

District 21 Unitscope

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for the "NLM regulars" to meet the "49ers" at the food table to share good eats.

Mark Hasey's Thursday evening and Sunday noon games are not to be missed at holiday time. For the 4th of July he donned his chef's jacket and produced another wonderful free meal.

June was a month filled with celebrations at Nancy's Bridge House. Nancy Driscoll and Mary Peterson hosted a garden barbecue party for more than 60 former and current NBH students to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of Nancy's Bridge House.

They also celebrated Mary becoming a Life Master. There were graduation games and parties to mark the successful completion of the spring quarter of all five classes at NBH.

NBH students are beginning to play in duplicate games. Look for Barbara Denny, Diane Gunter, Betty Wilkinson, Ginger Stone, Mary Jane Rozkoc, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Smith, Roger Griffith, John Peterson, Holt Ruffin and Michael Mills and make them welcome.

There were some big scores in June's unit games. Phil Rodriguez & Robin Evenden achieved 73.3%! Jim & Susan Slinger's second place finish with 65.4% was also impressive. Diana Schilling & Ann Ottenberg excelled with 64% in the other June unit game.

Unit 550's second annual rummage sale of new or gently used items is coming up on August 14 at the SCBC. Donations of antiques, collectibles, jewelry, housewares, small appliances and electronics that work, vintage clothing, linens, decorative items, art, rugs, books and gardening items, as well as volunteer help, are welcomed on Friday, August 13 from 9:00 until 4:00. Between 3:30 and 4:30 members may make purchases. Proceeds will be applied to upgrading our bridge equipment and facility, and reducing the unit's deficit. The purchase of a dealing machine is being considered. This would enable all games to have hand records, and would make dealing of identical boards easy for tournament sections or for competitions with other clubs.

Santa Rosa

By Mary Omodt

Lots of us went to the Sacramental Regional. I stopped counting at about 25. And lots of us were winners. John Kozero & Gary Robinson came in second in the Monday Stratified Charity Pairs, and Sara Rothmuller & Harvey Brody came in third in the same event.

Patty Haberson & Carolyn Zocchi did well: third in Monday 299ers, and first in Tuesday morning 299ers. Winners in the tough Open Pairs were Evelyn Holtz, Jennifer Jones, and Bob Klein. John Kozero & Gary Robinson (see above!) won the Tuesday Senior Pairs and came in second in the Wednesday Senior Pairs. Side series winners and placers were Barbara & Lou Meola, and Roy Redlich & Hans Van Boldrik. Knockouts are always a favorite. Mark Hersko, Lee Grams, Sara Rothmuller and Scott Gulland came in first in Monarch Bracket 2. Barbara and Lou Meola with Peg Devine and Mary Spellman tied for third in Bracket 5. More Knockout wins: John Vion, Jon Merry, Tom Vecchio and Jim Stefanich came in first in the Wednesday Gold Rush Bracket 3. John Vion got both his Life Master and Bronze Life Master at this tournament. Congratulations!

The team of Meryl Fisher, Danielle Hejanowski, Nancy Johnson and Mary Omodt placed in the Tuesday and Wednesday evening Swiss.

The most delightful time I had at this tournament was when our team of Tom Gee, Meryl Fisher, Danielle Hejanowski and myself, played our club member Mark Hersko and his team of Scott Gulland, Nick Demmon and Michael Nadler in the finals of a Compact Knockout. It was bridge as it should be: fun, friendly, and well played. They came in first, and we were even somewhat happy for them. More 299er news: Tim Coshov & Patty Hertz came in fourth on Saturday morning. Nice going. In the Sunday California Capital Swiss, where you need to qualify just to have the privilege of playing, Jennifer Jones, Bob Klein

and team came in tenth. We all came away with some points, but the top winners were Gary Robinson with 57.66, Bob Klein with 52.56, and John Kozero with 40.10.

Here is the Great Western STAC schedule for the week of August 16-22: Monday: Strat Pairs at 12:00 noon, Non-Life Master Pairs at 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday: Stratified Pairs at 12:00 noon; Wednesday: Strat Pairs at 12:00 noon, Pro/Am Teams at 6:30 p.m. (A Pro and an Am need to play together); Thursday: Pro/Am at 12:00 noon (only two Pros per team, Pros being anyone with more than 200 points, or a team may have all Non-Life Masters regardless of number of points); Friday: Strat Pairs 12:15 p.m.; Saturday: Non-Life Master Pairs at 1:00 p.m.; Sunday: Strat Pairs at 1:00 p.m.

Kate Hill will teach Bridge Basics II starting 9:30 a.m. on six Thursday mornings, September 30 & November 4. She will cover preemptive bidding, overcalls and advances, takeout doubles and advances, negative doubles, and competing for the contract. Class is \$75.00 including the text by Audrey Grant. And don't forget the Sensational Santa Rosa Sectional, October 2-3.

South County

By Jim Solomon

Within days of receiving this issue of the *Contract Bridge Forum*, we'll be opening the doors for our annual three-day Hot August Sectional, running August 6-8, again this year at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 East Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. Single-session pair games Friday and Saturday mornings (10:30) and afternoons (3:30) and Swiss Teams as well as a single-session pairs game on Sunday (10:30). We'll provide you with a continental breakfast each morning and refreshments throughout the day. For directions and other details, see our ad in this and last month's *Forum*.

That's at the beginning of the month, and in case you don't win enough silver masterpoints at our sectional, well, mid-month (August 16-22) all of our clubs will be participating in the Western Conference's 4th edition of the Summer Fun STAC. Here's another of those chances to win those hard-to-come-by silver points in the comfort of your own club.

On Tuesday afternoons in August I'll be holding a series of bridge seminars for beginning and intermediate players at Merrill Gardens in Fremont. Contact me for details (LSJ63@yahoo.com; 510 538-9889).

Special Club Games in the Next Month: NAP qualifiers: Hayward Easybridge! Club, Aug. 5 & 26; Tri-City BC, Aug. 7 & 28; Fremont Easybridge! Club, Aug. 10 & 24.

Dark Days (clubs closed): Saturday, August 7: Tri-City BC (for U500 Sectional)

Notable Recent Tournament Performances: California Capital Regional, Sacramento: Steve Castellino's team won the most prestigious event of the tournament, the two-day, four-session, completely open (non-stratified) California Capital Swiss Teams and Andrew Gumperz's team was third. Other Sacramento results: Kings KO Teams, Bracket 1: 1st, Andrew; Bracket 3: 3/4, Jim Solomon. Wed. Senior Pairs: 10A, Kunio Okui. Wed. Eve Swiss Teams: 5C, Susan Lampert & Trudie Sinclair. Thu. Senior Pairs: 2A/1B, Kunio. Gold Rush KOs, Bracket 3: 3/4, Susan & Judy Allrich. Weekend Compact KOs, Bracket 3: 4th, Trudie and Charlie & Ann Conrad. Fri. Open Pairs: 11A/1B, Steve. Fri. Swiss Teams: 3/4 B, 2/3 C, Jim. Thu/Fri/Sat. Side Series: 5B/1C, Charlie & Ann. Sat. Open Pairs: 9A, Elena Ziuleva. Sun. Swiss Teams: Flight A/X: 5/6 X, Rajan Jeyakumar & Kevin Schoenfeld. Fast Open Prs: 6A, Clark Millikan. San Francisco Sectional: Sat. Side Game: 6A, Elena Ziuleva. Sun. Swiss Teams, Flight B/C/D: 3B/3C, Darrell Fung. Earthquake Sectional, Gilroy: Sun. Swiss: 1 OA, Jim Kelsey; 5A, Rajan Jeyakumar & Kevin Schoenfeld; 4B, Jim Harper, Marty Holtz, Charlie Conrad.

Winners at Recent Special Club Games: Redwood BC Club Championship, June 7: Open: OA, Charlie Conrad & Hedy Wee; E/W, Suzanne Bremer & Jo An Reid. NLM: OA, Dottie Reid & Tina Chen; C N/S, Mary Levine & Estelle Baum; C E/W,

Catherine Molnar & Marion Keyworth; B E/W, Donna Russell & Ferne Freitas. Fremont Easybridge! Club North Americans Pairs club-level qualifier, June 8: OA/B/C: Bill Laird & Charlie Tonelli. RBC interclub championship game, June 9: ACBL-wide: 2A/1B/1C: Wayne Miller & Joyce Mirwald; 3A/2B/C: Ivar Kvalnes & Kazuko Alsberg; 6A/3B/3C: Adrienne Hillebrandt & Eileen Thompson. Tri-City BC unit championship, June 12: OA: Rajan Jeyakumar & Venkat Sivasankaran; B: Bill Cubley & Prakash Karamchandani. Fremont (Centerville) BC C.C., June 14: OA: Santosh Wadhwa & Marv Griebrok; B: J. T. Wang & Steve Brosamer. RBC NAP, June 14: Open: OA: Jack Scott & Manfred Michlmayer; E/W: Joyce de Roco & Vernita Davidson; NLM: OA: Joyce Mirwald & Sue Eltringham; N/S: Estelle Baum & Esther Rubke. RBC C.C., June 16: Open: OA: Virginia Herring & Jim Helt; N/S: Kay Kewley & Shirley Rodenborn; NLM: OA: Dottie & Tina; E/W: Wayne Miller & Joyce Mirwald. Bridge Club at Ashland C.C., June 17: OA: Bill George & David Carmichael; E/W: Jim Kelsey & Carl Highley. TCBC NAP, June 19: OA/B: Song Wang & Bin Liang. Hayward Easybridge Club NAP, June 24: OA: Betty Howd & Mickey Row; B: Bill & Patty McNamara. FEC NAP, June 29: OA: Dug Howd & Brenda Metz; B: Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos.

Welcome to Our Fold: Welcome to John Sullivan of Fremont, a new player in our Fremont Easybridge! Club and newer member of ACBL. And welcome back to Bill Maxedon, who's moved from Tracy to San Leandro; we hope to see him back at our games soon.

Finally, welcome to Patty & Bill McNamara of Alameda, now regular players in our Hayward Easybridge! Club who've transferred to South County from the East Bay Unit.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder: Venkat Sivasankaran is now a Bronze Life

Master, and Ruth Davis and Elinor Wilkin-son have become Sectional Masters.

And Suseela Dantuluri has advanced to the Junior Master level.

Turlock/Merced

By George Loscalzo

Bridge, anyone? I'm sorry to say that there is no information from Turlock; any suggestions, folks?

The Sweet Bridge Player of the Month was Larrie Sweet who garnered 5.33 points; Margaret Quinn was the top A player, and Sally Canelo was the top C Player. Toots Wade & Larrie had the high game for the month with a 69.64% on Monday, June 21.

Good going and congratulations to all.

The Monday players of the month were Art Konecny and Judy Westerberg; section leaders: 6/7, Pat Kaufman & Dick Uhrhammer; Judy Smith & Dee Heller. 6/14: Judy Westerberg & Art Konecny. 6/21: Roland Wilson & Hayward Hawke; Toots Wade & Larrie Sweet. 6/28: Jean Astorino & Toots Wade (s), Art Konecny & Judy Westerberg (h); George Loscalzo & Dick Uhrhammer (s); Sally Canelo & Kaytie Peterson (h).

The Wednesday players of the month were Larrie Sweet and Margaret Quinn. Section leaders: 6/09: Betty Brown & Vickie Sweet. 6/16: Margaret Quinn & Larrie Sweet. 6/23: Dee Heller & Dennis Northern; 6/30: no game.

The Friday player of the month was Gary Smith. Section leaders: 6/04 Audrey Mackall & Pat Kaufman; Gary Smith & Larrie Sweet. 6/11: Jack & Lenore Ellery; Toots Wade & Ray Adams. 6/18: Sally Canelo & Doris Heron. 6/25: Sam & Lou Diele; Gary & Judy Smith.

Sweet Bridge will have Great Western Summer STAC games on Monday, August 16; Wednesday, August 18; Friday, August 20. Be sure to get yourself a partner so you can share in all the silver masterpoints.

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