



District 21 Unitscope

game with a very successful Friday game as they had a 70.75% game on 2/26.

That is it for this month. Next month I will recap the sectional and discuss some important upcoming May games including the memorial game and the Great Western Spring STAC games.

East Bay

By Sandi Davis

We now have the final results of the Ace of Club and Mini-McKenney races for 2009. Congratulations to Ace of Clubs winners Ed Yunck, Susan Kovacevic, Barbara McNeal, Glenn Boyce, Bill Stephens, Joel Teller, Donna Rolle, Cathleen Otvos, Ron Kow, Susan Wiebe, Wen Yen Leong and Hugh Ross. Congratulations to Mini-McKenney winners Ed, Susan, Barbara, Glenn, Bill, Joel, Donna, Wen Yen and Hugh, Greg Vance and Mark Moss. In all the time I have seen the results of these races, I have never seen so many category winners of both races. Come out and celebrate and congratulate these winners at the Mosswood game on April 18.

Also, start working on your team for the first of two Swiss Teams games at Mosswood to be held on May 2.

Mentioned with frequency in this space due to his fine bridge playing achievements, Nathan Wilmes has done it again! Nathan and partner Spencer Sun won the Flight C North American Pairs event earlier this year and represented District 21 at the Nationals in Reno.

Actually, by the time this hits the *Forum*, they may have actually won the event. Anyway, we are extremely proud of him and wish them the best of luck!

Unit 502 welcomes new members Nancy Morton and Kevin Castner. There are a few rank advancements this month: congratula-

tions to new Junior Masters Bud Crist, Bonnie Jameson and Franklin Silver, new Club Masters Lisa Euphrat and Meghan Green, new Sectional Masters Dianne Macleod, Laura McCreia and Libby Silver, and new Bronze Life Masters Russell Barlow and Booker Smith. Well done!

Correction: At the January 17 unit game, N/S Sam Gurbaxani & Betty Kael captured 1st overall and E/W Cathleen Otvos & Frank Rooney took 1st in their direction. I did not give Cathleen & Frank their proper claim to fame in last month's column.

At the unit games: On February 7 E/W pair Qiang Zhang & Renjun Guo came in 1st overall and E/W Barry Kael & Sam Gurbaxani 2nd; 3rd, Susan Wiebe & Sandi Davis scored the highest N/S.

On February 21 the three highest OA scores were N/S with Hugh Callahan & Dick Walker winning while Shirley Nedham & Susan and Betty Kael & Sam nipped at their heels. The best E/W scores were 4th and 5th OA with Joyce & Dick Hart edging out Tom McKelvey & John Santibanes in the last round.

If you are just learning the game or know someone that wants to improve, a new teaching game is being started on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Highlands Country Club. It will follow the format of a 30 minute lesson is followed by 2 1/2 hours of supervised play and the instructor is Betty Kael.

Check out the website or call Betty for more information.

There were so many winners at the Presidents Day Regional that I only have space for 1st place finishes. Congratulations to Joel Teller & Bob Berger, Jack Beers & Manfred Michlmayr, Robert Hartman and Fred Steele, Ralph Briskin & Thomas Robinson, Nathan Wilmes & Thomas Coleman, Rosemary Hagman & Eileen Thompson, Jeff & Mary Toman, Michael Sasso & Lawrence Bowerman, Ravi Bhalla & Atam Lalchandani, Barbara & Kirk Stumpf,

Grant Vance & Mark Moss, Joyce Jacobson & Kerstin Barnett, KO team Nadine Levine, Cass Hawes, Glenn Boyce & Kathryn Van Dohre, Glenn Boyce's Swiss team, Calvin Harper's Swiss team (twice with different teammates!), Thomas Coleman KO team, and Ed Seputis Swiss Teams.

As a side note Glenn edged out Nathan and Betty by one in column mentions this month but deserves the extra mention just for occasionally sending me an item for the column. Thanks, Glenn!

Okay, now it's by two mentions.

If you've got any news and you'd like to see your name in print, inform me at sandstress@mail2sandra.com and let me know what's on your mind.

Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

A special thanks is due to Wayne Vondera, who donated a large amount of coffee to us. This is especially appreciated by those of us who can't count without it. My partner gave me a sippy cup so I wouldn't spill. I have a habit of making sweeping gestures in the direction of the bidding box.

Thanks so much, Wayne! It seemed very appropriate that Martha Eddleman & Anne Lindl were playing together in Burlingame when they made it to the second day of a Knockout. That earned each of them both Life Master and Bronze Life Master in one go.

They both earned their Fun Master years ago, and I know everyone appreciates their cheerful and friendly approach to the game, combined with a seriousness about learning to play better.

Anne has been known to make sweeping gestures in various directions not related to the bidding box, but she doesn't seem to knock over her cup like I do so I guess it's

okay.

Pat & Jim Leary won a Flight A/X Pairs game in Burlingame.

In San Mateo, Edward So took a 1C in Senior Pairs, as did Paul Wegfahrt & Sam Mukherji. Jean Barry took a first in the Open Pairs.

Marin

By Bob Sampson

In rainy February, masterpoints showered down at the Burlingame Regional. Mrs. P. Friesen & Mrs. P. Per-ring, who together owned four masterpoints as of last May, jumped into the deep end and surfaced with 2.65 gold by placing third in 299ers and 2nd and 3rd in 99ers. There were 72 Marin players among the 1,412 on the winners list. Leading the way was genial Gene Simpson with 127 (he led the entire field) with a 1st & 3rd in KO1 and a 1st & 2nd in Swiss Teams.

Not far behind was Bruce "nice guy" Noda who won 102 for being 1st and 3rd in KO1 and 1st & 8th in Swiss Teams.

"Always in there" Loretta Bromberg won 35 gold for 2nd & 6th in Swiss, 4th in KO1 and 4th in Open IMP Pairs. Then "lookout, here I come" Deborah Levine scooped up 20 gilded points by placing 3rd in a KO4 with hubby Doctor Gerald and winning a KO2 with Penny Berman and Louis & Loarn Thoelecke. Also earning a double digit amounts of points were Bruce Blakely, Laura Kenney, Tracey & Keith Bauer, Linda Danzig, Frank Aftowicz, Bob Roman & Lenore, Sonia Feder & David Blohm, Michael Hartnett & Jane McLaughlin, Patricia & James Griffin, team of Cynthia Blum, Catherine Gould, Nancy Kuhn and Kathy Sanders. Also picking up points were Margaret & Mark Peterson, Molly Anderson & Marla Kravatz, Robert Haar & Gene Thornton, Susan Bowser & Ron Mul-

SACRAMENTO

UNIT 505 SPRING SECTIONAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 - SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

ORANGEVALE COMMUNITY CENTER

6826 Hazel Avenue, Orangevale, CA

Game site phone: 916.988.6140

Entry fees \$9.00 for per session ~ \$10.00 for non-ACBL members

Snacks and coffee provided throughout each day

Stratifications

Open Pairs: AX 3000+/0-3000 BCD 1500-750/750-300/300-0

199er Game: EFGH 100+/50-100/20-50/0-20

Friday, April 30

11:00 A.M. Special 199'er event (side room): Lesson by Al Beckner, light lunch served after lesson, stratified game at 1:00 P.M. Al Beckner, Director

1:00 P.M.

Strati-flighted 199er Pairs game
Strati-flighted Open Pairs game

7:00 P.M.

Strati-flighted Open Pairs game
Stratified 199er Pairs game

Saturday, May 1

10:30 A.M.

2 session Strati-flighted Open Pairs
Single session stratified side game
199er pairs (side room)

3:30 P.M.

Strati-flighted Pairs continued
Single session 299'er Pairs game

Lunch will be available between sessions for \$3.00

Sunday, May 2

10:30 A.M. & TBA Strati-flighted Swiss Teams

(strats based on the average number of points within the team)



Pollo Loco lunch served between sessions for \$6.00 paid in advance

Director: Dianne Barton-Paine
Tournament Chairs: Josh Kantor & Bruce Fink
Partnership: Piper Smith: 916-645-7012
Hospitality: Marie MacAulay and Kathrine LeGro



Reno April Showers

Sectional

APRIL 14 - APRIL 18, 2010



ACBL Sanction #S1004083

Location: RAMADA INN

1000 East Sixth Street

Free Parking

Entry fee: Per person/per session \$10.00

(\$11.00 non & unpaid ACBL members)

Hotel info:

Ramada Inn 800-903-0631, Room rate \$53.00 per night.

Reserve by March 13th for this rate.

<p>Wed. April 14</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Open pairs: A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750</p> <p>Stratified pairs: D = 300-500 (NLM), E = 100-300, F = 0-100</p> <p>6:30 PM</p> <p>Strati-flighted Pairs A = 2500+ X = 0-2500 B = 500-1000</p>	<p>Sat. April 17</p> <p>10:00 AM</p> <p>Open pairs: A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750</p> <p>Stratified pairs: D = 300-500 (NLM), E = 100-300, F = 0-100</p> <p>10:00 AM Bracketed KO Teams Round 2</p> <p>3:30 PM Bracketed teams Round 3</p> <p>3:30 PM Strati-flighted Pairs: A = 2500+ X = 0-2500 B = 500-1000</p>
<p>Thurs. April 15</p> <p>10:00 AM</p> <p>Open pairs: A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750</p> <p>Stratified pairs: D = 300-500 (NLM), E = 100-300, F = 0-100</p> <p>3:30 PM</p> <p>Strati-flighted Pairs: A = 2500+ X = 0-2500 B = 500-1000</p>	<p>Sun. April 18</p> <p>10:00 AM & TBA</p> <p>Swiss Teams (Stratified by average MP per team)</p> <p>A = 1500+ B = 300-1500 C = 0-300</p>
<p>Fri. April 16</p> <p>10:00 AM</p> <p>Open pairs: A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750</p> <p>Stratified pairs: D = 300-500 (NLM), E = 100-300, F = 0-100</p> <p>3:30 PM Bracketed KO Teams Round 1 Continues through Saturday</p> <p>3:30 PM</p> <p>Strati-flighted Pairs: A = 2500+ X = 0-2500 B = 500-1000 C = 200-500 D = 0-200</p>	<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pair games are single sessions. NLM STRATIFICATIONS MAY BE MODIFIED. <p>Chairman: Gil Ramirez 775-324-4821 Partnerships: Rich Scoggin ... 775-972-3962 Director: Dianne Barton-Paine</p>