



District 21 Unitscope

Congratulations to all of the silver point winners. Our appreciation goes to Richard Meffley (tournament director), Dick Powell (partnership chair), Byron Steinert (for presenting at the "Lunch and Learn"), and Jackie Finn (our last minute fill-in for hospitality). Also thanks to all who donated food and volunteered their time to ensure the tournament ran smoothly. Though the compliments were abundant for this tournament, we are always looking for advice on how to improve it for next year.

If you have recommendations please let us (board members) know.

We had seven pairs achieve 70% games in August. Morgan Johnson & John Simpson were the only pair to accomplish this task in Madera when they had a 72.5% game on 8/24. The rest of the pairs were at the Fresno clubhouse. Steve Sharp & Jay Shapiro earned an impressive 77.08% game on 8/2. The next day (8/3), Lowell Gist & D Zody just crossed the 70% barrier with their 70.24% game. On 8/11, there were two interesting events in the three-table morning game: 1) all 6 pairs finished in order of their pair number; and 2) pair 1, Mary Lou Da Costa & Blanche Frech, earned a 72% game. That same afternoon, John Simpson & Don Winton earned a 73.95% game. Two pairs managed to get their 70% games in Great Western STAC events. The first of these pairs, Lois Layne & Dolores Parada, earned a 71.13% game on 8/23 (placing first out of 24 tables playing in an under 750 masterpoint game). The second of these pairs, Victor Greener & Robert Durbrow, earned a 72.92% game on 8/28 (placing first out of 36 tables).

We have new members to welcome: Bill & Bonnie Burns, Beau & Mary Carter, Barry Katz, and Cyndie Tingey.

Club appreciation pairs and teams games run throughout October. Take advantage of these high master point games. Check *Aces, Places, & Faces* for when these games are scheduled.

Marin

By Bob Sampson

This is the August report. Unit game winners were Bonnie Nackley & Jane Bauer and Linda & Gary Swenson in C, Richard Riezman & Bob Haar, Cecil Moskowitz & Barbara Curley in B and Jerry Meislin & Ellen Schiller, Laura Kenney & Gene Simpson in A. In the fourth and last NAP prelim game, 23 more players qualified, bringing the total to 112 by our unofficial count. If all show up, that is 28 tables for the Marin Unit final September 11. Winners in sectional pairs events were Richard Riezman & Nancy Zakim in Castro Valley in X, Loretta Bromberg in Reno in A/X and Arti Bhargava in San Mateo in 199ers.

Here are Great Western STAC week overall results for Marin (from District 21 online postings). *Monday:* A teams, winners were Nancy Zakim, Nancy Ferguson, Mike Hartnett and Hal Broder, Arti Bhargava; B teams, Bev & Bram Dresden, Bill Kazee, Lynn Pasternak and Karen Turnbaugh, Hannah Kishi, Mel Rosen, Jerry Mednick and Betty & Ron Ingram, Geri Lovette, Jane Canning; C Teams, George Beard, Linda Bucklin, Suzy Doyle, Margaret Anderson; NLM pairs in A, Lynn Stempek & Fae Kettering and in C, Linda Oldenberg & Gene Pudberry. *Tuesday:* A teams, Nancy Girtler, Julie Coffin, Ann Reed, Marilyn Cleland and Lou Sasselli, Barbara Meyer, Jane Frost, Nancy Wiegler; B teams David Blohm, Edie Glynn, Sue Parker, Ingrid Purcell; C teams, Charles Falk, Paul Tandler, Beverly Bloss, Jean Marchant.

Wednesday: Open Pairs, Jim Cohen & Mehry Ehya were 21st in C with 58%; in NLM pairs, Nancy Burke & Victoria Shea were first with 68%. *Thursday:* afternoon Open Pairs, Vince Mueller & Rob Roman were 7th with 67% and in the evening Karen Antonelli & Joe Lurie were 15th in A (4th in C) with 63%. *Friday:* B Open Pairs, Sharon Rettenberg & Jane Frost were 3rd with 66% and Janet Russell & Jim Washburn were 22nd with 62.96%; in Swiss Teams, Lynn Blankfort was on the team placing second in A. *Saturday:* Open Pairs, Lou Sasselli & Nancy Wiegler were 4th in A with 68.87%. This last was the best percent for a Marin pair.

August had quite a few big games. Ellen Schiller had 72% with Bob Liss and 71% with Bruce Noda. There were six pairs

at 70%: Fae Kettering & Lynn Stempek, Doreen & Robert Fan, Debbie & Gerald Levine, Harold & Harriet Silen, Angelo Servino & Carole Liss and Arlene White & Suzy Doyle. We end with congratulations to two ladies whose names appear often in this column, Ellen Schiller and Ellen Weingart, who not only share first names but by coincidence were married on August 29 in the same year in Buffalo and Long Island, New York. Now sometimes they call each other "twin" as both taught high school mathematics, play tennis and, as we know, are excellent bridge players.

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Modesto

By Lee Striplin

In the August unit game Hayward Hawke & Fred Herman captured first overall in A; 2nd, Ralph Jungwirth & Latrelle Uhl; 3rd (1st B,C) were Mike Gutowski & Mary Zak; 4th, William Frame & Lee Maddocks; 5th, Kenneth Levy & Mary Sue Moore; 3B, Dee Alexander & Glenn Van Denburg; 4B, Nan Hornberger & Drew Mercer; 5B, Corey Baumbach & Roy Carnahan; 3C, Juanita Kaufman & Pat Martin; 4C, Roger Quillen & Robert Rodenhizer.

Congratulations to Alan Hamilton and Bonnie Landis for reaching the level of Silver Life Master.

Lee Maddocks & Ralph Jungwirth scored a 72% game recently, Jan Mastenbroek had a 70% game twice, and Chris Brown & Barbara Price scored a 70% game in Eugene, Oregon.

Last month's masterpoint leaders were A, Roland Wilson, followed by Lee Maddocks. Roy Carnahan was first in B, and Jackie Wilson was second. First in C was Corey Baumbach, followed by Connie Arnold. Several players did well in the Santa Clara Regional. The team of Dee Alexander, Kathy High, Candace Garvey, and Joyce Rudesill won the Knockouts in their bracket. The Hamiltons, Mike Hankin, & Gary Oing also won a Knockout in their bracket. The team of Joyce Ielmini, David Machado, Vicky MacClyment, & Jeanne Russo won 7.1 gold points competing in a Knockout event. Ralph Jungwirth & Latrelle Uhl placed in the overalls in their section.

Ken Levy had heart surgery, and he is recuperating at English Oaks Convalescent Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery, and we hope to see him back playing bridge soon.

We read that Joanne Monaco has died at the age of eighty-two. She was a long-time bridge player until she became too ill to play.

I'm sorry I misled you last month by putting in the wrong date for the unit game, but I had not been informed of the two-part session until after the deadline.

The next unit game will be on October 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Monterey

By Mary Block

It isn't too early to save the date on your calendar for the annual Unit 530 Holiday Party at Rancho Canada; the first Sunday in December. Details will follow next month. No-host cocktails are followed by dinner and stratified unit game. Separate pricing is available for dinner and bridge, or either/or.

Bridge Basics classes (fundamentals for intermediate players) are starting again on Wednesday, October 12 (3:00-5:00 p.m.). Please call Lyde McReynolds at 626-4796 to reserve a spot or sign up at the Bridge Center. The lesson includes an opportunity for everyone to bid/play hands created to illustrate the lesson, an excellent way of learning and retaining the information. Delicious snacks are provided. Come with or without a partner, but please do sign up in advance so the boards can be prepared.

Plans are being made for a special event to take place in conjunction with the end of the Monterey Clambake the first week in January. Watch this space for details on a highly-esteemed speaker/teacher.

Peter Herrick is a new Life Master, having earned his qualifying gold points at the Santa Clara Regional.

Bessie Tavernetti Swenson, of Soledad, Calif., passed away at the age of 100. She was a long-time member of the unit and Life Master, according to her obituary.

Between Great Western STAC games, club championship and membership games, the month of August produced results worthy of notice. Saturday morning EZ! Bridge Club champions last month were Kate Lach & Laura Quinn. Thursday Cypress Bridge Cub champions were Marianne van Gelder & Ron Coffee. The Wednesday Oaks club champions were Jean Engvall & Sharon Wayne. Martha Hawley & Mits Tatsugawa won the membership game at the Pines Bridge Club on Fridays. The same pair at the same club had a 68.18% game for a 6th place in the STAC game. Other STAC results from August Saturday EZ! Bridge club included Alicia Greenan & Barbara Sprenger, for 5.55 silver points, which was quite a premium for placing first in the District. Laura Quinn & Kate Lach were second overall for 4.16 and Rayanna Bramblett & Flo Griva fifth for 1.76. The Tuesday Oaks EZ! bridge STAC winners were Barbara Genovese & Lois Genovese in third overall for 2.33. Bill Shelloe & Tony Muller, in a different strat were fourth for 2.85 and Kate Lach & Beth Conley in sixth for 2.14. Other membership winners were George Raust & Joanne Lewis for the Wednesday Oaks game. Maria Gussner & Suzanne Klein were the winners for the Tuesday Oaks membership game. The Friday Oaks membership winners were Beth Ege & Tony Brown.

Napa/Solano/Sonoma

By Joe Freeman

Starting with the results of our Special Swiss Teams game on the last Friday night in August: With the help of some guests from Santa Rosa, we had 17 tables. I am always happy to see our friends from Santa Rosa at our games, but I often hear comments such why do we invite those sharks? Well guess what: the top five finishers were from our unit! The winners were Adrienne Varin, Marsha Horowitz and Tom Sheahan & Barbara Lemme, who were also first in B.

There are three new Life Masters in our unit. Shannon Gardner picked up her remaining silver points in the recent Great Western Summer STAC. Ed Houck became a LM with exactly 300 points at a recent club game. Harry Boon finished his gold points at the Santa Clara Regional.

The names of our unofficial winners of any event and runners up in two session events follow. We had at least two winning KO Teams and two second place finishes in the KOs. The first place finish on Thursday was the team of Theila Smith, Tim Jeans, Dawne Dickenson & John Rothschild. A team including Sigrid Price and Russ Quinnell were second in the top bracket of a KO. The team of Harry Boon, Barbara Lemme & John and Sheila Patterson were second in a KO, which was John's first regional tournament event. Joan Garcia & Joanne Weston were teammates in a KO that finished on Saturday. Their partners were Dan Fong & Jim Solomon, who often play in our club games. Anita Pensler & I were first in one of the side games.

When so many of us go to tournaments, club attendance is down; and the truth is that the clubs need the players' attendance more than the district. There were just 12 tables at the Wednesday game and 11 tables on Friday. As I have said before, the players who come to the clubs week after week, month after month and year after year are our unsung heroes. People who hardly ever go to tournaments such as Barbara De Marco, Barbara Storrie, Jim Quarry, Gerry Bitney, Chris Larsen & George Kieffer attended both games as they have been doing for years. Others such as Thomas Haldi, Red Falk, Leslie Hill, & Marie Chermis are strong supporters of our Wednesday game.

I should mention many others too such as Jerry Fenton, Jeanie Bang & Dale Oleson but I am limited to 500 words.

On behalf of Wayne, Anastasia & Unit 512, I thank all I mentioned and those I didn't for your strong support during and last regional tournament. Thanks for your ongoing support as well.

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East Bay Fall Sectional

November 18-20, 2011 HOLY REDEEMER CENTER

8945 Golf Links Rd., Oakland

Friday November 18

at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (single sessions)

Stratified Open Pairs 0-500/500-1500/1500+

Stratified 299er Pairs 0-50/50-100/100-300 (Attendance Permitting)

Saturday November 19

at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (single sessions)

Strati-flighted Pairs A/X 3000+

Strats B/C/D 1000-1500/500-1000/0-500

Stratified 299er Pairs 0-50/50-100/100-300 (Attendance Permitting)

Sunday November 20

at 11:00 a.m. and approx. 4:30 p.m.

"BARBARA HARMON Bracketed Swiss" -- 20VP scale

The top bracket will consist of the highest ranked teams

plus any teams that opt to be in the top bracket.

Teams must play both sessions.

All brackets except the bottom will play 7 rounds, 7 boards;

Bottom bracket plays 7 rounds, 6 boards.

Table fees \$10.00 per Session (non-ACBL & unpaid \$11.00)

Mid-chart allowed in Flight A/X and top bracket of Swiss Teams.

DIRECTIONS:

From 580 (from the north) take Golf Links Rd. exit, Right
(from the south) take Golf Links Rd. exit, Left

From 880 take 98th Ave. exit - East, Left onto Golf Links Rd.
(just before Hwy. 580)

From Golf Links Rd: Approx 0.3 miles north of 98th Ave.
Left into Parking Lot (Castlewood Rd. on the right)

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