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Unit 505 Board of Directors



Recently, the Unit 505 board has had a series of discussions about the future of bridge in the Sacramento. What initially drove the discussion was some comments by Sacramento Bridge Center club manager Albert Chow that the rate of decline in our population was very steady and we no longer had a bridge teacher at SBC to bring in new players! Looking at our other clubs, they are in better shape for teachers but not in good shape. Hence our drive to recruit bridge teachers. If you are interested, please see the next page.

While we were looking at bridge teachers, we also looked at other roles within our bridge community. We have enough directors at the moment but we don't have enough directors to cover expected retirements over the next few years so we would like to bring some new directors on line so the new directors can gain some experience before they step in full time to cover the retiring directors. Directors need to be in good health because they are expected to set up the room to play a bridge game and respond to director calls quickly. If you would like to become a director, please contact me at jcoke@yahoo.com or 530-409-3361.

Speaking of directing, I recently had the opportunity to fill in for Marvin Arnold as the Lincoln Hills director. They have a lovely club and I really enjoyed the chance to meet more of them and enjoy their company.

We still need another Unit 505 board member to replace Josh Haskett who passed away. If you are interested in serving with us, please contact me.

We had an absolutely marvelous September Sectional complete with famous guests! Please see the following few pages for a pictorial tour of our sectional.

I hope to see you at the bridge table!

Cheers!!

Jim



Wanted: Bridge Teachers!

To keep bridge alive, we need more players but to have more players, we need to train them to play! Help us all by becoming a bridge teacher. Contact Diane Strategos - dianes99@hotmail.com or 530-902-6848.



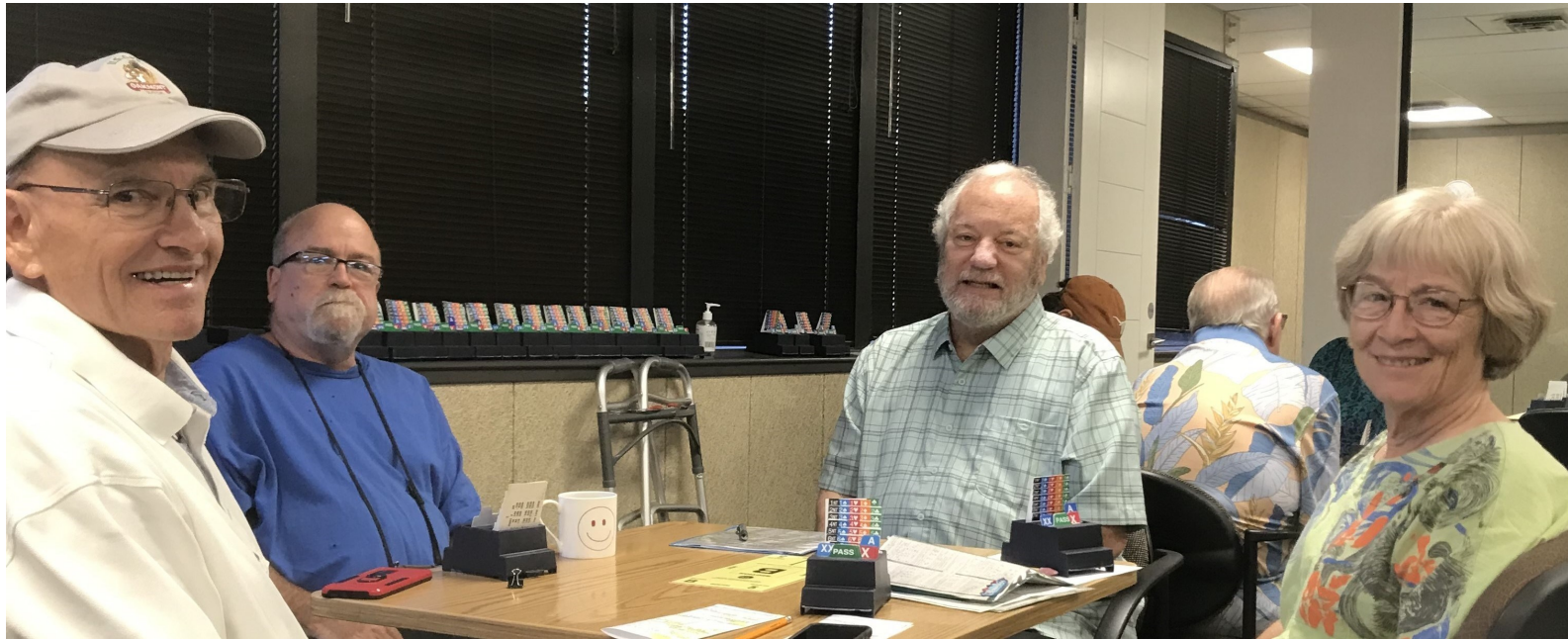
We had some very special guests at our September Sectional. From the left, Bob Etter - one of our 2 Unit 505 Grand Life Masters, Grand Life Master Josh Donn who is moderator of the Bidding Box column in the Bridge Bulletin, Unit 505 Platinum Life Master Gary Soules & James Holzhauer who isn't particularly well known as a bridge player but is famous for his 32 game win streak on the game show Jeopardy. Yes, many bridge players appear to be huge fans of Jeopardy!



Left - as usual at our sectionals lately, our director, Steve Kaessner. Our hospitality chair, Jane Blum is in the background.

Bottom - In the center, Platinum Life Master Ted Muller with some of our visitors - Arti Bhargava (left) and her partner William Bailey (right) from Marin.





Above - From the left, Garth Gregory, Dave Vidaver, Paul Kushner and Mary Ose. All except Dave are frequent visitors. Dave actually lives here.

Anthony Toto came to visit us from the Fresno area (actually Clovis). He was my partner Sunday. On the right, one of our members, Barbara Somervill. He is a Texas grad - Hook 'em Horns!





Sacramento Bridge Center

NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

15th, Wed - Club Championship, Open & Invt

18th, Sat - Club Championship, Invt

20th, Mon - Unit-Rated Pairs, Open & Invt

23rd, Thu - CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

25th, Sat - Unit-Rated Pairs, Invt

29th, Wed - Unit-Rated Pairs, Open & Invt

DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

3rd, Sun - Special UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY (64% Sectional Rating)

4th-10th, Mon-Sun - STAC Week (\$14)

13th, Wed - Unit-Rated Pairs, Open & Invt

17th, Sun - SBC Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY

21-25, Thurs-Mon - CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

29th, Fri - Unit-Rated Pairs, Open

30th, Sat - Unit-Rated Pairs, Invt

S.B.C. GAME SCHEDULE

Mon./Wed.: Open Section, 11:00 am
Invitational Section, 11:00 am

Tuesday: Closed

Thursday: Open Pairs, 6:30 pm -
see Game Status box in left column on SBC webpage

Friday: Open Game only, 11:00 am (+ Invitational in January!)

Saturday: Invitational Game only, 11:00 am

**Table fees
are \$12
normally**



Foothill Bridge Center



Requirements to Play

- You must sign-up with mgeldorado@gmail.com.
- See the [Foothill website](#) to determine if the game is being played.

November Events

- 15 - Wed, Club Championship
- 16 - Thurs, Club Championship
- 17 - Fri, Club Championship
- 19 - Sun, Swiss Team CC, 12:30
12:00, noon, Pot Luck
- 27 - Mon, Club Championship
- 29 - Wed, Club Championship
- 30 - Thurs, Club Championship

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Learn Precision!

Mondays @ 11:00

By John Bowman

Regularly Scheduled Games

- Monday Open Pairs 12 Noon
- Wednesday Open Pairs 12 Noon
- Thursday NLM Pairs (0 - 500) 10AM (Lesson at 9:30)
- Friday Open Pairs 12 Noon
- Sundays (once a month) Swiss at 12:30

Lessons By Roz Flynn

Fridays @ 10:00

**Cost \$10 - Includes free
play in Friday noon game**

New Rank Changes

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Deborah Berard

Gary Berard

Paul Friedrich

Sharon Friedrch

Geri Grant

Terry Hewett

Elainene Keeley



NEW CLUB MASTERS

Margaret Bussel

Pat Drake

Donna Gilbreath

Patty Wohl

New Rank Changes continued.

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

**David Clement
Claudia Dopkins
Bernie Hedges
June Hedges
Richard Matthew
Aimee Morris**



NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

**Micheline Brown
Page O'Connor
Mary Quinn
Harriet Schloemer**

New Rank Changes continued.

NEW NABC MASTERS

Alan Calkin

Lucy Chen

Wil Dopkins

Xiaomin Misenti



NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTERS

Chip Gordet

NEW LIFE MASTERS

David Britten-Ohl

Shirley Shi

Sandra Sullivan

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

David Britten-Ohl

Shirley Shi

Sandra Sullivan

New Rank Changes continued.

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Joan Rouse



NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Mitch Miladinovich



2023 Mini-McKinney Standings

Unit 505 - Sacramento

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Elizabeth Davis	27.08
Kathleen Travers	15.42
Sharon Friedrich	9.81

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Aimee Morris	55.65
June Hedges	50.59
Bernie Hedges	50.59

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Steve Porter	43.47
Leslie Olesen	31.83
Barry Klein	20.94

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

David Clement	56.39
Dorothy Zetterberg	29.04
Marina Kong	28.23

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Micheline Brown	52.01
Linda Urquhart	48.27
Mary Quinn	44.25

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Patricia Beddow	82.21
Asha Desai	70.39
Layne Hersh	61.66

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Chip Gordet	105.58
Paul Thomas	98.18
Ernest Johnson	94.20

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Shirley Shi	142.04
Miriam Steinberg	116.04
Agnes Kennedy	104.64

2023 Mini-McKinney Standings

Unit 505 - Sacramento

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Diane Strategos	165.39
Desiree Soto	128.39
Jim Coke	125.00

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Kathryn LeGro	168.79
William Huber	160.22
Robert Shiner	138.96

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Susan Bogan	114.95
Jerry Nakamura	77.95
William Taggart	73.90

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Carl Oeser	168.88
Carrie Touslee	124.55
Ben Miller	91.11

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Jan Soules	246.49
Teri Smoot	145.74
David Vidaver	139.58

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Judi Callaham	???? No update from ACBL
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Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Chip Martel	632.41
Gary Soules	468.05
Ted Muller	168.05