

## Short ♣ News



- ♣ **Unit 507 Holiday Party Sun 11/19**      **Set Up 4PM**  
**Food 5PM**      **Game Approximately 5:37PM**
- ♣ **Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC week)**  
**Mon-Sun 12/4-10**      **Most games Sectional Rated**  
**Swiss Teams: Tue 11/28 10:30AM, Also, 12/12&26**  
**Club Championships:**  
**Sat 12/16 7PM**  
**Unit Championships: Sat 12/23 7PM**  
**Saturday Evening Game Time: 6:36PM through May**  
**No Game 11/25. OPEN throughout December**

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## Prez Sez

by Ray Yuenger

The next upcoming event is Thanksgiving, so I'll wish you a happy one. I don't have any new unit games to report. The pre-holiday party will be occurring before some of you will read this. In December there will be plenty of holiday parties and a STAC week coming up Monday, December 4 through Sunday, December 10.

The fall sectional was successful at our club on Friday night and at West Valley College on the weekend. Mischel Postas did her usual good job of coordinating the event. She even showed up to help out on a day she wasn't playing bridge. She's planning to be out of the country for our spring sectional. I told her we'd have to get 10 people to do what she does. It's also nice to have one of our unit members, Lynn Yokel, as our friendly and efficient tournament director.

Have you been keeping up on the recent changes in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge? The ACBL has some explanatory videos at [http://www.acbl.org/clubs\\_page/video-resources/](http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/video-resources/). I haven't had a chance to watch enough of one to have an opinion about them. I do know there's been a lot of discussion about the new bridge laws on the <http://bridgewinners.com/> website. If you haven't been to that site, you can find discussions of just about any bridge topic you can imagine. And one of the system administrators is Eugene Hung of Unit 507. Now if I could just talk him into taking over from me as webmaster of <http://sjbridge.org/>, and then updating the look of our website. If that's a project you'd like to take on, please let me know.

We are close to publishing a new player directory. I have to add in the latest collection of applications to participate in the directory. I glad to see there's a considerable interest in staying in touch with other players and the directors. Now that the club's appearance has been upgraded, I hope some of our players come back to enjoy it

## Unit 507 Welcomes You

We extend a welcome to new members Yin Lin and Ren Wang as well as member Ramakrishna Nekkanti for joining us in California.

A free play and welcome communication should be sent to you shortly.

## Year End Unit Championships

The ACBL permits each unit to hold up to 24 Unit Championships in addition to a Unit NAP Qualifier and a Unit GNT Qualifier as well as a couple Sectionals. Each year, Unit 507 has a number of these championships left over from the Unit games that it doesn't run itself and makes these available to club directors. Check the Calendar and the Short Club News for a full list of these, but here are the ones that were scheduled in time for publication:

- Tuesday Evening: 12/19
- Wednesday Morning and Evening: : 12/20
- Thursday Morning: 12/21

**Late October - Early November Winners**

**Unit 507 NAP Qualifier Saturday 11/4 SJBC**

**Afternoon Session**

Grant & Greg Vance A  
Rajeeva Sharma - Eusebio Menezes A/B  
Richard Herzog - Susan Zhang B/C  
Josephine Murray - Karen Rice C  
Gary MacGregor - Tahir Gokcen A  
Qiang Zhang - Jun Shi A/B  
Shrikant Sathe - Vilas Namjoshi B/C  
Josephine Murray - Karen Rice C

**Evening Session**

Gary MacGregor - Tahir Gokcen A  
Qiang Zhang - Jun Shi B  
Arif Janjua - Michael Hughes A/B  
Shrikant Sathe - Vilas Namjoshi C  
Yul Inn - Cheryl Mandala A  
Yu Chang - Frank Xie A/B  
Ying & Jesse Liu C  
Jory Segal - Roger Joseph B

**Monday Morning SJBC 10:30AM**

10/16	Robert Ritz - Stuart Goodgold A Mark Pensler - Julie Joyce A Ray & Maxine Lubow B Phyllis Vierra - Susama Chunder B Robert Allen - Roger Joseph C Joanne Quermann - Sandra Bonnet C
10/23	Raghu Agarwal - Wendy Dewell A/B Bill Langlois - Edward Barlow A Anne Bossange - Roger Joseph C Loreta Flynn - Krishna Vallabhaneni B/C
10/30	Malcolm McLaughlin - Merle Orellove A 67.13% Dou-Min Tsou - Qing Lu B Paul Lee - Karen Rice A/B Loreta Flynn - Krishna Vallabhaneni C Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield C
11/6	Amar Chunder - Rajeeva Sharma A/B Alice Arnold - Chuck Lane A/B Roger Griffith - Marc Cohen C

**Monday Evening SJBC 7PM**

10/16	Team 4 (Giusti, Ravera)
10/23	Team 2 (Rosenfeld, Koransky, Hubbell, Ray)

**Tuesday Morning SJBC 10:30AM**

10/17	Morey Goldstein - Judy Namanny A/B Donna & Sam Orme C Kathleen Keener - Brenda Metz A Julie Lee - Joan Fox B/C
10/24	Team 6 (Chen, Hansen, Lu, Zhang) A Team 2 (Scott, Hemsley, Allen, Hashfield) B/C Playing Director - Don Moran X/Y/Z Donna & Sam Orme X/Y/Z
10/31	Kathleen Keener - Jeffrey Hack A Donna Wirt - Don Moran A/B/C Phyllis Vierra - Susama Chunder B/C
11/7	Lynn Shannon - Max Schireson A Don Moran - Playing Director A/B/C Joanne Cornbleet - Linda Kenigsberg B/C

**Tuesday Evening SJBC 7:30PM**

10/17	Stephen Tu - Ron Powell A 65.50% Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Phyllis Vierra - Susama Chunder B Robert Allen - Roger Joseph C Ray & Maxine Lubow B
10/24	Team 2 (Foos, Fleisher, Hatton, Menezes) A/B Team 7 (Kakalec, Sarsfield, Andrews, Yip) C
10/31	Team 4 (Yancey, Verson)
11/7	Rick Giusti - Lynn Yokel A Ronald Baron - Dana Brown B Bruce Luttrell - Hadi Eslambolchi A Richard Sarsfield - Melanie Kakalec B Roger Griffith - Marc Cohen C

**Wednesday Morning SJBC 11AM**

10/11	Andy Scott - George Welch A/B/C Matt Rode - Ferial Hurst X/Y/Z Joanne Cornbleet - Linda Kenigsberg X/Y/Z
10/18	Don Nemiro - Elizabeth De Paola A 69.35% John Schoenbrun - Robert Madalena A Jeffrey Pugh - Jennifer Stern B Dan Turkus - Miwako Wong B Diane Weissman - Linda Rocha C Jan Kiernan - Marie Chong X/Y 67.39% Linda & Will Kenigsberg X/Y/Z Jeff Stallings - Joanne Cornbleet Z
10/25	Carole Dietz - Don Nemiro A Dana Brown - Jack Verson A Victor Rivkin - Malcolm Stewart B Pat Wong - Robert Allen B/C Rhonda Hardy - Julie Lee X/Y/Z 66.32% Carole & Bob Woldstad X Cindy De Santis - Bob Caldwell Y
11/1	Bill Langlois - William Riester Jr A Patricia Hannah - Jeffrey Hack B Frances Dickman - Norman Marks A Jeffrey Pugh - Jennifer Stern B Pat Wong - Robert Allen C Rhonda Hardy - Judy Reeve X/Y Ken Luskey - Ken Wirt X/Y Stan Gum - Gary Miller Z Gary Effren - Barry Alhadeff Z
11/8	Bill Langlois - Robert Ritz A Dana Brown - Jack Verson A Jennifer Stern - Jeffrey Pugh B Jory Segal - Roger Joseph C Pat Wong - Robert Allen B/C Rhonda Hardy - Bill Roman X/Y Jeff Stallings - Joanne Cornbleet Z Marie Chong - Sumi Minami X/Y/Z

... More Winners

**Wednesday Evening SJBC 7:15PM**

10/11	Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher A Ken Imboden - Lynn Bartz A Annette Powers - Neal Webb B William Bidermann - Larry Wagner B
10/18	Team 5 (Foos, Sprague, Fleisher, Yuenger) A Team 2 (Bartz, Imboden, Rosenfeld, Baron) B
10/25	Jack Verson - Dana Brown A Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher A Ken Imboden - Lynn Bartz B Annette Powers - Neal Webb B Warren Kaplan - Michael Cohn C Rochelle Alhadeff - Francine Effren C
11/1	Karen O'Connell - Mischel Postas A
11/8	Annette Powers - Neal Webb A/B Lynn Shannon - John Miller A Dan Turkus - Joseph Chui B Tom Morse - Nancy Caldwell C Joanne Cornbleet - Linda Kenigsberg C

**Thursday Morning SJBC 10:30AM**

10/12	Paul Nelson - Norman Marks A Henry Wen - Jack Chen A/B/C Betty Rosa - Barbara Dahl B
10/19	Kathleen Keener - Donald Baze A/B Carole Dietz - Judy Fisher A Morey Goldstein - Judy Namanny B/C
10/26	Team 8 (Dietz, Chunder, Steele, Farkouh) A/B Team 6 (Foreman, Rice, Dahl, Rosa) C
11/2	Paul Nelson - Norman Marks A 67.82% Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield B Jack Chen - Henry Wen A/B/C Gary Effren - Barry Alhadeff C
11/9	Bruce Scott - Nadia Nilsson A 65.74% Patricia Hannah - Kathleen Keener A Roger Griffith - Marc Cohen B/C Mary Steele - Russell Farkouh B/C

**Top 10 Games Oct 11 – Nov 10**

1	74.07%	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel	10/20 AM
2	69.35%	Don Nemiro - Elizabeth De Paola	10/18 AM
3	67.82%	Paul Nelson - Norman Marks	11/2 AM
4	67.39%	Jan Kiernan - Marie Chong	10/18 AM
5	67.13%	Malcolm Mclaughlin - Merle Orellove	10/30 AM
6	66.50%	Norman Marks - Ronald Baron	10/20 Eve
7	66.32%	Rhonda Hardy - Julie Lee	10/25 AM
8	65.74%	Bruce Scott - Nadia Nilsson	11/9 AM
Tie	65.74%	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel	11/3 AM
10	65.50%	Stephen Tu - Ron Powell	10/17 Eve

**Friday Morning SJBC 11:00AM**

10/13	Fung Bao - Gladys Fong A 65.28% Panette Talia - Jack Verson A Philip Freiberger - Steve Burnham B Miwako Wong - Hisae Izushima B Roger Joseph - Jory Segal C Patrick Wang - Vera Huelbig C
10/20	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel A 74.07% Julie Joyce - Laura Walters A Miwako Wong - Dee Ann Hansen B Dan Turkus - Preston Kauk B Irene Hashfield - Roger Joseph C Joanne Quermann - Sandra Bonnet C
10/27	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel A Josephine Murray - Karen Rice A/B Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield B/C Team 5 (Burns, Holmes, Wen, Hiatt) C
11/3	Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel A 65.74% Mary Steele - Daniel Claassen A/B/C Josephine Murray - Karen Rice B/C
11/10	Paul Nelson - Joel Koransky A Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel A Karen Rice - Paul Lee B Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield C Steve Burnham - Philip Freiberger B Mary Steele - Russell Farkouh C

**Friday Evening SJBC 7PM**

10/13	Gary Porter - Judy Fisher A Fred Douglass - Lynn Bartz A/B/C Ken Imboden - Kat Wesolowska B Robert Allen - Donald Baze C
10/20	Norman Marks - Ronald Baron A/B 66.50% Gary Porter - Michael Zheng A Colette & Art Quaife B Morey Goldstein - Judy Namanny C
11/3	Clark Millikan - Lynn Yokel A Raymond Yuenger - Melanie Kakalec A Jory Segal - Daniel Claassen B/C Terry Ahern - Linda Rocha B/C
11/10	Ken Imboden - Kat Wesolowska A/B Mary Steele - Russell Farkouh C

**Saturday Evening SJBC 6:36PM (7:07PM Summer)**

10/21	Team 1 (Foos, Fleisher) 2.59 IMP/Bd
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**Sunday Twilight SJBC 5:30PM**

10/15	Team 4 (Foos, Fleisher, Giusti, Song) A/B
10/22	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Kat Wesolowska - Joseph Chui X Joanne Quermann - Sandra Bonnet Y
11/5	Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A Barbara & Russell Luttrell X

## Unit 507 Board and Officers

Ray Yuenger	President & Forum Columnist
Mich Ravera	Vice-President & DiRekTor Editor
Open	Secretary
Karen O'Connell	Treasurer
Mischel Postas	Membership chair
Doug Hong Mischel Postas	Unit Game Coordinators
Lynn Yokel	Mentor Coordinator
Mary Steele	New Players & Publicity
Ray Yuenger	Recorder, NAP/GNT Coordinator
Jeff Hack Stu Goodgold	Dist. 21 representatives

## Promotions and Titles

<b>JUNIOR MASTER</b>	Louise Kirkbride
<b>SECTIONAL MASTER</b>	Ashwini Datar Diane Holmquist
<b>REGIONAL MASTER</b>	Nancy Caldwell
<b>LIFE MASTER</b>	Anne Bossange

## Monday Morning Holiday Party 12/18

The Monday morning Holiday Party will be Monday, December 18th. Please save the date for an Open Pairs Championship and special luncheon. Game time is 10:30AM

## Friday Morning Holiday Party 12/15

The Friday morning Holiday Party will be December 15th. Game time is 11AM

## Idioter's Corner by Mich Ravera

In the 1960s era broadcast video presentation "Green Acres", the hero, Oliver Wendel Douglas, would often wax patriotic and one of those assembled in his audience would call attention to the fife that appeared to be playing in the background. So, if you are over 50 (as most of us are), please ignore any guitar strumming that you might hear while reading this column unless you can positively identify the source and be reasonably certain it is really a guitar that your brother-in-law is playing (and that it is not a flashback engendered from too much heavy partying back in the 1960s).

It was 10 Thanksgivings ago that my friend and I from the San Francisco Bay Area decided to go to the San Francisco North American Bridge Championships. Now we don't actually live in San Francisco. We live in a city nearby San Francisco. But, with a transportation system known as the Bay Area Rapid Transit ("BART") and the Nationals just a BART-ride away, we arranged for vacation time for the duration of the competition and made our ways to the meet.

When we got there, we discovered that almost 2000 other Bridge players had beaten us to it and almost all of them already had teammates. So, with tears in our eyes, we proceeded to the partnership desk in search of some teammates. We found a name that we recognized and, happy to hear that he was looking for teammates, proceeded to punch up his cellular phone number. That person answered and proceeded to speak with a recognizable California accent rather than the British Commonwealth accent that we had anticipated. He explained that he was playing with his son with his same name who was trying to earn enough gold points to become life master (as was the person who we thought that we knew and this might explain the difference in speech patterns). We were happy that we had found a pair who was willing to play with us and since my partner was also looking to earn his gold, we agreed to meet at the entry desk in a few seconds. When we got there we discovered that the person whom we thought we knew was not the right person at all!





Apparently there were at least THREE people who had this same name. The older player had apparently heard of me, but I hadn't heard of him. But, since it was closing in on game, we agreed to give this team a try. Well, with the exception of two days when two of the four of us were otherwise committed (and we played with another well-known pair from San Jose for a couple of matches that week), we played basically every session except the late-night session from Thanksgiving on to the next Weekend.

Our elder teammate agreed that, if both his son and my partner earned the gold that we sought, that we would play in a National event, but that was not to be. My partner actually earned his gold on the last day of the meet and had to wait until the next San Francisco NABC in 2012 to play in his first Nationally rated event.















When we got to the NABC in 2012, we discovered that almost 200 teams had entered into the Swiss team event that is named after that Hawaiian guy (Well it isn't. The person is actually of Irish ancestry and his name is pronounced with two syllables rather than four). The partner with whom I was playing back in 2007 was going to play the afternoon session of the first day and my other partner, a fellow director as the SJBC was going to play in the Evening.

Well, the afternoon session didn't go so well. Some of it was the luck of the draw and some of it was our own or our teammates' ineptitude. No matter, it's Swiss! Eventually you will find opponents whom you can beat. Well, we ended up in the "dregs of society three-way match" on the seventh and eighth rounds. We managed to win both matches but didn't come remotely close to qualifying to the second day. But, to this day, my 2007 partner has been credited with the wins from the evening session, and despite declarations of our last round opponents, both of my partners, the director who was supervising the attendance ("sitouts") and me, we have only been able to get credit for one of the two matches that we won and not to get the match win credited to the proper person.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and go rub some sand in San Diego!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November</b>						
19  <b>Unit 507 Holiday Party Set Up: 4PM Food: 5PM Game (Approx): 5:37PM</b>	20 Carole's Open Stratified Game with Hand Records: 10:30AM Mich's Two-Section Game with Hand Records: 7PM	21 Judy's Stratified 199er & Stratified Open Game w/separate sections and hand records: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3PM <b>ACBL-wide Charity Game: 7PM</b>	22 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM Lynn's Stratified 499er & Stratified Open Game w/separate sections and hand records: 11AM <b>No Evening Game</b>	23 <b>Thanksgiving Day San Diego NABC Begins</b>	24 Gabi's "Points Schoints" Game: 11AM Mary and Doug's Open Game w/ Hand Records: 7PM <b>NABC Day 2</b>	25 <b>No Evening Game NABC Day 3</b>
26 Doug's Game: 5:30PM <b>NABC Day 4</b>	27 Carole's Game: 10:30AM <b>No Evening ACBL Game NABC Day 5</b>	28 <b>Swiss Teams &amp; 199er Pairs: 10:30AM</b> Supervised Play: 3PM Lynn's Game: 7PM <b>NABC Day 6</b>	29 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM 2-Section Game: 11AM Lynn's Game: 7PM <b>NABC Day 7</b>	30 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM <b>NABC Day 8</b>		
<b>December</b>					1 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM <b>NABC Day 9</b>	2 Mich's Game: 6:36PM <b>NABC Day 10</b>
3 Doug's Game: 5:30PM <b>NABC Ends</b>	4 <b>STaC Week Begins</b> Carole's Game: 10:30AM  <b>STaC Speedball (by signup)?: 3:45PM</b> Mich's Game: 7PM  <b>STaC Zips: 10:22PM</b>	5 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3PM Lynn's Game: 7PM <b>STaC Day 2</b>	6 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM 2-Section Game: 11AM Lynn's Game: 7PM <b>STaC Day 3</b>	7 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM <b>STaC Day 4</b>	8 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM <b>STaC Day 5</b>	9 Mich's Game: 6:36PM  <b>STaC Zips: 10:11PM STaC Day 6</b>
10 Doug's Game: 5:30PM <b>STaC Week Ends</b>	11 Carole's Game: 10:30AM <b>Club Championship: 7PM</b>	12 <b>Unit Swiss Teams &amp; 199er Pairs: 10:30AM</b> Supervised Play: 3PM <b>Unit Board Meeting: 5:30PM Club Championship: 7PM</b>	13 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM 2-Section Game: 11AM <b>Club Championship: 7PM</b>	14 <b>Club Championship: 10:30AM</b> Shuffle&Deal: 3PM	15 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM	16 <b>Club Championship: 6:36PM</b>
17 Doug's Game: 5:30PM	18 Carole's Game: 10:30AM Mich's Game: 7PM	19 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Supervised Play: 3PM <b>Holiday Party and Unit Championship: 7PM</b>	20 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM <b>Holiday Party and Unit Championship: 11AM Holiday Pot Luck and Unit Championship: 7PM</b>	21 <b>Holiday Party and Unit Championship: 10:30AM</b> Shuffle&Deal: 3PM	22 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM	23 Mich's Game: 6:36PM
24 <b>No Evening Game</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26 <b>Swiss Teams &amp; 199er Pairs: 10:30AM</b> Supervised Play: 3PM Lynn's Game: 7PM	27 Lynn's Lesson: 10:30AM 2-Section Game: 11AM Lynn's Game: 7PM	28 2-Section Game: 10:30AM Shuffle&Deal: 3PM	29 Gabi's Game: 11AM Doug & Mary's Game: 7PM	30 Mich's Game: 6:36PM
31 Doug's Game: 5:30PM						

## 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 and 199er Stratified Hand Records		Judy Fisher	395-0032
Tuesday	3:00 pm	Lesson and Supervised Play			
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Open Stratified Hand Records		Lynn Yokel	499-2011
Wednesday	11:00 am	Two Sections: Open and 0-499 Stratified Hand Records (Lesson 10:30 am)			
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Open Stratified Hand Records			
Thursday	10:30 am	Open Stratified Hand Records			
Thursday	3:00 pm	Shuffle and Deal		Mary Steele	202-0419
Thursday	7:00 pm On Hiatus	Open Stratified Hand Records	 	Lynn Yokel / Preston Kauk	499-2011 / 807-2393
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	12:00 Noon	Open Stratified Hand Records "No Fear"	 	Doug Hong / Preston Kauk	209-4381 / 807-2393
Saturday	6:36 pm 7:07 pm Summers	Open Handicapped Mid-Chart IMP / Teams Hand Records Lesson 6:15PM		Mich Ravera	432-1020 / 510-410-0371
Sunday	5:30 pm	Open (Lesson: 5:00 pm) Monthly Potluck: 4:30 pm		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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