
SILICON VALLEY UNIT NEWS

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Hello there! If you are looking for highlights of the American Football game from Brazil, [look here](#). This e-mail is about bridge. It's just I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera.

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.

Some upcoming special games:

- September 17 is a Unit Championship rated game. The Unit is paying additional fees, so you get more masterpoints without paying anything additional.
- October 1 is a Volunteer Appreciation Game to honor all of those who volunteer their help to make our games possible.
- October 29 is an Instant Matchpoint Game.

At the recently concluded All-Western Regional in Santa Clara:

- Uresh Vahalia was an Open Pairs Winner
- Bracketed Pairs Winners included Norman Marks; Li Zhang; Christy Hartsell; and Peng and Xiaoyu Cheng
- Side Pairs Winners included Rajeev Gupta and Manoj Thawani
- Bracketed Teams Winners included the team of Marcia and Robert Dean (also with Ed Barlow), Rick Jasper, and John Wachsman; along with Michael Callahan; Uresh Vahalia; Robert Allen; Michele Liu; Joanne Cornbleet and Anne Wilson; Sriram Ganesan; and John and Ann Wainright; and Howard Levitan

- Mixed Pairs Winners included John Miller and Lynn Shannon with section tops going to Peng and Xiaoyu Cheng
- Newcomer Pairs was won by Bradley Whitaker and Romy Schwabe
- Yul Inn was on a winning Knockout Team
- John Hodges was a Fast Pairs winner

Our Silicon Valley Fall Back Sectional is being held Friday through Sunday, October 3-5 at the [PABC in Mountain View](#). The [flyer is here](#). We need volunteers! Please contact Linda Rocha if you're willing to help. If you need a partner, [look here](#).

While you're working out your bridge calendar, you should save Saturday, November 22 for our Silicon Valley Unit Holiday Party and Game at the [Campbell United Methodist Church](#). It will be a potluck with turkey and ham supplied by the Unit and the rest by your friends. Set up is at Noon, food at 12:30, game around 1:00PM, and everything finished in time to get the breakdown crew home before dark. [Please sign up here](#), so we know how much turkey and ham to order and so we don't end up with just 15 kale pies for sides and desserts. Table fees are the same as a regular club game (\$12), but this game is Unit Championship Rated.

The Villages in San Jose has a Friday afternoon game (including a lesson before the game). 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. Preference is given to Unit 507 members, but we'll try to help, especially if you play in a Silicon Valley club.

We welcome Bhanu Narasimhan to our Game, our League, and our Unit.

We also welcome Surendra Adodra, Gerald McNutt, and Joann Zimmerman as Junior Masters and recognize Peggy Bradley and Louise Kirkbride as Club Masters; Pat Jeffries for achieving Sectional Master; Kathryn Walker for Advanced NABC Master status; Aravind Alwan for joining the ranks of Silver Life Masters, and congratulate Jung Hu for advancing to Gold 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 Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Most 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.

Some years ago, when my hair was darker and fuller, I was playing in a morning event in some western Nevada city outside of District 21. A player in a nearby section had become a nuisance to basically everyone within earshot. I had learned the phrase "player interfering with my enjoyment of the game" as described in Law 74A2 of the *Laws of Duplicate Bridge* from a now-retired District 21 director. I summoned the director covering my section, after first warning my table opponents that the

director call had nothing to do with them, and told the director, “That player in Section G is interfering with my enjoyment of the game.” His response was, “Mine too! The Director in Charge is taking care of it.” A few moments later, I observed the offending player being escorted out of the playing area under the watchful eye of the person whom I believed to be the Director In Charge and three larger and well-equipped security guards. I'm happy to say that I've only seen this happen one other time before or since. But, seriously, if you are an anteater, it's probably a bad idea to set fire to an anthill. If you disparage and degrade all of the people who don't play as well as you do, how are you ever going to win? And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!



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