



District 21 Unitscope

70.01% game in a field of 14 tables on 6/23. In an individual game on 6/25, Andrew Graves managed to have a 70% game. In Oakhurst, Joseph Fox & Michael Molinari enjoyed their 72.69% game so much on 6/1 that they repeated the performance two weeks later with a 71.84% (6/15). Also in Oakhurst, Corey Cole & Richard Aronson had a 72.11% game on 6/25. Madera had a real interesting game on 6/24; Rose Wheeler & Pearly McGinnis had a 70.83% game but came in second to the 76.04% game achieved by Dan Cartago & Betty Eden!

A big cheer goes out to Richard Meffley whose win in the Swiss Teams at the Hollister Sectional provided him with enough masterpoints to make Grand Life Master. For those who do not know, that means he has had to achieve a win in a national or world event, and had to earn 10,000 masterpoints! There is no higher level than this in the ACBL classifications. Congratulations Richard!

Gilroy/Hollister/ Morgan Hill

By Dian Wood Picone

Well, the Earthquake Sectional was a great hit again this year. Our president, Dick Tani, received an e-mail from an out-of-town visitor saying what a super time he had. He found the members welcoming and the food fantastic. Thanks again you organizers and cooks (you know who you are). What a wonderful event you put on! We really appreciate your hard work. Many Unit 524 players took home points and a member of the first place Swiss Teams actually scored enough points to meet the Grand Master requirement, 10,000 points.

Congratulations! We are so glad that you accomplished your goal at our sectional! In May, the California Capital Regional in

Sacramento was well attended by Unit 524 members: namely, the Tanis, Dragts, Stones, Dimmicks, Connie Coyne, Don Nemiro, Polly Manley and Linda Blasdel were there and many of the group came home with points. *Well Done!*

Although Mike Slattery and Rosemary Erwin did a stellar job running Linda King's Tuesday game while she and husband Ron were gallivanting across the western states, we are glad to have her back at her Tuesday Game. She & Ron took a leisurely six-week trip getting to see the spectacular sights the U.S. has to offer.

Speaking of spectacular sights and spectacular bridge, don't forget to sign up for Linda's and Rosemary Erwin's October Mexican Riviera Cruise, 10/25-11/1.

A reminder: Linda's first Tuesday of the month 0-99 bridge game, starting with a practice hand, at 6:30 p.m., is a great place for beginners to "get into the game."

By the way, Unit 524 had the highest percentage of new members in our district in 2008. We congratulate our officers and, especially, our directors for this accomplishment!

Hollister: Linda's Tue. pairs: 6/2, N/S 1st, Kay Devita & Rita Lompa; E/W 1st, Eva Rasmussen & Doug Stauffer. 6/9, N/S 1st, Suzanne & Lou Peloquinn; E/W 1st, Don Jones & Maxine Elin. 6/16, N/S 1st, Gale & Katie Dimick; 2nd, Win Stone & Burt Malech; E/W 1st, Bob George & Patty Stone. 6/30, N/S 1st, Don & Nancy Omans; 2nd, Charles Costa & Lanetta Bishop; E/W 1st, Linda King & Janet Bernhart; 2nd, Don Jones & Maxine Elin. Mike's Bridge Club Wed.: 6/3, 1st, Bob Frohman & Don Nemiro. 6/10 1st, Dick Tani & Bob Williams. 6/17 1st, Dick Tani & Don Nemiro. *Gilroy:* Open Pairs Thu AM: 6/4, 1st, Lorrie Scott & Janet Stratton, 2/3, Don McCown & Mike Kakalec and Bob Frohman & Mike Slattery. 6/11 1st, Bob Blaine & Dee Bugge. 6/18 1st, Patty & Win Stone; 2nd, Patrick Arnett & Julia Robertson. 6/25 1st, Ron & Diana Dragt; 2nd, Bob Frohman & Mitsi Tani; 3rd,

Lorrie Scott & Patrick Arnett. *Morgan Hill:* Open Pairs Mon.: 6/1, 1st, Mike Slattery & Bob Frohman. 6/8 1st, Helen Lindsey & Dick Tani; 2/3, Bill Smith & Jonna Robinson and Pat Kraut & Julia Robertson; 4th, Mike Slattery & Bob Frohman. 6/15, 1st, Bill Smith & Mike Slattery; 2nd, Bob Frohman & Don Nemiro. 6/22, 1/2, Dick Tani & Bob Frohman and Win Stone & Ron Dragt; 3rd, Mike Slattery & Patty Stone. 6/29 1st, Joanne Wicker & Diana Dragt. *June Swiss Teams:* 6/7, 1st, Team of Connie Coyne, William Smith, Burt Malech and Gary Jones. *Unit game:* 6/21, N/S 1st, Ron Dragt & Win Stone; E/W 1st, Diana Dragt & Dick Tani.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Jo Johnson and of Gertrude Edvenson's husband, Richard. Our condolences to the Johnson family and to Gertrude and her family.

News about our bridge players is always welcome. Contact me: dwpesq@yahoo.com

Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

Pleasanton and Livermore will offer Unit games the week of August 10, and Great Western Summer STAC pairs the week of the 24th.

One Monday in June. It is so hot that even the IOOF Building seems to sag a little more than usual toward Larry's end of the room. We know summer has begun because Carmen brings fresh corn from Brentwood; but it is all snatched up before I even get my convention card out of my pocket. We all carry out our rituals; some always sit in a certain place, some must have their things just so, and others cannot play until they get their deviled egg on a napkin. Others line up scorecards for their partners, as I do for mine, Just-In-Time Silberman, who I suspect would do well as a supply-chain manager. Larry makes his ritualistic attempt to announce things with-

out having to shout, "Would you be quiet please and listen?"

But of course everyone keeps talking until he does; they know the drill.

But then the bridge begins, a full house despite summer travel and the heat, and do we ever have fun. The fun includes having your partner trump your winner, or tell you the wrong number of key cards, and you discovery too late that one of those diamonds is a heart. You block a suit, fail to take the setting trick, and end up in the low 40s, yet you go home feeling you had a lot of fun. And if you were quick, you have some great corn.

At the Oakland Sectional the team of Gilbert Reeser, Darryl Fung, Teresa Dwever, and Gary Minning won their Swiss bracket. Also winning points were Verlan Gabrielson, Terri Kiyota, Indira Somayajula, and Charles Roberts. Yours truly just had fun.

Marin


By Bob Sampson

As we report the results for the month of June, we note it was named after Juno, Roman goddess of marriage. Inspired, we searched Marin's unit roster and found what appear to be 45 bridge-playing couples among 590 members. In the first week of June, Spencer Sun appropriately shined at the Oakland Sectional with a 3rd in C Pairs, a 1st in B Pairs, a 3rd in C Pairs and a 2nd in Swiss Teams, Bracket 5. Susan Bowser got noticed twice: 1st in D Pairs (with Ron Mulcare) and 4th in D Pairs. Suzy Doyle & George Beard were 5th in E Pairs. Phyllis & Don Kreider were 4th in D Pairs (2nd in E/F). Keith & Tracy Bauer were 1st in D Pairs. Jane Bauer & Irene Lam were 6th in E Pairs.

A week later at the San Francisco Sectional, Marin had two first place finishers:

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**SANTA CRUZ
BRIDGE CENTER**



Surf's Up

SECTIONAL

October 10 and 11, 2009
Harbor High School
300 La Fonda Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Saturday

10:00 am & 3:00 pm** **Mabel Rodgers** Stratified Open Pairs
0-500/500-1500/1500+

10:00 am & 3:00 pm** Intermediate/Novice Pairs
0-50/50-100/100-199

10:00 am & 3:00 pm **Annamae Hackwood Memorial** Compact K/O (bracketed)

** Single-sessions, play either or both

Sunday

10:00 am **Robert Vatuone Memorial** Stratified Swiss Teams
0-750/750-1500/1500+ Two sessions with a short break.
Seven 7-board matches, 20 VP scale

10:00 am **Gene Broderick Memorial** Swiss Teams
0-100/100-200/200-299 One session, 20 VP scale

Directions: Hwy 1 South, exit Soquel & bear right, (L) on Soquel, (R) on La Fonda
Hwy 1 North, exit Soquel, (L) on Soquel Avenue, (R) on La Fonda

Director.....Nancy Boyd - Sanction 0910127
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ACBL UNIT 497

Saturday, September 12, 2009

BARBEQUE SWISS TEAMS


12:00 NOON AND 5:45 p.m.

El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser, El Cerrito

COME ONE - COME ALL

BARBEQUE DINNER BETWEEN SESSIONS
Entry Fees: \$72.00 per Team
\$36.00 per Team ~ per Single Session

Enjoy



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All others pay only \$7

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Turn right on San Pablo. Left on Moeser. Center on left.
Via Eastbound I-80/580: Exit Central, Turn right, & follow Central to
dead-end at Ashbury. Left on Ashbury to Center.
If lot is full, street parking should be plentiful