

San Mateo Unit 498

July 2018

# The Unitizer

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Unit 498

Board of Directors

**Message from the President...**  
**Jackie Lowenberg**

There's a tried and true adage that volunteer fundraisers can count on:



Jackie Lowenberg, *President*

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Joanne Lewin, *Director, Mentor Program*

Marge Pacchetti, *Director, Unit Game Coordinator*

Marc Renson, *Director, Tournament Coordinator*



The Unit 498 committee for *Team Peninsula*, comprised of **Fred Chasalow, Bob Johnson, Cathy Johnson, Donna Pellegrini, Fran Gaura, Jackie Lowenberg, Janelle Van Rensselaer, Jenny Kuhn, Loren Charlton, Marge Pacchetti, Marie Pattie, Raad Bunni, Sandra Tilch, and Sue Papilion**, literally shared a synchronicity as each contributed his (her) own special talents and abilities to different aspects of the campaign.

**Bob**, Mr. Sales Extraordinaire, kicked off the Silent Auction, and along with **Fred**, got the raffle ticket campaign off to a booming start! From here on, momentum built, and each of the volunteers began to tailor their own contribution to the event. **Janelle** became our very own live database for cataloguing and accounting. **Marge** took control of the Raffle mechanics, and **Loren** was the keeper of the Auction. **Sandra** advised and decorated, and with **Sue, Marie, Donna, Loren** and **Janelle**, set up the Auction. **Marie** continually updated the online bidding and the same group moved the bidding along at the

90% of the work is done by 10% of the group, and 90% of funds raised are generated by 10% of the donors.

Wrong!

Your donations and support of *The Longest Day Raffle, Silent Auction* and **Charity** games have made **Unit 498 the FIFTH most successful group in the United States for the ACBL fundraising collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association! Our donors kept on giving; our winners kept on buying, and the volunteers wouldn't quit. Congratulations to each and every one of our generous bridge players. **Our Unit alone raised over \$15,000!** The committee, and especially our membership, have proven the 10% rule wrong!!!**

restaurant and guarded the fine art prizes. **Janelle** literally brought the Auction to the Bayshore club for a few days to accommodate players there. **Raad** and **Jen** provided their support and advice on how to maximize donations through our games. And once again, and as always, we thank **Cathy** and **Fran**, our greeters and keepers of the big \$\$\$! The group met again on June 22 at **Marge's** to pick raffle tickets and call the winners. **Janelle** made sure that all were notified and that all our donors were thanked. If you've noticed **Janelle's** name popping up here a lot, that's because she was a systematic and relentless worker, never leaving a stone unturned—without a doubt, our MVP. Thank you **Janelle** for all you do.

The Unit game was a hoot...well, no kidding, with free appetizers sitting on the bar that was open from 3 pm to game time! Raad cranked the music and it was hard not to party with Dion singing 'Runaround Sue'! And then there was the wonderful dinner. **Fattoria e Mare** has been a generous friend to bridge lovers in San Mateo County. Luckily, it happens to be a go to choice for outstanding cuisine. Ask **Chef Pablo** to prepare a special dinner for you. I *promise* you will be blown away by the creativity and artistry of his cuisine. What he does for our bridge events is prioritized by value and variety (what we ask for). Wait till you try their regular menu!!! Please thank the Fattoria crew for their support to us by showing them support too.

It was an energetic and fast night of bridge, and all players went home with gift bags of ACBL cards and gift certificates, donated to us by **Baron Barclay**, along with fun favors procured from **U.S. Bank** by **Hend Bunni**. The overall winners at our Charity game were **Lori Coleman** and **Stan Chow** with a 63.10% game! Coming in second overall were **Arline and Jim Van Ness** with 61.90% and close on their heels were **Marcus Ballinger** and **Robert Ipswitch** with a 60.71% game! All players that night paid extra to benefit Alzheimer's care and research. Check out the results page...and you'll see the names of our bridge angels. Thank you to **Raad Bunni**, who ran two games through the day and continually kept the boards moving while fostering a party vibe.

Thank you, dear members of Unit 498. Your encouragement, generosity and backing of this cause was awe-inspiring. Yes, the committee worked hard. But in reality, it is all of you who gave cash donations, bought raffle tickets and auction items, donated prizes and paid extra table fees who made the difference. You proved that we do make a critical mass. And it's a beautiful one. We did good for Alzheimer's needs and the ACBL goal, but there's more

than that. *Thank you one and all for strengthening our U498 family.* That is what it is all about. Well... that and bridge.

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## Unit 498's North American Pairs Competition

It's Summer and The **North American Pairs** competition has started! First you qualify at a Club NAP game...then play and qualify at our Unit 498 NAP Qualifier! From there you play in the District 21 qualifier and then buy a plane ticket to go to Memphis in 2019 and make us proud!

See attached list of Club NAP games to get started! North American Pairs is an ACBL tradition. Come join us at one of our games and earn some red and black points along the way!

For questions or additional information, please contact our NAP Coordinator, Marc Renson, by email: [marcrenson@yahoo.com](mailto:marcrenson@yahoo.com)

### ***Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club***

NAP Open Games at Fattoria e Mare!!!

- Wednesday July 11 @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday July 11 @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday July 18 @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday July 18 @ 6:30 pm
- Thursday August 2 @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday August 8 @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday August 8 @ 6:30 pm
- Thursday August 16 @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday August 22 @ 12:30 pm
- Wednesday August 22 @ 6:30 pm

### ***San Mateo Bridge Club***

499er NAP Games at Fattoria e Mare, 9:00 am

- Tuesdays: 7/3; 7/17; 8/7
- Fridays: 7/13; 7/20, 8/10

**Bayshore Bridge Club**

Open NAP Games at Noon

- Wednesdays: 7/11 and 7/25
- Wednesdays: 08/08 and 8/22

**Unit 498 NAP Qualifier at Fattoria e Mare on Saturday,  
September 15, 10:00 A.M.!**

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**70% June Games**

Gigi Marki and Dariush Youssefi 71.3%

Stan Chow and Patty Michael 70.3%

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Congratulations to new **Bronze Life Master**, Mark Sorenson!

Congratulations to new **Life Masters**,  
Carole Anne Gennaro and Daniel Sonner!

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# San Mateo County Summer Sectional



August 18 and 19, 2018  
At Canada College "Grove"  
4200 Farm Hill Boulevard  
Redwood City, CA 94061

Sanction 1808108

Saturday August 18, 2018	Sunday August 19, 2018
<p><u>10:00 AM</u></p> <p><b>Two Sessions Open Pairs</b> (0-750/2000/Unl.) (Pairs must play both sessions)</p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs</b> (0-500/1500/Unl.)</p> <p><b>Single Session 299er Pairs</b> (100/200/300)</p> <p><b>Art Weinstein Trophy Pairs</b> (0-100)</p>	<p><u>10:00 AM</u></p> <p><b>Two Sessions Bracketed Swiss Teams</b> (First 3 or 4 rounds, 7 boards per round) (Lunch break will be staggered to manage traffic flow at the cafeteria / grill)</p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs</b> (0-500/1500/Unl.)</p>
<p><u>1:30 PM</u> Lunch hour</p>	<p><u>1:30 PM</u> Lunch hour</p>
<p><u>3:00 PM</u></p> <p><b>2nd Session Open Pairs</b> (0-750/2000/Unl.)</p> <p><b>Single Session Open Pairs</b> (0-500/1500/Unl.)</p> <p><b>One Session 299er</b> (100/200/300)</p>	<p><u>Approximately 2:30 PM</u></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session of Bracketed Swiss Teams</b> (Last 3 or 4 rounds, 7 boards per round)</p> <p><b>One Session Open Pairs</b> (0-500/1500/Unl.)</p>

Director-in-Charge: Greg Vance [Greg.Vance@acbl.org](mailto:Greg.Vance@acbl.org)

Tournament Chair: Marc Renson [MarcRenson@yahoo.com](mailto:MarcRenson@yahoo.com)

Partnership Coordinator: Marge Pacchetti [pacchettim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pacchettim@sbcglobal.net)

**Fees per Session:** \$12 for ACBL members, \$15 for unpaid & non-members, and \$6 for students.

### Directions to playing site:

From Highway 280, exit at Farm Hill Boulevard, between Highway 92 and Woodside Road. Turn left into the Canada campus at the first signal light. Follow the Loop Road (and signs) around to lots #5 and 6.

Handicap players should use the elevator from lot #4.

**Note:** Cafeteria onsite.

News from Unit 498's Clubs

**Raad Bunni's**

## **San Mateo Bridge Center**

### **at *Fattoria e Mare Restaurant***

1095 Rollins Road  
Burlingame 94010

#### Tuesday and Friday Mornings

Stratified 499'er Game

Lesson at 9:00

Game at 9:30

Lunch available after the game for \$10

Choice of Soft Drink

#### Thursday Afternoons

**Stratified Open Pairs**

**\$10/player**

**Game at 11:30 A.M**

**Lunch available at 11:00 A.M. for \$5. Soft Drink \$1**

**No Reservations Required**

**Plenty of Parking**

**You Can Play and Avoid the Commute!**

For more information, visit [www.sanmateobridgecenter.com](http://www.sanmateobridgecenter.com)

Or email Raad at: [bridgepals@gmail.com](mailto:bridgepals@gmail.com) Phone: (650) 954-7757

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**Jennifer Kuhn**

**Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club**

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

**Wednesdays**

**Fattoria e Mare  
1095 Rollins Road**

## **Burlingame**

9:00 AM EasyBridge lessons

12:30 Open Pairs

6:30 Open Pairs

**New Easybridge Lessons starting August 30.**

*No afternoon or evening games on  
June 27 and July 4.*

Need A Partner?

Don't have a partner, but want to play? Just send in your reservation and note that you need a partner in the comment section, and we will be happy to help you find one. Please give us a day to find a partner for you.

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

**Sunday Game, July 15 at Noon**  
Club Championship

**Potluck on Fourth of July**  
Lunch at 11:30, Game at Noon

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

**Morning Game:**  
Thursday at 9:15  
49er Game (0-49 points)  
Carol Knowles, Director

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

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