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ers to win Bracket 1 of the U.S. Grant Knockouts. He gained 48.88 masterpoints for his effort and finished the tournament with an impressive 55 points. Vee Duvall formed a bridge team with her business partner, Mary Simoni, and two friends from tennis, Annemarie Moller & Phyllis Cramblet. They played in Bracket 4 of the Washington Knockouts and won it all.

Back at the club, Bruce Dau & Jim Martin must like free games because they won the Monday night Open Pairs Top Pair Award in both January and February. Bruce also teamed with Ken Martin to win a February unit game. The other unit game winners were Joanne Bruno & Eunice Lee with a 70% game. Phil Rodriguez & Bill Lietzow scored 72% in an Open Pairs game.

Nancy Wainer's forty-niners have had some great results. A 76.75% score was achieved by Wendy Miller & Danielle Garland. Within fractions of 70% were Gary Ventrice & Joyce Freeman, as well as Francine & Harold Raphael.

These are all impressive numbers.

Pam Benz's Bridge Campers have been studying New Minor Forcing and Big Hand Doubles. Students in her third Thursday lesson and game, for players with less than 100 masterpoints, have mastered Michael's Cuebid, Unusual Notrump, the Cuebid Limit Raise and Help-Suit Game Try. So watch out at the tables for these rising stars.

A bridge star already is new Diamond Life Master Wayne Stuart III. Wayne's father made sure he got a good start in the world of games by teaching him and his sister black jack as toddlers, or at least soon after! He first played bridge as a teenager, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and quickly progressed from kitchen bridge to duplicate. In 1991 he won a World Junior Championship and he's had a second place finish in a North American Swiss Teams competition. He now plays professionally and has played in China, Mexico, Canada and most

states of the United States.

He also works in the high tech industry. Wayne lives in Santa Cruz and plays here as well as in Palo Alto and San Jose.

Santa Rosa

By Randee Dimond

Well, spring has sprung: the volunteer daffodils bloom by the freeway, the pitchers are ahead of the hitters, and we're all working hard on our bridge. There's nothing more fun than a morning, afternoon, or evening at the Gallery playing this entrancing game. Given the current schedule, games are breaking out most all day every day. Some are geared to our newer players others to more experienced ones. Bottom line: there's something for everyone. Speaking of which, the big regional in Burlingame drew the usual suspects with many having fine tournaments, most notably Sara Rothmuller who won an Open Pairs event and Abbe Cohen & Gloria Hersch who got a section top in a 299er. Go to the ACBL website to see the full results in red & black.

Congratulations to all. February luminaries at the club include two pairs who scored up 70% games: Kate Hill & Gary Robinson and Ron McEwan & Andy Holroyd-Sills have bragging rights. Our other winners are Barbara McAuliffe, Lynn Dondero, Elizabeth Yahn, Hedvig Jarvimski, Kate Wilmore, Fred (Mr. Coffee) Blatt, Larry Borsian, Dave Pankratz, Jennifer Jones, Bob Klein, Larry Hansen, Erwin Linzer, Jan Hess, Gloria Hersch, Elise Henderson, Gladys Sawyer, Mary Omodt, Jackie Ortiz, Peggy Leiser, Patricia Gittings, Chris Flindt, Sally Jamison, Brian Haley, Mike Livensparger, Lynn Almirol, Nicole Rimmel, John Kozero, Patricia Scoville, Helene Gay, Rose Marie Johnson, Peg Devine, John McNulty, Steve Bearg,

Carl Tillmanns, Howard Jacobs, Red Starr, Tom Gee, Barry Samuel, Wendy Zukas, Thom Elkjer, Eleanor Wales, Susan Campbell, Shirley Blum, Susan Mullaly, Merrily VanZevern, Jerry Scoville, Jane Wahler, Lynn Erickson, Oak Sawyer, Sue Snow, Wyatt Bessing, Gordon Larsen, Barbara Briggs-Letson, Walter Muelken, Debbie Tesler, Kathy Venton, Sara Rothmuller, Asher Nathan, Paul Scheinberg, Debbie Walton & Shelley Schuster.

Kudos to all for scoring so well in the shortest month. How cool it was to see John Richardson/Abe Lincoln in mufti (stove pipe hat and all) on the latter's birthday.

Coming soon is a series of lessons with Kathy Venton beginning Thursday evening April 1 (no fooling!) with overcalls; 4/8 is takeout doubles and 4/15 (pay your taxes!) is competing for the contract.

April 11 is our unit game, always a great way to spend a Sunday. Call your non-bridge playing friends to alert them to two series of absolute beginner lessons starting soon. The lessons will repeat and students can attend both for the cost of one. Call Kathy at 573-1200 for details. Thanks to Kate and Kathy for their yeoman teaching skills; they're hatching a new group of well-schooled players. While we're on the subject, thanks go to all those teaching and mentoring. They entertain, enlighten, and speak volumes about commitment to elevating the game. There's good chemistry at the Gallery. Coming Saturday May 1 is the annual Frank Bessing team game. Get your teams lined up or get help from Kathy.

And, yes, with May comes Great Western Spring STAC. May 3-9 will be fun, fun, fun, with a brand new event scheduled for Saturday May 8; a Non-Life Master Pairs game. We expect a big turnout; watch for GW STAC sign-up sheets. And, of course, get your Pro/Am teams in place.

By the time you read this, the Santa Rosa Sectional will be a memory, but, speaking in advance, it's hoped you enjoyed seeing some really celebrated players in our hometown over that weekend. Our axiom of the month: the game is full of peaks and valleys and no matter your result yesterday, today is a new day and a chance to shine.

If you squint really hard, you can sometimes make your poor hand look good enough to bid. My personal hero bid notrump with KQ tight in opponent's suit; what a coup (3NT making!).

Finally, if you catch an error on your summary, let the director know. The director will check the traveler to see if a score was input in error and ask the other pair if the traveler reflects what was input. Still, it's important that everyone at the table take a look at the completed traveler before it is slipped under the band to make sure it's accurate. And please don't discuss the results out loud. You'd be surprised how the words "seven diamonds!" can reverberate around the room.

South County

By Jim Solomon

Is lasagna one of your favorite dishes? And bridge one of your favorite games? If so, you'll want to mark April 30 on your calendar, as our annual Lasagna Pairs event. See you at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro, at 10:30 in the *eh em*.

This will be a unit-sponsored championship game, with benefits accruing to current South County members (reduced meal and table fees) but open to everyone.

Modesty put aside, I'm delighted to announce that at the beginning of April I'll again be offering Audrey Grant Bridge Basics courses in South County. They'll be held on Tuesday afternoons, beginning April 6, at Merrill Gardens in Fremont, the home of the Tri-City Bridge Club and the Fremont Easybridge!.

I'll be offering Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction, from 12:45 to 2:45, and Bridge Basics 3: Popular Conventions, from 3 to 5. Both will be eight-week courses, ending on May 25. Please let your aspiring and interested friends and family know of these opportunities. For additional information,

contact me at LSJ63@yahoo.com or phone 510 538-9889.

Special Club Games in Next 30 Days: Apr. 1: Ashland BC of San Lorenzo: unit championship (*uc*). Apr. 3: Tri-City BC of Fremont: *uc*; Apr. 13: Marina BC: *uc*; Apr. 20: Fremont Easybridge! Club (FEC) ACBL inter-club championship; Apr. 26: Redwood BC & Fremont Centerville BC: *uc*.

Notable Recent Tournament Performances: Presidents Day Regional: winning sections and/or events were Norma Bozzini & Margaret Halland, Kunio Okui, Stan Green, Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos, Stephanie Singer, and Richard & Darrell Fung.

Also placing were Jim Kelsey, Bin Liang, Roy Grady & Carol Ackerman, Susan Lampert, Bill Beeson & Sherard Wood, Charlie & Ann Conrad, Bob Hamilton & Valerie Byrne, Jim Solomon, Steve Castellino, Sam Srinivasan, Amy Wu, Rajan Jeyakumar & Richard Feinberg, Sreedhar Vaidun, and Mary Ramos & Jan Hollowell.

Winning at the San Mateo Winter Sectional were Bonnie Janzen and Stephanie Singer; also picking up points were Rajan Jeyakumar & Richard Feinberg, Ilya Chizhov, and Jianming Zhang & Yanong Han.

Winners at Recent Special Club Games: Unit 500 Pizza Swiss Teams, Feb. 5: Darrell Fung, Gary Minnig, Joel Teller, Bob Berger. Tri-City BC (TCBC) ACBL-wide international fund game, Feb. 6: Pat & Jim Leary; N/S, Grant Robinson & Terri Boyd. Marina BC club championship (cc), Feb. 16: Darrell Fung & Gary Minnig; N/S, Susan Lampert & Elaine Sandau. Fremont Easybridge! Club (FEC) cc, Feb. 16: Michael Rose & Ruth Davis. TCBC ACBL Junior Fund Championship, Feb. 20: Pat & Jim; Dave & Joyce Denyven. Tutoriale BC (TBC) cc, Feb. 21: Gary & Nancy Oehrle. Redwood BC (RBC) ACBL Senior Game, Feb. 22: Open: Morrie Pakulis & Kevin Schoenfeld; N/S, Allan Harris & Tom Nugent; NLM, Jeff Cabral & Ally Whiteneck; E/W, Pat Edgar & Celia Bjerkan; N/S, Doreen Flores & Dolores Richey; E/W, Asha Apte & Bill Beeson. FEC ACBL Junior Fund Championship, Feb. 23: Michael & Ruth. RBC cc, Feb. 24: Anne Lindl & Rick Bentley; N/S, Pat Vanderzyl & Larry Smith; NLM, Lori Wilson & Penny Cobleigh; N/S, Joyce Harper & Lynda Griebrok. Hayward Easybridge! Club ACBL Interclub Championship, Feb. 25: Dug Howd & Bill Chung; ACBL-wide: Pam Fisher & Kate Hare.

TBC unit championship, Feb. 28: Marilyn Gage & Diane Johnston; N/S, Bob Bauman & Charlie Conrad.

Welcome to Our Fold: to Arnold & Cynthia George and to Roy Grady, all of Fremont, and to Charlie Tonelli of El Cerrito, all of whom have recently joined ACBL through our Fremont Easybridge! Club.

Welcome, too, to Janet Kinney of Rossmore, another recruit to our unit.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder: Congratulations to our newest Gold Life Master, Don Schrup! We extend congrats also to Elaine Sandau, a new Bronze LM; to Sherard Wood, now a NABC Master; to new Sectional Masters Bev Chance and Ilya Chizhov; to our latest Junior Masters, Gloria Uhl and Sharon Mistry; and to new Junior Master Susan Ward.

Passing On: We've received sad news that Rod Curtis of Castro Valley has passed away.

Stockton

By Elizabeth Youngman

There is just enough time to call and reserve one of the last spots for my *birthday bridge bash* celebrating #65 on Saturday, March 27. If you would like to come for this sanctioned game call me at 209 368-8769. We'll be playing an individual game (no pairs) so that I get a chance to play a few hands with everyone; just a basic yellow card. The Stockton board has generously consented to a reduced game fee of only \$4.00. I will also treat you to a free lunch! Lunch time is

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Friday May 14

Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00
(1500+, 500-1500, 0-500)
Stratified 199er Pairs.....10:00
(100-200, 50-100, 0-50)

Stratified Pairs.....3:00
A 2500+
B 1000-2500
C 0-1000
Separate Stratified 299er (200-300, 100-200, 50-100, 0-50)

Saturday May 15

Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00
(0-300/1000+)
George Gooden New Players.....10:00
Stratified: (0-20, 20-50, 50-100)

Trophy Awarded
Stratified Pairs.....3:00
A/Ax (2500+ 0-2500)
B 1000-2000
C 0-1000
Separate Stratified 299er (200-300, 100-200, 50-100, 0-50)

Sunday May 16

Stratified Swiss Teams.....10:00 & TBA

7 Boards, 7 Matches—Two Sessions
A: 2500+ (20 point Victory Scale)
B 1000-2500
C 0-1000
One Session Teams allowed in Morning (not eligible for overall awards)
Separate 0-299ers Stratified Swiss Teams (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)

Stratified Pairs Morning Only.....10:00
A 1000+, B 500-1000, C 0-500
Separate 299er Morning Only 0-100, 100-200, 200-300

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Directions to the Bridge Center: Going South on Hwy 1, pass Marina exits. Take 12th Street (Imjin) Exit and cross over Hwy 1 to first Stop Light. Going North on Hwy 1 from Monterey go past main Ft. Ord entrance to Imjin Pkwy Exit turn right to the first Stop Light.

At the Stop Light turn left (2nd Ave) and continue to the dead end—turn left again. The Bridge Center is one block on your right.