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## U507 January News

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Mon, Jan 16, 2023 at 12:18 PM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Santa Claus is on vacation! This is Mich Ravera.

I hope that you are on someone's "nice" list, so that you can take advantage of some great news! The San Jose Bridge Club is reopening in just a couple of days! Games will be held every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games.

You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1>

This week's game, on Wednesday, January 18th, is the Grand Opening and will be an Upgraded Club Championship Game (side 499er game if attendance warrants). Entry fee is \$10. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be served. Contact Lynn Yokel for more information.

We are in the process of arranging our Spring Forward Sectional. Subject to final arrangements, it will be held April 29 and 30 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. The Unit Board voted to advance the starting time of the second Saturday session to 3:00PM, so that you have a better chance of heading home in daylight. Talk to a Unit Board Member, particularly Bruce Luttrell, our sectional coordinator, if you can help with anything.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, but will next be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting.

The District is trying to work out how to hold its full complement of Regional tournaments this year. Usually there are two in the summertime; at the moment, only Santa Clara in late August is firmly scheduled.

Please join me in officially welcoming Jory Fort to the Silicon Valley from North Texas.

I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Gary Levison and Jacqueline Mariadassou have been welcomed as Junior Masters; Kathleen Cole has advanced to Club Master; Bill Roman has earned the rank of Regional Master; Murat Alaybeyi,

Michele Liu, and Bharat Kamdar have been promoted to NABC Master; Aravind Alwan qualified as Life Master; Philip Freiberger advanced to Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all of them! But special recognition goes to Unit Board Member Norman Marks who achieved the rank of Gold Life Master.

I'd like to remind everyone that there is also a weekly club game held at The Villages and that our neighbor to the South, Morgan Hill, has Unit Games usually on the third weekend of every month. Contact Jim Craig at [geminijim79@yahoo.com](mailto:geminijim79@yahoo.com) for details. If you are trying to get someone to learn bridge, but can't quite teach them yourself, they can contact any of the four Community Centers in the area: Almaden, Camden, Willow Glen Senior and Cypress! They all say that they have lessons on their web pages.

Enjoy every day! I'll see you at the tables!

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## U507 February News

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Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 8:44 AM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

This is the President! No, not THAT president. It's Mich Ravera.

Our Spring Forward Sectional will be held April 29 and 30 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. The morning sessions begin, as usual, at 10:30AM, but Saturday's second session starts at 3:00PM, so that you have shorter lunch break, but a better chance of heading home in daylight. Talk to a Unit Board Member, particularly Bruce Luttrell, our Sectional Coordinator, if you think that you can help with anything. If you need to arrange for partners or teammates, our online partnership desk is found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose#/> . If partnerships or teammates fall through on the day of the event, you can try texting me at 510-410-0371. I will help if I can.

The North American Bridge Championships run March 9-19 in New Orleans. See <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/nolanabc/> , if you are interested.

Despite a number of challenges, the District managed to work out how to hold the week-long regional that has usually held at the DoubleTree Inn in Sacramento starting on Memorial Day at its customary place and time. Its flyer is [here](#). The Regional that ends Labor Day in Santa Clara is also back on schedule. That flyer is in process.

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, check out our website at <http://www.sjbridge.org>

The San Jose Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> . Contact Lynn Yokel for more information.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, but, because of the NABC, will next be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting.

Please join me in officially welcoming Lynn Rossmann and Betty Russell to our game. We also welcome Laura Finkelstein to our Unit.

I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Jung Hu has advanced to Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all of them!

Enjoy every day! I'll see you at the tables!

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**U507 March News**

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Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 1:23 PM

## Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Don't get excited! It's just I, Mich Ravera.

I hope that you are making plans to play in our Unit's Spring Forward Sectional which will be held April 29 and 30 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. By popular request, we've shortened Saturday's lunch break, so the afternoon session will finish before dark. Talk to a Unit Board Member, particularly Bruce Luttrell, our Sectional Coordinator, if you think that can help with anything. Check out our online partnership desk at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose#/) if you are looking. If you text me at 510-410-0371, I will try to help if partnerships fall apart on the day of the event. You may have read a notice from the ACBL that, starting soon, tournament sponsors will have the authority to decide for themselves on vaccination policies, and other COVID protocols. Unfortunately, that authority comes about two weeks too late to help us. So, bring your vax card with you.

I'm sure that I'll miss a couple of other deserving players, but I noticed that Frank Xie had a section top at the NABC just concluded in New Orleans. Indeed, Frank Xie and Donghui Lu were leading the field after the first day of the Flight B North American Pairs. Lynn Bartz and Michael Fleisher had a section top in the Top-Flight Pairs. Carolyn Drozdiak's team prevailed in its bracket. Michael Bodell's team had a stratification top. Congratulations to all!

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Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, next be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting.

Please join me in officially welcoming Somya Chauhan and Isabel Zhou to our game. We also welcome Richard DeVaul, Jane Otto, and Shaomin Zheng to our Unit and Pollyanna Pixton to California and to our Unit.

I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Susie Brenner has been welcomed as a Junior Master; Li Zhang has advanced to Regional Master; and Chung Lau was promoted to Bronze Life Master. Congratulations to all of them!

On Sunday, March 26, the Santa Cruz Bridge Center game at 1 pm will be preceded by a special lunch. Reservations are required. More information, including the menu, is on their website, [SCBC Website](#) .

Enjoy every day! I'll see you at the tables!

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## U507 April News

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Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 9:38 AM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

If you were expecting Santa Claus, you are reading the wrong E-mail. It's just I, Mich Ravera.

I hope that you are making plans to play in our Unit's Spring Forward Sectional which will be held April 29 and 30 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. By popular request, we've shortened Saturday's lunch break, so the afternoon session will finish before dark. We especially need help with table set up on Friday Afternoon, the day before, so talk to a Unit Board Member, particularly Bruce Luttrell, our Sectional Coordinator, if you think that can help with anything. Check out our online partnership desk at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose#/> if you are looking. If you text me at 510-410-0371, I will try to help, if partnerships fall apart on the day of the event. You can click [here](#) to purchase your entry online in advance.

You may have read a notice from the ACBL that, starting soon, tournament sponsors will have the authority to decide for themselves on vaccination policies, and other COVID protocols. Unfortunately, that authority comes about 2 weeks too late to help us. So, bring your Vax card with you.

The San Jose Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. If you need points, the game on May 3 will be a Royal STaC game. **Points will be 25% Gold, 25% Silver, 25% Red, and 25% Black.** Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1>. Contact Lynn Yokel if you have any questions.

The start-of-summer California Capitol Regional has returned to Sacramento, the city of my youth, starting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 through June Sunday, June 4. You can see the details [here](#). I hope to see you there. The District is advising players that the site will be a construction zone, so plan accordingly.

Our Unit's annual meeting, award presentation, lunch, and game are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 12th. Get Scottie to warm up the teleporter, so that you can make it!

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, check out our website at <http://www.sjbridge.org>.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, next on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting.

Sadly, we've been notified of the passing of Marilyn Bass.

Please join me in officially welcoming Rollo Parsons to our game.

I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Richard Lordan has been welcomed as a Junior Master; Jian Fang and Richard Johannsen have earned the title of Club Master; Kathy Vita has advanced to NABC Master; Joanne Cornbleet was promoted to Bronze Life Master; and Barbara Luttrell was promoted to Sapphire Life Master. Congratulations to all of them!

Enjoy every day! I'll see you at the tables!

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**U507 May News**

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Fri, May 19, 2023 at 11:37 AM

## Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

If you were expecting Santa Claus, you are reading the wrong E-mail. It's just I, Mich Ravera.

Our Unit's Spring Forward Sectional was held April 29 and 30 and was a huge success. Bruce Luttrell, our Sectional Coordinator, is to be congratulated along with his decision to hire Patricia Steele to make the lunches.

In our Sectional Chung Lau and her partner won in all three stratifications in Saturday's two-session Open Pairs. Anne Blach and her partner won the Morning Limited Pairs with Sandra Erickson and partner winning in the afternoon. Dianne and Lynn Shannon's team with Floyd McWilliams and John Miller won the Sunday Teams. Stratification tops were earned by the pair of Jian and Jesse Fang and the team of Norman Marks, Ronald Baron, Lynn Bartz, and Ken Imboden. Section tops went to Lynn Shannon and John Miller; Judy Fisher and Lynn Bartz; Michael Bodell and Mike Cailean; Arif Janjua; and Tsao-Tung Tsai.

The San Jose Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. A large number of the games for the rest of the year will be scored as Unit Championships. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games. Note that on hot days, the game will move to a smaller, air-conditioned room that accommodates a limited number of tables, so preregistration is critical.

You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> . Contact Lynn Yokel if you have any questions.

The start-of-summer California Capitol Regional has returned to Sacramento, the city of my youth, starting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 through June Sunday, June 4. You can see the details [here](#). I hope to see you there.

Our Unit's annual meeting, award presentation, lunch, and game are scheduled for Saturday, August 12 in the Roosevelt Room at the Campbell Community Center, [1 W Campbell Ave](#), in Campbell. Set up is at 12:00 Noon. Food, to be provided by the Unit, will follow, then an award presentation, a Unit Annual Meeting, and a Stratified (and limited) Pairs game. It's \$10 for Unit 507 members and \$20 for others. With your help, we will be all finished and broken down by 4:45PM. An online signup Sheet Document will be available after July 8.

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, check out our website at <http://www.sjbridge.org>

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL UNIT BOARD MEMBERS! During May, we solicit candidates for our Unit Board. If you would like to be on the Board, please contact me or our Unit Secretary, Ray Yuenger, by June 1. Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, but we are holding the next one on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting.

Please join me in officially welcoming Jianzhong He, Yuchen Jiang, William Tang, and Aniruddha Thakur to our game and to our Unit. We also welcome Arnold Landsman to our Unit from Southern California. I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Janice De Carion, Swapnil Garg, and Ernestine Hicks have been welcomed as Junior Masters; Barbara Roupe has advanced to NABC Master; Yanong Han was promoted to Ruby Life Master; and Kevin Rosenberg has advanced to Diamond Life Master. Congratulations to all of them!

Enjoy today and every day! I'll see you at the tables!

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## New message

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Fri, Jun 23, 2023 at 10:41 PM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

If you were expecting fireworks, you are reading the wrong e-mail. It's just I, Mich Ravera.

The San Jose Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> . Contact Lynn Yokel if you have any questions.

[Our website](#) will include the full details, but it's shorter to list all of the local games, both online and face-to-face, that aren't special between now and Labor Day. It looks like the face-to-face games on July 19 and August 2 will be regular club games and a few of the online games won't be special, but that's it! Also, no face-to-face games during either the Firecracker Sectional/Limited Regional on July 5, or the All-Western Regional on August 30.

Our Unit's annual Membership Meeting, award presentation, lunch, and game are scheduled for Saturday, August 12 in the Roosevelt Room at the Campbell Community Center, [1 W Campbell Ave](#), in Campbell. Set up is at 12:00 Noon. Food, to be provided by the Unit, will follow, then an award presentation, a Unit Annual Meeting, and a Stratified (and limited) Pairs game. It's \$10 for Unit 507 members and \$20 for others. With your help, we will be finished and broken down by 4:45PM. An online sign-up sheet document will be available after July 8. So watch this space.

If you'd like to be certified as an ACBL Club director to direct in our area, the Unit will help you find and pay for a course and your test! Contact either me or Ray Yuenger to guide you through the process.

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, check out our website at <http://www.sjbridge.org>.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, but we are holding the next one on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting.

Because we had only as many candidates as available positions, all of the Unit Board members whose terms were expiring were deemed to have been elected. Mischel Postas, Ray Yuenger, Karen O'Connell and I, Mich Ravera, have been reelected. Previously appointed members Bruce Luttrell and Michael Fleisher were elected to full terms.

Please join me in officially welcoming Suzanne Christensen and Feng Li to our game and to our Unit. I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Jesse Fang has been welcomed as a Junior Master; Shailesh Naik has advance to Regional Master; Vera Huelbig was promoted to Ruby Life Master; and Andy Scott has advanced to Gold Life Master. Congratulations to all of them!

Enjoy today and every day! I'll see you at the tables!

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## July News/August membership meeting/game

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Sun, Jul 30, 2023 at 6:33 PM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

If you were expecting Sandra Bullock or Mick Jagger, you are reading the wrong e-mail. It's just I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Our Unit's annual meeting, award presentation, lunch, and game is being held Saturday, August 12 in the Roosevelt Room at the Campbell Community Center, [1 W Campbell Ave](#), in Campbell. Set up is at 12:00 Noon. A light catered lunch be provided by the Unit at approximately 12:30 (bring drinks for yourself or to share), will follow, then an award presentation, a Unit Annual Meeting, and a Stratified (and limited) Pairs game perhaps just a bit after 1:00 PM . It's just \$10 for Unit 507 members and \$20 for others. With your help, we will be all finished and broken down by 4:45PM. Online sign up is available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-20237#/> Contact Bruce Luttrell, Ray Yuenger, or me, if you'd like to know how you can be of specific help. We **WILL** need it!

The San Jose Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd](#). in Campbell. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> . Contact Lynn Yokel, if you have any questions. [Our web site](#) will include the full details, but it it's shorter to list all of the games, both online and face-to-face, that aren't special between now and Labor Day. It looks like the the face-to-face game on August 2 will be a regular club game and a few of the online games won't be special, but that's it! Also, no face-to-face game on August 30 during the All-Western Regional.

If you'd like to be certified as an ACBL Club director, the Unit will help you find and pay for a course and your test! Contact either me or Ray Yuenger to guide you through the process.

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, check out our website at <http://www.sjbridge.org>.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM, next on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, usually a day or two ahead of the meeting. All of the Unit Officers were re-

elected by the Board at our latest meeting: Mischel Postas, Vice-President; Ray Yuenger, Secretary; Karen O'Connell, Treasurer; and I, Mich Ravera, President.

Please join me in officially welcoming Thomas Stanis to our game and to our Unit and also Srikanth Chari to our Unit. I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that John Stremel was promoted to Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all of them! With sadness, we have been officially informed of the death of Barbara Dahl.

Enjoy today and every day – whether you feel the need for speed, want someone to get off of your cloud, or hide your novelty dance pictures from the 1990s! I'll see you at the meeting and at the table!

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## August Unit 507 News

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Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 6:38 PM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

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

If you missed our Unit's annual meeting, award presentation, lunch, and game, where were you? The catered lunch was a feast! Some people even brought wine to share. We recognized our Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs winners. You can see the full list [here](#) and [here](#). If you won an award and either didn't get someone to accept the award for you or didn't accept it yourself, they should be on the way in the mail, maybe even before this is published. In the Unit Championship game that followed, Norman Marks and Qing Lu won it all. Maxine and Ray Lubow topped the overalls in the "B" strat. Karen O'Connell and Mischel Postas won the "C" strat. Lots of other people won masterpoints; you can find the full list [here](#).

The All-Western Regional runs Tuesday, August 29 through Labor Day Monday, September 4 at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara. You can see most of what you need to know at <https://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2309108>

Our Unit's Fall Back Sectional will be held Friday (yes, Friday!) through Sunday, November 3-5 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. We will have more to say about this as the day draws nearer, but have a look at <https://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2311341> for all of the details.

Unit 507 members have been busy winning at tournaments around the world. Here is a partial list: In the World Youth Team Championships, contested in the Netherlands, Rory Xiao and Arthur Zhou were on the second-place under-21 team. Kayden Ge and Brian Zhang were on the third-place under-16 team. More winners are listed in the [Unit 507 column](#) in the recent District 21 newsletter, Diamond in the Ruff.

The San Jose Bridge Club has games every Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. Preregistration is REQUIRED for all games. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1>. Contact Lynn Yokel if you have any questions. [Our web site](#) has the full details, but almost all of the games from now until Labor Day are extra points! Particularly, the August 23 game is

part of the Western Conference Sectional Tournament at Clubs. There is no face-to-face game during the All-Western Regional on August 30.

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Please join me in officially welcoming Shaomin Zheng to our Unit from Southern California. We also welcome Srikanth Chari, Feng Li, Julia Miller, Rollo Parsons, and Charles White as Junior Masters. I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Kathleen Crowe has joined the ranks of Club Masters; Shirley Foreman achieved Silver Life Master; and Laura Walters was promoted to Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all of them!

Enjoy today and every day – whether you feel the need for speed, want someone to get off of your cloud, or hide your novelty dance pictures from the 1990s! I'll see you at the meeting and at tables!

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## Unit 507 News September 2020

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Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 10:00 PM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Hi everyone! Unit 507 President Mich Ravera here.

Our Unit's Fall Back Sectional will be held Friday (yes, Friday!) through Sunday, November 3-5 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. We will have more to say about this as the day draws nearer, but have a look at <https://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2311341> for all of the details. Please note that the start times on Saturday and Sunday are 30 minutes earlier than the last time we held a sectional, and are earlier than the start time on Friday.

Freon is a chemical that was often used as a refrigerant in air conditioners. FRIANT is the city near the Table Mountain Casino where the next District 21 Regional is being held from Monday October 9 through Saturday October 14, 2023. You will find the flyer [here](#).

We are looking to hold our Unit's Holiday party in late November or mid-December. Don't worry! We won't schedule it right in the middle of the NABC. Watch this space for further details as they fall into place. We're hoping for a waistline preserving but not exploding potluck with dueling hummus dishes. My understanding is that bridge carbohydrates don't count against your daily maximum.

The All-Western Regional was held Tuesday, August 29 through Labor Day Monday, September 4 at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara. If you want to know how everyone did, look [here](#). I will list most of the Unit 507 winners here. John Hodges won the Charity Pairs to start the tournament as well as a couple more pairs events later in the tournament. Section tops went to Jian Fang, Clark Millikan and Arif Janjua, Steve Burnham and Regina Norberg as well as Pravesh and Neeru Mehra managed a side pairs win. Monica Bacon-Proctor and Bill Roman managed a Gold Rush Pairs section top along with Jianchen Zhang and Fenghong Chen. Anne Wilson and Vilas Namjoshi, both of whom were also on several winning bracketed teams, were on winning KO teams. Bob and Marcia Dean and Ed Barlow, as well as Ron Baron, Norman Marks (multiple wins), Jung Hu, Michael Fleisher, Lynn Bartz, Joanne Cornbleet, Robert Brunkhorst, Carol Drozdiak, Ashwini Datar, and Ken Imboden were all on winning bracketed teams. Tien-Chun Yang and Yanong Han were leading the All-Western

Championship Pairs after three sessions. Joanne Cornbleet topped the Mid-Flight pairs. Kevin Rosenberg was on a winning top-level Swiss Team.

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Please join me in officially welcoming Shaomin Zheng to our Unit from southern California. We also welcome Srikanth Chari, Feng Li, Julia Miller, Rollo Parsons, and Charles White as Junior Masters. I'm also happy as to announce that we have been officially notified that Kathleen Crowe has joined the ranks of Club Masters; Shirley Foreman achieved Silver Life Master; and Laura Walters was promoted to Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all of them! I regret to note that Julia has passed away.

Enjoy today and every day – whether you feel the need for speed, want someone to get off of your cloud, or hide your novelty dance pictures from the 1990s! I'll see you at the meeting and at the tables!

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## October 2023 News from Unit 507

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Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 12:00 PM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Hi everyone! If you were hoping to hear "Another Trip Around the Sun", you've opened the wrong e-mail. It's just I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera, here.

Our Unit's Fall Back Sectional will be held Friday (Yes, Friday!) through Sunday, November 3-5 at the Bridge Center in Mountain View. Have a look at <https://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2311341> for all of the details. Lunches will be available for purchase and the unit is supplying some goodies. If you are looking for a partner or teammates, it's best to go to <https://shorturl.at/bpJOS>.

At the brand-new regional at the non-smoking Table Mountain Casino near Friant, attendance was low. Possibly the location, close to Fresno, puzzled players. I hope the word gets out about how attractive a venue it is, with a new hotel, a large playing area, and tasty reasonably priced meals available in the hotel's restaurants. Silicon Valley players managed quite well. Anne Wilson and Arif Janjua each prevailed in bracketed team events. Betsy Wagner had a strat top in a Gold Rush pairs event.

A few years ago, we made the decision to hold the Unit's Holiday party before Thanksgiving. Some people questioned its wisdom. It was the best Holiday event that we'd had in years! This year, we are extending the Holiday season in the opposite direction. By January 20, you'll have strayed from any new diet and we're hoping for a waistline preserving but not exploding Pot-Luck. The Unit will provide a dish or two (probably turkey) that are too much to expect from your kitchen. My understanding is that Bridge carbohydrates don't count against your daily maximum. Of course, if you think that Santa will have headed off to the Caribbean and want, by food or dress, to help the rest of us get ready for Lunar New Year, Carnival, or Valentine's Day, that's just fine with us, too!

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Please join me in officially welcoming Bakulesh Hazari, Natalie Toney, Patrick Vanmun, Florina Comanescu, Clare Meyerson, Elias Wolff, and Jiancheng Zhang to our League, to our game, and to our Unit. We also welcome Amit Duvedi from Massachusetts; Avi Mukherjee from a neighboring unit; Hanwen Tian from Illinois; Henry ("Hank") Koransky from Southern California and Rich Pavlicek and Li-Chung Chen.

I am happy to announce Xiaoling Lai and Jiancheng Zhang as Junior Masters; Shaomin Zheng has officially joined the ranks of Sectional Masters; Henry Zhang is now a Regional Master; Milind Girkar and Kathy Ormseth have earned the title of NABC Master; Thomas W. Morse was promoted to Advanced NABC Master; Mike Braun became Life Master; Michael Callahan, Roy Tsai, and David Fotland have advanced to Bronze Life Master; Andrew Sinclair and Kathy Jasper attained the rank of Silver Life Master. Congratulations to all of them!

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Whether you are unsure where you'll go when the Volcano blows or are celebrating your results When the Smoke Cleared, enjoy today and every day. I'll see you at the tables!

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Dear Ray

Hi everyone! If you were hoping to see the latest Taylor Swift video, you've opened the wrong E-mail. It's just I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera, here.

Our Unit's Fall Back Sectional was held November 3-5. Event Winners include: Yu Chang (with Henry Zhang) who also had multiple section tops along with Bruce Luttrell (with Kathryn Von Dohre). Joanne Cornbleet (with Allen Simon) had section tops both on Friday and Saturday. Rebecca Zhang (with Debra Willrett) and visitors Kathy Wheeler and Stephanie Youngquist, and Frank Silver and David Gin topping Friday's Silver Rush. Jayesh Goyal and Sathya Bettadapura won Saturday's Open Pairs. Dimitry Goder (with Yakov Feldman) along with visitors Richard Springer and Don Levine had section tops in the Limited Pairs. On Sunday, Aravind Alwan (with Kroll, Balas & Makhdumi), Linda Nemmer and Randy Jones (with Randy Ryals and David Wong), Guoliang Yu and Yannie Zhao (with Gordon Wang and Chin Huang) and the visiting Zhang-Zhang-Guo-Shi team all won their respective brackets.

This year, we are having our Unit's wintertime party at the Campbell United Methodist Church, the same location as the weekly club game. We are extending the Holiday season through January 20. Set up time will be 12:00 Noon. We plan to start eating at 12:30, playing at about 1PM, breaking down well before 4:30PM and be out before 5PM. Sunset that day is approximately 5:20PM, so you ought to be able to get home in full daylight. The theme for our Unit Party will be "Wintertime." The Unit will provide a meat dish or two. This event is free to Unit 507 members with a Pot Luck contribution. OK, so Unit non-members have to pay \$10, but it will still be fun. My understanding is that food and beverages consumed at Bridge events don't count against your dietary restrictions. Feel free to express your wintertime holiday spirit through dress, food, beverage, or mood! To sign up for the game, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BADAA29ABFF2-20237#/> . In order to find out what everyone else is bringing, so that you can make sure that we have something that you like, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BADAA29ABFF2-46195945-2024#/> and tell us what you are bringing so that others can do the same.

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games. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> . Contact Lynn Yokel, if you have any questions.

Please join me in officially welcoming David Wu to our League, to our game, and to our Unit. We also welcome Sriram Ganesan from Washington State. I am happy to welcome Bakulesh Hazari as Junior Master and to announce Karen Kulander as Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to both of them!

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You can defeat your Anti-Hero or just try to Smile Through the Tears, so enjoy today and every day. I'll see you the at tables!

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## Unit 507 December 2023 News

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Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 9:58 PM

# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Hi everyone! If you were hoping to see Pumpkin Chuckin clips, you've opened the wrong E-mail again. It's just I, Unit 507 President, Mich Ravera, here.

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO PLAY IN OUR UNIT'S WINTERTIME POTLUCK PARTY** and game on Saturday, January 20, with Set Up at 12:00 Noon, food at 12:30, and the game probably a bit after 1:00PM. Click here to indicate what you're bringing. The location this year is Campbell United Methodist Church, the same location as the weekly club game (address below). The Unit will provide a meat dish or two. This event is free to Unit 507 members with a pot luck contribution. OK, so Unit non-members have to pay \$10, but it will still be fun.

At the recently concluded North America Bridge Championships in Atlanta:

[Frank Xie](#) and Yanong Han earned section tops as well as Top 10 finishes in National events. Xin Ge and Anne Wilson also had section tops in regional events.

At the Puerto Vallarta Regional Lynn Shannon and John Miller won two events outright and managed a section top in a third.

To see more of the high placing players in recent events see this link.

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We welcome Christie Flores from down San Diego way. I am happy to welcome Junior Master Aniruddha Thakur and recognize Club Master Guoliang Yu, Sectional Master Jian Fang, NABC Masters Julie Lee, Li Zhang, Advanced NABC Master Betsy Wagner and Life Master Kayden Ge. Congratulations to all of them!

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So whether you celebrate the Queen of Light, the Prince of Peace, or are just Happy that your Lighst Weren't Put Out, have a HAPPY WINTER SEASON! And I'll see you the at tables!

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