

Today and Sunday are the final **STaC** days of 2017 and all matches at our Clubs for those two days award Silver Masterpoints and have **\$12 card fees** (thanks to the ACBL). So bring an extra couple bucks if you are playing before Monday.

All of the **Holiday Closures** are now listed in the on-line version of this (accessible through the "News" link at the top of our website, given below) and will soon be reflected on our site's Calendar. I'll include everything next week, but right now I've got other work to do...

Holiday Party, Free STaC Unit Game, and Benefit for Homeward Bound of Marin

First, some procedural Notes:

- The Bar Opens at 11:30, the Potluck Lunch at Noon, and the Unit Game at 1 PM.
- If you are playing in the Unit Game, but not attending the Party, please **check in by 12:45 PM**.
- If you signed-up but are sick or otherwise unable to come, please let Peggy Tatro know ([415-299-7511](tel:415-299-7511)) as soon as possible so we can attempt to fill your empty chair(s).
- If you are coming but not signed up for the potluck, please bring something you think everyone will enjoy - we could still use some side dishes, but a dessert or appetizer is also fine.

Homeward Bound of Marin's (HBOFM) mission of opening doors to safety, dignity, hope and independence is coupled with a vision that everyone deserves a place to call home. Here's a couple links to **stories about women** that I have not sent you before; they will **tear at your heart** but then make you **feel really good**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJnd7s-w7v4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bC_buhmk10Y

NOTE: If you missed all the compelling facts about HBOFM that I included last week, you can read them here (or copy and send the link to your partner and friends):

http://marinbridge.com/pdf_Files/2017-HBOFM-and-Unit-508-Facts.pdf

We heard what you said about last year's party being too crowded, so we limited it. Of course, that means we also reduced the number of check writers attending this Sunday's occasion (the Unit is covering **ALL** Card Fees, so these could be your most cost-effective **Silver** points yet). Hence, this is me begging you to **dig a little deeper than last year** so our Unit's Donation will still be the **single biggest fundraising "event" for HBOFM**.

Once again, David Smith, a member of our Unit, a terrific bridge player (Platinum Life Master, no less), is **personally** going to **do a 2x Match of whatever our Unit donates to the HBOFM cause** (just like he did last year). Yes, that means if you give \$50, HBOFM gets a total of \$150 because of your fully tax deductible generosity!

Some of you may forget to bring a check with you on Sunday or cannot attend the party and Benefit, but you can still participate in our U508 donation to HBOFM **and have your donation 2x matched by David**. Just send a check by the end of the year to:

Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato, Ca. 94949
Please include "**Marin U508**" in the memo field of your check or in a note with the check so your donation will be 2x matched.

Remember, all our regular games, etc. can be found through our site: <http://marinbridge.com/>

Here are links to our Unit and District Facebook pages:

<https://facebook.com/ACBL-Unit-508-249516438506646/>

<https://facebook.com/d21acbl/>

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Membership

Marin Unit 508, ACBL

COMING UP (Remember: the regular games in our Unit are not shown - only special games, irregular games or outages are called out below). The **contacts** for additional info, partnership, or to register Teams are shown at the bottom by Club.

Today, Friday, December 8th:

- The **11:30 AM** Game at **Crossley** will be **Open**, Stratified, **STaC** Pairs.
- The **Noon** Games at **Terra Linda** will be **Open**, Stratified, **STaC** Pairs.

Saturday, December 9th:

Bonnie Nackley will be teaching a class at the **Crossley** Bridge Center from **Noon – 12:30** followed by a **Limited** (0-99), Stratified, **STaC** Pairs (12-15 boards and this one has **\$15 card fees** because of the lesson and **STaC**). For information Contact Bonnie at bnackley@gmail.com or [415-250-6549](tel:415-250-6549).

Sunday, December 10th:

Our Unit's **Annual Holiday Party, STaC event and Benefit for Homeward Bound** of Marin. It will be at **Terra Linda** with the usual trilogy: **Bar**, Pot Luck **Lunch**, and a **Unit STaC Game**. Donations are requested for Homeward Bound. Here's the flyer: http://marinbridge.com/pdf_Files/U508_Holliday_Flyer_2017.pdf.

Thursday, December 14th:

The **Noon** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified Pairs Club Championship** (Extra masterpoints & overall awards).

Saturday, December 16th:

The 16th is the 3rd Saturday in the month so the B & P duo will be in action at the **Tiburon/Belvedere Rec Center @ 10:30 AM:**

Barbara Prior will be directing a **Limited Game** (0 – 750 MP's). **Contact info below.**

Peggy Tatro will be directing a **Novice Game** (0 – 20 MP's). **Contact info below.**

Sunday, December 17th:

The **1 PM** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified Pairs Club Championship** (Extra masterpoints & overall awards).

Monday, December 18th:

- The **Noon** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified Pairs Club Championship** (Extra masterpoints & overall awards).
- This is the day for the **Annual Crossley Holiday Potluck Party** beginning at **5:30 PM** followed at **6:30 PM** by **Open, Stratified, Membership Pairs** games with extra Masterpoints (20-21 boards). Sign up at club to bring an appetizer or dessert dish to share. Limited to 18 tables. Please carpool whenever possible.

NOTE: The Holiday closures bit starts right after this; **Hoppe** is not shown at all because *David's Thursday AM Limited games are unaffected by Holiday closures* (on for the 21st and 28th). Terra Linda is only listed once because Peggy is only Closed on the 25th, otherwise on as per the regular scheduled games.

Tuesday, December 19th:

Belvedere will be **Closed**, so **NO 11 AM Limited** (2000), Stratified, Pairs Game.

Wednesday, December 20th:

- **11:30 AM** Game at **Crossley** will be **Open, Stratified, Membership Pairs** with extra Masterpoints. This game is limited to **Limited to 18 tables.**, so get there early and please carpool whenever possible.
- The **6:30 PM** Game at **Fuldek** will be an **Open, Stratified, 4th Quarter Club Championship** with extra Masterpoints.

Friday, December 22nd:

This is a very special one = **Bob Crossley's End of Year(s) Celebration**. The **11:30 AM** Game at **Crossley** will be **Open, Stratified, Membership Pairs** with extra Masterpoints and to celebrate **Bob's retirement from directing**. Sign up sheet at club, **limited to 18 tables**, and please carpool whenever possible.

Saturday, December 23rd:

Crossley is **Closed** today, so **NO Limited** (0-99), Stratified, Pairs "Learning Game."

Monday, December 25th: ALL CLOSED**Tuesday, December 26th:**

- **Belvedere** will be **Closed**, so **NO 11 AM Limited** (2000), Stratified, Pairs Game.
- **Pickleweed** will be **Closed**, so **NO 11:45 AM** Open, Stratified, Pairs Game.

Wednesday, December 27th:

- **Crossley** will be **Closed**, so **NO 11:30 AM** Open, Stratified, Pairs Game.
- The **Noon** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified Pairs Club Championship** (Extra masterpoints & overall awards).
- **Fuldek** will be **Closed**, so **NO 6:30 PM** Open, Stratified, Pairs Game.

Friday, December 29th:

- **Crossley** will be **Closed**, so **NO 11:30 AM** Open, Stratified, Pairs Game.

Sunday, December 31st:

The **1 PM** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified Pairs Membership Game** (both players must be ACBL members to win the Extra masterpoints & overall awards).

Monday, January 1st, 2018:

- **Pickleweed** will be **Closed**, so **NO 11:45 AM** Open, Stratified, Pairs Game.
- **Terra Linda** will be **Open**, with **Peggy's New Year's Day Annual Brunch** followed by an **Open**, Stratified, Pairs Game (Details to follow).
- **Crossley** will be **Closed**, so **NO 6:30 PM** Open, Stratified, Pairs Game.

UNIT 508 CLUB CONTACTS

For More Info, Partnership and to **Register your Teams for Team Games:**

"BELVEDERE" - Barbara Prior at cardscases@aol.com or 415-892-1856

"CROSSLEY" - Janet Crossley at crossleybridge@yahoo.com or

Mon & Thu: 415-246-7357 Wed & Fri: 415-461-3171

"FULDEK" - Hannah Kishi at hrdhtrd@aol.com or 415-897-7664

"HOPPE" - David Blohm at david_blohm@hotmail.com or 415-332-9548

"TERRA LINDA" - Peggy Tatro at peggytatro@sonic.net or 415-299-7511

"PICKLEWEED" - Ellen Weingart at grammyellen@comcast.net or 415-461-5905