

District 21 Unitscope

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Sara Rothmuller, Paul Scheinberg, Tom Gee, and Mike Livensparger. The "mellow yellow" individual game was won by Nancy Johnson in her cat suit.

What fun that night was!

Congratulations to all October winners.

Coming attractions: Kathy will teach a "Michaels" class the evening of 12/3. Great Western Holiday STAC week starts December 7 with a series of pairs games. Wednesday evening 12/9 is Pro-Am Teams where the pro plays with the am who has less than 200 MPs. Thursday 12/10 is also a Pro-Am Teams event. Mix the team any way you wish and win some silver points. Need a partner or a team? Contact Kathy.

And, by popular demand, the Gallery is adding an opportunity for supervised play on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 starting January 8. Just like Tuesday nights, newcomers will get a short lesson followed by supervised play. We know you will love this chance to work on your game, designed with newer players in mind. If you have friends who haven't yet been indoctrinated into bridge, there will be a series of absolute beginner lessons beginning January 14, 2010. Call Kathy Venton for details at 707 591-5015.

Feeling lucky? Well, are you? You can win a free play if you play on Wednesday afternoon and your name is drawn. Just ask John McNulty, the first winner.

And if you have flu symptoms, drink plenty of fluids, keep warm, and play bridge online; don't share your germs with your friends at the club.

It's nearly holiday time and a review of the bridge player's commandments is in order:

1. *Thou shalt honor thy partner*
 2. *Thou shalt not give unwanted lessons*
 3. *Thou shalt be kind to opponents, directors, and caddies*
 4. *Thou shalt abide by your agreed-upon treatments and conventions*
 5. *Thou shalt take the setting trick*
 6. *Thou shalt challenge yourself to learn something new*
 7. *Thou shalt focus fiercely lest you lose track of the contract or count*
 8. *Thou shalt be generous in giving advice when asked*
 9. *Thou shalt not beat yourself up over a mistake; to err is human and, finally*
 10. *Thou shalt revel in the fun of the game.*
- Happy Holidays to all!

South County

By Jim Solomon

The Holiday Season is upon us, and we'll be celebrating with both pleasure and business at the end of Great Western Holiday STAC week (Sunday, Dec. 13) with our annual Holiday Party at the Marina Community Center in San Leandro; a catered meal at noon (leisurely), our annual general membership meeting (short), and a one-session silver point pairs game to follow.

For details see the flyer on our club web site (unit500.bridgeforyou.com) or at any of our club games. Speaking of STAC week, all South County clubs have scheduled games; see below. Also see individual clubs' websites and the unit's December *Table Talk* (in print or on line) for their holiday festivities.

Two of our members achieved distinction for themselves in October's Tuesday evening ACBL Interclub Championship game. Playing at the Fremont Easybridge! Club, Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos achieved an adjusted (across-the-field) 65% game and placed first overall among the 200-odd pairs who participated in 14 clubs.

Nice goin'!

Special Club Games in the Next 30 Days: Hayward Weekes Park Easybridge! Club ACBL Interclub Championship, Dec. 3. Tri-City Club Charity Championship Swiss Teams, Dec. 5. Fremont Centerville BC & Redwood BC Unit Championships, Dec. 14. Fremont Easybridge! Club ACBL Membership Championship (C.M.C.), Dec. 15. Tutoriale BC ACBL C.M.C., Dec. 16 & 20.

Dark Days (clubs closed): Sunday, Dec. 13: Tutoriale BC. Thursdays, Dec. 17, 24, & 31: Hayward Weekes Park Easybridge! Club (WEZB).

Notable Recent Tournament Perform-

ances: Santa Cruz Sectional: Saturday morning 199er Pairs: 2D (2 OA): Stephanie Singer. Sunday Stratified Swiss: 9/10 A, Andrew Gumperz.

Santa Clara Valley Sectional, San Jose: Friday A/X Pairs: 6 OA, Bonnie Janzen. Saturday Open Pairs: 10 OA/1B/1C, Bin Liang. Saturday afternoon Side Pairs: 1 OA, Rajan Jeyakumar. Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams: Flight A/X: 6X, Bin; Flight B/C/D: 1B (1 OA), Darrell Fung; 4B, Prakash Karamchandani & Jim Solomon.

Winners at Recent Special Club Games: Redwood BC (RBC) Club Appreciation Championship (C.A.C.) Pairs, Oct. 5: Open: OA, Vince De Pasquale & Virginia Herring; B, Jean Heninger & Louise Gebert; C, Charlie Conrad & Hedy Wee; 599ers: OA/B/C, Al Larson & Barbara McNeal; B N/S, Esther Rubke & Estelle Baum; C N/S, Bill Beeson & Asha Apte; B E/W, Theresia McNulty & Joan Taugher. Marina BC (MBC) C.A.C. Swiss Teams, Oct. 6: Open: OA, Jim Kelsey, Kunio Okui, Richard Feinberg, & Darrell Fung; B, Terry Duewer, Katie Love, Anne Lindl, & Jim Willis; C, Susan Lampert, Elaine Sandau, Jerry Brown, & Kaye Folsom; NLM: tie OA, Hal Rayburn, Jeff Cabral, Wayne Bennett, & Dick Gorringer and Bill Beeson, Charlie Roberts, Tom Madell, & Irene Keegan. Fremont Easybridge! Club (FEC) C.A.C. Swiss, Oct. 6: OA, Bev Chance, Barb Watts, Michael Rose, & Ruth Davis. Lakeside BC (BC) C.A.C. Pairs, Oct. 7: OA, Wayne Bennett & Marty Holtz; B/C, Martha Eddleman & Anne Lindl. Tutoriale BC (TutBC) C.A.C. Pairs, Oct. 7: OA, Ivar Kvalnes & Marian Deen; B, Patricia & William McNamara. Tri-City BC (TCBC) unit championship, Oct. 10: OA/B, Prakash Karamchandani & Bill Cubley. Fremont Centerville BC C.A.C. Pairs, Oct. 12: OA/1B, Bev Kline & Barbara Dabney. FEC ACBL ICCG, Oct. 13: OA/B/C ACBL-wide, Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos. Ashland BC C.A.C. Pairs, Oct. 15: OA/B, Gil Reeser & Terry Duewer; C, Allan Harris & Joe Parker. TCBC C.A.C. Pairs, Oct. 17: OA/B, Glenn Boyce & Kathy Von Dohre; C, Valerie Byrne & Barbara Dabney. TutBC club championship (C.C.), Oct. 21: OA/B, Jim Hanavan & Marilyn Gage. TutBC C.C., Oct. 25: OA/B, Mike & Mary Lubin. RBC C.A.C. Swiss, Oct. 26: Open: OA (tie): Dave & Joyce Denyven, Jerry Brown, & Kaye Folsom; Jan Hollowell, Mary Ramos, Mary Payne, & Lois Flock (latter team also 1B); C, Bob Locke, Wayne Miller, Eldonna Dayton, & Joyce Goodman. NLM: OA, Bill Beeson, Sherard Wood, Sherry Larsen Beville, & Irene Keegan; B, Joyce Mirwald, Roberta Gravelle, Tecca Blankfield, & Rosemarie Francis; C, Dottie Reid, Tina Chen, Anna Bauman, & Marilyn Gage. MBC C.A.C. Pairs, Oct. 27: OA, Otto Eder & Wen-Yen Leong; B, Mary Ramos & Jan Hollowell; C, Mike & Mary Lubin. FEC C.A.C. Pairs, Oct. 27: OA, Betty & Dug Howd. Lakeside BC C.A.C. Swiss, Oct. 28: OA, Jim Kelsey, Kunio Okui, Richard Feinberg, & Darrell Fung; B/C, Marj Russell, Carroll Brooks, Bob Locke, & Joyce Mirwald. Hayward Weekes Park Easybridge! Club C.A.C. Swiss, Oct. 29: OA, three-way tie; see jim-solomon.bridgeforyou.com/thu-aft/091029A.TXT. TCBC C.A.C. Swiss, Oct. 31: OA, Jim Harper, Marty Holtz, Joyce & Dave Denyven; B/C, Darrell Fung, Frank Rooney, Bob Berger, & Joel Teller.

Welcome to Our Fold to Alice Herceg, a longtime player in our unit (and a former director of what are now our open clubs in Fremont); Alice has transferred to South County from the Santa Clara Valley Unit.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder: Congratulations to Charlie Conrad, who's advanced to Bronze Life Master status. Bill Beeson is now an NABC Master, and Stephanie Singer a Regional Master.

Les Addison and Tao Fan are now Sectional Masters, Louise Fabel and James Deignan Club Masters, and Carol Ackerman and Ann Farias are Junior Masters.

Stockton
By Elizabeth Youngman

Save the date. Join the Stockton Bridge Center for a sensational Holiday unit game December 19, 2009, on the third Sunday. You won't want to miss the pre-game potluck at 4:00 p.m. We

have some of the best cooks in the valley.

The match starts promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Top scores from the October unit game: 1st, Dottie Rittler & Zulka Dozier; 2nd, Ron Magin & Lee Pyron; 3rd, Norma Petersen & Lee Hanson. What a treat to have two pairs from Rio Vista slide over for the Sunday unit game; Pat Guiney & William Bradley plus Douglas & Fran Riedmiller. We hope you will come back soon. Table arrangements by Norma Petersen, our esteemed resident holiday decorator, were represented by ghouls, goblins 'n' ghosts and other things that go bump in the night.

She always does a super job!

We were tickled to have two guests playing with us this month. Alla Hernandez came all the way from Albuquerque to visit her sister, Tanya Alonzo, for two weeks. And David Crooks flew in from Houston for a week to visit and play with his mother, Lorna Crooks. As the bridge gods would have it, Lorna & David placed first at the Friday game before he returned home scoring a 60.42% game. See, we are so nice. Ya'll should come play with us.

The big news in the Valley: plans are shaping up for our Stockton Sectional. We are looking forward to hosting the Stockton Grape Escape in 2010. Watch for more news in the upcoming months.

It will be a show stopper.

If you didn't make it to the Sonora Sectional you missed two days of great bridge. Our traveling foursome: Rose Knutson, Richard Bianchi, Margie Erardi and me, myself & I enjoyed their hospitality. Margie & I placed 1st in D E/W in both morning & afternoon sessions with Rose & Richard N/S also in the points. Our Swiss Team slid into second on Sunday.

Hats off to director Nancy Ruiz for running a top-notch tournament! Congrats to all the great cooks, too!

Check your calendar: Strap your partner in the front seat and join us for a friendly game on Monday with director Ricky Elin, 209 472-7919. Friday's director is Ron

Magin, 209 888-4116. All weekday games start at 11:30 a.m. However, if you need a partner call ahead and they will find you a pleasant player; it could even be me. The Stockton Bridge Center is located at 6235 Harrisburg Place, 95207. Google us.

Phone answered only on game days: 209 476-7014.

Turlock/Merced

By Mary Penfield

Monday's Player of the Month was Audrey Mackall. Monday winners: Oct. 5: N/S, Howard Hawke & Roland Wilson; E/W, Alan Krause & Gary Capwell; Oct. 19: Betty Brown & Dick Uhrhammer; Oct. 26: N/S, Jack & Lenore Ellery; E/W, Gary Smith & Larrie Sweet. Wednesday Player of the Month was Betty Brown. Wednesday winners: Oct. 7 & Oct. 14: George Loscalzo & Dave Terry; Oct. 21: Betty Brown & Anita Cresci; Oct. 28: Betty Brown & Mike Modest.

Friday Player of the Month was Margaret Quinn. Friday winners: Oct. 2: N/S, Betty Brown & Bob Ransom; E/W, Toots Wade & Margaret Quinn; Oct. 9: N/S, George Loscalzo & Margaret Quinn; E/W, Toots Wade & Ray Adams; Oct. 16: N/S, Jack & Lenore Ellery; E/W, Jim Higgins & Dennis Northern; Oct. 23: N/S, Barbara Price & Chris Brown; E/W, Sally Canelo & Kaytie Peterson; Oct. 30: N/S, Sally Peterson & Kaytie Peterson; E/W, Jean Astorino & George Loscalzo.

The Player of the Month for all games was Betty Brown who earned 6.96 master points this month. The top A player was Betty Brown; the top B, Jim Higgins & the top C was Dennis N. The high game of the month was a 71.50% game turned in by Gary Capwell & Alan Strauss on Monday, October 5.

Sweet Bridge of Merced will be having Great Western Holiday STAC games on Monday, December 7, Wednesday, December 9, and Friday, December 11.



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