ACBL Live, just below Calendar/Results, from the side bar. Follow the prompts to log in to MyACBL Portal. Go to Privacy Setting under Membership and subscribe to receive email or text messages listing your results as soon as they are posted.

** 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: Farewell to *Judy Huckabay* who transferred her membership out of Unit 500 to Palo Alto Unit 503.

ADVANCEMENTS: There were several changes in rank last month: *Karen Darnell* and *Marjorie McIntosh* are new Club Masters and *Lynn Gurnee* is now a Sectional Master. Congratulations to all!

COMING UP: The North American Pairs Qualifying Games continue. Check the calendar for dates and times of the NAP games. Also the All Western Championships Regional in Santa Clara will be held Aug 29-Sept 4.



Hayward 500 Bridge Club

Sarah Simmerman

Special News for Hayward 500: we will meet in Room 2 for the entire month of August. If you have a personal fan (or a big one to lend) you might want to bring it, as it can get very hot in that room.

We had lots of winners this month and we congratulate all of them, as well as everyone who found the time and energy to play and learn (and eat, in my case!). The winners: Alex Passinsky and Bill Hammerback, Mitch Darnell and Joyce Morrison, Gerry Fisher and Carolyn Darcey, and Carol Alliger and Marion Michel. Great job!

We will have two special games this month. August 10th will be an NAP Qualifier and August 24th will be a STaC which awards silver. Both involve extra fees. The STaC game can result in greater rewards, because you will be compared with all players in the Western Conference and if you place there, you may earn added points. We have had players who earn 1 point in the club game yet place high enough in the Western Conference to earn 5 or 6 points. Please plan on playing. We can get you a partner, but we need to know in advance for these games. Remember, the Regional in Santa Clara is in the end of August. It is so close and it is such a great place to learn (there are lessons at noon, at 6, etc.), that we encourage you to go for at least one day.

BRIDGE PLAYERS OF THE WORLD UNITE

Sarah, Barbara, and Don



SAN FELIPE BRIDGE CLUB

**At my home
20340 Hunters Knoll
Castro Valley CA**

Director/Presenter: Charlie Conrad

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

Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm

We've begun sanctioned games for new players. Masterpoints are awarded. Currently we're doing individual and home-style pairs games.

We need to play at least six hands. As we improve our ability and speed, we'll play more hands.

August 1, lesson 8

August 8, lesson 9

August 15, lesson 10

August 22, bonus free lesson

No games August 29 or Sept 5

A new class will start September 12 for beginners. We'll also offer a follow-on class for those who have completed the first series.

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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