

District 21 Unitscope

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thanks to Raad Bunni and Sandra Tilch for organizing and orchestrating our Pro-Am game in July.

Winner's Circle from the Firecracker Sectional: Saturday Compact KO: 1st, Ted Rickmond & Greg House; 2nd, William Riester, Jr., & Sarita Mathiasen; Bracket 3 1st, Dan Stowell & Don Doolittle & the Portola Valley Piagets. Saturday's Open Pairs winners included Rajeev Gupta, Pat Galligan and Janice Nakao. James & Arline Van Ness were in the money along with Elise & Donald Stone. Sunday Open Pairs, 2B, David Hoffman. The Sunday 199er event was won by Doriane Heyman & Daniel Banks. Sunday Compact KO: 1st, Janice Nakao's team; 2nd, Dan Raider's team in Bracket. Another Bracket was won by the team of James & Arline Van Ness and Jay & Mary Bates; 2nd, Kathleen Martin, Jan Grove, Nancy Chapman and Helene Ettelson. Sunday Swiss: 2nd, Kate, Zak and Dariush who evidently played and won with Frank Jackson of Pacifica. What a miracle! Mon./Tue. KO, 1st in Bracket, Paul Levine's team; 1st in Bracket, Linda Schwarz & Jan Grove's team. Monday Pairs included winners Ted Richmond & William Riester, Jr., and in the Tuesday Pairs, a 1st place was won by Gayle Hester & Phil Scatena, closely followed in 2nd by Nancy Finney with Sue Hagerty.

Jan Grove scored a whopping 13.58 masterpoints for the event. What a haul and way to go!

At the time of this writing, we are all gearing up for the San Mateo Sectional in August. Results in our next issue.

On the front burner for September is a new series of lessons for beginners. We kick off with a free introductory session on Wednesday night, Sept. 9 and lessons continue for the next eight weeks. Certified instructors Mary Bates and Al Malouf have promised to get you headed toward the proper goal post. For details, check out our web site at Unit 498, or contact Mary di-

rectly at 650 863-7575.

This is a fabulous opportunity. Do you know someone in high school or college who might want to learn bridge? You probably have a friend who learned years ago and needs an update. Call them and tell them about the series. Come alone or bring a partner. We'll do the rest.

We welcome new unit members Maryanne Carboni, Ralph and Susan Griffin, and Woody Mansergh. Transfers into our unit include Katherine Ackert, Renate & Walter Hoeger, Mildred Kempton and Ramaratnam Soundarajan. New Junior Master Mrs. Dt Levy has joined the ranks, along with new Sectional Master Nancy Lee and new Regional Master, Paul Clermont.

Our next unit game comes up on Saturday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. It will be a Swiss Teams event and you can see our flyer with details at our web site, Unit 498.

Duplicate games are held Monday-Friday at the Bayshore Bridge Club beginning at 12:15 p.m. We have evening sessions on Monday and Thursday nights. For those with 0-100 masterpoints, check out our Thursday morning game at 9:00 a.m. which concludes with a brief lesson.

And remember: Gordon is really only 18 years old, but he has 72 years of experience. See you at the tables.

Santa Cruz

By Susan Benich

Results for the Santa Clara Sectional have been posted and our club can boast that the following all earned those coveted silver points: Wayne Stuart (12.77), Bill McIntosh, Pam Benz, Phyllis Cramblet, Annemarie Happee-Moller, Carol & Mark Maggipinto, Phyllis & Dick Wasserstrom, Linda (BJ) & Phil Johnson, Mary Pulliam, Ruth Grant, Marilyn Nadler, Mardell Carman, Jeanne & Wayne Boss, and Mary Simoni.

The July Junior Fund game was won by

Debby & Jerry Goodell who outscored all of their competitors. This was an exciting win for them, but not nearly as exciting as Debby climbing Half Dome! Jerry is so proud of her. When Debby isn't busy playing bridge she volunteers at the Monterey Bay Aquarium once a week and she supports her grandson's interest in bird watching. I bet Wally Goldfrank has more time for his hobby of bird watching now that he is retired! It's been good to find him spending more time at the bridge club, too.

Elena LaBorde-Bishop travels world wide to indulge her bird watching avocation. She also visits foreign countries as she and her husband (the pilot) volunteer with the Flying Doctors. Elena is a translator and dental assistant.

Our high scoring pairs for July are Don Seldeen & Ken Llacera, 65.28%; Elena LaBorde-Bishop & Jonni Faircrest, 65.42%; Wayne Boss & Malcolm Sprott, 65.75%; Mark Wainer & Ken Llacera, 66%; Robin Evenden & Charlie Pender, 66.02%; Shirley Passaro & Marilyn Diola, 66.15%; Hal Rodgers & Jeff Pruett, 66.38% & 66.67%; Eunice Lee & Jeff Belden, 67%; Bonnie & Jack Simon, 67.05%; Wayne Stuart & Lynn Yokel, 67.54%, 70.24% & 75.32%; Carol Maggipinto & Ken Llacera, 67.66%; Patty & Larry Palmer, 67.86%; Robin Evenden & Phil Rodriguez, 68.18%; Jim Slinger & Ken Llacera, 68.85%; Carol Maggipinto & Ken Llacera, 68.98%; Jim Martin and Bruce Dau, 73.08%; Judy Murdock & Marti Jones, 73.66%. Hurray for all!

Congratulations to Ken Llacera who placed five times in the above countdown.

Unit game winners for July 11 were Carol Maggipinto & Ken Llacera who were 1st overall in A/B, and Henri Raymond & Britt Smith in C. Bonnie & Jack Simon placed 1st in the Barometer game. Wayne Stuart & Lynn Yokel were 1st overall in A in the July 25 unit game, Alice del Core & Bill Messenger in B, and Pam Benz & Kent Slinger in C.

In the Junior Fund game Mary Simoni & Mary Canepa were 1st overall in B/C.

Nancy Wainer invites all to attend her Wednesday, September 9 evening Instant Match Point Game which offers one gold point to the 1st place winners in each direction. Bridge lessons will start up again September 16 with continuing beginner and "Brush Up Your Basic Bridge" classes on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Advanced beginner/intermediate classes will start again Thursday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. Bridge Camp will be held September 3.

Pam Benz encourages all to take advantage of Don Nemiro's mini lesson on Monday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. His topic "What Mother Never Taught Me" is guaranteed to improve your match point and team game results by at least 25%. Pam also reminds everyone that our annual Surf's Up Sectional is Oct. 10-11. See flyers at the club, the advertisement elsewhere in the *Forum*, our web site, or contact Pam directly for details. This is a huge event for our club. We look forward to hosting you and your friends.

Nancy Driscoll's Bridge House celebrated its grand opening on August 22 at its new location at Aptos Station. The Fall session at Nancy's Bridge House will begin the week of September 14.

Check Nancy's web site or give her a call for further information.

Santa Rosa

By Randee Dimond

Double, double, toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble.

MacBeth's witches knew what happens at the table when you give unsolicited, unwanted lessons. So, be advised: give a lesson after the game only when asked. Resist the siren song of your pontifical moment in the spotlight, telling all within earshot how you woulda, he shoulda, and the rest of the room coulda. If you're a frustrated instructor, suggest a topic you might teach to the club owner.

Meanwhile, keep your own counsel.

July was notable for some terrific results: Gary Robinson & Dave Pankratz had a

70% game; then Gary & Larry Hansen had a 73% game. Topping them all, Lucille Gasperini & Lynn Blumenthal scored a once-in-a-lifetime 80% game at Oakmont! Congratulations to each of them and to our other top performers: Patricia Gittings, Peggy Leiser, Jackie Ortiz, John McNulty, Barry Samuel, Geoff Hopcraft, Larry Ruff, Hazel Garlick, Jennifer Jones, Bob Klein, Abdul Navid, Denis Racine, Barbara Mcauliffe, Lynn Dondero, Jim Alstad, Jock Rader, Sally Jamison, Jerry Murphy, Michael Livensparger, Lou Bailin, Mary Spellman, Sara Rothmuller, Kate Hill, Erwin Linzer, Nancy Johnson, Shirley Blum, Lynette Erlach, Mary Omodt, Larry Borsonian, Pat Frenaye, Chris Flindt, Brian Haley, Don Carman, Gloria Hersch, Abbe Cohen, Barbara Briggs-Letson, Bill Hargreaves, Pat & Jerry Scoville, Meryl Fischer, Mark Hersko, Carol Zocchi, Patty Hertz, Wendy Merget, Kathy Juarez, Jon Merry, Jane Wahler, Helene Gay, Debbie Tesler, Paul Scheinberg, Richard Zalenski, Carl Tillmanns, George Osborne, Barbara & Lou Meola, Judy Sibley, Dorothy & Jim Oswald, and Danielle Hejmanowski. July's unit game honors went to Gladys Sawyer & Elise Henderson and Larry Hansen & Evelyn Holtz. Good going, each and every one!

The Wine Valley Sectional drew a number of players from U509. In the Swiss, the team of Lynn Blumenthal, Larry Hansen, Erwin Linzer and Loretta Bromberg took top honors in open teams, winning six of seven matches. Lee Grams, Mark Hersko, Larry Spanier & Joanne Pransky took top honors among the Xs. Meryl Fischer, Mary Omodt, Barry Samuel & Larry Wyner won B/C/D teams. Holly Gustafson, Patty Hertz, Cindy Ketelson, & Wendy Merget took the 299er Swiss.

All in all, a lovely Sunday in Sonoma.

Coming soon is Santa Rosa's famous Fall Sectional October 3-4. Look for the colorful ad in this edition of the *Forum* and get your plans in place to enjoy a wonderful weekend of wall to wall bridge as well as fine food courtesy of Jackie Ortiz.

If you need partnership assistance or team-building, call Kathy Venton at 707 591-5015.

Coming even sooner is a series of six Thursday evening absolute beginner lessons at the Gallery beginning September 24. Round up all your friends and get them to learn how to play nicely with you.

We send our fondest regards to Ron McEwan whom we miss very much. All of us send condolences to Rose Marie Johnson on the loss of her husband.

South County

By Jim Solomon

It's September; back-to-school time! In keeping with the season, I'm offering new sets of lessons for newcomers to bridge (and modern bridge) at both of my Easybridge! clubs, the Fremont Easybridge! Club on Tuesday evenings, and the Hayward Weekes Park Easybridge! Club on Thursday afternoons. The Fremont cohort will begin on Sept. 8 at 5:30, and the Hayward group on Sept. 10 at 12:30. The first four lessons at each site will be free! Contact me for details: LSJ63@yahoo.com or 510 538-9889.

Special Club Games in the Next 30 Days: Saturday, Sept. 12: Tri-City BC (TCBC) Unit Championship. Wednesday, Sep. 16: Tutoriale BC Club Championship (C.C.). Saturday, Sept. 19: TCBC Charity Club Championship Pairs. Tuesday, Sept. 22: Fremont Easybridge! Club C.C. Saturday, Sept. 26: TCBC C.C.

Notable Recent Tournament Performances: Wine Valley Sectional, Sonoma: Saturday Open Pairs: 5OA, Chuck Wong; Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Teams: A/X Flight: 4 OA, Chuck; Summer North American Bridge Championships, Washington, D.C.: Grand National Teams (GNTs): Flight B: 3/4. Bin Liang; Flight C: 3/4, Qing Xia.

Winners at Recent Special Club Games: Marina BC Unit championship, July 7: 1 OA, Bill Rasnick & Meg Andrews; 1 B, Richard Feinberg & Darrell Fung; 1C, Mary Ann Nadler & Lorraine Roh. Redwood BC North American Pairs qualifying game (NAP), July 13: Open: 1 OA/1B,

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