

District 21 Unitscope

written critique of each of 36 hands will be available for you to take home. (Don't beat yourself up!)

The date is Saturday, June 26 and the location is the Bayshore Bridge Club in Burlingame. Come at 11:30 for appetizers, stay for lunch and join the pairs game at 1:00. It was a sell-out last June and space is extremely limited, so get yourself on that sign-up list right now!

How much fun is it to play duplicate? Remember the butterflies of your first regional or national, playing in the "baby game" and winning, something, anything? Was it a coffee cup or a tumbler, or perhaps an unbelievable plastic trophy? When you went from winning an "essence" of a masterpoint to actually hitting double digits for a tournament?

When you first played against Hamish or Billy Miller? When Mike Lawrence was your opponent in a Swiss game and he casually played and defeated you while doing a crossword puzzle? How many times were you humiliated and in how many states of the Union? Or, in how many provinces of Canada? Oh, the agony and the ecstasy, remember? I certainly do.

See you at the tables.

Santa Clara Valley

By Ray Yuenger

My last column promised more details about our annual member appreciation dinner, which will be on Saturday evening, July 10, followed by a Stratified Pairs game. The dinner, at the Sonoma Chicken Coop in Campbell at 6:00 p.m., will be free to members of Unit 507. There will be a charge of \$8.00 for the game. The open game will be as soon after 7:00 p.m. as the Roosevelt Room can be set up, while the limited game will be at the San Jose Bridge Center. I hope you've already signed up for the dinner and game at

the San Jose Bridge Center.

At the Sacramento Regional, in the premier two-day Open Swiss Teams, the team with Eugene Hung & Li-Chung Chen placed 5th, with Marcia & Robert Dean's team in 6th.

Winning in Knockout events were Rose Meltzer; Mischel & John Postas, Leon Lee and Ben Bosklopper; Linda Rallis & Marilyn Cox; and Betty Rosa. Earning a stratification top in a two-session pair game were Max Frazier & Mary Williamson.

Earlier in the month of May, at the Oakland Sectional Melanie Kakalec & Ray Yuenger had a section top, and Mindy Foss & Michael Fleisher had a strat top in a pairs game. At the Monterey Sectional, strat and section tops went to Don Nemiro & Betsy De Paola; Lynn Shannon & Lynn Yokel; and Tony Glynne in Open Pairs.

In limited pairs it was Bob & Carole Woldstad. The winning Swiss team had Will Watson & Tony Glynne.

Congratulations to our newest Masters: Janet Odell (Junior); Fred Brown, Arkady Estrin, Regina Norberg (Sectional); Jan Kiernan, Cecelia Musicant (Regional); Leslie Perkins (NABC); Paul Lee (Life); Elaine Elkin, Mischel Postas (Bronze); Gary Porter (Gold).

I spend a lot of time talking about bridge hands with partners and other friends, but not in this column. However, I want to describe a hand that belongs on a poster for a declarer technique I failed to employ.

The auction was:

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Without recounting the entire dummy, suffice it to say that partner held six diamonds, three hearts, and only two clubs, including the ace. I held six spades, four hearts, and only two little clubs. I'd hoped

partner had more of a club stopper, and she probably hoped I did. *South* led the king of the unbid club suit. My prospects of nine tricks were out the window, as opponents held nine clubs and entries in the majors.

Giving up hope, I captured the first club trick, and commenced to forcing out the spade ace. My right hand opponent took two minutes before deciding to take the ace, and another three minutes before returning the jack of clubs, which was overtaken by the queen. As you've probably guessed, left hand opponent held an unbid 7-card club suit, and if I had held up one round, his partner had no entry other than a club to his long suit. The contract would have gone from hopeless to quite makeable if I'd exercised a little patience. I hope you learn from my mistake.

Your embarrassed correspondent, *ray-yuenger@comcast.net*

Santa Cruz

By Irma Andrews

The Lone Cypress Sectional in neighboring Monterey attracted many Santa Cruz players. Winners included Ginger Stone & Catherine Harris with 66% in a 199er game. Bill McIntosh & James Merzon of Templeton were just a fraction short of 70% in winning a 35-table Open Pairs game. Not far behind in third place were Wayne Stuart & Lynn Yokel. Bonnie & Jack Simon finished third in B, second in C. Irma & Peter Andrews placed first in the Saturday Stratiflighted Pairs.

In Swiss Teams, Neil Smythe, Mick Friedberg, Don Seldeen and Ken Llacera were the B winners. The top C team was Jan Winham, Jonni Faircrest, Maureen Jones and Kent Slinger.

Congratulations to all these winners and the many others who placed.

Irma & Peter Andrews went from Monterey on to a sectional tournament in Oklahoma City. They were impressed with the warm hospitality of the Sooner Unit. Everyone was very welcoming, perhaps because there were few players from beyond Oklahoma, Kansas or Texas. But more of us should go! Complimentary meals and real drinks were offered after each morning and afternoon session.

Irma & Peter were happy to achieve the tournament's only 70% pairs game.

In May our unit had extra games for STAC week. One game finished with Susan Darsey & Jane Basilico in a first place tie with Ken Llacera & Mick Friedberg. The other STAC unit games were won by Wayne Stuart & Lynn Yokel, and Don Seldeen & Mick Friedberg. Late May unit game winners were Maureen Jones & Roxanne Vatuone.

In club news, Nancy Driscoll directs a 99er game every Monday evening at Nancy's Bridge House. This is an opportunity to learn bridge or continue to improve one's game. A full schedule of bridge lessons will be offered from the week of July 11 through September.

Contact Nancy for information.

Nancy Wainer's wrap-up NLM game had interesting results! With eight tables of randomly seated players, Mitchell movement, in 1st place were 1 *N/S* and 1 *E/W*. 2nd place winners were 2 *N/S* and 2 *E/W*, and, yes, in third place were 3 *N/S* and 3 *E/W*! Come early and get table 1!

Pam Benz invites out-of-town players to come to Santa Cruz for Beach and Bridge. Enjoy the beach by day and come to her Open Pairs 6.30 Monday evening game at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center. Get the highest score for the month and come back for a free game next month!

May winners for a free June game were Jane Jennings & Ken Llacera with 67.5%.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the fine artwork display in the SCBC kitchen: Shirley Passaro, Joanne Brown, Melinda Dunkle, Marian Edmondson, and Nancy Wainer. More of our bridge-playing artists are encouraged to display their work.

Contact Nancy Wainer about the early August showing.

We hope members are saving gently used or new items for our August 14 upscale rummage sale. Contact Teri Handzel for

more information.

We fondly remember Alice Hopkins who passed away last fall. Alice was a fine player and a delightful person. One of her non-bridge playing friends, Steve Westen, made a donation to the bridge club so we could purchase something to improve our playing experience and remember Alice in the process. So now we have new bid boxes and inserts and we think fondly of Alice as we play this great game.

Santa Rosa

By Mary Omodt

May was a busy month at the Santa Rosa Bridge Gallery, which, by the way, is the name of our new web site. Check out our calendar, results, links, class schedules, and rotating pictures of the good looking people who play there. If you were at the Medford Regional, you would have seen the names of Sara Rothmuller & Kate Hill, winners of the double session open pairs. Congratulations to them and also to numerous other club members: Nancy Johnson became a Life Master, Meryl Fischer a Bronze Life Master, Jennifer Jones, Bob Klein, Kathy Venton, and Dave Pankratz won the Frank Bessing team game, and Helene Gay and Jackie Ortiz had a 71% game.

STAC week was fast and furious with many players and many winners. Coming in first during that week were: Larry Hansen, Gary Robinson, John Kozero, Joanne Pransky, Bob Klein, Steve Hundley, Ramona Heller, Tim Coshaw, Patty Hertz, Helene Gay, Nancy Johnson, Abbe Cohen, Cindy Ketelsen, Dave Prankratz, Kathy Venton, Kate Hill and Charlene Light.

A special thanks to Pat Frenaye who sends cards and keeps in touch with our members who are ill. Among those we are missing are John McNulty, Jerry Scoville, who is recovering from ankle surgery, and Jane Wahler, who should be back soon to play with her many partners.

The board of our unit has purchased electronic scoring devices which will be up and running sometime during the summer. Thanks to Mark Hersko for all his research in the selection of the Bridgemate 2. If you are a beginning bridge player and looking to learn, Santa Rosa is the place for you. Along with our regular games we have gentle duplicate on Monday nights at 6:30, lessons and supervised play on Tuesday at 6:30, Handicapped Pairs on Thursday at noon, and lessons and supervised play on Friday mornings at 9:30.

Summer Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. On June 10 - Forcing vs. Non-Forcing Bids, June 17 & June 24 - Slam Bidding, July 8 - End Plays, July 15 - Squeeze Plays; July 22 - Jordan/Redouble, and July 29 - Two Suited Overcalls.

Our next two unit games are Sunday, June 27 and July 18 at 1:00. The three North America Open Pairs club qualifiers are Friday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, July 31 at 1:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Don't forget two upcoming sectionals: Sonoma Sectional on July 10-11 and Santa Rosa Sectional, October 2-3. Good food and good people at both these events!

South County

By Jim Solomon

Come join us for snacks and, oh, yeah! bridge on Friday, July 6, at another of our South County unit championship games. As usual, it'll be held at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro (home of the Marina Bridge Club), beginning at 11:30. And start packing your ice chest (and getting your partner) for the annual Hot August Unit 500 sectional (August 6-8).

Charlie Conrad has informed us that his Tutoriale Bridge Club is now closed. Charlie provided a great service to our unit, and we're grateful for his attempts to promote bridge in South County.

Special Club Games in the Next Month:

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BRIDGE CENTER of MONTEREY

(located at Ft. Ord)

99er's SECTIONAL

Saturday & Sunday, July 24 & 25, 2010

SILVER POINTS!!!

Saturday, July 24

Newcomers 0-49er..... 10:30

Strat Open Pairs.....10:30

200-300, 100-200, 0-100

Newcomers 0-49er..... 3:30

Strat Open Pairs..... 3:30

200-300, 100-200, 0-100

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Sanction # SN1007068

Directions to Bridge Center:

Going South on Hwy 1 towards Monterey, past Marina exits, look for Imjin exit or it could be 12th Street (same street - they are changing signs - BEFORE the main Ft.Ord Entrance). Exit at Imjin (or 12th), cross over Hwy 1 and go to the first stop light (2nd avenue) - turn left up the hill a long block until the dead end - turn left and look for the Bridge Center on the right in about a block (tel # 831-384-7800)

Sunday, July 25

Newcomers 0-49er..... 10:30

Strat Swiss Teams.....10:30

(1st session of 2)

200-300, 100-200, 0-100

Strat Open Pairs..... 10:30

200-300,100-200, 0-100

****Hot Dogs/Salads between Sessions \$4**

Newcomers 0-49er..... 3:30

Strat Swiss Teams..... 3:30

(2nd Session)

Strat Open Pairs.....3:30

200-300, 100-200, 0-100

Tournament "Chairwomen"

Jill Leach (831) 625- 4421

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