

San Mateo Unit 498

October 2017

# The Unitizer

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## Unit 498

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## Message from the President...

### Jackie Lowenberg

We have an exciting month ahead at Unit 498! **Marc Renson** has our **I/N Fall Sectional** ready to go at Bayshore on **October 14-15**. On Saturday, we will have **two sessions of Stratified Pairs**. And on Sunday, we are joining in our neighboring Units' experiment to encourage I/N's to play **Swiss Teams**: we are going to have one session on Sunday, playing four matches. San Francisco and Diablo Valley have tried this, and their **499ers** have been thrilled that the long two-session Swiss game format was shortened. It's a less arduous introduction to those who want to get their feet wet playing in a very exciting competition. Of course we will also offer **Stratified Pair** games on Sunday.

**Don't Forget:** If you plan to play at the Sectional, you need to make a reservation on our website:

[www.unit498.com](http://www.unit498.com)

We kick off the new session of the **Mentor Program** on Thursday, October 19 at 12:00 noon. Find a partner and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn from our best players! Mentors, you are the key to the future of bridge. Thank you for passing along your expertise and knowledge to those of us who are so enthusiastic to learn. If you have questions or need help finding a partner, contact **Joanne Lewin**, our program chair.

There are many opportunities to get involved at the Unit level. We welcome all of you who would like to join in. *We especially need a Membership Chair.* Please contact me or any one of the Board members if you have an interest. We can't offer you the big bucks, but the fundraising is awesome!

Thank you to **Mark Sorenson**, who is running the Tuesday and Friday morning games for Raad. We hang on his words and think of doughnuts when we see him (speaking for myself). Mark won the District 21 Goodwill Award in 2015, and it's as valid today as it was then. As for **Raad Bunni**, who is gallivanting around Japan, *konnichiwa, Sensei!*

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## Unit 498 October Calendar

### San Mateo 499er Sectional

Saturday, October 14

Sunday, October 15

(See Flyer at end of newsletter)

### Mentor Game

Thursday, October 19 at Noon

### Patti's Club Game

Saturday, October 21 at Noon

### Chinese American Bridge Club

Saturday, October 28 at 10 AM

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## Nancy Gordon's Memorial Game

Roger Dewes , Ed Frymoyer, Mark Sorenson and Patti Frederick hosted a memorial game for Nancy Gordon on September 15. There were two sections of 10 tables each, directed by Art Quey. The potluck luncheon provided many delicious dishes. Nancy would have been delighted to see so many people who came to remember her!



Roger Dewes (left), and Ed Frymoyer remembering Nancy.

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## A Tasting of Bridge Workshop

Unit 498 member, Agnes Lee, is conducting a workshop for people interested in learning how to play bridge. Perhaps you know someone who would like to attend.

**When:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

**Where:** Unity Church

3391 Middlefield Road

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Instructor: Agnes W. Lee, ACBL Accredited Teacher, Certified Club Director

**Cost:** *Free!!!*

Coffee, Tea, breakfast coffee cake will be served.

Preregistration required: [bridgeuandme@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeuandme@gmail.com)

Space is limited to 36 participants.

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## September 70 Percent Games

Marcus Ballinger and Marc Renson 74%

Jackie Lowenberg and Randall Brubaker 70.9%

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# Unit 498 Intermediate/Newcomer



October 14 – 15, 2017  
At the Bayshore Bridge Center  
1300 Bayshore, Suite 168  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
(650) 344-4919

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Saturday October 14, 2017	Sunday October 15, 2017
10:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session (a 99er section and a 499er section)	<b>Note:</b> At the request of many, we hold a single session Swiss (4 rounds of 6 boards)
1:30 PM Lunch hour	10:00 AM Single session Swiss Teams
3:00 PM Stratified Pairs Single Session (one 499er section)	10:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session (one 499er section)

Saturday morning pair game will be flighted:

\* 0/100 (Stratifications 20-50-100) (i.e., 99er) and

\* 100+ to 500- (Stratifications 100-200-500-) (i.e., 499er)

Stratifications will be determined by average MPs for the pair.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning pair games will be 499ers (Under 100, 100 to 200, and 200+ to 500-)

Director: Will Watson [WatsonBridge@gmail.com](mailto:WatsonBridge@gmail.com)

Tournament Coordinator: Marc Renson [MarcRenson@Yahoo.com](mailto:MarcRenson@Yahoo.com)

Partnerships: Margery Pacchetti [pacchettim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pacchettim@sbcglobal.net)

**NOTE:** As we did in May of this year, we will be requesting all participants to sign-up in advance by logging onto [www.unit498.com](http://www.unit498.com) and submitting the Reservation Form which you will find near the top of the home page.

This will allow us to plan the tables and other accommodations in advance. If you cannot access [www.unit498.com](http://www.unit498.com), please work with your friends or one of the directors at the Burlingame Bridge Center to sign in.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED**

Entry Fees (per session): ACBL Current Members \$12; non-current members & others \$14.  
Students under 22, \$7

Soft drinks and bottled water will be available for \$1.

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**Jennifer Kuhn**  
**Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club**

**Holiday Inn Express**  
**1650 El Camino Real**  
**Belmont (650) 690-2582**  
[www.peninsuladbc.com](http://www.peninsuladbc.com)

**Thursdays**

9 AM EasyBridge lessons and game

12:30 Open Pairs

6:30 Open Pairs

*Please Note:*

*Due to health reasons, Peninsula Duplicate Club will only be open on  
**Thursdays** during October.*

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**Raad Bunni**

San Mateo Bridge Center

[www.sanmateobridgecenter.com](http://www.sanmateobridgecenter.com)

Bayshore Bridge Center

1300 Old Bayshore, Suite 168

Burlingame

*GAMES FOR BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE PLAYER*

**Tuesday Mornings, 9 a.m. – Noon**

Lesson on bidding and conventions

Followed by 16 pre-dealt hands to match lesson

Hand records with analyses ( \$10 - Students up to 299 points)

**Friday Mornings, 9 a.m. – Noon**

*Starting November 18, four lessons on 2 over 1 bidding system*

Lesson on defense and play of the hand

Followed by 16 pre-dealt hands to match lesson

Hand records with analyses (\$10 - Students up to 299 points)

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**Patti Frederick**  
**Bayshore Bridge Club**  
**1300 Bayshore, Suite 168**  
**Burlingame**  
**(650) 344-4919**

**Open Games**  
Monday thru Friday at  
**Noon**  
Light lunch on Thursday and Friday

**I/N games Tu/Fri at 9 AM**

**Evening game:**  
Th (*Barometer*) 7 PM - Will Watson

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ACBL Unit 498  
1300 Bayshore Boulevard #168  
Burlingame, CA 94010

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