

Table Talk – June 2017

District 21

South County Unit 500

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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

Save the dates: July 14 – 16 for the Castro Valley Sectional at Transfiguration Church. Flyers are in the clubs, and printed in the Forum newspaper.

A new event will happen at the Hayward 500 club at Weekes Park on Thursday, June 15. This will be a Club Championship Pro-Am Pairs Game. Life masters will be paired with non-life masters to form each pair. Masterpoints will be based on an open game. Please contact Sarah Simmerman or Barbara Dabney for info or to sign up. Game time is 11:30, but please come at 11:15 to find out who your partner is and go over your convention card. Flyers are in the clubs. Our Cinco de Mayo event was a big success!! We'll try other new menus in some of the big upcoming Unit 500 events. The next event is the Salad event on Sunday, August 13.

Julie's PET scan showed the tumors shrinking. While no miracles have happened yet, this is pretty good news. They're going to do another PET scan after week 12 of chemo, which should be in late August. Keep those good thoughts and prayers coming!!

I have seven dedicated players in the Easybridge! class I'm offering at my house on Tuesday evenings. Week 2 will be on June 6th from 7-9 pm. Cost is \$50 for ten lessons (prorated). Anyone who wants to learn the basics of bridge is welcome to join us. Please get your contact info to me if interested. I have room for more, and extra card tables. So if you have friends and/or family members who want to try our game, please let them know and have them contact me.

The San Felipe Bridge Club is in danger of closing at the end of June. We're trying to average five tables per game, but have fallen behind the average a bit.

Please get me the names of your team members for the June 9th Club Championship team game. We're also having a North American Pairs qualifying game on June 23rd. We'd like to have a high table count for this ½ Red Point game, so please contact Barbara or me if you need a partner. We'll always find a partner for you if you let us know ahead of time.

Just before I sat down to write this, I learned that Betty Kvalnes passed away on May 24th. She was a good player and a great person to be around. We'll miss her.

See you at the bridge tables.

What's News in South County

Kate Hare

As expected, the Spring Unit-sponsored pairs game and “Cinco de Mayo” lunch was a success. The Mexican themed lunch was a welcome change from the lasagna that has been served at the spring event in the past. Look forward to other menu changes at future events. The next event will be the popular Salad Bar and Pairs Game on Sunday, August 13. It is not too early to plan to attend. Look for signup sheets at your local club. Terry Terzian’s Mother’s Day Swiss was another fun game that took place last month. A generous buffet of finger foods was provided by the attending players.

The team of *Terry Gardner, Drayton Swartz and David and Joyce Denyven* placed first and earned 2.85 master points, far more than the fraction of a point *Terry Gardner* needed to earn Life Master status. Congratulations to the team and especially *Terry*!

TOURNAMENT TRAIL: The California Capital Regional is the big Sacramento tournament held May 29 through June 4. It is popular with Unit 500 players and many attended. The results of this tournament will be posted in next month’s *Table Talk* when all the results become available. However, there have been dozens of gold points already pocketed by South County players. *Jean Wood* is one member whose first-place win in Gold Pairs on Monday earned her Life Master status. Congratulations, *Jean*! Check next month to see if any other Life Masters were created as a result of play at this tournament.

BIG WIN: *Darrell Fung* did it again. During STaC Week at the Lamorinda Club he and partner *Jerry Weitzner* earned 71.30%. This amazing score garnered second place overall in the Western Conference and 14.21 silver masterpoints. Congratulations to *Darrell* and his partners!

Linda Duchscherer had a big win of a different kind. She participated in the *Bridge Bulletin*’s online interactive contest “It’s your Call” and earned the very notable score of 490 out of 500 points for her bidding ability. Competing the following month she placed again in the 400s. Look for her name among the winners in the May issue of *Bridge Bulletin* (p. 80). Good work, *Linda*!

** 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 are no new members or other changes to membership this month.

ADVANCEMENTS: There were three changes in rank last month: *Mitch Darnell* is now a Regional Master and *Jean Wood* and *Terry Gardner* are Unit 500's newest Life Masters. Congratulations *Mitch, Jean* and *Terry*!

IN MEMORIAM: Long time member of Unit 500, *Betty Kvalnes* passed way on May 24th. *Betty* was a passionate bridge player who learned to play in college. Her favorite partner was her husband *Ivar*. Condolences to him and their family and friends.

COMING UP: The Pro-Am Game at Hayward 500 Bridge Club is scheduled for June 15 and the North American Pairs Qualifying Games will begin at the end of June. Check the calendar for dates and times of the NAP games.



Hayward 500 Bridge Club

Sarah Simmerman

Congratulations to all our May winners: Rich Russ and Bill Hammerback, Mike Stambaugh and Mitch Darnell, and Mitch and Alex Passinsky.

Welcome back to Alex. We hope his health continues to improve.

Our big news is the Pro Am Club Championship on June 15. We will pair you with a Life Master and have lots of fun. Regular game time, but get there a little early, please.

Also, sign up now, with Sarah, so you are assured a spot.

We are closed June 1 since many of you will be in Sacramento. The tournament is a fun thing to do; not too far away, lots of educational events, lots of beginning and intermediate games, so try it, you'll like it!

Have A Great Tournament!

See you on the 8th.



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

We're behind on the table count we're hoping for in the April and May games. If we don't get a few more players in the June games listed below, we'll be forced to close the San Felipe Bridge Club at the end of June.

Games in June

- Club Championship Swiss Teams June 9.
- North American Pairs June 23.
- We won't have regular club games unless demand warrants.
- 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.

If you need a partner, please e-mail or call Charlie. (510) 329-5916 or 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 pointer over Results and then down the menu to San Felipe, then click. You can see all our results there.

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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