
SILICON VALLEY UNIT NEWS

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If you wanted to read about the last weekend's Italian Heritage Parade, you've opened the wrong e-mail.

It's just I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera.

Are you ready for the holidays? Well, ready or not, Unit 507's Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2025 at the Campbell United Methodist Church. Please [register](#), so that we know how much turkey and ham to order and [sign up](#) for your pot luck contribution. Set up will be at Noon, food at 12:30, a pairs game (at the special price of \$10) after that. We promise to have the breakdown crew out before dark.

The North American Bridge Championships start Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28 in Marriott Marquis, San Francisco and continue until Sunday, December 7. This is your chance to see or play against the best players and earn **Platinum**, **Gold**, and **Red** masterpoints.

At the recently concluded Silicon Valley Fall Back Sectional:

Michael Bodell was pairs winner and also scored a section top along with Mike Cailean, Elenalani Lam, and Kathryn Walker; Team winners included Frank Xie, Arif Janjua, and Mike Cailean.

At the Reno/Sparks Regional:

Team Event Winners: Arif Janjua, Clark Millikan, Betsy Wagner, Richard Reitman and Li Zhang twice; Anne Wilson three times.

In Pairs events: Arif Janjua (who also had a section top), Daniela Tone, Li Zhang, Jan Pffner and Kathy Vita had one each and Anne Wilson won a section Top.

There is an Open Game every Wednesday at 11:00AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at 1675 Winchester Blvd. in Campbell. [Pre-registration is required](#). An introductory game is held every

week alongside the Open game. October 29 is an Instant Matchpoint Game.

The Villages in San Jose has a Friday Afternoon game (complete with a lesson before). Because you have to get past a gate, you'll need to register. So, text or email the names of both partners by Thursday, noon to: Jonna Robinson, (408-960-5908).

If you would like to join a Mentor Chain, contact me or Milind Girkar. For additional information click [here](#). Preference is given to Unit 507 members, but we'll try to help, especially if you play in a Silicon Valley club.

We welcome Gigi Chu, Arvind Nimbalker, and Eric and Lan Takahashi to our Game, our League, and our Unit.

We also welcome Anna Kolodziejska, Jen Hong, and Flora Ding as Junior Masters and recognize Demian Li and Krzysztof Kurbiel as Club Masters; Manoj Thawani, Monica Bacon-Proctor, and Emil Aalto for Advanced NABC Master status; John Wainright for achieving Life Master and Donghui Lu for advancing to Bronze Life Master.

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, [check out our website](#).

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 507 Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. If you contact me, I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, a day or two ahead of the meeting.

Scenario 1 (unsatisfactory):

Table (in unison): Down Two . . .

Toxic Partner: After you work out the bad trump break, you can tank a diamond and cross-ruff out the rest, losing only the trump king for plus one.

Toxic Expert: You know that the **♠96** were good, don't you!?

Toxic You: *I'm never playing with this partner or in this club again . . .*

Scenario 2 (satisfactory):

Table (in unison): Down Two . . .

Thoughtless Expert: We should have had it down three, partner!

Thoughtless Partner: I only made a simple nonvulnerable raise, partner.

Thoughtless You: *One day, I will learn how to bid. I just hope someone is still playing this game when I do!*

Scenario 3 (excellent):

Table (in unison): Down Two . . .

Thoughtful Partner: That was a tough one, partner. It looks like I'm buying the margaritas!

Thoughtful Expert: Maybe I ought to buy one, too.

Thoughtful You: *I know that I messed that up. I really need to work on my declarer play . . .*

And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!



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