

Short ♣ News

Tina Pearson Birthday Mon 2/25 10:30AM
Club Team Championships Mon 3/25 7PM
 Tue 3/26 10:30AM Sat 3/30 6:36PM
Club Pairs Championships Wed 2/2 11AM
 Wed 3/13 7PM Thu 3/14 10:30AM
0-300 Tue 3/26 10:30AM
Swiss Teams: Tue 2/26 10:30AM also 3/12&26
Saturday Evening Game Time: 6:36PM
Sunday Twilight Game Time NOW: 5:00PM

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Unit 507 Welcomes You

Unit 507 would like to extend our welcome to new members Archana Rathnakar and Bradley Whitaker..
 We would also like to welcome Nadia Nilsson and Kun-Chieh Wang who have joined us from elsewhere in California. welcome communication and a free play should find its way to all of you shortly.

Prez Sez by Ray Yuenger

My reports from the Unit Board are longer or shorter at different times of year. While the Board meets the second Tuesday of every month for over the scheduled hour, some topics are more of general interest to the Unit membership than others in my opinion. I think there are a few interesting topics to discuss this month.

One event I was pleasantly surprised by was the recent individual unit game. Individual games aren't held at tournaments anymore. It is what it sounds like, an individual pairs game. Of course, bridge is a pairs event, but in this event you form instant partnerships for one, two, or three hands, and then move on. So you don't arrange a partnership in advance. 36 players turned out on a Saturday to have a nine-table individual game. Vilas Namjoshi was the overall winner in the A and B stratifications, with Stu Goodgold 2nd in A and Linda Nemmer 2nd in B. Tied for first in C were David Holbrook and Gerald Hewitt. Thanks to Jeff Hack for promoting the idea and to Mich Ravera for ably directing the game.

The unit stopped offering monthly unit games on Monday evenings due to declining attendance. Maybe there is some renewed interest in unit games. The Board will have to consider the idea.

Lynn Yokel will be holding a unit game on a yet to be scheduled date to honor the 2018 unit leaders in masterpoint races in clubs (the Ace of Clubs or "AC") and tournaments (mini-McKenney or "MM"). The following people prevailed in each of 15 masterpoint categories: (0-5) Monica Bacon-Proctor (AC & MM); (5-20) Jack Chen (AC), Brandon Ge (MM); (20-50) Jeff Weaver (AC), Donna Wirt (MM); (50-100) Edward Lechner (both); (100-200) Jung Hu (both); (200-300) Sandra Erickson (AC), Arthur Zhou (MM); (300-500) Wanwan Ren (both); (500-1000) Frank Xie (both); (1000-1500) Norman Marks (both); (1500-2500) Luen-Jyh Luo (AC), Jim Liu (MM); (2500-3500) Jack Clinch (AC), Stephen Tu (MM); (3500-5000) Michael Fleisher (AC), Cheryl Mandala (MM); (5000-7500) Bruce Luttrell (AC), Yul Inn (MM); (7500-10,000) Will Watson (both); (over 10,000) Ed Barlow (AC), Michael Rosenberg (MM). Congratulations to all!

The table fee for club games at the San Jose Bridge Center just increased to \$12. The lease signed for the club in 2016 provided for automatic annual fee increases, but we and landlord both forgot about these increases for about 18 months. The landlord just remembered and asked for the all the unpaid rent. That's what prompted the fee increase.

The Unit Board is still searching for a new site for our sectionals. There are some promising leads to investigate.

If you play in an evening game, the landlord would like the outer doors to the parking lot closed by 8PM, so if you are in the parking lot smoking or retrieving something from your vehicle, make sure the doors are closed when you return to the club.

First Edition ,

Late January – Early February Winners

Monday Morning SJBC 10:30AM	
1/14	Robert Ritz - Stuart Goodgold A Edward Barlow - Hansa Narasimhan A Wanwan Ren - Qing Lu B/C Raghu Agarwal - Raja Smadi B John Watson-Williams - Judy Corney C
1/21	Stuart Goodgold - Robert Ritz A 68.37% John Schoenbrun - Robert Madalena A 67.13% Philip Freiberger - Rita Tingley B/C Irene Hashfield - Roger Joseph B/C
1/28	Mark Pensler - Julie Joyce A Robert & Marcia Dean A Malcolm Stewart - Boris Ginzburg B Wanwan Ren - Qing Lu C Maxine & Ray Lubow B
2/4	Ted Richmond - William Riester Jr A 65.55% Qing Lu - Wanwan Ren A/B/C Amar Chunder - Rajeeva Sharma B Susan Ritz - Jackie Hiatt C
Tuesday Morning SJBC 10:30AM	
1/15	Lynn Shannon - Norman Marks A 71.96% Barbara Grams - Brien Wilson A/B/C John Walker - Jeff Weaver B/C
1/22	Team 8 (Hannah, Nelson, Goodgold, Sprague) A Team 5 (Rice, Allen, Rosa, Rocha) B Team 7 (Ahern, Bossange, Levitan, Tierney Jr) C Francine Effren - Rochelle Alhadeff D/E Team 6 (Lee, Wright, Diamond, Hussain) F
1/29	Kathleen Keener - Terry Ahern A Gerald Hewitt Jr - Krishna Vallabhaneni B/C
2/5	Patricia Hannah - Paul Nelson A Jane Gold - Cindy Shanker A/B/C Laddie Petrucha - E. Margherone B/C
Tuesday Evening SJBC 7PM	
1/15	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Andy Andrews - Kenneth Yip B/C
1/22	Robert & Marcia Dean A Don Laycock - Lynn Bartz B Lynn Shannon - Floyd McWilliams A/B George & Joan Schlinkert C Philip Freiberger - Rita Tingley C
1/29	Jack Verson - Marshall Yancey A Susan Dietz - Margareta Hodzic A/B/C Matt Moore - Daniel Rappaport B/C
2/5	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A 68.50% Marolyn Imaoka - Jack Verson A Rekha Nirula - David Song B Randy Ryals - Linda Nemmer B Susan Ritz - Jackie Hiatt C Irene Hashfield - Terry Ahern C

Wednesday Morning SJBC 11AM	
1/16	Shirley Foreman - Raja Smadi A/B 66.48% Frances Dickman - Norman Marks A Amar Chunder - Robert Ritz B Barbara Dahl - Terry Ahern C Jean Myers - Mary Thomas C Jackie Hiatt - Joan Schlinkert D 67.50% Ken Luskey - Ken Wirt E Gerald Hewitt Jr - Jeff Weaver D/E Michael Cohn - John Tremel F Barbara Dahl - Terry Ahern F
1/23	Malcolm Mclaughlin - Diane Shannon A 69.53% Jack Verson - Dana Brown A Don Laycock - Lynn Bartz B Irene Hashfield - Roger Joseph C Matt Moore - Daniel Rappaport B Gerald Hewitt Jr - Jeff Weaver D/E Joan Seipel - Sue Casey D/E
1/30	Don Nemiro - Elizabeth De Paola A Bruce Scott - Susama Chunder A George Welch - Barbara Dahl B/C Shirley Foreman - Raja Smadi B Pat Wong - Robert Allen C Jackie Hiatt - Joan Schlinkert D Gerald Hewitt Jr - Jeff Weaver E Marie Chong - Sumi Minami D/E Joanne Quermann - Sandra Bonnet F Mike Wyman - Brenda Hatton F
2/6	Steve Hubbell - Jack Verson A William Riester Jr - Bill Langlois A George Welch - Terry Ahern B/C John Walker - Barbara Dahl B/C Gerald Hewitt Jr - Jeff Weaver D/E 66.67% Sandra Bonnet - Joanne Quermann E Dianne Clark - Gay Roper D/E/F
Wednesday Evening SJBC 7PM	
1/16	Lynn Shannon - Floyd McWilliams A George Schlinkert - Margareta Hodzic B/C
1/23	Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher A Matt Moore - Daniel Rappaport B
1/30	Lynn Shannon - Floyd McWilliams A Annette Powers - Neal Webb B Gerald Hewitt Jr - Krishna Vallabhaneni C
2/6	Melinda Foos - Peggy Sprague A Norman Marks - Jack Verson A Matt Moore - Daniel Rappaport B/C Susan Dietz - John Walker B/C

... More Winners

Thursday Morning SJBC 10:30AM

1/17	Hansa Narasimhan - Norman Marks A 66.70% Philip Freiberger - Fred Brown B Shirley Foreman - Barbara Dahl A/B Michael Cohn - John Tremel C Barbara Dahl - Terry Ahern C
1/24	Y.E. Chen - Malcolm Stewart A/B Kathleen Keener - Irene Shibuya A/B Michael Cohn - Barry Alhadeff C
1/31	Paul Nelson - Norman Marks A Bill Langlois - Wendy Dewell A Jory Segal - Anne Bossange B Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman B Mike Wyman - Brenda Hatton C Pat Wong - Robert Allen C

Friday Morning SJBC 11:00AM

1/11	Elizabeth De Paola - Peggy Sprague A Malcolm Mclaughlin - Robert Ritz A Miwako Wong - Lauren Bowling B David Chen - Mike Carney B/C
1/18	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel A 72.92% Raymond Yuenger - Lynn Bartz A Fern Herman - Barbara Dahl B Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman C Dan Turkus - Sunny Chiu B Michael Cohn - John Tremel C
1/25	Frances Dickman - Don Nemiro A Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield A/B Philip Freiberger - Steve Burnham B Jackie Hiatt - Susan Ritz C Marilyn Ribardo - Sumi Minami C
2/1	Joseph Chui - Erin Gove A Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman A/B Kathy & Rick Jasper B Susan Ritz - Jackie Hiatt C Pat Wong - Robert Allen C
2/8	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel A William Bidermann - Bruce Peetz A/B Susan Dietz - John Walker C George Welch - Terry Ahern B/C

Friday Evening SJBC 7PM

1/11	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Douglas Hong - Ronald Baron B
1/18	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Don Laycock - Hadi Eslambolchi A/B
1/25	Stacie Bowman - Edward Lechner A/B/C
2/1	Barbara & Bruce Luttrell A Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi A/B Jory Segal - Anne Bossange B
2/8	Ronald Baron - Norman Marks A/B Lynn Yokel - Donald Baze A Ferial Hurst - Matt Rode C Sandra Bonnet - Joanne Quermann B/C

Saturday Evening SJBC 6:36PM

1/12	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher Table Michael Angelo Ravera - Richard Parsons Hcp
1/19	Team 3 (Ge, Xiao)
2/2	Team 2 (Foos, Fleisher)
2/9	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher Table Rick Giusti - Vilas Namjoshi Hcp

Sunday Twilight SJBC 5:30PM

1/13	Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A 68.45% Bruce & Barbara Luttrell A Ashwini Datar - Vilas Namjoshi B/C Julie Joyce - Laura Walters B
1/20	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A 72.08% Barbara & Bruce Luttrell A 65.42% Yu Chang - Frank Xie B Vilas Namjoshi - Ashwini Datar B/C
1/27	Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A Richard Parsons - Bruce Luttrell A Donna Webb - Gail Meikle B/C Michael Angelo Ravera - David Sisson B
2/3	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Rekha Nirula - David Song A/X Pangjie Xu - Winston Huang X
2/10	Michael Angelo Ravera - David Sisson A/B 65.28% Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A Prince Kohli - Rajeew Gupta B/C Manoj & Radhakishin Thawani C

Promotions and Titles

CLUB MASTER	Irene Jacobson Michele Liu
SILVER LIFE MASTER	Arif Janjua Betty Rosa
GOLD LIFE MASTER	Patricia Hannah

Unit 507 Board and Officers

Ray Yuenger	President & Forum Columnist
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Lynn Bartz	Education Liaison
Ray Yuenger	Recorder, NAP/GNT Coordinator
Stu Goodgold	Dist. 21 representative

Individual Game 2/2 at the SJBC by Mischel Postas

I wanted to let everyone know the Individual Player Unit Game was very successful yesterday. Even though (not counting Mich). Just think, if we really supported this game, not only by playing but telling our friends, we might have had close to 20 tables!

The truly amazing thing that occurred was the many new players that showed up, especially 'Individual' players. They had checked out our web site and saw they didn't need to be a pair to play. We also had players from Palo Alto. All in all Mich ran a really fun game, I did the food, etc. and folks left smiling. A very pleasant afternoon.

We could do this every couple of months.

It's the Same Bid! by Mich Ravera

Every once in a while, my left hand opponent will open **1NT**, my partner will **pass**, and my right hand opponent will initiate a transfer by bidding a red suit. I will find myself with a hand that holds the length in both the other major suit (not the one into which the opponent is transferring) and one of the minor suits. We can argue about what suit lengths are required and about what kind of high cards are required and how closely the high cards need to be concentrated in the two suits, but let's just say that I hold that hand. What call should I make?

Should I pass and let the opponents control the bidding and maybe find their way to a nice cozy partscore with secure knowledge that their game hasn't a chance or worse yet let them work out that they have a game or better without ever having suggested a suit in which we might have a sacrifice?

Should I double for penalties, the one contract in which I know the opponents will never play unless my partner is both broke and void of trump?

Should I double for takeout and hope my partner won't jump the minor that I don't have?

Should I bid my longer minor at the 3-level and try to get in my opponents' way and hope that my partner will rescue me into my playable major?

Well, it seems as though I would like to make a Bailey or Michaels cuebid here, but what suit can I cuebid? Oh, I remember! A cue bid is a bid either of a suit in which opponents have offered to play or in which they have shown four or more cards. Well, my right hand opponent has shown at least four cards (and usually 5 or more) in the suit into which she has transferred, what might be called the "destination suit".

If I bid the destination suit of the transfer, it is a cuebid. Does it make any sense to bid this as an offer to play? No, Opener usually has two cards in every suit (yeah, he might have only a high singleton, I know, but stay with me.) and the player who transferred usually has at least five cards in the suit (yeah, a few people do it with only 4 cards, but that is rare and usually then they have some game forcing hand and you wouldn't like to be in that auction, now would you?)

So, the answer is to bid the opponents' destination suit to show a two-suited hand like this. You already know, that, if you have the two minor suits, you can use the unusual **2NT**.

The auction **(1NT)-P-(2♥)-2♠** ends up being the same auction as **(1♠)-2♣** and the auction **(1NT)-P-(2♦)-2♥** ends up the same as **(1♥)-2♥**. You can play them the same way because, you have made the same bid.

Most players play the double of the suit that initiates the transfer, the red suits in these cases, as penalty usually directing a lead, but sometimes a willingness to play in the suit, if partner happens to have some length in it. You should clarify this agreement with your partners. You don't want to end up playing in a 3-3 fit because you happen to have the **♥AK2** and wanted your partner to lead hearts.

The agreement that you will use the cuebid to show the other major and a minor helps with other situations. Namely, that bidding a minor at the 3-level in auctions like this shows genuine length (probably at least 6 cards and usually 7) in the minor suit bid and basically denies much interest in the other major. If partner had had 6-cards in the other major, he would have shown it, one way or another, after the **1NT** bid.

Now, it's wrong to unleash a sword without providing a shield. So, if opponents make this bid against you, what can you do? How about agreeing that Opener should pass with just two (or a singleton honor) of the destination suit. Double holding 3-card support, and bid at the 3-level with 4-card support or 3-card support and a maximum?

If you use some special method of super-accepts, all of those bids are available to you as well. Opponents have only take one bid.

Idioter's Corner by Mich Ravera

I apologize for the fact that this month's newsletter is a couple of days later than usual. My entire family, including the dog, and I have been sick.



The turnout at the Unit's Individual Game was anything but sick! It was an unexpectedly large 9 tables. If I had known in advance that it was going to be this large, I could have prepared to have a limited masterpoint section and thus calmed some of the complaints of both the new players and the more experienced ones.

I thank Mischel Postas for providing her write up and kind words about the event and, as always, Ray for his timely completion of his column.

Have a good, short moth of February everyone!

Top 10 Games January 11- February 10

1	72.92%	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel	1/18 AM
2	72.08%	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher	1/20 PM
3	71.96%	Lynn Shannon - Norman Marks	1/15 AM
4	69.53%	Malcolm Mclaughlin - Diane Shannon	1/23 AM
5	68.50%	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher	2/5 Eve
6	68.45%	Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa	1/13 PM
7	68.37%	Stuart Goodgold - Robert Ritz	1/21 AM
8	67.50%	Jackie Hiatt - Joan Schlinkert	1/16 AM
9	67.13%	John Schoenbrun - Robert Madalena	1/21 AM
10	66.70%	Hansa Narasimhan - Norman Marks	1/17 AM

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February						
17 Doug's Open Game with Hand Records: 5PM	18 Carole's Open Stratified Game with Hand Records: 10:30AM Mich's Open Game with Hand Records: 7PM	19 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	20 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	21 Lynn's Stratified 499er & Stratified Open Game w/separate sections and hand records: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM	22 Gabi's "Points Schoints" Game: 11AM Mary and Doug's Open Game w/ Hand Records: 7PM	23 Mich's Handicapped IMP Game with Hand Records: 6:36PM
24 Doug's Game: 5PM	25 Tina Pearson B'day Game: 10:30AM Mich's Game: 7PM	26 Swiss Teams & 299er Pairs: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3PM Lynn's Game: 7PM	27 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM Club Championship: 11AM Lynn's Game: 7PM	28 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM		
March					1 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM	2 GNT Trials Noon&TBA
3 GNT Noon &TBA	4 Carole's Game: 10:30AM Mich's Game: 7PM	5 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3PM Lynn's Game: 7PM	6 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM 2-Section Game: 11AM Lynn's Game: 7PM	7 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM	8 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM	9 Mich's Game: 6:36PM
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