



# Kibitzer

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## Players—Warm Up! It's Firecracker Time

The countdown to the Palo Alto Unit Firecracker Sectional starts now. Get out your calendars. Notify your partners. Let's set attendance records! Be sure to check out the schedule of events and driving directions on our web site, [www.paloaltobridge.com](http://www.paloaltobridge.com). The tournament starts Friday evening, June 30 and concludes on Tuesday, July 4.

The Hyatt Regency Santa Clara (formerly the Westin Santa Clara) is the site. The Hyatt is ready to serve us well. They have arranged special room rates of \$89/night (reservations required by May 30th). Mention the Bridge Tournament when making reservations. The Unit hopes players take advantage of this special convenience.

There are Open Pair games every day. Bracketed Knockout Teams will play Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday schedule will again include three playing sessions: morning, afternoon and evening. Prove your resilience, play in all three!

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs, for those with fewer than 200 masterpoints, are on the program every day. The Saturday morning session also features a special Newcomer Lesson and Game for players with fewer than 50 Master Points.

Several other new events have been added this year: Compact Knockouts on Friday evening/Saturday morning; Single-session Swiss Teams on Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday afternoons. Tuesday, July 4 features the popular two-session Swiss Teams.

The chair, John Hornback, with the help of last year's chair, Alan Cummings, have everything ready. The committee heads are eager, and final arrangements are in order. Heading the team are Partnerships: Ginger Herrick; Hospitality: Mary Ann Larkin; Caddies: Lorna Corbetta; Set Up/Take Down: Roy Robinson. We need volunteers! Contact the committee chairs now; or call John (650) 962-1109 or email him at [johnback2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnback2@sbcglobal.net).

The Unit will publish the complete game schedule in the June Kibitzer. It will also be in the April and May District 21 Forums. Be sure you are ready for lots of bridge excitement, fun and thrills. Experience the camaraderie of our favorite pastime at the Unit Firecracker.

## Life Masters to Team Up with Non-Life Masters for May 21 Unit Game

The popular Unit LM-NLM Pairs is back on Sunday, May 21 at 12:45 p.m. at the Bridge Center. Please make advance reservations by signing up at the Bridge Center or other clubs. Your sign-up must include a designation of your master point level, either Life Master or Non-Life Master. Players may also sign up with Will Watson at 650/804-1731 (email [willwats@comcast.net](mailto:willwats@comcast.net)) or with Martie Moore at (650) 591-3872 (email [martiemoo@comcast.net](mailto:martiemoo@comcast.net)). The Unit makes a special request to Life Masters to participate in this fun event. Because this format requires pre-game planning, please observe the **May 17** sign-up deadline and arrive at the game by 12:45 p.m.

Prior to game time the NLM players will participate in a blind draw for a LM partner. To save time and avoid confusion, Non-Life Master players should bring a completed convention card to the event. The Life Master partner will play this card. As is customary in Unit events, there will be hand records. To create a friendly atmosphere and put the players on a first name basis, players will wear name tags. Remember, this is a social event and not a time for lessons at the table. In 2005 this game attracted 16 tables with Alan Templeton and Chris Lazarovici the winners.

## Win a Mountain of Points at STAC Week

A STAC is a sectional tournament played simultaneously in clubs throughout the conference, instead of in a single location. The objective is to promote club attendance by offering silver points and increased masterpoint awards while playing in home club comfort.

The Western Conference Spring Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STAC) is back for the 7th year. Take part to win sectionally rated silverpoints at your favorite local club. All the clubs listed in the directory on the back page, except Easy Bridge and the 0-20 game at Lori & Sue's Doubleton Club, plan to sponsor STAC games the week of May 8-14. The awards are very generous so play, play, play for multi masterpoints. Win and you get those shiny silver masterpoints.

The masterpoint stratification for this event is: Strata C: 0-500 masterpoints, Strata B: 501-1500, Strata A: 1500+. All players, no matter their ranking, look forward to the exciting competition at STAC games, so plan now to play a lot. Obviously, the more you play, the better the chances for bigger point stacks.

## Newcomers

A warm welcome to new Palo Alto Unit 503 members Charlene Amherd, Sherry Barba, Joseph Chin, Geraldine Farber, Priya Kamath, Jack Lucas, Raphael Pappo, Pei Sun, Richard Treakle, Jeffrey Ullman and John Ullman. Hello, to Joe Feldman, Ian Friedland, Richard Stein and Peggy Vorisek who have transferred into our Unit.

## Mixed Pairs—Johnston/Andrews Charity Pairs—Smolen/Mayefsky

The partnership of Mike Andrews and Sue Johnston showed that their bridge was not mixed up by finishing ahead of 31 other pairs in the Unit Mixed Pairs match held Sunday, March 19. Chuck Lane and Margot Goodman claimed the top place in the B and C stratas.

All but six pairs qualified for the overall awards, for which only mixed pairs were eligible. The rest of the overall winners are in the list on the Winners Circle page.

In the April 9 Unit Charity Game, Steve Smolen and Eric Mayefsky headed the field of 18½ tables, with Alan Cummings and Michael Fleisher first in B strata and Jennifer Gu and Nongyu Li, on top of the C list. In the three table 49er flight, Barbara Coyle and Jennifer Sheppard were the winners.

Besides bridge there was a pot luck buffet with a fine spread and a free play prize drawing. The Unit also honored the players who had achieved Life Master status during the past year and those who finished first in the Unit Mini McKenny and Ace of Clubs in their respective ranks. Income from the proceeds went to the ACBL Charity foundation.

## Player Advancements

The ACBL April report shows that the following players have moved up. Well done!

<u>Junior Master</u> 5 MP	Robert Bergey, Valerie Hatton
<u>Club Master</u> 20 MP	Patricia Mock, Paul Mock, George Paris, Brenda Stevenson
<u>Sect'l Master</u> 50 MP	Barbara Durey, Barbara Sturtevant W. T. Sturtevant
<u>Regional Master</u> 100 MP	Grant Spaeth
<u>NABC Master</u> 200 MP	Gregory Ciurczak, Richard Pollak
<u>Bronze LM</u> 500 MP	David Wheeler

## Profile on Frank Smoot

by Mary Van Tamelen



It was a dark and stormy night. Very stormy, a while back, when I decided to drop in on the Thursday night teaching session run by Frank Smoot, assisted by Lori Spaeth. All the daytime players were snuggled cozily at home, and I really didn't expect any beginners to brave the winter storm. But they came. Nine and a half tables full. As they do every Thursday.

For 10 years, Frank has been teaching beginners. He says the game of bridge is so good, such a great game, that it needs support. When he noticed that new membership was dropping, he began teaching, using the Audrey Grant method. His students respond: "He's terrific, so enthusiastic." "A very good teacher, with a great sense of humor. He told us that counting both length and also shortness was like the accounting going on at Enron." "So user-friendly." "He makes bridge delightful."

Frank was born and brought up in a suburb of Boston. He received a degree in electrical engineering from Carnegie-Mellon, and has worked for the past 25 years at National Semiconductor. He began playing bridge in California when he and his then-wife were looking for a hobby to enjoy together. They took lessons from Al Becker, and Frank was immediately hooked. Exposure led to love. "It's the only game that rewards investment," he says. He found his first experience at club games new, exciting, scary. Now he plays at tournaments when he can; Rick Jasper is a frequent partner. His wife, Lisa, is also a bridge player. His other hobbies are cycling and movies.

But he particularly enjoys teaching bridge, slowly building up a base of new players. When they go to their first club game, or to a sectional, they are so happy, so thrilled. Frank likes to see it working. His plea is that regular players be nice to newcomers. So often, without thinking about it, experienced players often talk about previous hands, ignore the opponents, or intimidate them in some way. Bridge is a "great diversion," he says. If it makes you overly tense or pushy, you should find a new recreation. So every Thursday night, stormy or clear, Frank is teaching beginners how to *enjoy* the game. The night I watched, 38 eager students were learning how to tell their partners whether they liked or disliked their leads. "Servicing your partner, that's the most important facet of bridge," he says. "Everything—bidding, play, defense—flows from that."

### Gersh's Puzzlers

	<b>North</b>
Opening Lead:	S AK102
♠Q	H
	D 1098765
	C 432
	<b>South</b>
	S J9876543
	H
	D AK
	C AQ5
You're in 6 spades. What do you do?	

	<b>North</b>	
	S	
	H A	
	D Q98	
	C	
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>
S		S
H 965		H
D		D A10
C 8	<b>South</b>	C 53
	S	
	H K8	
	D	
	C K4	
No Trump. South to play and win 3 tricks.		



## Table Talk

**Membership Meeting.** The Unit held its annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, March 19 at the Bridge Center.

**Ace-Mini.** The Unit has posted the 2006 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenny race standings as of March 31 on the Bridge Center bulletin board.

**Notable Happy Birthday.** The players showered Lorna Corbetta with lots of birthday wishes for her 89th birthday on Monday, April 3. As there were about 30 tables, a huge beautiful carrot cake, provided by Mary Ann Berg and Jean Flocks, was all but gone at the end of the session. There was no mistaking where the birthday girl was - gigantic balloons were tied to her chair. Kevin O'Leary made an announcement about her special day. The generous and talented Nancy Cadwell provided a couple of fabulous dishes for the crowd (anything Nancy makes is delicious) as well as beautiful flower arrangements. Look for a profile of Lorna in the *Kibitzer* in the next month or two.

**Big Score.** Claire Coleman and Pat McFerren had a 72.38% game during the ACBL-wide Charity Game held at Lori & Sue's Doubleton Club on Wednesday evening, April 5. We're all waiting to see if their score is high enough to come in the overalls nation-wide. Keep your fingers crossed.

**Lost and Found.** Are you or someone you know a pencil kleptomaniac? I'm married to one. He doesn't mean to be. He just is. Pencils somehow find their way into his pockets. After a few sessions at the Bridge Club, I notice that our home pencil population has grown. I'm talking 10+ here, people. So... I gather all of the excess pencils and bring them back to the Bridge Club. I hope you do the same. Signed...Anonymous

**Conventional Advice.** Players, especially those new to duplicate, might like copies of the ongoing Bridge Bulletin magazine's Conventional Wisdom feature, which shows how to fill out each section of the convention card. The series began in August 2004 and is up to "VS Opening Preempts Double Is" with the April 2006 issue. Each article in the series, is available on line on the ACBL web site.

Dear Gersh,

In the April *Kibitzer* Gersh Wheeler had an excellent article asking whether certain bids are played as forcing, invitational, or close out. As a fellow old time player Gersh should know that the source of these problems is not the diversity of modern bidding systems. It is the introductions of bidding boxes. In the days of oral bidding the intent of these bids was obvious from a rising tone (invitational), a dull tone (close out), or a strong tone (forcing). Some wily players could even make the distinction between a force of one round and game. The present day confusion about whether some doubles are for takeout, penalty, or cooperative is also the result of the bidding boxes. There is only one type card for a double. There should be a second card (brighter red) for "1 double," and a third one (pink) for double? There should also be a pale green card for Paaaaass. Please bring back the good old simple days.

Abby

## Unit Welcomes New Players to Unit Games

The Unit has been making a special effort to attract new players to our monthly Unit games. At our April Charity Pairs game, a separate section was reserved for "49ers", that is, players who have fewer than 50 masterpoints. The winners in the newcomer's game received a free play.

This month, our Unit game will pair Life Masters with non-Life Masters by random drawing. This is an opportunity for newer players to "stretch their wings" a little in open competition, with a good chance to win some masterpoints. (See story announcing our LM-NLM Pairs Game.)

We would like to increase new player's participation in our Unit games and make their experience a pleasant one. So far, attendance has been lower than expected. We would like to hear from any of our Unit members, new players or old hands, who have ideas about ways to increase our new player participation in games at the Bridge Center. You may send comments and suggestions to our Unit Game Chairman, Roy Robinson at [royrobin@aol.com](mailto:royrobin@aol.com) or simply drop a note into his file folder at the Bridge Center.



# March 2006 Winners' Circle



Daily game results are at [www.paloaltobridge.com](http://www.paloaltobridge.com)

## Sunday

### Sunday Aft. BC

- 5 M. Yates/B. Steele
- (AB) M. Moore/F. Lubais
- (C) K. & D. Puryear
- 12 M. Yates/B. Steele
- C. Lazarovici/M. Chen
- 19 Unit Game
- 26 B. Steele/M. Yates

## Unit Games

### March 19 Mixed Pairs

- A1 M. Andrews/S. Johnston
- A2 L. Frost/C. Hanel
- A3 R. Gupta/H. Narasimhan
- A4B1C1 C. Lane/M. Goodman
- A5 C. Lazarovici/J. Flocks
- A6/7 D. Rothschild/B. Schneider
- A6/7B2 D. Wheeler/G. Herrick
- B3C2 M. MacKay/M. Payne
- B4 F. Lubais/M. Moore
- B5 J. & N. Weiss
- C3 D. & E. Ehrman

### April 9 Charity Game

- A1 S. Smolen/E. Mayefsky
- A2 L. Yokel/R. Yuenger
- A3 M. Orellove/J. O'Neil
- A4 S. Greenberg/D. Rothschild
- A5 M. Yates/B. Steele
- A6 M. A. Larkin/C. Lazarovici
- B1 A. Cummings/M. Fleisher
- B2C1 J. Gu/N. Li
- B3 M. Sterngold/A. Mollard
- B4C2 I. & S. Krulevitch
- B5 R. Luik/G. Bowling
- 49er Section
- A1 B. Coyle/J. Sheppard
- A2B1 D. & K. Puryear

## Monday

### Bridge Mix

- 6 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
- (B) E. & M. Chen
- (AB) A. Cummings/A. Templeton
- 13 M. Yates/C. Brigham
- (B) J. Robinson/J. Von Gehr
- P. Chambers/D. Bernstein
- (BC) W. Pomeroy/G. Skidmore
- 20 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
- (AB) G. Wheeler/M. Brabb
- (AB) D. Wheeler/M. Moore
- 27 H. Narasimhan/R. Williams
- (B) G. Herrick/P. Tsu
- (AB) G. Skidmore/W. Pomeroy
- (C) G. Leitstein/K. Shaw

### Sherie's Monday Game

- 6 M. Marx/L. Kelly
- J. & M. Morrison
- 13 H. Bennett/R. Luik
- L. Sung/J. Brandon
- 20 M. Marx/P. Korn
- D. Pitsch/C. Chang
- 27 D. Hornback/C. Weiler
- R. Palmer/A. Wolman

## Tuesday

### Alpine BC

- 7 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
- (B) E. Yanklowitz/P. Gross
- (BC) D. Peacock/J. Sogg
- A. Levy/C. Brigham
- (ABC) P. Korn/L. Kelly
- H. Macdonell/G. Herrick
- (AB) N. Evans/J. Harpootlian
- (BC) J. Carroll/E. Melev

- (AB) H. Sung/B. Varner
- (C) K. Rasdal/M. Seymour
- 14 D. & G. Wheeler
- (BC) R. & N. Nielsen
- R. Williams/M. Moore
- (ABC) G. Leitstein/B. Hariton
- F. Miller/M. Kelly
- (B) M. O'Leary/L. Frye
- (C) R. Palmer/L. Whelan
- (AB) D. Heller/D. Lowry
- (ABC) L. Weiss/M. Diamond
- 21 P. & R. Chambers
- (BC) A. Foti/N. Hergatt
- J. O'Neil/J. Schoenbrun
- (B) C. Lane/M. Goodman
- A. Arnold/S. Morley
- (B) B. Hsu/J. Tseng
- (C) M. Adams/C. Anderson
- (AB) D. Chang/C. Tung
- 28 H. Narasimhan/E. Barlow
- (BC) P. Korn/L. Kelly
- (AB) A. Templeton/N. Stevens
- (AB) M. O'Leary/R. Kilner
- (AB) G. Solveson/A. Rice

### Tuesday Noon BC

- 7 D. Doolittle/D. Stowell
- (BC) D. Peschcke-Koedt/B. Ober
- (AB) F. & S. Charney
- (C) J. & R. Smith
- R. Palmer/N. Cadwell
- (BC) R. Markell/E. Kotecki
- (ABC) D. Niemann/K. Cano
- 14 (AB) T. Letchfield/C. Naar
- (C) D. Peschcke-koedt/K. Gildersleeve
- (AB) A. Wolman/J. Bower
- (C) R. & J. Smith
- (ABC) A. Bialson/M. Dowley
- (AB) T. Aberg/J. Cook
- (C) J. Yelland/D. Crosley
- 21 (ABC) H. Harris/A. Gaudie
- (AB) F. Charney/J. McNeil
- (C) F. & M. Rappaport
- O. Tangney/M. Thompson
- (B) J. Mattis/F. Bennett
- (C) R. & C. Johnson
- (AB) P. Gaffney/C. Woodward
- 28 (C) J. Stuart-Smith/P. Clermont
- (ABC) P. Gaffney/H. Fordham
- (AB) T. Stevens/G. Joel
- (C) K. Kulander/L. Johnson
- (AB) R. Luik/J. Birnbaum
- (C) C. Karnos/N. Lobdell
- (ABC) C. Lemm/J. Cross

### Tuesday Night BC

Not Provided

## Wednesday

### Bridge N Brunch

- 1 E. Barlow/R. Krop
- B. Chu/N. Wang
- 8 D. Wheeler/P. Saunders
- T. Bowman/C. Colvin
- 15 L. Spaeth/D. Wheeler
- B. Beardsley/H. Corbin
- 22 G. Wheeler/T. Bowman
- H. Bennett/S. Blum
- 29 G. Wheeler/M. Hafezi
- H. Macdonell/W. Pomeroy
- A. Arnold/G. Herrick
- H. Corbin/J. O'Neil

### Wed. Aft. 49er

- 1 C. & K. Arnold
- J. & T. Iverson

- 8 D. Peschcke-koedt/K. Gildersleeve
- M. & T. Chatfield
- 15 K. & N. MacKay
- J. & T. Iverson
- 22 D. Peschcke-Koedt/R. Martin
- J. Stafford/J. Buell
- 29 E. & M. Herbach
- E. Kamas/K. Hopkins

### Lori and Sue's Doubleton Club

- 1 (AB) M. Orellove/R. Lachman
- (ABC) C. Lazarovici/G. Spaeth
- M. Maltz/M. Frank
- (B) D. & K. Puryear
- 8 E. Barlow/D. Bernstein
- (AB) D. Allison/A. Lam
- (ABC) H. Szejnwald/R. O'Brien
- (AB) P. Cornelius/F. Chasalow
- (BC) R. McComb/M. Flashner
- D. & K. Puryear
- K. Greig/M. Frank
- 15 S. Malek/M. Andrews
- (AB) P. McFerren/C. Coleman
- (ABC) A. Lam/D. Allison
- (AB) A. Stagner/J. Rollin
- (BC) P. Kueffer/J. Samuels
- L. Isaacs/J. Lucas
- M. Frank/K. Greig
- 22 A. Stagner/J. Rollin
- (AB) A. & D. Foti
- J. Stanczak/S. Cagnina
- (Tie-AB) L. Lee/B. Tiernan
- (Tie-AB) J. & R. Robinson
- M. & S. Miller
- D. & K. Puryear
- 29 (AB) A. & D. Foti
- (C) H. Szejnwald/C. Pryor
- J. & R. Robinson
- (BC) C. Baeuerlen/G. Ciurczak
- D. & K. Puryear
- P. Anderson/M. Concetta

## Thursday

### Thursday Aft. BC

- 2 M. Coy/P. Galligan
- (B) N. Evans/A. Arnold
- S. Blum/A. Oliff
- (BC) M. Goodman/C. Lane
- 9 G. Wheeler/G. Drew
- R. Stolee/L. Spaeth
- J. Tseng/M. Chen
- M. Van Tamelen/T. Bowman
- 16 J. O'Neil/G. Macgregor
- (AB) L. Spaeth/R. Stolee
- G. Simpson/B. Oshman
- (AB) N. Wang/D. Chang
- 23 P. & R. Chambers
- (B) G. Wheeler/G. Drew
- (AB) M. Chen/J. Tseng
- (C) M. Goodman/C. Lane
- 30 (AB) D. Peacock/J. Sogg
- F. Parsons/C. Colvin
- (AB) J. Von Gehr/G. Herrick
- (C) C. Lane/M. Goodman

### Sherie's BC

- 2 D. Foti/F. Omori
- D. Hornback/A. Mollard
- C. Karnos/C. Lemm
- A. & R. Rice
- 9 S. Thomas/M. Condon
- J. Chin/P. Sun
- I & S. Krulevitch
- R. & A. Rice

- 16 F. Foti/F. Omori
- R. Luik/J. Birnbaum
- J. Franke/J. Leaver
- J. Foster/W. Hall
- 23 C. Kwiatek/H. Blume, Jr.
- P. Korn/A. Robertson
- J. Keehan/T. McCaffrey
- M. Partney/A. Sebastian
- 30 M. Kelly/C. Cole
- J. Adamiak/E. Gove
- A. Natrass/M. Soltz
- J. & W. Stern

## Friday

### Easy Bridge

- 3 C. Shoens/D. Peschcke-koedt
- D. Magay/G. Tanner
- 10 B. Ober/D. Peschcke-koedt
- G. Duffie/M. Savoie
- 17 D. Magay/G. Tanner
- B. Ober/D. Peschcke-koedt
- 24 C. Shoens/D. Peschcke-koedt
- C. Stone/A. Joshi
- 31 M. Atherton/B. Ober
- D. Magay/G. Tanner

### Friday Morning BC

- 3 M. Yates/A. Levy
- (B) J. Robinson/A. Arnold
- (ABC) S. Morley/R. Lachman
- 10 (AB) B. Hsu/N. Wang
- (AB) D. Bernstein/G. Herrick
- (C) B. Coyle/J. Sheppard
- 17 H. Bennett/F. Dickman
- K. Harper/B. Beardsley
- (B) C. McGorvin/C. Fay
- (B) J. Von Gehr/M. Van Tamelen
- (C) E. Beckwith/L. Kelly
- 24 (AB) M. Van Tamelen/A. Arnold
- (ABC) S. Morley/J. Girand
- 31 (AB) E. & M. Chen
- H. Macdonell/T. Bowman
- (B) M. Sterngold/A. Mollard
- (C) B. Coyle/B. Sheppard

### Friday Night Barometer

- 3 (AB) R. Gupta/V. Vidwans
- J. Rollin/A. Stagner
- (C) D. Ulrich/J. Scott
- (C) M. Kauffman/M. Fiala
- 10 L. Lee/W. Watson
- F. Gonzalez/H. Macdonell
- (B) T. & D. Fiero
- (B) J. Tang/J. Travis
- 17 L. Frost/C. Hanel
- D. Rothschild/D. Shannon
- (B) T. & D. Fiero
- (B) L. Dimmitt/D. Dunkelmann
- 24 Closed
- 31 C. Mandala/Y. Inn
- G. Porter/R. Ng
- (B) D. & T. Fiero
- (B) K. Humphrey/H. Farhi

## Saturday

### One Club

- 4 (AB) L. Spaeth/J. Samuels
- (AB) J. Robinson/P. Tsu
- (Tie) J. Flocks/R. Kilgren
- (Tie) T. Bowman/G. Herrick
- (B) J. Von Gehr/J. Samuels
- 18 (Tie-AB) R. Singer/F. Miller
- (Tie-AB) C. Lazarovici/D. Kuo
- J. Flocks/J. Robinson
- (ABC) J. Clark/R. Karr
- 25 (AB) T. Kato/K. Osumi

DAY	BRIDGE CLUB	TYPE	TIME	DIRECTOR(S)	PLACE
MON	Bridge Mix	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Kevin/Bonnie/Claire	
	Sherie's Monday Game	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	
TUES	Tuesday Noon BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	Alpine BC	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Cameron Cotton	
	Tuesday Night BC	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Judy/Michael	New Owners! Pizza served!
WED	Bridge 'n Brunch	Open/Strat.	11:00 a.m.	Sherie Greenberg	
	Wed Aft. 49er	<50 M.P.	1:00 p.m.	Walter Miller	Unity Church, YES Rm, 3391 Middlefield Rd, PA
	Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	Open/Strat.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	
	Lori & Sue's Dblton Club	<20 M.P.	7:00 p.m.	Spaeth/Johnston	Ends by 9:45 p.m.
THUR	Thur. Afternoon BC	Open/Strat	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	
	Sherie's BC	Open/Strat.	12:30 p.m.	Sherie Greenberg	4000 Middlefield Road, Auditorium, Palo Alto
	Beginning Bridge Lessons	♠ Series	7:00 p.m.	Frank Smoot/Lori	Modern Conventions—Starts April 20
FRI	Easybridge!	<20 M.P.	9:00 a.m.	Carla Davis	
	Friday Morning BC	Open/Strat.	10:30 a.m.	Claire Coleman	
	Friday Night Barometer	Open/Strat.	7:30 p.m.	Claire Coleman	
SAT	One Club	Open/Strat.	12:00 p.m.	Beardsley/O'Leary	
SUN	Sunday Afternoon BC	Open/Strat.	1:00 p.m.	Coleman/Watson	

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**Upcoming Events**

**Sectional**, Friday, May 5 at Community Center, Orangevale  
**Western Conference STAC Week**, Monday, May 8-Sunday, May 14 -  
 All clubs except Easy Bridge and Lori & Sue's Dblton Club for 0-20 MP  
**Sectional**, Saturday, May 18 at Bridge Ctr, Marina  
**Unit LM-NLM Pairs**, Sunday, May 21 at 12:45 p.m. Bridge Center  
 Please use advance sign -up list.  
**Regional**, Monday, May 29 at Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento

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