



District 21 Unitscope

Modesto

By Lee Striplin

In the August unit game Ralph Jungwirth & Latrelle Uhl were first overall in A; 2nd overall were Hayward Hawke & Mary Sue Moore. For N/S A, 2nd, Leigh Tibbetts & Glenn Van Denburg followed by, Jan & Pieter Mastenbroek, Chris Brown & Barbara Price, and Frank Frohman & Joan Miller. Tibbetts & Van Denburg led B, followed by Frohman & Miller, Roger Quillen & Robert Rodenhizer, and William Osborne & Grace Torbohn. Dee Alexander & Kathy High topped C. Hawke & Moore led the E/W A pairs, followed by Gary Capwell & Charlotte Martin, who were also first in B. Third were Roy Carnahan & Fred Herman; Jackie & Roland Wilson were fourth, followed by Linda Kenyon & Frances Redington, who were also second in B. Jinsoon Chan & Terry Nagode were third in B and in C.

In one of last month's Great Western STAC games William Frame & Jan Mastenbroek were first in the district with a 69% game. Dee Alexander & Kathy High, and Lloyd Rotherham & Glenn Van Denburg ranked in the top 25 on another day. The players of the month of August were A, Barbara Price, followed by Roland Wilson. Gary Capwell was first in B, and Joan Miller second. Fred Fellows led C, and Joyce Rudesill was second.

Stewart Tunick enjoyed a river cruise on the Rhine River in Germany and other places in Europe. Jeanne Russo returned from a three-week European trip including a Baltic Sea cruise. Jean Chitwood spent three weeks in Tennessee visiting relatives. Berna Levy has been in the hospital, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The Sonora Sectional is coming up October 17-18, so line up your partners to head for the gold country and win some silver.

Napa/Solano/Sonoma

By Keith Vincent

We held our first unit game on August 2 with 12 tables in play. The overall winners N/S in A/B/C were Maury Schumacher & Alan Switzer. E/W leaders in A/B were Tim Jeans & Dawne Dickenson. C leaders were Adrienne Varin & Barbara Lemme. 9 tables on August 16 overall leaders N/S in A/B/C were Gay Metz & Gary Henry. Leaders E/W were Dawne Dickenson & Tim Jeans.

How about partnerships, you ask? Rich Luttrell's article last month was about the theoretical aspects of that term. Mine will be concerning historical ones. At the age of 40 with the kids out of diapers, I decided that I needed to do something entertaining for myself. So I took the bridge lessons, played in the novice games, and eventually entered the big nighttime tournaments of real duplicate bridge. I was fortunate to be "adopted" by Milli Murra. Her regular partner had just died and she was "looking." I was inexperienced, but available. She was somewhat estranged from her husband, so we became an item. She was a good teacher, but interested in entertainment, and I just wanted to play cards. Eventually she wandered off to Napa, married a teacher, later died of Alzheimer's disease (throwing the statistics off a bit). Next there was Liz Locke, who refused to play with her husband. She left town after he died. Then Ed Casarino, a good player and director. He passed on. Sometime during this period, Ray Fischer came along. We were golf and bridge buddies, and had a successful relationship for a number of years. But egos got involved (I was known to call him Adolph on occasion), so we parted. By this time I was a LM and played with several budding LMs; Ernie Kassner, Watson Lee and Lida Marks. By 2001 I began another period; this time with Sheila Malinowski and Dave Spharler. She and I just play locally primarily, so in her quest for the elusive LM points she has teamed up with Lilyan Frank. Dave is another story. I don't know if ACBL would approve of this. Aren't you supposed to agonize and suffer getting those last few necessary MPs? But over the years Dave and I were wandering over 4000 miles and feeling no pain. We attended many of the ACBL tournaments in the southwest. We also branched out to Honolulu, Mazatlan and a couple of visits to Bermuda. There was bridge, but also

sightseeing and gourmet dining (lobster bisque on the Queen Mary to Yolies-Brazilian style-7 courses of meat with the entree) Dave made LM and BLM during this time frame, and we always played in flight A so no help from the enemy. Well Dave is back working at AT&T. Because of the home situation, I am limited in my wandering, but enough partnership memories, to fill all of my days.

Reno

By Bud Brewer

A neurogenesis study by William G. Callahan Ph.D. Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Special Education and Communication Disorders, Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha, states that "while neurogenesis, the process by which new nerve cells are generated, is considered a rather inactive process in the brain, recent research has demonstrated that neurogenesis does continue into and through adult life. New neurons are constantly being born, particularly in the learning and memory centers of the brain." Dr Callahan suggests "using more of the brain may allow seniors to compensate for some of the mental declines that come with age. This must mean that by identifying activities involving memory and problem solving, like duplicate bridge, seniors may maintain and improve brain function well into old age."

Last month, in an attempt to exercise their brain and win a few masterpoints too, about 400 bridge players, mostly seniors, but no small number of younger players too, participated in the Reno Unit's summer sectional duplicate bridge tournament at the Ramada Inn. Playing bridge in its most competitive form, that of duplicate bridge, demands memory and effective cognitive problem solving. Such brain exercise is being recognized as a critical pillar of brain health, together with nutrition, physical exercise and stress management. Seniors who are actively competing at bridge are rarely victims of Alzheimer's disease, although this editor's partners may challenge that statement after viewing one of my less than stellar efforts as declarer.

Lin Goldstein continued his advance toward the ranking of Gold Master as he and his partner, Loretta Bromberg of Tiburon won the Wednesday afternoon Open Pairs and then repeated in the same event that evening. Jack Barney, Incline Village and Linda Turner, Reno, won Wednesday's NLM Pairs and Tomas Howell & Evelyn Almeleh won the evening Stratified Pairs event. Charlotte Falk & Carlos D'assumcao won the Thursday morning Open Pairs while Dan Green & Jude Pede won the afternoon Open Pairs. Thursday NLM Pairs were won by Donald Rentzel & Cathy Davenport of Discovery Bay, CA. Roni & Leo Maktenieks of Reno won the Thursday Stratified Pairs. Richard Scoggin & Dan Green won the Friday Open Pairs while Neal Moore & Dianne Barton of SF won the afternoon Open Pairs. Friday NLM Pairs were won by Susan & Ron Antinori and Helen Spinner & Arlene Hansen won the afternoon Stratified Pairs. Saturday saw Reno's own Cora Robey & Luke Wooden win the Morning Open Pairs with David Vidaver & John Blubaugh, Sacramento, winning the morning Open Pairs event. Donna Deroos & Julie Cardinelli won the Saturday NLM event, as Grace Martin & Mark Lundblad won the afternoon Stratified Pairs event. The sectional's Bracket I Knockout game was won by the team of Charlotte Falk, Lin Goldstein, both from Reno and Bob Luebke and Steve Print from Walnut Creek. Bracket II was won by John and Diane McCall, Zepher Cove, Nev. and Gary Nitzberg & Paul Jorgenson, Carson City. Gil Ramirez, Reno unit president reported that attendance at the sectional was 10% over last year.

Sacramento

By Bob Olsen

Our second annual educational seminar is scheduled for Sunday, 10/18. Last year's seminar was a great success, with 80 attendees. Again, this is a chance to get your rubber bridge friends exposed to duplicate bridge. The workshop is designed to introduce the social bridge player and the beginning duplicate bridge player to some of the intricacies, challenges and excitement of the

world of duplicate. The registration fee (\$25) includes morning coffee, The Dante Club's special lunch buffet, four lessons with handouts, plus a duplicate bridge game, with prizes and masterpoints for the winners. Note that the Dante Club is located in front of the Sacramento Bridge Center, 2330 Fair Oaks, Sacramento.

Only ACBL accredited instructors will be teaching the sessions and experienced players will be mentoring each table during the game. Our great teachers are Al Beckner, Teri Smoot, Barry Wold and John McMurdie. The event is limited, first-come-first-served basis. The check for \$25 and registration form must be received by 10/5. Contact persons are Katherine Ewing 916 395-1987; Arlen Schectman 916 771-9202; and Marie Macaulay 916 921-1050, Mail registration to Katherine Ewing, 376 Little River Way, Sacramento 95831-3749.

On the seminar event day: registration 8:45, classes start at 9:00 a.m., game at 1:00 p.m., finishing at 4:00 p.m.

Due to the efforts of John Galt the Unit 505 web site is now running (<http://acblunit505.org>). We are expecting to post results of the unit games and welcome any other information you, or Bridge Club owners/directors, would like to post on the site. Submit your data to John Galt webmaster@acblunit505.org.

Also, the unit has started an on-line newsletter *Kibbitzer*, beginning in September, and delivered to your e-mail. If you need to update your e-mail address, contact Marie Macaulay at mariemacaulay@sbcglobal.net. Submissions to the newsletter go to Beth Mora emorab@comcast.net

The new Roster will be available starting the first week of December. Ads are still being accepted: business card size \$10, a quarter page size \$25, all must be camera ready. Deadline is 10/15. Contact Marie Macaulay at 916 921-1050. Make check payable to Unit 505, 2001 Waterford Road, Sacramento 95815.

Good scores: Monrad Monsen & Marie Macaulay, 71.88% at the Sierra Bridge Club on 8/25.

San Francisco

By Kim Fanady

Happy Halloween, all you goblins, ghosts, gargoyles and ghouls! Hope you take lots of tricks and get lots of treats at the bridge table!

QuickTricks' big celebration for longtime director Dianne Barton-Paine was a great success! 30 tables came to honor Dianne's long and devoted service to the club, kick off the exciting new Will Watson era, eat cake and treats, and play cards! Fifteen pairs won a free play in the "Beat the Director" game by besting Dianne and world champion Ron Smith's score of 55.92%, and everyone had lots of fun. We'll miss Dianne but we'll see her at the tournaments and hopefully back at the club as guest director every so often.

Congratulations to the 21! players advancing in rank this month: new Junior Masters Thomas Blean, Edward Easley, Susan Ephrat, Mark Forester, Judith McRae, Patricia Oswald, Lee Pollak, Wesley Sebren; Club Masters David Achterkirchen, Roger Bohl, Kendrick Chow, Monica Guo, Samuel Kuang, Albert Polonsky, Julian Standen, Jason Yee; Sectional Masters Jack Waters, Edmund Wu; Regional Masters Joseph Kushner, Jane McLaughlin; Bronze Life Master David Strauss; Gold Life Master Gary Brown Well played, everyone! Welcome to our new members Jamie Bowles and Nina Srejovic, and transfers William Gimbel (New Jersey) and Ann Phelan (Palm Springs).

Say hello to these new players when you meet them at the table.

Late reports on some past successes: Stan Chow & Cathy Hildebrand posted a 65% game in the Worldwide Bridge Contest in June, good enough for 75th on the planet! Nice going, Cathy & Stan! Doug Keller played in the Out Games in Copenhagen, Denmark in July, with a pickup partner from Dublin, Ireland. Doug won a silver and a gold medal plus 17 Danish masterpoints. Unfortunately the ACBL will not



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Sonora Fall Sectional

October 17 and 18, 2009

Tuolumne County Senior Center (209) 533-2622
540 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370

Directions: Hwy 108 to the Mono Way off ramp. Stop at the stop sign. Turn left on Mono Way, go to Greenley Road and turn right (.5 mile) Senior Center is on left next to the Library.

Free Refreshments during the Sessions

Saturday, October 17 – Entry Fee \$9 per session

11:00 A.M.

Stratified Open Pairs – 500(NLM)/1500/ Unlimited
299er Stratified Pairs – 100/200/300

4:00 P.M.

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Sunday, October 18 – \$76 per team including lunch

11:00 A.M. & TBA

Swiss Teams – Team total: 1500/5000/Unlimited – 20-pt. VP scale
299er Swiss Teams – Team total: 400/800/1200 – Win/Loss

Tournament Chair: Dave Jenkins (209) 533-1903 davepbe@inreach.com
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Director: Nancy Boyd

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