



District 21 Unitscope

199er section will be held on Friday, Dec. 4; a lesson at 11:00, followed by lunch, and then the game at 1:00 p.m.

Note that Great Western Holiday STAC games are scheduled for the week of Dec. 7-13 at many local clubs.

The ballots for the election of new members to Unit 505 Board of Directors are available at the local clubs as well as in the *Kibitzer*. The ballots will be counted after the close of the sectional on December 6 and the winners will be notified as soon as possible thereafter.

San Francisco

By Kim Fanady

The Holiday Season brings us lots of special celebratory bridge! Great Western Holiday STAC week runs December 7-13, and all the local clubs will be participating. Get some silver points in your stocking for playing in your usual club game. Post a big score which makes the Western Conference overalls, and Santa will bring you lots and lots of silver points. Play really well and really often, and you could get silver points for every night of Hanukkah. Come on out!

Join us for Unit 506's annual festivities, the Holiday Party and Marion Robertson Pairs, on December 19. The game is at the usual location, the Masonic Temple at 855 Brotherhood Way, and all are welcome. The clubs will be hosting holiday games and parties as well; check their web sites for dates and details.

And just when you've recovered from the holiday festivities and resolved never to drink eggnog or take another two-way fitness again, it'll be time for the San Francisco Winter Sectional, January 16-17, 2010 at the Janet Pomeroy Center.

Start planning to be there now!

Congratulations to this month's newly ranked: Junior Masters Judith Baer, Leila Marcus; Club Master Mary Jean Phleger; Sectional Master Betty Lavine; NABC Master Adam Portley; *Life Masters* Margaret Chiovoloni, Foster Geng, and David Landy; Bronze Life Master Mike Bozarth; and Silver Life Master Joanne Allen.

Nice going all!

Welcome to our new members Nadine Koss and Eve Thompson; and transfers Susan Goldsmith (Eastern Massachusetts) and Sheila Stuart (New Jersey). Be sure to say hello to these new players when you meet them at the table.

We sadly say goodbye to Jo Anne Levy, a relative newcomer to the San Francisco bridge scene who took to duplicate with great enthusiasm and played regularly at several of the clubs. Our condolences to her husband and bridge partner Jesse Levy, her family and friends.

This year I received the most wonderful holiday gift: the birth of my first nephew, baby Justin. If his first words are "trump coup" or "cross ruff," his parents will know who to blame. Hope that all of you in our San Francisco bridge family have the happiest of holidays and are showered with wonderful gifts too!

San Mateo/Redwood City

By M.C. Hevener

Ah, it's turkey time! My favorite holiday of the year. Let's see, bourbon basted bird, bourbon kissed yams, bourbon laced pecan pie; you can tell exactly who was born and raised in the south, can't you?

Unit 498 has a membership chair, Hugh Huff, who dutifully keeps track of those coming into our unit. This month he wrote welcome letters to Linda Frye, James Ingwersen, Alexander Kamra, Stephanie Misi-hra, Julia Scocimara, Larry Solari and Jane Wilson. We look forward to a meet and greet and the opportunity to schedule a game with you.

Oh, by the way, if you are keeping track of our Thursday morning "Fun Bridge," you will see up there at 66% the names of new members Larry Solari and James Ingwersen. Moreover, we just started a Friday morning 49er game for newcomers which includes a short lesson with director Takemi Totes. Check out our web site at Unit 498 for activity details.

New transfers into our unit include, Jo Killen, Kathleen Knauf, and Dominique Lefebvre. Welcome to you as well.

Milestones: Jo Boyer of San Francisco is a member of our unit who became a Life Master by winning 9.17 silver points for taking 1st overall among 62 pairs at the Oceanside Sectional on Friday, October 2. Also from our unit were Greg House & Sarita Mathiasen, winning a section fourth at Oceanside. Dr. Ralph Levin of San Mateo achieved both Life Master & Bronze Life Master status this month. Congratulations on all these accomplishments.

On a Saturday afternoon late in October, we held a Mixed Pairs unit game which drew 15 ½ tables. Light refreshments were provided by unit coordinator Sandra Tilch and director Raad Bunni was able to find a last minute partner for newcomer Ginny Wailles. After three hours with Dan Stowell, Ginny had a completely new convention card!

Coming in 1st at 67.80% were Edie Wong & Carl Lindfors, closely followed by the team of Kathleen Martin & Fred Chasalow. Other notable teams included Rosemary Clawson & Ed Hornung followed by Mary & Jay Bates at the top of B. Nancy Finney & Carl Sutherland topped C followed by another Bates team: Lisa and Rob.

For Halloween fun, Judith Paul, Sandra Tilch and Ro Dean planned a fabulous party complete with spooky decorations and an even spookier menu. Jim Dean served as director and the costumes were fantastic; I couldn't recognize many of the guests upon arrival. Donald & Elise Stone captured 1st, but they were closely followed by Kate & Zak. Then came Arlie & Dariush, shadowed by Lenore Karp & Ken Wong. It was truly one of the best parties of the year.

You might have seen the colorful poster down at Bayshore announcing our upcoming Holiday Party, a bountiful brunch scheduled for Saturday morning, December 19. Come one, come all, wear your most festive outfit and help us celebrate the season with a pairs game. You'll be finished in time for your next event that evening. Make a date now and put your checks in an envelope to go into our "Suggestion Box" at the club. That way a space will be reserved for you and your partner. I hope to see you at the tables in December.

Santa Clara Valley

By Ray Yuenger

Our unit Holiday Party is on Sunday, December 13, in the Roosevelt Room of the Campbell Community Center. I hope you've already signed up at the San Jose Bridge Center to bring a dish for the potluck dinner, followed by a Stratified Pairs game. We'll start setting up the room at 4:00 p.m. The food should be all set out by 5:00 p.m. The following night is our unit game revenge match, also a pairs game. If you play in both games, you'll be handicapped on Monday according to how well you did on Sunday.

(Sectional) T(ournament) A(t) C(lubs) week will be concluding on December 13 after beginning on December 7. Come out to play and win silver points at the club.

A new bridge venue opened mid-November in Milpitas, at 1152 Cadillac Court. It is offering lessons and a game for newcomers on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m., and games for more experienced players on Sundays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jim Solomon (510 538-9889; lsj63@yahoo.com) or Cliff Yang (510 770-9301, 408 490-0766; cliffjenn@gmail.com)

Some months are busier than others, and October was a busy month. Our Santa Clara Valley Fall Sectional just concluded successfully, thanks to the efforts of Shirley Foreman (sectional coordinator); Mich Ravera, Doug Hong, and Judy Clark (for preduplicating boards); Wendy Dewell, Richard Markell (partnership and hospitality), Bruce Scott (set up), Alex Tampilang (take down) and others.

In the two-session Open Pairs games, non-unit members won the overall awards, but section and stratification tops went to Allan Malloy & Michael Bodell, Judy Clark, Eugene Hung & Jennifer Gu, Zag Kadah & Arkady Estrin, David & Audrey Mitchell,

Stu Goodgold & Mike Cailean, Rich Jacobs & Hiram Shen, and Richard Parsons.

In the single-session Open Pairs games, it was Ed Barlow, Stu Goodgold & Bruce Luttrell, Jo Cooley & Paul Nelson, John Prior, Max Frazier & Miwako Wong, Tim & Jim Iverson, Lynn Shannon & Lynn Yobel, Eugene Hung & Li-Chung Chen, Robert Moen & John Prevolos, Steve Conaway & Barbara Dahl.

In the limited pair games, strat and sections tops were earned by Eryl Barker, Hadi Eslambolchi, Dennis & Joanne Nelson, Larry & Kathy Wagner, Bruce Scott & Lyle Supp, Joel Koransky & Ken Rosenfeld, George Pledger & Hiram Shen, Amar & Susama Chunder, Mary Williamson & Max Frazier, Rosemary Heath, Mary Jane Latin, Gretchen Podd, Lynn Bartz & Leslie Perkins, Karen Rice & Anthony DiSilvestre, and Rochelle Gutmann.

In the Swiss Teams events, non-unit members won Flights A, X, B, C, and D, though our unit members were not far behind. Winning in Flight E were Jane Slenkovich and Judy Kaplan, and in F and G were Sheila Peterson and Ruth McCann.

Earlier in the month, at the Santa Cruz Sectional, Richard Parsons had a strat top in a pairs game, as did Maggie McEnery. Winning overall in the Swiss Teams were Melanie Kakalec, Lynn Shannon, Diane Shannon & Ray Yuenger. Rich Parsons & Ted Ujifusa won in their strat.

Congratulations to our newest Masters: Sheila Martin, Marion Michel, Tim Prime (Junior); Joan Buell, Dorr Clark, Ashwini Datar, Arkady Estrin, Rochelle Gutmann, Kathleen Weiman (Club); Mike Bennett, Anna Maria de Acha, Judy Kaplan, Sharon Krawetz, Joan Seipel (Sectional); Lynn Bartz, Max Frazier, Michael Leitner (Regional); Carol Burnett, Julie Joyce, Lorraine Rodich (NABC), Shirley Foreman, Melanie Kakalec, Art Quaipe, Colette Quaipe (Life); Eileen Kotecki, Jewel Schimke (Bronze); Leon Lee, Jim Tseng (Silver).

If you haven't joined the Santa Clara Valley Duplicate Bridge e-mail group on Yahoo, there's another reason to do so. It includes a bridge partner database, where you can see who is looking for partners for local club games and tournaments, or have yourself listed as someone who is looking. The easiest way to join is to go to sjbridge.org and click on the button on the left side of the screen.

Till next time, I'm still:
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Santa Cruz

By Susan Benich

I don't know about you, but it has been my experience with every organization that I've been a part of that when volunteers are asked to serve on Ways & Means, suddenly heads drop! Not so for our club as we have Teri Handzel (board nominee) among us! She started her career as a stockbroker and then as a banker. Ten years ago she left the corporate world to enjoy the flexibility of self-employment.

She is, in addition to other things, a professional fund-raiser and an event co-ordinator for non-profits. She has been associated with Big Brothers Big Sisters for 25 years. Teri is a passionate reader and belongs to two book clubs. We are so lucky to have Teri as a member.

Trivia question: Who are two members of our club that are the oldest of eight children? *Hint #1:* They are women.

Pam Benz reports that our Surf's Up Sectional was a success! Vicki Kuhlmann earned the silver she needed to become a Life Master. Congratulations, Vicki! First place winners from our club in their respective events were Bill McIntosh and team, Claire Swetland, Dennis Webb, Mary Canepa and her sister, Elena Laborde-Bishop & Henrietta Cooper & Phyllis Cramblet & Annmarie Happee-Moller, Don Harlor & Peggy Dilfer & Lois Wolfe & Wilma Gawthrop, Stephanie Kearns & Howard Feldstein & Bette Harkin & Dave Harkin. Other winners from our club were B. Wayne Stuart, Pam Benz, Kent Slinger, Phil Johnson, Mark Maggipinto, Jane Nile, Phyllis Levine, Don Seldeen, Neil Joseph Smyth, Nancy & Mark Wainer, Susan and Jim Slinger, Diana Schilling, Susan Benich,

Bonnie & Jack Simon, Dolly Bass, Mary Peterson, Ginger Stone, Shirley Smith, Robin Evenden, Charlie Pender, Wally Goldfrank, Joanne Brown, John Peterson, and Joanne Bruno.

Hint #2: Their husbands' first names begin with "D."

In September-October our 65% attainees were: Lois Wolfe & Peggy Dilfer 74.04%; Shirley Passaro & Virginia LeRoy 70.91%; Karen Schamberg & Howard Feldstein 70.91%; Ken Llacera & Mick Friedberg 70.24%, 67.40%, & 67.31%; Bill Messenger & Alice del Core 69.52%; Neil Smyth & Don Seldeen 67.56%; Lynn Yobel & Lynn Shannon 66.90%; Marge Clancey & Virginia LeRoy 66.89%; Marti Jones & Judy Murdock 66.88%; Ken & Don 66.64%; Wayne Boss & Malcolm Sprott 66.49%; Robin Evenden & Mick 66.30%; Peggy Dilfer & Stefanie Kearns 66.25%; Virginia Calhoun & Susan Darsey 66.07%; Robin & Nancy Wainer 65.91%; Bill Leitow & Anita Arthur 65.56%; Don & Neil 65.51%; Peggy Dilfer & Lois Wolfe 65.48%; Debbie & Jerry Goodell 65.42%; Neil & Jeff Belden 65.27%; Marge Clancey & Virginia LeRoy 65.25; Susan & Jim Slinger 65.25%.

Hint #3: They are both Non-Life Masters.

One gold point was awarded in Sept. for the ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game and the winners were N/S, Phil Rodriguez & Robin; E/W, Susan & Jim Slinger. Congratulations to them! During October gold points were earned by many at the Open and NLM Swiss Games. First place team winners in their strat on Oct. 7 was Alice del Core, Kel Pierce, Bill Messenger and Jim Monahan. Oct. 20 in the a.m., Susan & Jim Slinger, Ann Ottenberg and Jane Jennings; Peggy Kiefer, Irene Thomas, Jack Simon and Jerry Goodell; Mary Peterson, Dolly Bass, Phyllis Cramblet and Annmarie Moller. Oct. 20 in the p.m., Carolyn Ahearns, Marion Edmondson, Eileen Dulas and Laurie Federico; Meg & Don Harlor, Karen Schamberg and Howard Feldstein. Oct. 31, Jane Jennings, Bill McIntosh, Prudence Saunders and Jim Merson; Charlie Pender, Nancy Wainer, Pam Benz, Judy Murdock and Carol Maggipinto; Phil & BJ Johnson, Henrietta Cooper and Jill Davidson.

Trivia answer: Did you guess Margaret and Elizabeth?

Nancy Driscoll announces that there will be four holiday parties in December at Nancy's Bridge House to celebrate the achievements of her students. Beginning in January there will be five new classes offered. A 99er game is scheduled to begin on Monday evenings in January.

Are you still puzzled about Margaret and Elizabeth (aka Peggy and Bette, Dilfer and Harkin, that is!)?

There is a void at the club that can't be filled. We lost Alice Hopkins and Lew Frazier. They both fought courageously to the end. We will miss them.

Santa Rosa

By Randee Dimond

October was such a great month. We dare not leave the sectional behind without acknowledging the accomplishments of Larry Wyner and Barry Samuel, who tied for most MP's won by U509 players. Shirley Blum & Lee Grams also won their event. Great results against top flight players! We saw some 70%+ games by recidivists, Barbara & Lou Meola, Gary Robinson & Larry Hansen. Kudos to you high flyers! Our other treats of the month went to Kay Ritter, Arlene Place, Catherine & Greg Sims, Betty Riley, Jim Huhn, Mary Spellman, Nell Magnuson, Jon Merry, Mark Hersko, Barbara McAuliffe, Lynn Dondero, Erwin Linzer, Jackie Ortiz, Evelyn Holtz, Patricia Gittings, Dave Pankratz, Larry Borsian, Lynn Blumenthal, Patty Hertz, Peggy Leiser, Fred Blatt, Marilyn & John Farnsworth, Patricia Scoville, Sue Snow, Oak Sawyer, Andre & Kathryn Dermant, Jennifer Jones, Bob Klein, Kathy Venton, Kathy Juarez, Maureen Karbousky, Kate Hill, Patty Harberson, Carol Zocchi, Laura Camm, El Shaw, Gloria Hersch, Jan Hess, John Kozero, Helen Fladseth, JoAnn Argyres, Kate Wilmore,

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