

District 21 Unitscope

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experienced players. It was one of the unseasoned players turn to bid and she was taking a long time trying to decide what to do. After some time had passed, Bob suggested that she bid 7NT.

The player took Bob's advice, bid 7NT and then proceeded to make her contract.

San Francisco

By Kim Fanady

Has it stopped raining yet? We need the rain, of course, but still, it would sure be nice to see some sun once in a while. On the other hand, when it's rainy, cold, and damp, what better to do than play some cards?

Congratulations to Unit 506's winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races for 2009. These awards go to the player in each masterpoint category who won the most masterpoints total (MM) and in club games only (AC). Hope you were there to celebrate with the winners at last month's unit game and party! The victorious are: 0-5, Kendrick Chow (AC), Gay Yamigawa (MM); 5-20, Judy Salgado (both); 20-50, Jane McLaughlin (both); 50-100, Madlyn Stein (AC), Joseph Kushner (MM); 100-200, Susan Boeing (both); 200-300, Norrie Cavallero (both); 300-500, Mike Bozarth (AC), David Strauss (MM); 500-1000, Ed Hornung (AC), Victor Chubukov (MM); 1000-2500, Bob Byrum (AC), Gary Brown (MM); 2500-5000, Dariush Yousseffi (AC), Ari Greenberg (MM); 5000-7500, Vicki Lerner (both).

Very special kudos go to two players. Norrie Cavallero won the national Mini-McKenney race in her category for the second year in a row. Wow, that's a whole lot of good bridge played! Good job, Norrie! Kendrick Chow, now an Ivy Leaguer in his freshman year at the University of Pennsyl-

vania, learned to play in the Center for Bridge Education's high school program at Galileo High, represented our unit and district in the Youth NABC last summer, and is now trying hard not to play so much bridge that he flunks out of college!

Welcome as always to our new members: Britte-Marie Evers, Donna Labagh, Joseph Sax, Carol Seltzer; and transfers: Audrey Katz (Florida), Donald Rogers (San Mateo). Say hello to these new players when you meet them at the table.

Congrats to this month's ladder climbers: new Junior Masters Chong C. Cook, Leah Garrick, Linda Hannawalt, Kathy Lompa, and Cecily Rogers; new Club Masters Eleanor Fraenkel and Jacquie Friedman; new Sectional Masters Lewis Gibbons, Linda Golm, and Susan Ruwart; new Regional Master Judy Salgado; new Bronze Life Master Ronald Goodman; and new Silver Life Masters John Corey and Michael Levin. Well played, all!

This month's unit game is a Swiss Teams event on April 17. At the clubs, Quick-Tricks will be holding its annual and very popular Pro/Am game on April 19. Quick-Tricks is also in the midst of its Chalk Talk series of short lessons for the Intermediate/Novice crowd. Come on out to the club for a lesson, stay for the game. See the club website at www.quicktricks.org for the lesson schedule and sign-ups for the Pro/Am.

Finally, here's a lovely remembrance of an old time player, from Unit 506er Jack Margid: One of the nicest people and partners ever, John Migdal, died suddenly on February 16 at the too-young age of 64. Although he hadn't played for a long time, old friends and partners, including Maury Farrington and yours truly, remember John fondly. John & Jack were part of a team of 99ers and 199ers that won a Flight B Swiss, so they qualified to do something that is now very rare: play in the Blue Ribbon Pairs as Non-Life Masters (at the 1981 SF Nation-

als). In those days there was no Red Ribbon Pairs. (Or Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs, or other "mini" versions of the national events, so intrepid novices like John & Jack played with the big shots! Ed.)

San Mateo/Redwood City

By M.C. Hevener

As is becoming my custom almost every month, I must issue a new and exceedingly huge mea culpa! In our last issue I tried to recognize our unit members who had displayed excellence at the Monterey Regional in January. I missed the boat, however, in failing to know that Hamish Bennet is indeed a member, having joined Unit 498 in 1953!

Hamish lives near Palo Alto and many of his regular partners prefer playing there, but for years, he was a fixture in our unit, serving on the board, writing for the *Forum* and teaching scores of students both in San Mateo and Palo Alto.

If I had consulted the newest issue of our roster, I would have known, should have known, could have known!

In any event, at the end of this year's Monterey Clambake, Hamish Bennet led the masterpoint winners for the entire tournament. He was in first place scoring 100.18 masterpoints of various colors during that week. Additionally, he has advised me that this issue of the *Forum* will report that for the third time, he was the leading point winner in all of District 21.

We are all in awe of his many accomplishments and proud he continues as a member of Unit 498.

Turning now to the recent sectional hosted by our unit at the convention center in San Mateo, there was one special event worthy of note. The Art Weinstein Trophy was won by Dick Yaeger of Sunnyvale and Dee Ann Hansen of Saratoga with a whopping 68.54% game. Locals Dan Banks and Dorian Heyman also graced the leader board. The event is limited to players with fewer than 199 masterpoints and the winners names are engraved on the Trophy for future entrants to see. Congratulations to our newest success stories.

Ahead of the Art Weinstein game, volunteer Will Watson gave a seminar to the newcomers, which was very well received. We must thank Al Malouf for chairing our sectional, ably assisted by Sandra Tilch, social director of our unit. Jay & Mary Bates were on hand, with Hugh Huff, Fred Chasalow, Nancy Chapman and others to set up. On Sunday night, Nancy Finney paid the bills and Dan & Don helped fold up chairs. Thanks to all who pitched in.

Unit members Fred Chasalow and Ed Frymoyer brought home over 10 silver points at our sectional; Joel Steinberg and Ed Hornung earned 7.49; Thomas Quinlan and Janice Nakao won 6.58 points. Nancy Finney won 4.66 masterpoints with partner Sharon Legallet. Other winners included Don Doolittle with partner Ken Rosenfeld, and Margaret Conner with Glenna Cook.

Honorable mention to silver point winners Wanda Ross, Sharon Dolin and Karen Key. Congratulations all.

Milestones to report about this month: new Junior Masters include Dick & Nancy Koch, Sylvia Merkadeau and Larry Solari. Dick Geiger has become a Club Master, too. Nancy Finney became a Life Master at the regional in February.

I keep checking on our Thursday & Friday morning games which are producing the next generation of duplicate enthusiasts. www.Unit498.com is the website; click on results and you will encounter the following regulars: Ginny Wailes & Eileen Battat, Joy Jeffery & Ann Curry, Arlene & Chuck Callahan, and Louise Gray & Jane Carr.

New on the leader board: Judy Barton & Maryellie Johnson!

Next on our agenda will be a unit game on April 24 which will be the first part of a "home & home" event at our club. At this writing the Peninsula Challenge is scheduled with a pizza party lunch preceding the game. Details will be posted at our club and in Palo Alto or you can check our website for further information.

Hope to see you soon at the tables!

Santa Clara Valley

By Ray Yuenger

Our Santa Clara Valley Sectional is starting on Friday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m., and running through the weekend at the usual location, the San Jose Masonic Temple. You'll find the full schedule elsewhere in this paper. Come early on Sunday for the best parking.

At the President's Day Regional, placing first in their stratifications in Open Pairs events were Jennifer Gu, Bill Riester, Li-Chung Chen, Manuela Marani, Jack Verson & Dana Brown. In the limited games, it was Carolyn Drozdiak.

On winning Knockout teams were Bob Ward & Stuart Whannel; Yul Inn & Cheryl Mandala; Rose Meltzer; Panette Talia & Ray Yuenger; Stephen Tu; Julie Joyce, Gabi Pani & Phyllis Vierra; Peggy Sprague, Ken Rosenfeld, Ron Baron & Gigi Spinazze; and Betty Rosa.

First in the two-session Swiss strats were Ed Barlow & Peter Friedland; Stephen Tu; and Bill Riester.

Were you there at the regional to vote on what evening start time would be preferable at the regionals in District 21? The show of hands was strongly in favor of 7:00 p.m. starts. Taking the vote was perhaps one of Stu Goodgold's last acts as District 21 president. I'm glad he's still serving on our unit board.

At the San Mateo Sectional, a 99er pair, Dick Yaeger & Dee Ann Hansen, won the Art Weinstein trophy, with Franklin Kitchiner close behind. Strat tops in the Open Pairs went to Dianne Shannon, Corinne Carter & Rajeeva Sharma, and Bob & Nancy Ward. Prevailing in their Swiss strats were Michael Bodell & Jennifer Gu; Joe Chui, Cassandra Leung, Paul Lee & John Prior.

In 2009, our unit leaders in the Mini-McKenney (MM) and Ace of Clubs (AC) masterpoint categories were: (0-5) Cheng Chang (MM, AC); (5-20) Sharon Krawetz (MM), Sona Bhambra (AC); (20-50) Rajeeva Sharma (MM, AC); (50-100) Leslie Perkins (MM), Mary Simoni (AC); (100-200) Paul Lee (MM, AC); (200-300) Elanalani Lam (MM), Miwako Wong (AC); (300-500) Michael Bodell (MM, AC); (500-1000) Lynn Shannon (MM), Peggy Sprague (AC); (1000-2500) Nongyu Li (MM), Derek Fiero (AC); (2500-5000) Will Watson (MM), Kit Humphrey (AC); (5000-7500) Peter Friedland (MM), Bonnie Beardsley (AC); (7500-10,000) Dianne Shannon (MM, AC); (10,000+) Don Nemiro (MM), Ed Barlow (AC).

Congratulations to our newest Masters: Barbara Endres, Tom Huang, Brenna Wundram (Junior); Eugene Boyd, Barbara Dahl (Sectional); Murty Ponnappa, Karen Rice (Regional); Eileen Edwards, Chee Tung, Miwako Wong (Bronze); Frank Lowenthal (Diamond).

Lynn Yokel's team won the District 21 Flight A GNT.

I better wrap this column up. It's late. It sounds like rap-yodeling on TV. I think I'm still rayyuenger@comcast.net

Santa Cruz

By Irma Andrews

The Burlingame Regional was an occasion for several of our star players to shine. Diana Schilling & Susan Benich decided to "warm up" in a Stratified Side Pairs game to prepare for winning gold in the Knockouts that afternoon. The afternoon gold eluded them but they surprised themselves by placing first overall in the 15-table morning game. Diana was especially rewarded by becoming a Life Master and, at the same time, a Bronze Life Master. Diana had her first bridge lesson at a YMCA in Southern California forty years ago. She has played off and on ever since but started playing regularly when she retired five years ago.

Congratulations, Diana!

SCBC also had winners in Knockout Teams games in Burlingame. Bill McIntosh teamed up with three other California play-

Santa Clara Valley Spring Sectional

April 9 - 11, 2010

San Jose Masonic Temple
2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose CA

Friday, April 9

2 p.m. (single session)
Stratified Pairs: Unlimited/1500/500
Limited Pairs: 200/100/20¹

7:30 p.m. (single session)
Stratified Pairs:
Unlimited/Under 3000;
1500/1000/500; 300/100/50

Saturday, April 10

1 and 7 p.m. (two sessions²)
Stratified Pairs: Unlimited/1500/500
Limited Pairs: 200/100/30¹

¹Turnout may determine limited stratifications.
²Single session entries available.

Sunday, April 11

Swiss Teams (7 rounds, 8 boards, 20 VP Scale)
10:30 a.m. and TBA
Stratified: Unlimited/Under 3000;
1500/1000/500;
299er 300/100/50;

Events will be stratified by pair and team averages
\$9.00 per ACBL member per session
\$10.00 per non- or unpaid ACBL member

Tournament Director:	Nancy Boyd	(408) 810-CARD	Tournament number
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Directions:

From 101 or 280, south on 87.
From 85, north on 87.
Exit on Curtner Ave. westbound.
Turn left on Canoes Garden Ave.
Turn right on Masonic Dr. Follow to end.