

Table Talk – August 2010

District 21

South County Unit 500

ACBL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 UNIT 500 Sectional Aug 6-8	7 TCBC CLOSED Unit 500 Sectional
8 Unit 500 Sectional	9	10 MBC Club Championship FEC NAP Qualifier	11	12 HEC NAP Qualifier	13	14
15	16 RBC FBC	17 MBC FEC	18 RBC	19 HEC BC	20 RBC 11 AM*	21 TCBC
-----STaC Week Games in Unit 500-----						
22	23 RBC Casper Hot Dogs 11:45 Game time 12:30	24	25	26 HEC NAP Qualifier	27	28 TCBC NAP Qualifier
29	30	31 FEC NAP Qualifier	FEC - Fremont EasyBridge Club HEC - Hayward Easybridge Club * With enough advance sign ups.			

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



I wish I was able to attend our wonderful July event honoring the Veterans who play in our bridge games. Everyone mentioned how special it was. Below, Jan has written a brief summary of the event. The results are in this month's *Table Talk*.



Unit 500's latest event was held to honor the veterans who play in our clubs.

Veteran Charlie Conrad called the other twenty vets to the front of the room and asked each to identify his branch of service. Every branch of the service was represented. Then the wives of service personnel were asked to stand. It was an emotional tribute to many and the unit was pleased to offer a free game to all the vets.

Amid the décor of red, white and blue, the unit served an abundant array of snacks. Bridge was enjoyed by 22 tables of players. We extend many thanks to the board members who provided all the delicious food, to Isie for being in charge of the kitchen and to Terry for his excellent directing of the event. A special thanks to Bill Beeson for bringing up the original idea of having a special event for the veterans. The Board of Unit 500 felt honored to have so many people who had served our country at this special game.

Jan Hollowell, Vice-President

The *Table Talk* should be available the first week of August which means my time as well, as the Board of Directors, is devoted to the sectional. **I hope everyone attends!**

Hot August Bridge

South County Sectional

August 6, 7, & 8, 2010

See you at the sectional.

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 joycebomorr2K9@SBCglobal.net

SOUTH COUNTY UNIT PAIRS- OPEN FRIDAY MORN SESSION JULY 9, 2010

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION B EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1		Don Schrupp-Gary Peck	1	1	Jim Helt - Cass Hawes
2	1	Ed Jimison - Allan Harris	2		J Dudley Alexande-Verlan
3		Virginia Herring-Vince De Pasquale	3		Gabrielson Martin Holtz-Kevin Schoenfeld
4	2	Alice Herceg-Chrystal Newell	4		Bill George-Rose Ann Kase
	3	Joyce De Roco-Vernita Davidson	2	1	Lynne Bromley-Donna Rolle
	4	William Hodges-Sherard Wood	3		Darrell Fung-Cathleen Otvos
	2	Larry Schaleger-Dennis Bromley	2		Carla Francis-Jo Ann Teixeira

SOUTH COUNTY UNIT PAIRS- NLM FRIDAY MORN SESSION JULY 9, 2010

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION D EAST-WEST		
D	E	F	D	E	F
1	1	Anne Hermann-Joyce Morrison	1		Joyce Mirwald-Wayne Miller
2		Asha Apte-William Beeson	2		Elizabeth Silverman- Adrienne Hillebrandt
3		Jeffrey Cabral-Doreen Flores	3		Eileen McAvoy-Nadine Strand
4	2	Joyce Jacobson-George Plasch	4	1	Joan Taugher-Theresia McNulty
	1	Gail Albin-Patrick Albin		2	William Rayburn-Donald Hubbard
				1	Claire Shaw-Yvonne Bowman
				2	Betty Kvalnes-Ivar Kvalnes

SOUTH COUNTY UNIT PAIRS- OPEN OVERALLS JULY 9, 2010

11.0 Tables / Based on 21.5 tables

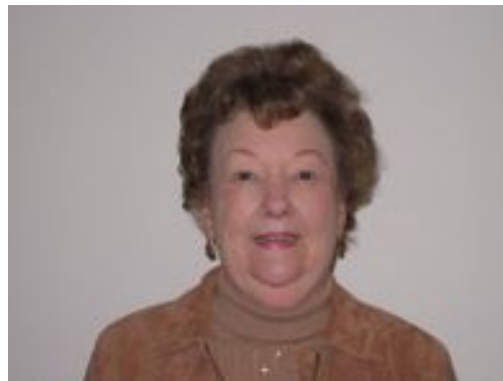
	A	B	C	
4.53	1	1	Jim Helt - Cass Hawes	68.75%
3.40	2		Don Schrupp - Gary Peck	59.72%
2.55	3	2	Ed Jimison - Allan Harris	59.49%
1.91	4		J Dudley Alexander - Verlan Gabrielson	58.80%
1.43	5		Virginia Herring - Vince De Pasquale	57.87%
1.18	6	3	Alice Herceg - Chrystal Newell	54.86%
0.89		4	Joyce De Roco - Vernita Davidson	52.31%
0.66		5	William Hodges - Sherard Wood	50.00%
1.13		2	Larry Schaleger - Dennis Bromley	49.07%
0.84		3	Lynne Bromley - Donna Rolle	48.61%
0.63		4	Carla Francis - Jo Ann Teixeira	47.45%

SOUTH COUNTY UNIT PAIRS- NLM OVERALLS JULY 9, 2010

10.5 Tables

	D	E	F	
1.93	1	1	Anne Hermann - Joyce Morrison	58.13%
1.45	2		Asha Apte - William Beeson	57.66%
1.09	3		Jeffrey Cabral - Doreen Flores	56.93%
0.97	4		Joyce Mirwald - Wayne Miller	56.86%
0.68	5		Elizabeth Silverman - Adrienne Hillebrandt	56.35%
1.03	6	2	Joyce Jacobson - George Plasch	56.25%
0.77		3	Joan Taugher - Theresia McNulty	55.97%
0.58		4	William Rayburn - Donald Hubbard	55.56%
1.01		1	Gail Albin - Patrick Albin	54.56%
0.76		2	Claire Shaw - Yvonne Bowman	52.44%
0.57		3	Betty Kvalnes - Ivar Kvalnes	52.41%

Profile of Marilyn Tott



When you need some deviled eggs for an event, you can count on Marilyn Tott. She has a great recipe and serves them in wonderful little plates designed just for this purpose! We enjoyed them at our last event.

Marilyn Tott has served on the Unit 500 Board of Directors for three years. She began taking bridge lessons from Terry in 2001 and continues to work on improving her game. Her favorite partner and dear friend is Ann Vargas. Together they play on Mondays amid all the friends they have both made while playing our great game of Bridge. Kazuko Alsberg is another favorite partner. Marilyn is also a member of the YMCA Bridge Club.

Marilyn was interested in Bridge from an early age when her mother played at the Women's Club in Rio Vista. She remembers the social games her mom held in their home. It seemed a nice way to entertain and enjoy the company of friends.

Marilyn was born in Oakland at Merritt Hospital. She grew up in Isleton, California. She met her husband, Gerald R. Tott, at a dance in San Leandro. She and Jerry were married for 40 happy years. Marilyn and Jerry had a son Michael Goff, as well as raising his two daughters, Carol Allison and Gail Ortiz. Marilyn has two grandchildren, James Raymond Allison and Amy Marie Allison. And she is very proud and happy to have a great-grand daughter, Emma Allison, now two years old. All live in this area so she is able to spend time with them. In fact they just helped her celebrate a very special birthday.

Marilyn was employed for 34 years at AC Transit in the public relations department. She keeps in touch with friends from there by attending a retirement club that meets monthly. She says they are like family.

Marilyn leads an active life, taking care of her lovely home, playing both social and duplicate bridge. Her hobbies include gardening and we're pretty sure she enjoys shopping because she is always beautifully dressed. She loves traveling and has gone on ten of Terry's cruises, including two trips to the Panama Canal, two to Alaska, three to the Mexican Riviera, one to Hawaii, one to the Mediterranean and two riverboat cruises on the Mississippi.

Her quiet manner and pleasing personality make her a favorite among bridge players, although as we talked about events that have happened to her I learned she has a spunky personality under all that calmness!

Thanks for sharing your story with us, Marilyn. And good luck at the bridge tables!

- Jan Hollowell -



The South County News

by Jim Solomon

South County's Annual Tournament, the Hot August Sectional

Our annual South County Hot August Sectional is just around the calendar's corner. The three-day tournament, which will be held again this year at Transfiguration Catholic Church in Castro Valley, begins with pairs games on Friday and Saturday mornings and afternoons, August 6th and 7th, and concludes with the Jay Magid Memorial Bracketed Swiss teams (and a single-session pairs event) on Sunday morning and afternoon, the 8th. We'll offer you a continental breakfast and tasty refreshments on all three days. The flyers are everywhere, the ads are in the newspapers, and everyone's abuzz with planning for this terrific event. See you in Castro Valley!

Summer STaC Week Coming

The Western Conference's third annual Summer Fun STaC—Sectional Tournament at Clubs—will occupy the third week of August—the 16th through the 22nd. Check with your favorite clubs to see if they're scheduling silver point games for you.

Members on the Move

Welcome to **John Sullivan** of Fremont, a new player in our Fremont Easybridge Club and newer member of ACBL. And welcome back to **Bill Maxedon**, who's moved from Tracy to San Leandro; we hope to see him back at our games soon. Finally, welcome to **Patty & Bill McNamara** of Alameda, now regular players in our Hayward Easybridge Club who've transferred to South County from the East Bay unit.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder

Venkat Sivasankaran is now a Bronze Life Master (500+ masterpoints), and **Ruth Davis** and **Elinor Wilkinson** have become Sectional Masters (50+ MPs). And **Suseela Dantuluri** has advanced to the Junior Master level (5+ MPs).

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.

Earthquake Sectional, Gilroy Community Center, June 26–27

Unit 500 members shook the earth in the wind-up Sunday Swiss teams of this annual tournament. Jim Kelsey's team was first overall, and Rajan Jeyakumar & Kevin Schoenfeld were on the team that claimed fifth in the A strat. Jim Harper, Marty Holtz, & Charlie Conrad were fourth in strat B.

Unit 503 Firecracker Sectional, Santa Clara Convention Center, July 1–5

South County members lit up the night (and afternoon, and morning) skies in Santa Clara last month in this big, big five-day sectional tournament. They started things off with a nice showing in the Thursday Afternoon 199er Pairs, with **Sam Srinivasan** placing sixth in the E strat and fourth in F; **Carol Ackerman & Roy Grady** were close behind Sam, with a fifth in F. In the Thursday Evening Open Pairs, **John Rollin** tied for fifth in strat B, and **Prakash Karamchandani** was third in C. The Swiss teams event that evening was won by **Richard Feinberg's** team—first overall! In the Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs, **Jean Wood & Charlie Tonelli** were fifth in the F strat, and in the evening Swiss, **Marty Holtz & Jim Harper's** team grabbed fifth in B.

Stephanie Singer claimed fourth in the C strat in the Saturday Morning Open Pairs, and in the afternoon Swiss, she teamed with Bill Cubley & Prakash and landed in fourth place in strat B. Downstairs Cynthia & Arnold George were having a great time in the Afternoon 199er Pairs, ending up as third overall and second in the E and F strats.

Begun on Saturday, a full Knockout Teams event ended on Sunday, and Rajan & Richard's team tied for third in bracket 1. Darlene Mayhew & Norma Bozzini were sixth in B in the Open Pairs, and Stephanie won the Sunday Morning side game (Sam was sixth in A, fifth in B, and second in C in the same event). Richard & Rajan were at it again in the Afternoon Swiss, garnering fourth in strat A with their teammates; And Arnold & Cynthia tied for sixth in D in the Sunday Afternoon 199er Pairs, as well as coming in third in strat E and second in F.

Monday was wind-up Swiss teams day, and South County went out with a bang! Steve Chen's team placed second overall in the A/X flight; Andrew Gumperz tied for 14th in A, Bin Liang was 7th in X, and Steve Castellino 8th in X. In the B/C/D flight, Darrell Fung & Charlie Conrad's team was ninth in strat B, and Carol Ackerman did well in the two sessions of the 199er Swiss: second in E and F in the morning, and fourth in E in the afternoon.



Unit 500 Easybridge Clubs

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Fremont Easybridge Club

Tuesday Evenings

Intermediate Lesson: 5:45–6:15 p.m.

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

Penthouse, 3rd Floor, Merrill Gardens of Fremont

2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Pkwy.

Fremont 94536

Hayward Easybridge Club

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

Thursday Afternoons

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

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

Southgate Community Center

26780 Chiplay Avenue

Hayward 94545

Last month we welcomed **Lori Fields** to our Tuesday evening game in Fremont. She's playing with **Mary Kelley** while Mary's regular partner, **Joan Mullen**, is recovering from hip surgery. We're looking forward to both Joan's return and Lori's becoming one of our regulars.

In August we'll conclude our participation in ACBL's 2010–2011 North American Pairs club-level qualifying games, with games in Fremont on the 10th and the 31st and in Hayward on the 12th and the 26th. These games offer you the opportunity to win lots of masterpoints, including red points, and to qualify for higher levels of the NAP. August is also the month for the Western Conference's summer Sectional Tournament at Clubs, the Summer Fun STaC III. These games give you the chance to win silver masterpoints (usually awarded only at sectional tournaments) while playing in the convenience, comfort, and familiar surroundings of your own club. We'll be holding silver STaC games on August 17th in Fremont and August 19th in Hayward. There's an extra charge for these special games: \$1 for the NAP games, and \$1.50 for the STaC games.

We've held several special games since our last report, including games for the 2010–2011 North American Pairs competition. On Tuesday evening, June 29th in Fremont, **Dug Howd & Brenda Metz** came in first overall, barely edging out **Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos**. Two weeks later it was **Cynthia & Arnold George's** turn, capturing first overall with a 59% game. In Hayward we participated in the ACBL Interclub Championship game on July 22nd; **Michael Rose & newcomer Steven Soso** represented both themselves and our club well, placing fifth in the C strat in the ACBL-wide competition. (This, by the way, was Michael's third time to place nationally in ICCGs over the past three years.)

Our top masterpoint winners during this reporting period were **Arnold & Cynthia George** (in Fremont) and **Jean Wood** (in Hayward). Jean'll receive a free play at a Hayward game of her choice, and the Georges half a free game each in Fremont.

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>

August is a month of many things, beginning with South County's annual Hot August Sectional tournament. You'll find information about it in several places in this issue of *Table Talk*, and to promote the event even more, the Tri-City club will be closed on the Saturday of the tournament, the 7th.

August is also the month of the Western Conference's Summer Fun Sectional Tournament at Clubs. We're participating in the fun with a STaC game on the 21st, complete with preduplicated boards and hand records after the game, all for only \$1.50 plus our regular table fees.

And August is the last month for qualifying in ACBL's North American Pairs competition. We'll hold our final one on August 28th, and it'll cost you only an extra buck. (If you've gotten this issue of *Table Talk* extra fast, maybe you'd like to make our NAP game on Saturday, July 31st as well.)

In July we hosted another South County Unit Championship game, for which we had a swell turnout. **Pat Leary & Jean Barry** were first overall, and **Glenn Boyce & Kathy von Dohre** were first in strat B. In last month's NAP games, newcomer **Gloria Uhl** partnered with the playing director and came in first overall.

Our top masterpoint winner for the last reporting period was the aforementioned **Pat Leary**. For this she'll receive a free play in a game of her 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.

Terry Terzian
and Oceano Hotel & Spa
-present-



*Half Moon Bay
Bridge
Spectacular!*



Come and join us for three exciting days in picturesque Half Moon Bay! We'll spruce up our bridge games with lessons from Terry and enjoy a couple of friendly sanctioned duplicate games. We'll stay at the beautiful and newly-constructed Oceano Hotel and Spa, little more than a stone's throw from the Pacific Ocean.

We hope you'll join us for some pleasant company, wonderful accommodations,
And, of course, fun bridge!

October 13-15, 2010

Please pick up a brochure at one of Terry's games
for complete details!

Special STaC Game

If sufficient advance sign ups are received there will be a STaC game August 20 at 11AM at RBC.
Separate open and NLM sections, attendance warranting
Sign up at one of Terry's Games!

Casper's Hot Dogs Picnic Game

August 23 will be the annual Casper's Hot Dog game at RBC. Bring a dish to share. Eating will commence at 11:45.



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

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