
SILICON VALLEY UNIT NEWS

August 2025



Hello there! If you were hoping to see photos from the Hot August Nights Auto Show, [check here](#). This e-mail is about Bridge. It's just I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera.

Our Unit's annual meeting was held on Saturday, July 19, 2025. In the game that followed, Leila Sink and David Helmbold were the winners with Yin Lin and Michele Liu, Brenna Wundram and Joe Chui, and Rajeev and Rekesh Gupta earning Section Tops. In the limited game, Hank Koransky and Jane Michaels were winners with Pollyanna Pixton and Elizabeth Guichard and Craig Hom and Louise Kirkbride scoring Section Tops. Full Results can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

At the Firecracker Open Sectional at the PABC in Mountain View, Michael Bodell was a Pairs winner as well as scoring two Section Tops; Surendra Mandava was both a Pairs and Teams winner; Li Zhang and Frank Xie each were Pairs Winners; Michael Callahan as well as Michele Liu and Yin Lin were on winning teams.

At the North American Bridge Championships in Philadelphia, Jung Hu was a winner in the NABC 10K Mixed Swiss; scoring a win in the Cardroom Pairs were Zhouxiong Wu and Flora Ding. Other team winners included Prashanth Sriram and Aravind Alwan, Rick and Kathy Jasper, Xin and Brandon Ge, and Kathryn Walker. Li Zhang was a side pairs winner.

The All-Western Regional is being held at the [Hyatt Regency Santa Clara](#) Tuesday through Labor Day Monday, August 26 through September 1. You'll find the flyer [here](#).

Our Silicon Valley Fall Back Sectional is being held Friday through Sunday, October 4-6 at the [PABC in Mountain View](#). The flyer for that it [here](#).

While you're working out your Bridge Calendar, you should save Saturday, November 22 for our Silicon Valley Unit Holiday Party and Game at the [Campbell United Methodist Church](#). More details will follow, but expect set up at Noon, food at 12:30, game around 1:00PM, and everything finished in time to get the tear down crew home before dark.

There is an introductory game with chances to ask for help from a teacher held alongside the Open Game every Wednesday at 11:00AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at 1675 Winchester Blvd. in Campbell. [Pre-registration](#) is required. August 20 is a STaC Game and there will be NO GAME on August 27 due to the Santa Clara Regional.

The Villages in San Jose has Friday Afternoon game (complete with a lesson before). Because you have to get past a gate, you'll need to register. So, text or email the names of both partners by Thursday, noon to: Jonna Robinson, jonnar@aol.com, (408-960-5908).

If you would like to join a Mentor Chain, contact me or Milind Girkar. For additional information [click here](#). Preference is given to Unit 507 members, but we'll try to help, especially if you play in a Silicon Valley club.

We welcome Surendra Adodra, Jen Hong, and Janine Ramonda to our Game, our League, and our Unit.

We also welcome Celeste Brandt and Ann Leishman as Junior Masters and congratulate Janet Adamiak for advancing to Ruby Life Master.

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, check out our website at <http://www.sjbridge.org>

Contact either me or Ray Yuenger to guide you through the process of becoming an ACBL club director. The Unit will even pay for it!

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Almost all the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. If you contact me, I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet a day or two ahead of the meeting.



New board members Linda Rocha (L) and Joanne Cornbleet (R)

When learning to fly an airplane, it's only a slight exaggeration to say that you never get to make a normal landing until you get the first one right, and, after that, it's all sorts of unusual situations. Well, most of what is written on your convention card is like that. Most of the common situations don't require much discussion; it's the unusual stuff like what your **3♣** direct overcall of opponents' **1♠** opener means that needs discussion. Now, there is a "standard" meaning, but I'm not sure that "everyone" knows it, and I'd be even less sure that your partner does. It's important to be able to say,

"I may have forgotten our agreement, but I'm pretty sure that it's on our card." To say that, you must have a card and it must be up to date. I remember about a year ago that my partner and I added something to our card and we were about 30 boards into the event before either of us opened the 1♦ over which it might have applied. You'd think that it would have come up sooner, but we were both just happy that it came up. The result? Well, as in aviation, any landing from which you can walk away is a good landing. If they can use the plane again, it's a GREAT landing! And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!



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