

Table Talk – March 2017

District 21

South County Unit 500

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<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> RBC Inter-club Championship	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> SFP Unit Championship	<i>11</i>
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<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> MBC Club Championship	<i>22</i> RBC Inter-club Championship	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> RBC Unit Swiss 11:00	<i>27</i> RBC ACBL Senior Game	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> RBC Unit Game	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> SFP Swiss Teams	

For last minute changes to game times and locations, please check the unit's Website <http://unit500.org>

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President's Message

Charlie Conrad

Ann and I took our son Chris, his wife Nicole, and 4-year-old little Charlie to Hawaii for fun and relaxation. Good thing we had the kid with us to keep us on track and remind us what a vacation is for. Went to the zoo and a luau, beach and pool, walked around, ate a lot, and got ice cream almost every day.

Unfortunately, that was it for the fun. Reality took over.

The second day there we got word that our niece's father-in-law had a heart attack and died.

The next day I received an email saying that longtime board member Wayne Bennett had passed too. Wayne was one of the nicest people I ever met. Our condolences to his wife Lynn and the rest of his family.

I understand that there is a celebration for Wayne on Saturday, March 4th. I think Terry Terzian has the details on time and place. We're going to have a special game in Wayne's honor sometime in the near future.

That evening our other son, Scott, gave us the sad news that his wife has pancreatic cancer. She's now undergoing chemo every other week. She's young and in good physical shape, so there's some hope that treatment will at least prolong her life beyond her prognosis. She wants to be at their daughter's graduation from high school in a couple years. Prayers and good thoughts are welcome as we hope for a miracle.

Then on Valentine's Day we got the word that my good friend, co-worker, mentor, and past president of Unit 500, Jan Hollowell, passed away after a fall. After all those hip operations, we can find some solace knowing that her pain is gone.

We're putting together a celebration for Jan on Thursday, March 16th at Weekes Park Community Center, 27182 Patrick Ave, Hayward. Time will be about 10 am. Her daughter, Susan Welch, and many of her non-bridge friends will be there as well. We'd like to see a very good showing from Unit 500 members so that we can make a major contribution in Jan's memory. There will also be a bridge game, starting at 11:30. We will have an open section and a limited section if attendance warrants. This will be a charity game to benefit the Sleep Train Foster Kids program. This was a favorite of Jan's.

Rest in peace, dear friends.

Hope all of you have recovered from the massive rains we've had during the past two months. I measured over two feet at my house. Let the sun shine for awhile!

See you at the bridge tables.

What's News in South County

Kate Hare

If you attended the first unit sponsored event of the year, the Pizza Lunch Pairs Game, you probably agree that it was a big success. Nineteen and a half tables in play was a good number of tables which increased the total masterpoints to be awarded. The points earned by the top pair in the Open Section was 4.38 and it went to **Gary Peck** and **Bob Ipswich**. In the Non-Life Master section **Gwen Vallio** and **Gerry Fisher** earned 1.41 for their 69% game. The large crowd made a fun and competitive environment in which to play. The lunch was also good. It was cheerfully served in a timely manner by the Unit 500 Board of Directors. The pizza, plentiful and hot, with six varieties from which to choose, was purchased from Mountain Mike's. Judging from the leftovers, it was appreciated and enjoyed. Chocolate cake, two cakes in fact, were served in honor of **Vince De Pasquale** who recently attained his Gold Life Master status.

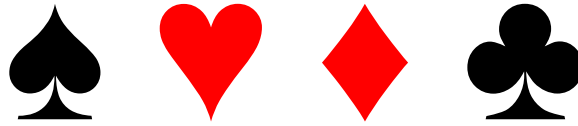
TOURNAMENT TRAIL: February was a very highly emotional month for many member of Unit 500 but it was a very quite month for tournament activity. Some players attended the San Mateo Sectional last weekend and brought home points: **Charlie Conrad** (.90), **Carolyn Darcey** (.85), **Carol Alliger** (.85), **Ming-Xiang Li** (.78), **Rajan Jeyakumar** (.54), **Prakash Karamchandani** (.54), **Shailesh Shah** (.45) and **Sarah Simmerman** (.45) were among the winners. Congratulations to all.

** Please let me know if you place at a tournament or have a big win. Send an email to kate.p.hare@gmail.com to share your accomplishments**

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERS ON THE MOVE: There were no changes in membership last month. If you have any ideas for ways to increase membership please share them with any board member or club director. Your input is appreciated.

ADVANCEMENTS: There was only one change in rank last month: Congratulations to **Olga Swartz**, who is the unit's newest Sectional Master.

IN MEMORIAM: Two long-time and very special members of Unit 500 passed away last month. **Jan Hollowell** and **Wayne Bennett** will be missed by all who knew them. Condolences to their families and friends.



Hayward 500 Bridge Club

Sarah Simmerman

Congratulations to this month's winners: Carol Alliger/ Marian Michel and Mike Stambaugh/Mitch Darnell. Each team won twice. In addition, Mike and Mitch had a whopping 73.9% game. Kudos to all of you.

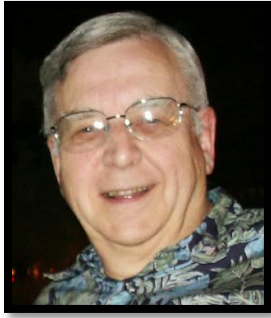
On a somber note, we are deeply saddened by the loss of Jan Hollowell; our friend, mentor, instructor, partner, and so very much more. Jan had a positive influence on so many of the bridge players in Unit 500, as well as in other Units. She is missed.

We are planning a Memorial Charity Game for Thursday, March 16th at Weekes Park, where Jan directed the Easybridge! Club. The game will be divided into two sections – limited and open, attendance permitting. Masterpoint awards will be greater than usual. We hope you will come and share some of your memories of Jan. More info will be sent out soon, as we are in the preliminary stages. Please keep that date, March 16th, on your calendar and join us at Weekes Park (Tennyson and Patrick in Hayward – right off 880). We want to fill the hall with her friends and colleagues.

Keep up the good work everyone and

REMEMBER:

Bridge Players do it with Finesse!



SAN FELIPE BRIDGE CLUB

San Felipe Park Community Center
2058 D St., Hayward CA

Directors: Charlie Conrad, Barbara Dabney

THERE'S A GREAT BRIDGE GAME WAITING FOR YOU!!

Open game SFP - FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30

Games in March

- Regular Games Mar 3, 17, and 24.
- Unit Championship game Mar 10.
- Swiss Teams game Mar 31. I tried having players only sign up as pairs, but that didn't work. So for the rest of the Swiss Team games this year, you can sign up as teams, pairs, or individuals. We'll always have enough extra players to fill all the teams. Get your teams together. We'll have a team game almost every month.
- If you bring a new player to a San Felipe game, both of you qualify for half of a free play the next time you play.
- RIP Jan and Wayne.

If you need a partner, please call Charlie. (510) 329-5916 or email cconrad313@aol.com Or call Barbara (510)599-6308. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided!!

All player masterpoints are averaged among pair or team members when stratifying the game.

For announcements and game results, please see our website: <http://unit500.org>
Put your cursor on Results and then down the menu to San Felipe, then click. You can see all our results.

Unit 500 Bridge Clubs

San Felipe Park Bridge Club (SFP)

San Felipe Park Community Center, 2058 D Street, Hayward

Friday: 10:30 am Open/Stratified

Directors: Charlie Conrad 329-5916, Barbara Dabney 599-6308

Hayward 500 Bridge Club (HBC)

Weekes Park Community Center, 27182 Patrick Ave., Hayward

Thursday: 11:30 am (11:00 Lesson) Stratified/Limited (0 - 499 MP)

**Presenters: Sarah Simmerman 569-8721, Barbara Dabney 599-6308,
Don Bierman 501-3458**

Marina Bridge Club (MBC)

Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro

Tuesday: 10:30 am Open/Stratified

Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

Redwood Bridge Club (RBC)

Kenneth Aitken Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley

Monday: 12:00 pm Open & Non-Life Master Sections (11:45 am Lesson)

Wednesday: 11:15 am Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections

Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424

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