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Dear Ray

Hello there! If you were hoping for next week's Utah State Lottery winning numbers, you've not only opened the wrong e-mail, but your entry for last week was a scam! Utah doesn't have a state lottery. It is just I, [Unit 507](#) President, Mich Ravera, here.

ATTENTION NEW PLAYERS! There is an introductory game with chances to ask for help from a teacher held alongside the Open Game at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. When it isn't free, it's inexpensive and the most fun and best instruction that you will ever get. Preregistration at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> is required for the Open Game.

For the recently completed All Western Regional in Santa Clara I'll list some Unit 507 winners:
In team events: John Miller and Lynn Shannon; Joanne Cornbleet; Ronald Powell, Jack Verson, John Hodges (with Prudence Saunders); Marcia & Bob Dean, Rick Jasper, John Wachsmann won two events on consecutive days; Larry Wagner with a number of former Silicon Valley players; Henry Zhang, Peng Cheng and Xiaoyu Cheng (with Chin Huang); Joel Singer and Floyd McWilliams; Stacie Bowman with a North Bay transplant from Silicon Valley; Tien-Chun Yang, Yanong Han, Richard Reitman; Ronald Baron and Yubo Dong.

In Pair Events: Sadik Arf, Luen-Jyh Luo twice, Betsy Wagner, Jian Fang, Xin Ge, Jung Hu, Bruce Luttrell, Brenna Wundram, Chris Chou, Gavin Nesom and Arlie Stephens, and Kayden Ge.

We welcome Vrushali Chhatre, Cynthia Francis, Barani Vadugalmangalam, Jin Wang, Josephine Wernecke, and Marian Wronsky to our game, our League, and our Unit. We also welcome Rudolfa

Gebert and Jason Long who join us from neighboring Units and Susan Pearson who joins us from Western Massachusetts.

We are pleased to welcome Jacqueline Bjurman, Yan Deng, Jin Wang, and Jeremy Zhang as Junior Masters; and note the advancements of Shailesh Naik and Simon Zheng to NABC Master; Kumar Ramaiyer and Li Zhang to Advanced NABC Master; and the promotion of Anne Bossange to Silver Life Master. 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>

Have you thought of becoming certified as an ACBL Club director? If so, 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, October 14, 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).

Bridge Law 20F permits you to ask questions about calls made by your opponents *at your turn to call* or before the opening lead. This includes *relevant* calls not made. However, it does not give you license to intimidate your opponents by persistent questions. When your opponents give a frank and honest "I don't really know," you are within your rights, certainly, to ask about higher and lower calls in the same denomination and other ways that they have of showing a willingness to play in that suit. For instance, if 3♦ shows a transfer to hearts, you might reasonably ask if they have other ways of showing hearts. I don't know about other players, but, when I ask a question about a bid, I'm usually interested in "shape and size" information. In this example, "how many hearts?" and "how good of a hand?" I'm also interested in whether I am likely to get another chance to bid and whether the call shows enough strength that any bid that I might make becomes a sacrifice or whether there could still be room in my partner's hand for the just right cards to make the contract that I'm contemplating. So, "is it more like an elephant or a snake?" and, if it's a snake, "more like a worm snake or an anaconda?" The "more like an elephant" could be a mouse or a moose, but it surely isn't a snake. And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!



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