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San Mateo Unit 498

November 2020

The Unitizer



Message from the President... Janelle Van Rensselaer

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Our Halloween Unit game was held on October 31st. We had 10 tables in the 499er section; winners were Sheila Felker and Eileen Battat with 60.80% and Marcia and William Pade with 63.58% games. There were 8 tables in the open game and winners were Eugene Sor and Marcus Ballinger with 55.95% and Ken Gee and Alfred Lee with 69.05% games!! Happy Halloween!!

The October Unit Mentor Game was held on 10/17; we had 2 sections

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with a total of 13 tables!! Section 1

winner were Jeffery Pugh and Maureen Martin with a 63.43% and Raad Bunni and John Selin with 65.28% games. Section 2 winners were Aster Wu and Rise Cherin with 60.56% and Philip Kuhn and Rosemary Bardi with 55.56% games!! Many thanks to Sue Papilion for coordinating the partnerships and Art Quey for directing and hosting the Zoom call following the game!! Our next game is November 19th at 7:00 pm. Look for the invite at the beginning of November.

We have exciting news about our popular Mentee/Mentor Game. We will have a game every month in 2021 starting in January! It is difficult to match participants every month, so we will be matching a mentee with a mentor for 4 months at a time. If the date in a particular month does not work for one of you, hopefully you can find another time and place to play together, but we will not be able to cover monthly absentees. Matches will be made in January, May, September so you will be able to develop the mentorship for four months before getting a new partner. Since there are so many new players, there will also be teaching tables which will be free. We hope everyone will enjoy this change and continue to participate in Unit 498's great Mentor program.

November 21st is our Unit 498 Annual Meeting at 11:30 am, followed by our monthly Unit game at 12:15 pm. Per our bylaws, we must have 30 members present for a quorum. This meeting will be held via Zoom and we will be electing our officers and board of directors for next year. The slate proposed by the nominating committee is:



President – Bob Gleason



Vice President – Danna Sorenson



Membership– Suzanne Vuko



Secretary – Cathy Johnson



Unit Games – Fran Gaura



Director – Pete Goldsmith



Treasurer – Sue Papillion



Director – Barbara Lewis



Director – Janelle Van Rensselaer

Retiring Directors



Loren Charlton



Vaughn Patterson

Many thanks to the nominating committee for their work in putting together an excellent board for next year: Suzanne Vuko, Chair, Eileen Battat, Kit Morse, Jackie Lowenberg, and Mark Sorenson. Thank you, Loren Charlton who has served on the board, for the past 3 years before his move to Arizona and to Vaughn Patterson who has served for the past 2 years!!!

Congratulations to Rosemarie Dean our newest Ruby Life Master!!!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the meeting and game!!

Please contact me at janellevanr@janellevanr.com or 650-303-8236 if you have any questions.

Events in November –

11/19 – *Mentor/Mentee Game*

11/21 - *Unit Annual Meeting, Elections, Game*

Upcoming Events in December –

12/12 – *Unit 498 Holiday Game*

12/17– *Mentor/Mentee Game*

The link to join our virtual meeting on Saturday, November 21 at 11:30 is

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Why Become a Mentor?

As most of you know, ACBL breaks the nation up into Districts and then Units. We are in Unit 498 which is most of San Mateo County. Our Unit has 624 members who pay dues to play in ACBL games. 425 members have less than

100 master points of which 198 have less than 5 points! That is a huge number of people who need help, so they become comfortable playing in our Unit games, clubs and tournaments.

The pandemic and use of BBO have made it easier then ever to mentor and teach, but we need mentors! There are only 190 of you who can help bring new people into this wonderful, challenging game. There are classes and teaching sessions offered in the clubs, but a new bridge player needs a buddy or helper to realize how it feels to really play successfully or see where they are consistently making mistakes. We need mentors to help make Unit 498 stronger so when we return to actual games they are challenging and fun for all of us.

Unit 498 was a growing unit, because we have several strong and committed mentors and have always had a mentor program, but 425 of our members need your help and BBO makes it much easier because you can see each other's hand and they have practice tables too! So please consider becoming a mentor and contact Sue Papilion (email: suepapilion@icloud.com) and she will help you feel comfortable with BBO tools! Next year, we are planning on an online mentor game every month.

IN MEMORIAM



Ted Richmond
October 5, 1929 – October 31, 2020

Past President, Teacher, Mentor
Emerald Life Master

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