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Dear Ray

Hello there! If you were expecting a video of my karaoke rendition of "I Ain't Ever Satisfied" from my recent trip, they didn't have it, but it is I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera, here.

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One last time, I want to invite you to our Annual Membership Meeting to be held at Room M-50 at the Campbell Community Center on Saturday, July 27. **You'll notice that we've moved the location to a place with better climate control capabilities.** Set up will still be at 12:00, food at 12:30, the Annual Meeting (including some awards) at 1:00PM, Game at about 1:13:13PM (but we WILL start without you, so don't miss the meeting). We need to be torn down, cleaned up, and out the door by 5:00PM. The Unit will provide some great Barbeque. Side dishes will be potluck, but remember that this is lunch time in deciding what to bring. An online sign up is available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AFA923A0F9C61-50044032-unit#/> , so that we know how much Barbeque to order and so that other people don't try to outdo your hummus. And ... oh, yeah, the event is free to Unit 507 members and our guests!

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At the recently completed Firecracker non-life master Regional, Kathy Ormseth, Sandra Erickson, Monica Bacon-Proctor, Julie Lee, and Li Zhang had section tops in the Gold Rush pairs, Zhang twice. In the concurrent Open Sectional, winning their pair events were Jack Verson (twice, with Larry Wagner and Marilyn Imaoka), Sathya Bettadapura & Arif Janjua, and Robert Brunkhorst (twice). Earning stratification or section tops in pair events were Ed Barlow, Arun Bahulkar, Lynn Bartz & Ken Imboden, Wendy & David Fotland, Bruce Luttrell, Sadik Arf & Luen-Jyh Luo, Yannie Zhao and Michael Callahan. On bracket-topping teams were John Stremel, Robert Brunkhorst & Michael Callahan, Kathy & Rick Jasper, Joanne Cornbleet, John Miller & Lynn Shannon, T-C Yang & Yanong Han, and Carolyn Drozdiak.

To see other high placing players in other recent events click here: <https://www.sjbridge.org/monthly-honor-roll>.

The North American Bridge Championships are in progress through Sunday, July 28 in Toronto. I'm looking forward to reporting on some Unit 507 winners.

The All Western Championships Regional in Santa Clara runs Tuesday, August 27 through Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

We welcome Autumn Glisson, Ritwik Keshav, and Catherine Konrath to our game, our League, and our Unit and Bill Yetter and Jenny Bixby to our Unit. We are pleased to welcome Ken Wong as a Junior Master; Rajeev Gupta as Regional Master; announce Arlie Stephens as NABC Master; Jayesh Goyal advanced to Silver Life Master; Jory Segal was promoted to Ruby Life Master; Anne Wilson earned the title of Gold Life Master; and Richard Reitman achieve the advanced rank of Emerald Life Master. Congratulations to all!

The San Jose Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games. Wednesday's game on July 24 will be a face-to-face NAP qualifier. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> . Tuesday, July 23 will be BBO online NAP qualifiers. Contact Lynn Yokel, if you have any questions. The Unit has recently acquired four cooling fans.

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

If you'd like to be certified as an ACBL Club director, the Unit will help you find and pay for a course and your test! Contact either me or Ray Yuenger to guide you through the process.

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, August 13, 2024. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. If you contact me at michravera@yahoo.com, I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, a day or two ahead of the meeting (usually on the preceding Sunday). But, be careful about attending. Some people have attended a few

meetings and become our Board Members! You'll hear more about that at the Annual Meeting.

A few years ago, I did a study using the hands played at the SJBC. I was looking for hands that, according to the analysis, neither made 3NT nor 3 of a major for one side, but in which opponents could make only 3 of a major (and not 4) and either made or failed by at most one trick in 4 of a minor suit. First, let me say that such hands were rare. Curiously, most such hands had approximately 6 cards in the minor and a 4-card major as well as full opening count. Now, I'm not suggesting that you could devise any useful bidding system based on these findings, but not a single hand looked anything like the ♣KQ-8th that is the typical agreement for opening a natural 4♣. And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!