



# District 21 Unitscope

sen in the 499er game. Congratulations also go to Gerard Laquerriere (our President's Award winner) and Joni Roberts (our top 99er)! We should thank those people that worked so hard on this sectional; Mike Molinari who served as tournament chair (and John Simpson who formerly served in that role); Kay Chrisman who served as an assistant to the director, and our director Dianne Barton-Paine. Our appreciation also goes to Dora Gostanian and Jackie Finn for organizing the refreshments and providing the wonderful lunches.

A big "Thank You!" to all who donated refreshments; the food was abundant, delicious, and well appreciated! Next sectional will be the Non-Life Master Sectional, August 14-15; we hope to see many of you.

I am happy to announce that the board of directors has appointed Anthony Toto to fill the remainder of Mary Jo Davila's position. Anthony Toto has also taken over the chairmanship of the important education and recruitment committee.

Welcome, Anthony!

We had four pairs that earned a 70% game in March (all in Fresno). John Simpson & Sheila Smith earned a 70.45% on Mar. 9 in the Tuesday afternoon game. That same evening, Andrew & Kathy Graves had a 75% game in the 49er game. On Mar. 25 Laura Neville & Mun Takeda earned a 71.33% game. On Mar. 31 Bert Rettner & Robert Durbrow decided to end the month off strong as they achieved a huge 79.17% game! Congratulations to all four pairs!

Jill Wood, with assistance from Maggie Mahaffey, has prepared the 2010 Directory. These directories were distributed in the clubhouse to all members. Nonmembers can purchase a book while supplies last.

In upcoming events, the Peggy Och's Memorial game will be Sunday, May 2. This game and potluck luncheon allows us a chance to remember the many members we

have lost in the past 12 months. This year some of those we lost had been away for a few years, and others we had literally played with just the day or week before. Come join us on this special game.

The Great Western Spring STAC games start on May 3 and continue throughout that week. Not all directors/club owners choose to have this game, check the May *Aces Places and Faces* or with the individual club owners to see if they have chosen to participate this year.

Good-bye for this month. Hope to see you at the Memorial Game!

## Gilroy/Hollister/ Morgan Hill

By Dian Wood Picone

**N**o one has complained about the welcome and bountiful rain we've been experiencing, they were all too busy playing bridge in Reno to notice!

Unit 524 was well represented at the Reno NACB. For instance; Mike Slattery, Bob Froman, Diana and Ron Dragt, Katie and Gale Dimick, Ken Johnson, Skip Pack, Bill Millar, Bill Smith, Jonna Robinson, Jerry Pelletier, Patty and Win Stone, Mitzi and Dick Tani, Barbara Earley, and Linda King all participated. Many took points home.

I heard that Katie & Gale Dimick played (and won) the Zip Knockout; 6 boards in 30 minutes. Most amazing is that their game took place at 11:30 p.m.! For those of us who can barely make it through an afternoon game (and a board in thirty minutes), Katie & Gale deserve kudos for their great playing and their great stamina. Don Nemiro, also a participant, rated in the top 100 in masterpoints this year. Congratulations!

A number of our members have been out of action this month and we look forward

to seeing Terri Swan, Don King and Bob Frohman back at the tables soon.

The Earthquake Sectional is right around the corner, June 26 & 27. Big change, this year is that it will be held at the Gilroy Senior Center, 7371 Hanna Street. Win Stone ([win.stone@verizon.com](mailto:win.stone@verizon.com) or 408 846-2952) and Ron Dragt ([dutch@garlic.com](mailto:dutch@garlic.com) 408 847-2206) are the tournament chairs. Contact Patty Stone (408 846-2952 or [pastone@verizon.net](mailto:pastone@verizon.net)) who is the partnership coordinator to reserve a space or arrange for a partner. Good news for 199ers, there will be a 199er Swiss Teams, 1 or 2 sessions on Sunday this year. The caveat is that both sessions are dependent on a minimum of four teams per session. If you are a 199er and want to play in the Sunday Swiss Teams, give Patty a call and reserve a spot. Unit 524 website will have directions and additional information. Now the best news, as usual, the terrific Unit 524 cooks will provide abundant refreshments.

Linda King ([lking@hughes.net](mailto:lking@hughes.net) 831 637-7254) has a luncheon planned for social bridge players to introduce them to duplicate on May 1, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Call Linda for reservations.

We were sorry to hear of Steve Kroff's death and offer condolences to his family.

**Hollister:** Linda's Tuesday Open Pairs: Mar. 2, 1st N/S Ron Dragt & Suzanne Gere, E/W 1st Barbara Early & Win Stone. Mar. 9, 1st Gale & Katie Dimick. Mar. 16, N/S 1st Suzanne Gere & Ron Dragt, E/W 1st Connie Coyne & Patty Stone. Mar. 23, Ron Dragt & Suzanne Gere Mar. 30, 1st Suzanne Gere & Ron Dragt, 2nd Glen & Kathy Hirth, 3rd Gale & Katie Dimick.

**Hollister:** Wednesday, Mike's Bridge Club: Mar. 3, 1st Chris Boncich & Win Stone; 2nd Mike Slattery & Betty McKenzie. Mar. 10, 1st Win Stone & Chris Boncich; 2nd Bob Frohman & Don Bugge. Mar. 17, Lou & Suzanne Peloquin. Mar.

24, Ron & Diana Dragt

Gilroy: Open Pairs Thursday a.m.: Mar. 4, Bob Frohman & Mike Slattery. Mar. 18, N/S Win Stone & Ron Dragt; E/W Mike Slattery & Bob Frohman. Mar. 25, N/S Don Nemiro & Diane Shannon; E/W Mike Slattery & Win Stone.

**Morgan Hill:** Open Pairs Monday p.m.: Mar. 1, Don Nemiro & Betty De Paola. Mar. 8, Liega & Patrick Arnett. Mar. 15, Diana Dragt & Dick Tani. Mar. 22, N/S Dick Tani & Bob Frohman; E/W Bob Frohman & Mike Slattery. Mar. 29, Mike & Margot Kakalec.

**Unit game:** 1st Carol & Mark Maggipinto; 2nd Win Stone & Ronald Dragt. 199ers, N/S Barbara Earley & Suzanne Proctor; E/W Carol Nicoletti & Carol Alcock.

## Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

**I**f you want the challenge of playing against really good players, this unit has a lot to offer. In fact, the grapes over at Wente's have a better chance during the crush than I do on Friday night, where I am routinely stomped flat and drained of all my matchpoints. But nobody crushes us more pleasantly and with such good humor as Jim & Pat Leary do on Mondays. They first started playing again last year after a long layoff. The first day they came, someone at my table said, incredulously, "That's Pat Leary! She won a national Women's Pairs Championship!" So she did; in 1974.

So it is a bit bizarre to report that Jim & Pat just won their first platinum points in Reno this March. They got their points back when points were less colorful and much harder to get. Probably ACBL should do a currency conversion on old points because talking about old points is like saying Medicare used to cost \$12 billion.

## \* FIRECRACKER SECTIONAL - 2010 \*



Palo Alto Unit 503  
July 1 – July 5, 2010  
Santa Clara Convention Center  
5001 Great America Parkway

**Thursday, July 1**  
"Red" Compact KO's, Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4  
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions  
199'er Pairs, single sessions  
Stratified Swiss Teams

1:00 PM	7:00 PM
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**Friday, July 2**  
"White" Compact KO's, Rds 1, 2, 3, 4  
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions  
199'er Pairs, single sessions  
Stratified Swiss Teams

1:00 PM	7:00 PM
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**Saturday, July 3**  
Bracketed Knockouts, Rounds 1, 2  
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions  
199'er Pairs, single sessions  
Stratified Swiss Teams

10:00 AM	3:00 PM
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**Sunday, July 4**  
Bracketed Knockouts, Rounds 3, 4  
"Blue" Compact KO's, Rds 1, 2, 3, 4  
Stratified Open Pairs, two sessions  
Stratified Side Pairs, single sessions  
199'er Pairs, single sessions  
Stratified Swiss Teams

10:00 AM	3:00 PM
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**Monday, July 5**  
Strati-Flighted Open Swiss  
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions  
199'er Swiss Teams

10:00 AM	& TBA
10:00 AM	3:00 PM
10:00 AM	& TBA

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STRATIFIED EVENTS		STRATIFIED-FLIGHTED EVENTS		I/N EVENTS (as needed)	
A	2000+	A	3000+	B	1000-1500
B	500-2000	X	0-3000	C	500-1000
C	0-500			D	0-500
				E	100-200
				F	50-100
				G	5-20
				H	0-5

FEES: \$10 per session for paid ACBL members; \$11 for others



Why YOU are Coming to the

## \* FIRECRACKER 2010 \*

Sectional Tournament by ACBL Unit 503 - Palo Alto  
July 1 – July 5, 2010

- **LARGEST Sectional in 2009!!!**
- **5-day "super" Sectional (almost a Regional) with something for everyone!**
- Being held at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway in Santa Clara. **Plenty of Free Parking in the convenient parking garage.**
- Stay at the elegant *Hyatt Regency Santa Clara* adjacent to the Convention Center at 5101 Great America Parkway. **Special tournament rate \$89.** Reserve by June 10, 2010 for the special rate (specify Palo Alto Bridge); after that the rate is not guaranteed but may be available. Call 800-233-1234.
- Play **Open** and 199'er pairs every day, Compact Knockouts, Bracketed Knockouts, and Swiss Teams; **Open** and 199'er Swiss Teams (two sessions) on Sunday.
- **Daily posting of results and hand records** at our unit's website: [paloaltobridge.com](http://paloaltobridge.com).
- **No Partner – No Problem.** We'll pair you with a good one at the tournament.
- **No Host Lunch Buffet** available Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Many restaurants nearby.
- Chance to **win silver points** and celebrate the holiday at **FIRECRACKER 2010!!!**

(See other side for schedule of events)