

San Mateo Unit 498

January 2019

The Unitizer



Message from the President... Janelle Van Rensselaer

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Happy New Year!!

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On December 15th we had 23 Swiss teams playing at our annual Holiday Game!! Congratulations to the Open Game Team winners – Marc Renson, Ted Richmond, Bob Sanner and Roger Dewes and to the Limited Game Team winners – Doug Slayton, Sandra Tilch, Stu Shipley and Andrew Lin!! Thanks to our Director, Will Watson and all who helped set up and clean up (Raad Bunni, Debbie Carey, Loren Charlton, Fran Gaura, Jackie Lowenberg, Sue Papilion, Donna Pellegrini, Suzanne Vuko)!!

We began our "2019 Longest Day " by raffling off 12 bottles of wine donated by Fred Chaslaow with \$360 in sales!! Many thanks to Joanne Lewin and Cathy Johnson for selling those tickets!!

Speaking of the Longest Day...Did you see our flyer Kicking off the 2019 Campaign on the Shortest Day? Thank you Jackie Lowenberg for pulling this together! Our team is *Unit 498 and Team Peninsula* and we are ready to get started. If you have any gifts you would like to donate to the raffle or silent auction please contact Bob Johnson, **robtjohnson@comcast.net**.

Upcoming Events in January:

1/11 - Celebrate *Sal Ignoffo's 102nd Birthday*; game time is 12:00 at the BBC. This will be a barometer game directed by Robert Ng.

1/26 – *January Unit game* will be at noon at Fattoria e Mare, lunch included before the game, Raad Bunni, Director.

1/31 - *Unit 498 Mentor game* will be held at 6:00 pm, contact Jennifer Kuhn, **jkuhn@peninsuladbc.com**, to be a mentor or mentee.

Save the Dates in February

2/9 – CABC2 (Chinese American Bridge Club 2) will be hosting a 10:00 am game that will be preceded by a presentation at 8:45 am from *Sylvia Shi on Defensive Signaling*, contact Robert Ng, **bob5ng@yahoo.com**, to register.

2/23-2/24 – Unit 498 Sectional at Cañada College – This is usually our biggest and best!! Please mark your calendars!!

Wishing you all Happy and Healthy 2019 and looking forward to seeing you at the tables!!

Swiss Team Unit Holiday Party
December 15, 2018



**Director Will Watson ran our two section Swiss Team Event,
including providing pre-dealt boards.**









Saturday, January 26
Lunch at 11 and Game at Noon

We will have a 0-20 pt Section (with enough sign ups)!!

RSVP

Fran Gaura: fishscales@sbcglobal.net or
Joanne Lewin: joannelewin@sbcglobal.net

Help Wanted

“Many hands make light work”

We need some volunteers for the following positions:

Membership Chair

This position would help with membership correspondence and database management. Duties would include sending welcome messages to new members and coordinating the updates to the directory and ACBL reporting.

Partnership Coordinator

This position is needed at Sectional tournaments to coordinate members without partners.

Social Media Coordinator

This position is needed to update our Unit 498 Facebook page. Currently this is the only social media sight we utilize.

Table Monitors

Carol Knowles will be introducing bridge to 20 high school students at Nueva High School in San Mateo on January 8, 9 and 10 from 1:15 to 3:15. She needs 5 table monitors each day. If you can volunteer, even one day, please contact Carol at carolsknowles@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in any of the unit positions, please contact Janelle:
janellevarn@janellevarn.com

Learning Opportunities

Sylvia Shi will present a lesson on Defensive Signaling on **Saturday, February 9 at 8:45 am**, preceding the Chinese American game at 10 am at the Bayshore Bridge Club. Please email Robert Ng (bob5ng@yahoo.com) to register.

Robert Todd, professional player, teacher, and sought-after lecturer at Regional and NABC tournaments will be the **Palo Alto Bridge Celebrity Speaker on Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm**. He will share his winning techniques on Slam Bidding as well as insights on Trump Management. The Early Bird registration fee is \$ 85 per person through

April 17, 2019. After that, the registration fee increases to \$ 95 per person, based on availability. Space is limited. Please sign up at: palloaltobridge.org.

San Mateo County Winter Sectional

February 23 and 24, 2019
Cañada College "Grove"
4200 Farm Hill Boulevard
Redwood City, CA 94061



Sanction 190273

Saturday February 23, 2019	Sunday February 24, 2019
<u>10:00 AM</u> Two Sessions Open Pairs (0-750/2000/2000+) (Pairs must play both sessions) One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+) One Session 299er Pairs (100/200/300) Art Weinstein Trophy Pairs (0-100)	<u>10:00 AM</u> Two Sessions Stratified A/X Swiss Teams (0-4000/4000+) (First 3 or 4 rounds of 7 boards/round, staggered to reduce lines at lunch) Two Sessions Bracketed Swiss Teams (No player with more than 2000 points) One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)
<u>1:30 PM Lunch</u>	<u>1:30 PM Lunch</u>
<u>3:00 PM</u> 2nd Session Open Pairs (0-750/2000/2000+) One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+) One Session 299er Pairs (100/200/300)	<u>Approximately 2:30 PM</u> 2nd Session Stratified A/X Swiss Teams (0-4000/4000+) (Last 3 or 4 rounds) 2nd Session Bracketed Swiss Teams (No player with more than 2000 points) One Session Open Pairs (0-500/1500/1500+)

Director-in-Charge: Greg Vance Greg.Vance@acbl.org

Tournament Chair, Partnership Coordinator: Bob Gleason bob.gleason@comcast.net

Fees per Session: ACBL members \$12, lapsed ACBL members \$16, students under 22 \$7

Directions to playing site:

From I280, exit at Farm Hill Boulevard, between Highway 92 and Woodside Road. Turn left into the Cañada campus at the first signal light. Follow the Loop Road (and signs) to lots #5 and #6. A map is available at <http://www.canadacollege.edu/about/campusmap.php>, and an elevator to the Grove is located at parking lot #4. The cafeteria at the Grove will be open for lunch.

News from Unit 498's Clubs

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



Celebrate Sal Ignoffo's 102nd Birthday!!

Barometer game directed by Robert Ng!!

Potluck lunch! Please call Patti, 344-4919, to register and let her know what you are bringing or sign up at the club.

Upcoming Mentor Games:

Thursday, January 17
Thursday, February 21

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.

Open Games

Monday thru Friday at Noon
Light lunch on Thursday and Friday

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



Bayshore celebrated Patti's birthday with a potluck on December 21.

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

Upcoming Games at Bayshore:

Saturday, **January 19** at 10 a.m.

Saturday, **February 9** at 10 a.m.

Preceded by a lesson on Defensive Signaling by Sylvia Shi

RSVP: Robert Ng: bob5ng@yahoo.com

Jennifer Kuhn
Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club
www.peninsuladbc.com

Fattoria e Mare
1095 Rollins Road
Burlingame

Easybridge Starts January 30
Fattoria E Mare Restaurant, Burlingame

Want to Learn Bridge In
An Easy Fun Way?
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15 to Receive a
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EasyBridge™ at PDBC

Wednesdays 9am – 11:30 am

Starts January 30

at Fattoria E Mare

1095 Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA

Register at www.PeninsulaDBC.com

or email jkuhn@peninsuladb.com

or 650 690 2582 (CLUB) peninsulaDBC.com



Upcoming Mentor Games:

Thursday Evenings at 6 p.m.

January 31

February 28

March 28

April 25

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

No Games on January 2 and 3

**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

December 70% Games

Roger Dewes and Ted Richmond 75%

Virginia Wailes and Ed Hornung 73%



**Palo Alto Bridge
Celebrity Speakers Series**

ROBERT TODD

ADVENTURES IN BRIDGE, INC

Robert is a professional Bridge player and teacher from Tallahassee, FL who teaches seminars and workshops all over the country, as well as hosts cruises and plays at the highest levels around the world.

Saturday, April 27, 2019 9 am - 2:30 pm

SLAM BIDDING
Short Lunch Break (lunch provided)
TRUMP SUIT MANAGEMENT

Palo Alto Bridge Center
432A Stierlin Rd Palo Alto, CA
(650) 940-1824

\$85 per person
Register online at
paloaltobridge.org



Learn more about Robert and AIB at www.advinbridge.com

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