

# District 21 Unitscope

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had by all. Other December winners are Helen Fladseth, Nell Magnuson, Danielle Hejmanowski, Jackie Ortiz, Peggy Leiser, Larry Wyner, Sally Jamison, Jerry Murphy, Sue Snow, Oak Sawyer, Kate Wilmore, Debbie Tesler, Meryl Fischer, Mary Omodt, Gary Robinson, Mike Livensparger, Chris & Bob Evans, Barbara & Lou Meola, Helene & Roy Gay, Bob Klein, Jennifer Jones, Patricia Scoville, Antica Odabashian, Ann Goldberg, Kate Hill, Nancy Johnson, Patricia Gittings, Lucille Sink, Joanne Argyres, Barry Samuel, Michael Nistler, Barbara McAuliffe, Lynn Dondero, Patty Hertz, Tim Coshov, Evelyn Holtz, Sara Rothmuller, Linn Erickson, Howard Jacobs, Steve Bearg, Carl Tillmanns, Gloria Hersch, Jan Hess, Brian Haley, Kathy Juarez, Fred Blatt, Patricia Frenaye, Joanne Pransky, Abbe Cohen, Carole Liss, Lynn Blumenthal, Mimi Armstrong, Lynn Almirol & Nicole Rimmel. They closed out the year in style. Starting 2010 in style were the winners of the New Year's Day game: Kathy Venton, Dave Pankratz, Chris Flindt & Erwin Linzer. Congratulations to each and every one.

Terrific tender teams (the equivalent of the regular Monday night Gentle Duplicate game) is underway. The next tender team game is Saturday, February 6. Tips on team play with Kate Hill is 12:45 p.m.; the game begins at 1:00.

February 7 is the unit game. Call Kathy Venton with questions or partnership needs at 707 591-5015. Kathy will be teaching about reverses on Saturday February 27. This is an all-important way to bid big hands. Kathy will also be teaching a Hamilton/Cappelletti session on March 4. A defense against notrump openers will empower you. Thursday nights starting March 15 Kathy will teach about preempts, take-out doubles, overcalls, and competing for the contract. Bridge is a sport of brute intelligence - taking classes gets you ahead. Details are available at the Gallery.

Is it too soon to think about the Santa Rosa Sectional? No! It's March 27-28. Saturday is pairs day with a two-session Open Pairs game starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be a single session side game and our ever-popular 299er single session game also starting at 10:30. The afternoon sessions start at 3:30 with the continuation of Open Pairs, another single session side game and another 299er event. Sunday is Swiss Teams day - bracketed by average team masterpoints. It's a playthrough of six rounds, eight boards per round. Mid session there will be a short break for our terrific complimentary lunch (yes, it's free). You'll get coffee, tea and snacks the whole weekend. Come and enjoy yourself.

If you have questions, call Larry Borsian, tournament chair, at 707 658-2284. Kathy Venton will fulfill your partnership needs. So here's the deal: play bridge all weekend, see your friends, eat for free, get points. Life is good. Happy groundhog day.

## South County

By Jim Solomon

Come join us on February 5 at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro for our annual single-session Pizza Swiss Teams event. Six bucks (\$8 for South County unit non-member) buys you pizza, salad, and soft drinks; plus bridge! Lunch is served at 11:30; bridge thereafter. Please sign up your team at your local club by February 2; for partnership help and more details, go to our unit website, [unit500.bridgeforyou.com](http://unit500.bridgeforyou.com)

Welcome to the Unit 500 board to its two new members, Susan Lampert & Charlie Conrad. The assembled membership, in between bites of our catered lunch, elected them at our annual general meeting in December, along with re-electing five current members of the board. We also bid a board farewell and expressed our thanks for many years of service to Marv Griebrok.

**Special Club Games in the next 30 days:** Feb. 2 & 23: Fremont Easybridge! Club (FEC) ACBL Junior Fund Championships. Feb. 16: FEC Club Championship. Feb. 20: Tri-City BC ACBL Junior Fund Championship. Feb. 25: Hayward Easybridge! Club at Southgate: ACBL Interclub Championship.

**Dark Days** (clubs closed): Saturday, Feb. 13: Tri-City BC.

**Notable recent tournament performances:** Reno Holiday Regional: Open Pairs: 2A: Nancy Boyd. Morning Side Game: 3C: Lynn & Jim Groh. Morning Side Game: 4A/2B: Kevin Schoenfeld. New Year's Eve Mixed Pairs: 4A: Nancy.

**Winners at Recent Special Club Games:** Unit 500 Holiday Party Great Western STAC Pairs, December 13: Open: 1 N/S: Bert Hall - Bill George; 1 E/W: Ed & Teresa Seputis; NLM: 1 N/S: Valerie Byrne - Bob Hamilton; 1 E/W: Liz Silverman - Rose Ann Kase. Redwood BC (RBC) Unit Championship (U.C.), Dec. 14: Open: 1 OA: Jan Hollowell - Mary Ramos; NLM: 1 OA: Al Larson - Barbara McNeal. Fremont Centerville BC (FCBC) U.C., Dec. 14: 1 OA: Herta Apfel - Amy Wu.

Fremont Easybridge! Club (FEC) ACBL club membership championship (C.M.C.), Dec. 15: Nuno Rebelo - Vicky Santos. Tutoriale BC ACBL C.M.C., Dec. 16: 1 OA: Tina Chen & Ann Conrad. Ashland BC Club Championship (C.C.), Dec. 17: 1 OA: Bill George - Steve Brosamer. FCBC C.C., Dec. 21: 1 OA: Chrystal Newell - Lynda Griebrok. FEC Holiday Swiss Teams CC, Dec. 22: 1st: Betty & Dug Howd, Nuno Rebelo - Vicky Santos. FCBC C.M.C., Dec. 28: 1 OA: Alice Herceg - Chrystal. RBC C.C., Dec. 30: Open: Marv Griebrok - Chrystal. NLM: 1 OA: George Plasch - Barbara McNeal. RBC C.C., Jan. 1: Open: 1 OA: Terry Duewer & Gary Minnig; NLM: 1 OA: Jeff & Mary Toman.

**Welcome to Our Fold:** Santa was very good to us in December, filling the South County stocking with many new members. Welcome to Easybridge! players Mary Kel-

ley of San Leandro, Joan Mullen of Fremont, and Johnna and Bill Laird, also of Fremont. Welcome, too, to Sylvia DeLima and Kay Hursh of San Leandro, and to three players who've transferred from other units: Sherry Larsen Beville of San Leandro (from the East Bay Unit), Chris Stack of Union City (from the Diablo Valley Unit), and Eugene Newman, also of Union City (and from the Sacramento Unit).

**Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder:** Congratulations to Yanong Han, now an NABC Master; to Betty Kvalnes, who's advanced to Sectional Master status; and to Joanne Baumgardner and Sreedhar Vaidun, our new Junior Masters.

**Passing On:** We're saddened by the news that Fran Henry, a longtime player in our bridge community and regular contributor to our monthly newsletter, passed away in early November.

## Stockton

By Elizabeth Youngman

Every now and then the stars and planets align to achieve an astronomical result. Congratulations to Ricky Elin & Marion Goldberg who achieved their 75% game December 7.

Red velvet table covers set the mood for the Holiday Christmas Party on December 13. Spearheaded by hospitality chairwoman Norma Peterson, our one-woman dynamo decorated the club and prepared a monster ham with buttery, scalloped potatoes as the base for a delicious potluck supper.

**December unit winners:** 1st Estelle Warshauer & Mort Horn, 2nd Tanya Alonzo & Dennis Del Paine, 3rd Sherry Cohen & Richard Bianchi.

The Stockton Bridge Center is located at 6235 Harrisburg Place, 95207. The club phone is only answered on game days: 209 476-7014. Play starts at 11:30 a.m. Monday partnership: Ricky Elin, 209 472-7919; Friday call Lee Pyron at 209 888-4116.

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March 6 & 7, 2010



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### Saturday

10:00 am & 3:00 pm **Stratified Novice Pairs (0-5, 5-20, 20-50)**  
**Stratified 299'er Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)**  
Single sessions - play either or both  
Free lesson between sessions on Saturday

### Sunday

10:00 am & 2:30 pm **Stratified Swiss Teams (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)**  
Play through - teams may elect to play only one session  
10:00 am & 2:30 pm **Stratified Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)**  
Single session games - play either or both

Entries: \$10 (\$11 non & unpaid ACBL) per person per session

### Directions:

From HWY 17: Ocean Street exit, to Water Street. Left on Water Street; Right on N. Branciforte.  
From HWY 1 South: Exit at Morrissey Blvd, veer to the left back over the freeway. Right on Water Street. Left on N. Branciforte.  
The Masonic Temple is the second building on the left.

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Free coffee & snacks

Lunches available both days