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U507 January News

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Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Santa Claus is on vacation! This is Mich Ravera.

I hope that you are on someone's "nice" list, so that you can take advantage of some great news! The San Jose Bridge Club is reopening in just a couple of days! Games will be held every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games.

You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1>

This week's game, on Wednesday, January 18th, is the Grand Opening and will be an Upgraded Club Championship Game (side 499er game if attendance warrants). Entry fee is \$10. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be served. Contact Lynn Yokel for more information.

We are in the process of arranging our Spring Forward Sectional. Subject to final arrangements, it will be held April 29 and 30 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. The Unit Board voted to advance the starting time of the second Saturday session to 3:00PM, so that you have a better chance of heading home in daylight. Talk to a Unit Board Member, particularly Bruce Luttrell, our sectional coordinator, if you can help with anything.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, but will next be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at michravera@yahoo.com, I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting.

The District is trying to work out how to hold its full complement of Regional tournaments this year. Usually there are two in the summertime; at the moment, only Santa Clara in late August is firmly scheduled.

Please join me in officially welcoming Jory Fort to the Silicon Valley from North Texas.

I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Gary Levison and Jacqueline Mariadassou have been welcomed as Junior Masters; Kathleen Cole has advanced to Club Master; Bill Roman has earned the rank of Regional Master; Murat Alaybeyi,

Michele Liu, and Bharat Kamdar have been promoted to NABC Master; Aravind Alwan qualified as Life Master; Philip Freiberger advanced to Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all of them! But special recognition goes to Unit Board Member Norman Marks who achieved the rank of Gold Life Master.

I'd like to remind everyone that there is also a weekly club game held at The Villages and that 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 for details. If you are trying to get someone to learn bridge, but can't quite teach them yourself, they can contact any of the four Community Centers in the area: Almaden, Camden, Willow Glen Senior and Cypress! They all say that they have lessons on their web pages.

Enjoy every day! I'll see you at the tables!

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