



# District 21 Unitscope

ACBL official rate, which you can almost always beat one way or another.

The downtown hotels have great rates and are about two miles from the tournament site, straight down Mill Street.

Right after the Chris' Birthday Regional, I'm off to Cuba for a week; I've wanted to go there for years, and the chance finally arose. When I get back, I expect to find my e-mail inbox full of notes telling me all the good things you did at the table.

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Hasta mañana.

## East Bay

By Sandi Davis

**B**e sure to mark your calendars for several upcoming events because I know you don't want to miss them! First, while we do not have the official final results yet for the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races last year, if you think you won save April 18 to come let us celebrate your achievement at the unit game at Mosswood. Second, the first of two Swiss Teams games at Mosswood will be held May 2, so watch the website for specifics.

Third, our June sectional is being held in May this year due to a conflict so mark your calendars as we return to Holy Redeemer Center from May 28-30.

And as a reminder if you are a fan of Swiss Teams games, Doug Handler runs a Swiss Teams game on Wednesday nights at Piedmont Veteran's Hall. I have heard from folks that this is a fun event and deserves to get more support considering how much we love team games. If you are short a partner, a pair or have your team of four ready to go, give this game a try!

For team / partners, contact Doug at [dough0918@aol.com](mailto:dough0918@aol.com) before 3:00 p.m. on game day or leave a message at 527-4594 before 6:30 p.m. on game nights.

It is obvious you are doing well at the tables these days because we have many rank

advancements this month.

Congratulations to new Junior Masters Carole Robinow and Norman Robinow, new Club Masters Richard Olsen, Sallie Olsen and Sue Yahng, new Sectional Masters Connie Corkhill, Stephen Kennedy and Al Larson, new NABC Masters Jan Parker and Nathan Wilmes, and new Bronze Life Masters Bruce Berman and Danna Rolle.

Whew! Great job!

The new unit board elected its officers recently with Betty Kael (president), Roseanne Smith (vp), Tom Pajak (treasurer) and Susan Weibe (secretary) as this year's officers. They will represent you well.

At the January 17 unit game, N/S Sam Gurbaxani & Betty Kael captured 1st overall and E/W Dave Cartwright & Tom Pajak took 1st in their direction.

Our unit members have been doing extremely well at our local sectionals. In San Francisco, Jeff & Mary Toman, Sidney Glass & Joel Rossman, Suzanne Quick & Lori Rosenthal, Joel Teller & Bob Berger all earned wins in pairs games while Michel Schneider and Grant Vance's team did well in the Swiss.

At Livermore, Laura McCrea & Carrie Stoltzfus, Esther Rubke & Estelle Baum, Nathan Wilmes & Simon Goldsmith, Cass Hawes & Nadine Levine, Greg Reichert & Rainer, Pat Perry & Shirley Rodenborn, David Pratt & John Eidinger had pairs game victories. John also had Swiss Teams success with teammate Ed Seputis.

At the Monterey Regional, Calvin Harper scored the most points of anyone in the unit. There were many winners but first place finishes went to Joel Teller & Bob Berger, Lawrence & Meg Bowerman, Nancy Johnson & Mary Stone, Roseanne and Booker Smith in pairs games. In Swiss/KOs, Glenn Boyce, Shirley Rodenborn, Chloe Laube & Kathryn Van Dohre won as did Sherry Larsen Beville and Susan Kovacevic's team. Well done.

If you've got any news and you'd like to see your name in print, inform me at [\[stress@mail2sandra.com\]\(mailto:stress@mail2sandra.com\) and let me know what's on your mind.](mailto:sand-</a></p>
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## Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

**I**t's time! The Fresno Winter Sectional will be taking place March 4-7. This year's sectional features our second Compact Knockout Teams game on Saturday morning; winners will go on to play that afternoon. As with our last sectional, we have rented extra space in our complex.

Once again, the popular little restaurant will be available for lunches and refreshments; this time we have also rented a large open-spaced office for any overflow (should be much more spacious than the multiple small rooms we had last time).

The games are now \$10, which includes lunches Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and a lot of refreshments (much supplied by our members) for all other sessions.

We have lost quite a few valuable members in the past couple of months (a really hard December and January). I will save the mention of all we lost until the discussion of the Memorial Game in May.

However, I will take this opportunity to mention the passing of a member of our board of directors: Mary Jo Davila. Mary Jo died after a very short battle with cancer. The loss was so sudden; just a week before many of us saw Mary Jo in Monterey fighting for gold. Mary Jo, along with Dora, was in charge of hospitality for our tournaments. She was a glowing personality, whose laugh would literally explode across the bridge room and make everyone smile. We will miss you, Mary Jo.

As per her family's request, donations are being accepted in her name for the club's memorial fund.

The unit had an Am-Pro team game on January 24. The winning team consisted of Mary Lou & Laura Da Costa, Carol Miller, & Carol Kaufman. It was a lot of fun and a very closely matched competition for all five teams.

There were four pairs scoring a 70% game in January; however, one pair did it twice. John & Della Schnell started 2010 off great with a 77.78% in the afternoon game on Jan. 1, and then repeated the feat with a 71% game that evening! On Jan. 26, Andrew & Kathy Graves had a 77.78% in the 49er game. In Oakhurst, Joseph Fox earned a 71.95% game on Jan. 11 with Michael Molinari, and then did it again with a 70.83% game with Corey Cole on Jan. 21.

The Goodwill Award for District 21 was given to Kay Chrisman. Kay has been the jack-of-all-trades both before and after the move to the new clubhouse. She has served on the board of directors for many years taking on the role of secretary, and more recently, clubhouse manager. Along with running unit games, she was intricate in setting up the new clubhouse, including the purchase, set up, and training needed for the new computer system. Congratulations, Kay! It was well deserved.

Congratulations also to our two new Life Masters: Dora Gostanian in Monterey and Paul Messner in Riverside!

## Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

**T**he Livermore Valley Sectional this year was very successful, with a good turnout despite some attractive football alternatives. Chairperson Kathi Nelson and *chef de cuisine* Linda Davito deserve special thanks, as do all those who made cookies and other food, kept the coffee coming, and helped set up and tear down. Our own Pat and Jim Leary upheld local honor by winning the Stratified Pairs while the team of Art Mirin, Bing Young, Dan Bergmann, and John Engstrom held up the lower end with a win in the bottom bracket of the Swiss on Sunday. Edward So & C. Englehard won the Stratified Side Pairs game on Saturday. When someone asks my partner David Silberman how we did, he replies, "We were there."

Earlier Pat & Jim won a Senior Pairs at the Monterey Regional; Gilbert Reeser was part of a Strat B winning team in a Swiss, and Janice Batcheller & Sharon Wulferding had two wins in Swiss, one with John

& Susan Wachsman, and the other with Wayne Vondera & Lynn Gast.

We hope to see you at the clubs in March. Currently we believe both clubs will be open during the Reno Spring Nationals.

## Marin

By Bob Sampson

**A**t Monterey the big news for Marin was that Loretta Bromberg earned 24 gold to become a Platinum Life Master, joining Gene Simpson and Bob Crossley at the 10,000+ masterpoint level. Emerald Life Master Bruce Noda led the parade for Marin amassing 92 gold points by winning a KO1 and a Swiss Teams and placing second in another KO1.

Gene Simpson won the Swiss Teams, was third in KO 1, and with Laura Kenney was second in Swiss and first in KO 1.

As for mere mortals, winning events were: Margaret Smetana & Elaine Johnston; Nancy Prothro; Bob Roman. Also earning masterpoints were Anita & Ron Studen; Marsha & Bob Sampson; Ingrid Purcell; Martha Marriott; Margaret Callinan; Vicki Quinn; Deborah & Gerald Levine; Jeanne Radtke & Frank Aftowicz; Nina Tychinin & Joanne Paben; Barbara Lockhart & Fae Kettering; Barbara Gifford & Cicely Muldoon; Alice Saxton & Joan Creed; Sylvia Levin & Betty Jennings; Barbara Schiff & Barbara Smith; Gwen & Robert Toso; Michael & Jackie Reinhardt; Cindy & Gary Kirk; Linda Danzig; Susan Bowser & Carl Meyer; Barbara Prior; Molly Anderson; Mary Teply & Patricia Irwin; Nancy & Tony De Luca; Marla Kravatz; Alice Wright & Carla Hudner; Michael Hartnett; Linda Danzig; Bruce Blakely; Jim Cohen; Susan Bowser; Terry Helm.

Many Marinites scored in the San Francisco Sectional in January. In the Open Pairs game Gayle & Jim Tunnell were first in B. Winning the C Swiss was the team of Claire Young, Wallace McQuat, Phyllis and Don Kreider. Also gathering masterpoints were: Bob Liss; Michael Hartnett & Jane McLaughlin; Gene Simpson & Laura Kinney; Bob Roman & Lenore Cavallero; Beverly Bloss & Terry Hope; Gene Pudberry & Thomas Orr; Loretta Bromberg; Bob Haar & Gene Thornton; Gene Simpson; Bob Roman & Lenore Cavallero; Michael Hartnett & Jane McLaughlin; Deborah Levine & Lynn Blankfort; Susan Bowser; Ron Mulcare; Jean Wildberg.

Picking up masterpoints at the Livermore Valley Sectional: Bruce Blakely; Bob Roman & Lenore Cavallero; Michael Hartnett & Jane McLaughlin; Claire Young; Wallace McQuat; Phyllis and Don Kreider.

*January club games:* at Crossley's Monday Night Lite big games were turned in by Helen Spalding & Linda Bucklin 76%, Susan Angel & Carol Morse 71%, and Claudia Sims & Sissel grove 70%.

At Crossley open games: Beverly Bloss & Charles Morse had 72% and Bob Roman & Lenore Cavallero had 69.6%.

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## Modesto

Leigh Tibbetts

**O**ur *Forum* reporters have changed. It's still a Lee, but a different Leigh. Lee Striplin is on a well-deserved sabbatical for the next few months, and I'll be substituting.

Jackie Wilson along with Mary Sue Moore and Glenn Van Denburg prepared her famous taco soup for the January unit game lunch. George McMahon & Joanne Smith were the C winners (and 4th in B) followed by Barbara Bogart & Pat Gallo and Jean Chitwood & Lyn Rabinovitz. B winners (and 4th in A) were Frances Redington & Linda Kenyon followed by Nan Hornberger & Drew Mercer and Doris Ashcroft & Roy Carnahan. At the top of the list in A were Lee Maddocks & Stu Tunick, Jan & Pete Mastenbroek were 2nd, and Jackie & Roland Wilson were 3rd.

*Modesto Players of the month:* A 1st, Bill Frame; 2nd, Jan Mastenbroek; B: Grace Torbohn and Ursula Scherf; C: Bill Osborne and Jin Chan.

At the Sonora Club Christmas Party Dave Jenkins was recognized as 2009 Player of the Year. Alan Strauss, Barbara Price and

# SACRAMENTO

## UNIT 505 SPRING SECTIONAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 - SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

ORANGEVALE COMMUNITY CENTER

6826 Hazel Avenue, Orangevale, CA

Game site phone: 916.988.6140

Entry fees \$9.00 for per session ~ \$10.00 for non-ACBL members

**Snacks and coffee provided throughout each day**

Stratifications

Open Pairs: AX 3000+/0-3000 BCD 1500-750/750-300/300-0

199er Game: EFGH 100+/50-100/20-50/0-20

### Friday, April 30

**11:00 A.M.** Special 199'er event (side room): Lesson by Al Beckner, light lunch served after lesson, stratified game at 1:00 P.M. Al Beckner, Director

**1:00 P.M.**

Strati-flighted 199er Pairs game

Strati-flighted Open Pairs game

**7:00 P.M.**

Strati-flighted Open Pairs game

Stratified 199er Pairs game

### Saturday, May 1

**10:30 A.M.**

2 session Strati-flighted Open Pairs

Single session stratified side game

199er pairs (side room)

**3:30 P.M.**

Strati-flighted Pairs continued

Single session 299'er Pairs game

**Lunch will be available between sessions for \$3.00**

### Sunday, May 2

**10:30 A.M. & TBA** Strati-flighted Swiss Teams

(strats based on the average number of points within the team)

**Pollo Loco lunch served between sessions for \$6.00 paid in advance**



Director: Dianne Barton-Paine

Tournament Chairs: Josh Kantor & Bruce Fink

Partnership: Piper Smith: 916-645-7012

Hospitality: Marie MacAulay

and Kathrine LeGro

