



## Short ♣ News

**All Games at the SJBC are closed until the "Shelter in Place" order is lifted and random gatherings of more than 10 people (including those over 60 years of age) are permitted.**

**When games are once again permitted, several previously scheduled club championships will be held as "make ups", usually on the second available club date.**

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## Promotions and Titles

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>JUNIOR MASTER</b>        | Suhas Badve<br>Elaine Hughes |
| <b>SECTIONAL MASTER</b>     | Claude Ashen<br>Shirley Shi  |
| <b>NABC MASTER</b>          | Judy Reeve                   |
| <b>ADVANCED NABC MASTER</b> | Andrew Chen<br>Susan Dietz   |
| <b>BRONZE LIFE MASTER</b>   | Laurie Faulkner              |
| <b>RUBY LIFE MASTER</b>     | Norman Marks                 |

## Top 10 Games February 11-March 13

|    |        |   |          |
|----|--------|---|----------|
| 1  | 76.62% | Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel               | 2/21 AM  |
| 2  | 73.84% | Dana Brown - Norman Marks               | 2/18 AM  |
| 3  | 70.00% | Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher         | 2/25 Eve |
| 4  | 69.26% | Malcolm Mclaughlin - Norman Marks       | 2/13 AM  |
| 5  | 69.00% | Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher      | 3/11 Eve |
| 6  | 67.86% | Dana Brown - Jack Verson                | 2/12 Eve |
| 7  | 67.71% | Matt Rode - Ferial Hurst                | 2/19 AM  |
| 8  | 67.13% | Carole Dietz - Norman Marks             | 2/19 AM  |
| 9  | 66.67% | Gerald Hewitt Jr - Jeff Weaver          | 2/12 AM  |
| 10 | 66.46% | Elizabeth De Paola - William Riester Jr | 2/24 AM  |

## Prez Sez

by Stu Goodgold

This is by far the hardest column I have had to write so far. Let's hope the next column does not have to supersede it.

Looking back at last month's column, our Spring sectional and our individual format unit game were on the list. Now both have been cancelled and it seems all bridge events are being cancelled as well. Who knows when we will be able to play at the club once again. As this is written, the closures are mandated by the county through April 3. But that date might be extended. Pessimists even think these conditions might continue for months more.

What can we do, aside from going stir-crazy? The only bridge in town these days is online. The most popular online site is Bridge Base Online (BBO). They have all sorts of games running all the time. During this crisis they have started games in conjunction with the ACBL that will pay 80% of the special \$5 fee back to the club you usually play at. And these games award black Masterpoints as well. BBO is also trying to establish games that are run just for members of a local bridge club, where the club owners can set their own fees. All this is a welcome alternative to having no organized bridge at all. BBO has some bugs to work out, not the least of which is that the demand for online play requires them to secure more computing power.

Our bridge community is recognized as one of the most vulnerable sectors of society. For everyone's sake, let's hope we can all get through this epidemic quickly and safely.

## Unit 507 Welcomes You

Unit 507 welcomes new members Rita Bhatia, Andrew Morton, Brandon Du, Robert McElheny, Atul Vijaykar, and Yimin Zimmerer.

A welcome communication and a free play should be on their way to you shortly, if you haven't already received them.

## Let's Hope Not ...

I did some quick research into the global pandemic from 100 years ago. One anecdote shared of the 1918 Influenza outbreak was of four women playing bridge together late into the night. Overnight, three of the women died from influenza.

## Let's Hope So!

Linda Nemmer has organized a GoFundMe page to aid in keeping the doors of the San Jose Bridge Center open while directors aren't able to collect table fees from player due to the COVID19 shutdown. The link is below:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/san-jose-bridge-center?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=m\\_pd+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/san-jose-bridge-center?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet)

Late February – Early March Winners

| Monday Morning SJBC 10:30AM  |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| 2/17                         | Linda Nemmer - Peggy Sprague A 65.02%<br>Anne Wilson - Carolyn Drozdiak A/B/C<br>Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman B/C  |
| 2/24                         | Elizabeth De Paola - William Riestler Jr A 66.46%<br>Fung Bao - Joseph Chui A<br>Sona Bhambhra - Anne Wilson B/C<br>Fern Herman - Laura Walters B<br>Dianne Clark - Gay Roper C |
| 3/2                          | Loreta Flynn - Krishna Vallabhaneni A/B/C<br>Robert Ritz - Stuart Goodgold A<br>Sunny Chiu - Richard Parsons B/C  |
| 3/9                          | Bill Langlois - Wendy Dewell A<br>Paul Nelson - Diane Shannon A<br>Robert Allen - Karen Rice B<br>Steve Carr - Rich Nielsen B/C<br>Jory Segal - Rita Rubenfeld C                |
| Tuesday Morning SJBC 10:30AM |   |
| 2/11                         | Team 2 (Verson, Brown, Bartz, Imboden) A<br>Team 9 (Thomas, Wagner, Wilson, Grams) B/C  |
| 2/18                         | Dana Brown - Norman Marks A 73.84%<br>Edward Barlow - Anne Boboricken A<br>Laura Walters - Terry Ahern B<br>Judy Namanny - Susan Kovacevic B<br>Linda Rocha - Robert Allen C    |
| 2/25                         | Team 1 (Hannah, Goodgold, Nelson, Sprague) A<br>Team 7 (Thomas, Wilson, Grams, Vallabhaneni) B/C  |
| 3/3                          | Diane Shannon - Norman Marks A<br>Brien Wilson - Barbara Grams B/C  |
| 3/10                         | Team 8 (Arnold, Harpootlian, Pitsch, Davis) A/B<br>Team 7 (Cornbleet, Wilson, Hewitt Jr, Drozdiak) C  |
| Tuesday Evening SJBC 7PM     |   |
| 2/11                         | Jack Verson - Marshall Yancey A<br>Ronald Baron - Dana Brown B<br>Michael Hughes - Anne Bossange C  |
| 2/18                         | Richard Sarsfield - Melanie Kakalec A/B/C   |
| 2/25                         | Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A 70.00%<br>Richard Sarsfield - Melanie Kakalec B   |
| 3/3                          | Ronald Baron - Dana Brown A/B<br>Rick Jasper - Laddie Petrucha C  |
| 3/10                         | Judy Fisher - Linda Nemmer A<br>Niraj Jain - Rajeev Jog B/C   |

Idioter's Corner

Bridge players and even more so Bridge directors are typically of the sort of people who really don't like being told what to do. They like the concept of being told not to play or direct Bridge even less. I hope that, in the last analysis, all of the measures taken to prevent or contain the spread of COVID19 will be proven to have been unnecessary.

As I write this, I am seeing a trickle of news that a certain combination of drugs that are already known, in production, and probably able to be manufactured cheaply can make a dent in the symptoms. I hope that this turns out to be true and also unnecessary.

| Wednesday Morning SJBC 11AM   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 2/12                          | Roger Tregear - Sona Bhambhra A/B/C<br>Linda Rocha - Terry Ahern A/B/C<br>Gerald Hewitt Jr - Jeff Weaver X/Y 66.67%<br>Joanne Quermann - Sandra Bonnet X  |
| 2/19                          | Carole Dietz - Norman Marks A 67.13%<br>Bill Langlois - William Riestler Jr A<br>Sona Bhambhra - Anne Wilson B/C<br>Judy Namanny - Susan Kovacevic B<br>Matt Rode - Ferial Hurst X/Y/Z 67.71%   |
| 2/26                          | Laurie Faulkner - Brenna Wundram A/B<br>Bill Langlois - William Riestler Jr A<br>Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman B<br>Linda Rocha - Terry Ahern C<br>Sona Bhambhra - Anne Wilson C<br>Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami X<br>Gene Caselli - Ellen Railton Y/Z |
| 3/4                           | Bill Langlois - William Riestler Jr A 66.37%<br>Dana Brown - Jack Verson A<br>Irene Hashfield - Roger Joseph B/C<br>Ken Imboden - Brenna Wundram B<br>Jory Segal - Rita Rubenfeld C<br>Jeff Stallings - Joanne Cornbleet X                        |
| 3/11                          | Lori Spaeth - Roger Passal A<br>Sally Hale - Jeff Rogers A/B<br>Irene Hashfield - Philip Freiberger C<br>Matt Rode - Ferial Hurst X/Y/Z<br>Gerald Hewitt Jr - Mike Friedman X/Y<br>Barry Alhadeff - Gary Effren Z                                 |
| Wednesday Evening SJBC 7PM    |   |
| 2/12                          | Dana Brown - Jack Verson A 67.86%<br>Team 9 (Thomas, Wagner, Wilson, Grams) B/C   |
| 2/19                          | Dan Turkus - Joseph Chui A/B<br>Douglas Hong - John Oakley A/B  |
| 2/26                          | Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher A<br>Ronald Baron - Ken Imboden B  |
| 3/4                           | Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher A<br>Dan Turkus - Joseph Chui B<br>Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman A/B Tie<br>Ken Imboden - Lynn Bartz A/B Tie   |
| 3/11                          | Raymond Yuenger - Michael Fleisher A 69.00%<br>Linzhi Hu - Vilas Namjoshi B   |
| Thursday Morning SJBC 10:30AM |   |
| 2/13                          | Malcolm Mclaughlin - Norman Marks A 69.26%<br>Bill Langlois - Wendy Dewell A<br>Mischel Postas - Thomas Feury B<br>Patricia Hannah - Kathleen Keener B<br>Irene Shibuya - Linda Rocha C<br>Irene Hashfield - Jory Segal C                         |
| 2/20                          | Paul Nelson - Norman Marks A 66.37%<br>Bruce Scott - Nadia Nilsson A<br>Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield B/C<br>Richard Sarsfield - Usha Bansal B/C   |
| 2/27                          | Bill Langlois - Wendy Dewell A<br>Kathleen Keener - Irene Shibuya B<br>Irene Hashfield - Linda Rocha A/B/C<br>Gene Caselli - Ellen Railton C  |
| 3/5                           | Paul Nelson - Norman Marks A/B<br>Michael Cohn - Barry Alhadeff C   |
| 3/12                          | Marolyn Imaoka - Diane Shannon A<br>Edward Barlow - Vinita Gupta A<br>H Lyle Supp - Joanne Wicker B/C<br>Ken Johnson - Patrick Arnett B/C   |

## More Winners ...

### Friday Morning SJBC 11:00AM

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 2/14 | Brenna Wundram - Joseph Chui A/B 66.05%           |
|      | Bill Langlois - Regina Norberg A                  |
|      | Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman B                     |
|      | Jennifer Duval - Terry Ahern C                    |
|      | Irene Shibuya - Linda Rocha C                     |
| 2/21 | Lynn Shannon - Lynn Yokel A 76.62%                |
|      | Kathy & Rick Jasper A/B                           |
|      | Monica Bacon-Proctor - Bill Roman C               |
|      | Ronald Baron - Norman Marks B                     |
| 2/28 | Dianne Clark - Gay Roper C                        |
|      | Elizabeth De Paola - Laurie Faulkner A            |
|      | Ken Imboden - Linda Nemmer A/B                    |
|      | Colin Hemsley - Anne Dudman B/C                   |
| 3/6  | Karen Kulander - Howard Levitan C                 |
|      | Robert Ritz - Paul Nelson A                       |
|      | Miwako Wong - Bruce Scott A                       |
| 3/13 | Andy Scott - Irene Hashfield B                    |
|      | Laurie Faulkner - Robert Allen B/C                |
| 3/13 | Ken Imboden - Tsao-Tung ("Kevin") Tsai A/B 61.81% |

### Friday Evening SJBC 7PM

|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 2/14 | Barbara & Bruce Luttrell A        |
|      | Ronald Baron - Norman Marks B     |
| 2/21 | Barbara & Bruce Luttrell A        |
|      | Ronald Baron - Norman Marks X     |
|      | Dianne Clark - Gay Roper Y        |
| 2/28 | Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A |
|      | Ronald Baron - Norman Marks X     |
| 3/6  | Judy Fisher - Lynn Bartz A        |
|      | Michael Cohn - Barry Alhadeff B   |

### Sunday Twilight SJBC 5PM

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 2/16 | Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A        |
|      | Margareta Hodzic - George Schlinkert X   |
| 2/23 | Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A          |
|      | David Sisson - Michael Angelo Ravera X   |
|      | Dianne Clark - Gay Roper Y               |
| 3/1  | Frances Dickman - Ted Ujifusa A          |
|      | Donna Webb - Gail Meikle B/C             |
| 3/8  | Melinda Foos - Michael Fleisher A        |
|      | Margareta Hodzic - George Schlinkert B/C |

## Unit 507 Board and Officers

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Stu Goodgold                | President & District 21 Representative |
| Ray Yuenger                 | President Emeritus & Forum Columnist   |
| Mich Ravera                 | Vice-President & Di-Rek'Tor Editor     |
| Anne Bossange               | Secretary                              |
| Karen O'Connell             | Treasurer                              |
| Judy Fisher                 | Membership chair                       |
| Doug Hong<br>Mischel Postas | Unit Game Coordinators                 |
| Lynn Yokel                  | Mentor Coordinator                     |
| Lynn Bartz                  | Education Liaison                      |
| Ray Yuenger                 | Recorder, NAP/GNT Coordinator          |

## Congratulations Ray!

The Unit hasn't been officially notified yet, so you won't see it in this month's "Promotions and Titles", but Ray Yuenger, our Unit President Emeritus has. He has been promoted to Diamond Life Master. Diamond Life Master requires the amassing of at least 5000 total masterpoints along with the requirements of Life Master. At the moment, no platinum points are required.

## Hints for Playing Online

by Mich Ravera

When everyone is stuck at home and can't play at the club, people will miss the game. Online Bridge games give those of us that just can't live without the game a chance to play and some of the social aspects of the game as well. Of course, your computer won't serve you home-made pizza, brownies, margaritas, or even fruit salad, but it will give you a chance to practice and hone your skills. If you want to arrange a game with your favorite partners, you can even play with them.

I will give the biggest plug to BridgeBaseOnline. They are the category-killer of the sites. I have played on other sites, but have found it the most reliable and most friendly.

Here is the quick start:

- Go to the link <http://www.bridgebase.com>
- Click the "Become a member (free!) bar
- Fill out the membership information (with or without your ACBL number)
- You are good to play. Log on.

Next time, you just click the login/register button in the upper right.

If you haven't given your ACBL number, there isn't much advantage in playing in tournaments and many of the tournaments charge a fee (often \$1.25). So, anytime of the day or night, click the "Casual" Section and go to the "Main Bridge Club". Find a table and click one of the "Sit!" places and you are playing.

A couple of things are different about online Bridge:

- You alert and explain your own bids. Partner will not be able to see your explanations.
- If your schedule requires that you will have to go in a couple hands, just say so in the "chat" section and then go.
- If you want to join a tournament, you will need to set up an account with some BBO dollars. BBO isn't fond of giving refunds, so keep your purchases down to the minimum until you work out how much you will need to play as you like.
- Convention cards are required to play in most tournaments, but they often cut you slack, if you completely follow the Standard Card.
- IMP pairs, similar to those played on Saturday Nights at the SJBC, dominate, but other scoring formats are available, if you look carefully.
- "Speedball" games proceed at the rate of 4½ minutes per board and end abruptly with penalties or adjudication, if you haven't finished.
- Don't tolerate rudeness. If you are in charge of the table, remove players who are rude. If you are not in charge, move to another table. If you are in a tournament, call the director.
- If you aren't having fun, at a casual table, just leave after telling everyone. In tournaments, you can sometimes find a substitute to finish up for you (but the sub gets most of the credit!)

| Unit 507 Club Games |         |   |   |                             |                            |
|---------------------|---------|---|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Day                 | Time    | Game Type   | Photo   | Directors                   | Phone (408)                |
| Monday              | 10:30AM | Open Stratified Hand records  |    | Carole Dietz                | 395-6360                   |
| Monday              | 7:00PM  | Open Stratified MidChart<br>Hand Records Lifelines<br>Lesson 6:30PM           |    | Mich Ravera                 | 432-1020 /<br>510-410-0371 |
| Tuesday             | 10:30AM | Open Stratified Hand Records  |    | Judy Fisher                 | 395-0032                   |
| Tuesday             | 3:00PM  | Lesson and Supervised Play  |   |                             |                            |
| Tuesday             | 7:00PM  | Open Stratified Hand Records  |    | Lynn Yokel                  | 499-2011                   |
| Wednesday           | 11:00AM | Two Sections: Open and 0-<br>299 Stratified Hand Records<br>(Lesson 10:30 am) |   |                             |                            |
| Wednesday           | 7:00PM  | Open Stratified Hand Records  |   |                             |                            |
| Thursday            | 10:30AM | Open Stratified Hand Records  |    | Mary Steele                 | 202-0419                   |
| Thursday            | 3:00PM  | Shuffle and Deal  |   |                             |                            |
| Friday              | 11:00AM | Open Stratified Hand Records<br>"Points Schoints"                             |    | Gabi Bowling / Doug Hong    | 650-619-0555 /<br>209-4381 |
| Friday              | 7:00PM  | Open Stratified Hand Record   |   | Patricia Steele / Doug Hong | None / 209-4381            |
| Saturday            | 6:36PM  | Open Handicapped PlusChart<br>IMP / Teams Hand Records<br>Lesson 6:15PM"      |  | Mich Ravera                 | 432-1020 /<br>510-410-0371 |
| Sunday              | 5:00PM  | Open Stratified Hand Records  |  | Doug Hong & Patricia Steele | 209-4381                   |

All games are held at the NEW San Jose Bridge Center (408-871-1232), located at 1090 South Bascom Ave, Unit 105, San Jose, CA

All Open games allow methods and systems permitted by the ACBL Open Convention Chart. Those games identified as "Plus Chart" also permit methods authorized by the ACBL Open+ Chart with proper disclosure. Games with Limited Masterpoints allow the ACBL Basic Plus chart unless otherwise indicated.

Check club postings, visit our web site at <http://www.SJBridge.org> or call for the exact dates and times of the Special Unit games.

Games are often reduced, relaxed, or canceled during local tournaments.

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