



District 21 Unitscope

Reno

By Kathy Evans

I've heard great reports about the annual summer picnic. One person I talked to said it was the best location ever!

Last year a unit member had a baby and this year we have an engagement! Lin Goldstein just got engaged to Linda Power, a Renown Hospital Medical Records Specialist. No date has been set for the wedding. Congratulations to Lin and Linda.

The results from the Sid and Lillian Davidson Memorial Sectional are in. The top 10 Unit 473 masterpoint winners were: Conrad Evans, Nels Erickson, Virginia Kellermeyer, Steve Print, Rich Scoggin, Dan Green, Charlotte Falk, Neal Moore, Eunice Parent, and John Swanson. In addition to being in the Top 10 for Unit 473, John Swanson was also the winner of the Sid and Lillian Davidson trophy for Unit 473. Barbara Agre is the Unit 465 winner. These trophies are given to the player from each respective unit that entered the sectional with less than 100 masterpoints and won the most points. It was good seeing Matt Kofsky playing after his extended stay in the hospital. Welcome back, Matt.

Out and About: Tom Howell has returned from his baseball tour. Cynthia Swezey has returned from visiting family in Colorado. Paul Blumberg is in New Jersey.

Disabled list: Mona Fleischmann had surgery for a hip fracture. Louise Holden had a hip replacement. Kathleen Elcano broke her fibula. A get well wish goes out to all unit members that are not feeling tip-top.

New member: This month the unit has four transfers into our unit: Patricia Eddy, Richard Eddy, Larry Jackson and Steve Print. Welcome all.

Big Game: This is a new feature starting this month and it will spotlight players with 70% or more game. On Saturday, August 13 in a five table game, Gloria Walker & Mel Edelblute had a 73% game. At the 7 1/2 table Wednesday night game on August 25, Lin Goldstein & Dan Green had a 71.88% game. Congrats to all four players.

It looks like I may be getting my wish for more Reno Youth Bridge players playing at the club. On August 9 we had two: Brenna Spackman played with Bud Brewer and Daphne Quint played with her dad, Tom. Brenna & Bud had a respectable 54.17% game and tied for 4/5th in A for their direction. Daphne & Tom teamed up to play a session in the sectional. It's great seeing these two young women playing; let's hope it catches on with more of the Reno Youth Bridge players.

The club held a number of Great Western Summer STAC games during August. The August 22 game was won by Kathy Lane & Lorita Spalding; August 24, Lin Goldstein & Dan Green; August 25, Virginia Jensen & Mike Slattery; August 26, Steve Print & Conrad Evans; August 27, Nels Erickson & Conrad Evans; August 28, Lin Goldstein and Sheila Wimer.

The club had a series of NAP qualifying games during August. August 8 was won by Kathy Lane & Lorita Spalding; August 10, Bobbi Kornbluth & Rich Scoggin; August 11, Sal Bulkley & Roger Reid; August 12, Pat Green & Liz Jenkins; August 13, Gloria Walker & Mel Edelblute.

The club championship game on August 7 was won by Neal Moore & Gil Ramirez. The charity game on August 16 was won by Joyce Remsen & Jackie Chandler.

The unit had several rank changes during the last month. Marjorie Quaglieri and Linda Torres became Junior Masters. Frances Bruun-Andersen and John Swanson became Sectional Masters. Arlene Hansen became the unit's newest Life Master.

Congratulations to all.

The regular unit game in September is on Sept. 25. Please note that the club will be closed October 6-9 so that members can attend the Carson/Tahoe Fall Sectional at the Plaza Convention Center in Carson City.

Sacramento

By Francine Dais

I'm a mystery fan, which is a good thing because every bridge hand is a mystery to be solved. I found myself really sick for the last seven days, and the mystery was how do I summon up the time and the energy to write my first *Forum* Unitscope article, so here goes. It's the time of year when bridge gets really exciting for those who want the chance to represent District

21 in the North American Pairs; club qualifiers ended in August. If you aren't sure if you qualified at the club level, just check with your local club.

Our unit qualifying game will be held at the Folsom Bridge Center on Sunday, October 2, at 12:00 noon. It would be great to see a crowd attend. Why come play at this stimulating event?

(1) I think our unit is really under-represented at these events, and this year we have a great opportunity because the district finals will be held in Walnut Creek, which is very easily a day trip, and closer than most of the past events.

(2) These events are really fun to play in as everybody's competitive streak is ramped up a notch. I also find them to be full of encouraging and supportive folks. It's really a pleasure to participate in a variety of bridge events and to be competing for more than just masterpoints.

(3) Your attendance contributes to the money that helps to cover the prize money for the three top pairs that represent District 21 at the Nationals in the spring, and it would be great for lots of players to show up in support of this grass roots event.

(4) I think the players that represent our unit at the district game should have to beat out a whole bunch of the rest of us to earn their spot. Let's not make it easy for them to just breeze on through. These games cover all the different flights. You only have to qualify in your flight. Wouldn't it be great for those who think they have a guaranteed spot to walk into a crowded room and know they are going to have to step up and work to represent us?

(5) By playing in our local unit game, you are not committing to go on if you don't choose to. But what fun if you showed up and surprised yourself with a nice game and then got to make that choice to continue on and experience the wonderful opportunity of playing at the district level and possibly even earn one of the top three spots and the right to go to Nationals.

Again, you still have the option at that point to go or not to go.

(6) An opportunity for more of those precious masterpoints! So mark your calendars for 10/2/11 at 12:00 noon and head on out to the Folsom Bridge Center. Those that qualify get to play in the district games being held in late January/early February depending on your flight.

Sherlock Holmes, in *The Sign of the Four* (Doubleday p. 111) said, "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." It's one of my favorite mystery quotes. And it sure applies to all aspects of bridge: bidding, declaring, and defending. Sometimes we all get so focused on trying to create what is in the other three players' hands that we don't realize it can frequently be so much simpler to eliminate what is impossible for them to be holding based on the information provided so far in the bidding/playing. Once you've eliminated the impossibilities, then the truth of their hands is often revealed. When declaring or defending, it often boils down to: there is only one way to make the contract/set the contract. When you've eliminated all of the impossibilities, focus on the possibility left, and go for it!

San Francisco

By Kim Fanady

Fall in San Francisco brings us much to appreciate: beautiful weather, annual events such as Hardly Strictly Bluegrass in Golden Gate Park and Fleet Week on the Bay, and in the bridge world, ACBL Club Appreciation Month. The high cost of San Francisco real estate has scattered our clubs across the city, each playing only a day or two per week; but the good news is we have lots of clubs! All our clubs, Cardology, Concordia, QuickTricks, St. Mary's, and Sunset, are good places to play, learn, meet people, and make new friends. Get out there, earn some extra masterpoints in club appreciation games, and show your clubs some love!

Speaking of clubs, QuickTricks will host the InterClub Championship on October 3. Compete with players at clubs across the entire ACBL, score big, and win big! At Cardology in August, Jeff Reid & Chris Friday struck again with another 70% game to follow up their 70% at Concordia in June. What a run!

The unit game this month will be a Swiss

Teams event on October 15, followed next month by a pairs game on November 26. All games are at the Masonic Temple, 855 Brotherhood Way, and all are invited to join us. Lots of Unit 506ers raked in the gold and red at the big Santa Clara Regional last month. Check out the results on the District 21 website and see their names in lights. Next month, on to Seattle for the Fall NABC; a bridge junkie's work is never done!

Happy Halloween and autumn to everyone. See you at the table.

San Mateo/ Redwood City

By M. K. Key

August was a busy month for bridge players in Unit 498. The 498 Sectional Tournament at the San Mateo Expo Event Center August 20-21 was well attended. Winners in the different divisions included - *Pairs*: David Hoffman & Dariush Youssefi, Sunil Singl & Arti Bhargava, Ari Greenberg & Gieske Joel, Dan Banks & Doriane Heyman, Patricia Frederick; *Swiss Teams*: Len Vishnevsky, Jo Ginsberg, Bob Etter, Dmitri Shabes; Andrew Van Wye, Elenalani Lam, Ivan Jen, Carol Griffin; Paul & Trisha Mock, Helen LaRash, Wendy Benveniste. A big congratulations to Jim & Barbara Curry, who won the 99er Art Weinstein Trophy.

The 8th Annual Maye Soules Memorial Game was a sellout at the BBC. It was a pleasure to welcome her son, Professional Gary Soules, back to Burlingame. He partnered with David Hoffman for the play day. Winners of 1st place Great Western STAC silver points during this fun event were Edward Nagy & Harvey Brody, Gigi Marki & Dariush Youssefi, Lisa & Robert Bates, who also placed 4th in the Western Clubs Division with their 71% game.

Other BBC 1st place STAC week winners included Lenore Cavallero, Adrian Lim & Hugh Huff, Ray Sullivan & Elizabeth Johnson, Carole Anne Gennaro, & Jim Felker,

Dan Doolittle & Dan Stowell, Arnold Bacal & Ann Longknife, Zakir Mohammed & Ruth Schrag, Sara Rae Miller & Jagdish Datt, Carolyn Gevurtz & Albert Polonsky, Eileen Battat & Virginia Wailes, David Strauss & Carlos D'Assumpeao, Betty Szeinbaum & Paul Levine, Justin Beck & Douglas Grant, Arline & James Van Ness, Patsy Ludwig & Victoria Hazelrig, Patricia & Ronald Haupt, Ted Richmond & Roger Dewes, Joel Steinberg & Miwako Litwin.

Highlighting the 49er, 99er, 199er 1st place winners during the month included Joan Sullivan & Mavis Baird, Eileen Battat & Elizabeth Johnson, Logue Malouf & Mary Ann Tuck, Paul & Tricia Mock, Bob Foo & Marc Cohen, Lucile Chen, Sue Kenney & Yvonne Moore, Marriane Guttas & Lori Bard, Jim & Sally Meakin, Mark & D. Sorenson, Billie Ruete & Phillip Kilgore, Dorothy Hardwicke, Rose Bauer & Linda Duncan, Barbara Gersch & Karen Wisialowski, Anne Curry & Joan Upson. Mentor/Mentee games Mary Bates & Patricia Wong, Eva Klein & Carol Tessler.

We regret the passing of Gustavo Figueiredo, who was a member of Unit 498. We welcome new Unit 498 members: Helen Babb, Sheila Caddes, Robert Chang, Margaret Day, Jackson Dean, Melanie Hoefler, Ginny Knight, Kathryn Kranen, Adrian Lim and Elaine Smith. We also welcome Howard Liu, Frieda Peacock, Jason Rosenfeld and Karl Westerberg, who have transferred into our Unit 498.

Bridge players fulfilling the requirements for new ACBL bridge levels include Junior Masters: Joanna Ambrosio, Carolyn Gevurtz, Michael Standefer, Carol Tessler, Mary Ann Tuck. Club Master: Rose Bauer. Sectional Master: Scott Maa. Regional Masters: Robert Crosby and Margaret Harger.

Also a huge congratulations to Rajeev Gupta, who became a Gold Life Master.

One definition of a gentleman in bridge play is one who holds the card holder up for the ladies at his table. It is always a pleasure to be seated at the table of Paul & Tricia Mock.

B-E-R Unit 497 Fall Sectional November 5-6, 2011

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

Saturday, November 5, NOON

Saturday, November 5, 6 PM.

Strati-flighted & 299er Pairs

Stratified Pairs

A/X: Unlimited/3000
B: 750-2000 C: 300-750

Unlimited/750-2000/0-750

Sunday, November 6 - 11AM. & 4:30 PM.

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams, 7 rounds of boards (4 before, 3 after the break), 20 VP scale. Strats based on average MP per team; any team with a member holding > 2000 MP's must play in A/X & any team with a member w/ > 750 MP's will be classified B in the B/C/(D) strat.

A/X: Unlimited/3000 ** B/C/D: 2000/750/300

ONE HOUR TIME LIMIT/ROUND - single-session entries for C/D only!

\$9/person/session; \$1 extra for non-ACBL members

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Directions:

Via E-bound I-80/580, exit @ Central, R to Ashbury (dead end); L to Moeser. From W-bound I-80, exit @ Cutting, L to San Pablo, R to Moeser, L to ECCC.

Once the ECCC parking lot fills up, there's usually ample nearby street parking; we advise carpooling. Call Mark if you're using public transit.