# Table Talk – July 2010

*District 21* *South County Unit 500* *ACBL*

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| **SAVE THE DATE for Hot August Bridge**<br>– Unit 500 Sectional August 6-8, 2010 See Flyer<br><br>FEC – Fremont Easybridge Club<br>HEC –Hayward Easybridge Club | | | | | *2* | *3*<br>**TCBC**<br>NAP<br>Qualifier |
| *4* | *5*<br>**RBC**<br>*OPEN* | *6*<br>**FEC**<br>*CLOSED*<br>**MBC**<br>Unit Game | *7*<br>**RBC**<br>Club<br>Championship | *8*<br>**HEC**<br>*CLOSED* | *9*<br>**Unit 500**<br>MBC<br>11:30 | *10*<br>**TCBC**<br>*CLOSED* |
| *11* | *12*<br>**RBC**<br>NAP<br>Qualifier | *13*<br>**FEC**<br>NAP<br>Qualifier | *14* | *15*<br>**HEC**<br>NAP<br>Qualifier | *16* | *17*<br>**TCBC**<br>Unit<br>Championship |
| *18* | *19* | *20* | *21* | *22*<br>**HEC**<br>ACBL<br>Interclub<br>Championship | *23* | *24* |
| *25* | *26* | *27*<br>**FEC**<br>NAP<br>Qualifier | *28* | *29* | *30* | *31*<br>**TCBC**<br>NAP<br>Qualifier |

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As July arrives it is time to reflect on how fortunate we are in this country. Our next unit event's theme is a patriotic one. We want to honor our veterans. Come, enjoy the camaraderie and pay tribute to those who served our country to preserve the freedom we all enjoy. Snacks will be provided throughout the game. The flyers and sign-up sheets are available at the clubs.

**Single Session Pairs Event**
**Honor our Veterans**
**Friday, July 9**
**11:30 AM**
**Snacks Served Throughout the Game**

Following the above unit game, all attention will be focused on our Sectional.

**The event is approaching and our Sectional NEEDS YOU!**

We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen (before and after each session), volunteer players for those who attend without a partner, setup/cleanup volunteers, caddies, etc. If you are interested, please contact any board member – phone numbers are on the back page of each *Table Talk* publication. Lots of helping hands are needed to make the Sectional a success. Not only do we need your help but hope we will have your participation. Session events and times are on the flyers at the clubs – made some minor changes so please check the flyers.

# Hot August Bridge

## South County Sectional

**August 6, 7, & 8, 2010**

See you at the tables,

Mary Ramos,
Unit 500 President

Note: Joyce Morrison is the Board Member responsible for hospitality ("sunshine") and she mails condolences from Unit 500 to the families of unit members who have passed away and get well cards to those who are ill. Please let her know when you hear about such players. Telephone 510-728-1029 (leave a message if she's not at home) or via email at joycebobmorr2K9@SBCglobal.net

# The South County News

*by Jim Solomon*

## New Lessons for Beginning Players at Hayward Easybridge

A new series of Easybridge 1 lessons has gotten under way this summer at the Hayward Easybridge Club. Thanks to good advertising by the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.), flyers in strategic places, spread of the news by word of mouth, and maybe our reputation as a good place to learn bridge, a healthy number of new and returning bridge players has begun the once-weekly lessons and beginners' game at the club.

As we go to press, we're only two weeks into the series, and with a break coming up on July 8th, it's still possible for conscientious, motivated students of the game to get in on the knowledge and fun. Lessons are currently at 11:30 (but will soon shift to 12:30) on Thursdays at the Southgate Community Center, at 26780 Chiplay Avenue (corner of Sleep Hollow Avenue) in Hayward. Interested students/players can contact me at 510-538-9889 or LSJ63@yahoo.com

## Big Unit Activities for July and August

This July Unit 500 will honor veterans of military service with a special game just four days after Independence Day. On Friday, July 9th, we'll hold a single-session pairs event at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro (home of the Marina Bridge Club). The game'll start at 11:30, and snacks will be served throughout the game. Stratified open and non-Life Master sections will be offered. If you're a paid-up member of our unit, your table fees will be only $6 ($8 for non-ACBL members or members of other units). Please help us plan properly for this event by pre-registering (by July 5th) on the sign-up sheets at your local club. If you need help finding a partner, you may contact Jan Hollowell (510-783-8678; phil-jan@comcast.net), Issi Stefani (925-485-3285), or director Terry Terzian (510-581-4424; terryterz@comcast.net).

And the following month will see our annual South County Hot August Sectional, to be held again this year at Transfiguration Catholic Church in Castro Valley. Our three-day event begins with pairs games on Friday and Saturday mornings and afternoons, August 6th and 7th, and concludes with the Jay Magid Memorial Bracketed Swiss teams (and a single-session pairs event) on Sunday morning and afternoon, the 8th. We'll offer you a continental breakfast (note: the continent isn't Antarctica) and tasty refreshments on all three days. It's way not too early to start lining up your partners and teammates. See you in Castro Valley!

## Members on the Move

Welcome to **Suseela Dantuluri** of Fremont, a new player in our Fremont Easybridge Club since the beginning of the year.

## Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder

Congratulations to **Darrell Fung**, our newest Bronze Life Master (500+ masterpoints). More congratulations to **LaVonne Addison**, who's now a Regional Master (100+ MPs) and to a bunch of new Junior Masters (5+ MPs): **Mary Kelley**, **Joan Mullen**, **Arnold** & **Cynthia George**, and **Kwee Kuntjara**.

## In the Money on the Tournament Trail *by Jim Solomon*

*Note*: The information that appears in this column is gleaned from my reviewing the results for sectional and regional tournaments in District 21, as well as the occasional national championship. To make sure that I haven't overlooked your name (and performance), or to let me know of tournaments that you played in *outside* of our district, please get in touch with me, at LSJ63@ yahoo.com or 510-538-9889.

### East Bay Spring Sectional, Holy Redeemer Center, Oakland, May 28–30

In the Friday Afternoon Open Pairs, **Bill Beeson** & **Asha Apte** placed second in the C strat. **Sam Srinivasan** came in fifth overall and third in the E and F strats in the Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs. He followed this up with a third in strat G in the Saturday Morning 299er Pairs and a third overall in the Afternoon 299er Pairs. In the Saturday Morning 1500 Pairs: 3/4 B: **Norma Bozzini** & **Darlene Mayhew** tied for third in strat B, and **Kay Folsom** & **Jerry Brown** were on top of both the B and C strats in the Saturday Afternoon 1500 Pairs. In Sunday's Barbara Harmon Bracketed Swiss Teams, **Margaret Halland** & **Ed Jimison**'s team came in third in bracket 3.

### California Capital Regional, DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento, May 31–June 6

The most prestigious event of this annual tournament is the California Capitol Swiss teams. It's a truly open event—not stratified at all—and many teams enter the event and hope to do well enough on the first day (Saturday) to be among the 24 teams who qualify for the two-round finals on Sunday. Two teams with Unit 500 players did just that—and more. **Steve Castellino**'s team won the event, each of them earning more than 51 gold points, and **Andrew Gumperz**'s team came in third.

Things began well for South County players with the Kings Bracketed Knockout Teams: **Andrew**'s team won bracket 1, and your faithful correspondent's team tied for third in bracket 3. In evening Swiss teams play, **Trudie Sinclair** and **Susan Lampert** grabbed fifth in C on Wednesday, and YFC's team tied for third in B (and second in C) on Friday. In the Weekend Compact Knockouts, **Trudie** teamed with **Charlie** & **Ann Conrad**, and together they won fourth place in bracket 3. In the Sunday Swiss teams, **Rajan Jeyakumar** and **Kevin Schoenfeld** were on the team that tied for fifth in the X strat of the A/X flight.

South County players also did well in pairs play. **Kunio Okui** competed in the Senior Pairs and placed 10th in the A strat on Wednesday; on Thursday he came in first in strat B and second overall. **Steve** also played pairs, and in the Friday Open Pairs he came in first in strat B and eleventh overall. **Charlie** & **Ann** grabbed a first in C (and fifth in B) in one of the games of the Thursday/Friday/Saturday Side Series, and **Elena Ziuleva** placed ninth in strat A in the Saturday Open Pairs. In Sunday's Fast Open Pairs, **Clark Millikan** was sixth overall.

### San Francisco Summer Sectional, Janet Pomeroy Center, June 12–13

**Elena Ziuleva** placed sixth in the A strat in the Saturday Morning Side Game. In the B/C/D flight of the Sunday Swiss, **Darrell Fung**'s team came in third overall and third in strat C.

# *Unit 500 Easybridge Clubs*

*Manager/Director: Jim Solomon 510-538-9889*

*Website: http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com*

## *Fremont Easybridge Club*

***Tuesday Evenings*** *Penthouse, 3rd Floor, Merrill Gardens of Fremont*
*Newcomer Lesson and Game (0-20 MP): 5:45-9:30 p.m.2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Pkwy.*
*Intermediate Stratified/Limited (0-300 MP) Game: 6:15-9:45 p.m. Fremont 94536*

## *Hayward Easybridge Club*

*Sponsored by the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District (H.A.R.D.)*

***Thursday Afternoons*** *Southgate Community Center*
***Intermediate*** *Lesson and Stratified/Limited Game 26780 Chiplay Avenue*
*(0-300 MP): 12:30-4:00 p.m. Hayward 94545*

Last month we launched a new series of beginning bridge lessons on Thursdays in Hayward (the Easybridge 1 series) with very encouraging results. We now have two tables of new players, and we look forward to a lot of things from them: advancing their knowledge of and thirst for the game, joining our ongoing games, and eventually venturing into the open games in Unit 500 and beyond. They're an enthusiastic group and a joy to teach. In their number are **Merle Saracco** of Fremont, **Maria Elliott**, **Mei Kamenik**, **Karen Lapin**, and **Steven Soso** of Castro Valley, and **Linda Kadis**, of Hayward; joining them is **Bettie Benz**, who began playing in January but has never had the benefit of the beginning series of Easybridge lessons. In Hayward we also welcomed **Patty** & **Bill McNamara** to our intermediate game, and **Johnna Laird**, has returned to the Fremont game.

We've laid on a bunch of special games for July. We'll hold North American Pairs qualifying games in Fremont on the 13th and 27th and in Hayward on the 15th. On the 22nd in Hayward we'll participate in an ACBL Interclub Championship game. ($1 extra for each of these games.) Please note that both clubs will be closed on July 6th and 8th.

We've held several special games since our last report, including our first games for the 2010–2011 North American Pairs competition. On Tuesday evening, June 8th in Fremont, newcomers **Bill Laird** and **Charlie Tonelli** had a 59% game and swept all three strats; on the afternoon of the 25th in Hayward, **Mickey Row** & **Betty Howd** came in first overall in the NAP, and **Bill** & **Patty McNamara** were first in the D and E strats. **Betty** & **Mickey** also won our quarterly club championship game in Hayward the week before, and **Perry** & **Solita Julien** were first in strats B and C. We also held a club championship game in Fremont, on the 15th, won by **Mickey** & **Betty**; with **Bill Laird** & **John Sullivan** claiming first in B and C.

On the strength of her two firsts in special games, plus a second in the NAP game, **Mickey** became the top masterpoint winner in Fremont for the last reporting period, and she shared that honor in Hayward with **Betty**. Both will receive the usual free plays for their accomplishments.

You'll find complete results and special announcements for our games at our Unit 500 Easybridge

website: http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com.

# *Tri-City Bridge Club*

***Merrill Gardens at Fremont***
***2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Parkway***
***Fremont 94536***

*Jim Solomon*
*Club Manager & Director*
*LSJ63@yahoo.com*
*510-538-9889*

*Saturdays at 1 p.m.*
*Open and 99er games (both stratified)*
*Club website:*
*http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com*

The Tri-City Bridge Club is pleased to host another Unit Championship game this month, on the 17th. Extra masterpoints at no extra charge. We'll also be holding two more North American Pairs qualifying games, on the 3rd and the 31st; there's a $1 extra fee for those games.

Contrary to the announcement that appears in the July issue of the District 21 *Contract Bridge Forum*, our club will be **open** for business **on the 3rd**, with that NAP game mentioned above. However, the club will be **closed on the 10th** (and resume on the 17th with that Unit Championship game).

In our Unit Championship game on June 12th, first place overall went to **Rajan Jeyakumar** & **Venkat Sivasankaran**; **Bill Cubley** & **Prakash Karamchandani** were first in the B strat. In our first NAP game of the season, on the 19th, **Bin Liang** & **Song Wang** claimed first overall and first in B. And in our end-of-the-quarter Club Championship game, on the 26th, **Rajan** & **Venkat** did it again, with first overall; **Mary Borneman** & **Herta Apfel** claimed first in the C strat.

Top masterpoint winner for the last reporting period, however, went to **Amy Wu**, thanks to her scratching in just about every game in which she played, with particularly strong showings in the unit championship and the NAP games. It was close, though: she edged out Rajan and Venkat by a mere 0.02 masterpoints. For this, Amy'll receive a free play in a game of her choosing.

For more detailed results of all games, as well as announcements about special events and late-breaking news, visit our club website: http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com. You can find abbreviated game results also on the ACBL website: go to www.acbl.org, click on "Club Game Results" in the list on the left side of the home page, and proceed from there.

# REDWOOD BRIDGE CLUB

**MONDAY 12:30 PM OPEN & NON-LIFE MASTER**

**Kenneth Aitken Senior & Community Center**
**17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley**

## 2010-2011 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

**-club level qualifying-**

This is one of the very few annual ACBL games which award **red points** at the club level

-Perhaps **you** will win an expense-paid trip to compete in the National Finals in Louisville, KY next spring!

*** Monday, July 12, 2010 12:30 PM Redwood BC**

* In the Open Flight, all masterpoint awards are **1/2 red**, 1/2 black at 100% **Sectional Rating**

* At least 50% of the field will qualify for the next stage (the Unit stage)

* Stratified: A (unlimited); B (under 2000); C (non Life-Master, <500)

Table Fees an additional $1.50 per person

**Please note,** this game will take the place of our usual OPEN game on Ju1y 12

***With sufficient interest, a separate NLM NAP section will be offered as well***

There will still be a separate, regular, NON-LIFE MASTER section on this date.

## Other special games this month:

**July 5 (Redwood BC open for business as usual)**

**July 6 UNIT GAME Marina BC 10:30 AM**

**July 21 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Redwood BC 11:15 AM**

# Hot August Bridge

## South County Sectional

### August 6, 7, & 8, 2010

Transfiguration Church Hall
4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley
*Spacious Hall with lots of Onsite Parking*

**Friday, 10:30 a.m.**
Stratified 299er Pairs
Stratified Open Pairs

**Friday, 3:30 p.m.**
Stratified 299er Pairs
Stratified Open Pairs

**PAIR GAMES ARE SINGLE SESSIONS**

***Open pairs strata:***
**A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500**

***299ers strata:***
**0-50/50-100/100-300**
(Attendance Permitting)

***Strati-Flighted Pairs***
**A/X plays separately**
**A/X = 3000+**
**B/C/D = 0-500/500-1000/1000-2000**
(final strata determined by attendance)

**Saturday, 10:30 a.m.**
Stratified 299er Pairs
Strati-Flighted Pairs
A/X and B/C/D
(A/X plays separately)

**Saturday, 3:30 p.m.**
Stratified 299ers
Strati-Flighted Pairs
A/X and B/C/D
(A/X plays separately)

**Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & TBA**
"The Jay Magid Memorial"
Bracketed Swiss Teams
***Teams must play both sessions***

**Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**
Single Session Stratified Pairs

**Mid-chart allowed in Flight A/X and top bracket of Swiss Teams**

**Continental breakfast each morning**
**Refreshments provided all three days**

Table Fees: $10 per session (non-ACBL & unpaid $11)
Information: Mary 510-427-7366 Website: **www.unit500.bridgeforyou.com**

***Directions:*** **Transfiguration is on the left across from PW Market/Petco**

**580 (from Oakland)** take Grove Way/Crow Canyon Rd. **exit 37**, left at light onto Grove Way then right onto E. Castro Valley Blvd. then left at 2nd light into Transfiguration parking lot

**580 (from Pleasanton)** take Castro Valley **exit 37**, right at light onto E. Castro Valley Blvd. then left at light into Transfiguration parking lot.

**880** take 238/580 toward Stockton, then follow "580 from Oakland" directions

# SOUTH COUNTY UNIT 500

**Cordially invites you to our July**

## Single Session Pairs Event
## To Honor our Veterans

**Friday, July 9**
**11:30 AM –**
**Snacks Served**
**Throughout the**
**Game**

*At the Marina Community Center*
*15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro*
**Home of Marina Bridge Club**

**Table fees for paid-up South County members are only $6**
Table fees for all others are $8

**Both OPEN and NON-LIFE MASTER sections will be offered.**
**Both sections will be stratified**

Pre-registration is requested. Please sign up at your local club by **July 5**. For partnership help, please call:
Jan Hollowell 783-8678, Isie Stefani (925) 485-3285 or
Terry Terzian

Terry Terzian, Unit Director
(510) 581-4424
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# Schedule of Games & Locations

**The Bridge Club, Ashland (BC)**
Ashland Community Center, 1530 167th Avenue, San Leandro 94578
**Thursday 10:30 am Open/Stratified**
**Director: Bill Hodges 790-0496**

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**Fremont Bridge Club (FBC)**
Centerville Community Center, 3355 Country Drive, Fremont 94536
**Monday 10:30 am Open/Stratified**
**Director: Bill Hodges 790-0496**

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**Fremont Easybridge Club (FEC) (0-20/0-300 MP)**
Merrill Gardens of Fremont, 2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont 94536
**Tuesday 6:15 pm (5:45 Lesson) Newcomer (0-20MP), Stratified/Limited (0-300 MP)**
**Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889**

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**Hayward Easybridge Club (HEC) (0-300 MP)**
Southgate Community Center 26780 Chiplay Avenue, Hayward 94545
**Thursday 1:00 pm (12:30 Lesson) Stratified/Limited (0-300 MP)**
**Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889**

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**Marina Bridge Club (MBC)**
Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro 94579
**Tuesday 10:30 am Open/Stratified**
**Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424**

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**Redwood Bridge Club (RBC)**
Kenneth Aitken Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley 94546
**Monday 12:30 pm Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections (12:15 Lesson)**
**Wednesday 11:15 am Open/Stratified & Non-Life Master Sections (11:00 Lesson)**
**Director: Terry Terzian 581-4424**

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**Tri-City Bridge Club (TCBC)**
Merrill Gardens of Fremont, 2860 Country Drive at Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont 94536
**Saturday 1:00 pm Open/Stratified**
**Director: Jim Solomon 538-9889**

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