



District 21 Unitscope

confirmed that 3♠ was indeed the correct result. I just wish someone had told all those other pairs who bid four and made it and gave us a near bottom! As Hot Lips famously almost said in M.A.S.H., "This isn't a game, it is an insane asylum!"

Here's a thought that drives me crazy about bracketed Swiss tournaments. They may be bracketed, but they aren't Swiss. Why aren't they called bracketed round robin tournaments?

The Unit 499 sectional, held this year at Pine Valley Middle School, was not a silver mine for us 501ers. Dennis Tretheway, Jack Marling, Paul Wegfahrt and Sukumar Mukherji won Bracket 5. Darryll Fung, Gary Minnig, Terry Deuwer, and Gilbert Reeser came in second in Bracket 4. Other than that the 499ers used their home turf to advantage.

In the results for Monday morning of May's Great Western STAC week, Jim & Pat Leary made the Big Board with 62.74%, good for 17th. Martha Eddleman & Anne Lindl made more points, however, as they took a 61.66% (23-9-2) second place for C (under 750 points). Mindy Kane & Nancy Hull got 9th in the same strat. The deadline for this column is before the Friday night game.

The Pleasanton game is continuing its series of mentor events. Once monthly, those who can count play with normal people as partners and give them valuable instructions between rounds. Advice like: "Gee, you should count!" Fortunately they also give good advice that you actually are able to follow. If you are interested in participating as a mentor or a mentee, please contact Carmen at carm4u@earthlink.net

June will see NAP qualifiers at both clubs, and a Barometer game on Friday, June 25, in which all tables play the same hands each round and see their scores go up during the next round. Note the club is closed June 4 due to the Sacramento Regional.

Marin

By Bob Sampson

Here is April's report. Bob Roman & Lenore Cavallero were first in B, Open Pairs in the Santa Clara Valley Sectional. At the 4-day Reno Sectional, Loretta Bromberg scored well every time she played: three second places, two thirds and one fourth in Open Pairs and a sixth in Swiss Teams. At the Marin Sectional, Bruce Blakely won 30+ points, good for second on the tournament list and first among Marin Life Masters. Among Marin Non-Life Masters, Tracey and Keith Bauer won the most points, 5.50. Marin players were first in all three strata in four of the five pairs events and were first in 5 of 7 brackets in Swiss Teams.

Saturday A/X Pairs: 1A/X, Blakely; 2A, Michael Day; 6A, Loretta; 3X, Roman & Cavallero; 5X, Ben & Bram Dresden. B/C/D Pairs: 1B/C/D, Virginia Sulpizio; 4B/C/D, Bob Greenwood & Bob Toso; 6D, Jackie Greenberg & Sheila Wasserman. E/F/G Pairs: 1E, Suzy Doyle & George Beard; 5E, Phyllis & Don Kreider; 1F, Gene Pudberry & Thomas Orr; 2E, Janet Schonbrun & Poppy Finston; 4E, Harriet & Harold Silen; 1G, Connie Brightbill & Jane Schoenberger; 3G, Sheila Levine & Susan Kolb; 4G, Ann-Marie Parker & Noryne Turner. Sat. A/B/C Pairs: 5A, Linda Danzig; 6A, Bruce Blakely. 4B/2C, Tracey & Keith Bauer; 5B, Gayle & Jim Tunnell. 4C, Marla Kravatz & Molly Anderson; 5C, Lynn Blankfort & Stephen Pardys. D/E/F Pairs: 1D, Richard & Terry Gordon; 2D, Susan Kolb & Sheila Levine; 3D, Claire Young & Wallace McOuat; 2E, Susan Kolb & Sheila Levine; 3E, Lily Asfour & Penny Clark; 4E, Barbara Smith & Barbara Schiff; 5E, Joanne Paben & Nina Tychinin; 6E, H & H Silen; 1F, Susan Kolb & Sheila Levine; 2F, P.J. Perring & Nancy Sutak; 3F, P. Friesen & Mimi Clark 3rd.

Sun. Swiss Teams Bkt I: 1st, Blakely; 2nd, Noda, Simpson, Kenney; 3rd, Patricia Griffin. Bkt II: 2nd, Bram & Bev Dresden, Lynn Pasternak, Bill Kazee; 3rd, Debbie Levine, Loarn & Louis Thoelecke, Penny Berman. Bkt III: 1st, Roman & Cavallero; 3rd, Susan Bowser, Jane Canning. Bkt IV: 3rd, Bruce Nissim, Janet Russell. Bkt V: 1st, Tracey & Keith Bauer; 3rd, Margaret Anderson. Bkt VI: 1st, Claire Young, Wallace McOuat, Phyllis & Don Kreider; 3rd, Frank Aftowicz, Ed Talmus, George Duncan. Bkt VII: 1st, Terry Hope, Jane Bauer, Irene Lam; 3rd, George Beard, Bob Toso, Sharon Henning, Diane Grialou.

Club games produced four 70 percenters in April: Bob Liss & Jerry Meislin at Hoppe's and Roberta Lyon & Jim Washburn at Terra Linda had 70% (well 69%+ rounded up). Ann Reed & Marilyn Cleland had 71.7% at Terra Linda. The capper was a 76% game at Crossley's by Mark Peterson & Tracey Bauer.

Modesto

By Leigh Tibbetts

My watch said that Saturday was April 31. Oh, I wish that were true, so that I'd have more time to be late with this article. The next Almond Valley Sectional is in 2011. Barbara Price did her usual fine job of chairing the event. She's done it for so many years that I can't remember a time when she was not tournament chair.

This year Mary Sue Moore was hospitality chair assisted by Jackie Wilson. These two ladies recruited their husbands, Kent and Roland respectively, into our work force. Our very own coffeemeister Drew Mercer provided us with fresh coffee and tea at every session to ensure that we were all awake to enjoy the fine offerings donated by our unit members.

Overall sectional winners: Barbara Price, who is a relatively recently retired English teacher, a proud very-conservative Republican from Virginia, and a reluctant mother of two Bengal cats, was our A winner. Unit president Glenn VanDenburg was our B winner. He recently returned from a visit to Civil War battlefields with his family. And a young (by bridge ages) player who never played a game before 2007 was our C winner. One Saturday Hal DeRoos walked into the bridge center without a partner. Even though he'd never played bridge, he knew a little, very little. His knowledge of suit ranks wasn't perfect. Pete partnered him with Bill Osborne; they played many Saturdays. Hal was hooked.

Players of the month: A: Chris Brown. B: Gary Capwell. C: Joyce Rudesill.

Congratulations to all.

Our best wishes to Ursula and Peter Scherf, who are both ailing.

Don't forget! Our next unit game is a team game on Sunday, June 13 in Sonora.

See you there.

Monterey

By Maja

We in Monterey are gearing up for our annual sectional tournament which takes place May 14-16. In addition to open sections there will be sections for both 199er and 299ers at all events. We anticipate a big turnout.

During Great Western STAC week we had two overall 1st place winners from our area, Wednesday NLM Oaks game, first overall in the Western Conference were Dennis Vanmiddlesworth & Jim Ringrose with a 67% game; Tuesday Easybridge! NLM game, 1st overall in the Western Conference were Maria Gussner & Julie Garvin 67%.

The Bridge the Gap group of 34 returned recently from Santa Fe, New Mexico, sectional and sightseeing (Bandelier National Monument and Taos). 32 of the group won lots of silver points..

There's a free game ahead for members of Unit 530; the annual membership game with election of board members will be held Sunday, June 13. Ballots are out at the Bridge Center along with the flyers giving details of the game.

Come on out and support the unit!

A successful 3-month mentoring program is taking place in the unit. Once a month 34 Life Masters play with 34 NLM in the open games. Also new Easybridge! graduates, who had never played in a duplicate game, are being mentored once a month by players who have less than 300 points. Wine and cheese complete the fun of this event.

Napa/Solano/Sonoma

By Joe Freeman

Last month, I should have mentioned a few more names when talking about the Nationals in Reno. Tom Jacobson had a very good tournament and now has a big lead in the unit's Mini-McKenney race in the SLM Category. Shelia Malinoski earned some gold points the hard way in the overall results in Flight A of a two session pairs event. Her partner was Keith Vincent, a long time Flight A player.

Turning to unit championships in April. We had four such games. The Sunday game winners were Joanne Wegsten & Anita Pensler. Flight B was won by visitors, Kathy & Danny Zeibert. Flight C was won by Kathleen Gilmour & Shelia Patterson. On the 12th, Don Powell & Team Jeans won A, Dave Segal & Ed Sutcliffe won B and Cliff & Natalie Crew won C. On the 14th John Karnish & Charlotte Carr won A & B and John Rothschild & Lilyan Frank took C. The Napa game was won by Knud Rasmussen & me, followed by James Malnerich & Frank Thompson in B and John Coleridge & Lyn Dahm in C.

Two time winners for the month included Adrienne Varin & James Joel Anderson who were overall winners once and directional winners another time

Some players that we have missed returned. We were very happy to see Jack Zeller at a couple of Friday games. Ken Kennington was back after an absence of several months playing a couple of times with Alan Switzer. Now that tax season is over Barbara Paniaqua is back. Mary Haley has recovered from her mishap.

We were happy to see David Spharler & David Cappucini and well as Benjamin & Helen Yeraka who drove up from the Concord area.

Our sectional tournament is just ahead. Post your calendars for July 10 & 11. This will be the third year in row that we have had a sectional after several years of not having one. Thanks primarily to Eileen Holsten we have established a reputation for having great food. Of course, it also takes a lot of volunteers to bring this off, and we will again be asking for help.

We also want to be known as a well run, friendly tournament that especially welcomes newer players. This year Barbara Lemme and Tom Sheahan have agreed to join me as "co chairs" for the event.

Attendance is a bit less than we want at our Monday, Wednesday and Friday games. Part of this seems to be a problem of finding partners. I wonder if a "guaranteed" partner program would help.

Anyway, make May June the month that you invite someone new to play.

Palo Alto

By Mariam Kelly

We bid a sad farewell to our "Good Will Ambassador," our funny, flirty friend in the person of Lorna Corbetta. Lorna played bridge at the unit daily for fifty years. She knew everyone and remembered everyone's name because she cared about people and made that fact very obvious. She always wore a smile, often a mischievous one. She always stepped up to help at the club and at tournaments. She was long the unit's sunshine person and was honored with Goodwill awards from both the unit and District 21.

Lorna died in March, a week before her 93rd birthday. We won't see the likes of her again.

Sherie Greenberg, a favorite director and a fantastic accumulator of masterpoints, is making a major change in her bridge career by giving up her Thursday afternoon game

Hot August Bridge

South County Sectional August 6, 7, & 8, 2010

Transfiguration Church Hall

4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley
Spacious Hall with lots of Onsite Parking

Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299ers

Friday, 3:30 p.m.

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PAIR GAMES ARE SINGLE
SESSIONS

Open pairs strata:

A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500

299ers strata:

0-50/50-100/100-300
(Attendance Permitting)

Strati-Flighted Pairs

A/X plays separately

A/X = 3000+

B/C/D = 0-500/500-1000/1000-2000

(final strata determined by attendance)

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299ers

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

Strati-Flighted Pairs
A/X and B/C/D

(A/X plays separately)

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & TBA

Bracketed Swiss Teams
Teams must play both sessions

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Single Session Stratified Pairs

Mid-chart allowed in Flight A/X
and top bracket of Swiss Teams

Continental breakfast each morning
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Table Fees: \$10 per session (non-ACBL & unpaid \$11)

Information: Mary 510-427-7366 Website: www.unit500.bridgeforvow.com

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