

Table Talk – September 2017

District 21

South County Unit 500

ACBL

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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

Our salad game last Saturday was very successful, with 19 ½ tables in play. Board members and others brought salads, rolls, and a cake. And several players from other units came to play. We're always grateful when guests show up. Special thanks to Anthony Hare for fixing the cold cut trays.

Save the date: We'll have another unit-sponsored event at Marina on Friday, Sept 29. Plan to be there!!

As I write this, the All Western Championships in Santa Clara are in full swing. Several of our players have already dipped into the pot of Gold Points, looking for many more during the rest of the tournament.

Beginning bridge classes: Nine players completed the first ten lessons of the Easybridge! series. A new series will be starting on Sept. 12. I'm looking for a larger place to teach and play. Flyers will be at the clubs soon. We already have several players looking to join the lessons. More players will make these lessons better. Several of our players are already playing in regular club games and winning masterpoints!

My daughter-in-law Julie has completed 12 chemo treatments, and the cancer is being clobbered. Two doctors have declared her liver tumor dead. Julie is having more tests at UC Med, Stanford, and Arizona. She'll be starting a clinical trial at Stanford soon. The doctors are hoping that if she starts more chemo treatments they'll be able to reduce the most aggressive chemicals. She's in good spirits and still teaching several yoga classes each week. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Our **Unit finals for the North American Pairs** will be at Aitken Center Sunday, October 8, at noon. To enter you must have qualified at a club game anywhere in ACBL. Check the score sheets from any NAP games you played in this summer. If you see a Q next to your name, you qualify to the unit level. **You are only allowed to play in one unit-level game!** There are other games in different units for you to play in if you can't make it to ours. See the District 21 web site for more info. District finals are in January.

See you at the bridge tables.

What's News in South County

Kate Hare

August was a busy month. The eagerly anticipated STaC week began on the 20th and culminated with the popular Unit-sponsored Salad Lunch Pairs Game. Unlike many years, the game this year awarded silver points. The payoff was generous with first place in the open section earning 2.16 points. The Unit's Board of Directors did an excellent job providing and serving the lunch which consisted of a variety of salads, rolls, cold cut trays and beverages. A cake was served for dessert and salty snacks were available in the afternoon. The next event will be held on Friday, Sept 29. Watch for the sign-up sheet at your local club.

All the news that's fit to print is available in the News section on the home page of the Unit 500 Website. Bill George does a terrific job keeping the information current. He updates the page regularly throughout the month.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL: The Sonoma Wine Country Sectional was held in early August and a few Unit 500 players made the trip to play. **Terry Terzian** (3.55), **Don Bierman** (1.26), **Mike Stambaugh** (1.14) and **Charlie Conrad** (1.14) were among the winners.

At the San Mateo Summer Sectional, **Daniel Claassen's** team ranked first in the Bracket 3, Sunday Swiss. **Kevin Patterson &** partner placed first in the 299er Pairs. Other winners were **Brent Xiao** (3.31), **Bo Xiao** (3.31), **Shailesh Shah** (.90), **Sarah Simmerman** (.34), **Don Bierman** (.34) and **Drayton Swartz** (.34).

The Santa Clara All Western Championships will continue through Sep 4th. A complete recapitulation of Unit 500 winners will be posted next month. Here are a few highlights so far. On Tuesday **Kevin Patterson &** partner placed 1st overall in the 299er Pairs. On Wednesday, **Bo and Rory Xiao** placed 1st overall in the Side Pairs, earning 5.31MP. **Frederick Tierney, Jr.** & partner were first in C in the Daylight Pairs. There have been other winners accruing gold. They will be acknowledged next month. Congratulations to all!

If you don't want to wait until next month, visit the ACBL Website, acbl.org for detailed daily results. Click on Tournaments on the Home Page menu bar and then Calendar/Results from the side bar of the Tournaments page. Select "August" and

“California” from the search criteria and then click on Search. Scroll down to “Santa Clara” and then choose “Results.”

BIG WINS: *Darrell Fung* had two impressive wins during August. On the 2nd he had a 71.83% game with partner *Robert Munson* and on the 9th he and partner *Jerry Weitzner* had a 70.03% game, both in the Open Game at the Lamorinda Bridge Club.

Kevin Patterson & Bill Hammerback had a 74.81% at the STaC game at Hayward 500 Bridge Club on August 24th. This was a terrific win at the six-table, Limited Game comprised of N/I players.

** 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: *David Nakamura* is the newest member of Unit 500. Welcome David! Farewell to *Bob Schafer* who has transferred his membership to Unit 505 in Sacramento.

The membership of Unit 500 has dropped in recent years. The total membership is currently 201. If you have any ideas on how to increase membership please share your thoughts with any of the board members. They would be happy to hear from you. Their phone numbers are listed on page 7.

ADVANCEMENTS: There were several changes in rank last month: *Ed Green* (Regional Master), *Daniel Claassen* (NABC Master), *Trudie Sinclair* (Ruby Life Master), and *Kevin Schoenfeld* (Gold Life Master). Congratulations to all!

COMING UP: The next Unit-sponsored Lunch and Game will be at Marina Community Center on Sept. 29 at 11:30.

Unit 500's unit-level North American Pairs Qualifying Game will be held at Aitken Community Center on Oct. 8 at noon.



Hayward 500 Bridge Club

Sarah Simmerman

The Hayward 500 Club had two special games this month; an NAP Qualifier and a STaC game. We had many qualifiers and our first place finishers in the STaC game were first overall in the Western Conference with a whopping 74.81%. Kevin Patterson partnered with Bill Hammerback to win the STaC, while Lynn Gurnee and Mike Stambaugh did the same for the NAP. Congrats to both and to the other winners for the month: Alta Jo Adamson and Janet Quilici. Rich Russ and Olga Swartz, along with Don Bierman and Sarah Simmerman, earned extra points by placing in the overalls in the Western Conference STaC game.

We are closed on August 31 and hope to see most of you at the Regional in Santa Clara. The Regional offers a wonderful opportunity to find out what tournaments are like. You can play a single session or double session or possibly up to 4 sessions (in the knockouts). There are free lessons at noon and at 6, so there is much to learn. You have the opportunity to meet players from all over the US and beyond. You also have FUN, what more could you want? See you there.

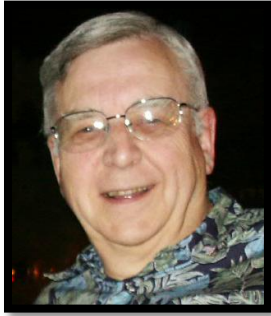
Thanks to all who were so patient when we were played in the small, hot room. You did a great job.

When we resume on Sept. 7, we will have a Unit Game and an opportunity for more points. Please join us.

See you September 7.

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

Nine students completed the first series. We're starting a new series for beginners on Sept 12, while the returning students will be playing more on their own, with more advanced lessons during the session. I'm trying to find a bigger place to hold lessons. If I can, I'll announce it at all the clubs in Unit 500.

September 5, closed

September 12, Lesson 1 for beginners, Lesson 11 for returning students

September 19, Lesson 2 for beginners, Lesson 12 for returning students

September 26, Lesson 3 for beginners, Lesson 13 for returning students

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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