

Table Talk – June 2016

District 21

South County Unit 500

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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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*RBC and HEC Saturday games have been discontinued

President's Message

Charlie Conrad

President's message June 2016

The first-ever Unit 500 Silver Lode Sectional over this past weekend was a big success (57 tables), although it competed with a couple of big games at nearby units. Next year we'll get an earlier start and hopefully double the attendance!! Terry and I really enjoyed directing the games. Carla, Jean, Kate, and Linda did a wonderful job providing entry sales, flowers, and lots of food!!

Best wishes to Mary Ramos, who continues to recover from knee surgery.

Although she was unable to attend, every other member of the Unit 500 board helped in setup, cleanup, and all the other tasks needed to make the event run smoothly. And nine of these members won silver points!!

As you read this, I'll be in Sacramento playing cards and hoping to win a group of masterpoints. I'll also attend the District 21 Board Meeting with Carla.

June, July, and August are the months for North American Pairs games at clubs.

The games have a small extra charge, because you can earn half red-half black points in your local clubs. In the fall you'll be able to earn red and possibly gold points when you play at the unit level. But you can't play at the unit level unless you qualify at a club-level game.

This month you'll start seeing flyers for the Unit 500 Castro Valley Sectional.

This is open to everyone. We'll have open, 499er, and 299er sessions so less experienced players don't have to compete with more experienced players. And we'll have a 2-session open event on Saturday. This event is our big money maker of the year. The food, hospitality, and especially bridge are as good as you can find anywhere. Plan to attend. The dates are July 15, 16, and 17.

See you at the bridge tables.



What's News in South County

Kate Hare

Another great event sponsored by the Unit 500 was held at the end of May. The first ever Castro Valley Silver Lode Sectional was attended by many South County players and also drew players from surrounding units. Over 150 players on Saturday and almost 80 players on Sunday attended the two day event. Continental breakfast and afternoon snacks were provided by the unit directors; fruit and beverages were available all day. The crowd was appreciative and the mood remained jovial both days. Silver points were plentiful for both home players and visitors alike. The tournament was successful enough to make it annual event.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL: There were two 499er sectional tournaments within driving distance during May. A few Unit 500 players did very well at the Burlingame Unit 498 Intermediate/Newcomer Sectional. *Shailesh Shah & Sarah Simmerman* earned a 57.5% game in the morning and 62.9% game in the afternoon. The team of *Andy Sass, Jonathan Sloves, Terry Gardner & Drayton Swartz* came in first overall in the Stratified Swiss Game on Sunday. The team of *Linda Duchscherer, Kate Hare, Sarah Simmerman & Shailesh Shah* also scratched in that event.

Many Unit 500 players attended the South County Castro Valley Silver Lode 499er Sectional. Almost all contenders brought home silver points. Players in the pairs games with results over 55% were: *Jennifer Carini & partner* (58%), *Linda Duchscherer & Kate Hare* (57%), *Ed Green & Andy Sass* (67%, Wow!), *Bob & Anna Bauman* (57%), *Andy Sass & Carla Francis* (57% NE for MP) and *Andy Sass & partner* (58%). In the Sunday Swiss Game, with ten teams competing, *Terry Gardner & Drayton Swartz & team* placed 2nd, *Sarah Simmerman, Don Bierman, Asha Apte & Shailesh Shah* placed 3rd and *Anna and Bob Bauman & team* placed 4th. Congratulations to all the winners!

** 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: There have been no changes in membership in the last month. If you have ideas on boosting membership please email me at the above address.

ADVANCEMENTS: There have been several changes in rank: *Lynn Gurnee* (Club Master), *Mike Staubaugh* (Sectional Masters), *Valerie Byrne* (Bronze Life Master) and *Bob Hamilton* (Silver Life Master). Congratulations to all!

BIG WINS: *Darrell Fung* did it again at the Swiss Game at San Felipe on Friday, May 20. He and his team earned 74 out of 80 VP! In percentage terms that is 92.5%, which is impossible to make in team games but looks really impressive! Congratulations *Darrell!*

COMING UP: The Unit 500 Salad Luncheon Pairs Game will take place Sunday June 26. Also the Unit 500 Summer Sectional at Transfiguration Church in Castro Valley will be held July 15, 16 and 17. It is time to make your plans to attend.



Easybridge! Clubs

Sarah Simmerman

Congratulations to our many EZ Bridge winners this month: *Don Bierman* and *Shailesh Shah*, *Lynn Gurnee* and *Ed Green*, *Gwen Vallio* and *Gerry Fisher*, and *Rich Russ* and *Olga Swartz*.

Fantastic performances, as were yours at the 499er Sectional.

Join us every Thursday. Review lesson at 11:00 and game at 11:30. Remember we answer questions when asked throughout the course of play.

We are a great place for fun and friends! See you there.

WORD PLAY:

How many words of 4 or more letters can you make out of "Bridge Game" (without using a computer)? I found over 28 in a few minutes and will look for more. Send answers to samly1@comcast.net, if you want to compare.

MEMBER NEEDS:

*Longtime Unit 500 member, past member of our board of directors, U. S. Army veteran (Signal Corps - Okinawa) and non-smoker *Bill Beeson*, needs to rent a room with kitchen privileges for himself in the Fremont/Hayward area. He hopes to pay around \$500+/- mo. If you're interested, please contact Bill at [510-468-3590](tel:510-468-3590).

(Members' classified will be published at the discretion of the editor.)

this need has been filled



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

Special GAMES IN June!!

- Closed for Sacramento Regional June 3
- NAP Club qualifier June 10. Extra \$1.00
- Local Charity Club Championship June 17. Extra \$1.00
- NAP Club qualifier June 24. Extra \$1.00
- 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.

Save the dates July 15-17 for the Castro Valley Sectional

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

All player masterpoints are averaged among pair or team members for the purpose of stratifying the game.

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

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**

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

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