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San Mateo Unit 498

June 2019

The Unitizer



Be a Solstice Champion at our Longest Day Unit Game

Table fees of \$20 include lunch

10:30 Registration and Silent Auction Bidding

11:00 Lunch

11:45 Game

3:30 Shop and make final bids for the Silent Auction as we celebrate the close of our Alzheimer's fund raiser with Bar Bites, Live Music and No-Host Bar.

5:00 Silent Auction closes. Winners announced.



Welcome to Our Silent Auction for "The Longest Day"

**June 22, 2019 at Fattoria e Mare
Opening 10:30 AM; Closing 5:00 PM**

**Come Bid at a Fabulous Auction
Live Music, Bar Bites and No Host Bar from 3:30-5:00!**

**The Auction Opens Today for Your Online Bidding
(for those who would like to have a head start bidding,
or are unable to join us in person on June 22)**

See all the Auction Items in the Following Pages!

**Send your Bids by Email to: suepapilion@icloud.com
Or text to (213) 407-6722**

1. In the Subject line, write: Silent Auction
2. Include your Name and Phone Number
3. For each item you bid, give the following information:
 - Item number
 - Item name
 - Opening bid
 - Final bid
4. **Online bidding closes at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 22**
5. After 11:00 am on June 22, you must come in person to Fattoria e Mare to continue bidding or designate a proxy (agent) to bid for you
6. You will receive a reply to your bidding email or text
7. All items and bidding sheets will be on display at Fattoria from 10:30 to 5:00 pm on June 22
8. All winners who are not present will be notified by phone after 5:00 pm on June 22
9. At the close of the Auction at 5:00, winners who are present will pay at Fattoria with cash, check or credit card. The Alzheimer's Association will send you a charitable donation receipt for all payments.

**June 22 Unit Game Players will All Win Gift Bags
Play for Elevated Points at this Charity Game!!!**



2019 The Longest Day Silent Auction

Category I: Participate!

1. Ride and Arrive in Style!

Your very own chauffeur for the day, Sue Papilion, will drive four bridge players to and from the San Francisco Marriott hotel during the 2019 NABC! Note well: parking at the Marriott is \$74/day

Minimum Bid: \$30/person

Increments to Raise: \$5

2. Private All Day Ski Lesson with Level 3 Certified Instructor, Libbie Sheldon at Tahoe's beautiful Northstar Ski Resort!

Enjoy a personalized day of instruction *catered specifically to you or your party*, with undivided attention by one of Northstar's most experienced instructors. Skip the lift lines and enjoy a ski experience to remember as you progress in your skill!

Donated by Janelle Van Rensselaer

Minimum Bid: \$500

Increments to Raise: \$50

3. Who Doesn't Love Homemade Bread?

Wow your family and holiday guests this year with homemade bread! On a mutually agreeable Saturday morning this Fall, you can win a spot in a bread-making class for 8, taught by Jackie Lowenberg. Learn three **easy** recipes and all the techniques for ***Italian Country Bread, Braided Challah (Egg Bread) and Monkey Bread***. Then for the finale, sample the bread you've made with one of Jackie's gourmet lunches. Wine included.

Minimum Bid: \$50/person

Increments to Raise: \$5

4. Weber 1200 Gas Grill

Fire it up a notch with the portable Weber® Q® 1200! Tucked inside this compact little grill is everything you need to serve some seriously big tastes. It boasts 189 square inches of cooking space, porcelain-enameled cast-iron cooking grates, and an infinite control burner valve to give you full-spectrum power in a *Longest Day purple* porcelain kettle.

Minimum Bid: \$180

Increments to Raise: \$10

5. Bay Cruise on the fabulous *Mist* for six lucky sailors!

Hop aboard the 40 foot Beneteau sailboat and motor cruise past the city front; visit the Pier 39 sea lions and gaze up at the Golden Gate Bridge. With every click of the shutter, you will have a photo perfect shot! Lunch included during the five hours of enjoyment. Date to be decided. Donated by Janelle Van Rensselaer

Minimum bid: \$500/crew

Increments to Raise: \$50

6. Unit Game and Lunch at Chez Lowenberg!

Win elevated points, at a three table, Saturday morning, sanctioned Unit game, before a lunch to remember and libation to match. Director Raad Bunni will direct a stratified game at Jackie's home and then you will celebrate your success with teacher and friends at a very special lunch.

Minimum Bid: \$75/person

Increments to Raise: \$10

7. Two Seats at the SF Giants game!

Two vouchers for a home game played on any Monday to Thursday during the 2019 regular season, excluding Dodgers and Yankees. Each voucher is good for 1 lower box seat, which needs to be selected online. The price on each voucher is \$49.99, which represents a 72% savings off of the regular price. Based on those numbers, the full price for each ticket equates to \$178 . Garlic fries, anyone?

Donated by Jenny Kuhn

Minimum Bid: \$90 for two vouchers

Increments to Raise: \$10

8. Poolside Lunch and Bridge Game

Have a poolside bridge party with three of your friends at the glamorous Burlingame home of Bob and Sandy Johnson. Come and enjoy a daytime getaway, playing your favorite game in an outdoor grotto with lunch and wine and our favorite host.

Minimum Bid: \$100/table for 4

Increments to Raise: \$10

9. Lunch and Unit Game at the Greenfields!!!

Enjoy the warm hospitality of host and hostess at their lovely Hillsborough home! Come for lunch and stay for the three table sanctioned game, directed by popular teacher, Gary Porter. Rack up those mp's while overlooking the

Greenfield garden!!!
Minimum Bid: \$75/person
Increments to Raise: \$10

Category II: Eat, Drink, and Be Merry!!!

10. \$125 Gift Card for *Park and Howard Bistro!*

The lucky winner will enjoy dinner at Burlingame's newest favorite hot spot!
Donated by Julia Michael-Charnes
Minimum Bid: \$100
Increments to Raise: \$10

11. \$50 Gift Certificate to *Lucetti's on 25th*

Italian, the way we were! Guaranteed to become your favorite local go- to restaurant!
Donated by Mike Dotterweich
Minimum Bid: \$35
Increments to Raise: \$5

12. \$100 Gift Certificate for *Honeybaked Ham!*

The Honey Baked Ham Company is a food retailer that sells hams, turkey breasts and other pre-cooked entrées, side dishes, and desserts. Great for holidays and gatherings, your guests will be thrilled!
Donated by Janelle Van Rensselaer
Minimum Bid: \$75
Increments to Raise: \$5

13. \$200 Gift Card for *Iron Gate Restaurant*

Dating back as far as the 1950's, Iron Gate is one of the Peninsula's oldest fine dinner establishments. Win this prize and enjoy their French cuisine with the only flambé service in the Bay Area!!!
Donated by Marilynne Bachli
Minimum Bid: \$150
Increments to Raise: \$10

14. \$60 Gift Card for *Pasta Moon, Half Moon Bay!*

Their seasonal menu focuses on local produce at this upscale Italian eatery. Make this Half Moon Bay neighborhood gem a destination, where the inspiration comes from local ranchers and farmers.

Donated by Marie Pattie

Minimum Bid: 45

Increments to Raise: \$5

15. Half Case of 2017 Rombauer Zinfandel: Absolutely Zinful!!!

Zinfandel is lighter in color than both Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. However, Zin's moderate tannin and high acidity make it taste bold. A Rombauer is quality—the experts' choice, both fruity and spicy.

Donated by Joy Venosa

Minimum Bid: \$150

Increments to Raise: \$15

16. Half Case of 2017 Rombauer Sauvignon Blanc

This delicious white features compelling spiced apples, almond croissant, honeyed peaches and fresh baked pear tart notions on the nose. Medium-bodied with a satiny texture, this pairs well with a creamy seafood pasta.

Mangia bene!!!

Donated by Joy Venosa

Minimum Bid: \$125

Increments to Raise: \$15

17. 2016 Nicolas-Jay Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

From the quintessential Oregon terroir and the Burgundian winemaking technique of Jean-Nicolas Meo of Domaine Meo=Camuzet, comes this Pinot Noir. Pale to medium ruby-purple in color with a nose of warm red and black cherries and cranberry, this bottle represents the best of Oregon winemaking.

Donated by Sally Samuels

Minimum bid: \$40

Increments to Raise: \$5

18. 2017 Lambert Bridge Viognier from the Bevill Vineyard in Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley

Viognier, a tropical and balanced white wine is often typified by warm fruit and a touch of oak. Aromas of ripe citrus, nectarine and passion fruit drive this style and will compliment your summer meal perfectly.

Donated by Sally Samuels

Minimum bid: \$25

Increments to Raise: \$5

19. A Vertical Collection of Ravenswood Zinfandel from the Russian River, Sonoma: 2014 (no longer available elsewhere), 2015 and 2016. This big and bold collection will surely delight your palate and compliment the perfect steak dinner, with its hints of cinnamon and berries. Taste all three to determine the one *very* special bottle in the collection.

Donated by Fred Chasalow

Minimum Bid \$50

Increments to Raise: \$5

20. Rhys Pinot Noir

Donated by Joan Sullivan from their San Mateo county vineyard, this boutique bottle with rave reviews by the "Prince of Pinot" will complete the most special meals. Upon opening a bottle, you will be offered a seductive perfume of red berry, dark rose petal and spice. Rhys wines are considered by many critics to be in the upper echelon of California productions. The wines are highly sought after and sold by allocation through a mailing list. Visit the extremely detailed and informative website at www.rhysvineyards.com.

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Category III: Beautiful!

22. Mabe Pearl and Diamond Earrings

Donated by Rebecca Simmons. This gorgeous pair of pierced earrings is laden with a large Mabe pearl, surrounded by beautiful round diamonds. We have a copy of the receipt from Toppers Jewelers in San Mateo for \$1000, though not returnable. They are stunning!!!

Minimum Bid: \$500

Increments to Bid: \$25

23. Dartington Crystal Decanter by British Wine Glass Company;

Open up your bottle and let your wine breathe in this beautiful decanter...or just display it as the beautiful object of art it is.

Donated by Pam Hakman

Minimum Bid: \$30

Increments to Bid: \$5

24. Blue Swirl Glass Flute Lamp by Standard Specialty Lamp Co.

Perfect for bedside or an accent piece, this little lamp will give color and soft light to a small space.

Donated by Raad Bunni

Minimum Bid: \$ 25

Increments to Raise: \$5

25. Cherub Table Lamp by Standard Specialty Lamp Co.

Use this small lamp as a night light or as an accent in the perfect spot.

Donated by Raad Bunni

Minimum Bid: \$25

Increments to Raise: \$5

Category IV: Goin' for the Gold!

26. Play with Fred Chasalow and Marc Renson in a Two Session Swiss Event of your Choice at a Local Regional or Sectional Tournament!

It's time to rack up the gold and learn from the best. You and your partner will pay the table fees and spend a day with these two power players for a highlight of your bridge life.

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments to Raise: \$20

27. Play with Emerald Life Master, Ted Richmond, at a Unit 498 game or Bayshore Club Game!

Find a mutually agreeable date, pay table fees for both of you, and rack up some points and pointers from one of the Bay Area's icon players!!!

Minimum Bid: \$75

Increments to Raise: \$5

28. Learn from Emerald Life Master Ted Richmond!

Four lucky students will win a two hour lesson with Ted on a mutually agreeable topic. The experience is priceless. Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your bridge skill and learn from a player who's reached the pinnacle!!!

Minimum bid: \$80/table

Increments to Raise: \$10

29. Bridge Lessons for four or eight with Raad Bunni!

Is there one convention that just bugs you? Are you guilty of forgetting the response to partner's favorite new move? Set up a table or two and have Raad Bunni teach four of you for two hours at his home. Master bridge teacher Raad is at your command!

Minimum Bid: \$80/table

Increments to Raise: \$10

30. Win a Two hour Lesson with Mark Sorenson!

Do you want to learn 2/1 or brush up on those pesky Cue Bids? Here's a chance to gather one or two tables of players at your home and pick a topic that Mark will make easy!

Minimum Bid: \$80/table

Increments to Raise: \$10

31. Play with Jenny Kuhn at the 2019 San Francisco NABC!

Earn some gold, or maybe see red! You'll be driven back and forth and play with Jenny to the 2019 San Francisco NABC for a single session event! It will be an experience to remember with our beloved Director of the Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club. Mutually agreeable date and time.

Minimum Bid: \$100

Increments to Raise: \$10

32. Bridge Lesson with Mary Bates!

It was a blast last year (thank you Jeanne) and we hope to do it again. There's something about Mary... everyone who knows her will agree.

Minimum Bid: \$80/table

Increments to Raise: \$10

33. Bidding in the 21st Century (ACBL 5 Book Bridge Series)

By ACBL and Audrey Grant, Donated by Baron Barclay

Minimum Bid: \$ 45

Increments to Raise: \$5

34. The Official ACBL Encyclopedia of Bridge 7th Edition

Edited by Brent Manley; Donated by Baron Barclay

This long-awaited edition is the most complete volume of bridge information and instruction ever compiled. Beautifully bound, it is a handsome gift for yourself or another bridge lover.

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36. Standard Plays of Card Combinations on Flash Cards by Alan

Truscott; Donated by Baron Barclay

Minimum Bid: \$15

Increments to Raise: \$5

37. Bidding Flashcards: Level 1 by Marti Ronemus;

Donated by Baron Barclay

Minimum Bid \$15

Increments to Raise: \$5

38. Bidding Flashcards: Level 2, Annoying the Opponents by Marti

Ronemus; Donated by Baron Barclay

Minimum bid \$15

Increments to Raise: \$5

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Message from the President...

Janelle Van Rensselaer

June 2019

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This month we are joining bridge players across North America as they come together the week of June 16th – 23rd to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's disease. On June 22nd Unit 498 is having our monthly game and lunch. After the game there will be live music, bar bites and a no host bar from 3:30 – 5:00, for you to enjoy while bidding on the fantastic items available in the silent auction!! All of the proceeds from the raffle and auction will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. If you cannot play that day please stop by

and join us for the after party and auction. As of this publication, the on line version of the auction is available for you to view on the Unit 498 website. Many thanks to Jackie Lowenberg and her team - Bob Johnson, Donna Pellegrini, Fred Chasalow, Janelle Van Rensselaer, Jennifer Kuhn, Loren Charlton, Marge Pacchetti, Marie Pattie, Raad Bunni, Sandra Tilch and Sue Papilion. Contact the committee members if you would like to bid, buy or donate.

Our Non Life Master Sectional was held on May 4th and 5th; there were 21 tables on Saturday and 12 teams on Sunday!! Congratulations to all who played and placed!! Thanks to Bob Gleason and team for setting up and cleaning up so quickly and to Will Watson for directing a great game.

Events in June -

6/22 – *Unit 498 game* – There will be lunch and the Unit game, followed by a “no host bar” with free tapas. The silent auction will close at 5:00 pm.

Upcoming Events in July -

7/10 – *Unit 498 game (evening)* – More information to follow soon.

Upcoming Events in August –

8/17 – 8/18 – *Unit 498 Sectional at Canada College.*

News from Unit 498's Clubs

Unit 498's Newest Club

Facebook Menlo Park Bridge Club

1 Hacker Way, Building 15

Menlo Park 94025

Wesley May, Director

All games are on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

You are invited to join us, but reservations are required.

For reservations and more information, email

wjomlex@gmail.com

- Tuesday night Club games start at 6:00pm
- Casual games aren't sanctioned and are drop-in /drop-out (reservations also required).
- Dinner is available; please arrive by 5:30
- Various snacks and drinks provided
- Games are Open and Stratified
- No table fees

June Games

June 4: Club Game (Interclub Championship Game)

June 11: Casual Game

June 18: Club Game

June 25: Casual Game

Patti Frederick

Bayshore Bridge Club

1300 Bayshore, Suite 168

Burlingame

(650) 344-4919

Upcoming Mentor-Mentee Game:

Thursday, June 20

Game starts 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 49er Game:

Thursday at 9:15
Carol Knowles, Director

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

Upcoming CABC Games at Bayshore

Monday, June 10
Potluck at 6, Game at 7 p.m.
Potluck: RSVP Patti at pjf3156@gmail.com

Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m.

Jennifer Kuhn
Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club
www.peninsuladbc.com
(650) 690-2582

Fattoria e Mare
1095 Rollins Road
Burlingame

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 49er Game
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

**New Open Section
Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:15 a.m.**

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

May 70% Games

Jane McLaughlin and Sylvia Shi 71%
Roger Dewes and Ted Richmond 70.5%



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