



District 21 Unitscope

the Tuesday evening 49er Pairs game. Lastly, Richard Meffley & Gerard Laquerriere earned the last 70% game of 2009 with a 70.83% game on Dec. 27.

Four new members joined at the end of December; welcome goes out to Geoff Dervishian, Linda Dervishian, Mary Jones, and Pat Snyder. Thanks to the new Life Master requirements that were about to kick in and Mike's and Richard's beginning lessons, we have added 23 new members this year!

The schedule for the Fresno Winter Sectional is out. We are bringing back the Compact Knockout Teams game on Saturday for a second trial; this two-session event was very popular last sectional. There are a couple of changes for this sectional. We will be having 499er Stratified Pairs games instead of the 299er version we had in previous sectionals. The price will be \$10 per session with lunches provided Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in addition to the wonderful assortment of refreshments that are present for each session.

The first board meeting in 2010 was convened on Jan. 3. The following officers were elected: president, Richard Meffley, vice-president, Mike Molinari, secretary, Kay Chrisman, and treasurer, John Simpson. I was also appointed as historian; if you have some stories or artifacts (pictures, etc.) concerning the early years of Unit 522, let me know either in person or e-mailing me at ladc92

Gilroy/Hollister/ Morgan Hill

By Dian Wood Picone

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all! Unit 524 started off on the right foot with the Toe Tapping Ladies (Patty Stone & friends) at the unit Christmas Party. Linda King was our host, and with assistance from the Dimick's, arranged the

festive Ridgemark location and super catering. Various members provided beautiful table decorations. After dinner, a lucky guest at each table got to bring the attractive centerpiece home. Ron Dragt & Win Stone were our knowledgeable directors overseeing the bridge game. Barbara Earley, our Mistress of Ceremonies, did a "stand-up" job of entertaining us while introducing the performers whose talent and beauty astounded us all. The "Barbershop Quartet" provided a delightful mix of favorite holiday hymns and tunes, while the Tapping Ladies amazed all with their syncopation and style. And, last but not least, the performers (Patty Stone, Suzanne Proctor, Stuart Proctor, Dick Tani, Diana Dragt, Ron King) in the "If I weren't a (whatever), I'd be a (whatever)" skit left us rolling in the aisles.

Not the least of these was the graceful ballerina whose tiara kept slipping off his shiny dome and whose lines were as precariously lodged as the tiara. It was especially entertaining to witness a slight memory lapse in a man whose knowledge of bridge is encyclopedic and who, I don't think, ever forgot a card played or a rule made when it comes to bridge. It was a wonderful and record-breaking evening, with over a hundred participants.

Mike Slattery has been missing! The reason is that he's been on the road (actually at sea), first directing bridge on a cruise from LA to Santiago, Chile, and second, off to Hawaii on vacation. In his absence, Rosemary Erwin is ably directing his Wednesday game. When Mike returns, he is encouraging new players to join his Wednesday regulars by holding "Play up" games in February and March. Anyone with fewer than 25 points can play for half-price.

Chiong Yuan Han & Doug Stauffer had a super time at the San Diego National in November. Not only did they have four days of fun and points but also came in 3rd in their stratification and won red points on the first day. Congratulations!

Thanks to Dick Tani for a wonderful job as president this past year, also Linda Blasdel, kudos for their efforts on our behalf.

We were sorry to hear that Ardyce Miller is ill. We wish her well and hope to see her back at the tables soon.

Gilroy: Open Pairs December 3, 1st Diana & Ron Dragt. Dec. 10, N/S 1st Joanne Wicker & Bob Frohman; E/W, 1st Liega Arnett & Lucy Grisetti. Dec. 17, N/S 1st Sabina Siem & Rita Tingley; E/W, Ron Dragt & Win Stone.

Morgan Hill: Open Pairs Dec. 7, N/S 1st Jonna Robinson & Vincent McLoughlin; E/W, 1st Don McCown & Gary Jones. Dec. 14, 1st Bob Frohman & Vincent McLoughlin. Dec., 21, 1st Dick Tani & Diana Dragt; 2nd Win Stone & Ron Dragt; 3rd Mary Ann Ruggles & Pravin Lathigara. Unit game and Xmas Great Western STAC game: Dec. 13, N/S 1st Rosemary Erwin & Diana Dragt; E/W 1st Margot & Michael Kakalec. Under 20 game: N/S 1st Chiong Yuan Han & Doug Stauffer; E/W, 1st Fanny Curro & Nancy Adrian.

Hollister: Linda's Tuesday Open Pairs: Dec. 1, 1st Charles Costa & Lanetta Bishop; 2nd Gertrude Edverson & Don Jones. Dec. 8, 1st Bill Millar & Dick Tani; 2nd Luisa Velasco & Gertrude Edverson. Dec. 15, 1st Bob George & Bill Millar; 2nd Marty Schwabacher & Kelly Gutierrez. Dec. 22, 1st Suzanne Proctor & Win Stone; 2nd Linda King & Barbara Earley. Dec. 29, 1st Lou & Suzanne Peloquin. Mike's Wednesday game: Dec. 9, N/S 1st Ron & Diana Dragt; 2nd Marilyn Martin & Betty McKenzie; E/W, Don Bugge & Win Stone. Dec. 16, 1st Don Nemiro & Bob Frohman; 2nd Ron Dragt & Don Bugge. Dec. 28, 1st Pat Kraut & Teri Swan.

Livermore Valley

By Paul Dubois

Several of the February games will contribute to the Junior fund. Be sure to check the schedule on the website as some plans are uncertain at this time.

Special kudos to Rick Wilson and Doug Coffland out at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. While these busy guys can't make our games very often, they are nurturing the game by running a lunch-time game twice a week and offering classes in how to play duplicate.

The LEESA Bridge Club has been a big success with their leadership. If you are nearby, some of the lunchtime sessions are held in the Press Center off Greenville Road, which is open to the public.

You can get more information from Rick at: biz@harmonicsystems.com

Great Western STAC week was topped off by excessive eating at our unit and Livermore parties, leaving us fat and happy. A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard on the unit party and making food for both events.

On Dec. 12 we had our unit party (which at the same time was a Great Western STAC game) at the Veteran's Building in Pleasanton. An already tight schedule set out by our leader Jean Barry was made horrific when the city employee failed to arrive to open the door for the cooks and decorators. Someone, I think it was Vern Gabrielson or Tony Davito, flagged down a police car and a dragnet for the culprit ensued. We decided not to waterboard him because we needed the sink. The meal made it to the table on time and in the ensuing tournament Jean Barry & Nancy Boyd won N/S (67%!) with Tony & Linda Davito taking B & C. E/W went to Teresa Dueser & Gary Minnig (64%) with John & Susan Wachsman winning C. Our winners made the big board in the STAC as well.

Our Livermore party found us not quite fat enough yet, so we dug in. Some of us ate extra to drown our sorrows from missing games before the break. Not having regrets were the three N/S strat winners, Verlan Gabrielson & Terri Kiyota, the Davitos, and Joanne & Ray Culy, and in the other direction Carlton Furburg & J Dudley Alexander nosed out Teresa & Gary by less than two matchpoints, with David Silberman & I only two matchpoints further back. Hey, I'm mellow when I've had pie and I don't annoy my partner.

You can see pictures from both these

events on unit501.bridgeforyou.com, by going to the Results archives for the two clubs, respectively.

I'm the one with the big knife.

In the Monday morning STAC game, Jim & Pat Leary captured 4th district-wide (68%) (as well as placing 3rd with a 65% in a Saturday game); Alfred Loethen & Ahmad Bina as well as Terri Kiyota & Vern Gabrielson made the top 20 in B.

Friday night our local winners were Lynn Gast & Wayne Vondera and Steve Brosamer & Dan Wong. Jim & Pat for Tuesday @ Marina: Jim Leary & Pat Leary, 71.66% They were 2nd overall.

Modesto

By Lee Striplin

Barbara Price has achieved the rank of Diamond Life Master. She is the second player from our unit to reach the 5000 point level required.

Congratulations, Barbara!

The December unit game featured a Christmas potluck lunch. Jan & Pieter Mastenbroek were the overall winners in the bridge game. N/S A winners were Jinsoon Chan & Juanita Kaufman, followed by Chris Brown & Barbara Price, Faye Salmon & Dick Uhrhammer, Lee Striplin & Grace Torbohn. B was led by Chan & Kaufman (also 1st in C), followed by Striplin & Torbohn, Frank Frohman & Joan Miller, John Kimball & Barbara Longstreth (also 2nd in C). The E/W A was led by the Mastenbroeks, followed by Doris Ashcroft & Roy Carnahan (also 1st in B), Ralph Jungwirth & Latrelle Uhl, Connie Arnold & Judy Remmers (also 2nd in B and 1st in C). Third in B were Jean Chitwood & Lyn Rabinovitz (also 2nd in C), and fourth were Gary Capwell & Charlotte Martin.

Joyce Ielmini and Vicki Mac Clyment were elected to the board, and they will join Glenn Van Denburg, Jeanne Russo, Jackie Wilson, Dave Jenkins, Sharon Fauss, Joyce Rudecill, Mary Sue Moore, and Leigh Tibbetts.

Chris Brown was the top December A player of the month, followed closely by Barbara Price. Gary Capwell led B, and Doris Ashcroft was second. First in C was Glenn Van Denburg, and Joyce Rudecill was second. Hal DeRoos reports that he and his mother won twenty-two points in the San Diego NABC.

Jan and Pieter Mastenbroek treated us to a fantastic Christmas party on December 19. They served a beautiful lunch, preceded by mixed drinks. A good time was had by all. Thank you very much.

Chris Brown, Barbara Price, and John and Joyce Ielmini are among those playing in the Hawaii Regional. Drew Mercer spent the holidays in Seattle visiting with his daughter, and Jeanne Russo flew to Boston for Christmas with friends and relatives.

The next unit game will be on February 14 (Valentine's Day) at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served, as usual.

Finally, I want to thank Leigh Tibbetts, who has graciously volunteered to write this column for several months, starting next month. If you have any news, give Leigh a call. Leigh, you are a gentleman and a scholar. Thank you!

Marin

By Bob Sampson

The unit party in December had 100+ members for lunch and 122 for bridge. Chairperson Lou Sasselli was pleased about the turnout and the volunteer help that included many salads and deserts and entrees cooked by Carol Painter, Sylvia Ross, Dolores and Fred Rudow and June Zullo. Charity donations went to Homeward Bound of Marin which was represented by two food preparers and by David Smith, bridge expert and treasurer on the non-profit's board of directors. He explained that there is a waiting list for homeless families at the 400 bed facility - in affluent Marin! This knowledge helped spur generous donations to which were added large matching gifts from Dave Smith, Warren Wertheimer and the unit board. You can learn more about Homeward Bound at www.hbofm.org and may

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March 27 - 28, 2010



The Santa Rosa Spring Sectional

Saturday, March 27	3:30 pm
10:30 AM Open Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions A 2000 + B 750 - 2000 Avg: 4000 Pair Total C 0 - 750 Ave: 1500 Pair Total 299er - Single Session Single Session Side Game	Open Stratified Pairs Cont. 299er Single Session Single Session Side Game



Saturday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

Bracketed Swiss Teams* - There will be a short mid session break to enjoy our complimentary lunch.

Brackets determined by average team masterpoints

Play through 6 Rounds, 8 Boards per round

Lunch included at no charge

* Pending sufficient attendance

Table Fees include Sunday Lunch

\$10.00 per session ACBL members

\$11.00 per session non or unpaid ACBL members

Santa Rosa Odd Fellows Hall

545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

Directions: From Highway 101, Northbound Exit College Ave. (past 'Downtown')

And turn right, Southbound Exit College (past Steele Ln.) and turn Left.

Turn Left on Mendocino and Right on Pacific.

From Highway 12, (Sonoma) continue onto Fourth Street at Farmers Lane.

Turn Right on Mendocino and Right on Pacific

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