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# Silicon Valley Bridge

Dear Ray

Hello there! If you were expecting this e-mail to show you the US-101 bridge over the Guadalupe River, I offer my deepest apologies. That's a different Silicon Valley Bridge. It is just I, [Unit 507](#) President, Mich Ravera, here.

**ARE YOU READY FOR OUR SECTIONAL?** Well, our Sectional will be ready for you November 1-3 at the PABC in Mountain View. As usual, pairs games are available Friday and Saturday; Bracketed Teams are on Sunday. You can find links to the sectional flyer and to our electronic partnership desk on our website, [sjbridge.org](http://sjbridge.org). Let's play well and be polite!

**ATTENTION NEW PLAYERS!** There is an introductory game with chances to ask for help from a teacher held along side the Open Game on Wednesdays at 11 AM at the Campbell United Methodist Church at [1675 Winchester Blvd.](#) in Campbell. When it isn't free, it's \$5 and the most fun and best instruction that you will ever get. Preregistration at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-sanjose1> is required for the Open Game.

At the Unit 509 Fall Sectional in Petaluma, a Section Top in Open Pairs to Andy Andrews. Stephen Tu was on a winning Sunday Team.

At the Earthquake Sectional in Morgan Hill: 499er Pairs Winners Elaine Hughes and Renee Perry; Saturday Open Pairs Winner James Craig; with Section Tops Xin Ge and Jan Kiernan; and Open Swiss Teams Winners Kayden and Xin Ge.

At the San Mateo NLM Sectional: Section Tops went to Bill Roman and Monica Bacon-Proctor.

We welcome Mike Cochran, Andrea Decasper, Flora Ding, and Mike McKinley to our game and to our Unit. We also congratulate Mike Friedman and Rajeev Gupta for earning the title of NABC Master; Joanne Cornbleet for her advancement to Silver Life Master; Joel Singer on promotion to Ruby Life Master; Tsao-Tung Tsai and Brenna Wundram on advancing to Silver Life Master; Frank Y Xie for earning the status of Sapphire Life Master; and John Miller for gaining the title of Emerald Life Master.

For games held in nearby Units, results, online games, and to find teachers and lessons, check out our website at <http://www.sjbridge.org>.

Have you thought of becoming certified as an ACBL Club director? If so, the Unit is still offering to help you find and pay for a course and your test! Contact either me or Ray Yuenger to guide you through the process.

Our regular monthly Unit Board meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Almost all of the meetings are open to all Unit 507 members. If you contact me at [michravera@yahoo.com](mailto:michravera@yahoo.com), I will send you an invitation and a meeting packet, a day or two ahead of the meeting (usually on the preceding Sunday).

When opponents preempt you out of your shoes, you are likely to require some time to get over the shock before considering your next call. If the auction goes **1NT-(PASS)-3NT** to you, it may not take you long to realize that this isn't the third time in the history of the game that you ought to bid. Law

73D, however, requires that you give away neither your consternation nor your certainty. The best practice, whether looking for your shoes or noticing how closely this hand looks like your system notes, you are expected to study your hand **as if you had something to consider** before making your next call in tempo (about 10 seconds). Technically, this requirement applies even when one of your opponents places the final contract at **6NT** after a 5-level response to their bad slam prevention convention. Give them about 10 seconds to fear that you are about to **double** them. And, with that thought, I'll see you at the tables!



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