



# District 21 Unitscope

Marilyn Bowles, Barbara Chin and Matthew Kreeger have achieved Junior Master, Ralph Briskin and Laura McCrear are now Club Masters, and Rosemary Hagman, Lawrence Bowerman, Shelley Cooper, Doris Weiner Gluckman, Susan Kovacevic and Barbara McNeal are now Sectional Masters. Joel Teller and Norm Marks II have achieved Life Master while Jack Beers has struck silver as in Silver Life Master. Congrats one and all.

At the unit games: In the August 2 game, E/W Tarlochan Bhatia & Will Landis won 1st overall edging out N/S Crispin Barrere & Sarita Mathiasen. At the August 16 NAP qualifier, Paul Rasmussen & Frank Rooney edged out Tom McKelvey & John Santibanes to win 1st E/W and take the overall win. Coming in 2nd and 3rd OA were N/S pairs Linda & Daniel Friedman and Andrea & Michel Schneider.

*Going For Gold:* October is the month to earn it at the clubs! October 4 there will be a Swiss team game in place of the usual pairs game so organize your favorite foursome and come play at Mosswood. There will be delicious pizza and stuff. Space is limited so reservations are required. Check out the web site for details.

The 18th will return to regular pairs but both of these games will be awarding gold points for a good finish.

If you've got any news and you'd like to see your name in print, inform me at [sandstress@mail2sandra.com](mailto:sandstress@mail2sandra.com) and let me know what's on your mind.

## Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

Hello Everyone! We have only been hearing rave reviews from those that attended our Non-Life Master Sectional in August. John Simpson and Don Winton were the big winners, but 58 people in all managed to gain some silver points. We want to thank all of those people who attended as well as those who worked so hard: Richard Meffley (director); Dora Gostanian & Mary Jo Davila (refreshments); Byron Steinert (lessons); John Simpson (tournament chair); and Mike Molinari (partnership chair and overall assistant to everyone).

Remember that the end of October will mark another sectional for the clubhouse.

The Halloween Sectional (Oct. 29-Nov. 1) will have the usual schedule of games as well as a Compact Knockout Teams game Saturday morning and afternoon. Speaking of Saturday, those visiting that day will notice that our parking lot will be a lot more crowded than usual; Fresno State will be having a football game that afternoon. Because we are so close to the stadium, the local Kiwanis Club raises money by selling parking spaces in our lot. Just tell the people at the entrance that you are there for the "Bridge Tournament" and you will be shown to where our free parking is located. For our visitors from outside of Fresno, we have negotiated a bridge tournament rate at the Piccadilly Inn University just 1 mile from the Fresno Bridge Center.

Contact the clubhouse (559 225-0505 or [fresnobridgeclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fresnobridgeclub@sbcglobal.net)) for tournament information, driving instructions, or hotel information.

There will be quite a few chances to raise your masterpoint total in October. Besides the sectional, this month each club will be holding the high master point "club appreciation" game. Also, scheduled on October 25 is the unit North American Pairs game. This game is the next level for all of those who qualified in the many NAP games held in our clubs these last couple of months.

Giving bridge lessons was always a big goal for our unit, but that was especially true when we moved into the new facility. We are now doing teaching in big ways. Mike Molinari has started his new beginning bridge lessons, Richard Meffley has moved his Clovis Adult School beginning lessons to the clubhouse, and soon a few short-term small-group private lessons will be offered in the clubhouse.

Thanks to all our instructors.

Congratulations go out to the following pairs that cracked 70% in August. In Oakhurst, Don McCartin & Ray April earned this honor two weeks in a row with a 73.01% on 8/6 and a 72.03% on 8/13. Mike Molinari achieved the milestone with 72.92% in an individual game (8/7). Sheila

Smith & Diana Papazian earned a 72.18% in a club championship (8/18). Finally, Steve Sharp & D'Zody managed a 72.26% in the STAC game (8/26); their percentage was high enough to achieve second place in the Wednesday evening Western Conference overalls!

A big welcome to new member Marge Sittner of Clovis!

Lastly, with a few days left at the regional in Santa Clara, we have two new Life Masters; Sue Vildosola and Ruth Christensen.

Congratulations ladies!

## Gilroy/Hollister/ Morgan Hill

By Dian Wood Picone

End of summer winds blew many of our members back home from vacation. Patty & Win Stone were welcomed back to the tables from their long road trip and told us how amazed they were by the beauty of our Western states. Dixie Herren and her husband are on their way to Alaska for a well-deserved cruise where they will enjoy equally beautiful scenery.

We were so pleased by the recognition our own Lawson Sakai has received for his service in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during WWII. Lawson and his fellow members of the team fought in the "densely wooded Vosges Mountains to rescue soldiers from the Texas 36th Division, the 'Lost Battalion.'" In July Lawson made his ninth trip back to France, with other 100/442 veterans, to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres, Biffontaine. Lawson received the Bronze Star and four Purple Hearts for his service and valor. All that, and he's a really nice person and a good bridge player!

Congratulations and thank you Lawson. Linda King is offering a "Partnership Tune-Up" at 11:00 a.m. before her Tuesday game. It will run each Tuesday until we all learn the proper way to fill-out our Convention Cards. Scary thought!

By the way, Linda's Mexican Riviera Cruise, 10/25 through 11/1, is *On Sale!* If you want a bargain, you have to book your spot quickly.

Bob Blaine is offering a series of free introductory bridge lessons at the Morgan Hill Public Library, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The lessons will be held on 9/10, 17, 10/1, 8, 22, 29, and 11/5.

We are glad to hear that Lucille Shelby is recovering from pneumonia. Hurry back, Lucille.

*Morgan Hill/Gilroy: unit game:* 8/17, Bob Williams & Ken Imboden. Open Pairs Mon.: 8/3, 1st, Bob Frohman & Mike Slattery; 8/10, 1st, Jerry Pelletier & Barbara Earley; 8/17, 1st, Mike Slattery & Bob Frohman. STAC Week Game 8/24, N/S 1st, Gloriana Garma & Janis Kiernan; E/W 1st, Mike Slattery & Robert Frohman. Open Pairs Thurs.: 8/6, 1st, Liega Arnett & Lucy Grisetti, and Dick Tani & Alan Coon; 8/13: 1st, Bob Williams & Pat Kraut; 2nd, Rosemary Erwin & Diana Dragt; 3rd, Mike Slattery & Bob Frohman; 8/20: 1st, Ron Dragt & Don Bugge; 8/27: N/S 1st, Mary Ann Ruggles & Burt Malech; 2nd, Jerry Pelletier & Margot Kakalec; E/W 1st, Robert Frohman & Mike Slattery; 2nd, Rosemary Erwin & Diana Dragt.

*Hollister: Linda's Tue. 0-99 game:* 1st, Joy & Ray Jean; 2nd, Bill Millar & Skip Pack. Linda's Tue. pairs: 8/4: N/S 1st, Patty Stone & Connie Coyne; E/W 1st, Lanetta Bishop & Charles Costa; 2nd, Win Stone & Suzanne Gere; 8/11: N/S 1st, Bill Millar & Bob George; 2nd, Glen & Kathy Hirth; E/W 1st, Linda King & Dian Picone; 8/18: 1st, Bill Millar & Linda King.

*STAC Week Game, 8/25:* 1st, Barbara Earley & Jackie Raymer. Mike's Wed. Bridge Club: 8/5: 1st, Bob Williams & Bill Millar; 8/12: 1st, Diana & Ron Dragt; 8/19: 1st, Don Nemiro & Bob Frohman; 2nd, Bob Williams & Bill Millar; 8/27: N/S 1st, Liega & Patrick Arnett; E/W 1st, Rosemary Erwin & Sheila Hill.

Congratulations Great Western Summer STAC Week Winners!

## Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

August's special thing was STAC week. Kudos to Ameen Paul & Gary Minning for a first-in-C on

Friday night with their 63.89% game and 109 tables. Everyone else just had a good time at the Livermore and Pleasanton games. Coming up in October each club has both a pairs and a Swiss club appreciation event, and as I write this the regional in Santa Clara is roaring into its last weekend and we'll have some results in next month's report. Let the directors know if you need a partner or team, and try the online-partnership desk.

Apropos of that, this month's report is brought to you by One Imp, maker of fine knockout losses. Tonight is my deadline for this column and if it hadn't been for a late-afternoon, sleep-deprived One Imp playing error, I would still be in Santa Clara with most of the rest of you. I couldn't have gone on anyway. Due to a Knockout with a strange schedule, we had played in a quarter-final in the morning and I am just not yet enough of a zombie bridge player to do three sessions in a day, not to mention having to be back the next morning for our final.

I must say there is some bizarre math going on with these Bracketed Knockout awards. Beat 15 or fewer other teams and we get points that would take me months to get at the limited game in Danville and the better part of a year's worth in our club games. But the Knockout is just a limited game, in effect, due to the bracketing. In fact, it was a team from Danville that knocked us out of the first one we entered.

I sense a disturbance in the Force. I have to get back to the club to feel like I'm earning my points the old-fashioned way.

## Marin

By Bob Sampson

August commemorates the ruler who consolidated the military dictatorship called the Roman Empire that replaced the Roman Republic. In the field of bridge combat, some of our locals had a good Octavius/Augustus month.\* Loretta

Bromberg swept through Reno's 5-day sectional like Julius Caesar in Gaul, scoring every day to rack up two firsts, a third, a fourth and a sixth in Pairs plus a third in Swiss Teams. Also in Reno, Mary Tilden & Carla Hudner were 4th in B in the Swiss Teams. In the Castro Valley Sectional, Tracey & Keith Bauer got a 6th in 299er Pairs. At the Eugene, Oregon Regional, Ken Tishgart joined ex-Marinite and Portland resident Marc Franklin to place 3rd in two Knockouts and 8th in a Swiss Teams.

At the Summer Nationals in the capital of our republic, Rob Roman (and regular partner Lenore C. of course) was 2nd in the Education Foundation Pairs, 35th in the prestigious LM-1,500 Pairs and tied for 9th in Mini-Spangold Teams. Gerald Lackner teamed with three players from Austria to place 2nd in KO6, 1st in KO2 and 1st in a Side Game. Nancy Ferguson was 9th in B in Open Pairs. Lillian Trac was 5th in 0-300 Pairs. Frank Aftowicz was 7th in 199er Pairs.

If you're a Palo Alto college grad or fan, you'll probably know and be happy to read again that Stanford University won the College Team Championship over Chicago and Harvard Universities. Bruce Noda was 11th in Senior Swiss Teams, 41st in Fast Pairs and 29th in Open Swiss Teams. Gene Simpson was 18th in Senior Swiss, 46th in Board-A-Match Teams, 18th in Mixed B-A-M Teams and 48th in Open Swiss Teams. David Smith was 37th in Open Swiss Teams.

This brings us to the Marin club game 70% winners for Aug. At Crossley Club, Tracey & Keith Bauer had a very nice 74% game. At the Fuldek Club another married couple, Phyllis & Don Kreider did the honors with 70%. Did we accidentally overlook your nice win? Got a good bridge story? Call us at 415 453-8409 or send e-mail to [mbsampson247@comcast.net](mailto:mbsampson247@comcast.net)

\*This Caesar commonly is called Octavius early and Augustus later in his life. See Wikipedia under "Octavius."

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