

Hello! It's Lo Mullenix, ACBL Unit 507 President, (better known as "Mich Ravera") here.

Are you ready for our Silicon Valley Fall Back Sectional? You are?! Well, it's less than two weeks away, October 29-30 at the PABC in Mountain View. Check out our flyer at [2210391.pdf \(acbl.org\)](#) . Bring Snacks, if you can!

At the Reno Regional, Betsy Wagner won a Side Pairs and Mansoor Gowani won a two-session Open Pairs. Congratulations to both!

After a couple years of absence, we are planning our holiday party for Saturday November 19 at 1PM in the Roosevelt Room at the Campbell Community Center. The Unit will provide Turkey and some other meats, but the rest will be potluck. In order to see what everyone else is bringing, so that you can either decide to try to do it better or try to be unique, there is a sign-up spreadsheet at <https://bit.ly/3yOQ2c6> . Yeah, yeah, yeah, there's a \$10 table fee. You may find out more at Silicon Valley Bridge web site  [\(sjbridge.org\)](http://sjbridge.org) . So stay informed!

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, next on Tuesday, November 8. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation, usually a day or two ahead of time.

Please join me in welcoming new members Byron Foster, Nikolay Mechev, and Josie Wernecke to Unit 507! Also, welcome Ben Bosklopper back to and Charles Rauch to Silicon Valley, both from Southern California, and David Helmbold back from the administrative cold and V S Seshadri and Tom Goodwin back from the cold places where they spend their summers.

I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Liang Dong has been welcomed as a Junior Master; Rajeev Gupta has joined the ranks of Sectional Master; Yannick Zhao has become Regional Master; Kumar Ramaiyer has achieved NABC Master; Sandra Erickson achieved the status of Advanced NABC master; Susan Dietz has been promoted to Ruby Life Master; Dave Hyams achieved the rank of Silver Life Master; and Jason Chiu and Frank Xie became Gold Life Masters. Congratulations to all!

I'm unhappy to announce that we have been officially informed that Suzanne Koppett has died.

Our neighbor to the South, Morgan Hill, has Unit Games usually on the third weekend of every month. Contact Jim Craig at [geminijim79@yahoo.com](mailto:geminijim79@yahoo.com) for details. This message usually comes out at just exactly the wrong time each month, so think of this as an early reminder for next month.

There is currently a regular ACBL sanctioned face-to-face club game at The Villages. Keep watching this space and the Silicon Valley Bridge web site <http://www.sjbridge.org> for others. A recent search determined that Bridge Lessons were available at at least 4 Community Centers in the area: Almaden, Camden, Willow Glen Senior and Cypress, so direct the friends with whom you'd like to partner and the enemies whom you'd like to beat to those places to learn our incomparable game!

I think of an expert as a person who always gets the easy (for an expert) things right, every time. I think of a star as a person from whom we've grown to expect exceptional things, from time to time. Since, it's post-season Baseball time, I will use a Baseball analogy. Reggie Jackson, my childhood idol, was a star. He hit over 550 home runs but struck out almost 2,600 times. His motto might well have been "Hit it where they don't play!" Joe DiMaggio, my Dad's idol, was an expert. He got a hit in every one of 56 games in a row. His motto might well have been "Show them where they ought to have been playing and then run like the wind!" Experts who are also stars are rare. If you know of bridge players like that, I'd like to hear about them.

I'll see you at the tables and hopefully at our Sectional! Let's show them how it's done!