



District 21 Unitscope

discussion on the bidding, play and defense. Then as each table plays a hand the mentor goes over everything immediately after. Future sessions will include a short lesson on a basic convention. It's a brilliant idea to help newer players advance their skills quickly.

Allie wants to help people to play more, too. She has started a Google group, groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499 where players can find someone to play with. Most of us hate to make that call to find a partner, now Allie has come up with a way to make it easy and painless. Joining is easy and free.

The Sacramento Regional is coming up in a week or so; I hope you've made your reservations at the Doubletree. I'll be missing the regional for the first time in ages; got a chance to go on a sort of "aid" mission, taking art classes and art projects to schools in Ethiopia for two weeks. It should be fantastic, you can read all about it on the blog, Unit499.wordpress.com

That's all I have to say this month. Be sure to write me with news I can use for next month. Chris@Pisarra.com

Adios, hasta la vista. Can't say that in Ethiopian, so Spanish will have to do.

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

To mark the move to the new clubhouse a year ago, the board of directors supplied a luncheon before the Sunday unit championship game on April 18. It was a great anniversary party! We had 10½ tables in the open game and three tables in the 299er game. Congratulations go to Kim Morris & Bert Rettner who earned first overall in the open game and Jackie Finn & Jason McAlexander who earned first in the 299er game.

Thanks go to the board of directors for the wonderful and abundant food.

The anniversary party marked the beginning of the bid-a-pro fund-raiser in which various "pros" volunteered to be auctioned off for a game. The fund-raiser was designed to raise some of the remaining funds needed to purchase the Playbridge Dealer4; by far, the majority of the cost was already donated by individual members.

This device deals cards for computer designed hands (the computer program was already purchased). The device and program will be beneficial to our teachers who will be able to quickly and easily create hands (complete with hand records) to emphasize that day's lesson. We plan to also use it for sectionals allowing us to speed up games by no longer spending the first 20+ minutes duplicating boards.

Finally, the dealer will ease the burden of making hands for future STAC games. Whether the dealer will be used to create hands with hand records for weekly games will be up to the individual club owners.

A potluck luncheon and unit championship game marked the annual Peggy Ochs' Memorial game which honors those people who have died in the past year. Our unit was especially hurt with the loss of many valued members. From Fresno, we honored Vi Berg, Mary Jo Davila, Ted Johnson, Ina Lake, Ron Licata, Barry Smith, T. Bruce Smith, Berdie Templer, & Ina Yssels. From Oakhurst, we honored Frank Buck, Bobbie Schlagel, & David Vanier. From Madera, we honored Jim Honeywell.

Former members Noralee Kreps & Hugh Miller also passed away this past year; these individuals were well remembered even after moving away some time ago.

It looked like it was going to be a slow month for 70% games, but it picked up in the final week. Byron Steinert & Victor Greener earned a 75% game in the unit championship game on April 11. Two more Fresno pairs achieved the accomplishment as Bert Rettner & David Shuster had ex-

actly 70% on April 28, and John Simpson & Don Winton had a 70.89% on April 30. In Oakhurst, Joseph Fox & Corey Cole earned a 71.96% game on April 22.

Finally, in Madera, Betty Eden & Al Crane earned a 72.22% game on April 28.

Mike Molinari started his beginning bridge lessons on May 1. He had 16 students for the first day; 14 having never taken a bridge lesson before.

Our annual Pro-Am Pairs event will be held on June 27. This game will also serve as the graduation ceremony to honor all new Life Masters. There will be a potluck before the game. Hope to see you there!

Gilroy/Hollister/ Morgan Hill

By Dian Wood Picone

The members of Unit 524 are lucky to have such thoughtful and active officers and directors. A big *Thank You* to you all from all of us!

The Earthquake Sectional is June 26 & 27 and, along with the Stratified Pairs, this year there will be a new section of 199er Swiss Teams on the 27th. The Swiss Teams games require four teams per session, so round up your bridge playing friends and sign up on Sunday the 27th. Remember, this year the Earthquake Sectional will be held at the Gilroy Senior Center, 7371 Hanna Street, in Gilroy. See you there!

If the Earthquake Sectional and the four other weekly games weren't enough to keep our membership busy, the unit game championship, with a 99er section, will be held June 20, in Morgan Hill at the Centennial Recreational Center. If you need a partner, contact Rosemary Erwin 408 779-5666 or Barbara Earley 831 634-0401.

Linda King's Luncheon for Social Bridge players was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, learning the fun of

duplicate bridge and several new ACBL members were added to the unit rolls. It was good to hear that Don King is back home and doing well and equally good to see Bob Frohman at the tables again.

Gilroy/Morgan Hill Open Pairs, April 1, Ron & Diana Dragt. April 8, Win Stone & Ron Dragt. April 15, Mike Kakalec & Don McGowan. April 22, N/S, Ron Dragt & Suzanne Proctor; E/W, Margot Kakalec & Jerry Pelletier. April 29, Patty Stone & Dick Tani. Open Pairs Monday, April 5, Mitsi & Dick Tani; 2nd, Joanne Wicker & Vince McLoughlin; 3rd, Win Stone & Joanne Wicker. April 12, Ron Dragt & Joanne Wicker. April 19, Ron Dragt & Win Stone; 2nd, Don McCowan & Gary Jones; 3rd, Dick Tani & Diana Dragt. April 26, Sheila Hill & Rosemary Erwin.

Unit game: April 18, Bob Williams & Ken Imboden; 2nd, Margot & Mike Kakalec; 3rd, Teri Swan & Mike Slattery; 99ers, Kay Devito & Marilyn Bankert.

Hollister Linda's Tue. Pairs: April 13: N/S, Winston Stone & Chris Boncich; E/W, Chiong-Yuan Han & Doug Stauffer. April 20: N/S, Patty Stone & Connie Coyne; E/W, Win Stone & Chris Boncich. April 27: N/S, Katie & Gale Dimick; E/W, Suzanne Proctor & Barbara Earley. Mike's Wed. BC: April 7, Dee Bugge & Mary Calderone. April 14, Dick Tani & Bob Williams. April 21, Dee Bugge & Diana Drag. April 28, Chris Boncich & Win Stone.

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

Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

Today my partner and I bid to a 3♠ contract; with only 23 points between us and a skinny 8-card fit, it was the natural limit of the hand. I played the hand well, I thought, and got an over-trick. On the hand results, Deep Finesse



SAN FRANCISCO SECTIONAL

JUNE 12 and 13, 2010

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: Dean Wangsvick

Contact Person: Joanne Allen (415 441 1736) jma1017@comcast.net

Partnerships: Libby Noronha (415 566 9485) libbynoronha@comcast.net

Director-in-Charge: Dianne Barton-Paine MID-CHART Convention OK
\$10 Members \$11 Non and Unpaid Members per Session

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED FREE BETWEEN SATURDAY SESSIONS
PIZZA AT \$1.00 PER SLICE (PLUS FREE GREEN SALAD) PROVIDED
BETWEEN SUNDAY SESSIONS

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/+

3:00 pm

Swiss Teams Second Session 3 Rounds
7 Boards per round

SAN MATEO SUMMER SECTIONAL

AUGUST 14 – 15, 2010

CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
Municipal Services Building
33 Arroyo Drive and El Camino Real
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Saturday, August 14

10:15 am Lecture for 199ers (reopening doubles)
11:00 am Single Session Open Stratified
Strats A/B/C 0-500/2000/unlimited
11:00 am Al Malouf presents the
Art Weinstein 99er Championship
Single Session Pairs
Strats 0-20/50/100/200
5:00 pm Single Session Stratified IMP Pairs
Strats 0-3000/3000+
5:00 pm Single Session Stratified Pairs
Strats 0-200/500/2000

Sunday, August 15

10:00 am Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams, 1st session
Flight A/X 0-3000/3000+
Flight B/C/D 0-500/1000/1500
(4 matches, 7 boards)
TBA Swiss Teams, 2nd Session
(3 matches, 7 boards)
10:00 am 199'er Swiss teams (one session only)
10:00 am Single Session Stratified Pairs
(0-200/500/ unlimited)
3:00 pm Single Session Stratified Pairs
(0-200/500/ unlimited)

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Mid-Chart Conventions allowed for Flight A events only.

Table Fees: \$10.00 per player per session. \$11.00 for non ACBL & unpaid members
(\$5 for first time attendees from Unit 498 - with coupon from Instructor)

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From San Francisco and Marin County: South on 280. Exit at Westborough blvd and go East to El Camino Real. Turn left and go one block to Arroyo Drive. Turn left for street parking or make a U turn and enter the under ground parking garage off El Camino Real's South bound lanes.

From Oakland and San Francisco: South on 101 to 380 West, exit North bound El Camino Real and go 1.8 miles to Arroyo Drive. Make a left turn for street parking or make a U turn to enter underground parking garage off El Camino Real's South bound lanes.

From the Southern Peninsula Area: take 101 North to 380 West and exit North bound El Camino Real. Go 1.8 mile to Arroyo Drive and follow the above directions for parking. Or, take 280 North and exit East bound Westborough Blvd to El Camino Real and follow the above directions for parking.

Please Note: Early starting times on Saturday
Free parking in garage. (Please do not park in front of police station or in Gunters Restaurant parking lot.)