

District 21 Unitscope

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brief. And were she to go down in a cold contract on an unlikely line of play, then give me that watch-your-mouth look, you know what I'd say. That's right, "I'd have played it exactly the same way."

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Unit 505 members, don't forget to sign up for the Annual Meeting/Swiss Teams game to be held on Saturday, July 21, 2012, at Lincoln Hills. Sign up forms are in the latest addition of the *Kibitzer* and are also at the various clubs. Space is limited, but fun will be extensive.

STAC Correction: Lynne & John White were wrongly listed as living in Mesa AZ last month. They, of course, live in Lincoln.

San Francisco

By Kim Fanady

Happy Fourth of July, everyone! Aren't we lucky to live in a country where we're free to spend our time playing bridge? Think about that next time partner forgets to lead your suit!

Lots of San Franciscans did well at the big Sacto Regional last month. Special kudos to Sid Lorvan and Bob Cizek, whose team won the marquee event, the four session California Capital Swiss. Good going!

The summer edition of our always wonderful San Francisco Sectional came just after the *Forum* deadline, so next month's column will report on the triumphs of Unit 506ers.

We had only two ladder climbers this month, but they took big steps: Bob Clements, new Gold Life Master (2500 masterpoints) and Steve Smolen, new Diamond Life Master (5000 masterpoints). Wow, that's a lot of very successful bridge!

Welcome as always to our new members, Lynne Deegan McGraw and Pat Skala; and transfer Ruth Subers (New Hampshire). Be sure to say hello to these new faces at the table.

This month's unit game is a stratified pairs event on July 28, followed by another pairs game next month on August 11. All games are at the Masonic Temple, 850 Brotherhood Way, at noon, and all are welcome. For something a little different, come by the QuickTricks club on July 16 and play IMP Pairs. Try it, you'll like it.

Not much news, so this month's column is short and sweet. Hope your summer is long and sweet. See you at the table.

San Mateo/Redwood City

By M. K. Key

Just think! Six months till the December Holidays! Time flies when one is having a great time!

Unit 498 presents their August sectional on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 & 20 at the Janet Pomeroy Center in San Francisco. Saturday play offers Stratified Open and I/N games and Sunday offers Stratified Open and I/N Swiss Teams games. Lunch will be available for purchase. For additional flyer information, please go to unit498.com

The Annual Maye Soules game will be held on Sunday, August 26, at the Burlingame Bridge Club. The event will be a fun Barometer game. There will be open and separate I/N (299er) games offered. This is a sell-out event, so make your signup reservations early. For more information contact David Hoffman at eyedoc243@sbcglobal.net

Great Western Summer STAC week at Burlingame Bridge Club will be August 20 through August 26. All games during that week will offer silver points.

Mark your calendar early for our unit's September game which will be Saturday, September 22 at the Burlingame Bridge Club. This will be a pairs event and offers both open and 299er play divisions. Light lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. with play beginning at 1:00 p.m. For more information please go to unit498.com

During the San Francisco NABC at the Marriott Hotel in November, our unit's day to work at the Nationals is Wednesday, November 28. Please mark your calendar to save that date as we need to assist our district in making the Nationals an unforgettable and wonderful experience. There will be a signup sheet at BBC in the near future.

Attention all I/N players: There are 199er games offered on Tuesday and Friday morning each week, and the 299er game

continues on Thursday weekly. Play begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Now to the results of some outstanding bridge play during the month of May. In open: give a cheer for the 72% game of Mary Bates & Carol Knowles; 67% games by Stephen Kennedy & Harvey Brody and Art Quey & Dimitri Sgolombis; 66% games by Raad Bunni & Dariush Youssefi, Edward Frymoyer & Mie Thiemmedl, Ted Richmond & Roger Dewes; 65% games by Loretta Baines & Bella Berkovitch, Carole Ringoen with partners Linda Danzig and Jagdish Datt, Joel Steinberg & Norman Kalman, and Andrew Kridl. In the 299er: more cheers for the 72% game of Patricia & Paul Mock. Other first place finishes included Jayne Scallion & Betty Court, Karen Key & Linda Duncan, Scott Maa & Akiko Murakami, Drew Donovan & Humphrey Sun, Glenna Cook, Bob Foo, Dana & Mark Sorenson, Eva Klein & Carol Tessler. In the 199er: still more cheers for the 73% game of Pam Hakman & Rose Bauer, the 72% game of Marilynne Bachi & Claire Pape, 70% game of Elena Powers & Sheila Manheimer. More first place finishes included Robert Chang & Mike Dotterweich, Joan Sullivan & Marcia Eisner, Virginia Zapitz & James Inqwersen, Florence & William Glatt, Mary Polly, Eva Cheung & Molly Roff, Carol Tessler & Barbara Gersch, D. Brown & David Crampton, Melanie Hoefler & Karen Wisialowski, Glenna Cook & Bob Johnson, Donna Pellegrini & Elizabeth Molumphy.

In the Mentor/Mentee monthly game, give a really big cheer for the 73% game of Ted Richmond & Joanne Gates.

The results in the June unit game: winners were Ted Richmond & Andrew Kridl, James & Rosemary Dean in the open division. In the 299er: winners were Akiko Marakami & Scott Maa, Wendy Benveniste & Barbara Hansen.

Welcome to new members: Eva Cheung, Joan Erickson, Manny Goldman, Jacqueline Lowenberg, Melinda Riechert, Molly Roff, Sally Samuels, Marla Simon, Anne Steiner, Rita Terdiman. Welcome on transferring into our unit: Philip Grant, Chris Luhrs, Stephanie Singer.

Congratulations to New Junior Masters: Joanne Lewin, Norman Rosenstock and Barbra Wood; New Club Masters: D. Brown, and Joe Venosa.

Santa Clara Valley

By Ray Yuenger

Sunday evening, July 8, is our annual Unit 507 membership meeting, potluck dinner, and stratified pairs unit game. It will be in the Orchard Room of the Campbell Community Center. The times for the dinner and game will be posted on our website, SJBridge.org. If you haven't signed up yet at the San Jose Bridge Center to bring a snack or drink, please do so.

The following evening, July 9, will be another unit game, our regular game on the second Monday evening of the month. It will be a revenge pairs game, with a handicap based on your performance at the membership game.

Looking back over the last month, several unit members had success at the Sacramento Regional. Robert Lee's Swiss team was first in its stratification. In two-session pair games, strat tops were earned by Dana Brown & Jack Verson and Ken Imboden & Stu Goodgold. Section tops went to Rekha Nirula; Lynn Bartz & Wendy Dewell; Raghu Agarwal; Missy Verson & Bruce Luttrell; Ed Barlow and Doug Hong. In limited pairs, Mary Steele & Laurie Faulkner had a first place finish. Robert & Marcia Dean won the two-session A/X Swiss.

Earlier in the month, at the Monterey Sectional, Mike Cailean won a pairs game. Section tops in pair games went to Don Nemirow & Betty De Paola; Richard Heide-man & Roger Tregear; and Elenalani Lam.

At the Walnut Creek Sectional, Anna Maria De Acha was first in a limited pairs event. Will Watson, Li-Chung Chen, & Yul Inn prevailed in their bracket of the Swiss, as did Raghu & Manju Agarwal, and Amar & Susama Chunder.

Congratulations to our newest Masters: Brien Wilson (Club); Jonathan Fotland, Janet Meagher (Sectional); Ramesh Bhambra, Ruth McCann, Tsao-Tung Tsai (Regional); Ken Imboden (Bronze).

Dan Turkus and John Bugna deserve thanks for spending their time to make the Bridge Center more hospitable. Dan replaced the garbage disposal. John fixed a

leak in the coffee machine's water line.

I'm sorry to report the passing of Sid Safir and Bob Reinthaler.

In case you missed voting in an election for the unit's board of directors in June, it turns out we have six people running for six openings. You don't need to be able to count to 13 to figure out those results. I'm gratified to have two new candidates, Mary Steele and Karen Kulander, to replace directors who aren't continuing.

Santa Cruz

By Irma Andrews

Unit 550 is on the move, literally. The Santa Cruz Bridge Center will move to more spacious and comfortable lodgings at 2450 17th Avenue in the Live Oak area. Two rooms will be available for play on the second floor of the West Marine building, next to Staples. Plans are well underway, with carpet and colors chosen and appliances ordered. The target for the move-in date is the first week in July, but is not yet certain. See the Unit 550 website for frequent updates on the progress of the move. Don't forget the Upscale Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 23, at the Capitola location. All proceeds will help furnish the new location.

Nancy Wainer will take advantage of the two rooms and have a 49er game going on at the same time as her NLM game on Tuesday evening. 49ers will get two free games. And Nancy is promising a Margarita Night in July. Don't miss that!

Nancy's Bridge House will continue to welcome players and students of bridge in its current location at the Live Oak Senior Center. Nancy Driscoll is continuing her ongoing Workshops for Intermediates on Thursday mornings, with special emphasis on those pesky Rebids. Mary Peterson is conducting an 8-week course on Play of the Hand for beginners every Saturday morning in July and August. Both classes seem to grow every week. The Monday Night 99er game at Nancy's Bridge House is a popular choice for players who want to practice their new bridge skills in a friendly setting at an easy pace. Check the NBH website for schedules, topics, and dates.

Many players turned out during Great Western STAC week, and a number placed well in the Western Conference. Top of the list were Rich Hill & Wally Goldfrank. Their 72% game was the top result in the Friday morning Open Pairs game in the Western Conference. Others who placed well in conference results were Karen Schonberg & Howard Feldstein with 67%, Jim Slinger & Phil Rodriguez with 67%, Jan Winham & Kent Slinger with 67%, Annmarie Moller & Dolly Bass and Carol Maggipinto & Neil Smyth with 66%.

There were three unit games in May. In the first Carol Maggipinto & Neil Smyth, and John Benich & Mardi Jones were first in their sections. Jim Slinger & Phil Rodriguez and Jan Winham & Kent Slinger shared first place in the next. Ken Llacera & Phil Rodriguez and Rich Hill & John Benich topped their sections in the third game. Robin Evenden & Nancy Wainer had a 73% result in a regular club game, but a result like that made it special!

Several from our unit played in the Lone Cypress Sectional in Monterey. Virginia Calhoun & Jane Jennings placed first overall in a pairs game. First and second place in another pairs game went to Carol Maggipinto & Dick Wasserstrom and Shirley & Ken Llacera. Rachael Spencer & Rich Hill had a first and a second place finish in games they played.

Congratulations to all these winners.

Santa Rosa

By Elizabeth Yahn

While I did not personally know these two members, I thank Randee for writing this. Our community lost a dear friend with the passing of Nina Arrabit. She was a Tuesday regular and her arrival lit up the room. Always dressed to the nines and with eyes sparkling, her unfailing senses of humor and joy did nothing to diminish her skill and competitiveness at the table. Peggy Leiser knew Nina for 62 years; talk about old friends! She was such a special person to many of us and we will miss her greatly.

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Julia Towery, who also died recently.

The Gallery was bursting at the seams during Great Western STAC week. Congratulations to all who won those elusive silver points. Patty & Peg won the Monday evening NLM Pairs with a 74.21% game earning them an additional 7.21 masterpoints. There were 62 1/2 tables. Jackie & Lynn B. won the Saturday afternoon Auxiliary Pairs with a 68.05% game earning them an additional 5.17 masterpoints.

There are endplays and then there is: Jackie Ortiz was playing in a club game when she took a break for a snack. Inhaling a tortilla chip and unable to breathe, her partner, Larry Borsian, executed a squeeze play (the Heimlich type), and managed to expel the morsel. Jackie took about five minutes to catch her breath before going on to win the event with a 64% game.

Talk about getting your priorities straight!

Upcoming Events: Kate continues her Summer Mornings Series with Cue-Bid Raises (July 12), Support Doubles (July 19), and, Doubles: Negative & Support (July 26). Kathy will be teaching Leads Against Notrump, August 7 & 28 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). \$60.00, including book, or \$15.00 single session.

Those achieving a 60%+ game in May are: Ron McEwan, Mark Hersko, Nancy Gunn, Kathy Venton, Barbara Meola, Randee Diamond, Oak Sawyer, Susan Snow, Nancy Johnson, Patty Hertz, Bob & Chris Bennett (76.25%), Jackie Ortiz, Larry Borsian, Kate Hill, Sara Rothmuller, Gary Robinson, Dave Pankratz, Peg Devine, Patty Harberson, Kathy Juarez, Jan Hess, Abbe Cohen, Erwin Linzner, Larry Hansen, Pat Scoville, Jennifer Jones, Bruce Emmons, Jon Merry, Lynn Blumenthal, Meryl Fischer, Evelyn Holtz, Barry Samuel, Mimi Armstrong, Wendy Merget, Merrily Van Zevern, Miriam Bruner, Patricia Gittings, Steve Bearg, John Vion, Elise Henderson, Bill Kim, Charlene Light, Bob Klein, Brian Haley, Mike Livenspargar, Mary Omodt, Shirley Ward, Mary Michael, Nancy Gunn & Abbe Cohen (72.22%), Gloria Hersch, Eleanor Wales, Debbie Tesler, Jerry Scoville, Peggy Leiser, Gladys Sawyer, Jeanette Mottet & Barbara McAuliffe.

As this article goes to press the California Capital Regional in Sacramento is just releasing results. You may check the District 21 website for the most up to date information. I can congratulate Bob Klein for his 2nd place win (21.52) MPs in the Wednesday Open Pairs and a 1st place win to Brian Haley & Mike Livenspargar in the Sunday 299er game. Way to go guys.

Remember folks, a champion bridge player is an amateur who did not quit.

South County

By Jim Solomon

Our annual Hot August South County Sectional's coming up in only a month. Mark your calendar and save the dates: August 3-5 in Castro Valley. For details go to our website unit500.bridgeforyou.com

Special Club and Unit Games Upcoming: North American Pairs qualifying games: Hayward Easybridge! Club: July 12 & 19; Fremont Easybridge! Club: July 17 & 24; Tri-City BC: June 28. ACBL Interclub championship game: HEC: July 26. Unit championship games: July 9: Redwood BC & Fremont BC.

Dark Days (clubs closed): Fremont Easybridge! Club: July 3 & 17; Hayward Easybridge! Club: July 5; Tri-City BC: July 7, 14, & 21.

Outstanding Recent Tournament Performances: Diablo Valley Spring Sectional, Walnut Creek: Drayton Swartz & Terry Gardner, up and coming newcomers in our unit, made a very nice showing in the Saturday 299er Pairs, especially in the afternoon, when they placed first in the C strat and second overall; Andy Sass tied with them in the morning. California Capital Regional, Sacramento: Our players made a significant showing in various side pairs games; Stephen & Collette Castellino (2A/2B on Wednesday afternoon), Bill Beeson - Sherard Wood (2 OA/1B/1C on Thursday afternoon), and Jim Kelsey (3A on Friday afternoon). Jim also placed in the Sutter Swiss Teams (5/6 A), the Eureka morning Swiss (2 OA), and the Friday Swiss. In the latter as well as the Thursday and Saturday evenings, Peter Cheung's team placed high (4A, 4A, and 5A, respectively). Stephen also did well in the Friday Open A/B Pairs (4B) and the A/X flight of the Sunday Swiss (8/9 A). In the tourna-