



District 21 Unitscope

at Pendleton Way, and then the first right at Capwell Drive. Just remember; 880 towards the airport, right at the light, next left, next right! Easy.

Make plans to attend to grab all those lucrative silver points. Our loyal tournament directors, Dianne and Doug will be there to make things go smoothly.

Lastly, we're sad to announce the loss of Marian Landreth, who passed away recently. Those of us who've been playing a while recall Marian as a gracious player and formidable opponent. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Sandi Davis is back next month to write about all your achievements and accomplishments if you let her know about them. Write to her at sandstress@mail2sandra.com if you've got anything to brag about.

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

The third weekend in March was an interesting time at the Fresno Clubhouse. Not only did we have one of the biggest Pro-Am Teams games in recent memory, but the clubhouse also had to shut down for a couple days. For those of you not living around Fresno, early on Friday, March 15, a worker caused a gas leak below Shaw Avenue just in front of our complex. The power was shut down for more than 24 hours as they worked to fix the leak between First and Sixth Streets. No games (or lessons) were held on Friday and Saturday. It was strange to watch the news programs and see our complex behind all of the work they were doing on the road; thankfully, no one was injured and our clubhouse was undamaged.

All was well by Sunday, March 17, when we had another hugely successful Pro-Am Swiss Teams game. Eleven tables came out for the always mind-blowing potluck luncheon and the charity game that followed. The winning team (with four wins in four rounds) was Paul Messner (captain), Judy

Dodd, Jackie Finn, & Marion Austin. We are always happy to have even more people attend these events, so hopefully you can join us next time.

Our next Swiss Teams game will be a few months from now, but we do have a Pro-Am Pairs game coming up in June.

March was a great month for 70% games as all three locations had multiple winners. In Madera, in the Wednesday evening open game on March 6, Carol Kaufman earned a 71.43% in an individual game. Three weeks later, John Simpson & Morgan Johnson had a huge 78.13% game.

In Oakhurst, in the Thursday morning open game on March 7, Burke Zane & Betty Ann Dunn earned a 72.62%. The following Thursday (March 14) Burke Zane did it again, this time with partner Joseph Fox, as they earned a 70.46% game. The rest were in Fresno.

On March 1, John Simpson & Sheila Smith earned a 72.97% on Friday afternoon open game. On March 12, Andrew & Kathleen Graves earned a 71.93% on the Tuesday evening 99er game.

On March 20, Victor Greener & Robert Durbrow earned a 76.79% in the Wednesday evening open game.

Lastly, on March 26, Jay Shapiro & Judy Dodd earned a 73.51% on the Tuesday afternoon 750 game.

Sunday, May 5 is the scheduled date of the Peggy Ochs Memorial game. This game is our traditional day to remember the players who have died in the previous 12 months. We have lost eleven players from Fresno, Madera, and Oakhurst. This year, being remembered at the Memorial game are Everett Bondeson, Evelyn Canaday, Pauline Haase, Don McCartin, Bill McCormick, Bob Mortimer, Esther Pohland, Pearl Prechel, Howard Reed, Bert Rettner, & Kirk Stewart. Many of these members made huge impacts on the clubhouses that they attended. They have been and will continue to be sorely missed. A potluck luncheon is at noon, and the game is at 1:00 p.m. We hope you will come and join us.

Gilroy/Hollister/Morgan Hill

By Al Peponis

A alert – correction #1. Last month, my research assistant mis-read the unit calendar and erroneously reported to me that the unit game had been moved to one week later; clearly an error. My apologies to everyone over this obvious error. [Editor's note: Al is too much of a tightwad to have a research assistant! You do the math.] Alert – Correction #2. Last month, my lead paragraph contained a blatant error, specifically, "Norman is perfect." Again, my apologies to everyone over this obvious error.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our unit game, scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at the Morgan Hill Center – that is, if I can remember how to read the darned thing! It might be wiser if you checked for yourself! Please see our unit website.

Our education committee has a mentoring program to help both the newer players as well as the more experienced players in our club, and we can use your help. This is a win-win situation, because when you explain a concept to someone else, you will review and reinforce that skill in yourself.

As you help someone else, you will find that you will play better bridge, all for helping out just a few hours per month.

To learn more about becoming a mentor, contact Linda King 831 637-7254 or email lrking@hughes.net

A great big thanks to Joanne Gitner and Lawson Sakai who volunteered their time to help Yours Truly teach my beginner's class: Bidding in the 21st Century, The Club Series – their help was invaluable. Yours Truly is now teaching a course based on Play of the Hand in the 21st Century.

The Diamond Series at the Morgan Hill Library starting Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. The classes are directed toward mid-beginners and higher who want to sharp-

en their playing skills. In addition, also, Yours Truly has begun a weekly scheduled game of "Supervised Play" (very beginner friendly) on Wednesday evenings that started in April and will evolve into a sanctioned 199er game in the near future.

For specific details, please check my new website www.SouthCountyBridge.com

Patty Stone completed teaching intermediate bridge lessons on Thursdays through April 18 just before our regular game at the Gilroy Senior Center. Lessons included both theory and practice and covered The Captaincy Principle, Hand Evaluation, Forcing vs. Non-Forcing Bids, and more. Well done, Patty.

Linda King has taken a month off, so that she can teach bridge every day on a wonderful, 30 day Asian-Pacific Cruise. While this sounds like a great vacation, Linda will be teaching bridge, or directing a game, or both, several times daily! The truth is that it is a very demanding job, albeit in a somewhat luxurious setting.

Kudos to Linda and safe journey. *Bridge Results:* Time and space limitations again permit only a partial report this month; check our unit website for full results.

For February, our best High Games of the Month were: A, Win Stone & Mitsie Tani, 65.18%; B, Diana Dragt & Barbara Earley, 60.42%; C, Ron King & Marvin Jones, 63.43%. In our unit game: A, Don Nemiro & Betty de Paola, 59.62%; B, Jonna Robinson & Joanne Wicker, 60.90%; C, Mark Sulczynski & Don McCown, 58.0%; Unit 199er game: A, Yours Truly & Norm Dow, 58.33%; C, Martin & Loretta Rock, 55.39%. Congratulations on these awesome games!

Visit our unit website at www.unit524.com where the day's results are posted, usually within hours of the end of the day's competition. There is a nice section listing all the bridge books in our unit library (contact Linda King – lrking@hughes.net). Also, if you have any interesting items, updates or

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BERKELEY EL CERRITO RICHMOND
ACBL UNIT 497 (www.berunit497.org)
Saturday, May 18, 2013

BARBEQUE SWISS TEAMS

12:00 NOON AND 5:30 p.m.
El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser (at Ashbury), El Cerrito
COME ONE - COME ALL
BBQ DINNER BETWEEN SESSIONS!

Entry Fees: \$80/Team (all day; 7 x 7)
\$40/Team (single session; 7 x 4/3)
Strats (avg MP/team): open/2000/750

ENJOY!

Eric's Chicken
Paul & Jim's Beans
& all the

The Beerman's Beef
Gale's Salad
other stuff!

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UNIT 497 MEMBERS GET FREE DINNER!
Others pay just \$7

Via westbound I-80: Exit Cutting Blvd East (toward the hills).
Then R on San Pablo, L on Moeser – ECCC's to your L.
Via Eastbound I-80/580: Exit Central, Turn right, & follow Central to
dead-end at Ashbury. Left on Ashbury to ECCC.
If the lot's full, street parking should be plentiful.

SAN FRANCISCO SECTIONAL

June 8 & 9, 2013
Janet Pomeroy Center
207 Skyline Blvd San Francisco

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10:30 am	10:30 am
Two Session Open Pairs Stratified at 0-750/2000/+	Bracketed Swiss Teams 4 rounds - 7 Boards per Round Brackets based on average number of masterpoints for a team. Each team plays the other teams in its bracket except any team can choose to play in the top bracket
Single Session Open Pairs Stratified at 0-500/1500/+	Single Session Open Pairs Stratified at 0-50/300/+
Single Session Newcomer Pairs Stratified at 0-20/50/100	*FREE* Single Session Novice Pairs 0-10 Masterpoints only (NO TABLE FEES)
3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Second Session Open Pairs	Second Session Swiss Teams 3 Rounds - 7 Boards per Round
Single Session Open Pairs Stratified at 0-200/500/+	Single Session Open Pairs (24 boards) Stratified at 0-200/500/+
Single Session Newcomer Pairs Stratified at 0-20/50/100	

Strata for all pairs events based on masterpoint average for the two players

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MID-CHART Conventions OK except for newcomer and 299er events

\$10 Members - \$11 Non and Unpaid Members per Session-half price for students under 25 yrs of age
LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED FREE BETWEEN SATURDAY SESSIONS - PIZZA AT \$1.00 PER SLICE (PLUS FREE GREEN SALAD) PROVIDED BETWEEN SUNDAY SESSIONS
No need to pre-register, just show up! See www.unit506.org for directions to Pomeroy Center