

Table Talk – January 2018

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 Holiday party was very successful, with 17 tables of players. After a great meal, we held our annual Unit Board election. Olga Swartz joined as a new board member, and all the other members whose terms were expiring were re-elected. That said, we celebrated the retirement of Mary Ramos, whose 16 years on the board were exceptional. She was Unit 500 President for 8 years and Chairman of the annual Sectional Tournament for 14 years. We'll miss her experience and wisdom. Sometimes we congratulate people who have made major contributions to our unit by serving a cake in their honor. Mary got 2 cakes, and deserved them!!

The San Diego Nationals were great. Many of our unit members brought home bushels of red and gold points!

Bridge classes: 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. There was a holiday party for the last session before the break. Wonderful food, and the kids asked for cards and tables after the meal, so they could get a couple hands in. We're very encouraged by their progress and enthusiasm.

I'll be teaching standard and 2 /1 classes in Blackhawk starting January 12. If interested, please contact Mary Quinn, Cathy Mitchell, or me.

Julie is doing very well. She cooked Christmas dinner and is looking forward to many years of teaching yoga and participating in her kids' scholastic and dancing progress.

This is my last message as your President. After three years, I'm stepping down to concentrate on playing and teaching. I'm also the Chairman of the Sectional Tournament in July.

See you at the bridge tables.



What's News in South County

Kate Hare

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all! 2018 promises some major changes for Unit 500. If you read the President's Message you know that **Charlie Conrad** is retiring as Board of Director President. **Carla Francis** has graciously volunteered to fill that position. Carla is a long time board member and has expertly served the Unit in many highly demanding roles. **Olga Swartz** will fill the position vacated by **Mary Ramos**. **Don Bierman** also retired from the Board. Hopefully his position will be filled at a later date. Due to the retirement of **Mary Ramos**, the Summer Sectional will be chaired solely by **Charlie Conrad**. Hopefully Mary will continue to arrange the rental of Transfiguration Hall for the annual tournament. With the retirement of **Susan Lampert** as tournament kitchen manager, there will no doubt be some changes in the food service at the tournament as well. Changes will be apparent but the 2018 South County Sectional Tournament will be the same outstanding tournament it has always been.

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: The results of the East Bay 2-Day Fall Sectional held in November may seem like old news but results were not available in time to post last month and the winning players were promised recognition here. New member to Unit 500 **Jesse Lui** and his team placed first in the Swiss Teams Bracket 4. Other Unit 500 members who placed and their earnings were: **Vadana Vidwans** (8.76), **Brent Xiao** (5.22), **Sidney Ho** (1.09), **Linda Duchscherer** (1.09), **Valerie Byrne** (.60), **Bob Hamilton** (.60), **Charlie Conrad** (.60), **Ann Conrad** (.60), **Terry Gardner** (.55), **Shailesh Shah** (.55), **Mitch Darnell** (.42), **Mike Stambaugh** (.42), **Gary Peck** (.36), **Valerie Wood** (.10), **Ann Vargas** (.10), **Gerry Fisher** (.10) and **Barbara Dabney** (.10).

The San Diego Nationals were attended by several Unit 500 players and many did very well with first place wins in their selected events. Although this information is attainable elsewhere these accomplishments deserve recognition here: **Jennifer Carini & Mike Ravera**, Sunday B-A-M Teams, **Peter Chueng**, Monday AXY Swiss Teams, **Charlie and Ann Conrad**, **Valerie Byrne** and **Bob Hamilton**, ABC Swiss Teams, **Andy Sass**, Side Games, **Carla Francis**, Side Series and **Don Bierman** and **Shailesh Shah**, KOs. Other players, while not placing first in any one particular event, did very well overall and brought home nice awards. All the players and their masterpoint earnings were: **Terry Terzian** (22.43), **Andy Sass**

(21.90), *Vadana Vidwans* (21.67), *Joan Clark* (17.44), *Carla Francis* (17.37), *Jennifer Carini* (7.89), *Mike Ravera* (7.89), *Charlie Conrad* (6.53), *Bob Kahn* (6.47), *Tina Kahn* (6.47), *Valerie Byrne* (6.03), *Bob Hamilton* (6.03) and *Rory Xiao* (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: Unit 500 is richer by three members. Grace De Silva, Howard Liu and Jesse Liu all transferred their memberships to South County.

ADVANCEMENTS: There were a few changes in rank last month: *Janet Quilici* (Club Master), *Christopher Stack* (Bronze Life Master) and *Judy Allrich* (Silver Life Master). Congratulations all!

MEMORIAM: Sadly, Unit 500 lost two of its members in the last few months. *Kunio Okui* and *Jim Groh* will be greatly missed by all who knew them. You can view their obituaries at legacy.com. Condolences to their families and friends.



Hayward 500 Bridge Club

Sarah Simmerman

The Hayward 500 Bridge Club wishes each and every one of you and yours the very Happiest of New Year. We will be open January 4th and hope to see you. If you need a partner, please contact Barb and she will get one for you. The masterpoint limit for our club is still 500.

Congratulations to our December winners. Linda D. And Sidney Ho were first in our STaC Game and managed a first overall in the Western Conference. Carolyn Darcey and Pam Fisher were first at our Holiday Party.

Thank you to all who brought goodies to the party - we could have fed an army!

We hope to see most of you at the Monterey Regional, as it is a great place to get your colors (gold and red).

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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