

District 21 Unitscope

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Elaine Sandau & Joyce de Roco; 1A/1B N/S, Bob Hamilton & Charlie Conrad. Tri-City BC (TCBC) NAP, July 18: 1 OA/1B, Bin Liang & Song Wang; 1C, Bob Locke & Wayne Miller. Lakeside BC Club Championship, July 22: 1 OA, Tom Nugent & Allan Harris; 1B, Darrell Fung & Frank Rooney; 1C, Martha Eddleman & Rosemarie Lafrancesca. TCBC Charity Club Championship (C.C.C.), July 25: 1 OA, Virginia Herring & Don Schrupp; 1B/1C, Amy Wu & J.T. Wang. Fremont Easy-bridge! Club C.C.C., July 28: 1 OA, Mickey Row & Jo Callahan; 1B, Nuno Rebelo & Vicky Santos. TCBC Summer Swiss Teams Festival C.C.C., Aug. 1: 1 OA, Marty Holtz, Jim Harper, Bill Cubley, & Prakash Karamchandani; 1B, Sharon Tarpinian, Judy Keilin, Jo An Reid, & Carole Burgess; 1C, Bill Beeson, Charlie Roberts, Nuno Rebelo, & Vicky Santos.

Welcome to Our Fold: Arkadi Goulakov of Fremont, who's transferred to the South County unit from Sunnyvale (and, before that, Minneapolis).

And fond farewells to Pat Armstrong, who's moved to Richland, WA, and Bill Maxedon, who's now living in Tracy.

Moving up the Masterpoint Ladder: Congratulations to Rajan (Jey) Jeyakumar, who's now officially a Silver Life Master.

Stockton

By Elizabeth Youngman

Happy to report a whopping 75.83% game by N/S winners Estelle Warshauer & Mort Horn at the July unit game; E/W was headed up by Margie Erardi & Elizabeth Youngman.

Club hospitality chair, Norma Peterson, decorated in recognition of Flag Day and as always, Stockton members served up a terrific potluck.

The following foursome was missing-in-

action from the Sacramento statistics reported previously in the *Forum*. The 299er two-session Swiss Teams event held Sunday, May 31 was dominated by the Stockton team headed by N/S Captain Richard Bianchi & Rose Knutson with E/W Margie Erardi & Elizabeth Youngman. The team won all seven rounds of the two session event. Currently, Stockton Unit 510 hosts games on Monday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. Monday's director, Ricki Elin can be reached at 209 472-7919 and on Friday call Ron Magnin at 209 888-4116. Either will help you to find a partner; or leave a message at the club phone: 209 476-7014.

Unit games are on the third Sunday of each month so grab your partner and enjoy an afternoon in the Delta. Swing by at 4:00 p.m. for a potluck followed by the game at 5:00 p.m. It is well worth the drive to our friendly club located at 6235 Harrisburg Place, Stockton 95207.

Turlock/Merced

By Vickie Sweet

Monday's Player of the Month was Jim Higgins. Monday game winners: 7/6 N/S, Betty Brown & Larrie Sweet; 7/13, Audrey Mackall & Margaret Quinn; E/W, Jim Higgins & Dennis Northern; 7/20 N/S, Jack & Lenore Ellery; E/W, Toots Wade & Larrie Sweet; 7/27, Audrey Mackall & Pat Kaufman; E/W, Jim Higgins & Dennis Northern. Wednesday Player of the Month was Betty Brown. Wednesday game winners: 7/1, George Loscalzo & Dave Terry; 7/8, Larrie Sweet & Zeb Davis; 7/15, Betty Brown & John Quinn; 7/22, Betty Brown & Anita Cresci; 7/29, Dennis Northern & Mary Penfield. Friday Player of the Month was Margaret Quinn. Friday game winners: 7/10, N/S, Judy Lang & Joyce Coughran; E/W, Margaret Quinn & Kay Weston; 7/17 N/S, Betty Brown & Margaret Quinn; E/W, Ray

Adams & Toots Wade; 7/24 N/S, Pat Kaufman & Kay Weston; E/W, Ray Adams & Toots Wade; 7/31 N/S, Betty Brown & Eva Slate; E/W, Ed & Louise Thiner.

The Player of the Month for all games was Betty Brown who earned 7.47 masterpoints

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headquarters, the board considered a motion to increase the minimum contract for which a competitive bid will be required to \$50,000 and to waive the competitive bidding policy for any contract less than \$100,000 if there is unanimous consent of the CEO (Jay Baum), League President (presently Jerry Fleming), and League Treasurer (Craig Robinson). This motion passed unanimously.

•9. The board considered a motion which could have established that an ACBL player who is expelled for cheating would be barred from the league for life and could never reapply for membership. This motion failed 3-19 with one abstention and two directors out of the room.

•10. In the ongoing saga regarding the issue of stratification based on average number of masterpoints, a motion was raised to allow (but not require) masterpoint awards to be stratified by average number of masterpoints within a flight, after flights are determined by the highest masterpoint holder on a pair or team. In other words, if a BCD flight has a cut-off of 2,000 masterpoints, a player with 2,100 may not play in the event, but a player with 1,800 could play in a pairs event with a player with 150 masterpoints, and get masterpoints for the C strat, since the average would be less than 1000, while under current rules this pair would be in B strat. Similarly, a player with 5,500 masterpoints playing with a partner with 400 masterpoints would be A/X while currently this pair would be in Strat A.

This needs a bit of background so I can explain why I voted against this motion and why I believe D21 should not implement this option. In 2008, our D21 Board overwhelmingly passed a motion to allow flying based on average number of masterpoints. The idea was that a player with 2,005 or 2,010 masterpoints has to play in A/X, might not be able to field the team for Monday Swiss Teams at our regionals, and should be able to compete in the B/C/D event along with his or her peers who have 1,500 or 1,800 masterpoints since the average would still be under the 2,000 B/C/D flight cutoff. Under current rules, the player with 2,005 or 2,010 masterpoints has no option but to play in the A/X flight.

In response to this overwhelming vote, I brought a motion to the ACBL Board at the Houston NABC last Spring, to allow flying by average number of masterpoints. This motion was defeated in committee since some directors felt it would be difficult to sell entries at game time, and it would be disruptive to the event if teams ended up in the wrong flight. The current motion, to flight on the basis of the highest players' masterpoints but to stratify on average number of masterpoints does nothing to solve our D21 problem, but creates a problem. This option just shifts the masterpoints around, and gives additional advantage to teachers and low masterpoints professionals who are playing with students and paying clients, especially in pairs games where a single player can have a dramatic impact. Other district directors, who have other concerns, and who do not have professional players playing in their regionals, did not agree, and this motion passed by a vote of 15-10. However, I recommend that D21 not allow stratification by average masterpoints in our pairs and teams events; the new rule would not change who can play in an event, but only which players receive the masterpoints.

•11. District 22 brought a motion to either allow a fifth "ex quota" regional in the northern part of the district (Bakersfield, Ventura, Santa Barbara) or, due to its size, to have the Palm Springs Regional declared a "permanent regional" which does not count against District 22's four regional quota. The motion was modified in committee to allow a one-time regional in the northern part of District 22 in 2010 by vote of 22-2 with one abstention. A committee will be formed to review the overall proc-

ess for approval of permanent regionals and allocation of regionals which may base the number of regionals allowed in a district upon the number of district members; the table count of particular regionals; and other factors. Our district should consider whether having a fifth District 22 regional immediately south of District 21 will negatively impact our tournaments, help our players, or not significantly impact us. For example, it could be possible that some players in Monterey or Salinas might decide to play in a Ventura regional and skip our regionals on the San Francisco Peninsula or Sacramento, thereby costing our district revenue. I look forward to an engaging discussion of this issue at our upcoming district board meetings.

•12. A motion was raised to have N/S move boards in three-way team events. As it currently stands, E/W move boards to their home table, which poses a security risk, since E/W players may see hands and/or bids, or overhear results on a board they soon will be playing. If N/S move the boards, however, there could be no security problem since N/S of team A will never play any of the boards being played by teams B and C at the third table in a round robin. The counter argument was that at low level events, players often can't even find their own home tables and some N/S players will not be able to find this mysterious third table. Furthermore, it was argued that the board should not be meddling with how tournament directors run their events. If our TD's believe that this is a better system, they can employ it, but should not be forced to implement it by board members.

•This motion failed 10-14 with one abstention.

•13. There was a motion to prevent players from joining team events late or to drop into a two session team event for the second session. The motion was clarified to allow drop-ins in pair events at the discretion of tournament directors, and to allow late entries in the first session of a team event for reasons beyond the control of the team (such as unexpected traffic or inclement weather). The motion carried 22-3.

•14. Finally, there was a motion to approve revisions in the Conditions of Contest rules. While most changes were technical corrections and did not make substantive changes, one new rule requires disqualification of an entire team if one player of a team is disqualified due to ineligibility in an event. The rule was intended to resolve a problem which arose in the Summer 2008 Las Vegas NABC when a team with an arguably ineligible player won the 0-5000 Spingold.

•The motion carried unanimously.

•It is anticipated that the league's new headquarters will open in early 2010, or possibly even late this year (and don't worry, the league is going to run two parallel computer systems at the time of relocation so that records will be maintained seamlessly without the loss of any masterpoints). In other happy news, we will have an NABC in the far west (within a 2-hour flight of SFO) during each of the next five years. The Western NABCs are as follows: Fall 2009, San Diego; Spring 2010, Reno; Fall 2011, Seattle; Fall 2012, San Francisco; Fall 2013, Phoenix; Fall 2014 Las Vegas. And, I am pleased to report that San Francisco has now been placed on a regular 6-year rotation. The city has been penciled in for another NABC in 2018.

I have tried to give complete reports on significant votes by the ACBL Board with a level of analysis rather than simply providing a scorecard of board votes, and to explain when I have voted against the majority. The downside of this is that the District Director reports tend to be lengthy. I would welcome comments on whether the membership wants to receive this level of detail, or merely a thumbs up or down report.

See you all in beautiful San Diego in November. There will be Mariachis. *Ole!*



SACRAMENTO FALL SECTIONAL

September 11, 12 & 13, 2009
Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Avenue, Orangevale, CA

Friday, Sept. 11	Saturday, Sept. 12	Sunday, Sept. 13
11:00 a.m. Lesson for 199ers w/Al Beckner (light lunch; after lunch then 199'er game at 1:00 in side room)	10:30 a.m. Strati-flighted Open Pairs (two session)	10:30 a.m. & TBA Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (strats based on the ave number of points within the team)
1:00 p.m. Strati-flighted Open Pairs	Stratified 199'er Pairs	Pollo Loco Lunch served between sessions for \$6.00 (Must be purchased in advance)
7:00 p.m. Stratified 299'er Pairs	Stratified Side-game	
Stratified Open Pairs	3:30 p.m. Strati-flighted Pairs cont.	
Stratified 199'er Pairs	299'er Pairs	
	Lunch available between sessions for \$3.00	

Snacks and coffee will be provided throughout the day
Stratifications A=3000+, X=0-3000, B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-300
199er Games A=91-199, B=51-90, C=21-50, D=0-20
Entree Fees \$9.00 per Session per Person





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