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San Mateo Unit 498

January 2021

The Unitizer



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Message from the President... Bob Gleason

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District 21 has selected Jackie Lowenberg to receive a Goodwill Award, to be presented at the district board of directors meeting on January 9th. The award recognizes work she has done for years to promote bridge in Unit 498, and lead other activities we sponsor, including the Longest Day program to raise money for Alzheimer's research. In 2020, she and the members of her committee organized the unit's events, and managed to raise approximately \$12,000, despite the restrictions that pushed everything to the internet. Congratulations Jackie!

Top pairs in the open section of our first holiday game in December were Ken Hui and Siuling Ku, and Jay and Mary Bates, who tied for first. In the 499 section, Debbie Carey and Kit Morse finished first, followed by Gloria Halliday and Marie Horn. By the time you receive this edition of the Unitizer, we will have completed a second December game on New Year's Eve.

In the latter part of 2020, Sue Papilion convened a committee to look for improvements to our monthly mentor-mentee game. This work led to the changes described in the December Unitizer, and in a notice e-mailed to unit members near the end of 2020. Pete Goldsmith will join Sue in managing this popular game. Many members in our unit are looking for mentors, so if you would like to help them, please reply to Pete.

Every new year brings changes as members of the board of directors retire, and others pick up their responsibilities. Suzanne Vuko will organize and manage our unit games when we are able to resume them, and will continue holding monthly unit-sponsored club games on BBO until then. She inherits this role from Fran Gaura, who did an outstanding job with it during the time I have been active with the unit. Thank you, Fran, and the rest of us will work with Suzanne to continue the standard you set.

Happy New Year!

Join the Mentor/Mentee Program for 2021

Everyone’s Invited!

Join Our Bridge Mentor Program 2021

Sponsored by ACBL Unit 498

Beginning, Intermediate and Experienced Players are welcome and needed.

Play at 7pm

The Last Thursday of Every Month

First Game 1/28/21

Online at www.bridgebase.com

Mentors: Experienced players who love the game and want to help new players enjoy and love the game as well.

Mentees: Newer bridge players who want to advance their game because it is the most challenging card game in the world!

Both: There is value to all bridge players in coaching others and/or being coached. Please let us know below if you would like to wear both hats!

Program: You will be matched with a mentor/mentee for 4-month increments. We believe this will enhance your partnership and provide consistent and valuable training. The commitment is 4 months long--if you miss a scheduled game, you can make it up in a club game or on a teaching table. More information will be forthcoming on advice for Mentors and Mentees.

Sign Up: *Please Fill Out and return to Pete Goldsmith petedgoldsmith@gmail.com*

Your Name _____

Your Email _____

Your BBO Name _____

I wish to be a Mentor, Mentee or Both _____

(Optional) I wish to be paired with _____

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