



Short ♣ News

**Santa Clara Valley Fall Back Sectional
San Jose Masonic Lodge**

Fri-Sun 10/27-29: **All games closed**

Unit Games

Unit NAP Qualifier: Sunday 9/17 12 Noon **Regional Rated**

Wednesay Morning: Birthday Game 10/4 11 AM
Club Appreciation Club Championship Game Extra points ,
no extra charge 10/18 11 AM

Wednesday Late at Oakwood: Birthday Game 10/4
7:30PM

Friday Morning: 10/27 11 AM **OPEN**

Saturday Evening: Game Time 7:00 PM through May
Club Championship 9/16 7 PM

**Teams, if possible, all even numbered days
Always Hand Records**

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Prez Sez by Dan Turkus

Hope you all had a great Tournament at the Convention Center last week. I heard something at the tournament, that I feel is worth repeating, and should be of value to everyone, no matter how many points you have. We were playing Swiss teams, and our last match was against Panette Talia and Hammish Bennett. Hammish made a bid, won the contract, and remarked to Panette after the bidding was over, "I didn't know what to do with this hand, took a view and made the bid." Was I ever glad to hear that, as it seems like I have that problem at least once every session and often times more, but when you hear it from someone who has way more than 15,000 points, it leaves me with hope. By the way Hammish did make the contract, and his team came out 1st overall in the event.

Remember the NAP Club play offs are this Sunday the 17th. We will be only taking the first 34 pairs that show up, so arrive early!

Remember our Sectional is the last weekend of October, not September, so get your partners together now, or later. It's up to you!

Another thing I learned at the tournament is to count your cards. If the hand passes out, and then someone finds a missing card, which would have made your hand an opener, too bad. The hand will be scored as a pass out/

That's it for this month, so I'll see ya at the tables.

The Santa Clara Valley Sectional Means FOOD! by Tania Reyes

Once again, our San Jose Sectional is almost upon us and I'm requesting any type of food donations. It seems like our group is not too fickle about the contents as long as we have goodies that contain some type of chocolate or nuts. Deviled eggs are gone before I even set the tray down. I'm really trying to concentrate on also providing more of a healthy variety of nibbles. So any type of cut up fruits such as apples, or perhaps grapes always go over very big. Veggies including carrots and celery are great. And even cold cuts and cheese would be willingly consumed by all. If anyone should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 408-891-0637.

Yokel Bidding Review Classes Monday Mornings 10/9 & 16

Bidding Review
Taught by Lynn Yokel
Monday mornings, October 9 and 16
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
San Jose Bridge Club
Contact Lynn for information at lynnyokel@comcast.net

Late August – Early September Winners

Sunday 5:20 PM San Jose Bridge Center (SJBC)

8/13	Nancy Cadwell - Margaret Becker A Eileen Kotecki - H Lyle Supp B Manju & Raghu Agarwal A/B Vicky Xu - Nathalie Guiragossian C
8/20	Bob Martin - Faye Parsons A John Prior - Joe Chui A Louise Faulkner - Lynne Johnson B/C
8/27	Team 8 (Prior, Chui, Lundquist, Smadi) A
9/10	Bruce Scott - Barbara Mash A/B Ben & Fia Bosklopper A/B Linda Rallis - Sheri Archer C Mary Harvel - Randy Rice C

Monday 11:00 AM SJBC

8/14	Bill Yetter - Mary Touris A Dolores & Jack Clinch A Y.E. Chen - Samuel Shat B
8/21	Ted Richmond - W Riester Jr A Bert Hsu - Y.E. Chen B Robert Ritz - Kit Humphrey A Josephine Cooley - Harriet Rounds B
8/28	Mei Wu - Edward Barlow A Ted Richmond - W Riester Jr A Art Fonda - Josephine Cooley B Maxine & Ray Lubow B/C Bev Rennie - Coline Maclean C

Monday 7:30 PM SJBC

8/14	Alan Becker - Mich Ravera
8/21	Shirley Foreman - Rekha Nirula
8/28	Arti Galicki - P.I. Reysner

Tuesday 10:30 AM SJBC

8/15	Lynn Yokel - Diane Shannon A Kathleen Keener - Carole Dietz A Mary Touris - Jean Power B Paul Nelson - Josephine Cooley B
8/22	Team 1 (Clinch, Clinch, Ritz, Goodgold) A/B
9/5	Derek Fiero - Richard Sarsfield A/B Norma Black - Consorcia/Ching Ravelo A Y.E. Chen - Samuel Shat B Cassandra Leung - Paul Lee C

Tuesday 7:30 PM SJBC

8/15	Eugene Hung - Li-Chung Chen A/B Norman Marks - Dan Turkus A/B Kenneth Yip - Andy Andrews C Jennifer & Belinda Gu C
8/22	Team 11 (Farhi, Humphrey, Mandala, Inn) A
9/5	Patricia Hannah - Read Kitson A/B Laura Walters - Peggy Sprague C

Wednesday 11:00 AM SJBC

8/16	Joan Simpson - Dan Hoffman A Mack Johansen - John Bugna A/B/C Victor Rivkin - Malcolm Stewart A/B Bob Ward - John Newman B Fran & Michael Rappaport C
8/23	Norma Black - Timothy White A/B Linda & Robert(Chris) Caren A Mark Pensler - R-Murty Ponnappalli A/B/C Mack Johansen - Donald Stone B/C Susan Lee - Audrey Mitchell A Peggy Chen - Molly Kaufman B/C
9/6	Barbara & John Lekashman A/B 67.86% Alan Becker - Dan Turkus A 67.00% Jan Kiernan - Patricia Yelvington A/B/C 66.37% Peggy Chen - Molly Kaufman A/B/C Jack Clinch - Sidney Safir B Louise Faulkner - Lynne Johnson C

Wednesday 7:00 PM SJBC

8/16	Kit Humphrey - Bruce Luttrell A Robert Madalena - Mike Roney A Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey - Kathleen Keener B Boris Ginzburg - Victor Rivkin B
8/23	Team 1 (Fisher, Dietz, Schoenbrun, Madalena) A/B
9/6	Marolyn Imaoka-Yancey - David Gambelin A/B

Wednesday 7:30 PM Oakwood

8/16	Bill Yetter - David Gambelin A Kamen Nedelichev - Chris Lazarovici A/B/C Elaine Elkin - Ted Finlayson B Joel Koransky - Ken Rosenfeld C
8/23	Steve Bosma - Bill Yetter A 68.63% Lori Wortley - Lynn Yokel A Elaine Elkin - Ted Finlayson B
9/6	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Rekha Nirula - Gabriele Pani A/B Laura Walters - Lorraine Rodich B/C

Thursday 10:30 AM SJBC

8/17	Patricia Hannah - N Hatfield A Susan Lee - Audrey Mitchell A Kathleen Keener - Art Fonda B
8/24	Team 3 (Nemiro, Bennett, Dickman, Shannon) A
9/7	Kit Humphrey - Robert Ritz A 66.37% Y.E. Chen - Chi Yung Lin B Olive Tangney - Jean Power A Kathleen Keener - Josephine Cooley B

Thursday 7:00 PM SJBC

8/17	David Sisson - Mich Ravera A/B/C Amar' & Susama Chunder A/B/C
8/24	Team 2 (Reyes, Mcintosh, Beardsley, Luttrell) A
9/7	Leon W. Lee - Joe Chui A Alan Malloy - Wendy Fotland B/C P8844230 Gordan Ellen - Sidney Gordan A/B/C

Friday 11:00 AM SJBC

8/11	Cheryl Mandala - Lynn Shannon 65.77% Marilyn Cox - Linda Rallis
8/18	Albert Lyew - Henry Zoellner Timothy White - Sabina Siem
8/25	Maky Johnson - Neeru Mehra Jewel Schimke - Albert Lyew
9/8	Julie Joyce - Bernard Hoyt Joan Bower - M O'Leary

Friday 7:00 PM SJBC

8/11	Ed Chen - H Lyle Supp A Norman Marks - Karie Willyerd A Armen Zelenko - Mihran Dars B/C Mary Harvel - Randy Rice B
8/18	Manju & Raghu Agarwal A/B 70.20% Norman Marks - Karie Willyerd A Michael Bodell - Karen Paffendorf B/C
8/25	Team 1 (Malloy, Dekker, Epler, Anding) A/B
9/8	Ed Chen - David Sisson A/B/C Norman Marks - Karie Willyerd A Fia Bosklopper - Maralyn Smith B

Saturday 12:45 PM SJBC

8/12	Carol & Mark Maggipinto Linda Rallis - Marilyn Cox
8/19	Gabriella Bowling - Raja Smadi 65.13% John & Robert Newman
8/26	John & Robert Newman
9/9	Alan Malloy - Linda Rallis

Saturday 7:00 PM SJBC

8/12	Ed Chen - Linda Rallis
8/19	Joel Koransky - Ken Rosenfeld +2.24 IMP/B Karen Paffendorf - Michael Bodell
8/26	Team 5 (Reyes, Beardsley, Verson, Cheng) A
9/9	Rita Tingley - Bernard Bertonis

Unit STaC Swiss Sunday 8/27

Team 6 (Reyes, Verson, Brown, Luttrell) A

Top Ten Games August 11- Sept 10

1	70.20% Manju & Raghu Agarwal	8/18 Eve
2	68.63% Steve Bosma - Bill Yetter	8/23 Late
3	67.86% Barbara & John Lekashman	9/6 AM
4	67.00% Alan Becker - Dan Turkus	9/6 AM
5	66.37% Jan Kiernan - Patricia Yelvington Tie Kit Humphrey - Robert Ritz	9/6 AM 9/7 AM
7	65.77% Cheryl Mandala - Lynn Shannon	8/11 AM
8	65.18% Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher	8/23 Late
9	65.13% Gabriella Bowling - Raja Smadi	8/19 PM
10	65.00% Alan Becker - Mich Ravera	8/14 Eve



Idioter's Corner

I heard that a heavyweight boxer was once asked "Is it true that the bigger they come, the harder they fall?" to which the boxer responded, "If you really want to know the truth, the bigger they come, the harder they hit!"

I want to thank Tania Reyes for her contribution this month. Let's show the rest of the Bridge world what we are made of (or at least what we will be made of after we eat it).

I worked the partnership desk at the Santa Clara Regional. On the first day of the tournament, I had no partner scheduled, so I made my self available as a partner while working the desk. Of course, the partner with whom I hooked up and I took the only section top that I was to earn in the tournament.

The tournament also reminded me that a number of tendencies should be disclosed on your convention card, even if they don't require an alert.

For instance, the ACBL considers it "normal" to open a weak 2 with a 5-card suit and doesn't even require any alert for it. However, disclosing this tendency in the "Opening 2-level bids" section of your convention card along with what sort of strength you are expected to hold and whether you might have outside suit length may keep you out of a lot of trouble! It did in my case.

On the other hand, looking at tendencies that are disclosed on the convention card, but do not require an alert may improve your knowledge of how your opponents play the game.

The particular situation also brought up the fact that, in tournaments, you are expected to look at you opponents' convention cards. The alert procedure discloses highly unexpected and artificial bids in potentially contestable auctions, but not high level bids and certainly not specific treatments of natural bids unless the expected strength is way out of line with what might be expected. You aren't expected to alert your 2♠ bid in 1♠-(2♠)-2♠, for instance, just because you play it as 8-11 and the "standard" is 6-9.

I even had one highly respected national tournament director tell me that, technically, a semi-constructive 2♦ opener that shows 8-14 HCP and at least 5 diamonds does not require an alert, but should be described properly on your convention card. You see, any opening bid that might be made with less than an average strength hand (that's 9 HCP or less) is considered weak and any 2-level opening bid that promises at least 5 cards is considered natural, so a semi-constructive 2♦ opener is "natural and weak" and that is considered to be the "expected" meaning of the bid under the alert chart!

The important thing to keep in mind is that the alert procedure specifically says that you must alert certain bids and not others, but the rules specifically do not say "Opponents must alert any bid that I wouldn't make." The alert regulations about 1^{NT} overcalls, for instance, describe the expected shape and strength, but don't say anything about stops in suits bid by opponents. So, if you make a 1^{NT} overcall with a small doubleton in the suit that my partner opened and your partner raises you to 3^{NT}, if you don't cry when we run seven tricks in our suit, I won't cry when my partner fails to lead it and you make four. That's Bridge, my friend!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September						
17 Unit NAP Qualifier 12 Noon and TBA	18 Bill's Open Stratified Game with Hand Records: 11AM Al's Game: 7:30PM Al's Lesson: 7:10PM Al's 0-800 Handicapped Game: 7:30PM	19 Carole & Judy's Open Stratified Game with Hand Record: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3 PM Lynn's Stratified Open Pairs Game with Hand Records: 7:30PM	20 Bernie's Lesson 10:30AM Rita & Bernie's Stratified 299er & Stratified Open Game w/separate sections and hand records: 11AM Will's Super chart Game with Hand Records: 7PM Bill's Open Stratified Game with Hand Records @ Oakwood: 7:30PM	21 Lynn's Stratified Open Pairs Game with Hand Records: 10:30 AM Shuffle&Deal: 3 PM Faye's Stratified Open Pairs Game NAP Qualifier 7PM	22 Al's 0-1500 Handicapped Game 11AM Carole's and George's Lesson 6:30 PM Carole's and George's NLM Game with Hand Records: 7PM	23 Al's 0-1500 Handicapped Game 12:45PM Judy's Lesson 5PM Mich's IMP Open Handicapped Game w/ Hand Records: 7PM
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Unit 507 Club Games

Day	Time	Game Type	Photo	Directors	Phone (408)
Sunday	5:20 pm	0-499 Stratified (Lesson: 5:00 pm) Monthly Potluck: 4:30 pm		Faye Parsons	378-4719
Monday	11:00 am	Open Stratified Hand records		Bill Traver	379-4490
Monday	7:30 pm	0-800 Handicapped (Lesson: 7:10 pm)		Al Becker	252-1426
Tuesday	10:30 am	Open Stratified Hand Records		Judy Fisher / Carole Dietz	395-0032 / 395-6360
Tuesday	3:00 pm	Lesson and Supervised Play		Lynn Yokel / Carole Dietz	374-4669 / 395-6360
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Open Stratified Hand Records		Lynn Yokel	374-4669
Wednesday	11:00 am	Two Sections: Open and 0-299 Stratified Hand Records (Lesson 10:30 am)		Rita Tingley / Bernie Bertonis	261-0268
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Open Stratified Hand Records At Oakwood		Bill Traver	379-4490
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Open Stratified Hand Records Super Chart		Will Watson	(650)610-0225
Thursday	10:30 am	Open Hand Records		Lynn Yokel	374-4669
Thursday	3:00 pm	Shuffle and Deal		Judy Clark	296-4067
Thursday	7:00 pm	Open Stratified	See Sunday	Faye Parsons	378-4719
Friday	11:00 am	0-1500 Handicapped (Review: 2:30 pm)	See Monday	Al Becker	252-1426
Friday	7:00 pm	0-300 Stratified (Lesson: 6:30pm) One "Teacher Lifeline" Hand Records		George Pledger / Carole Dietz	249-2674 / 395-6360
Saturday	12:45 pm	0-1500 Handicapped	See Monday	Al Becker	252-1426
Saturday	7:00 pm (7:30 pm summer)	Open Handicapped Mid-Chart IMP / Teams Hand Records		Mich Ravera	432-1020

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