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# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Hello there! If you were looking for expert election analysis, you've opened the wrong E-mail! It is just I, [Unit 507](#) President, Mich Ravera, here.

Do you need an excuse to wear your Santa Claus tie or spin your dreidel a little later than usual or to get out your Dragon, Hearts, Beads, or 3-meter-wide headdress a little early? Well, the Silicon Valley Unit Wintertime party is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 12:30PM in the Campbell United Methodist Church Recreation Room. If you can come at Noon to set up, please do! We'll try to get the cards out by about 1PM and finish tear down in time to get you home before dark. Sign up here to reserve your place and here to designate a pot luck dish, but remember, this is lunch time.

**ATTENTION NEW PLAYERS!** There is an introductory game with chances to ask for help from a teacher held along side the Open Game at 11 AM Wednesdays at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. When it isn't free, it's \$5 and the most fun and best instruction that you will ever get. [Preregistration](#) is required.

At the World Youth Bridge Championships, the USA team coached by former Silicon Valley resident Steve Chen including Andrew Chen, Kyo Chen, Jeff Xiao, Charlie Chen (captain) won medals in the Under 16 Team Championship as did Brian Zhang and Kayden Ge in the Under 21 Pairs.

At our Silicon Valley Sectional: Norman Marks managed Section Tops each with Qing Lu and Jung Hu; Li Zhang was a Silver Rush Pairs winner; Team Winners included Xin Ge, Stu Goodgold, Songtao Zhang, Robert Brunkhorst, and Michael Callahan.

At the Reno/Sparks Regional in Sparks: Jung Hu and Simon Zheng were Pairs winners. In addition they each earned 2 section tops and Alex Martelli earned one; Anne Wilson was a 2-time Teams winner; Online Open Pairs Tops went to John Wachsman, Rick Jasper, Rajeev Jog, and Niraj Jain.

At the Sectional in Mountain View: Pairs Winner Xin Ge with Tops going to Michael Callahan, Arif Janjua, Avi Mukherjee, and Aravind Alwan; Swiss Teams Tops went to Aravind Alwan and Sriram Ganesan; Winning Teams included Lynn Bartz, Brenna Wundram, and Joseph Chui.

We welcome Ye Edgar Chen, Hilary Schneider, Ethan Wu to our game, to our League, and to our Unit. We also welcome Donald Robinson and Margaret Walker, both of whom come to us from Idaho. We also welcome Mary Sue Albanese as Junior Master; congratulate Valerie Hamilton for becoming Club Master; Henry Koransky and Sumiye Minami as Regional Masters and Mike Cailean for earning the title of Sapphire 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, December 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).

Should we ban every convention which shows a hand that could be weak and has no known 4-card suit? Should we alert every artificial bid? Careful! You just outlawed or required an alert for Stayman. Should we allow every bid which shows either at least an average-strength hand or promises a known 4-card suit? Careful! You just legalized "Wonder" Bids and Transfer Openings. I was musing with one of the ACBL's top directors and opined "Everyone thinks that what **they** play shouldn't have to be alerted." to which he offered the retort "... except those who **want** to alert for the benefit of their partners..." And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!

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