

# Table Talk – February 2010

District 21

South County Unit 500

ACBL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <b>FEC</b> ACBL Junior Fund Game	3	4	5 <b>UNIT</b> <b>500</b> @ MBC 11:30 Swiss teams	6 <b>TCBC</b> ACBL International Fund Game
7	8	9	10 <b>TBC</b> Club Champion- ship	11 <b>HEC</b> <i>CLOSED</i>	12	13 <b>TCBC</b> <i>CLOSED</i>
14	15 <b>RBC</b> <i>OPEN</i>  <i>President's Day</i>	16 <b>FEC</b> <b>MBC</b> Club Champion- ship	17	18	19	20 <b>TCBC</b> ACBL Junior Fund Game
21 <b>TBC</b> Club Champion- ship	22 <b>RBC</b> ACBL Senior Game	23 <b>FEC</b> ACBL Junior Fund Game	24 <b>RBC</b> Club Champion- ship	25 <b>HEC</b> ACBL Interclub Championship	26	27
28 <b>TBC</b> Unit Game	29	30	* TBC – Tutoriale Bridge Club RBC – Redwood Bridge Club HEC – Hayward Easybridge Club at Southgate FEC – Fremont Easybridge Club MBC – Marina Bridge Club			

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Visit our Internet website at: <http://unit500.bridgeforyou.com/>

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Each January we hold the Board of Director officer elections. **Jan** was re-elected Vice President (the more accurate description is Co-President), **Carla** will continue as Treasurer and **Ann** will remain our Secretary. I will be President for another year. Our officers make sure that the Unit is taking care of the business end of being a Unit. They and the rest of our Board give numerous hours of dedicated service to our members. Please take the time to thank them for their efforts. The Board is dedicated to provide venues where you can enjoy bridge and each other. Let us know how we are doing.

**WEBSITE NEWS** - We are updating player information on our Unit 500 website. We provide a listing of bridge players for the convenience of all. If you have your email address and phone number listed, please check it for accuracy. If you are not listed and would like to be, please provide your name, email and phone number. It is not necessary to be a member of Unit 500 if you play in our games regularly. We are circulating the list at our games whenever possible, so please be watching for it or you can email the information to Jan at [phil-jan@comcast.net](mailto:phil-jan@comcast.net). Many thanks!

**Coming soon – “Player Profiles” on our Website.** If you missed someone’s profile in *Table Talk*, you will be able to learn a little bit about their life. Thanks to our webmaster, Bill George, the Unit’s website contains bundles of information so take the time to visit – the address is listed at the bottom of the front page of *Table Talk*.

Our first Unit Game is a Pizza Swiss. The results will be in next month’s issue. Another “Italian” event is on the horizon – I’ll keep you in suspense until next month!

See you at the tables,

Mary Ramos,  
Unit 500 President

*Note: Joyce Morrison is the Board Member responsible for hospitality (“sunshine”) and she mails condolences from Unit 500 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 about such players. Telephone 510-728-1029 (leave a message if she’s not at home) or via email at [joycebobmorr2K9@SBCglobal.net](mailto:joycebobmorr2K9@SBCglobal.net)*



### **Pizza Swiss Being Served!**

It's not too late to gather your team together and sign up for a table at our annual Pizza Swiss event on February 5th.

## **The South County News**

*by Jim Solomon*

### **Members on the Move**

Wow, six new members of our unit and of ACBL this past month! They're **Mary Kelley**, **Sylvia DeLima**, **Kay Hursh** of San Leandro; and **Johnna & Bill Laird** and **Joan Mullen**, all of Fremont. We also are the new home of **Sherry Larsen Beville** of San Leandro, who's transferred from the East Bay unit; **Eugene Newman** of Union City, formerly of the Sacramento unit; and **Chris Stack**, also living in Union City and formerly a member of the Diablo Valley unit. A hearty welcome to you all!

### **Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder**

**Betty Kvalnes** has become a Sectional Master (50+ masterpoints), and we have two new Junior Masters (5+ MPs): **Joanne Baumgardner** and **Sreedhar Vaidun**. And our 2500+ masterpoint player, **Yanong Han**, has now worked himself up to the level of NABC master; next step: Life Master, at which point he'll leapfrog over the Bronze and Silver LM levels and simultaneously become a Gold Life Master.

### **Members on the Mend**

After a lengthy absence, we welcome **Bob Tharp** (who was not mending) back to our tables, as well as **Joyce Harper** (who was).

### **Passing On**

#### **Gene Vick**

Gene Vick of Fremont passed away in December at the age of 94. Gene was a longtime player in most of the games in our unit, including the games of what are now the Tri-City and Fremont (Centerville) Bridge Clubs, the predecessor of which were for many years under the management and directorship of his wife Joyce, who predeceased him by four years. Gene and Joyce were regular bridge and golf partners for over half a century and he served for several decades on the board of the Sunol Valley Golf Club. Over the years Gene was the partner of many Fremont players and will be missed by both them and many others.

## In the Money on the Tournament Trail *by Jim Solomon*

*Note:* The information that appears in this column is gleaned from my reviewing the results for sectional and regional tournaments in District 21, as well as the occasional national championship. To make sure that I haven't overlooked your name (and performance), or to let me know of tournaments that you played in *outside* of our district, please get in touch with me, at <mailto:LSJ63@ix.netcom.com> LSJ63@yahoo.com or 510-538-9889.

### Great Western Holiday Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) XVIII, December 7–13

Almost all of our South County clubs held STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) games at the beginning of December, and all of those contributed pairs to the overall awards in the Western Conference in the events that they were holding. The top South County masterpoint winner was **Terry Terzian**, by virtue of performances in his Wednesday morning game at the Lakeside BC and the Redwood Heights game in Oakland the next morning.

Event	# of Pairs	Club	Pair	Percent Score	Place	Total Points
Monday Morning Auxiliary Pairs	7	Fremont Centerville BC	<b>Chrystal Newell – Alfred Chang</b>	60.42	4th in A, 2nd in B	1.62
			<b>Gerry Jones – Marolyn Lorish</b>	52.08	3rd in C	0.93
Monday Afternoon Special Pairs	52	Terra Linda DBC, Marin	<b>Henry Hornstein – Cornelia Hornstein</b>	55.49	6th in B, 2nd in C	1.44
Monday Afternoon NLM Pairs	177	Redwood BC	<b>Susan Bailey – Roma Rehfish</b>	61.31	1st in C	3.57
			<b>Barbara McNeal – Al Larson</b>	58.63	6th in C	0.85
Tuesday Morning Open Pairs	572	Marina BC	<b>Pat &amp; Jim Leary</b>	71.66	2nd in A	13.91
			<b>Darrell Fung – Virginia Herring</b>	64.63	11 in A, 3rd in B	8.17
Tuesday Evening 199er Pairs	25	Fremont Easybridge Club	<b>Carol Ackerman – David Whitesell</b>	59.29	2nd in A, 2nd in B, 2nd in C	1.28
			<b>Nuno Rebelo – Vicky Santos</b>	59.27	2nd in A, 2nd in B	0.96

Event	# of Pairs	Club	Pair	Percent Score	Place	Total Points
Wednesday Morning Open Pairs	481	<b>Lakeside BC</b>	<b>Jim Kelsey – Terry Terzian</b>	64.25	10th in A	1.83
			<b>Doug Burke – Kevin Schoenfeld</b>	63.32	15 in A, 5th in B	4.32
			<b>Martha Eddleman – Anne Lindl</b>	59.96	5th in C	2.84
Wednesday Morning NLM Pairs	74	<b>Tutoriale BC</b>	<b>Gail &amp; Pat Albin</b>	66.67	5th in A, 3rd in B	2.03
Thursday Morning Open Pairs	442	<b>Ashland BC</b>	Bill George – David Carmichael	65.05	8th in A	2.33
			<b>Gary Peck – Kunio Okui</b>	62.96	14/15 in A	1.20
		<b>Redwood Heights BC</b>	Jerry & Jane Cupps	61.11	9/10 in B	1.67
			<b>Terry Terzian</b>	63.38	10th in A	2.67
Thursday A.M. Intermediate Pairs	66	Danville DBC	<b>Victoria Austin – Debra Ziegler</b>	54.15	2nd in C	1.28
Thursday Afternoon 199er Pairs	35	<b>Weekes Park Easybridge Club</b>	<b>Jean Wood – Sharon Mistry</b>	68.75	1st in D, 1st in E, 1st in F	2.57
Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs	997	Unit 501 Holiday Party	<b>Nancy Boyd</b>	67.63	11th in A	2.00
Saturday Afternoon Auxiliary Pairs	73	<b>Tri-City BC</b>	Pat & Jim Leary	65.43	4th in A	2.65
Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs	884	<b>South County Holiday Party</b>	Ed & Teresa Seputis	64.06	11th in B	2.17
			Bert Hall – Bill George	62.02	24th in B	2.17
Sunday Afternoon NLM Pairs	68	<b>South County Holiday</b>	Liz Silverman – Rose Ann Kase	65.06	1st in A	4.44
			<b>Valerie Byrne – Bob Hamilton</b>	59.56	6th in A	1.36
			Pat & Gail Albin	55.75	5th in B	0.81

Event	# of Pairs	Club	Pair	Percent Score	Place	Total Points
		Party	Tom Madell – Pashi Vakiva	54.65	5th in C	0.86

### Monterey Clambake Regional, Hyatt Regency, Monterey, January 4–10

Lots of our members made their way down to this terrific tournament, and many of them made their mark there, especially in pairs events. In the Tuesday Open Pairs, **Norma Bozzini & Mary Ramos** had a terrific two-session game, claiming second place overall (as well as first in both the B and C strats), earning themselves a cool 13.39 gold points each. **Doug Burke & Kevin Schoenfeld** placed 10th in A and 2nd in B in that event, and the following day these two pairs more or less changed places: Doug & Kevin were third overall and first in B (worth 11.42 gold), and Norma & Mary were second in C; **Richard Feinberg** placed 12th in strat A. In that afternoon's 99er Pairs, **Mary & Mike Lubin** tied for sixth overall. On Thursday **Vince De Pasquale & Virginia Herring** won the Afternoon Side Pairs game, and **Kunio Okui** tied for second in strat B. At the weekend **Andrew Gumperz** placed sixth overall in a two-session open pairs event that ended with a barometer session, and he repeated with a second overall in the Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs, while **Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos** were claiming fourth in the G and H strats in a 99er Pairs event. That morning **Stephanie Singer** came in fourth overall in the 99er Pairs. While all that was going on, **John Rollin** came in first in the B strat and eighth overall in the Saturday Open Pairs. On Saturday evening Vicky & Nuno placed again: second in the highest (F) strat of the 299er Pairs. And on Sunday our Fast Pairs aficionados, **Prakash Karamchandani & Dan Wong**, placed second in strat C.

In bracketed knockout teams action, Vince & Virginia, teaming with **Joe Parker**, came in second in bracket 2 of the Jack Lemmon KOs. Bracket 4 of the Mark O'Meara KOs, the team of **Bill Beeson, Sherard Wood, & Sherry Larsen Beville** came in first (look for their picture in the February edition of your *Contract Bridge Forum*), worth 10.52 gold/red points. In Saturday's Cypress Compact KOs, **Steve & Colette Castellino** came in fourth in bracket 2, and **Chris Stack's** team won bracket 4; **Morrie Pakulis's** team won the consolation bracket 3.

That leaves the Swiss teams. On Wednesday evening, Kunio was on a team that tied for fourth in A and second in B. The following evening his team was second overall, followed by Vince & Virginia in third (and first in strat B). On Saturday evening, Kevin, Richard, and **Rajan Jeyakumar** tied for six in strat B of the Swiss, and a team that included Stephanie tied for third in C. On Sunday, the final day of the tournament, your faithful correspondent captained the team that won the B/C/D flight of the Stratiflighted Swiss (and 14.76 gold), and Stephanie's team placed seventh overall. In that day's Senior Swiss event, Bill, Sherard, & Sherry's team did it again, with a first in the C strat.

### Livermore Valley Sectional, Hart Middle School, Pleasanton, January 23–24

Our sister Livermore Valley unit held its annual sectional at the end of January and attracted several of our players. In the Saturday Open Pairs, **Elena Ziuleva** came in fourth overall, and **Bin Liang** seventh (and first in strat B). In the morning Side Pairs, the new team of **Carol Ackerman & Michael Rose** placed third overall; **Jan Hollowell & Mary Ramos** tied for fifth in A, and **Bob Hamilton & Valerie Byrne** tied for fourth in C. **Sandy Rollin & Sally Silvera** were third in the F strat in that afternoon's 99er Pairs. In the Bracketed Swiss Teams on Sunday, the team of **Rajan Jeyakumar, Venkat Sivasankaran, Terry Kellerman, & Chrystal Newell** claimed second place in bracket 2.

# Fremont Bridge Club

Mondays, 10:30am  
Centerville Community Center  
3355 Country Drive, Fremont, CA 94536



*Bill Hodges Director*



*Chrystal Newell  
Backup Director*

*Centerville  
Community Center*

I am happy to award two winners in my Monday Club, four free plays. **Chrystal Newell** won the most MPs in the Open strat (750 and up) and **Amy Wu** is the winner in the below 750 strat. Congratulations to you both!

<http://billhodes.bridgeforyou.com>

# The Bridge Club

Thursdays, 10:30am  
San Lorenzo Park Community Center  
1970 Buena Vista Ave, San Lorenzo, 94580



*Bill Hodges Director*



*Lake at SLZ Park Community Center*

Our move to San Lorenzo has been very well received. There's a lot of parking and the lake here is fabulous. I am awarding four free plays to players in two strats of my game who won the most master points for the year. The 2009 Strat B (below 750) winner was **Ed Jimison**. The Strat A (above 750) winner was **Carl Highley**. Thank you for playing in my club and congratulations!





# TUTORIALE BRIDGE CLUB

**Tutoriale Center for Education, 20660 Redwood Rd.  
Castro Valley  
(corner of Castro Valley Blvd)**

**Director: Charlie Conrad  
(510) 329-5916 or [cconrad313@aol.com](mailto:cconrad313@aol.com)**

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30**

(game under 300 mp's)

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:00**

(seminar for everyone, game under 750 mp's)

Everybody's learning something about bridge in our Sunday Seminars. Here are the February topics:

Feb 7: Doubles.

Feb 14: Preemptive bidding.

Feb 21: Strong opening bids.

Feb 28: No lesson. Unit game at 1 pm.

**Congratulations to Tina Chen, Player of the Month for December.**

We always have fresh coffee and other goodies available. Behind Wachovia Bank, there is plenty of free parking. Handicap parking is right outside the door of Tutoriale. Those who are able are requested to park in the back lot, so that there will be some spaces for other businesses.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FEB 10 AND 21  
UNIT GAME FEB 28**

This is an opportunity for players to earn extra master points!!  
**Come with or without a partner.** We'll arrange a partner for you.

For announcements and game results, please see our website:  
<http://charlieconrad.bridgeforyou.com>



# Tri-City Bridge Club

Merrill Gardens at Fremont  
2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Parkway  
Fremont 94536



Jim Solomon  
Club Manager & Director  
LSJ63@yahoo.com  
510-538-9889

Saturdays at 1 p.m.  
Club website: <http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com>

We have two special games coming up this month. On February 6th we'll be participating in ACBL's first International Fund game of the year: many extra masterpoints available, at a nominal extra cost. On the 20th we'll be holding a game in observance of ACBL's Junior Fund month, to promote learning of our favorite game in the younger generation; again, extra masterpoints at a nominal extra charge.

We'll also be dark one day this month, the 13th, while the Presidents Day Regional in Burlingame is still in progress.

To review the bidding:

- Feb. 6: ACBL International Fund game (pairs)
- Feb. 13: dark (no game; Presidents Day Regional)
- Feb. 20: ACBL Junior Fund game (pairs)
- Feb. 27: regular game

Our top masterpoint winner in the last reporting period (most of January) was **Mary Ellen Borneman**. Congratulations, Mary! You've won a free play at any game you choose.

For more detailed results of all games, as well as announcements about special events and late-breaking news, visit our club website: <http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com> (note that the website is currently under reconstruction).



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## Unit 500 Easybridge Clubs

Manager/Director: Jim Solomon 510-538-9889

Website: <http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com>

### Fremont Easybridge Club

#### Tuesday Evenings

Penthouse, 3rd Floor, Merrill

Gardens of Fremont

Newcomer Lesson and Game (0-20 MP): 5:45-9:30 p.m. 2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Pkwy.

Intermediate Stratified/Limited (0-200 MP) Game: 6:15-9:45 p.m.  
Fremont 94536

### Hayward Easybridge Club at Southgate

Sponsored by the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District  
(H.A.R.D.)

#### Thursday Afternoons

Southgate Community

Center

Intermediate Lesson and Stratified/Limited Game

26780

Chiplay Avenue

(0-200 MP): 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Hayward 94545

In January in Hayward we welcomed several new players to our Easybridge lessons and game: **Bettie Benz** of San Lorenzo, **Bill Chung** of Castro Valley, **Pam Fisher** of Hayward, and **Kate Hare** of Alameda. We also made the move from Weekes to the Southgate Community Center and are considering making that permanent.

What's up in February? Well, besides Black History month, Valentine's day, and Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, we have a number of special games lined up in both of our clubs. On Tuesday evenings in Fremont we'll hold ACBL Junior Fund games on the 2nd and the 23rd and a club championship game on the 16th. In Hayward on Thursday, the 25th, we'll participate in that afternoon's ACBL Interclub Championship game. The Southgate club will be closed on the 11th, during the Presidents Day Regional tournament in Burlingame.

At the end of last month in Fremont, we supported the ACBL Educational Foundation's efforts to support the promotion of and continuing education in bridge with a championship game, in which **Vicky Santos & Nuno Rebelo** came in first in the B strat and tied for first overall with **Michael Rose & Ruth Davis**; first in C went to **Carol Ackerman & Roy Grady**. Earlier in the month **Jean Wood & Sharon Mistry** swept all the strats and won our charity club championship game. On the strength of that achievement, Jean & Sharon became the high-masterpoint winners for the month and will each receive half a free play at a game of their choice.

You'll find complete results and special announcements for our games at our Unit 500 Easybridge website: <http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com>.

## **Zoe's Tuna Salad**

Many of us have enjoyed Zoe Foster's tuna salad. By popular demand, she has provided the recipe. Thanks, Zoe!

4 cans of tuna  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 chopped apple  
Mix with Mayonnaise until moist  
Salt and pepper if desired

# **HEY LOOK- TERRY'S 2010 BRIDGE CRUISES!**

## **ALASKA, INSIDE PASSAGE -Roundtrip from San Francisco!**

**June 21, 2010      10 nights/11 days aboard the *Sea Princess***

**San Francisco- Victoria, BC- Juneau- Skagway- Glacier Bay National Park (scenic  
cruising)- Ketchikan- San Francisco**

rates start at \$1204 per person plus port charges/ government fees (for an inside cabin,  
category JJ, based on double occupancy).

\* \$25 shipboard credit per cabin

## **MEXICAN RIVIERA & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -Roundtrip from San Francisco!**

**September 29, 2010      10 nights/11 days aboard the *Sea Princess***

**San Francisco- Catalina Island- Puerto Vallarta- Mazatlan- Cabo San Lucas- San  
Diego- San Francisco**

rates start at just \$869 per person plus port charges/ government fees (for an inside  
cabin, category J, based on double occupancy).

\* \$25 shipboard credit per person

\* This is the ONLY Mexican Riviera cruise departing from San Francisco in the fall of 2010. Thus it  
is almost sure to sellout.

It is strongly encouraged that you reserve your cabin EARLY to avoid disappointment.

Please inquire for a brochure for full details on either cruise.

### **ACBL SENIOR GAME**

Monday, Feb. 22, 2010

Redwood Bridge Club 12:30 PM

Predealt hands, hand records, with **expert analyses!**

Increased masterpoint awards

National recognition of high scores

## Schedule of Games & Locations

### The Bridge Club

: San Lorenzo Park Community Center 1970 Buena Vista Ave. San Lorenzo

**Thursday 10:30 am Open/Stratified Director: Bill Hodges (790-0496)**

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### Fremont Bridge Club (FBC)

Centerville Community Center, 3355 Country Drive, Fremont 94536

**Monday 10:30 am Open/Stratified Director: Bill Hodges (790-0496)**

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### Fremont Easybridge Club (FEC) (0-20/0-200 MP)

Merrill Gardens of Fremont, 2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont 94536

**Tuesday 6:15 pm (5:45 Lesson) Newcomer (0-20MP), Stratified/Limited (0-200-MP)**

**Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889**

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### Hayward Easybridge Club (HEC) at Southgate(0-200MP)

Southgate Community Center 26780 Chiplay Ave, Hayward 94545

**Thursday 1:00 pm (12:30 Lesson) Stratified/Limited (0-200 MP)**

**Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889**

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### Marina Bridge Club (MBC)

Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro 94579

**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 94546

**Mon. & Wed. 12:30 pm Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections (12:15 Lesson)**

**Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424**

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### Tri-City Bridge Club (TCBC)

Merrill Gardens of Fremont, 2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont 94536

**Saturday 1:00 pm Open/Stratified Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889**

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### Tutoriale Bridge Club (TBC)

Tutoriale Center for Education, 20660 Redwood Road, Castro Valley

**Wednesday 10:30 am Limited (0-300MPs)**

**Sunday 1:00 pm Seminar and Game (0-750) Director: Charlie Conrad (329-5916)**

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### 2009 Unit 500 Board of Directors

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