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San Mateo Unit 498

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Message from the President...Jackie Lowenberg

Eat, Drink, and be Scary! That is, at our Halloween Unit game on Saturday, October 27. Be sure and respond to your online invitation. You can take the tricks and we'll provide the treats. Ok, I know...mom humor; what can I say? Seriously though, we are raising the Unit game fee to \$20/player. Where else can you have a half day of fun (\$12 bridge game) and a delicious, dinner-sized lunch for \$8, including tax and tip?

We are psyched (I don't mean with cards) over the latest improvements at the restaurant. Fattoria has ordered beautiful, wooden bridge tables for us. This is real furniture, and we may never hear card snapping again!

Our annual NLM Sectional (under 500 points) will take place at Fattoria on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. Both days the games will start at 9:00 am. The second session on Saturday will start at 1:30 pm. One session on Sunday. Visit our website at www.unit498.com to reserve a seat.

Thank you **Ted Richmond** for finishing up the job with the Nominating Committee. We have

a phenomenal BOD coming up for 2019, and I can't wait for y'all to hear the Slate for the coming year. It's certainly the healthy organization that had more nominations than open seats on the board. Mark your calendars for November 17, our Annual Meeting and Unit Game. It's been an incredible year, the harbinger of Unit 498's great future.

You have a treat in store if you haven't met **Jenny Kuhn**. Taking the bull by the horns, this amiable, organized, remarkable director, along with the Unit 498 Mentor Program committee, has styled a crisp new program with goals

and benchmarks. Each mentor and mentee is expected to play at three of our six scheduled games. Partnerships are encouraged to play at Bayshore mentor games too; the more exposure mentees have to playing with mentors, the more advantageous it will be to them. Visit www.peninsuladbc.com and click on “498mentorgame” to register. The first Mentor game of this session is Thursday night, October 25 at 6:00 pm, at Fattoria e Mare. Jen answered all the questions at the Orientation for mentors last week. I was there too. Not because I’m a mentor. There was free pizza.

Unit 498

Intermediate/Newcomer

For Non-Life Masters (NLM)



October 13 – 14, 2018
At Fattoria e Mare, 1095 Rollins Road
Burlingame, CA 94010, (650) 342-4923

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Saturday October 13, 2018	Sunday October 14, 2018
9:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session (a 99er section and a NLM section)	Note: At the request of many, we hold a single session Swiss Event (4 rounds of 6 boards)
12:30 PM Lunch hour	9:00 AM Single session Swiss Teams
1:30 PM Stratified Pairs Single Session (one 499er section)	9:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session (one 499er section)

Saturday morning pair game will be flighted:

* <100 (Stratifications <20, <50, and <100) (i.e., 99er) and

* **NLM** (Stratifications <100, <200, and **NLM**) (i.e., **NLM**)

Stratifications will be determined by average MPs for the pair.

The Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning pair games will be combined into one section.

Stratification will be as followed: <100, 100 to <200, and 200 to **NLM**)

Director: Will Watson WatsonBridge@gmail.com

Tournament Coordinator: Marc Renson MarcRenson@Yahoo.com

Partnerships: Margery Pacchetti pacchettim@sbcglobal.net

NOTE: As we have done over the past year, we will be requesting all participants to sign-up in advance by logging onto 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, 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 Members \$12, non-members \$16, and students under 22: \$7.

SATURDAY LUNCH OPTION

Fattoria e Mare will be providing lunch for a fee. Details will be posted on the reservation form. Based on responses, this may be either a box or buffet luncheon. Keep in mind that the lunch break will be one hour.

September Unit Game
Saturday, September 22



Relaxing After the Game.





Registration Form

First Game
Thursday Oct. 25
 SF 49er Theme.
 Wear Your SF 49er or
 Favorite Team Gear or
 Wear Red/Gold for the
 SF 49er Team Color

The purpose of the Unit 498 Bridge Mentoring Program is to mentor aspiring bridge players by guiding their growth in all aspects of the game.

- Unit 498 Will Hold 6 Mentor/Mentee Games Per The Following Schedule:
 2019 dates are proposed and subject to change:

➤ 6 pm Thursday October 25, 2018	➤ 6 pm Thursday February 28, 2019
➤ 6 pm Thursday November 29, 2018	➤ 6 pm Thursday March 28, 2019
➤ 6 pm Thursday January 31, 2019	➤ 6 pm Thursday April 25, 2019

- Mentors and mentees are expected to commit to playing for at least three of the above dates.
- All participants must be ACBL members.
- Mentees will pay their own table fee of \$12 per session and will pay for their mentor's table fee.
- Mentor's table fees will be the discounted rate of \$8 per session.
- Mentees are expected to make a good faith effort to make the most of this opportunity to learn from more experienced players.
- Registration forms must be submitted at least one week before the applicable game. Registration forms may be submitted to Jennifer Kuhn in person, by email, or online at www.peninsuladbc.com/498MentorGame.
- Mentors are expected to attend the Mentor Training Session on September 26. Mentors should make the most of this opportunity to pass on their love for the game to up and coming newer players.
- For each game, all participants may choose their own mentor/mentee with approval of the Mentor Chair. Those players that do not choose their mentor/mentee will be matched by the Mentor Chair. Unless otherwise requested, mentors and mentees will have a new partner for each session. You may request to be paired with the same mentor/mentee for subsequent sessions, but each session will be subject to the approval of the Mentor Chair.

Name:	Email:	Phone:
Master Points:	ACBL No.:	Dates I can Play:
Address:	Check One: Mentor _____ Mentee _____	

Welcome to the program!

Jennifer Kuhn

Jennifer Kuhn, Mentor Program Chair

The purpose of the Bridge Mentoring Program is to mentor aspiring new bridge players by guiding their growth in all aspects of the game. Both mentor and mentee must accept certain responsibilities and possess the proper attitude to make the program a success.



Mentor and mentee should allow sufficient time before the game to fill out a convention card. It is recommended that you start with simple agreements and proceed toward more complex systems as the partnership matures. You should spend a reasonable amount of time discussing the problems that came up during the game and analyze some of the hands as a learning tool.

Time will be provided at the end of each session to review selected boards. Mentor game chair will lead discussion session.

1 Responsibilities of a Mentee

- Respect your mentor's time.
- Take action on the information provided by the mentor without being overly sensitive to constructive criticism.
- Show respect for your mentor's efforts through behavior and follow-through.
- Pass on the gift of mentoring by taking on a mentee of your own.
- Commit to play a minimum of three times in Unit mentor/mentee game.

2 Benefits of Being a Mentee

- Eases transition to more competitive games.
- Expands bridge play and etiquette understanding.
- Reduces frustration with player development.
- Increases satisfaction from playing.
- Jumpstarts bridge development.
- Introduces players to broader bridge community.
- Prepares you for tournament play.

3 Responsibilities of a Mentor

- Give your time unselfishly.
- Possess a level of skill and experience.
- Share your knowledge.
- Commit to play a minimum of three times in Unit mentor/mentee game.

4 Benefits of Being a Mentor

- Keeps you sharp
- Allows you to set an example
- Shares your love for the game
- Encourages creativity
- Allows you to give back

News from Unit 498's Clubs

Patti Frederick
Bayshore Bridge Club
1300 Bayshore, Suite 168

Burlingame
(650) 344-4919

Upcoming Mentor Games:

Thursday, October 18
Thursday, November 15
Thursday, December 20

All games start at Noon preceded by a light lunch

Please contact Ted Richmond if you need a mentor or a mentee:
tedteddyr@att.net.

Club Championships

Thursdays, October 18 and 25

Wednesdays, November 14 and 28

Agnes Lee Presents Basic Defense Lessons

Mondays in October from 9:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m.

Contact Agnes at bridgeuandme@gmail.com for more information

Open Games

Monday thru Friday at Noon
Light lunch on Thursday and Friday

Morning 49erGame:
Thursday at 9:15
Carol Knowles, Director

Thursday Evening Games are Cancelled.

**Chinese American Bridge Club
at Bayshore Bridge Center**

Upcoming Games at Bayshore:

Saturday, October 20 at 10 a.m.
Saturday, November 3 at 10 a.m.
Sunday, December 9 at 10 a.m.

Jennifer Kuhn
Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club
www.peninsuladbc.com

Fattoria e Mare
1095 Rollins Road
Burlingame

Instant Matchpoint Game Chance to Win Gold!

Get treats for taking tricks! You can win gold at PDBC in the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game. Play Wednesday afternoon on **October 31 at 12:30 p.m.** and have the chance to earn one gold point when you win a section top.

Upcoming Mentor Games:

Thursday Evenings at 6 p.m.

October 25

November 29

January 31

PDBC's Regular Games

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. EasyBridge lessons

12:30 Open Pairs

6:30 Open Pairs

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. EasyBridge lessons

12:30 Open Pairs

Raad Bunni's San Mateo Bridge Center

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

No Reservations Required

Plenty of Parking

You Can Play and Avoid the Commute!

For more information, visit www.sanmateobridgecenter.com

Or email Raad at: bridgepals@gmail.com

Phone: (650) 954-7757

September Big Games

Robert Ng and Ted Richmond 73.3%

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