



District 21 Unitscope

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Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

August 8 & 9 was the weekend of the Fresno Non-Life Master Sectional. There were 25 1/2 tables across the four sessions. Once again, this was an enjoyable weekend; unfortunately our table count continues to go down for this sectional; more on that later. The big masterpoint winner was Visalia's Michiko Taylor. Second was Fresno's big winner, Barbara Wiedel. Congratulations to Michiko and Barbara and the other 26 people who received silver masterpoints. As tournament chair, I would like to personally thank: tournament director Kay Chrisman; partnership chair Mary Lou Pease; lunch and learn speaker Skip Miller; and hospitality chair Jackie Finn; all of whom donated their time and services to this tournament. Thanks also go to Renee Laquerriere for arranging for DaVinci's Pizza to give half of our Sunday lunch for free.

Our thrifty spending on satisfying lunches and Kay's generous donation of her time as director allowed us to continue to make significant money off this weekend despite the drop in attendance. If anyone has recommendations to improve attendance for this tournament, please contact a board member. If you were a Non-Life Master with less than 500 masterpoints who decided not to play in this tournament we would like to know why, what would entice you to come? We have discussed possibilities such as having just a one-day tournament. Would that be more enticing or less?

The Fresno Fall Sectional will be held in a few weeks (October 15-18). Hopefully, you have already made plans to join us in one or more of the sessions. If you need a partner for one of the pairs sessions or another pair for a team game, Mary Lou Pease will once again be the partnership chair (559 288-2340 or marylou121@comcast.net). Come and join us and let's make this sectional a big success.

The North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying is now over. Qualifiers from the various sessions have been posted, and the unit final is scheduled for Sunday, November 8.

We had six 70% games in August. In Oakhurst, Claire Molnar & Karen McCartin, 72.92%; In Madera, Gary Nelson & Richard Meffley; in Fresno, Bill Ward & Steve Johnson, 73.75%; Jane Willson & Linda Pickett, 70.83%; Anthony Toto & Byron Steinert, 70%; Pamela & Gary Pigg, 70.83%.

A correction to last month's Unitscope: I had correctly stated that Jay Roll made the rank of Diamond Life Master earlier this year, but I incorrectly identified the masterpoints for that level; a Diamond is 5000 MP.

October is not only our sectional month, it is also club appreciation month! Each club will be allowed one of these high masterpoint games. Check Aces, Places, & Faces for when these games are scheduled.

Hollister/Gilroy/Morgan Hill

By Carol Nicoletti

Here we are in the tenth month of the year. At one time, October was the eighth month with

March being first. The calendar was reformed with the addition of January and February.

Pet Peeve Week: This little known holiday occurs the second week in October, so it was time to ask about said subject. Sue Smith seethes when people don't return her calls. Irene Ryan is ready to ram the slow drivers who crawl along in the fast lane. Ron King is so proud of his clean car, and then it gets dirty when farmers turn on those sprinklers. Carol Reed is disgusted with folks who never use their blinkers. The common occurrence of the fluctuating temperature gauge on Thursdays is what drives Pat Kraut up the wall. Don't get Liega started on the noisy neighbors who play loud music past 9:00 p.m. Marilyn Martin gets uncomfortable when players argue at the table. Don't you hate waiting in a long line, and the person ahead of you is not ready when it's his/her turn? That's the thorn in Mary Legrand's side.

Last, but not least, Betty DePaola doesn't appreciate it when people write down the contract before they lead.

Who knew? Bill Millar had the fastest car in Oakland. Do you think going 120 mph down the Nimitz Freeway and getting tickets stopped him? Not on your life. Julie Robertson's first job was being a waitress in a cafe at 10 years old. Patty Stone tried picking peaches and lasted one day. Her total pay was one dollar. Ever heard of a "coal catcher?" Mike Kakalec would grab the slough-offs at the mines, break the coal with his trusty hammer, and use it at home for heat. Carol Nicoletti taught 15-year-old incorrigibles at Napa State Mental Hospital for two summers. Jonna helped produce clogs in a converted barn in Ireland. The record was set at 20,000 pairs in one

year. Jim Craig's wife is helping a rescue equine back to health. It turns out that Chandler was a race horse. What a find!

The Next Level: Maria Schalk (Club Master), Paulette Schloetter (Sectional Master).

Under the Canopy of Concentration: These card sharks topped the charts at 62% or higher: Don Nemiro, Betty DePaola, Ken Johnson, Paulette Schloetter, Lawson Sakai, Willis Pack, Bob Frohman, Carol Alcock, Julia Robertson, Carol Nicoletti, Sue Smith, Jim Craig, Dan Brown, Pravin Lathhigara, Lyle Supp, Joe Smith, Win Stone, Bill Millar, Patty Stone, and Don McCown.

High Scorers for the month: Don & Betty 66.67%, Carol A. & Julia 69.68%, Elsie Shaw & Lawson Sakai 64%, Rosemary Erwin & Diana Dragt get a special salute 73.21%. Unit game winners were Jim Craig & Lyle Supp, Joanne Wicker & Ken Johnson, Carol Reed & Irene Ryan. Next unit game is Sunday, October 18.

Autumn has a flavor like no other. Take a moment to enjoy the spectrum of colors, the crisp nights, leaves scurrying down the street and the lonely calls of birds wondering where their little friends went.

Until next month, friends; good health and good bridge.

Livermore Valley

By Rosemarie LaFrancesca

Fall in the Livermore Valley brings the grape harvest and many visitors to the wine festival. We hope you will join us for bridge at the Livermore Bridge Club. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at the IOOF Building. (Continued on page 10)

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Master point awards are silver

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">9:30 am 299er Seminar with Al Beckner</div> 99er Pairs Single Session Games 100-50 / 50-20 / 20-0 299er Pairs Single Session Games 300-200 / 200-100 / 100-0 Open Pairs Single Session Games 2000+ / 2000-750 / 750-0	99er Pairs Single Session Games 100-50 / 50-20 / 20-0 299er Pairs Single Session Games 300-200 / 200-100 / 100-0 Open Pairs 2 Session Play Through (Single Sessions Optional) 2000+ / 2000-750 / 750-0 <i>(Note: You can play up if you choose)</i>	Swiss Teams (4 Person Team) Stratified or bracketed depending upon attendance 10:30 am to approx. 7:00 pm (mid-game break for lunch) Entries \$11 Unpaid & Non-members \$14

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