



District 21 Unitscope

Steve Sharp and *E/W* were Karen Laws & William Glass.

August 14 & 15 will be our weekend Non-Life Master Sectional. Saturday will have Stratified Pairs games at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Sunday will consist of a double session Swiss Teams event with the first session starting at 10:00 a.m. (remember that your team is signing up for two sessions). Lunch will be provided each day, and a lesson will be provided with the Saturday lunch. Hope to see you there.

It seemed that within a couple of days of my writing last month's Unitscope article and saying that we should have enough based on our Bid-A-Pro event to purchase the Playbridge Dealer4, I learned I was incorrect in a couple of ways. Correction one, the Playbridge Dealer4 had already arrived. Many of you have already experienced the use of the device in unit games and lessons. Correction two, personal donations ended up paying for the total cost of the dealer. The money raised from the Bid-a-Pro has been added to the clubhouse fund to supply other much needed supplies for the clubhouse (such as new decks of cards, etc.). Though the dealer is being used in all unit events, remember that it is up to the club owners whether they will use it in their weekly regular games.

It is not too late to join Mike Molinari's next series of lessons. On August 21 Mike will start teaching the second series of lessons on the Play of the Hand. Lessons are on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m., call Mike for information, 658-7318.

After having very few 70% game in June, there was a rebound in July. In Fresno, Jason McAlexander & Karin Blanchard had a 71.88% in the 49er Pairs game on 6/5. John & Della Schnell blew everyone away with a 79% game in the Barometer Championship game on 6/11.

A week later, in the North American Pairs qualifier on 6/18, Sally Eatherly & Doris Frazer had a 72.92% game. On 6/29, Carol Miller & Vivian Betcher earned a 70.83% game. Madera and Oakhurst also ended a drought in these games as Betty Eden & Al Crane had a 70.85% game in Madera on 6/2, and Glen Ford & Norma Jean Dubay had a 71.85% game in Oakhurst on 6/24.

Congratulations to all!

We had a lot of members playing in the regional in Sacramento, but no new Life Masters from our clubhouse to report. However, we do want to send congratulations out to a former Fresno member, and still good friend, Mary Peterson, who earned the title of Life Master in Sacramento.

That's all for August; I hope to see all of our Non-Life Master members at the sectional.

Hollister/Gilroy/ Morgan Hill

By Dian Wood Picone

Unit 524 did itself proud at the Earthquake Sectional this month. The Gilroy Senior Center was a great venue and we had a record breaking number of tables with bridge lovers from all over, as well as plenty of elbow room and good and convenient parking. One nice gentleman, while loading his plate, told me that we had the best catering he'd encountered. I didn't tell him that I knew that, already! But I did tell him that we have first-rate and generous cooks who always put on a great spread! The Sunday Swiss Teams were a big hit. Many of our members took home points both in the Saturday Open One of One session (Don Nemiro, Rosemary Erwin, Diana Dragt Gale and Katie Dimick to name a few) and the new 199er games a.m. & p.m. (Chiong-Yuan Han, Chandler Stauffer, Mike Slattery, Sabina Siem, Bob Frohman, Rita Tingley, Charles Costa, Connie Coyne, Lanetta Bishop, Bill Smith, Sheila Hill, Lucy Grisetti, Jerry Pelletier and Rashmi Beman, Gloriana Garma, Jan Kiernan, Shelia Peterson, Marilyn Ribardo, Linda Blasdel, Polly Manley, Suzanne Gere, Barbara Earley, Kelly Gutierrez, Janet Bernhardt, Phyllis Tubbs-Gingerich, Gary Jones) were well attended and most won some points. Congratulations to the

many players who did so well! Kudos to our co-chairs, Ron Dragt and Win Stone, Patty Stone Partnership, Barbara Early Hospitality and Suzanne Proctor Signage. Another great year!

Hollister: Mike's Wednesday Bridge Club: 6/2, Ron & Diana Dragt. 6/9 6/16, Bill Millar & Bob Williams. 6/23, Diana & Ron Dragt. 6/30, Bob Frohman & Charles Costa; 2nd Carol Reed & Irene Ryan. Linda's Tuesday afternoon pairs: 6/1, Lou & Suzanne Peloquin; 2nd Donald Jones & Maxine Elin. p.m. game, Individual, Bill Millar. 6/15, *N/S* Gale & Katie Dimick; in *E/W* 2nd Susan Vance & Linda King; 3rd Dianne Farotte and Armada Dooling. 6/29, *N/S* Gale & Katie Dimick, *E/W* Marvin Jones & Linda King.

Gilroy/Morgan Hill: Monday Open Pairs p.m.: 6/7 Margot & Mike Kakalec; 2nd Jonna Robinson & Vincent McLoughlin; 3rd Pat Kraut & Helen Lindsey. 6/14, Betty De Paola & Don Nemiro; 2nd Ray Yuenger & Melanie Kakalec. 6/21, Joanne Wicker & Bob Frohman; 2nd Ron Dragt & Win Stone. 6/28, Dick Tani & Bobt Frohman. Thursday Open Pairs a.m.: 6/3, 1st Linda King & Jonna Robinson; 2nd Patrick & Margot Kakalec. 6/10, Don McCown & Mike Kakalec; 2nd Betty De Paola & Don Nemiro. 6/24, Patty Stone & Linda King. Unit Game: 6/20 *N/S* 1st Sheila Peterson & Gloriana Garma, *E/W* 1st Mitsi Tani & Dee Bugge.

News about our bridge players is always welcome. Contact me: dwpesq@yahoo.com

Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

Coming up on July 30 is an NAP qualifier in Pleasanton, and then of course in August the Great Western Summer STAC cometh.

June saw a remarkable performance by Sukumar Mukherji & Paul Wegfahrt, who managed to score above 66% in club games not once but twice, and one of the games was an NAP qualifier with a huge 15 1/2 table turnout. Think about it: a room full of good bridge players and you manage to beat an average of two thirds of them not just on one hand, but hand after hand to the end. Fantastic! And then a couple of weeks later you do it again!

The Sacramento Regional saw a first and a third for Paul Zarcone & Bill Berck, a second-place finish for David Silberman & I in a Knockout, and third place to a team containing Jean Barry. Pat & Jim Leary were on a team that took third in an A/X-Swiss. A lot of our friends from the Danville game did well. They seem to be on a roll lately.

I went to the Las Vegas Regional, and since the Riviera Hotel is so huge, they have more than one big group event at a time. We shared the convention space with "American Cue Sports," i.e. the National Eight-Ball championship and similar pool events. They have demonstrations and speed-shooting contests, so all in all they are more fun to watch than we are. If you think setting up a sectional or a regional is work, imagine filling one of those big ball-rooms with pool tables, each with its own overhead lighting hood. I learned that they have to "rebalance" each table after they set it up, too, so each one is perfectly level.

The fun part about this strange mixture was how different the people were at the two events. They were younger and had a lot more tattoos. And, in the bar, you can tell the victorious Canadian bridge player from a victorious Canadian pool player; they both end their sentences with, "Eh?" but one of them is a lot drunker than the other one.

If you go next year, remember, as our flight attendant said as we landed, "What happens in Vegas is on Facebook the next day."

Marin

By Bob Sampson

In STAC week in May the top three wins were Roz Kahn & Louis Lipset 71%, Lenore Cavallero & Gene Simpson 66.5% and Beverly Tait Dresden & Beth Slye 66.3%. Gene Simpson had three wins. People with two wins include T.

Bauer, H. Kishi, L. Kirchoff, J. Meislin, V. Mueller, B. Roman, E. Schiller and E. Weingart. At the Oakland Sectional in 0-300 Pairs, Jane Bauer & Irene Lam tied with Molly Anderson & Frank Aftowicz for 4th. In KO 4 Teams, Keith & Tracy Bauer took first.

Now we jump into June with Sacramento Regional results. In 99er Pairs we had Pat Friesen & P. Perring 5th, Sue Parker 1F and Ann Marie Parker 2D. In 299er Pairs we had Beverly Bloss & Suzy Doyle 5th, Jackie Greenberg & Sheilah Wasserman 4th, Friesen & Perring 2F/3C, Irene Lam 2A, George Beard 5A and Mary Teply & Patricia Irwin 1A. Side Series winners were Gene Simpson 3rd and with Liliane Kirchoff 2nd/5th/6th; Cindy Kirk 5B, Anita & Ron Studen 2B/3A and Claire Young & Wallace McOuat 3C. In a side game Ingrid Purcell & Sue Parker were 1st in B. In Senior Pairs, Carole Liss & Gene Simpson were 3rd twice, Ellen Schiller & Bob Liss 13th, Loarn Thoelecke & Diane Williams 4th (twice), Dick Crocker & Richard Marchand 1C, Gayle & Jim Tunnell 4C and Patricia & Ed Rothenberg 3B. In Stratified Open Pairs Loretta Bromberg was 3rd, Bruce Blakely 13th and Nancy Ferguson 4th in B.

Team results in Sacramento: Bruce Noda 1st/3rd in KO1. In KO2 the team of Jane Frost, Christina Decker, Judy Mark and Judy Williams was 2nd and the team of Barbara Poole, Sharon Rettenberg, Roberta Lyon and Anita Stone were 3rd. In KO3 Tracy & Keith Bauer tied for 3rd. In KO5 in 2nd was the team of Joan Creed, Joan Livingston, Jeanne Radtke and Alice Saxton while tied for 3rd was the team of Beverly Bloss, Suzy Doyle and Jeanne Radtke. In Compact KO5 in 3rd was the team of Wallace McOuat, Claire Young, and Phyllis and Don Kreider. In various Swiss Teams events: Michael Day 1st in A, Loretta Bromberg 2nd/6th in A, Nancy

Ferguson 5th in B, the Studens 7th in B, Mike Hartnett & Jane McLaughlin 7th in D and the team of Noda, Simpson and Liliane Kirchoff 3rd in A. In AX Swiss, Robert Haar & Gene Thornton were 3rd in X (7th in A). Loretta Bromberg was 2nd in Senior Swiss Teams.

San Francisco Sectional results include these: in 0-200 Pairs Eileen Murray 4A, Susan Kolb & Sheila Levine 5B, Jackie Reinhardt & Betty Ingram 3C, Jackie Greenberg & Sheilah Wasserman 5C; in Open Pairs Robert Haar & Gene Thornton 4C; in 0-50/300/+ Pairs Beverly Bloss & Terry Hope 4B; in AX Swiss Laura Kenney & Gene Simpson 4A, Lenore Cavallero & Bob Roman 4X; in 0-1,500 Swiss Tracy & Keith Bauer 2nd, Janet Russell & Bruce Nissim 4th and the team of Susan Bowser, Molly Anderson and Frank Aftowicz 3rd in C. 70% wins in the clubs in June include Elizabeth & Paul Sather (73%); Penny Berman & Roy Hoppe, Joan Ehman & Steve Stein, Tracy & Keith Bauer and Hap Kaufman & Hari Ramani.

Modesto

By Leigh Tibbetts

Let's see if I can get it right this month. The Sunday, August 8 unit game will feature lunch at 12:30 p.m. and game about 1:00 p.m. September's Tri-Unit NAP two-session game has been moved to September 26 with lunch between sessions. Both games are at the Modesto Clubhouse.


Our lady of the sweatshirts, Connie Arnold, and her smiling partner both achieved the rank of Sectional Master in May. Ron Allison followed them in June. After six weeks Lloyd Rotherham was discharged from hospital, his masterpoints caught up with him and he is now a Regional Master.

And early in July, Hayward Hawke joined the ranks of Gold Life Master. Congratulations to all.

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Saturday		
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Alice Hopkins Stratified Open Pairs	0-750/750-2000/2000+
10:00 am & 3:00 pm	Gene Broderick Intermediate/Novice Pairs	0-50/50-100/100-300
Single-session events; play either or both.		
Sunday		
10:00 am	Annamae Hackwood Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams AX 3000+ (A), 0-3000 (X) BCD 1500-2000 (B), 750-1500 (C), 0-750 (D)	
	Two sessions with a short break Seven 7-board matches, 20 VP scale	
10:00 am	Bob Vatuone Swiss Teams 0-100/100-200/200-299	One session, 20 VP scale

Directions: Hwy 1 South, exit Soquel & bear right, (L) on Soquel, (R) on La Fonda
Hwy 1 North, exit Soquel, (L) on Soquel Avenue, (R) on La Fonda

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