

# Table Talk – December 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](mailto:cconrad313@aol.com) .**

I'm about to head out the door to play in the San Diego Nationals. I expect many of you to join us. Hoping our players will bring back a huge basket full of multi-colored masterpoints.

**Beginning bridge classes:** I'm discontinuing the monthly San Felipe bridge page in *Table Talk*. If you want to learn about conventions and play of the hand in a small group setting, please call or email me. Doug Burke and I continue our series of classes in Newark for Jr. High students. This class is sponsored by SiVY. We continue to work with students and their parents, with four tables in play each week. Many of them have sent in ACBL applications. I'll report on the new members next month.

All the news on Julie's health continues to be positive. She and her family have been on vacation this week, using a condo we own in Orlando. We're looking forward to Christmas dinner at their house.

Don't forget to reserve your rooms for the 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 chicken piccata lunch catered by Simple Elegance. Please sign up at your local club before Dec 3 if you plan to attend.

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 were two sectional tournaments within driving distance of Unit 500 in November. A few South County players made a nice showing at the Diablo Valley Veteran's Day Tournament in San Ramon. **Kevin Patterson** and partner placed first in their stratification with a 56.85% in the 499 Pairs on Saturday. **Jianming Zhang** and partner had a first in the Saturday Open Pairs with a 61% game earning 24.4 MPs! **Ethan Liu** and team ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Swiss Teams, Bracket 2 with an award of 5.03 MPs. Other players who brought home silver were: **Rajan Jeyakumar** (6.97), **Charlie Conrad** (4.92), **Brent Xiao** (1.23), **Bo Xiao** (1.23), **Vandana Vidwans** (1.21), **Ming Xiang Li** (.91), **Sarah Simmeman** (.56), **Valerie Byrne** (.48), **Bob Hamilton** (.48), **Kate Hare** (.48), **Linda Duchscherer** (.48), **Ann Conrad** (.48), **Terry Terzian** (.46) and **Lynn Gurnee** (.20).

The other local tournament was the East Bay 2-Day Fall Sectional held the weekend before Thanksgiving. As of this writing the results had not yet been posted online. Look for the Unit 500 player standings at the Oakland Tournament in the next edition.

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](mailto:kate.p.hare@gmail.com) to share your accomplishments\*\*

**NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS ON THE MOVE:** November was a very quiet month. There were no changes in membership.

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 two changes in rank last month: Ferne Freitas became a Regional Master. Shailesh Shah is the Unit's newest Life Master. Shailesh earned his Life status with points accrued at the Sparks Regional. Congratulations both!



## **Hayward 500 Bridge Club**

Sarah Simmerman

Hope all of you had a marvelous Thanksgiving!

Hayward 500 had a few winners this past month:

Gwen Vallio and Gerry Fisher had back to back wins in individual play.

Team Drayton Swartz, Andy Sass, Terry Gardner, and Jean Wood captured the team game.

We plan to be open in December: Dec 7 will be an STaC game, but keep checking as we are waiting to hear how many people are willing to play on the 21 and the 28.

We will be closed the first week in January in hopes everyone will go to the Regional in Monterey.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season from all of us at Hayward 500.

Sarah, Barbara, and Don

## 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**

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### 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**

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### Marina Bridge Club (MBC)

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

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### 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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