

Table Talk – May 2014

District 21

South County Unit 500

ACBL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 HEC Club Championship	2	3 RBC 11 AM Grand Opening HEC <i>CLOSED</i>
4	5 RBC	6 MBC	7 RBC	8 HEC	9 SFP	10 HEC RBC
	STaC Week					
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13	14 RBC ACBL-wide International Fund	15	16 SFP Club Championship	17 RBC <i>CLOSED</i>
18	19 RBC ACBL Inter- Club Championship	20	21 RBC Unit Game	22	23 SFP Swiss Teams	24 HEC Swiss RBC Club Championship
25	26 RBC <i>OPEN</i> <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28	29	30 SFP <i>CLOSED</i>	31

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Reporter Needed by Unit 500! We need someone who enjoys doing a little writing to serve as our Unitscope Reporter for the District 21 Forum. This article is written once a month telling the world what is going on in our unit. The same person also writes about our tournament winners, our new members and players moving up in rank within the unit for our on-line Table Talk magazine. The information is fairly easily found and we will be happy to assist you in getting started. If you are interested, please talk to Charlie or me. We will be very grateful.

We thought the **Lasagna Event** was enjoyed by all. We were happy to have 23 tables in play. The board members did their usual excellent job of hosting the event. Decorated cakes and a banner congratulated our winners of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards. They are listed in this issue. A special thanks to Susan Lampert for her time and effort in planning, preparing, and tending to all the details of the day. I won't mention every board member but I should because they all pitched in to do whatever was needed. Thanks to Terry for always making our game run smoothly.

Our next Unit-sponsored event will be held on **Friday, July 11**, at the Marina Community Center. This will be our **Summer Sensational Salad Event**. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. Since this will be a **Swiss Team Event**, you will need to sign up your teams in advance. We hope you can be present to enjoy it with us. This will also be our charity effort since we will be collecting new items of clothing for foster children in this area. Any new item for ages infant to 18 years will be appreciated.

The week of May 5-11 is **Summer STAC Week**. All our clubs will be participating so this is your chance to pick up a nice amount of silver points. There is an additional charge of \$1.50 for these games which goes to the ACBL. For those trying to move up in Rank, silver points can be the most elusive. It is nice to earn some at your local games.

Badges are here and have been given out to the 14 players who purchased them. Thanks to all who participated to make it another successful badge drive. It is nice to see so many players wearing them.

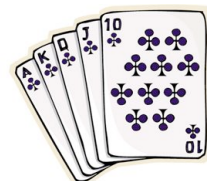
Plans are moving along for the **Castro Valley Sectional** which is hosted by Unit 500 on August 1, 2, and 3 of this year. Mary Ramos has prepared the flyer which is now in Table Talk, as well as in the District 21 Forum in June and July. She and Charlie Conrad chair this event and we try to make it the best tournament in the area. There will be sessions for all levels of play.

On **Saturday, May 3rd** our Unit will have a new game! We hope to see some of our members who still hold down jobs during the week. This means you can play bridge in Open Games on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Also Easybridge! on Thursdays and Saturdays. Thanks to all the players who support our Unit 500 games.

Enjoy Our Beautiful Spring Weather !

Jan Hollowell, President

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.



Congratulations!

Ace of Clubs Awards for 2013

<u>Player</u>	<u>Category</u>
Hugh Urbe	0-5
Linda Duchscherer	5-20
Gwen Vallio	20-50
Anna Bauman	50-100
Drayton Swartz	100-200
Dottie Reid	200-300
Charlie Tonelli	300-500
Allan Harris	500-1000
Darrell Fung	1000-2500
Jim Kelsey	2500-5000

You're the best!

Mini-McKenney Awards for 2013

<u>Player</u>	<u>Category</u>
Hugh Erbe	0-5
Yo-Huai Hsiao	5-20
Judith Schaffenacker	20-50
S, Andrew Sass	50-100
Drayton Swartz	100-200
Dottie Reid	200-300
Charles Tonelli	300-500
Allan Harris	500-1000
Kevin Schoenfeld	1000-2500
Jim Kelsey	2500-5000

The South County News
By Charlie Conrad

Last week's Lasagna Unit Pairs game was a huge success, with 23 tables of bridge players. Kunio Okui and partner won the open section. Linda Duchscherer and Judy Schaffenacker were the big winners in the limited section. Congratulations!! We gave out the Mini McKenny and Ace of Clubs awards. The complete list is elsewhere in this issue. Thanks to all the board members who helped arrange this event.

This month I'm looking for someone who likes to write and help the Unit out. I'll be out of town most of the summer and into the fall. So I need another person to take over writing this page and Unit 500's column in the *Contract Bridge Forum*. Please contact me if you're interested. The time commitment is only 4 hours or so each month.

Terry is starting his Saturday club with a huge Grand Opening this Saturday, May 3, at 11. This is a FREE GAME!! [Regular pricing after the Grand Opening] He's taking reservations now.

San Felipe is continuing \$5 Fridays through May. We'll have a special team game on May 23. Please sign up at the club or contact Barbara or myself.

Easybridge! will also have a team game on Saturday, May 24. It's open to all players with fewer than 300 masterpoints. Call Jan Hollowell or me to sign up.

May is also STAC month. All games from May 5th to 10th will have these silver point games. With big games, you can earn many extra points in the competition with other players from throughout the Western Region. There is a \$1.50 extra fee for these games.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL: In the Saratoga Sectional, Rajan Jeyakumar's team placed 5th in Bracket I of the Swiss Teams. Kevin Schoenfeld's team was second in X. Harvey Rosenberg and Lynn Shaeffer were second in the Friday afternoon 299r pairs. Rory Xiao and partner placed second in the SiVy novice pairs.

In the Reno Sectional, Terry Terzian and partner placed 5th in the Wednesday A/X pairs.

ADVANCEMENTS: Congratulations to Bo Xiao, who is our newest Life Master and Bronze Life Master!! Also to Orrin Benedict, Richard Russ, and Ron Gross, who have become Club Masters.

**Check Out the
PHOTO GALLERY
On the Unit 500 Website**
Pictures from past events as well as our latest lasagna event

DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE? UNIT 500 NEEDS YOU!!

We need someone to write the South County News for the monthly *Table Talk* that appears on the Unit500.org website. This person will also write the South County column in “District 21 Unitscope” in the *Contract Bridge Forum* newspaper that we get every month. It involves about four hours of work each month.

Charlie Conrad will be out of town much of the summer and fall and won't be able to continue writing these articles. He will show you all the tricks involved in putting these articles together. You'll get training doing the June 1 submissions and be on your own for July.

Contact Charlie at (510)329-5916 or ccconrad313@aol.com if you're interested.



Thursday: 11:00 Lesson, 11:30 Game
Saturday: 11:00 Open Discussion, 11:30 Lesson, 12:00

Hayward Easybridge! <http://unit500.org>
Manager/Directors: Jan Hollowell 510-783-8678 - Charlie Conrad 510-329-5916

April 3 – We started April with a Welcome Back Party and a nice group of bridge players – six full tables! Barbara Folsie and Perry Julien came without partners and pulled off a first place win in the N/S direction. Second place went to Jeff and Suzanne Hall. In the E/W direction Cynthia George and Jean Wood were in first, with Phyllis Beyrer and Joan Roe in second. It was a great party, with wonderful food, decorated cake and even a banner. I could not have felt happier to return to this wonderful group of players. Many thanks to each of you and a special thanks to Charlie and Barbara for running the game in my absence.

April 5 - Alex Passinsky and Barbara Folsie had a nice game at 58.75%. Drayton and Olga Swartz took second place. I had the opportunity to partner with high-schooler Joey Carini. He is a new member of our unit and will no doubt be a great bridge player as he progresses. We would love to see more young people at our bridge tables. We welcome him and Jennifer, his mom, to our unit.

April 10 – We played Swiss Teams, but with only five tables it was a little unusual. The final scores showed the big winners were Kate Hare, Pam Fisher, Gerry Fisher and Ann Vargas. Second place team was Drayton Swartz, Andy Sass, Cynthia and Arnold George. Good thing Charlie knew what he was doing as scoring this game took some know-how!

April 12 – Orrin Benedict and Rich Russ showed off their bridge skills as they played a 69.08% game for first place! Drayton and Olga again did well to take second place. Jennifer Carini, playing with her mom, Mary Thomas had a nice game capturing third. Now we have seen three generations of players from that family at our Saturday game. So nice.

April 17 – Drayton and Andy wowed us with a 67.46% game and not far behind Cynthia and Jean played at 65.60%. Both outstanding results. Phyllis Beyrer has teamed up with our newest unit member, Lynn Gurnee, and they were happy to place third.

April 19 - We held a Club Championship and were happy to have enough players for the Mitchell Movement. In the N/S direction Gloria Uhl and Ruth Davis won first with Drayton and Olga in second. Achieving first place in the E/W were Anna and Bob Bauman, second place went to Arnold and Cynthia. Having six tables for our special game was appreciated.

April 24 - Phyllis and Lynn really hit their stride with a 62.43% game, taking first place! Cynthia and Arnold were in second, Gerry Fisher and Gwen Vallio in third, and Frances and Jeff Lamparter were in fourth place.

April 26 - Anna and Bob continued their hot streak by playing a 65.00% game and winning first place. Arlene Morgan and Joan Koning also had a nice game to capture second place.

We will not hold Easybridge! on Saturday, May 3 so we can go to the Grand Opening of the Saturday Redwood Bridge Club. We want to support a new game in our unit when we can and help it get off to a good start. Our **Saturday Easybridge! will resume on May 10.**



Sponsored by the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District (HARD)
Weekes Community Center
27182 Patrick Avenue, Hayward 94544





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

SPECIAL GAMES IN MAY!!

- FIVE DOLLAR FRIDAYS!! All Friday morning games at San Felipe will only cost \$5. May 2, 9, 16, 23.
- San Felipe closed May 30 for Sacramento Tournament.
- Thursday May 1 Easybridge! Club Championship.
- Saturday Easybridge! dark May 3 to support Terry's new game.
- STAC silver point games May 8, 9, 10. \$1.50 extra fee.
- San Felipe Club Championship May 16.
- San Felipe Swiss Teams May 23.
- Saturday Easybridge! Swiss teams May 24th at Weekes.
- May 30 SFP dark for Sacto Regional. May 29, 31 TBD.

Easybridge! games are at Weekes Park in Hayward. Please see the Easybridge! page elsewhere in this issue.

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 master points 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.

One Notrump Ranges 16-18, 15-17, 14-16, 13-15, 12-14, 10-12

by Bill George for the May 2014 issue of Table Talk.

If you are playing the 2/1 or 5 Card major system, chances are, your agreed opening One Notrump (NT) range is 15-17 high card points (hcp) with a balanced hand. Some allow a singleton K or A with a 4441 shape.

However, there are many ranges for this bid. You might want to be aware of them, as opponents (sooner or later) will use them against you.

The Charles Goren “standard” range was 16-18 hcp, after which partner could raise to 2 NT with 8-9 hcp, use Stayman to find a 4-4 card major suit fit. Transfer (Jacoby) bids would cause the NT hand to play the contract. E.g. If partner of the 1 NT bidder had five hearts, the bidding would go: (1) weak hand with 0-7 points, 1 NT-2D-2H-Pass; (2) Intermediate hand with 8-9 points, 1NT-2D-2H-2N; (3) Game going hand 10-14 1NT-2D-2H-3NT; If opener was weaker (13-15 balanced hcp), they would open one of a suit at the one level and then rebid 1 NT. If opener had 19 hcp, they would open one of a suit and jump to 2 NT. Open 2 NT with 20-21, 2 clubs with a rebid of 2 NT with 22-24, and so forth.

The more modern version is the “standard” 1 NT bid with 15-17 hcp. The bidding afterwards is virtually the same as 16-18 hcp. It comes up a little more frequently and you’ll occasionally get into 25 hcp games. Most of the time these games make and you retain the preemptive value of the 1 NT bid.

13-15 hcp is another popular opening NT and is referred to as a “weak NT”... Partner’s raise to 2 NT shows 10-12 hcp and Stayman is used to find a 4-4 fit. The 13-15 NT is used with the Precision bidding system, where opening 1 club shows 16 hcp or more. Opening 1 club and rebidding 1 NT shows 17-19 hcp. Some prec [redacted] d others) have tried a slightly stronger, safer, opening NT range of 14-16 hcp. They tend to play Jacoby Transfers.

So again, more modern players shave a point off the NT range, and open 1 NT with 12-14 hcp. An oldish system called Kaplan-Sheinwold uses this range and the English use 12-14 with their ACOL, Four Card Majors system. Follow on bidding is the same as with the 13-15 hcp version.

Someone always has to push the envelope, so there is 10-12 hcp 1 NT, so-called Kamikaze 1NT. This is usually employed when not vulnerable. All 1 NT bids are known as mini-preempts, making it difficult for opponents with an opening minimum major suited hand, to bid. An even lower range, 8-10 hcp 1 NT, was tried, but the ACBL wouldn’t allow it at National and International tournaments.

The problem with lower-than 15-17 NT ranges is that opponents are more likely to double. So there need to be runout bids. One escape method is, after a direct double of 1NT, a pass by partner requires the opening NT bidder to redouble and responder will bid the best suit. If responder to the opening Notrump bidder has a long suit, they redouble, forcing a two club bid by the Notrump bidder, and then responder passes or corrects to their suit.

Ref:

1. Bridgeguys.com - http://www.bridgeguys.com/Conventions/opening_1_no_trump.html
2. Wikipedia.com - Wikipedia is a wonderful place to find out about bridge. Just google what you want, example “Kaplan-Sheinwold” and add “wiki” at the end, and you’ll have the Wikipedia entry show up first. Get even better search results by preceding the search words with “ACBL”.
3. Bridgebum.com - http://www.bridgebum.com/kamikaze_1nt.php
4. Bridgewinners.com - <http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/taming-the-weak-notrump-part-1/>



Castro Valley Sectional



Unit 500 South County Sectional

August 1, 2, & 3, 2014

Transfiguration Church Hall

4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley
Spacious Hall with lots of Onsite Parking

Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified 299er Pairs
Stratified Open Pairs

Friday, 3:30 p.m.

Stratified 299er Pairs
Stratified Open Pairs

299ers strata:

0-20/50/100/200/300
(Strats to be determined at game time)

Open pairs strata:

A: 1750+, B: 750-1750, C: 0-750

Strati-Flighted Pairs

A/X plays separately
A/X = 0-3000/3000+
B/C/D = 0-750/750-1250/1250-2000
(Any player over 2000 must play A/X)

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified 299er Pairs
Strati-Flighted Pairs

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

Stratified 299ers
Strati-Flighted Pairs

**Mid-chart allowed in Flight A/X
and top bracket of Swiss Teams**

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & TBA

“The Jay Magid Memorial”
Bracketed Swiss Teams
Teams must play both sessions

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
0-20/50/100/300/500/+
(Strats to be determined at game time)

Continental breakfast each morning!

Refreshments provided all three days



******Pre-Duplicated Boards******

Stratified by pair/team averages – eligibility based on masterpoint total of top player

ACBL Sanction 1408069
unpaid \$13)

Table Fees: \$10 per session (non-ACBL &

Information/Partnership: Mary 510-427-7366 Website: <http://unit500.org>

Directions: Transfiguration is on the left (across the street from Safeway & Petco)

580 (from Oakland) take Grove Way/Crow Canyon Rd. **exit 37**, left at light onto Grove Way then right onto E. Castro Valley Blvd. then **left at 2nd light** into Transfiguration parking lot.

580 (from Pleasanton) take Castro Valley **exit 37**, right at light onto E. Castro Valley Blvd. then **left at next light** into Transfiguration parking lot.

880 take 238/580 toward Stockton, then follow “**580 from Oakland**” directions.

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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