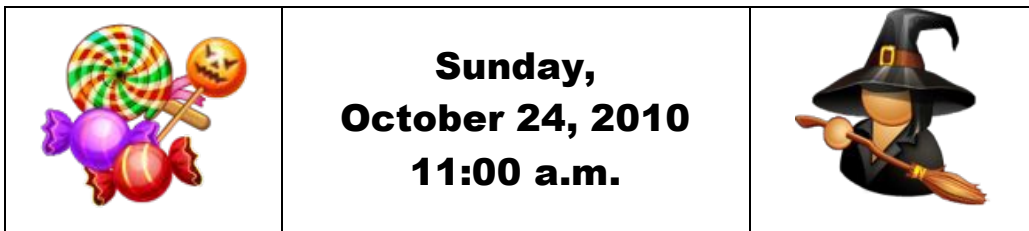


A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



As I write this article it is the last week of September and fall has just arrived - this is hard to believe since tomorrow's temperature will be in the 90's.

Halloween is around the corner so it must be "Trick or Treat" time. Well, Unit 500 is preparing a special "treat" for you.



FORM YOUR TEAMS!

Another sensational unit game will take place October 24th at the Marina Community Center. The event will be a SINGLE Session Swiss Teams game that will begin with brunch being served at 11:00 AM followed immediately by the game. The flyers and sign up sheets are at the clubs. Grab some partners and be sure to sign up by October 18.

I want to thank Jan for providing the wonderful variety of sectional pictures for last month's *Table Talk*.

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 joycebobbmorr2K9@SBCglobal.net

The South County News

by Jim Solomon



October South County Brunch Swiss

Now's the time to start forming your team for our Unit 500 Swiss teams brunch a week before Halloween, on Sunday October 24th. This single-session (four-round) event will be held at the commodious Marina Community Center in San Leandro. Brunch will be served at 11 and will be followed immediately by bridge. The game will feature both open and non-Life Masters flights, and both will be stratified (or even bracketed, depending on the number of teams). Table fees (which include the brunch) are \$6 for current, paid-up members of our South County unit and \$8 for all others.

We request that you sign your team up at your local club by October 18th. For help in setting up partnerships or teams, you may contact Jan Hollowell at phil-jan@comcast.net, Issi Stefani at 925-485-3285, or director Terry Terzian (510-581-4424 or terryterz@comcast.net).

Members on the Move

Welcome to **Jonathan Sloves** of Fremont, a new (and returning-to-bridge) player in the Fremont Easybridge Club.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder

Steve Doyle of Fremont has become a Sectional Master (50+ masterpoints), and **Jo Baumgardner** is now a Club Master (20+ MPs). Congratulations to both of you!

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 in which you played *outside* of our district, please get in touch with me, at LSJ63@yahoo.com or 510-538-9889.

Great Western Summer Fun STaC III, August 16–22

All of our South County clubs participated in ACBL's Western Conference STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) event the middle of last month, and as usual our members and guests made a splash in the overall results. The top South County masterpoint winners were **Marty Holtz & Charlie Conrad**, on the strength of their 68% performance in the special Friday morning open pairs game at the Redwood BC. Very noteworthy also was **Yvonne Bowman & Claire Shaw's** first place in the Monday afternoon Non-Life Master pairs at Redwood. Well done, ladies and gentlemen!

Here are details of how our members (in **boldface**) did in the Western Conference overalls in various games in the Bay Area (and guests—not in bold—in our games).

Event	# of Pairs	Club	Pair	Percent Score	Place	Total Points
Monday Morning Auxiliary Pairs	21	Fremont Centerville BC	Alice Herceg – Chrystal Newell	63.54	2nd in A, 2nd in B	2.50
Monday Afternoon Open Pairs	1,422	Redwood BC	Bob Munson – Paul Heinsen	67.86	7th in A	4.01
Monday Afternoon NLM Pairs	162	Redwood BC	Yvonne Bowman – Claire Shaw	66.67	1st in A, 1st in B	7.88
Tuesday Morning Open Pairs	462	Marina BC	Ed Jimison – Cathleen Otvos	64.58	9/11 in A, 34/ in B	6.80
Tuesday Evening 199er Pairs	8	Fremont Easybridge Club	Nuno Rebelo – Vicky Santos	64.29	1st in A, 1st in B	1.33
			Barbara Watts – Mickey Row	53.97	2nd in A, 2nd in B	1.00
			Jean Wood – Charlie Tonelli	52.38	3rd in A, 3rd in B	0.75
Wednesday Morning Open Pairs	298	Redwood BC	Darrell Fung – Doug Burke	63.26	5th in A, 2nd in B	9.16
			Kathy O'Neil Traback – Lynne Bromley	61.36	14th in A, 9th in B, 3rd in C	3.98
Wednesday Afternoon Intermediate Pairs	44	Dimond BC	Jeff Cabral – Tom Pajak	61.01	3rd in A	2.12
Thursday		Bridge Club at Ashland	Vince De Pasquale – Virginia Herring	62.00	17th in A, 10th in B	1.33

Event	# of Pairs	Club	Pair	Percent Score	Place	Total Points
Morning Open Pairs	370	San Jose Bridge Ctr.	Amy Wu – Peter Chen	61.90	19/21 in A, 11/13 in B	1.50
Thursday Afternoon 199er Pairs	33	Hayward Easybridge Club	Cynthia & Arnold George	53.75	4th in C	0.76
			Kate Hare – Pam Fisher	50.66	5th in C	0.45
Friday Morning Open Pairs	609	Redwood BC	Marty Holtz – Charlie Conrad	67.86	7th in A, 2nd in B	11.12
			Virginia Herring – Vince De Pasquale	63.69	14th in A, 5th in B	4.69
			Elazar Friedman – Andrea Schneider	61.31	16th in B	0.93
		San Jose Bridge Ctr.	Amy Wu – Peter Chen	61.00	19th in B	1.67
Friday Morning NLM Pairs	73	Redwood BC	Al Larson – Barbara McNeal	69.91	1st in A, 1st in B	4.64
			Gail & Pat Albin	65.97	3rd in A, 3rd in B	2.61
			Ralph Moskowitz – Diane Macleod	56.25	4th in C	0.76

All-Western Championships Regional, Hyatt Regency Hotel/Santa Clara Convention Center, August 31–September 6

Among South County members this was **Andrew Gumperz**'s tournament. Andrew was a member of the team that won the top bracket of not one but two knockout team events (the Wyatt Earp and the Annie Oakley) *and* the A/X flight of the Labor Day Swiss teams, accounting for most of the 90 masterpoints that he won in the weeklong regional; with that he was 10th among the 1700-odd players who won masterpoints in the tournament). Nice goin', Andrew!

Then there's the rest of us. In team play **Marty Holtz, Joe Parker, & Charlie Conrad** tie for third in bracket 2 of the Wyatt Earp KOs, and **Susan Lampert & Trudie Sinclair** did the same in bracket 3. **Richard Feinberg & Kevin Schoenfeld** placed high in bracket 1 of the Annie Oakley KOs. In the weekend Davy Crockett KOs, **Steve Doyle** was a member of the team that won bracket 3.

In Swiss teams competition, **Trudie & Susan** were fourth in the C strat on Thursday evening; on Saturday evening they teamed with **Margaret Halland & Charlie** and tied for fourth overall. On Sunday evening it was **Terry Kellerman**'s turn: his team came in second overall and on top of the B strat, followed by a team that included your faithful correspondent. YFC also played in the Thursday–Friday morning Goodwill Swiss teams, and our team managed ties for eighth in A and second in B. In the Swiss on the final day of the tournament, **Richard** teamed with **Kunio Okui** and others and came in second in the X strat and tied for 13th overall in the A/X flight. **Stephanie Singer**'s team was first in the D strat (and 8th in C, 11th overall) in the B/C/D flight; **Bill Hodges**' team was 14th in B and 10th in C. And **Alice Hecceg**'s team was fifth overall in the Senior Swiss competition.

In open pairs events during the tournament, **Rajan Jeyakumar** claimed third in strat B in the opening night's charity game, and **Jianming Zhang** was fourth in C. In the two-session Wednesday open pairs, **John Rollin** was on top of the B strat and 10th overall; **Kevin** was 12th OA. **Valerie Byrne & Bob Hamilton** participated in the Thursday event and claimed third in C and sixth in B. In two-session Senior Pairs events, **Steve & Colette Castellino** competed on Wednesday and placed sixth in strat B. On Thursday

John did very well—first in B and second OA—and **Norma Bozzini & Darlene Mayhew** were tenth in B. On Saturday **Joe** paired with **Vince De Pasquale**, and the two of them pulled down third in B and fifth OA. In the two-session Fast Open pairs on Labor Day, **Prakash Karamchandani** was on top of the C strat and tied for first in B and fourth OA. In the various side pairs games, **Nancy Boyd** tied for fifth overall on Friday morning, **Kunio** tied for sixth in B that evening, and **Charlie & Margaret** were fifth in B on Saturday afternoon.

Carol Ackerman & Roy Grady played throughout the week in Intermediate/Newcomer events, and they, too, had a very good tournament. They placed second in the lowest strat and fourth OA in the Tuesday Afternoon 299er Charity Pairs. With a different partner Carol was atop the C strat (and tied for third OA) in the Wednesday afternoon 299er pairs, and that evening **Arnold & Cynthia George** were second in the F strat and third OA in the 99er pairs. On Thursday afternoon it was **Tina Chen & Dottie Reid**'s turn: they tied for fifth OA and third in B in the 299er pairs, and **Gerry & Pam Fisher** were third in C. Carol & Roy returned to the 299er limelight in Friday afternoon pairs, with a second in B and C and fourth OA. On Saturday evening **Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos** made an appearance—forcefully: they won the 299er event that evening, as well as placing first in the B and C strats. Carol & Roy finished off their successful week with a second in strat C of the Monday morning 299er pairs; they then won that afternoon's 299er Swiss teams.

Stockton Great Grape Escape Sectional, Club Brookside, September 18–19

The Stockton unit hadn't held a sectional tournament in a long time, and its revival is a good sign. Three South County players competed in the event, and all placed overall: **Nancy Boyd** was second OA in the Saturday afternoon Open pairs, and **Jim Harper** & your faithful correspondent came out on top of the B strat in the Sunday Swiss teams..



Unit 500 Easybridge Clubs

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Fremont Easybridge Club

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Penthouse, 3rd Floor, Merrill Gardens of Fremont
2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre

Intermediate Lesson: 5:45–6:15 p.m.
Pkwy.

Intermediate/Newcomer Stratified/Limited (0–300 MP) Game: 6:15–9:45 p.m. Fremont
94536

Hayward Easybridge Club

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

Thursday Afternoons

Southgate Community Center

Newcomer Lesson and Stratified Game (0–20 MP): 12:00–3:30 p.m.
Avenue

26780 Chiplay

Intermediate Lesson and Stratified/Limited Game (0–300 M): 12:30–4:00 p.m.
94545

Hayward

We'll be holding our Club Championship Week the final week of September, with games in Fremont on the 28th and in Hayward on the 30th. Then on to October—ACBL's Club Appreciation Month; we'll celebrate with Club Appreciation pairs games in Fremont on the 5th and in Hayward on the 21st, and Swiss teams in Hayward on the 7th and in Fremont on the 19th. Masterpoints in both kinds of Club Appreciation games are black and are awarded at the sectional tournament level, and in the Swiss games, 5% of any points that you win that day will be gold. ACBL charges no extra fee for any of these games, and neither do we in our clubs.

Both of our clubs will be closed the last week in October: the 26th in Fremont, the 28th in Hayward.

At the end of August, we completed our season of North American Pairs qualifying games: in Hayward on the 26th, **Jean Wood & Charlie Tonelli** won (**Perry & Solita Julien** were first in the E strat), and in Fremont on the 31st, it was **Bill Beeson & Ruth Davis** (**Lori Fields & Jonathan Sloves** were first in E, and **Joan Mullen & Mary Kelley** first in F). We held a Unit Championship Week in the middle of September (on the 14th in Fremont and the 16th in Hayward); **Cynthia & Arnold George** swept the strats (first in A, first in B, and first in C) in both of them; a bravura performance; wow!

We have ties in both clubs for our top masterpoint winners during this reporting period. In Fremont it's **Ruth Davis & Bill Beeson**; in Hayward it's **Jean Wood & Charlie Tonelli**. Each will receive half a free game when they choose.

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

Tri-City Bridge Club

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



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Saturdays at 1 p.m.
Open and 299er games (both stratified)
Club website :<http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com>

October is ACBL's Club Appreciation month, and we'll be celebrating twice, with a pairs game on Saturday, the 9th, and a Swiss teams event on the 23rd. For the former the masterpoint awards will be all black and 100% sectional (i.e. as if this were an event in a sectional tournament). Same for the Swiss, except that 5% of any points that you win that day will be gold. ACBL charges no extra fee for these games, and neither does our club.

It's not too early to gather your team for the 23rd. When you've done that, please register your team, by using the sign-up form at our games, or contact me by e-mail or phone. You can use the same means if you and your partner are looking for teammates for the event, or if you'd like to find both a partner and teammates.

At the end of August, we held our final North American Pairs qualifying game of the year, won by **Michael Bodell & Jennifer Gu**; they were also first in strat B. On September 18th we had a nice turnout for our Fall Swiss Teams Festival (also an ACBL International Fund game), including an appearance (and typically strong performance) by **Jim Kelsey**. First place was claimed by the team of **Steve & Colette Castellino** and **Mike & Bette Meers O'Hara**. Two teams tied for first in the B strat: **Bill Cubley, Prakash Karamchandani, Marty Holtz, & Vince De Pasquale**, and **Glenn Boyce, Kathy Von Dohre, Cathleen Otvos, & Frank Rooney**. The following week we held our quarterly club championship game, won by Bill & Prakash; they were also first in the B strat.

It comes as no surprise, then, that our top masterpoint winners for the last reporting period were **Bill & Prakash**. For this achievement they'll each receive half a free play in a game of their choosing.



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>. You can find abbreviated game results also on the ACBL website: go to www.acbl.org, click on "Club Game Results" in the list on the left side of the home page, and proceed from there.

SOUTH COUNTY UNIT 500

Cordially invites you to our

Single Session SWISS TEAMS EVENT

*Brunch will be served at 11:00 AM
(followed immediately by the game)*

	<p>Sunday, October 24, 2010</p> <p>11:00 a.m.</p>	
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*Marina Bridge Club
15301 Wicks Boulevard, San Leandro*

This is a **SINGLE** Session event

**Both OPEN and NON-LIFE MASTER flights will be offered.
Both flights will be stratified (or bracketed with sufficient attendance)**

Fees include Brunch and Snacks!



**Table fees for paid-up South County
members are \$6**

Table fees for all others are \$8

Pre-registration is requested. Please sign up at your local club by
October 18

For help in setting up partnerships and teams, please contact:

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We hope to see you there!



Schedule of Games & Locations

The Bridge Club, Ashland (BC)

Ashland Community Center, 1530 167th Avenue, San Leandro 94578

Thursday 10:30 am Open/Stratified

Director: Bill Hodges 790-0496

Fremont Bridge Club (FBC)

Centerville Community Center, 3355 Country Drive, Fremont 94536

Monday 10:30 am Open/Stratified

Director: Bill Hodges 790-0496

Fremont Easybridge Club (FEC) (0-20/0-300 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 (0-300 MP)

Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889

Hayward Easybridge Club (HEC) (0-300 MP)

Southgate Community Center 26780 Chiplay Avenue, Hayward 94545

Thursday 1:00 pm (12:30 Lesson) Stratified/Limited (0-300 MP)

Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889

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

Wednesday 11:00 am Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections

Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

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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