



# District 21 Unitscope

Goldsmith & Nathan Wilmes, Frank Rooney, and Scott Gorsuch all finished in the money.

Start the year out in a positive way by supporting your local clubs and tournament events, and let me know how you did!

If you've got any news and you'd like to see your name in print, inform me at [sandstress@mail2sandra.com](mailto:sandstress@mail2sandra.com) and let me know what's on your mind.

## Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

Happy New Year! I hope 2010 is a great year for all our members!

So many things were happening in December with the various holiday parties, the unit Christmas party, and the election for half of the board members. Unfortunately, I will not be covering any of that because I am writing this article before any of it happened.

Since I cannot list the new and returning board members elected in December, I will take this opportunity to honor two board members that chose not to run for re-election. Paul Boyd has been on the board for 4 years, serving that time in the role of Treasurer. I am sure the move to the new clubhouse this last year provided him more headaches than the previous three years combined. Thanks for all your work Paul!

Maggie Mahaffey decided to step down from the board in order to make room for at least one new face to be elected. Maggie has been on the board so long that she could not even tell me how many years it has been. She has volunteered to continue as membership chair (that should make 39 years and counting).

On November 22, the unit had our last ampro team game of 2009. The winning team, with four wins out of four matches, consisted of Richard Meffley, David Haberstich, Laura Da Costa, & Gary Lasky. As always, it was a fun day of getting to know and play with people that we may have rarely, if ever, played with before.

There has been so much to write about in the past few issues that I have fallen behind in welcoming back some individuals who have been away dealing with injuries or major illnesses. In October & November we saw the return of director Keiko Collins, and players Yvonne Jeffreys, Virginia Johnson, Lee McKoane, & Cor Yssels. It made a lot of people very happy to see your faces again at the clubhouse; you have been missed. We are still missing a few others that we would love to see back in the near future (hear that Wanda Cardella and Ron Vieira).

We had very few 70% games in Nov.. In Fresno, there were just two pairs, both came from the 49er game. Lucy Crawford & Linda Garrett had a 71.67% game on Nov. 7, and Andrew & Kathleen Graves had a 76.67% game three days later on Nov. 10. In Oakhurst, Donald McCartin & Ray April had a 71.43% game on Nov. 16.

We have one early result from the Nationals, Gary Lasky & Karen Laws won first in the 49er game on Dec. 2. Congratulations!

A big welcome to new members George Dalition, James Forbes, Brooke Frost, Dennis Frost, Judy Lynn, & Donna Miller!

Hopefully we will have a few more new members to report from December, the last month before the new qualifications for Life Master begin.

Our Winter Sectional in 2010 will be moving to March (March 4-7), instead of February. Keep the dates in mind, and I will give more information on that sectional next month.

## Gilroy/Hollister/Morgan Hill

By Dian Wood Picone

Word has it Unit 524 members had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the largest ever Christmas Party and bridge.

We are happy to see new players at games in all three 524 locations. More players especially new players are always welcome. Speaking of new players, and just players trying to improve their game, Linda King has been nominated for ACBL's Bridge Teacher of the Year and our fingers are crossed for a win. She sure deserves it. January will be a busy month for Linda.

She will hold a half-hour lesson prior to her Tuesday game, each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. and on January 7, starts a free weekly "Introduction to Bridge" at the San Benito County Library, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.. For beginning players Linda's "Supervised Play" starts up again on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. Our amazing Joanne Wicker came in 12th in the world in the Half Iron Man event in Florida. Congratulations, Joanne!

**Gilroy:** Thursday a.m. Nov. 5: 1st, Bob Williams & Marilyn Martin; 2nd, Mike Slattery & Bob Frohman; Nov. 12 N/S 1st, Bob Frohman, & Mike Slattery; E/W 1st, Don Nemiro & Chris Boncich; Nov. 19 1st, Jonna Robinson & Helen Lindsey; 2nd, Ron Dragt & Win Stone.

**Morgan Hill:** Monday p.m.: Nov. 2 1st, Ron & Diana Dragt; 2nd, Helen Lindsey & Pat Kraut; Nov. 9 1st, Ron Dragt & Joanne Wicker; 2nd, Mike Slattery & Bob Frohman; 1/16 1st, Rosemary Erwin & Helen Lindsey; Nov. 23 1st, Dick Tani & Bob Frohman; 2nd Jonna Robinson & Vincent McLoughlin. Unit Wide Charity Pairs, Nov. 30: 1st, Diana Dragt & Kenneth Johnson; 2nd, Robert Frohman & Vincent McLoughlin. Swiss Team Nov. 5: sharing 1st place, Marilyn Ribardo, Gloria Garma, Mike Slattery & Robert Frohman, and Dotty Malone, Carol Yamane, Linda King & Patty Stone. Unit championship game Nov. 15, 1st, Ron Dragt Don Nemiro.

**Hollister:** Linda's Tuesday afternoon game: Nov. 3 1st, Katie & Gale Dimick; Nov. 10 N/S 1st, Dick Tani and Bill Millar; Nov. 17 N/S 1st, Doug Stauffer & Chiong Yuan; E/W 1st, Connie Coyne & bill Millar; Nov. 24 N/S 1st, Glen & Kathy Hirth; E/W 1st, Bill Millar & Bob George. Nov. 30 99er game 1st, Kay Devita and Rita Lompa. Mike's Wednesday Club: Nov. 4 1st, Bob Frohman & Chris Boncich; Nov. 11 1st, Diana & Ron Dragt; 2nd, Bob Frohman & Donald Bugge; Nov. 18 1st, Bob Frohman & Chris Boncich; 2nd, Sheila Hill & Rosemary Erwin.

We hope that Mary Calderone is getting better and will be back at the table soon.

## Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

Our Livermore Valley Sectional is coming up Jan. 23-24 at the Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road, in Pleasanton. On Saturday there are pairs games at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; on Sunday the bracketed Swiss Teams is a two-session event at the same times. The location is easy to reach via the Hacienda Exit from I-580. We hope to see you all there.

Of note the last couple of months has been the burgeoning population at the Livermore game, and not just for games offering extra points. We got to sixteen tables one day and had to put a table in the other room. The growing crowds have meant that the snack supply gets eaten down to the last crumb some times. We'd like to thank those who bring snacks and urge everyone to chip in what they can. We have a few players who may misbehave if we run out, like yelling "Cookie!" at unpredictable moments instead of "Director!" (Who, me?)

The game on Nov. 23 had some very high scores: Pat Vanderzyl & Sheri Erskine playing E/W had a 70.37%, while in the other direction Paul Wegfahrt & Sam Mukherji racked up 69.21%. Imagine the astonishment of Jim & Pat Leary who scored 66% and didn't get first!

In the Swiss at the San Ramon Sectional a team containing Gary Minnig & Gilbert Reeser won their bracket. Others winning points in San Ramon included Jean Barry, Martha Eddleman, Anne Lindl, Paul Wegfahrt, Verlan Gabrielson, Terri Kiyota, Dan Bergmann, Art Mirin, and Rick Wilson.

Later in the month at the Oakland Sectional, winners of their bracket in the Swiss were the team of Art Mirin, David Silberman, Dan Bergmann, and Paul Dubois. Jean Barry, Verlan Gabrielson, and Terri Kiyota also won points.

## Marin

By Bob Sampson

In November sectionals at Diablo Valley in Swiss Teams, Robert Haar & Gene Thornton won Bracket 2 and Bob Roman won Bracket 3. Tom Belshe was third in C Stratified Teams. In El

Cerrito in Strati-Flighted Pairs, George Duncan was 6th in D and Bob Roman was 3rd in B. Bob Roman was 3rd in C Swiss Teams. At Oakland, Frank Aftowicz & Molly Anderson were third in 0-300 Pairs and Phyllis & Don Kreider were 3rd in Swiss Teams.

Following are Marin winners in the first five days of the Nationals in San Diego. On Friday, Nov. 27 first up were Claire Young & Wallace McOuat 5th in B 299er Pairs and Bruce Noda 5th in a Side Game. On Saturday, Nov. 28 we had Pete Sager 6th in C Open Pairs, Loretta Bromberg 2nd in KO -1, Molly Anderson and Marla Kravatz 4th in B 299er Swiss, Tracey & Keith Bauer 1st in KO-7. First in both KO-4 and KO-7 was the team of Claire Young, Wallace McOuat and Phyllis and Don Kreider. On Sunday, Nov. 29 doing well were Sheila Wasserman first in 299er Swiss, Jean Marchant 2nd in 299er Pairs, Bruce Noda & Gene Simpson tied for 9th in Senior KO Teams, Pete Sager tied for 3rd in KO-5 and in KO-7 first were Tracey & Keith Bauer while tied for third was the team of Molly Anderson, Carol Morse, Jean Marchant, Frank Aftowicz and Susan Angel. On Monday, Nov. 30 Gene Simpson was second in Daylight Open Pairs and third in Side Swiss. First in Compact KO-9 Consolation was the team of Alice & Thomas Wright, Norma Conner and Carla Hudner. Bruce Noda & Gene Simpson tied for 9th in Senior KO Teams. Winning Compact KO Consolation-9 was the team of Norma Conner, Carla Hudner and Alice and Thomas Wright. Placing second in KO-7 was the team of Claire Young, Wallace McOuat and Phyllis and Don Kreider.

In November, in team of fours at Crossley's on a Thursday evening, garnering 57 of 60 possible victory points (95%) was the team of Bruce Blakely, Bill Kazee, Larry Katz and Lucien Wernick. On November 14, Cliff Lardinois hosted a farewell dinner for Adrienne Feuer and several of her regular partners. Adrienne who

moved to McKinney, Texas is one of those prized partners who combine unflinching pleasantness with solid, reliable bridge. She will be missed, especially by her partners.

Recently we were asked to recommend a library book for beginners. If one is starting from scratch, any of these excellent books will do: *Bridge Basics 1: an introduction* (Audrey Grant), *Bridge for Dummies* (Edwin B. Kantar), *The Fun Way to Serious Bridge* (Harry Lampert), *The Everything Bridge Book* (Brent Manley), *The ABC's of Bridge* (William S. Root) and *Beginning Bridge* (Barbara Seagram). We found 22 books that relatively new players might benefit from. On request, we will e-mail you a spreadsheet detailing each book's location, subject and year published.

We have similar lists for intermediate and advanced players (23 and 15 titles). [mbsampson247@comcast.net](mailto:mbsampson247@comcast.net)

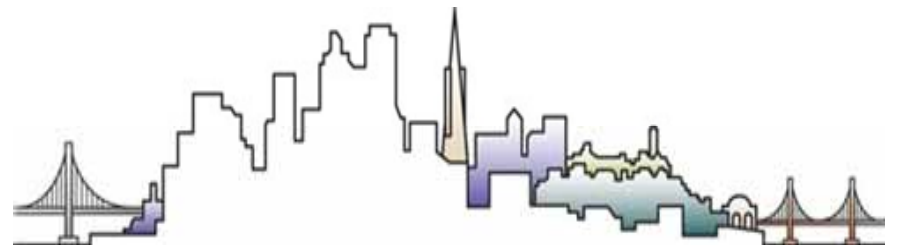
## Modesto

By Lee Striplin

Twelve teams competed in last month's stratified team game. Winning first overall was the team of Pieter & Jan Mastenbroek and Donna & Harold De Roos. Second was the team of Betty Beard, Barbara Bogart, Evelyn Corey, and Juanita Kaufman. There was a tie for 3/4 places between the team of Doris Ashcroft, Roy Carnahan, Leigh Tibbetts and Glenn Van Denburg and the team of Roland & Jackie Wilson, Kathleen Bulgheroni, and Joyce Rudesill.

November players of the month were Roy Carnahan, first in A & B, followed by Alan Strauss. Second in B was Glenn Van Denburg. Judy Remmers was the C leader, followed by Connie Arnold. Chris Brown & Barbara Price scored a 75% game.

Winners of the President's Trophy were announced at the December unit game. They are A, Jan & Pieter Mastenbroek; B, Roy Carnahan; C, Glenn Van Denburg. Those who earn the most points at the unit



## SAN FRANCISCO SECTIONAL

January 16 and 17

Janet Pomeroy Center

207 Skyline Blvd, San Francisco

### SATURDAY

#### Pairs

10:30 am

Two-Session Stratified Pairs

0-750/2000/+

Single Session Side Pairs

0-500/1500/+

Newcomer 199er Stratified Pairs

(Strats to be determined)

3:00 pm

Second Session Stratified Pairs

Single Session Side Pairs

0-50/300/+

Tournament Chair and Partnerships:

Director-in-Charge: Dianne Barton-Paine

\$10 Members \$11 Non and Unpaid Members per Session

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED BETWEEN SESSIONS BOTH DAYS

### SUNDAY

#### Swiss Teams

10:30 am

Stratified Swiss Teams 4 Rounds 7

Boards per round A/X and B/C/D

0-3000/+ and 0-300/750/1500

Top player determines Strat

Single Session Side Pairs

0-100/500/+

TBA

Swiss Teams Second Session 3 Rounds 7

Boards per round