

District 21 Unitscope

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Hare, Joan Taugher.
Welcome to Our Fold: Welcome to Ursel Blossom and Tim Tseng of Fremont, both new ACBL members, and to Allison Wright of Hayward, who's moved in South County territory from Sacramento.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder: Congratulations to Bill Cubley, our newest Silver Life Master; to Vicky Santos, now a Sectional Master; and to Debbie Wojtowicz, who's advanced to Junior Master.

Passing On: We're saddened by the news that Gene Vick passed away in late December. Gene was a longtime player in many of the South County and was co-host to the original Fremont duplicate bridge club that his late wife, Joyce, founded in their home. He had many friends in our bridge community, who had missed him from our games over the past year and a half as he declined and will continue to miss him. Gene passed away at his home in Fremont at age 94.

I've been remiss in not noting the passing of one of my first duplicate bridge partners,

Dallas Edgar. Dallas died in October at 87 years of age and is survived by his wife Pat, who is still an active player (and needs to become a Life Master one of these days!) in our clubs. Dallas and Pat were always welcome additions to my Saturday game at the Centerville Community Center in Fremont, and he continued playing up until two days before his passing. Before retirement Dallas was an attorney and then a municipal court judge. You can find a comprehensive account of his most interesting life on line at www.legacy.com/obituaries/insidebayarea/

Stockton

By Elizabeth Youngman

Besides the weather, not much is happening at the Stockton Unit. Business continues with weekly games each Monday & Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. The unit game on January 17 was preempted by our usual dinner. Our president, Rose Knutson, treated us to ravi-

oli in meat sauce. The rest of us pitched in with salads, garlic toast and desserts.

Norma Peterson, in charge of hospitality, continued the Bistro theme with petite roses and candles on the tables and buffets.

At game time, we were happy to include Doug & Fran Riedmiller of Rio Vista along with Mary Seiver's guest, Ulanda Williams who is interested in learning our sport. Naturally, we were all on our best behavior. Ron Magin & Lee Pyron came in at the top, followed by Rose Knutson & Ricky Elin, while Sherry Cohen & Richard Bianchi wrapped up the top three spots. Hope you joined us last month on the third Sunday (February 21) for a chance to enjoy a great meal plus some very hospitable bridge.

Dottie Rittler & Lee Hanson took off for better weather to play in the Hawaiian Regional coming home with 1.36 points each. You go girls! My guess, based on their tans, they were able to squeeze in a few rounds of golf, too. Ron Magin & Lee Pyron scored in the Orangevale Regional last December with their Swiss teammates Mort Horn & Dennis DelPaine.

And, before I forget, Bill Guiney and Pat Bradley really live in Lodi not Rio Vista.

Even though it is months away, the Stockton Sectional will be Sept. 18 & 19. Stratified Open Pairs on Saturday with Swiss Teams on Sunday. Game time for both days: 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars, we promise a great weekend!

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Turlock/Merced

By George Loscalzo

Hello everybody, I'm taking over the writing of this column, with best wishes in the New Year for all. The overall player of the Year in 2009 at

Sweet Bridge was Margaret Quinn; Audry Mackall took the honors for the Monday game, while Margaret was tops for both Wednesday and Friday.

The annual unit membership game was held at Carrows with fine food and good service; the unit hosted the event. First overall went to Audry Mackall & Pat Kaufman; 2nd, Anita Cresci & George Loscalzo. Margaret & John Quinn had a section first.

For the month of January, Jack & Lenore Ellery scored 4.10 masterpoints to take first place at Sweet Bridge.

Margaret Quinn was top A player; Dennis Northern was the top C player.

The high game of the month went to Joann Solga & George Loscalzo with a 67%.

Monday's player of the month was Roland Wilson; thanks for bringing all your friends down from Modesto, Roland; section winners were: Jan. 4, Leigh Tibbets & Roland Wilson; George Loscalzo & Joann Solga; Jan. 11, George Loscalzo & Jeasn Astorino; Sally Canelo & Kaytie Peterson; Jan. 25, Jack & Lenore Ellery; Jim Higgins & Dennis Northern.

Wednesday's player of the month was Margaret Quinn; game winners were: Jan. 6, Betty Brown & Margaret Quinn; Jan. 13 & 27, Mike Modest & Larry Sweet; Jan. 20, Margaret Quinn & Larry Sweet.

Friday's players of the month were Jack & Lenore Ellery; section winners were: Jan. 8, George Loscalzo & Joan Perkins; Bob Ransom & Vivian Stierwalt; Jan. 15, Jack & Lenore Ellery; Dick Uhrhammer & Faye Salmon; Jan. 22, Betty Brown & Art Konecny; Jean Astorino & Joan Perkins; Jan. 29, Lenore & Jack Ellery; Jim Higgins & Dennis Northern.

Now is a good time to commend Vicki Sweet for the terrific job she is doing at Sweet Bridge; the attendance shows the results of her efforts. Sweet Bridge will have club championships on Monday, March 15 & Friday, March 19.

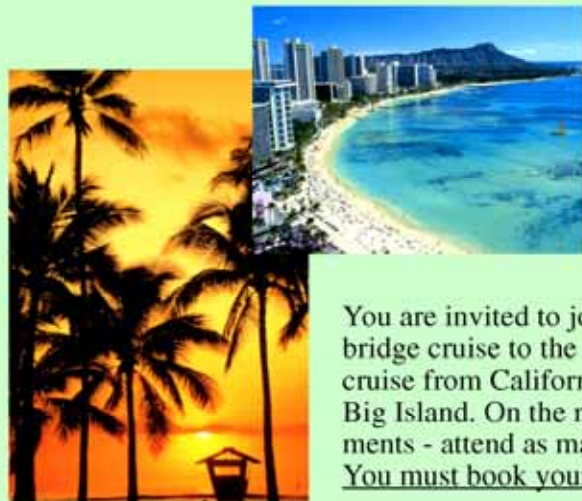
There was no report from Turlock club.

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or the other. One thing I have observed traveling about the district: most bridge players want to play bridge; they don't want to be bothered by administrative trivia. That is a perfectly natural desire, but someone has to do the job of organizing things, which leaves the administration of the game up to a handful of volunteers. So have sympathy for those who do the tedious work of keeping the paperwork up to date. By the time you read this, Bill Corliss will be the new District 21 President. I know he will do a fine job, but just the same, please give him your full support.

Finally, thanks to those of you who said you have enjoyed reading my columns in the *Forum*; I've enjoyed writing them, most of the time (yes Virginia, there really is a writer's block).

To give some insight into the origins of my writing style, I have to admit my favorite book is Richard Armour's *Twisted Tales From Shakespeare*, a classic of comic wit. For example, describing "The Merchant of Venice," Armour writes: "How like a fawning publican he looks," say Shylock, to which Armour adds the footnote: Republicans please read: "How like a fawning mocrat he looks." What does that have to do with bridge, you ask? Well, in the introduction to the Elizabethan Theater, Armour notes: "The first theater was very sensibly called the Theater." Yet another footnote remarks: "This was characteristic of Shakespeare's era, when they called a spade a spade." So if you ever hear the term "an Elizabethan Spade," you can be sure it ain't Minor Suit Stayman.



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