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# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Hello there! If you were hoping to see video of [Vinko Bogataj's fall](#), click the link. It's just I, [Unit 507](#) President, Mich Ravera, here.

**ATTENTION NEW PLAYERS!** What will it take to get you to play at the club? How about a **FREE** introductory game with chances to ask for help from a teacher? How about if the Unit gives you a **FREE PLAY** to play a second time if you decide that you like it? Well, this Wednesday, August 21, at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell, alongside the regular Open Game, which is STaC and offers silver points, you will have a chance to do precisely that. Preregistration at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> is required for the Open Game. There will be no game on August 28 during the All Western Regional.

At the recently completed North American Bridge Championships in Toronto some Unit 507 winners: Elenalani Lam was on the winning 0-2500 Mini-Spangold Team; Frank Xie was 5th in the under-6000 Life Master pairs and was on a bracket-winning team. Prashanth Sriram, Sriram Ganesan, and Xin Ge had section tops in pairs games, Xin twice.

A bit closer to home, at the San Mateo County Sectional: Peter Sun had a stratification top. Section tops went to Clark Millikan & Arif Janjua, Li Zhang, and Kayden Ge & Brian Zhang. Kayden Ge was also on the winning Open Swiss team.

At the Phoenix Desert Empire Regional: Lynn Shannon and John Miller were double section top winners. You can see various other winners at our [Monthly Honor Roll](#).

If you'd like to see your name on this list of winners, the All Western Championships Regional in Santa Clara runs Tuesday, August 27 through Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

We welcome Craig Hom and Liya Li to our game, our League, and our Unit. We are pleased to welcome Koteeswaran Kumar as a Junior Master; Kyra Helmbold and Ernestine Hicks as Club Masters; announce Jason Scott as Sectional Master; Archana Rathnakar as NABC Master; Erli Zhou advanced TWO RANKS last month to Silver Life Master; and Preston Kauk and Sharon Krawetz were promoted to Ruby Life Masters. Congratulations to all!

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 is still offering to 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, September 10, 2024. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. If you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto: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).

I'm often compelled to comment about the Italian Blue Club Team, who are credited with the invention of Roman Key Card Blackwood ("RKCB"), had at least nine asking bids (often named with Greek letters, alpha through iota), including separate inquiries for trump suit quality and outside aces. They only used what later became RKCB when they figured out what the trump suit was too late to do anything else. Now, asking bids do tax the memory for some, but the number of times that I've received or had to give an unexpected and unwelcome **5♠** response to RKCB with hearts as the agreed trump suit has made my investment in learning them and teaching them to partners worthwhile. And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!



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