

Hello, and greetings for the Spring season! Mich Ravera, Unit 507 President.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held every month on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, but we have a special meeting to discuss goals and By-laws scheduled for April 26. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. So, if you contact me at michravaera@yahoo.com in time to matter, I will send you the invitation, usually on the weekend before the meeting. We still have a vacant spot on the Board, so, if you are interested in molding the future of Bridge in the Silicon Valley, tell us. We can use an additional perspective to aid in our decisions. Why not YOURS??!!

At our last meeting, we managed to recruit Bruce Luttrell as Sectional Tournament Coordinator and Unit Board Member and added Board Member Michael Fleisher. With Bruce's addition, we are on track to hold our Fall Back Sectional in October. If you just can't wait to play in a face-to-face Unit Championship game, Unit 524 holds a Unit Championship in Morgan Hill every month. The next one is Sunday, April 24 (flyer attached).

We are still working out how to resume face-to-face Bridge on a regular basis in Silicon Valley. The good news is that, thanks to the search efforts of Kathy Jasper and others, we may have found a place to hold a weekly daytime game. Check this space and other announcements.

I am happy to announce that we have been officially notified that Alicia Breyer advanced to Sectional Master; Kumar Ramaiyer was named Regional Master; Donghui Lu achieved the rank of Life Master; and Ken Rosenfeld was promoted to Gold Life Master. Congratulations to all!

I have in my possession and have signed the Ace of Clubs award certificates for 2021. They will be mailed to the winners this week. The winners are:
Over 10000: Diane Shannon; 7500-10000: Bill Langlois; 5000-7500: Bud Biswas*; 3500-5000: Stu Goodgold; 2500-3500: Paul Nelson; 1500-2500: Ken Imboden; 1000-1500: Preston Kauk; 500-1000: John Stremel; 300-500: Joanne Cornbleet; 200-300: Linda Kenigsberg; 100-200: Betsy Wagner; 50-100: Arancha Rathnakar; 20-50: Kathy Vita; 5-20: Joan Albers; and introducing 0-5: Fadi Maamari. More Congratulations!

* Bud Biswas died in 2022.

Speaking of websites, we are in the process of updating our website. It will remain at the same URL: <http://www.sjbridge.org> .

The Reno North American Bridge Championships took place last month. If you want to see what some people said about it, take a look at this BridgeWinners thread <http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/reno-postmortem-the-good-the-bad-and-the-smoky> .

The Sacramento Regional is scheduled for next month. Its flyer is here: <https://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2022/06/2206104.pdf> Since it is past the ACBL's announcement deadline, the tournament is a GO!

That's quite a lot for this month. I'll see you at the tables, with your new-style Convention Card whose format is discussed in the most recent Bridge Bulletin.