

Table Talk – February 2009

District 21

South County Unit 500

ACBL

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 ***TCBC** – Tri-City Bridge Club
Save the Date – Unit game March 13, MBC, Lasagna!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This article starts on a sad note. Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Zac Cohen who was involved in a car accident the end of December and passed away January 8th. I always enjoyed when Zac came to the table. He was a top competitive player who would gladly discuss a hand with anyone who wanted his input. His presence will be missed.

Jan Hollowell and Eileen McAvoy just returned home from the hospital. Both had surgery and returned home a few days later! It would have been nice if they had been in the same Kaiser Hospital – thank goodness gas prices have fallen. They are doing well and we look forward to their return to bridge.

We had the Board of Directors officer elections. Fortunately, **Jan** will continue as Vice President (the more accurate description is Co-President) and **Carla** graciously agreed to remain Treasurer. Our newest board member, **Ann** Vargas, has stepped to the plate and will be our Secretary. I am the President for another year. Please take the time to thank them as well as all the board members for their service to our unit. Our job is to help you enjoy bridge and each other.

Our first Unit Game is or was (depending on Table Talk's press date) a Pizza Swiss. The results will be in next month's issue. Another "Italian" event is on the horizon.

Mark your Calendars! Our 2nd unit game will be our annual "Lasagna" pairs event scheduled Friday, March 13 at the Marina Community Center – the 2008 "**Ace of Clubs**" and the "**Mini McKenney**" awards will be presented. Please join us for this Italian delight. The event begins at **11:30 AM** and includes **Lasagna, Salad, Bread and dessert**. No work on your part – just come and enjoy. The complete flyer and sign-up sheets will be available at all the clubs and is in this month's *Table Talk*. We do need a head count so please use the sign-up sheets.

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



South County News *by Jim Solomon*

Unit 500 Board Elects Officers for 2009

At its January 14th meeting, the South County board of directors elected our officers for the year. Returning for their fourth terms are **Mary Ramos** as president and **Jan Hollowell** as vice-president. **Carla Francis** was elected to her third term as treasurer, and we now have a new board (and unit) secretary: **Ann Vargas**. Congratulations to the four of you; we thank you for this extra service, and you'll have our cooperation and help.

Ashland BC Lowers Table Fees

Chuck Wong, owner/manager/director of the Ashland Bridge Club, has lowered table fees at his Thursday morning game to \$5. Low fees, good coffee, great snacks, guaranteed partners, and the guidance of a superb bridge player (who also happens to be the finest tenor in Unit 500)—what more could you ask for?! Why not start making a habit of playing bridge on Thursday mornings in San Leandro, just off Hwy 580?

Members on the Move

We extend a hearty South County welcome to three new members from Fremont. **Prakash Ranadive**, a longtime resident of New York City (while he was an employee of the United Nations) has reactivated his ACBL membership. Two new members of our Fremont Easybridge Club, **Rick** and **Karen Seltzer**, have also become ACBL members; they live in Fremont, where Karen teaches in the public schools and from where Rick commutes early every weekday morning for his work with Well Fargo in The City.

We also welcome **Kuldip Singh**, who's moved to Hayward from Yuba City, where he was a member of the Sutter Buttes unit (# 460). We look forward to seeing him at our games soon.

Finally, adieu to **Dan Wong**, a longtime member of Unit 500. He, his partner Greg Gorel (a former regular in our Weekes Park Easybridge game), and their daughter have moved to Pleasanton. We hope to see him at our special weekend and holiday games.

Moving in the other direction, from Pleasanton to Castro Valley, is **Don Hubbard**, who's also reinstated his membership in ACBL and our unit.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder

Congratulations to **Victoria Austin**, who's now a Club Master (20+ masterpoints), and to **Dick Gorringer**, a new Sectional Master (50+ MPs). And your faithful correspondent has become a Silver Life Master (1000+ MPs).

Members on the Mend

Jan Hollowell has undergone hip replacement surgery, is now at home, and doing well. We hope to see her (and her wonderful smile) back in our games soon. **Eileen McAvoy** had some unexpected surgery on January 12th, is also now at home, and is also doing well.

Passing On

Zac Cohen

We've been shocked and saddened by the news about Zac Cohen. On December 27, he and his partner of the past 25 years and more (in life and in bridge), Christine Wright, were driving near Sacramento, when their car left the road. Chris, who was asleep in the passenger seat, suffered a bruised sternum, but Zac was gravely injured,

including a head injury. After twelve days in a coma at the U. C. Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, he passed away on January 8th.

Ten days later Zac's family and friends gathered for a memorial service and celebration of his life at Congregation Shir Ami in Castro Valley, where he'd been an active member for the past ten years. A substantial portion of the celebrants were Zac's bridge partners and fellow players from our unit and points far and wide around the Bay Area, including The City, San Jose, and as far away as Santa Rosa, Stuart Goodgold, current president of our ACBL District 21, was among those attending.

Zac was a multi-faceted individual, and many of us knew little of him beyond his skill and intensity at the bridge table. He was born in Muncie, Indiana, and grew up there and in Indianapolis. After high school and a year at the University of Indiana, he entered the Navy and served during the Vietnam era; he then decided to settle in the Bay Area. He attended several institutions of higher learning and graduated with a degree in mathematics and computer science. He worked as a data administrator for a prominent Bay Area shipping company and eventually opted for early retirement, to pursue some of his passions, including golf, singing, running half-marathons, and, of course, bridge. He approached all of these pursuits with an intense focus as well as a prodigious memory; he was able to remember both golf shots and bridge hands from months and even years past. As intense and demanding Zac was of himself and his partners (and opponents) at bridge, he was also capable of considerable patience—for instance, in teaching the game to 10-year-olds.

Among Zac's numerous bridge accomplishments was, in 2007, surpassing the 2,500-masterpoint level and becoming an ACBL Gold Life Master. At last year's North American Bridge Championship in Las Vegas, he and partner Evelyn Holtz placed 34th in the prestigious and grueling three-day/six-session von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs. At the memorial service many of his fellow congregants were surprised to learn about this aspect of his life and interests: apparently Zac never mentioned his bridge accomplishments at Shir Ami.

If you know something about the singing voice and remember Zac's voice, you undoubtedly were struck by the bell-like quality he had, something prized among tenors. And he put that gift (cultivated by a decade of voice lessons) to use, acting and singing in local community theater productions, including Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, the cap to a career that began with the role of the Cowardly Lion in a grade-school production of *The Wizard of Oz*. At student recitals and in auditions he was often very nervous, but he had the sensitivity and compassion to help others similarly afflicted.

His friends and family remember him as intelligent, intense, and possessed of an inquiring mind; a Mensch, modest, respectful, generous, unpretentious, and thoughtful; and childlike in his enthusiasm and laughter. They will miss him greatly, as will we.



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.

Midwinter Holiday Regional, Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, December 26–31

Only a few hardy souls braved the effects of the Christmas snowstorm in the Sierra and made their way to Reno for this regional tournament. It was seasonably cold in the Silver City, but if you played three sessions of bridge a day, stayed in the tournament hotel, and took your meals there, never venturing outside, well, the sub-freezing temperatures weren't a particular bother.

Steve & Sarah Chen were in Reno and had a very nice tournament: they won strat B of the Friday Evening Welcome Side Game, tied for fifth in the Saturday Evening Swiss Teams, came in ninth overall in the Sunday A/X Pairs, and placed second in both Bracket 1 of the A.M. Compact Team Knockouts and Bracket 2 of the '08 Wrap-up KOs.

Virginia Herring made her annual journey to this tournament, combining it as she does with a visit with her Reno-residing daughter. Virginia captained a team that did well in several events. Your faithful correspondent was on a team that competed with Virginia's in most of those events, and we managed to win Bracket 3 of the Holiday Knockout Teams (Virginia's team tied for third), Bracket 2 of the A.M. Compact KOs, Consolation Bracket 1 of the Morning Compact KOs (Virginia's team was second), and tie for third in Bracket 3 of the Tahoe KOs.

Nancy Boyd also made the trip to Reno, for pleasure rather than directing, and came away with a third overall in the New Year's Eve Mixed Pairs and ninth overall in the Tuesday Open Pairs. **Jianming Zhang** was there, too, and placed ninth overall in the Saturday Open Pairs.

Monterey Clambake Regional, Hyatt Regency, Monterey, January 5–11

The temperature was brisk and bracing, the skies beautifully blue, the food at the area restaurants superb as usual, and the bridge very, very good for many South County players, particularly **Richard Feinberg**. His team won Bracket 2 of the Tiger Woods Knockouts and tied for third in Bracket 1 of the Mark O'Meara KOs; these accounted for the almost 34 gold masterpoints with which Richard came away from Monterey, more than any other Unit 500 member.

The trio of **Margaret Halland**, **Darlene Mayhew**, and **Norma Bozzini** made a very nice tournament showing. Margaret came in second in the B strat of the Monday Evening Charity Pairs and fifth overall in the Tuesday Clambake Side Pairs game. Darlene & Norma were sixth in strat B in the Tuesday Open Pairs and fifth overall in the Wednesday Clambake Side game. The three of them teamed up to claim fourth overall in the weekend Nancy Lopez Swiss event.

In evening Swiss action, **Joe Parker**'s team came in fourth in strat B and third in C on Wednesday, **Virginia Herring** and **Vince De Pasquale**'s second overall and first in the B strat on Thursday, and **Steve Castellino**'s team won the Saturday evening team event.

Doug Burke & Kevin Schoenfeld also had a fine tournament. Playing together, they tied for third in strat C of the Wednesday Open Pairs. On Thursday they really shone: second overall (and first in the B and C strats) in the Open Pairs. On Saturday it was **Darrell Fung**'s turn: second in Bracket 4 of the Cypress Compact KOs.

Our unit was well represented in the Intermediate/Newcomer games, in the persons (people?) of **Mike & Mary Lubin**. They placed second in strat C of the Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs and fourth in C in the Friday evening edition of the same.

The final day's event also went well for South County players. The prestigious A/X flight of Sunday's Stratiflighted Swiss teams was won by a team that included **Andrew Gumperz & Mark Dean**, paying off some 29 gold points to each of them. In the same event **Steve Chen's** team tied for seventh overall and was third in the X strat. **Bill Cubley's** team placed fourth overall in the Bob Leubkeman Senior Swiss event. And **Prakash Karamchandani** made his usual mark (with former Unit 500 member Dan Wong) in the Sunday Fast Pairs, placing fourth in strat B and first in strat C.

Your faithful correspondent was also putting in time at the Monterey tables and finally caught fire at the weekend, tying for third in Bracket 2 of the O'Meara KOs and claiming second overall in the B/C/D flight of the Sunday Swiss.

ACBL-wide Interclub Championship, January 12

This event occurred simultaneously on the morning of January 12 in ten clubs across North America, including our Tri-City BC in Fremont. When the nationwide results were compiled, **Alice Herceg & Chrystal Newell** ended up fifth overall among the 210 pairs who competed (and also third in the B strat). Nicely done, ladies!

North American Pairs District 21 Finals, Bayshore Bridge Club, Burlingame, January 17–19

Our South County Unit was well represented in this prestigious event: **Mark Dean** placed fourth in Flight A, and **Steve Chen** fourth in Flight B; **Charlie Conrad & Darrell Fung** took fifth in Flight C. Thanks, gentlemen, for doing us proud!

Livermore Valley Sectional, Hart Middle School, Pleasanton, January 24–25

The big event on the first day of this friendly tournament run every year by our sister unit (501) was the Saturday Open Pairs. **Richard Feinberg** placed 13th overall, and **Andrew Gumperz** was two spots behind him. **Bob Hamilton & Charlie Conrad** also figured in the overalls, with a fourth in the C strat. **Chuck Wong** placed fourth overall in the Saturday Morning Side Pairs, and **Michael Rose & Taylor Lyen** were sixth in strat B in the afternoon edition. In the Saturday Morning Novice Pairs: **Stephanie Singer** came in sixth in the highest (D) strat, and **John Compton** was sixth in E and fourth in F.

In Sunday's Bracketed Swiss, **Mark Dean's & Andrew Gumperz's** team grabbed fifth place in bracket 1, and **Jim Kelsey's & Jey Jeyakumar's** was second in bracket 2. Third place in bracket 3 went to **Vince De Pasquale, Joe Parker, Marty Holtz, & Jim Harper**, helped out in the last round by your faithful correspondent's team. In bracket 5 **Stephanie Singer & Co.** placed second.

Profile of Joyce and David Denyven



Get your mind ready for the longest sentence (in question mode) that you've ever read! I won't take no for an answer. Did you know that David and Joyce live in Alameda, were once members of that bridge unit, but have switched to our Unit 500 and been with us for several years, that they usually drive together to the Ashland game, the Fremont game, the Tuesday and sometimes Monday games (save for one time Tuesday when David rode his bike from Alameda decked out with flashy cyclist attire, while Joyce drove – not side by side – in their car, pretending not to know him and, as I recall, they came in first that Tuesday, that I personally am estimating that 99% of the time they play together – maybe more – and I am wondering if this is some sort of record for married couples, that they have fine attitudes with their opponents, that they occasionally express disagreement regarding the performance of each other, but they are kind to each other, remarks are minimal and it is a pleasure to play against them?

But wait, there's much more. Time to move on to writing in a more sane manner! There's still plenty of info about these interesting people. Joyce was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and educated there, earning a BS degree in both Home Economics and Science from the University of Cincinnati.

David was born in Chicago, later moving to Cincinnati where he finished high school and started college at UC (University of Cincinnati, not Berkeley!) After serving in the U.S. Army in Europe, he returned home, re-entering UC, studying mechanical engineering. While there, D and J met, married, eventually moving to California after David graduated. Joyce states, "Well, we didn't travel horse and buggy to CA, we didn't fly, BUT we travelled in a trailer all the way." Talk about pulling up roots! They had lived in their trailer until David finished school and graduated.

While David operated his own printing shop in Alameda, Joyce was Executive Director of the Alameda Girls' Club (she had taught high school Home Economics and General Science while in Ohio, and later in Berkeley.)

Regarding travel: they have been to 43 countries via air, rail, sea and land. Since 1980, D and J have been on many cruises including Terry's October Bridge Cruise – their 27th. Both are Sages (Sagittarians.) This means they are smart, friendly, active, pleasant humans (IF you believe in that Astrology "stuff"!) Both are Silver Lifers with over 2,000 masterpoints. In December 2009 they will be on a Caribbean cruise which will be a first-ever Bridge Regional.

Outside of their bridge life – both party and duplicate – the two of them have been actively involved in community service in Alameda.

They have two married daughters, five college-educated grandchildren – enough to keep them busy and proud! Finally, on the romantic side, they will celebrate 61 years of wedded joy on – when else – February 14th, 2009. They probably even saw that movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." *It is nice to meet you and play bridge with you, David and Joyce Denyven.*

- **JoAnn Teixeira**



Fremont Easybridge Club

Tuesday Evenings

Manager/Director: Jim

Parish Hall, St. James' Episcopal Church

510-

37051 Cabrillo Drive at Thornton Avenue, Fremont

com

Newcomer Lesson and Game (0-20 MP): 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Intermediate Stratified/Limited (0-150 MP) Lesson and Game: 6:30-10:00

p.m.

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

The Fremont Easybridge Club has welcomed its first newcomer group for 2009, and they're busying themselves—and having fun at—learning modern bridge. **Rick & Karen Seltzer**, who'd tested the bridge waters by playing in our intermediate (149er) section in December (and earning their first masterpoints!), have decided to get a solid grounding in the fundamentals of the game and have joined the newcomer group. Karen has brought along a friend, **Kris Cannis**, who, in turn, has brought along her friend, **Bill Brewer**. All of them are joining **Virginia Frank**, who's traveling all the way up to Fremont from Morgan Hill on Tuesday evenings for Easybridge lessons and our friendly game.

In order to accommodate our working players and travelers from afar, our newcomer lesson and game are now getting under way at 5:30, an hour earlier than our intermediate mini-lesson and game.

We have a special game this month! On February 17th we'll hold an ACBL Junior Fund game. We'll be collecting an extra \$1 from each player, which will go directly to ACBL to promote bridge in schools and colleges. In return, you'll earn extra masterpoints: the game will be rated as if it were part of a sectional (unit-level) tournament.

In the intermediate section this past month, **Jo Callahan & Mickey Row** posted a sensational 69.85% performance in our kickoff game on January 13. In a special Swiss pairs game the following week, **Betty & Dug Howd** won three of their four matches, coming in first. And for our final game of 2008, a club championship game, in last month's *Table Talk* I incorrectly reported the first-place finishers in the B and C strats; they were, in fact, **Sharon Mistry & Gloria Uhl**.

If you're interested in complete results for our games, you'll find them on our Unit 500 Easybridge website: <http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com>. Look for the Fremont Easybridge Club calendar and click on your date of interest.

Tri-City Bridge Club

St. James' Episcopal Church
37051 Cabrillo Terrace at Thornton Avenue
Fremont



Open/Stratified Games

Monday 10:30 a.m.

Saturday 1:00 p.m.

Jim Solomon
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Chrystal

Regular Substitute Director
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Club website: <http://tricity.bridgeforyou.com>

The new year started with a bang for us at Tri-City! On January 12, we participated in the first ACBL-wide Inter-club Championship game of the year, in which **Alice Hecceg & Chrystal Newell** posted a 70% game. After ACBL did its across-the-field scoring number on that performance, Alice & Chrystal still had a 63.5% game, good enough for fifth place overall (and third in the B strat) among the 210 pairs in 12 clubs across North America who competed.

The following Monday was our first Unit Championship game of the year. First place overall went to **Amy Wu & J. T. Wang**, edging out **Alice & Chrystal** by only half a matchpoint. Close behind in third place were **Venkat Sivasankaran**, taking the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday off from work, & **Peter Cheung**, former director at and manager of the Fremont Duplicate Bridge Center, the predecessor of our Tri-City club.

Our big Saturday event in January was (or will be, depending on when this issue of *Table Talk* hits the newsstands) the first ACBL International Fund game of the year. If you're reading this before January 31, it's not too late to grab your partner and come down to Fremont for this special game, at which we'll be awarding both red and black masterpoints, on a sectional-tournament level.

The top masterpoint earner in our Monday game over the last reporting period was **Amy Wu**, thanks in large part to her first place in the Unit Championship game noted above. First place in the Saturday game went to **Cedric Wang**; he accomplished this with a first in all three strats in his direction in three of the four games that he played and a first in his C strat in the other one.

We have two special games on tap this month! Both are ACBL Junior Fund games, the first on Monday, February 9, and the second on Saturday, February 21. We'll be collecting an extra \$1 from each player, which will go directly to ACBL to promote bridge in schools and colleges. In return, you'll earn extra masterpoints: the game will be rated as if it were part of a sectional (unit-level) tournament.

We've been saddened at Tri-City to learn of the passing of **Peter Ho's** wife of many years; she succumbed to complications of Alzheimer's disease in mid-January. Our condolences go out to Peter and his family.

For more detailed results of all games, as well as announcements about special events, visit our club website (see above for the address).



Hayward Weekes Park Easybridge Club

Thursday 12:30–3:30 p.m.

Manager/Director: Jim

Stratified/Limited (0–20 MP)

510–538–

Weekes Park Community Center
27182 Patrick Avenue, Hayward

LSJ63@yahoo.com

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

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

Weekes Park Easybridge is back in action! We're into our series of beginning bridge lessons and games with an enthusiastic group of new players, including three Jo(e)s.

Joanne Austin comes from a family of bridge players: her brother, David Baskin of the Sierra foothills, is an excellent player with frequent tournament successes; her parents, Harold & Sally Baskin of Clear Lake, became Life Masters last year, one year shy of their becoming nonagenarians. Joanne joined our newcomer group on Tuesday evenings in Fremont last fall but had to discontinue; she's back at bridge now, in Hayward, and has brought along her husband, **Richard**.

Joanne Baumgardner loves card games and first tried her hand at bridge in college. She's now reviving her interest in our game after a lengthy career at Lockheed in San Jose. Joanne has brought along to our game her friend (and another former Lockheed careerist), **Jan Milnes**, and I suspect they'll end up partners at the bridge table for a long time—and darned good ones, too.

The Austins, Joanne B., and Jan are all Fremont residents. Representing Hayward are **Joe Foley**, our third Jo(e), and **Myles Garcia**, another recent retiree. **Anne Smith** of San Lorenzo has also joined our group of newcomers, on the recommendation of former South County board president Betty Giblin.

Rounding out our group are **Perry** and **Solita Julien** of Castro Valley, who started their bridge odyssey as newcomers in Hayward some two years ago and have since also become regulars in the Tuesday evening intermediate game at the Fremont Easybridge Club. Coming back to Weekes Park from the Fremont game are **Camille** and **Don Gillis**, who find our afternoon game more agreeable with their early-rising lifestyle.

To ease the commute for many of our players, our Thursday lesson and game now begin at 12:30, ending around 3:30.

We have a special game this month! On February 26th we'll hold an ACBL Junior Fund game. We'll be collecting an extra \$1 from each player, which will go directly to ACBL to promote bridge in schools and colleges. In return, you'll earn extra masterpoints: the game will be rated as if it were part of a sectional (unit-level) tournament.

REDWOOD BRIDGE CLUB

MONDAY 1 PM

OPEN & NON-LIFE MASTER

**Kenneth Aitken Senior & Community Center
17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley**



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS in February:

Feb. 17 Marina BC 10:30 AM

Feb. 25 Lakeside BC 10:30 AM

Club Championships offer much greater masterpoint awards, at regular table fees.

ACBL-WIDE SENIOR PAIRS

Monday, February 23, 1 PM, Redwood BC

*Pre-dealt Hands, Hand Records with Analyses! Masterpoint Awards at 80% of Sectional Rating. ACBL Overall and District Masterpoint Awards
Table Fees an additional \$1.50 per person*

HEY LOOK- TERRY'S 2008 BRIDGE CRUISES!

ALASKA, INSIDE PASSAGE -Roundtrip from San Francisco!

June 3, 2009 10 nights/11 days aboard the *Sea Princess*

San Francisco- Ketchikan- Juneau- Skagway- Tracy Arm Fjord- Victoria, BC- San Francisco

rates start at just \$895 per person plus port charges/ government fees (for an inside cabin, category N, based on double occupancy). * \$50 shipboard credit per person! *

MEXICAN RIVIERA & SEA OF CORTEZ

-Roundtrip from San Francisco!

-with an optional train ride to the Copper Canyon!

October 12, 2009 11 nights/12 days aboard NCL's *Norwegian Sun*

San Francisco- Topolobampo- La Paz- Mazatlan- Puerto Vallarta- Cabo San Lucas- San Francisco

rates start at just \$959 per person plus port charges/ government fees (for an inside cabin, category I, based on double occupancy). * \$25 shipboard credit per person! *

Please inquire for a brochure for full details

SOUTH COUNTY UNIT 500

Cordially invites you to our March

“Lasagna” PAIRS EVENT – single session

This event is sponsored by California Bank & Trust

Friday, March 13

11:30 AM - Lasagna

(vegetable lasagna will be available)

followed immediately by the game

At the Marina Community Center

15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro

Home of Marina Bridge Club

**Fees Include Lasagna, Salad,
Bread & Dessert!**

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

Table fees for all others are \$8

Both OPEN and NON-LIFE MASTER sections will be offered.

Both sections will be stratified

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

March 9. For partnership help, please call:

Jan Hollowell 783-8678, Isie Stefani (925) 485-3285 or

Terry Terzian

Terry Terzian, Unit Director

(510) 581-4424

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Schedule of Games & Locations

Ashland Bridge Club (ABC)

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

**Thursday 10:30 am Open/Stratified Director: Chuck Wong 925-736-2602
(cell) 925-413-4852**

Fremont Easybridge Club (FEC) (0-150 MP)

St. James' Episcopal Church, 37051 Cabrillo at Thornton, Fremont 94536

Tuesday 6:30 pm Stratified/Limited (0-150 MP) Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889

Hayward Weekes Park Easybridge Club (WEZB) (0-100 MP)

Weekes Park Community Center, 27182 Patrick Avenue, Hayward 94544

Thursday 1:00 pm Stratified/Limited (0-100 MP) Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889

Lakeside Bridge Club (LBC)

San Lorenzo Park Recreation Center, 1970 Via Buena Vista, San Lorenzo 94580

Wednesday 10:30 am Open/Stratified Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

Marina Bridge Club (MBC)

Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro 94579

Tuesday 10:30 am Open/Stratified & 199er Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

Redwood Bridge Club (RBC)

Kenneth Aitken Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley 94546

**Monday 1:00 pm Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections (12:45 Lesson)
Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424**

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