

# Table Talk – December 2016

*District 21*

*South County Unit 500*

*ACBL*

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4	5 <b>RBC</b> STaC	6 <b>MBC</b> STaC	7 <b>RBC</b> STaC	8 <b>HEB</b> STaC	9 <b>SFP</b> STaC	10
11 <b>MBC</b> Holiday Party 11:30am	12 <b>RBC</b> Inter-club Champion- ship	13	14	15	16 <b>SFP</b> Club Championship Holiday Party	17
18	19 <b>RBC</b> Holiday Potluck 11:00am	20	21 <b>RBC</b> Charity Game	22	23 <b>SFP</b> Closed	24
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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

I'm writing from sunny, cloudy, sunny, cloudy Florida. The national tournament is in full swing. We played two days with some success, then took yesterday off to visit some beautiful botanical gardens. \$10 entry fee is much better than \$144 for Disney World, especially when we don't have any kids along. We'll visit Kennedy Space Center on Thursday before we fly home on Friday.

HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 11TH. This is a Sunday, and the meal starts at 11:30. After that, we'll have a short meeting to re-elect half of the Unit board members. If anyone is interested in joining the board, we have a couple of spots open. Please contact me for consideration. Game will follow the meeting. Flyers are available at your local clubs and on the Unit 500 website.

As soon as I get home, I'll finalize the Unit game schedule for next year and get it online.

This has been a good year for our members, with many players advancing in rank, and some new Life Masters. Congrats to all.

Sadly, we say good bye to Professor Tom Nugent, who passed away recently. He was an excellent bridge player who gave me many challenges.

Hoping you have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Jan, we hope you feel better soon.

See you at the tables



## What's News in South County

Kate Hare

It is not too late to reserve a place at the Holiday Party. The luncheon and General Meeting will take place Sunday, Dec 11. Sign-up sheets will be available in the local clubs until Dec 7, or send an email to any of the club directors, or me, if you haven't done so already.

Winter STaC Week is next week. This is the opportunity to accrue silver points at your home club. Points will be silver all week.

As we wrap up the year and look forward to 2017 it is a good time to remember and assess all that we have, including our bridge clubs which belong to all of us. Everyone should consider taking ownership in the clubs they play at by helping out with the details that make games run smoothly. A well run club is good for morale and is a fun place to play. Remember to pick up your belongings including any trash you might generate and fold up your bidding box. Consider arriving a few minutes early to help set up, or lend a hand preparing snacks in the kitchen. Take a few minutes after the game, while you are waiting for the final results perhaps, to stack a few chairs, break down a table or two, or help with kitchen cleanup. Everyone according to his ability of course, but remember, many hands...

**TOURNAMENT TRAIL:** November was a light month for local tournaments but several Unit 500 players attended the Modesto Central Valley Harvest Regional in early November. With 1039 tables in play and 611 players earning 6637.47 red and gold points, South County players made a very good showing. Winners and their total points earned were: *Don Bierman* (23.78), *Charlie Conrad* (20.65), *Kevin Schoenfeld* (19.73), *Terry Gardner* (19.72), *Michael Stambaugh* (12.23), *Rory Xiao* (9.12), *Bo Xiao* (9.12), *Sarah Simmerman* (8.97), *Ann Conrad* (8.39), *Terry Terzian* (6.88), *Rajan Jeyakumar* (6.88) and *Andy Sass* (4.91). Two very lucky couples went to the Orlando Nationals. Besides having a nice vacation over the Thanksgiving holiday in sunny, cloudy Florida, *Charlie and Ann Conrad* and *Bob and Valerie Hamilton* placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the two-session Swiss game on Sunday and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Tues/Wed KO's; 18 MPs in four days! Congratulations to all!

**BIG WINS:** \*\* 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:** Welcome *Lawrence Huang* newest Unit 500 member. Farewell *Charles Schrader* who transferred his membership out of South County. Best wishes to him in his new locale.

**ADVANCEMENTS:** There were a few Master changes in rank last month: *Carolyn Darcey* (Regional), *Anna and Bob Bauman* (NABC) and *Don Bierman* (Advanced NABC). Congratulations to all!

**COMING UP:** The Holiday Party, Dec 11 and the Winter STaC games Dec 5-10. Exciting changes to Thursday Bridge at Weekes Parks Community Center in January.



## **Easybridge! Clubs**

Sarah Simmerman

Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are thankful for the game of Bridge. EasyBridge! will have its STaC game on Dec. 5, with higher master point limits (under 500) and master point awards. Please plan on joining us. We will be open all of December, although there seems to be some question as to whether people want to play on Dec. 22, more about that later.

We will be closed Jan. 5 and we hope you will plan to attend the Regional in Monterey.

Regional Tournaments are a great place to hone your skills. It is also a place where many of the best players in the world give lectures for all levels. Scott Campbell's classes around the noon hour are designed for the novice/intermediate players, with lots of great tips, handouts, laughs, etc.

This month was a short one but we still had winners: Lynn Gurnee and Ed Green, Barbara Dabney and Don Bierman, and Ann DuMont and Victoria Austin.

Congratulations to all of you, as well as the rest of our players who are playing well and venturing into other games.

On January 12 we will kick off our new format and raise our MP limit to 499. We will have a party with good foods, door prizes, and more points (it is a club championship).

Please put us on your calendar and join us for the fun and festivities.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS!**



# **SAN FELIPE BRIDGE CLUB**

**San Felipe Park Community Center  
2058 D St., Hayward CA**

**Directors: Charlie Conrad, Barbara Dabney**

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

Open game SFP - FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30

## Games in December

- Regular game Dec 2
- STaC silver Point game Dec 9, extra \$2
- Club Championship Holiday Party Dec 16
- Closed Dec 23 and 30 for holidays
- Closed Jan 6 for Monterey Regional
- If you bring a new player to a San Felipe game, both of you qualify for half of a free play the next time you play.

If you need a partner, please e-mail or call Charlie. (510) 329-5916 or [cconrad313@aol.com](mailto:cconrad313@aol.com) Or call Barbara (510)599-6308. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided!!

**All player masterpoints are averaged among pair or team members when stratifying the game.**

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)**

San Felipe Park Community Center, 2058 D Street, Hayward

**Friday: 10:30 am Open/Stratified**

**Directors: Charlie Conrad 329-5916, Barbara Dabney 599-6308**

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### **Hayward Easybridge! Club (HEC)**

Weekes Park Community Center, 27182 Patrick Ave., Hayward

**Thursday: 11:30 am (11:00 Lesson) Stratified/Limited (0 - 299 MP)**

**Presenters: Jan Hollowell 783-8678, Sarah Simmerman 569-8721,  
Barbara Dabney 599-6308**

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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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