

District 21 Unitscope

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11:30 a.m. at the Stockton Bridge Center, 6235 Harrisburg Place, 95207. Just Google directions. Call me today. There will be a deuce prize and other silly things to win.

February's unit game was preceded by another great potluck supper. Spearheaded by our hospitality hostess, Norma Peterson, our club is always decked out for each event, and, by the way, Stockton boasts some of the area's best cooks.

The unit game is held the third Sunday of each month. Supper is at 4:00 p.m. followed by the game at 5:00 p.m., rain or shine; it is always a great event. Estelle Warshauer & Mort Horn were at the top of the leader board followed by Dottie Rittler & Dennis Del Paine in a dead heat at second; Mary Seivers & Ricki Elin rounded out the top three spots.

The Stockton Bridge Center is starting a new PR campaign. Our president, Rose Knutson, is a great goodwill ambassador for our center along with our 100+ members; we are going to be known as the nicest, friendliest bridge club in the valley. If you are one of the lost, non-playing members, please return. Barbara Smart is heading up the nominating committee for our new board and we are searching for "happy, polite, friendly" folks to participate this coming year. If you have vision and a can-do attitude, contact Barbara. Her number is in the roster.

Last month Jean Lucchesi even sat in for a game and we hope to see more of our many, long-time members returning soon.

And for those of you who don't know us, if any of us seem grumpy, it is only because we are hard of hearing.

Come join all of us at the Stockton Bridge Center for a competitive round of our favorite pastime, bridge. Mark your calendar; the next unit game is Sunday, March 21. You will find us at 6235 Harrisburg Place, 95207. Game time Monday & Friday is

11:30 a.m. If you need a partner, call Ricki Elin for the Monday game at 209 472-7919 or Ron Magin for the Friday game at 209 888-4116.

That's it for March. Easter is around the corner on the 4th of April so Happy Easter everybody. See you soon!

Turlock/Merced

By George Loscalzo

Well, well, it's *Do-Si-Do* time; pick your favorite partner and gambol over to the Modesto Centre Plaza for the Almond Valley Sectional, April 9, 10, 11; Look for the pink fliers at your local club and remember the famous hospitality can only be assured by each member's gracious cooperation. Margaret Quinn and Judy Smith will be accepting cakes, cookies, cash, checks, and dark chocolate fudge.

Good news from Turlock: Barbara and Chris report their games each Tuesday and Thursday are going great and will be starting at 7:00 p.m. The January player of the month was Cox Thornton, Jr., while Toots Wade earned the honors for February.

Newcomers won points in a recent club championship: Barbara Page & Connie Arnold, 1st handicap; Galen Neptune & Jeanne Russo, 1st scratch. You are invited to come to Turlock and join them.

And now the news from Sweet Bridge: The player of the month was George Loscalzo who earned 5.10 masterpoints. Betty Brown was the top A player and Jean Astorino the top C player. The high game of the month was 69.69% scored on the 19th by Jean Astorino & George Loscalzo.

Monday's Players of the Month were Betty Brown and Eva Slate. Section firsts were: Feb. 1, Pat Kaufman & Dick Uhrhammer; Gary Capwell & Alan Strauss.; Feb. 8, George Loscalzo & Jean Astorino, and

Audrey Mackall & Margaret Quinn, tie N/S; also Toots Wade & Vickie Sweet and Larry Sweet & Ed Thiner, tie E/W. Feb. 22, Betty Brown & Eva Slate; Gary Capwell & Alan Strauss.

Wednesday's Players of the Month were George Loscalzo and Dave Terry. First place winners were: Feb. 3, Jim Higgins and Dennis Northern; Feb. 10 & 24, George Loscalzo & Dave Terry; Feb. 17, Ed & Louise Thiner.

Friday's Player of the Month was Audrey Mackall. Section firsts were: Feb. 5, Audrey Mackall & Pat Kaufman; Jim Higgins & Dennis Northern; Feb. 19, George Loscalzo & Jean Astorino; Judy Smith & Dee Heller; Feb. 16, Homer and Rosemary Best; Ed & Louise Thiner.

April is charity month, so Sweet Bridge will be holding many charity championships where players can win sectional-rated black points. You are invited to come and play. No game on April 9 in deference to the sectional in Modesto. See y'all there!

D21 Youth in Reno



Bruce Blakely & young D21 players Monika Kummel, Helen Chang & Kristina Johnson

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Receiving Goodwill Awards for 2009 were the following: Unit 465 Carson City/Tahoe, Donna McLeod; Unit 498 San Mateo, Dr. Gordon Binder; Unit 499 Diablo Valley, Ron Olswang; Unit 500 South County, Isie Stefani; Unit 502 East Bay, Stan Lowe; Unit 507 Santa Clara, Dianne Shannon; and Unit 522 Fresno, Kay Chrisman.

D21 President, Stu Goodgold, presented the Presidential Goodwill Awards to the following people for their remarkable contributions to bridge in District 21: Unit 510 Stockton, Marilyn Minden; Pam Hughes, assistant tournament manager; and Unit 500 South County, Mary Ramos.

• Kim Fanady has cheerfully agreed to become our new recorder, taking over from Sid Lorvan who has decided to retire after many years of service. Members are allowed to file complaints from regional games with the D21 Recorder. The recorder, in turn, will keep a record of complaints and note whether there is a need for a disciplinary committee hearing or if the complaints constitute a pattern of behavior. Forms are available on the ACBL website. Club, unit and sectional game players can file their complaints with the unit recorder. There are many others, including Jeff Hack, our charity chairman, who tirelessly work to help improve bridge in our area.

At our board meeting, Jim Cohen announced that any unit with a teaching program for Juniors should bring their group to the Marin Sectional on Saturday, April 24, at Marin Catholic High School where there will a special sectional for Juniors under five points and all under age 18 will play for free.

The last bit of good news from our board meeting was from our esteemed treasurer, Harvey Brody who reported that 2009 was the most successful of the last ten years. D21 made a profit of almost \$52,000 due to increased attendance at regionals.

We are on a roll. Let's keep it that way.

MARIN SPRING SECTIONAL

April 24 & 25, 2010

A Zero Tolerance Tournament

Marin Catholic High School

675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Kentfield, CA

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Strati-flighted Pairs

0-3000/3000+

0-500/1000/1500

0-20/50/200

0-5, under age 18 play free

Saturday 2:30 p.m.

Stratified Pairs

0-500/1000+

0-20/50/200

ACBL members: \$10.00 per session

\$11.00 per session, non & unpaid ACBL members
(includes bottled water)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Bracketed Swiss Teams

Brackets determined by average team masterpoints

Seven matches of seven boards

Stratified 299er

Thirty-minute lunch break after third round

ACBL members \$20.00

\$22.00 non & unpaid ACBL members (Includes bottled water)

Directions: From 101 take the San Anselmo exit, head west on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Just after the traffic signal at Bon Air Road, use the left turn pocket in front of the school.

Coffee and snacks provided during sessions

Tournament Director: Diane Barton Paine

Tournament Chair: Richard Mani (415) 789-8894

Partnerships: Bob Liss (415) 460-6854

SATURDAY & SUNDAY LUNCH: \$5.00

Pay at entrance

Menu: Salad w/salmon, salad w/chicken, turkey sandwich & chips

Saturday lunch served in cafeteria behind gym

www.marinbridge.com

web site: www.eastbayunit-502.com



East Bay Spring Sectional

HOLY REDEEMER CENTER

8945 Golf Links Rd, Oakland

May 28-30, 2010

Friday May 28

at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (single sessions)

Stratified Open Pairs 0-500/500-1500/1500+

Stratified 299er Pairs 0-50/50-100/100-300 (Attendance Permitting)

Saturday May 29

at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (single sessions)

Strati-flighted Pairs A/X 3000+

Strats B/C/D 1000-1500/500-1000/0-500

Stratified 299er Pairs 0-50/50-100/100-300 (Attendance Permitting)

Sunday May 30

at 11:00 a.m. and approx. 4:30 p.m.

"BARBARA HARMON Bracketed Swiss" -- 20VP scale

The top bracket will consist of the highest ranked teams

plus any teams that opt to be in the top bracket.

Teams must play both sessions.

All brackets except the bottom will play 7 rounds, 7 boards;

Bottom bracket plays 7 rounds, 6 boards.

Table fees \$9.00 per Session (non-ACBL & unpaid \$10.00)

Mid-chart allowed in Flight A/X and top bracket of Swiss Teams.

DIRECTIONS:

From 580 (from the north) take **Golf Links Rd.** exit, Right
(from the south) take **Golf Links Rd.** exit, Left

From 880 take 98th Ave. exit – East, Left onto Golf Links Rd.
(just before Hwy. 580)

From Golf Links Rd: Approx 0.3 miles north of 98th Ave.
Left into Parking Lot (Castlewood Rd. on the right)

Information: call (510) 842-6267