

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



By the time this article goes to print, we will have had our April 30 “Lasagna” Unit Game. A summary of the results will be in next months *Table Talk*.

Phone numbers and email addresses have been updated on our Unit 500 website. Please verify that we have your correct information. The website address is always located under the calendar on the cover page of each *Table Talk*. Our webmaster, Bill George, does a fantastic and never ending job maintaining the website.

We have an ad hoc committee working on our **August Sectional**. This is the one and only fund raiser for our Unit and requires months of planning and assistance. I will keep you up to date on our progress. The dates are **AUGUST 6, 7, & 8** at the **Transfiguration Church Hall** in Castro Valley. We hope everyone will participate, so mark your calendars.

May 3-9 our club games (check our calendar) will be participating in the Western Conference Spring Fling STAC. STAC is an acronym for Sectional Tournament at Clubs. The Great Western Sectional Tournament takes place throughout the western regions of ACBL and all the masterpoint awards are silver. Players can win section awards in their local games, but with a big score could place in the overall standings and win lots of silver points. Good Luck!

By now, most of you have heard about Jan. She had a little mishap and fractured her left arm along with a few bruises. She is doing well but has a splint cast on her arm which makes certain tasks difficult. I am sure she will be returning to bridge in the next week or two. She has asked me to thank you for all your thoughtful calls and get well cards.

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



Members on the Move

Welcome to **Clark Millikan**, now a resident of Fremont; **Steven & Michele Miller** of Hayward; and **Alex Prazma** of Newark. All have transferred to South County from the Palo Alto unit.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder

Lots of movement here lately! **Kunio Okui** has become a Silver Life Master, and we have two new Life Masters: **Ann Conrad** and **Darrell Fung**. **Mickey Row** and **Ann Vargas** are now Sectional Masters; **Anna Bauman**, **Jean Wood**, and **Carolyn Zeljak** have advanced to be Club Masters; and **Pam Fisher** and **Don Siefkes** are Junior Masters. Congratulations to you all!

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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 LSJ63@ yahoo.com or 510-538-9889.

Pacific Southwest Regional, Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, March 29–April 4

Nancy Boyd took the first night of this tournament off from her directing duties and played in the Monday Evening Charity Pairs—and placed second overall. At the other end of the tournament, **Andrew Gumperz** did the same in the Saturday Open Pairs.

Santa Clara Valley Spring Sectional, Masonic Temple, San Jose, April 9–11

In this tournament's initial session, **Terry Terzian** came in sixth overall in the Friday Afternoon Open Pairs. That evening **Kwee Kuntjara** played in the 299er Pairs, and was second overall, as well as first in the F and G strats. In Saturday pairs, **Steve & Colette Castellino** were fifth in strat B in the Open, **Charlie & Ann Conrad** fifth in A in the Afternoon Side Pairs, and **Sam Srinivasan** second in the F strat of the Afternoon 199er Pairs.

South County members also did well in the Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Teams. In the A/X Flight, **Rajan Jeyakumar & Venkat Sivasankaran**'s team tied for first in the X strat and for second overall, and **Elena Ziuleva** was on the other team atop flight X; **Qing Xia**'s team placed fifth overall and third in X. In Flight B/C/D, **Darrell Fung**'s team was third overall and third in the C strat, and a team that included your faithful correspondent tied for sixth overall.

Diablo Valley Spring Sectional, Pine Valley Middle School, San Ramon, April 16–18

A new location for this tournament this spring, but the same kickoff event, the Friday Evening Elegant Pairs. **Steve & Colette Castellino** were there and took second overall as well as first in the B strat; **Bin Liang & Song Wang** were just behind them, coming in first in strat C, second in B, and third overall. In the Saturday Open Pairs, **Elena Ziuleva** came in 12th in strat A, and **Bob Hamilton & Charlie Conrad** were fourth in C. **Anne Hermann & Joyce Morrison** were fourth in C in the Morning Side Pairs.

In Sunday's Bracketed Swiss Teams, the all-South County team of **Jim Kelsey, Terry Kellerman, Chrystal Newell, & Bill Hodges** won bracket 2. Bracket Four: 2nd: **Darrell Fung's** team was second in bracket 4, and **Stephanie Singer's** won bracket 6.

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SPECIAL SILVER POINT GAME

Friday, May 7, 2010 11 AM
Redwood Bridge Club, Castro Valley

***pre-registration required by May 5**

Sign up at one of Terry's games
(or by e-mail or phone)

With sufficient advance sign-ups,
this game will be held. Otherwise,
there will be no game.

Pre-register today!

With sufficient attendance, separate
NLM and OPEN sections will be
offered.



Bill Hodges' Bridge Clubs

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StaC Week: May 3rd Fremont
May 6th Ashland

Fremont Bridge Club

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

The Bridge Club

Thursdays, 10:30am
Ashland Park Community Center
1530 167th Avenue
San Leandro, CA 94578

We will be holding STaC Games this month. Fremont Bridge Club will be having their STaC Game on Monday May 3rd at 10:30am. The Bridge Club at Ashland will be having their STaC game on Thursday May 6th, 10:30am. Find your results at the STaC web site after they're posted, usually the same day:

<http://www.thewesternconference.com/stac/>



Unit 500 Easybridge Clubs

Manager/Director: Jim Solomon 510-538-9889 LSJ63@yahoo.com

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 (0-300 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

*Intermediate Lesson and Stratified/Limited Game
(0-300 MP): 12:30-4:00 p.m. Southgate Community Center
26780 Chiplay Avenue
Hayward 94545*

Last month we were delighted to welcome **Vimal Advani** of Fremont. Her knowledge of the game and pleasant presence will be valuable additions to our Tuesday evening game.

From their experience in learning modern bridge in the comfortable setting of our Easybridge game, many of our Fremont players have joined ACBL over the past year or so, and ACBL recently rewarded us by granting us an additional club championship game this year, and an Upgraded Club Championship at that—even more masterpoints available, at no extra cost. We'll hold this game on Tuesday evening, May 18.

The second week of May is the Western Conference's 11th annual Spring Fling STaC—Sectional Tournaments at Clubs. Both of our Easybridge clubs'll be participating, giving our regular players and all others the opportunity to win those hard-to-come-by silver masterpoints in our clubs rather than traveling to sectional tournaments—and with table fees 15% less than at such tournaments. The boards will be pre-duplicated, and hand records will be available at the end of the games. Come join us on Tuesday evening, May 4 in Fremont and Thursday afternoon, May 6 in Hayward.

Our first-ever Pro-Am game, on March 30 in Fremont, was a great success, fun, and terrific as both a learning and teaching experience for our players. The following week **Gloria Uhl** and **Joanne Baumgardner** won our Charity Club Championship pairs game, and that fine performance plus a first in the Pro-Am game (E/W, with **Sam Srinivasan; Jean Wood & Cynthia George** were first N/S) landed Gloria in the top masterpoint spot in Fremont for the last reporting period—and a free play at a game of her choice.

Please note that both of our games now have a 300-masterpoint limit. They remain Easybridge games, with lessons preceding each session and supervised play during the games (you may ask questions about bidding and play).

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**



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

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

There are five Saturdays in May, and we'll be holding special games on four of 'em:

- May 1: ACBL Junior Fund game (pairs), to promote bridge among younger players; regular table fees plus \$1 extra.
- May 8: STaC (Sectional Tournament of Clubs) pairs game; all masterpoints are of the silver persuasion. Regular table fees plus \$1.50 extra.
- May 15: ACBL Educational Foundation game (pairs); regular table fees plus \$1 extra.
- May 22: ACBL Charity Club Championship game (pairs); regular table fees plus \$1 extra.
- May 29: regular game (ho-hum)

We were pleased to hold a number of special games in April, the first of which was our Unit Championship game on the 3rd. First overall went to **Pat & Jim Leary**; first N/S were **Bill Cubley & Prakash Karamchandani**. The following Saturday we held a Charity Club Championship pairs game, won by **Glenn Boyce** (which made him a Life Master) & **Kathy Von Dohre**. We ended the month with a C.C.C. Swiss teams event, and on top were **Bill, Terry Kellerman, Marty Holtz, & Jim Harper**.

Not surprisingly at all, Bill ended up as our high masterpoint winner for the last reporting period, with over 6 of 'em, earning him a free game. Congratulations, Bill.

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.



TUTORIALE BRIDGE CLUB

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

Director: Charlie Conrad

OPEN GAME SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:00

Free intermediate lesson at 12:30

THE SUNDAY GAME IS A STRATIFIED OPEN GAME, STARTING AT 1 PM. THERE IS A FREE INTERMEDIATE LESSON AT 12:30 BEFORE THE GAME. COST IS \$6.00.

Congratulations to Anna Bauman, Player of the Month for March

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.

STaC SILVER POINT GAME MAY 9. THIS IS MOTHER'S DAY! EVERY MOTHER WHO PLAYS WILL RECEIVE A ROSE!

Come with or without a partner. Every game, we arrange for singles to play together, and they usually do very well. If you know you'll need a partner beforehand, please e-mail or call Charlie. (510) 329-5916 or cconrad313@aol.com

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



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.

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 11:15 am Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections (11:00 Lesson)

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

Tutoriale Bridge Club (TBC)

Tutoriale Center for Education, 20660 Redwood Road, Castro Valley

Sunday 1:00 pm Open/Stratified (12:30 Lesson)

Director: Charlie Conrad 329-5916

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