

Table Talk – November 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

Save the date: Sunday, December 10 will be our annual holiday party and election of board members. We have two members retiring, so we're looking for new members. If interested, please contact me immediately at (510)329-5916 or cconrad313@aol.com .

There was a new annual District 21 Regional in Sparks NV last month. Those of us who attended had great playing areas with plenty of food available. Kate will provide a list of winners in her column. A major benefit was the exercise we enjoyed traveling from game sites to and from the restrooms and the many restaurants in the building. Please plan to go next year. Attendance was a bit low. **Beginning bridge classes:** Right now I'm holding classes on different plays and conventions. The class meets at my house on Mondays from 7 – 9 pm. With Doug Burke, I've also started a class in Newark for Jr. High students. This class is sponsored by SiVY. Our first class last week was well attended, and we had very enthusiastic players. See the San Felipe Bridge Club page in this *Table Talk* for more info.

We had a great time celebrating Julie's 50th birthday with her last weekend. The new pill regimen is working, and although they can't say she's cured, she has no symptoms right now. And her hair is growing back. We expect her to keep teaching yoga and to attend all the graduations for her kids over the next six years. The doctor told her to set her sights on a much longer lifespan than many pancreatic cancer patients have.

The next two major tournaments are the Fall NABC in San Diego in November and the annual District 21 Regional in Monterey in January. I'm going, and hoping to see you there.

See you at the bridge tables.



What's News in South County

Kate Hare

The Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon will be held on Sunday, Dec 10 at the Marina Community Center. There will be a short business meeting before lunch catered by Simple Elegance.

Other 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: There was a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the Sparks Regional this year. Many Unit 500 players spent the week or some part of it there competing for gold. Without a doubt **Don Bierman** was the star South County player. He earned six first-place wins competing with various partners. **Don** and **Sarah Simmerman** and team placed 1st in the Nugget KOs, earning 9.09 Gold. Again **Don** and **Sarah** placed 1st in the Eureka! Gold Pairs with 59.97% game and 9.65 MPs. They were followed closely by **Shailesh Shah** and partner who earned 59.82% winning 7.24 MPs. **Don** and team came in 1st in B and C in a Side Swiss Game and then again he and his partner had a 63.78% game in Sierra Pairs for 3.27 MPs. In Saturday Swiss **Don** and team placed 1st in C. In Evening Pairs he and partner placed 1st in C and in the Sunday Senior Swiss he and his team were 1st in B. **Don's** total masterpoint earnings in Sparks were 36.42! Outstanding job, Don!

There were several other Unit 500 players who performed very well and brought home points from Nevada: **Sarah Simmerman** (19.82), **Shailesh Shah** (15.82), **Carla Francis** (9.22), **Charlie Conrad** (8.62), **Ann Conrad** (8.62), **Joyce Denyven** (1.55), **David Denyven** (1.55), **Vandana Vidwan** (1.32), **Linda Duchscherer** (1.30) and **Dottie Reid** (1.30).

There were two local Sectional Tournaments attended by a few South County players during October. **Shailesh Shah** attended the San Mateo I/N Sectional and ranked 20th, bringing home 1.61 Silver.

At the Santa Cruz Sectional **Nancy Boyd** earned 2.16 MPs and **Daniel Claassen** brought home 2.06.

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, Sudipta Chatterjee and Houpei Wei, new members to ACBL and Unit 500. Welcome also Michael Ravera who transferred his membership from Silicon Valley.

More new members are welcome. If you have any ideas of ways to increase membership please share your thoughts with any of the board members. Their phone numbers are listed on page 7.

ADVANCEMENTS: There were a few changes in rank last month: Christina Kahn (NABC Master), and Bo Xiao (Silver Life Master). Congratulations both!



Hayward 500 Bridge Club

Sarah Simmerman

This is a great month for Hayward 500 Bridgers.

We are calling out to all of our alums, and anyone else who has fewer than 750 Masterpoints for our Nov 9th big Unit Swiss Team Game; extra points, fun and food. Game starts at 11:30. We already have a couple of teams signed up and some pairs are looking for teammates. Please contact Sarah, Barbara, or Don if you have questions, are going to play, or need a team. Please sign up in advance so we know whether we need to put up extra tables.

The rest of the month will be regular games. We are closed Thanksgiving Day.

We had some lucky winners in October: Gwen Vallio and Gerry Fisher (2X), Alta Jo Adamson and Jan Quilici, and Olga Swartz and Rich Russ.

Congratulations to all!

A special thank you from Sarah to everyone who came to her show - it means a lot.

Bid Those Slams!

Sarah, Barbara, and Don



SAN FELIPE BRIDGE CLUB

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

**BoYa Education Canter
5870 Mowry School Rd.
Newark CA**

Director/Presenter: Charlie Conrad

New things are happening! We now have bridge instruction on two nights a week.

On Mondays from 7-9 pm we have discussions on useful bidding and playing topics. These are designed for novice and beginner players but are open to anyone. They are held at my house. Charge is \$5.

Doug Burke and I have begun novice lessons for Jr. High students and their families at the BoYa Education Center. We're using the ACBL Club Series "Bidding in the 21st Century". If you would like your Children or Grandchildren to learn to play bridge, please consider joining our group. Lessons on Thursday evenings at 7-8:30 are free, but we ask for small donations to the facility owners for use of their space.

Please e-mail or call Charlie (510) 329-5916 or cconrad313@aol.com if [interested, because some evenings we're closed for holidays or major tournaments.](#)

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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