



District 21 Unitscope

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At the May 16 unit game, E/W Barry Kael & Sandi Davis came in 1st winning the OA while N/S Andrea & Michel Schneider won their direction.

Welcome to new members of Unit 502 Jim O'Neill and Jessica Lai. There were some rank changes as Isabel Bradshaw achieved Club Master, Marilyn Vinnicombe reached Regional Master and Glenn Boyce became our newest Life Master. Well done!

Our summer sectional at Holy Redeemer Center is finished and there were many of our members in the winner's circle. On Friday afternoon, the overalls in the open game were topped by Ron Kow & Teri Boyd, Roseanne Smith & Shirley Rodenborn, and Jim Kuhn & Al Goldspiel. Also placing in the overalls were WenYen Leong & Susan Weibe, Jean Pinador & Lorene Lamb, Joel Teller & Bob Berger, and Gerry Litton & John Lafler. In the under 300 event, Gail & Pat Albin came in 1st OA. Pat & Gail were celebrating year six of Pat's continuing good health following his bout with cancer. Looking great, Pat, and obviously playing great, too! Ed Yunck & Laura McCrea finished in the overalls as did Suzanne Quick & Lori Rosenthal, Barbara McNeal & Joseph Held. Sherry Larsen Beville & and Susan Kovacevic earned points filling in the movement in the game and completed their day by landing in the overalls in the evening game. Friday evening had Michel Schneider & Grant Vance finishing 1st OA. Also landing in the OAs were Sidney Mar & Hugh Callahan, Greg Reichert & Rainer Rungaldier, Tom Pajak & Donna Rolle, and Richard Walker & David Hoffman. On Saturday morning, Mary Payne & Shirley Rodenborn, Cathleen Otvos & Lynne Bromley, Barbara Simpers & Bill Williams, Stuart Schneck & W. Samuels Jr., Ed and Teresa Seputis,

Esther Rubke & Estelle Baum, Libby Silver & Lois Horowitz, Jeff & Mary Toman, Meg & Larry Bowerman, Rosemary Hagan & Joyce Jacobson, and Joseph Held & Meghan Green all finished in the overalls in their brackets. In the afternoon session, Nick Weibe & Jean Barry, Ching Chao & Vernita Davidson, Booker & Roseanne Smith, Mary & Shirley, Frank Rooney & Nathan Wilmes, and Dianne Macleod & Barbara McNeal ranked in the overall finishes. The Sunday Swiss Teams winners were: Bracket 1, Nick Weibe with Jean, Steve & Richard. Bracket 2, Jim Kuhn with Jack, Blair & Cheryl. Finishing in the overalls were Grant Vance, Jessica Lai, Mark Moss & Tanakorn Lavanakul (whose daughter was one of our excellent caddies), Susan Weibe, Tom McKelvey, John Santibanes & Sandi Davis, Cole Powell, Geoff Hopcraft, Jack Beers, Lynne & Dennis Bromley & Cathleen Otvos. And let's give a huge round of applause to Donna Rolle for organizing and running her first sectional. I heard nothing but praise and the phrase "best ever!" Thanks, Donna, for a fantastic job and to all of your helpers from planning to shopping to set up and break down to kitchen helpers.

Remember to send me your good news, bad news or interesting stories at sandstress@mail2sandra.com

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

Hello Everyone. Depending on when you receive this *Forum*, you might still have time to join us at the annual graduation party on Sunday, June 27. The game has a potluck at noon, with a Pro-Am Pairs event at 1:00 p.m. You will not need to bring a partner, as a partner will be provided for you. This graduation party will honor our nine new

Life Masters from the last 12 months: Ruth Christensen, Dora Gostanian, Nita Mason, Paul Messner, John Renna, Tina Renna, John Simpson, Sue Vildolsola, & Pete Weber. This event has always been a fun day; hopefully you will be able to attend.

If you are not yet a Life Master, you may want to start making plans for the Non-Life Master Sectional on August 14-15. As with the previous Non-Life Master Sectionals, you can expect fun games, great food, and solid lessons. The only change from last year is that there will be a two-session Swiss Team on Sunday. Hope you will join us on this weekend sectional.

Final totals for the Bid-A-Pro last month are not in, but it appears that we will have enough to purchase the Playbridge Dealer4. For those who won the bid, make sure you turn in your payment and set a bridge date with the pro. Thanks to all who volunteered to be auctioned off, and all those who made a bid.

As a bridge director, I often notice when I keep getting called for the same violation. Lately it is the short club. I have had multiple calls where I am told that the player had opened 1♣ with a two-card suit (a short club). Whether you are playing a short club depends on what you do with a 4 spades 4 hearts - 3 diamonds - 2 clubs hand. If you insist that you have to open that hand 1♣ because you do not have four diamonds, then you are playing a short club. Your partner *must* respond "can be short" every time you open 1♣. Make sure you discuss this with your partner, so that you can be consistent on alerting your opponents.

When it comes to 70% games, May was looking a bit bleak. It was not until the last week before we finally had two pairs mark this achievement. Howard Reed & Pat Simpson earned a 70.02% game in a 15-table Tuesday afternoon game on May 25. Judith Hecht & Virginia Hailey earned a 70.83% game in Madera the next night,

May 26. Congratulations to both pairs!

North American Pairs (NAP) games started in June. NAP qualifying games not only allow you to play in the unit finals in the fall, but they also pay more points (black and red) than most games. Be on the lookout for these games as they are scheduled over the next few months.

It looks like we will be back to having the popular pro-am team game on July 18, hope to see you then.

Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

The Pleasanton club is experimenting with a mentoring game once a month, on the second Friday of the month. In the May game, mentee winners included Lynette Rae mentored by Paul Wegfahrt; Pat Task mentored by Vern Gabrielson; D Lynn Schaeffer mentored by William Hodges; and Harvey Rosenberg mentored by Gary Minnig. The game is open to everyone, mentored or not, but will be fewer boards than usual to allow time for discussion. This time we played 21 boards and it was just right. As a mentee, I can tell you that it is a different game playing with someone really good.

If you are interested in participating as a mentor or a mentee, please contact Carmen at carm4u@earthlink.net.

There were two big games recorded in the clubs in April. Darlene Mayhew & Mary Ramos scored a 74.84% game on April 12, and Jean Barry & Frank Lowenthal made a nice 68.23% a week later. Congratulations!

The Oakland Sectional was well attended by 501s. The Saturday morning 3000+ Pairs was won by Jim & Pat Leary, with a 61% game. In the afternoon regular pairs, Dan Bergmann & Art Mirin won their strat.

In the Sunday Swiss, Jean Barry was on a team that took the top bracket, while David

SAN MATEO SUMMER SECTIONAL

AUGUST 14 - 15, 2010
CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
Municipal Services Building
33 Arroyo Drive and El Camino Real
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Saturday, August 14

10:15 am Lecture for 199ers (reopening doubles)
11:00 am Single Session Open Stratified
Strats A/B/C 0-500/2000/unlimited
11:00 am Al Malouf presents the
Art Weinstein 99er Championship
Single Session Pairs
Strats 0-20/50/100/200
5:00 pm Single Session Stratified IMP Pairs
Strats 0-3000/3000+
5:00 pm Single Session Stratified Pairs
Strats 0-200/500/2000

Sunday, August 15

10:00 am Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, 1st session
Flight A/X 0-3000/3000+
Flight B/C/D 0-500/1000/1500
(4 matches, 7 boards)
TBA Swiss Teams, 2nd Session
(3 matches, 7 boards)
10:00 am 199'er Swiss teams (one session only)
10:00 am Single Session Stratified Pairs
(0-200/500/ unlimited)
3:00 pm Single Session Stratified Pairs
(0-200/500/ unlimited)

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Mid-Chart Conventions allowed for Flight A events only.

Table Fees: \$10.00 per player per session. \$11.00 for non ACBL & unpaid members
(\$5 for first time attendees from Unit 498 - with coupon from Instructor)

DIRECTIONS

From San Francisco and Marin County: South on 280. Exit at Westborough blvd and go East to El Camino Real. Turn left and go one block to Arroyo Drive. Turn left for street parking or make a U turn and enter the under ground parking garage off El Camino Real's South bound lanes.
From Oakland and San Francisco: South on 101 to 380 West, exit North bound El Camino Real and go 1.8 miles to Arroyo Drive. Make a left turn for street parking or make a U turn to enter underground parking garage off El Camino Real's South bound lanes.
From the Southern Peninsula Area: take 101 North to 380 West and exit North bound El Camino Real. Go 1.8 mile to Arroyo Drive and follow the above directions for parking. Or, take 280 North and exit East bound Westborough Blvd to El Camino Real and follow the above directions for parking.

Please Note: Early starting times on Saturday
Free parking in garage. (Please do not park in front of police station or in Gunters Restaurant parking lot.)

Sutter Buttes Sectional

Whiteaker Hall, 44 Second St, Yuba City



August 6 through 8, 2010

Friday, August 6

10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. (single sessions)

Stratified Open Pairs

299er Pairs (stratified by Director's discretion)

Saturday, August 7

10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs (single session pairs welcome)

(Regionally-rated International Fund Game - entry fee \$9.00 per person/session)

299er Pairs (single sessions)

Sunday, August 8

10:30 a.m. & TBA (NTL 3:30 p.m.)

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams A/X (4000+ /0-4000) Victory Points
B/C/D (1000-2000/500-1000/0-500) VPts (all 7 rds / 7 bds per round)

All Games Stratified (unless otherwise designated)

Stratification to be by average in pairs and top player in teams

Strat A (2000+) Strat B (750-2000 mp) Strat C (0-750 mp)

299er (0-50 50-100 100-300)

Entry Fee: \$9.00 Per Person \$10.00 non-ACBL members

Manager: Mary Mayfield (530) 755-0116 marymay2@sbcglobal.net

Partnerships: Norma Hayes (530) 671-0483 richhayes@comcast.net

Tournament Director: Steve Kaesner Sanction # 100804

Coffee ~Snacks

(free every session)

Prizes Each Session

Non-Smoking

Tournament sponsored

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