

Bridge Forum: East Bay Unit 502, June 2017

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Hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. As we approach summer, there are a few important calendar items to note. First, there will be a regularly scheduled **Unit 502 Game on Sunday, June 4th beginning at 1:00 pm; the free lunch will be served in the EBCBC kitchen at about 12:30 pm.** The July Unit Games are scheduled for July 2nd and 16th.

As mentioned last month, the **Unit 502 Spring Sectional will take place on June 17th & 18th** at the Oakland Masonic Center (third floor), 3903 Broadway, Oakland, CA. Please plan to attend. There is some parking available behind the building off of Manila Ave. There will be a free lunch on both days and lots of good (and healthy) snacks. Since 6/18 is Father's Day, the second Sunday game will begin at 2:30 pm so that people will have time to attend any planned Father's Day dinners.

Two days later, the **Longest Day games (morning, afternoon and evening) will take place on Tuesday, June 20th** to benefit the Alzheimers Association. Yes, you read that correctly. The Unit #502 Longest Day is one day early – June 20th. Please try to play in at least one of the games, or consider a donation if you aren't able to play that day. Amy Bess and Monica Deutsch have all of the details. If you can help for all or part of the day, please contact Amy or Monica – they are seeking volunteers to help! Hosting an event like this is labor intensive! Thanks.

The upcoming **Saturday games** at the EBCBC at 12:00 noon will be on June 10th, June 24th, July 22nd and July 30th. If you want to play, please contact Tom Pajak to sign-up for these games.

Last, but not least, there are **NAP Qualifying Games at the EBCBC** on June 12th, June 27th, July 5th, July 16th, July 20th, August 6th and August 11th. The Unit 502 Finals will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017. The table fees for most of these games will remain at the usual \$7, but there may be some exceptions.

The **April 16th Unit Game** results were: Pat and Jim Leary first overall, Neal Mazaroff and Stuart Schneck second, Otto Edor and Gunnar Niemi third, Nick Wiebe and Franklin Lowenthal fourth, Hedy Wee and Andrew Fine fifth, and Ira Feldman and Gerry Litton sixth. It was a close match, as all six pairs had games between 56.66% and 60.91%. Congratulations all around!

Welcome to Laura Davis, who recently transferred into Unit 502 from the Berkeley/El Cerrito/Richmond Unit #497! When you see her, please take the time to welcome her to our unit.

Congratulations to the following players on their recent rank advancements: Rev Marilyn Chilcote, Joy Schenker, Robert Schenker and Ellen Sirbu, Junior Master; Jackie Fenton, Sectional Master; and Ernie Scosseria, Bronze Life Master. Kudos to each of you, and keep on playing! There is always another goal in front of you! When you see them, please take the time to congratulate them on their advancements.

Sorry to end on a sad note, but the Unit recently received word that Helen Hann passed away in April.

Tom Pajak is writing next month's column, so please contact him if you have interesting results or other items to report: Tom Pajak <tompajak999@gmail.com> .