

# District 21 Unitscope

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so let's give some: To our directors Kathy, Evelyn, Lynn, Richard, Patricia, and Jackie, for making molehills out of mountains and settling the dust when needed; to mentors and teachers too numerous to name who give their time and expertise whenever asked; to partners who smile even when you ditch a deuce thinking you're playing upside down attitude when your agreement is standard; to Jackie Ortiz, our fabulous lunch lady; to Pat Frenaye our official unofficial cheerleader; to the board (especially Mark our tournament chair) whose hard work makes sectionals look easy; to all who come to play our favorite game and keep at it despite the inevitable peaks and valleys.

September was a great month. Santa Clara's notable achievement was Meryl Fischer's obtaining that coveted LM gold card. She had a terrific tournament as did many others; go see online. Jim Coons also got his LM. Jim Huhn batted a thousand, achieving silver LM!

Cindy Ketelson & Richard Zelinski scored a 70% game. The luck of the draw Pro-Am unit game winners were Cindy Ketelson & Jackie Ortiz and Holly Gustafson & Dave Pankratz. Congratulations to all and other winners: Kate Wilmore, Tom Vecchio, Mary Omodt, Larry Borsian, Wendy Merget, Patty Hertz, Chris & Bob Evans, John Richardson, Sally Jamison, Helene & Roy Gay, Kathy Venton, Sue Snow, Oak Sawyer, Mary Spellman, Peg Devine, Miriam Bruner, Pat Frenaye, Wendy Zukas, Brian Haley, John Vion, Sara Rothmuller, Tom Gee, Tim Coshov, Joanne Pransky, Kate Hill, Elise Henderson, Gladys Sawyer, Jan Hess, Susan Campbell, Shirley Blum, Debbie Tesler, John McNulty, Erwin Linzer, Patricia Gittings, Meryl Fischer, Mark Hersko, Alan Shotkin, El Shaw, Laura Camm, Patty Harberson, Carol Zocchi, Barbara & Lou Meola, Ramona Haller, Judy Sibley, Abbe Cohen, Jennifer Jones, Bob Klein, Betty Riley, Lee Grams, Wyatt Bessing, Gordon Larsen, Pat Scoville.

The Holiday Party is coming December 13. There will be great food and bridge for 104 players. Sign up early and come join the fun. Look for reservation forms along with board ballots at the Gallery.

Our sectional was a great success in all areas and to Mark Hersko who orchestrated the event. Join us in the spring! "Great bidding and play brought a bracket win for Barry Samuel & Paul Scheinberg and team." Special congratulations to the team of Madaline Bessing & Wyatt Bessing, Abbe Cohen & Judy Sibley who won first in their bracket and to Barbara & Lou Meola who won the 299er game. Special thanks to the setup and tear down crews, to Jackie Ortiz who put on the spread of our lives, to all who brought delightful goodies

## South County

By Jim Solomon

Moving day has occurred again in South County. At the beginning of last month both the Tri-City Bridge Club and the Fremont Easybridge! Club bid farewell to their previous home (St. James Episcopal) and took up residence in their new quarters, Merrill Gardens of Fremont, at 2860 Country Drive. Please see my web site [jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com](http://jimsolomon.bridgeforyou.com) for details.

Dark Days (clubs closed: Sunday, Nov. 29: Tutoriale BC.

Notable Recent Tournament Performances: All-Western Regional: Open Pairs: 16A/4B, Kevin Schoenfeld & Doug Burke. Senior Pairs: 9B/3C, Elias Nassoura. Aft. 299er Pairs: 4A/3B/1C, Dottie Reid & Tina Chen. Swiss Teams: 5B, Vince De Pasquale & Virginia Herring. Open Pairs: 6B, Doug. Morn. 99er Pairs: 1 OA/1B/1C, Carol Ackerman. Thu./Fri. Swiss Teams: 7A/1B/1C, Jim Solomon. Fri. Open Pairs: 2B, Jim; 5B/2C, Charlie Conrad & Bob Hamilton. Sat.: Open Pairs: 1 OA/1B/1C, Bin Liang & Song Wang; 3A, Alan Davis;

6B, Bill Cubley. Aft. 99er Pairs: 1 OA/1B, Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos. Swiss: 5/6 A-2/3 B, Rajan Jeyakumar, Kunio Okui, & Richard Feinberg. Annie Oakley KO Teams, Bracket 2: 1st, Stephanie Singer; 2nd, Amy Wu. Doc Holliday Compact KO, Bracket 2: 1st, Darrell Fung. All-Western Open Pairs: 10th, Andrew Gumperz; 13th, Steve & Sarah Chen; 29th, Mark Dean. Sun.: Open Pairs: 3A/1B, John Rollin; 12A, Jim Kelsey & Kunio. 299er Pairs: 2A/2B, LaVonne Addison & Jo Callahan. 99er Pairs: 4/5 A-3/4 B-2/3 C, Nuno & Vicky. Davy Crockett KOs: Bracket 2: 1st, Marty Holtz, Joe Parker, & Charlie Conrad; Bracket 4: 1st, Stephanie; Bracket 5: 3rd/4th, Bill Beeson & Sherard Wood. Labor Day: Stratflighted Swiss Teams: Flight A/X: 15A/3X, Jun Shi; Flight B/C/D: 2B, Terry Kellerman, Chrystal Newell, Venkat Sivasankaran, & Rajan; 11/13 B, Marty & Joe; 3D, Valerie Byrne, Ann Conrad, Charlie, & Bob. Morn. 299er Swiss: 2A/1B, LaVonne, Jo, Nuno, & Vicky.

Winners at Recent Special Club Games: Tri-City BC (TCBC) UC, Sept. 12: 1 OA, Rajan Jeyakumar & Venkat Sivasankaran; 1B, Darrell Fung & Bin Liang; 1C, Bob Hamilton & Stephanie Singer. Tutoriale BC club championship (CC), Sept. 16, Marian Deen & Dolores Richey. Ashland BC UC, Sept. 17: 1 OA, Tom Nugent & Wen-yen Leong; 1B/1C, Rose Skorup & Issi Stefani. TCBC C.C., Sept. 19: 1 OA, tie: Dave & Joyce Denyven/Venkat & Rajan; 1B, Frank Rooney & Darrell; 1C, Jo Callahan & Bob. Redwood BC CC, Sept. 21: Open: 1 OA, Vince De Pasquale & Virginia Herring; 1B, Gil Reeser & Darrell; 1C, Beth Eggers & Hedy Wee; 599ers: 1 OA/1B, Joyce Mirwald & Sue Eltringham; 1C, Estelle Baum & Esther Rubke. Fremont Easybridge! Club (FEC) CC, Sept. 22: 1 OA, LaVonne & Les Addison; 1B, Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos; 1C, Debbie & Dennis Jones. TCBC ACBL International Fund CC Pairs, Sept. 26: 1 OA, Santosh Wadhwa & Joyce de Roco; 1B, Prakash Karamchandani & Bill Cubley; 1C, Beverly Kline & Beverly McFadden. Fremont Centerville BC UC, Sept. 28: 1 OA, Chrystal Newell & Alice Herceg; 1B, Gerry Jones & Marolyn Loris. RBC UC, Sept. 28: Open: 1OA/1B, Darrell & Gil; 1C, Jim Canty & Gretchen Smith; 599ers: 1 OA/1B, Gail & Pat Albin; 1C, Tom Madell & Roma Rehfish. FEC ACBL International Fund C.C., Sept. 29: 1 OA, LaVonne & Les; 1B OA, Nuno & Vicky; 1C, Dave & Louise Minor. U500 Hearty Snacks Fall Swiss Teams UC at MBC, Oct. 2: Open Flight: 1 OA, Joe Parker, Christine Wright, Bert Hall, & Bill George; 1B, Lynne Bromley, Kathy Trback, Jim, & Gretchen; 1C, Marj Russell, Randy Corr, Hedy Wee, & Frank Conception. Flight B: 1 OA, Bill Beeson, Sherard Wood, Sherry Larsen Beville, & Susan Kovacevic; 1B, Genore Schaaf, Carolyn Zeljak, Barbara Dabney, & Lynn Parker. TCBC Fall Swiss Teams Festival CCC, Oct. 3: 1 OA, Venkat, Rajan, Richard

Feinberg, & Kunio Okui; 1B/1C, Amy Wu, J.T. Wang, Eldonna Dayton, & Joyce Goodman.

Welcome to Our Fold to Pamela Fisher of Hayward, a new ACBL member, and to Dr. Avi Mukherjee of Fremont, who's transferred to South County from the Santa Clara Valley Unit.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder: Congratulations to Kevin Schoenfeld, who's now a Bronze Life Master; to Bob Hamilton, who's become an NABC Master; and to Dottie Reid, a new Sectional Master.

## Stockton

By Elizabeth Youngman

A few of our players still enjoy the excitement of the big game. Since most of us attend tournaments for two reasons; one, to accumulate missing colored points and/or two, to evaluate our improvement. I am happy to report we have had a few successes.

On that note, Lee Pyron & partner-husband, Ron Magin enjoyed a Saturday game at the Santa Clara Regional bringing home 1.80 points in the Open Pairs.

Pretty heady stuff, Margie Erardi and partner, Elizabeth Youngman, tied for first at the National Gold Points Game on September 9, 2009 held at the Modesto Club with a 61.11% game. Two tables of players from Stockton drove down to fill out the Modesto National Gold Points Game lead by unit president, Rose Knutson, along with board members Ricky Elin and Norma Petersen. Others from Stockton included Richard Bianchi, Charlotte Martin, Ron Allison, Margie Erardi and her partner, me.

The Orangevale Sectional was another source of excitement for our Stockton Club. Playing Friday & Sunday our names kept appearing in the point's column. Friday afternoon Rose Knutson & pick-up partner, Patricia Anders, scored well placing first and third in C & B while Margie Erardi & Elizabeth Youngman placed in the 299er game. Friday night brought home more points in the Open for Margie & Elizabeth coming in 3rd in D followed closely by Rose Knutson & Richard Bianchi at 4th. And in the 199er section, Peggy & Ron Rose earned second place with a 60% game! Sunday's Swiss Teams game at Orangevale brought more success for Stockton players Rose Knutson, Margie Erardi, Richard Bianchi and Elizabeth Youngman tying for first in their division.

The Last Days of Summer, better known as the September unit game was preceded by a delicious potluck. Tanya Alonzo & Lee Hanson came in first with followed by Rose Knutson & Ricky Elin and 3rd place captured by Bill & Zulka Dozier.

September turned out to be a busy bridge playing month for many of us in the Stockton Unit or as some would say, it was a perfect month!



Livermore Valley Sectional  
Saturday, January 23 &  
Sunday, January 24, 2010

Hart Middle School  
4433 Willow Road, Pleasanton, CA



Saturday, January 23  
Sessions are at 10:30 AM and 4:00 PM

**Stratified Open Pairs** – Two Sessions – Single Sessions will be accommodated

Strat A	1500 +
Strat B	500 – 1499
Strat C	0 - 499

**Stratified Novice Pairs** – Two Single Sessions

Strat D	50 - 99
Strat E	0 – 49



Sunday, January 24  
Sessions are at 10:30 AM and 4:00 PM

**Bracketed Swiss Teams**

(Brackets determined by summing masterpoints of the four highest players)

Double Sessions – 8 Boards – 7 Matches – 20 VP Scale

Entry fees: \$10.00 per session for ACBL members; \$11.00 per session for non-ACBL members. Sanction ID: S1001071

Tournament Director:	Nancy Boyd
Tournament Chair:	Kathi Nelson (925) 485-1557
Partnerships:	Carmen Meuter (510) 851-2869

Absolutely NO Smoking on School Premises  
Free Refreshments / Restaurant Listings

Directions From 580 East: Take Hacienda Drive exit. Turn right onto Hacienda Drive. Right onto West Las Positas. Take the next right onto Willow Road. Multipurpose room on the right, free parking. From 580 West, take Hacienda Drive exit. Turn left onto Hacienda, proceed to West Las Positas as above.

## The 18th Annual Great Western Holiday Sectional Tournament at Clubs December 7-13, 2009

The Holidays – when friends and families enjoy the season. It's also the time for the Great Western Sectional Tournament at Clubs XVIII – the world's largest silver point tournament!

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