



Short ♣ News

- Section Tournament at Clubs (STaC) Mon-Sun 8/20-26**
Most Games Sectional Rated
Check Monday, Friday, and Saturday Late Zips
- Santa Clara Regional Tue-Mon 8/28-9/3**
Most Club Games **CLOSED**
- Unit Holiday Party Sun 11/18**
Campbell Community Center
Set up: 4:30PM Food: 5PM Game approx: 5:30PM

NAP Qualifier: Sunday Twilight 8/19 5:30PM
Tournament Team Tune Up: Mon Eve 8/27 7PM
Swiss Teams Tue 9/11 10:30AM also 9/25
Saturday Evening Game Time: 6:36PM Stays thru Summer

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Unit 507 Welcomes You

Unit 507 would like to extend our welcome to new members Darren Chin, Yaron David, Hsuan Hsieh, and Wei-Cheng Kuo. We also want to welcome Lillian Graziano and Lily Meijer to California and thank Pat Kraut and Joel Reimnitz for joining us in the Silicon Valley. A welcome communication and a free play should find its way to all of you shortly.

Prez Sez

by Ray Yuenger

There isn't much to report on the activities of the Unit 507 board. We did choose Sunday, November 18, as the date for our holiday party. At our August meeting we put new board member Bob Dean right to work trying to locate a site for our spring sectional on March 16 and 17, 2019. Unfortunately, our usual site at West Valley College has already scheduled a different activity for that weekend, which is the weekend allotted for our sectional by District 21. The spring sectional schedule for District 21 is otherwise so filled that only Mother's Day and Easter are available, weekends we would prefer to avoid.

Bob is also part of a website design committee. I've been asking for years for a unit member with expertise to help redesign sjbridge.org. We may have to hire a professional if the price is right. You may have noticed that Unit 503 has recently revamped its website. Ours has been overdue for years. As webmaster, I've learned how to post new information on the site, but I have no coding expertise.

The board is also considering installing a large computer monitor on the wall over the new cabinets. A monitor could be used to display the final results of a game, so that people wouldn't need to crowd around and share two printouts. A monitor could also display a clock counting down the time in rounds. A monitor could even be used to display all the Unit's Life Masters, now displayed on four separate plaques on the Bridge Center wall. Before purchasing a large monitor, however, we'd like to test a monitor on the desktop of the directors to see how easy it would be for directors to display timers and results on a second monitor. If anyone has a spare monitor to donate to the club, it'll be put to use.

Some board members are also cleaning the club's chairs, tightening the screws, and throwing out chairs that are irreparable. We acquired the chairs in 2010, and they've held up pretty well under almost daily use.

The board has unfortunately heard some recent complaints of players switching clubs after encountering rudeness at our club. As I've said before, if you enjoy the game, you need opponents as well as partners, so it will benefit you to be kind to them.

The club will need more directors eventually, so if you have an interest, let me or Judy Fisher know, and one of us can explain the process.

The board had an extensive discussion about desirable contents for a license for teachers and others to use the Bridge Center when there is no game. It will facilitate future transactions to have a written template. I hope we have one approved at our next meeting in September.

Don't forget, in the upcoming week you can earn silver points by playing at the club.

Judy Fisher Clases at the SJBC

New classes Monday begin October 1.

The theme of the classes is "Improving Bridge Skills".

Contact Judy Fisher at judy@normanfisher.com or 408-395-0032 for details.

Late July - Early August Results

Monday Morning SJBC 10:30AM	
7/16	Mansoor Gowani - Nishat Chishti A/B 65.80% Jack Clinch - Karen Rice A/B Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman C
7/23	Anthony Trigg - Barbara Weber A/B Ted Richmond - William Riester Jr A Laura Walters - Fern Herman B Robert Allen - Andy Scott C Amar & Susama Chunder C
7/30	Robert Ritz - Stuart Goodgold A Donald Baze - Ted Ujifusa B/C Malcolm Mclaughlin - Merle Orelove A Pangjie Xu - Winston Huang B/C
8/6	Stuart Goodgold - Robert Ritz A Judy Kaplan - Margaret Becker A/B/C Sona & Ramesh Bhambhra B
Monday Evening SJBC 7PM	
7/23	Rajeev Jog - Vilas Namjoshi A/B/C
Tuesday Morning SJBC 10:30AM	
7/17	Kathleen Keener - Paul Lee A Mary Thomas - Mary Lehner A/B/C E. Margherone - Laddie Petrucha B/C
7/24	Team 1 (Hannah, Goodgold, Nelson, Sprague) A Team 2 (Ahern, Bossange, Wyman, Levitan) B/C Ruth Long - Daniel Hoffman D/E Rochelle Alhadeff - Francine Effren F
7/31	Paul Lee - Vera Huelbig A Karen Rice - Wendy Dewell A Judy Reeve - Jackie Hiatt B Don Moran - Daniel Hoffman B/C Barbara Grams - Brien Wilson C
8/7	Minette Diamond - Brien Wilson A/B Patricia Hannah - Paul Nelson A Laddie Petrucha - E. Margherone B/C Mary Lehner - Mary Thomas C
Tuesday Evening SJBC 7:30PM	
7/17	Paul Lee - Dee Ann Hansen A/B 66.50% Judy Fisher - Michael Hughes A Rick Giusti - Vilas Namjoshi B
7/24	Ronald Baron - Ken Rosenfeld A Susan Dietz - George Schlinkert X
7/31	Team 4 (Fisher, Nelson) A
8/7	Bud Biswas - Peggy Sprague A Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi A/B/C

Wednesday Morning SJBC 11AM	
7/11	Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A Brenna Wundram - Laurie Faulkner B Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman A/B Jeff Weaver - Gerald Hewitt Jr D/E/F Mike Wyman - Brenda Hatton D Judy Reeve - Monica Bacon-Proctor E
7/18	Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman A/B Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A Dan Turkus - Paul Lee B Ferial Hurst - Matt Rode C Frank & Barbara Tiernan C Joanne Quermann - Sandra Bonnet D/E Joyce Holleman - Susan Maki C/D/E
7/25	George Welch - Susan Dietz A/B/C 66.90% Pat Wong - Robert Allen A/B/C Gerald Hewitt Jr - Jeff Weaver D/E Gary Effren - Barry Alhadeff F
8/1	Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A Margaret Becker - Judy Kaplan A/B/C Judy Reeve - Jackie Hiatt B Joyce Holleman - Susan Maki C Tom Morse - Henry Wen D/E 67.83% Dianne Clark - Gay Roper D/E/F Kathy Vita - Ellen Railton F
8/8	Chris & Matt Moore A 66.90% Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman A/B Barbara Dahl - Karen Rice B Joyce Holleman - Susan Maki C Sumi Minami - Marie Chong C/D 73.75% Joanne Cornbleet - Linda Kenigsberg C/D Joyce Holleman - Susan Maki E
Wednesday Evening SJBC 7:15PM	
7/11	Hadi Eslambolchi - Ronald Baron A/B Rohit & Shalini Dubey C
7/18	Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher A 71.50% Mansoor Gowani - Nishat Chishti A/B Ken Imboden - Lynn Bartz B/C E. Margherone - Laddie Petrucha C
7/25	Melinda Foos - Peggy Sprague A 67.00% Daniel Rappaport - Matt Moore X Rochelle Alhadeff - Francine Effren Y
8/1	Dan Turkus - Joseph Chui A Matt Moore - Daniel Rappaport B/C
8/8	Lynn Yokel - Jack Verson A Preston Kauk - Vilas Namjoshi A/B Dan Turkus - Joseph Chui B Mary Lehner - Mary Thomas C Laddie Petrucha - E. Margherone C

Thursday Morning SJBC 10:30AM	
7/12	Dan Turkus - Sunny Chiu A/B Jeffrey Hack - Maxine Lubow A/B Jory Segal - Robert Allen C
7/19	Carole Dietz - Judy Fisher A Laurie Faulkner - Irene Hashfield A/B Barbara & George Roupe B/C Ferial Hurst - Matt Rode C
7/26	Don Nemiro - Frances Dickman A 67.08% Betty Rosa - Barbara Dahl A/B Kathleen Keener - Irene Shibuya B
8/2	Paul Nelson - Amar Chunder A Betty Rosa - Barbara Dahl B Jack Verson - Marshall Yancey A Joyce Holleman - Susan Maki C Kathy Vita - Ellen Railton B/C
8/9	Robert Ritz - Paul Nelson A 71.43% Y.E. Chen - Malcolm Stewart B Patricia Hannah - Kathleen Keener A/B Pamela Meckenstock - Jean Myers C
Friday Morning SJBC 11:00AM	
7/13	Robert Ritz - Malcolm Mclaughlin A Fung Bao - Gladys Fong B Tony Glynne - Dawn Black A Miwako Wong - Hisae Izushima B Pat Wong - Diane Weissman C
7/20	Bruce Scott - Raja Smadi A Michael Hu - Tsao-Tung Kevin Tsai A/B Bill Yetter - Richard Parsons B Jackie Hiatt - Susan Ritz C Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi C
7/27	Marilyn Ribardo - Sumi Minami A/B/C Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield A/B Jory Segal - Mary Steele C
8/3	Diane Shannon - Malcolm Mclaughlin A 65.71% Miwako Wong - Dee Ann Hansen A/B June L Scott - Marilyn Ribardo C Irene Hashfield - Roger Joseph B/C
8/10	Steve Burnham - Anne Boboricken A Preston Kauk - Paul Nelson A/B Jory Segal - Roger Joseph C Miwako Wong - Dee Ann Hansen B Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman C
Friday Evening SJBC 7PM	
7/13	Barbara & Bruce Luttrell A Loreta Flynn - Bill Shuff X
7/20	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Jory Segal - Daniel Claassen A/B/C Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi B/C
7/27	Marcia & Robert Dean A Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Ronald Baron - Preston Kauk B Amar & Susama Chunder C
8/3	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Kathy Vita - Ellen Railton X/Y
8/10	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Larry & Kathy Wagner B Pamela Meckenstock - Jean Myers C

Saturday Evening SJBC 6:36PM (7:07PM Summer)	
7/21	Team 2 (Wang, Liu)
7/28	Team 3 (Hong, Meikle) 3.33 IMP/Bd
8/4	Team 3 (Fleisher, Hong)
Sunday Twilight SJBC 5:30PM	
7/15	Yang Hui Wen - Tao Wei Hong A/B/C 65.71%
7/22	Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi A/B/C 70.83%
7/29	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A 65.77% Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A Pangjie Xu - Winston Huang B/C David Sisson - Michael Angelo Ravera B
8/5	Raymond Yuenger - Panette Talia A Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi A/B/C Mike Wyman - Sandra Erickson B/C

Unit 507 Board and Officers

Ray Yuenger	President & Forum Columnist
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Lynn Bartz	Education Liaison
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Promotions and Titles

JUNIOR MASTER	Sandra Bonnet Howard Levitan
CLUB MASTER	Jim Blum Dianne Clark
NABC MASTER	Jung Hu
LIFE MASTER	Olivier Chapelle
BRONZE LIFE MASTER	Colin Hemsley
GOLD LIFE MASTER	Marcia Dean

Top 10 Games July 11 – August 10

1	73.75%	Sumi Minami - Marie Chong	8/8 AM
2	71.50%	Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher	7/18 Eve
3	71.43%	Robert Ritz - Paul Nelson	8/9 AM
4	70.83%	Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi	7/22 PM
5	3.33IMP/Bd	Team 3 (Hong, Meikle)	7/28 Eve
6	67.83%	Tom Morse - Henry Wen	8/1 AM
7	67.08%	Don Nemiro - Frances Dickman	7/26 AM
8	67.00%	Melinda Foos - Peggy Sprague	7/25 Eve
9	66.90%	Chris & Matt Moore	8/8 AM
Tie	66.90%	George Welch - Susan Dietz	7/25 AM

Idioter's Corner by Mich Ravera

Mohandas Ghandi is rumored to have said "An eye for an eye and we will all go blind." That said, sometimes things need to be stopped before they get out of hand.

Ray wrote elsewhere in these pages that rudeness has caused us to lose some players. I found this as a common thing in the Sectional in which I just played also. So, it isn't just us, but it must stop with us. We have the power to stop it. Stop the habit in beginners before they get accustomed to it. Break the habit in Lifetimers.

It is hard to express a tone in a written piece even with the International Phonetic Alphabet, but it becomes much easier not to be accused of gloating or moaning, if you will state the board result as "Two clubs doubled in the East, Down One" instead of "Two clubs in the East, Down One Doubled!". Too many players will make a noise at the end of the word "Doubled" that causes opponents to think that they are gloating. Gloating is illegal. Don't do it and don't tolerate it.

So, whenever possible, leave those opponents with two bottoms and two smiles. Make them happy to have contributed to your victory and not feel like the victims of injustice for having been your opponents. Good help is hard to find!

The Big Four by Mich Ravera

So, despite your best efforts to schedule your games at the Regional, you managed to end up at the Partnership Desk. The alternative was either a day back at work for which you had to promise your entire future with the company in order to get it off, or lunch with your spouse's crazy cousin for whom you have openly declared your contempt and whom your spouse told that you would "have to work" in order to get you out of it.

The Partnership Desk Crew has managed to find you a partner with whom you have never previously played, but you have heard is a "good player for their ranking." So, off you go to discuss your convention card. You haven't much time, and, thankfully, your partner purports to play the same system as you do and, as you are well advised in such instances, suggests that we "keep it simple". Fair enough.

But, there are several items on the convention card that **must** be discussed in order to avoid a disaster.

The first among these is "**Jump Shifts not in Competition**". Everyone thinks that whatever they were taught for these bids is standard. Almost no one actually plays "almost slam forcing values" for these bids, which is the "standard" meaning. Some play these bids as extremely weak preempts (like no more than 4 HCP and never an ace). Some play these as just a bit stronger, some as invitational, some as game forcing, some as "I am in charge, but forcing", some as slam curious. I have my preferences, but I could reasonably agree to play **any** of these. I think that "slam curious" is standard. I would prefer that they just be "game forcing". But, do you see that, without discussion, you are likely to get to the 5-level on a combined 15 HCP (or worse when your 5♣ answer is interpreted as "all four aces" because you just can't possibly have "none" when you promised 17+HCP).

Do you also see that, with the "very weak" interpretation, which is probably the second most common agreement, you are likely to get dropped at the 2-level when you have a cold










slam, when you made what you believe to be a slam curious (and certainly forcing) bid? I could make all kinds of arguments as to why very weak jump shifts are silly. I could make some arguments as to why they are good. I could likewise make an argument that "17+ never comes up". Fine! The partnership desk isn't a good place for these arguments. But, it is a good place to make an **agreement** about this. I may not like our choice, but we will have a much better game, if we neither play slams with 15 combined points nor play our cold slams at the 2-level. It just takes about 8 seconds to make an agreement about this. Let's make one!

I regularly play 3 different **Defenses to 1NT** with the same partner depending upon position and strength. But, at the partnership desk, we probably have to cut this down to just one or two. I have written at other times in these pages how "natural over weak" has its issues without additional discussion. I can agree to anything that has a strength-showing double against weak 1NT. Nothing is perfect, but whatever we agree will be fine. However, agreeing to a 1NT defense is actually at least 5 agreements. We may need to make them quickly. Now probably isn't the time for you to try teach me "Antares" or for me to try to teach you "Beta-Gap 12" despite the clear superiority of the latter. If you have to agree on something quick, "**Double** for strength / 2♣ for shape ('takeout') / otherwise natural" might get the job done. Apart from "natural", which has its own problems (including the lack of explicit agreement about **Double**), there isn't even a hint of "standard" here. You **must** make an agreement.

As clear as "**Double for zero / Pass for one**" may seem to you, it isn't clear what you mean when we play Roman Key Card or 1430. Does **Double** really mean "zero" or does it just mean whatever 5♣ would have meant, if opponents hadn't bid? If **Double** really means "zero", what do we do when we have more of the important cards? Do we collapse the "2 no Q" and "2+Q" into the cheapest bid and make 3 the next bid or do we use up two bids to distinguish the various possibilities that arise when we have two of the cards? Also, does this same agreement also apply in situations when opponents overcall our strong forcing opening bid? And what does the 2♥ bid mean anyway? A little discussion here can turn an "Oh No!" into an "Okay!"

If you look at the current ACBL Convention Card, you will see that the **3-level suit bids over our own 1NT** opener have nothing but 4 blank lines. Apart from 3♣ which often is an exception (some kind of Stayman or a transfer to diamonds), there are three competing uses of these bids, none of which is ubiquitous. "Natural and Invitational", "Short Suit Forcing", and "5/5s" are all pretty common. Of course, you will have great luck, if whatever agreement you make about these bids actually arises, but an agreement will certainly avert a disaster, if it actually does arise. All of these agreements have merit. All are relatively equally common. Everyone who plays them thinks that what they play is standard. They almost all require an alert. That ought to tell you something right there! Nope! They all require agreement. So, make one!

If you have time, there are plenty of agreements and discussions that you should have and should take the time to discuss. But, these four (and you could probably think of others) should be discussed with every first-time partner, even, if you don't think that you have time for it.

Unit 507 Club Games					
Day	Time	Game Type	Photo	Directors	Phone (408)
Monday	10:30 am	Open Stratified Hand records		Carole Dietz	395-6360
Monday	7:00 pm	Open Stratified MidChart Hand Records Lifelines Lesson 6:30PM		Mich Ravera	432-1020 / 510-410-0371
Tuesday	10:30 am	Open Stratified Hand Records		Judy Fisher	395-0032
Tuesday	3:00 pm	Lesson and Supervised Play			
Tuesday	07:00:00 PM	Open Stratified Hand Records		Lynn Yokel	499-2011
Wednesday	11:00 am	Two Sections: Open and 0- 299 Stratified Hand Records (Lesson 10:30 am)			
Wednesday	07:00:00 PM	Open Stratified Hand Records			
Thursday	10:30 am	Open Stratified Hand Records		Mary Steele	202-0419
Thursday	3:00 pm	Shuffle and Deal			
Friday	11:00 am	Open Stratified Hand Records "Points Schoints"		Gabi Bowling	650-619-0555
Friday	7:00 pm	Open Stratified Hand Records		Mary Steele / Doug Hong	202-0419 / 209-4381
Saturday	6:36 PM	Open Handicapped Mid-Chart IMP / Teams Hand Records Lesson 6:15PM"		Mich Ravera	432-1020 / 510-410-0371
Sunday	5:30 pm	Open Stratified Hand Records		Doug Hong	209-4381

All games are held at the NEW San Jose Bridge Center (408-871-1232), located at 1090 South Bascom Ave, Unit 105, San Jose, CA

All games allow methods and systems permitted by the ACBL General Convention Chart. Those games identified as "Mid-Chart" or "Super Chart" also permit methods authorized by those charts with proper disclosure. Check club postings, visit our web site at <http://www.SJBridge.org> or call for the exact dates and times of the Special Unit games. Games are often reduced, relaxed, or cancelled during local tournaments.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August Bridge Calendar						
19 NAP Qualifier: 5:30PM	20 Carole's Open Stratified Game with Hand Records: 10:30AM Mich's Open Game with Hand Records: 7PM ♣ STaC Zips: 10:22PM STaC Week Begins	21 Judy's Stratified 199er & Stratified Open Game w/separate sections and hand records: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3PM Lynn's Stratified Open Pairs Game with Hand Records: 7PM STaC Week Day 2	22 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM Lynn's Stratified 499er & Stratified Open Game w/separate sections and hand records: 11AM Lynn's Open Stratified Game with Hand Records: 7PM STaC Week Day 3	23 Lynn's Stratified 499er & Stratified Open Game w/separate sections and hand records: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM STaC Week Day 4	24 Gabi's "Points Schoints" Game: 11AM Mary and Doug's Open Game w/ Hand Records: 7PM STaC Week Day 5	25 Mich's Midchart Handicapped IMP Game with Hand Records: 6:36PM ♣ STaC Zips: 10:10PM STaC Week Day 6
26 Doug's Game: 5:30PM STaC Week Ends	27 Carole's Game: 10:30AM Tournament Team Tune Up: 7PM	28 Santa Clara Regional Begins	29 Regional Day 2	30 Regional Day 3	31 Regional Day 4	
September	1 Regional Day 5	September	1 Regional Day 5	September	1 Regional Day 5	September
2 Regional Day 6	3 Regional Ends	4 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3PM Lynn's Game: 7PM	5 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM 2-Section Game: 11AM Lynn's Game: 7PM	6 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM	7 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM	8 Mich's Game: 6:36PM
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