

Table Talk – February 2015

<i>District 21</i>		<i>South County Unit 500</i>			<i>ACBL</i>	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 RBC Unit Game	3	4	5 HEC Club Championship	6	7 RBC Open
8	9	10	11	12 HEC CLOSED	13 SFP CLOSED	14 HEC CLOSED RBC CLOSED
15	16 RBC Open (President's Day)	17	18 RBC Club Championship	19	20 UNIT 500 @MBC "Pizza" Unit Game SFP CLOSED	21 RBC Closed
22	23 RBC Club Championship	24 MBC Unit Game	25	26 HEC Inter-Club Championship	27	28 HEC Club Championship RBC Open
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President's message, Feb 2015

As we all prepare to do the February Rain Dance (it didn't work so well in January), I find myself in the shadow of two wonderful ex-presidents of Unit 500. Jan Hollowell has just stepped down after several years in office. Before her, Mary Ramos was president for many more years. These two ladies have set the stage for continued growth of our unit and great success at the bridge table for our members.

The results of the Unit Board election installed me as president, Carla Francis is dual-hatted as vice president and continuing as treasurer, and Ann Vargas continuing as secretary. Without losing any members, our Board has swelled to the maximum of 13 members with the addition of Andy Sass and Linda Duchscherer. I expect to work closely with everybody on the Board.

I want to congratulate Mary Ramos, who recently became a Silver Life Master. And moving to the Open Section at our clubs will be our newest Life Masters, Harvey Rosenberg and Lynn Shaffer. They had a great tournament in Monterey and won tons of Gold Points.

On February 20, we're hosting our annual Pizza Party and game at Marina Community Center. Jean Wood and her staff are preparing the decorations, and the rest of the board members are looking for their pizza cutters. This should be a great event. Don't miss it. The price is only \$8 for food and bridge.

You all know Kate Hare, who writes the South County column in the *Contract Bridge Forum* and the "What's News in South County" page in our monthly *Table Talk*. Well, she's just volunteered to take over Carla's job as *Table Talk* editor. Thanks for stepping up Kate. We really appreciate all that you do for Unit 500.

One of our unsung heroes is Bill George. He's not a member of the Board, but he maintains our Unit website for us. I urge all of you to go online, read *Table Talk*, look up your scores, join our Google Group, browse the Calendar, and learn more about our unit. Thanks Bill, for doing all the webmaster tasks that I'll never understand.

And I'd be remiss if I didn't close with a few words about Jan. She's guided us through several years while undergoing painful medical procedures. I'm happy to see that she's returned to the bridge tables in the past couple months. And just two weeks ago, Jan rejoined me as co-presenter for the Thursday Easybridge! program. Welcome back Jan, and thanks for all your hard work over the years.

Charlie

Note: Ann Vargas is the Board Member responsible for hospitality. She mails condolences to the families of unit members who have passed away and get well cards to those who are ill. Please let her know when you hear of such players. Phone 510-886-5333 (leave a message if she's not home) or email Iwalk4fun@aol.com.

What's News in South County

Kate Hare

It's February already! And Unit 500 is busy preparing for its first unit event of the year. The tournament season is well underway, with sectional and regional events within driving distance, taking place both last month and this. The District 21 Clambake Regional in Monterey in January was a success for many unit 500 players, especially those who attained Life Master status there. Burlingame and Livermore hosted their Sectionals and this month many players are looking forward to the President's Day Regional in Burlingame.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL: The Monterey Regional was well attended by Unit 500 players and there were quite a few big winners, too.

On Monday, in the Monterey Peninsula Charity Pairs, **Bob Hamilton & Valerie Byrne** placed 5th in C.

On Tuesday, in the AB Open Pairs, **Doug Burke & partner** placed 6th in B. In the Big Sur Gold Pairs **Harvey Rosenberg & Lynn Shaeffer** were 1st overall. In the Evening Side Pairs, **Bill Beeson & Sherard Wood** placed 2nd in C. In the Bing Crosby KOs, Bracket 2, **Kevin Schoenfeld & team** tied 3/4th.

On Wednesday, in the Daylight Pairs, **Norma Bozzini & Darlene Mayhew** placed 3rd in B. In the Blue Whale Gold Pairs, **Harvey & Lynn** placed 9th overall. In the Jack Lemmon KOs, Bracket 2, **Kunio Okui & team** were 1st overall. In Bracket 3, the team of **Valerie Byrne, Bob Hamilton & Ann & Charlie Conrad** placed 3/4th. In the Monterey Morning Swiss, **Kunio Okui & team** placed 9th overall. The team of **Linda Duchscherer, Kate Hare, Charlie Conrad & Sarah Simmerman** were 6th in C. **Andy Sass & team** tied for 7th in C.

On Thursday, in the Carmel Gold Pairs, **Harvey & Lynn** placed 6th overall. In the Tiger Woods KOs, Bracket 2, **Kevin Schoenfeld & team** tied 3/4th. In Bracket 6, **Drayton Swartz, Andy Sass & team** were 2nd.

On Friday in the Daylight Pairs, **Kate Hare & Linda Duchscherer** placed 11th in C. In the Spanish Bay Gold Pairs, **Lynn Shaeffer & partner** tied 10/11th overall.

On Saturday, in the Afternoon Side Pairs, **Drayton Swartz & Andy Sass** were 3rd overall. In the Afternoon 299er Pairs, **Deborah Chapman & partner** were 4th in F. In the Evening Swiss, **Jim Kelsey, Terry Terzian & team** were 5th overall. **Trudie Sinclair & team** were 3rd in C. In the

Evening 299er Pairs **Deborah Chapman** & partner placed 3rd overall. In the Stratified Open Pairs, **Doug Burke** & partner placed 1st overall.

On Sunday in the B/C/D Swiss, **Prakash Karamchandani** & team tied 7/8th in B.

At the Livermore Sectional, in the Saturday Morning 99er Pairs, newcomers **Rosemary Lake & Don Siefkes** took 1st overall with a 65% game! In the Open Pairs **Harvey Rosenberg & Lynn Shaeffer** were 4th in C. In the Afternoon Side Pairs, **Elena Ziuleva & Ashraf El Sadi** placed 1st overall. **Linda Yazell** & partner placed 4th in B.

In the Swiss Teams on Sunday, the team of **Ann & Charlie Conrad & Valerie Byrne & Bob Hamilton** were 2nd in Bracket III. The team of **Terry Gardner, Drayton Swartz, Andy Sass & Jonathan Sloves** were 2nd in Bracket IV.

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**

ADVANCEMENTS: There have been several changes in the ranks since last month. **Deborah Chapman, Ann DuMont** and **Michael Stambaugh** are now Junior Masters. **Mitch Darnell** is a Club Master and **Daniel Claassen** is now a Regional Master. As a result of their great performance at the Clambake Regional, **Harvey Rosenberg** and **Lynn Shaeffer** are now Life Masters! Congratulations to all!

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS ON THE MOVE: Welcome to **Ben Moraine** and **Jan and Larry Quilici**, new members of ACBL and Unit 500.

ETTIQUITE AND PROTOCOL: Continue to be considerate of your partner and your opponents. The boards should be played in tempo. Refrain from discussing the last board played, especially the results. Remember not to gloat or brag or even mention to your partner that you have a “high board”. This situation is less likely to arise at games where the electronic scorers are used but in clubs where scores are recorded on travelers it continues to be an issue. A compliment for a hand well played is always appropriate for your partner and your opponents alike.

COMING UP:

Mark your calendar for the Unit 500 Pizza Party at Marina Community Center at 11:30 am on February 20, 2015. Bring a partner or contact Terry Terzian if you need one and make plans to *come out and play!*



SAN FELIPE BRIDGE CLUB

San Felipe Park Community Center

2058 D St., Hayward CA

Directors: Charlie Conrad and Barbara Dabney

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

Open game - FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30
GAMES IN February!!

- San Felipe Club open Feb 2 and 27 for regular games.
- No game Feb 13. Hope everyone attends the Burlingame Regional.
- No game Feb 20. Please attend the Unit Pizza game at Marina.
- Easybridge! games closed Feb 12 and 14 for Regional.

Easybridge! games are at Weekes Park, 2058 D Street, Hayward.

Come with or without a partner. 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 purpose of 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 Bridge Club and click. You can see all our results there.

Unit 500 Bridge Clubs

San Felipe Park Bridge Club

San Felipe Park Community Center, 2058 D Street, Hayward, Ca 94541
Friday 10:30 am Open/Stratified
Director: 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)
Saturday 12 noon (11:00 Lesson) Stratified/Limited (0-299 MP)
Presentors: Charlie Conrad 329-5916; Jan Hollowell 783-8678

Marina Bridge Club (MBC)

Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro 94579
Tuesday 10:30 am Open/Stratified
Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

Redwood Bridge Club (RBC)

Kenneth Aitken Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley 94546
Monday 12:00 pm Open & Non-Life Master Sections (11:45 am Lesson)
Wednesday 11:15 am Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections
Saturday 11:00 am Open & Non-Life Master Sections
Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

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