



# District 21 Unitscope

recognize the points, but oh well, it's all for glory anyway. Congrats Doug!

Our unit game schedule marches forward with the Loma Prieta Pairs, on October 17, the 20th anniversary of the last Big One. Come play and maybe your game will register 8.6 on the Richter scale! In November we will hold a Swiss Teams event, and then December brings the annual holiday party and Marion Robertson Pairs. All games are at noon at the Masonic Temple, 850 Brotherhood Way, and all are welcome.

Last but not least, October is ACBL Club Appreciation month, featuring special games offering extra masterpoints with no extra fees. We all learned to play our favorite game and met our friends at our local clubs, and they deserve our support.

Get out from behind your computer screen and go play with some real live people. Show your club some love!

## San Mateo/Redwood City

By M. C. Hevener

Unit 498 was busy in August hosting our very own sectional at the Muni Services Building in S.S.F. Al Malouf headed up the operation with assistance from Leonor Frankel and a host of other volunteers including Mary & Jay Bates, Gretchen Schmeekle, Hugh Huff and Patty Frederick, to name a few. Kathleen Martin brought Steve, Nancy Finney brought Jack, and I brought along Bob to help out, and thanks to all who did.

Locals who were big winners included Dan Raider (6.43 points) whose team placed 2nd in the Compact Knockouts. Others on the leader board included Joel Steinberg with 6.15 masterpoints, Kris Tejwani and Hugh Huff with 5.88 each, Janice Nakao who won 4.27, and the trio of Miwako Litwin, Ed Hornung and Arlie Lamb who took home 4.07 points each.

Placers in the Stratiflighted Swiss included the team of Arlie Lamb, Ed Hornung, Miwako Litwin and Joel Steinberg. Winning

1st in their strat was the team of Hugh Huff, Kris Tejwani, June White et moi. I even managed to scratch in the Open Pairs with former unit member Joanne Titow who now lives in France.

Al Malouf & Leonor Frankel also placed in the Open Pairs despite spending hours setting up tables and serving lasagna between sessions. Congratulations!

The annual Art Weinstein Memorial 99er Pairs Championship was contested at our August sectional and the winners were David & Kathy Puryear of Mountain View. Other notables (in 2nd place) for the event were Jim and Barbara Curry of Hillsborough. Past champions David & Margot Cookson were also on hand that Saturday.

Last month I incorrectly listed the date of the September unit game, but as you know, these things sometimes have to change. At this writing, the next unit game is scheduled to be a Mixed Pairs event on Sunday, October 18 at 1:00 down at the bridge parlor. There will be a 99er event and that group is exempt from the "mixed" rule for the day.

Finger foods will be served at noon and you are urged to sign up early, as space is limited. Check out our web site ([www.Unit498.com](http://www.Unit498.com)) for the colorful flyer describing the event and plan to join us.

Hugh Huff is hard at work on a directory of Unit 498 members which should be ready in the fall. Meanwhile, Thursday morning's Fun Bridge has seen a jump in attendance over the summer. This week's 1st place winners included Ginny Wailes with Humphrey Sun and Karen Key with Linda Duncan. Good to see these new names on our leader board!

No milestones to highlight right now as the ACBL information has not arrived at this date. I'm off on a fact-finding mission and have to prepare this article without all the regular reports. If I missed mentioning you, please let me know.

See you at the tables.

## Santa Clara Valley

By Ray Yuenger

If you used to play on Wednesday nights in the San Jose Bridge Center or never have, come down to try out the new version of the game. Will Watson is still directing, with Panette Talia as hostess providing an expanded snack bar and festive ideas. There will be free plays for birthdays, for first place, and maybe for winning a trick with the seven of diamonds. There will be team nights and other bridge adventures to be announced.

The All-Western Regional concluded on Labor Day. If you didn't attend and read the Daily Bulletins, I'll summarize the successes of our unit members for you. In the premier two-day Open Pairs event, Ed Barlow & Peter Friedland won, with Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn in second place, Jason Chiu in third, John Hoffman in seventh, and Eugene Hung in ninth. Putting together four good sessions is quite a feat.

First in their stratifications in two-session pairs games were Murty Ponnappalli & Mark Pensler, Bill Riester, Joel Singer & Scott Benson, Edward Lin, John Prior & Joseph Chui and Manju & Raghu Agarwal. In the Charity Pairs it was Pat Hannah & Paul Nelson and Ron Baron & Ken Rosenfeld. In the limited games, it was Murty Ponnappalli, Devesh Goyal, Regina Norberg & Kathleen Weiman, Anna Maria De Acha, Karen Rice, Preston Kauk & David Dewell, Lynn Bartz & Leslie Perkins, Holly True & Rosemary Heath, and Phyllis Reinhardt. On winning Knockout teams were Sherry Waki; Michael Fleisher, Mindy Foos, Derek & Teddi Fiero; Steve Bosma, Ben Bosklopper, Leon Lee and Elenalani Lam; and Mich Ravera. Prevailing in their two-session Swiss stratifications were Jennifer Gu in Flight X, Benjamin & Michael Leitner in Flight D, and in the Senior Swiss, Bill Riester in Flight A and Victor Rivkin, Boris Ginzburg, Steve Bosma and Ben Bosklopper in Flight B.

I've heard our unit harvested a new crop of Life Masters at the regional, including Art & Collette Quaipe, David Sisson, Shirley Foreman, Jewel Schimke, and Laura Walters. (If I missed someone in this unofficial report, I'll have the official word later.) Congratulation to you and to our other new Masters: Arki Galicki, Alan Kaatz, Nancy Roey, Kathleen Weiman (Junior); Bridgit Feng, Henri Raymon, Przemslaw Reynser, Chuck Wiesen (Club); Harry Miyakusu, Roberta Murai (Sectional); Leslie Perkins, Rajeeva Sharma (Regional); Mark Pensler (NABC); Ron Baron (Life); Maureen Ellenberg, Belinda Gu (Bronze); Marilyn Campbell (Silver); Faye Parsons (Diamond).

In the South County sectional, earning section and stratification tops in the pairs were Wendy Dewell & Elenalani Lam, David Mack, Lynn Yokel, Frank Lowenthal, Gary Porter, and Lynn Shannon & Ray Yuenger (first overall). At the San Mateo sectional, Ed Barlow & Peter Friedland with 70.16% game, barely edged out Will Watson's 69.58% game. Bruce Scott & Barbara Mash had an overall first in another pairs game. Devesh Goyal's team was first in the 199er Swiss.

During Great Western STAC week, the only pair with a game over 65% was Y.E. Chen & Chee Tung. As I've mentioned before, maybe the competition in our club is just too tough.

Eight teams contested the unit game in August. First in their respective stratifications were Cheryl Mandala, Yul Inn, Leila Sink & Will Watson; Mischel & John Postas with Lorraine Rodich & Laurie Walters; and Corinne Carter, Rajeeva Sharma, Jewel Schimke & Lawrence Max Frazier.

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## Santa Cruz

By Susan Benich

Congratulations to our newlyweds Gail (Porr) & Tom Snouse! Congratulations to Phil Rodriguez! He is only the 7th person from SCBC to achieve the status of Gold Life Master.

Congratulations to our Great Western

STAC week winners who placed in the overalls: Susan & Jim Slinger 1.83; Jane Basilio & Jonni Faircrest 1.67; Jim Martin & Bruce Dau 1.63; Phyllis Cramblet & Annemarie Moller 5.39; Shirley Passaro & Marilyn Diola 1.75; Gretchen Bassett & Wayne Lussier 3.01; Dick Wasserstrom & Charlie Pender 9.53; Joyce & Jim Martin 4.57; Marti Jones & Jan Winham 3.43; Phil Rodriguez & Neil Smyth 1.89; Ken Llacera & Mick Friedberg 4.12; Neil Smyth & Don Seldeen 3.09; Marti Jones & Jan Winham 3.18; Carol Maggipinto & Bud Rice 1.20; Susan & John Benich 6.95; Shirley Passaro & Marge Hansen 2.20.

Congratulations to those with a 65% or better game during August: Neil Smyth & Don Seldeen 65.08%; Ken Llacera & Don Seldeen 65.14%; Patti Palmer & Stephanie Kearns 65.42%; Josie Ryan & Mary Prier 65.63%; Stanna Ballasi & Susan Darsey 65.92%; Charlie Pender & Dick Wasserstrom 66.13%; Teri Handzel & Cheryl Martin 66.25%; Meg Harlor & Dick Wasserstrom 66.64%; Malcolm Sprott & Wayne Boss 67.07%; Susan & John Benich 67.08%; Jack Simon & Muriel Prolo 67.18%; Neil & Don 68.86%; Manuela Marani & Malcolm Sprott 69.05%; Robin Evenden & Susan Darsey 70.11%; Dolly Bass & John Peterson 75.73%. Yeah!

Congratulations to the overall winners in the August 8 unit game: Charlie Pender & Robin Evenden 1st A/B; Vee Duvall & Mary Simoni 1st C. Congratulations to the overall winners on August 22nd: Pam Benz & Kent Slinger 1st A/B; Bernie Feldman & Jonni Faircrest 1st C.

When I asked board member Wayne Boss to tell his story I was reminded how fortunate we are to have Wayne as an active bridge player and felt a renewed appreciation for his service to the board. He was our treasurer from 2001-2004 and served as president 2005-2006 during which time the club incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, received the Abrams bequest, located and remodeled the current bridge center. Wayne graduated from San Diego State College and Stanford University. He served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam War. Wayne's career was in the field of healthcare. He was CFO and Administrator of Dominican Hospital, President/CEO of the Santa Cruz Medical Clinic and Sutter Hospital prior to his retirement. Wayne credits Nancy Wainer for his success in learning to play bridge (he had never played any card games before his lessons) and more importantly, introducing him to his wife Jeanne. Thank you, Wayne for your service to the board, the local healthcare industry, and your country.

Neil Smyth, Susan & Jim Slinger, Mary Peterson, Nancy Driscoll, and Ken Llacera ventured to the Nationals in Washington, D.C. Ask them about their achievements. Shirley Llacera also went to D.C., but she took a break from bridge and played tourist. Do you know that Shirley volunteers as a surgical nurse with Smile International, a group that goes to Tecate, Mexico to perform cleft lip and palate repairs? Ask her about the organization, its work, and her experiences. Thank you, Shirley for helping those less fortunate than all of us.

Thank you, Jim Slinger and Don Nemiro whose mini-lessons prior to Pam's Monday evening games drew crowds and were very well received by everyone in attendance.

Don't forget our Surf's Up Sectional, Oct. 10-11. It won't be the same without you.

We offer our sincerest condolences to Lois Henry who lost her husband in July.

## Santa Rosa

By Randee Dimond

Remember when you were a rookie? Those opening day jitters as you arranged your cards? The "What will I bid" anxiety? Or worse, "If pard bids, what will I say?" Recall that guilty relief when your points added up to four (at least I won't have to bid). Of course, you know now that's false; partner may insist. Still you might believe you don't have to bid voluntarily. Ah, but maybe you should. In third seat you pick up six broken hearts to the jack, six spades to the ten, should you not bid two clubs (Michaels) you'll never be able to give pard a picture of your freak

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## Berkeley - El Cerrito - Richmond

BER Unit 497 ACBL

### Fall Sectional

November 14 & 15, 2009



El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser Lane (at Ashbury)  
5 blocks east of San Pablo Avenue

#### Saturday, November 14

12:00 p.m.

Strati-flight Pairs

Flight A/X Unlimited/3000

(B 750-2000, C 300-750, D 0-300)

#### Saturday, November 14

6:00 p.m.

Stratified Pairs

(Unlimited, 750-2000, 0-750)

#### Sunday, November 15 - 11A.M. & 4:30 P.M.

Stratified Swiss Teams

Unlimited/2000/750 - 20 VP Scale - 7 rounds X 8 boards

299er Swiss Teams (single-session events)

Single session entries sold

Entry Fees - \$9.00/person per session  
(non-ACBL members must pay a \$1 surcharge)

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#### Directions:

From Eastbound I-80/580, exit at Central, R to Ashbury (dead end); L to Moeser  
From Westbound I-80, exit at Cutting, Left to San Pablo, R to Moeser, L to ECCC