

A close-up photograph of a branch from a tree, likely an apple tree, bearing several ripe, bright red apples. The apples are clustered together, with some showing slight yellowing at the base. The leaves are green and serrated, with some showing signs of aging or damage. The background is a dense, out-of-focus green foliage.

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President's Message – August 2026:

Hi again!

We've had the usual busy spring and are now into the somewhat slower summer. Things started with the District 21 Grand National Teams Tournament in March in the Bay Area. Shirley Shi and Allen Prohovsky were on the team that finished 2nd in the B grouping, and went on to represent the district at the national tournament in Minneapolis last month.

April ended with our Spring Sectional at the Sacramento Bridge Center. Our turnout was great with a total of 138 tables over the 4 days. Among the participants was Mark Itabashi, who was visiting from Orange County and finished second in the Saturday pairs game. May 4th thru the 10th was STAC week when participating clubs awarded silver points. We had 134 total tables at the 4 locations, with the unit covering the \$6.35 per table extra cost.

The last week of May was the Regional Tournament at the Doubletree Hotel, as usual.

August 2nd, we held our 2nd Unit Championship Bracketed Team Game. 24 Teams participated in this 24-board, 4-round event. Winners in the top bracket were the team of Dave and Marina Clement, Sherrie Barrakat, and Sue Vogtlin.

Looking ahead, we have another Silver-Point STAC week coming up August 17th thru the 23rd, and then our Summer Sectional will be September 17th thru the 20th, with the details in the included flyer.

As for the state of the unit, I think we're still in very good shape. The latest unit roster has us with 604 total members in the Greater Sacramento Area. The breakdown by masterpoint range is as follows:

87 with under 10 total points.
92 between 10 and 50
92 between 50 and 200
102 between 200 and 500
99 between 500 and 1000
79 between 1000 and 2000
48 between 2000 and 5000
15 over 5000

Congratulations to Gary Soules who just passed 20000 points, making him the third current unit member with that many, along with Bob Etter and Chip Martel.

That's all I have for now. See you at the bridge table.

Bob Shiner



Sacramento Unit 505 2026 Summer Sectional

**Thursday thru Sunday
September 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th**

**Sacramento Bridge Ctr
2035 Hurley Way, #270
Sacramento, CA
(916)925-6322**

**Entries: \$15 per Session (cash on Thursday;
by credit or debit cards the rest of the
weekend)
Masterpoint awards are Silver
Sanction #2609346**

Friday, Sept. 18th - Team Game 10:15 am

2-Session Bracketed Swiss Teams

**Please pre-register to Bob Shiner by email
(see below) with the names, ACBL num-
bers, and masterpoints of all team
members so we can do the bracketing
beforehand.**

**The 90 minute lunch break will be set by the
Director**

**Thursday, Sept. 17th @ 10:15 am
Single-Session Intermediate/Novice Pairs**
Strats: 500-750 / 250-500 / 0-250 No one over 750 MPs may play

Sat., Sept. 19th & Sun., Sept. 20th - Pairs Games 10:15 am and 3:15 pm

2-Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2300+ / 800-2300 / 0-800

**There will be no Single-Session games (Open or NLM) on Saturday morning,
but for the other three start times (Sat. pm, Sun. am and pm):**

Single Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2300+ / 800-2300 / 0-800

Single Session Non-Life-Master Pairs whenever at least 6 pairs sign up:
Strats: 200-500 / 100-200 / 0-100
No one over 500 MPs may play

Stratification Based on Pair/Team Averages All Strats may be adjusted by the Director Based upon attendance

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(Ted Muller on
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Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS



Curtis Altschul
Paul Andre
Shawn Bickford
Sean Bland
Todd Bland
Cynthia Bryant
Dong Hui Cai
Michael Hensen
Alana Hogan
Tim Hogan
Susan "Bo" Horgan
Dennis Letl
Gary Sauve
Robert Slockbower
Jean Taylor
Steve Taylor
Kevin Young



Rank Advancements

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Crystale Allesio-Madrano

Ann Conklin

Daniel Dean

Gerald Grisler

Patty Hapgood

Diane Heine

Esmail Hadjhabib

Joyce Lau

Dave Lowry

Cynthia Meyers

Robert Meyers

Aniket Mondal

Roy Schutzengel

James Siegfried

Kathryn Siegfried

Sharon Yeargin

Kevin Young

Rande Zaretsky



Rank Advancements

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Catherine Bradley
Gillian Higgo

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Blanche Skubic

NEW NABC MASTERS

Micheline Brown
Steve Porter
Julia Raven
Stan Skubic
Linda Urquart

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTERS

David Coppock
Steve Morrison
Marina Sun



Rank Advancements

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Kaye Andrews
David Clement
Layne Hersh
Mark Lipson
Allen Prohofsky

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

David Clement
Michael Cozart
Ashish Gupta
Xiaomin Misenti

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Joan Bailey
Joe Fischer



Rank Advancements

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Miriam Steinberg

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Douglass Murphey
Shirley Shi

NEW SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTERS

Kathryn LeGro

NEW EMERALD LIFE MASTERS

Jan Soules



2026 Mini-McKenney Race – Thru 6/30

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Donghui Cai	14.95
Linda King	14.54
Curtis Altschul	5.77

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Cynthia Meyers	20.14
Dave Lowry	17.19
Kevin Young	17.12

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Cathy Bradley	29.15
Gillian Higgo	21.71
Robert Meyers	20.14

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Blanche Skubic	41.91
Kimberly Brown	30.76
Terry Ash	19.18

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Margaret Bussel	27.93
Bobbie Lindsay	26.99
Lori Gualco	23.68

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

James Jowski	162.43
Stan Skubic	83.62
Aimee Morris	54.07

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mark Lipson	111.81
Allen Prohofsky	105.98
Marina Sun	60.04

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Ashish Gupta	133.99
Asha Desai	95.55
David Clement	66.20

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Miriam Steinberg	78.73
Agnes Kennedy	74.12
Mona Stryker	70.35

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Shirley Shi	405.77
Jim Coke	132.36
Danning Lu	118.66

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Biu Wong	185.74
Kathryn LeGro	115.09
Susan Bogan	92.95

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Carrie Tousley	148.73
Carl Oeser	140.97
Jerry Nakamura	76.92

2025 Mini-McKenney Race – Thru 6/30

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Jan Soules	212.14
Albert Chow	112.62
Dave Vidaver	96.94

7500 to 10000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Judi Callaham	113.51
Jan Martel	.42

10000+ Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Chip Martel	360.42
Gary Soules	315.62
Ted Muller	199.20

2025 Ace of Clubs Race – thru 6/30

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Donghui Cai	14.84
Linda King	8.25
Curtis Altschul	5.28

5 to 20 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Dave Lowry	14.98
Esmail Hadjihadib	14.38
Kevin Young	13.91

20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Catherine Bradley	22.53
Gillian Higgs	16.67
Rande Zaretsky	13.51

50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Blanche Skubic	28.11
Kimberly Brown	21.08
Terry Ash	18.19

100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Lori Gualco	19.95
Terrence Nelson	18.36
Ramona Nelson	18.36

200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

James Jowski	72.02
Stan Skubic	39.35
Aimee Morris	33.87

300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mark Lipson	44.26
Allen Prohovsky	30.06
Micheline Brown	25.16

500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Ashish Gupta	93.78
Jim Haynie	44.70
Mike Cozart	40.71

1000 to 1500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mike Grob	50.13
Vera Balluff	47.00
Susan Haynie	39.89

1500 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Tom Schmitz	55.51
Diane Strategos	48.52
James Coke	42.43

2500 to 3500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Biu Wong	105.06
Susan Bogan	64.94
Robert Shiner	58.38

3500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Carl Oeser	115.68
Carrie Tousley	69.20
Jerry Nakamura	39.97

2025 Ace of Clubs Race – thru 12.31 – Not Final

5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Jan Soules	100.79
Albert Chow	52.92
Dave Vidaver	46.25

7500 to 10000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Judi Callaham	72.08
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10000+ Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Ted Muller	123.28
Gary Soules	120.86