



District 21 Unitscope

each of you, and keep on playing! When you see them, please take the time to congratulate them on their advancements.

I am writing next month's column, so please contact me if you have interesting results or other items to report: lmjtbow@pacbell.net

Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

As usual, March is a quiet month to report on. The only Sunday unit game to discuss is the charity game on March 19. That game generated money for the ACBL charity fund. We typically have this game in March as it allows us to have a charity game for a charity of our choosing afterwards. For us, that is our anniversary game at the beginning of April. The winning pair for the March charity game was Laura Da Costa & Ray April. The anniversary game will be discussed in next month's Unitscope column.

This Forum article should have arrived with enough time for you to make plans to join us for the Sunday, May 7, Peggy Ochs Memorial game. During this potluck lunch and game, we honor the members of Unit 522 that have died since our last memorial game. Those we will be honoring this May are Margaret Giragosian, Nancy Honeywell, Jack Leonard, Jane McCoy, Betty Jean Rose, & Dorothy Soles. If I left someone out, I will add his or her name next month. The potluck lunch will be at noon and the game at 1:00 p.m.

Since we have some space in this article, I can take the time to remind members of our typical June events. The biggest of those events is the 5th Annual Longest Day bridge marathon, which will be held on Wednesday June 21. This is our day

to find out just how many games you can play in one day. Previously, the clubhouse has held as few as three games and as many five games, but most recently have settled on four.

The end of June will also be the annual graduation party, our day to honor all members who have achieved a new Life Master rank since our last graduation party. Our main honored are the new Life Masters from the past 12 months. As I am writing this report, our new Life Masters are John & Peggy Oakshott. Any chance we can add a few more before the end of June?

Just four 70% games in March; all were in Fresno. In the Wednesday evening open game, Lowell Gist & Robert Durbrow, 72.76%; Saturday afternoon 99er, Carol Smith & Ruby Buttereck, 70%; Thursday afternoon 750 game, Patricia Creede & Marva White, 75.10%; lastly, Tuesday evening Lesson/99er game, Marilyn & Steve Fabian, 75%.

Congratulations goes to two members achieving new ranks: Howard Arquette (Ruby Life Master, 1500 masterpoints) and Burke Zane (Silver Life Master, 1000 masterpoints).

We have four new members to welcome: Ladonna Goss, Edward Hampton, Faith Nitschke, & Tanya Weston.

New sessions of Easybridge! 1 & 2 will have started by the time you receive this email, but we are happy to have any new referrals join us. Lessons are every Saturday at 9:00 a.m., and they are all free.

Livermore Valley

By Rosemarie LaFrancesca

Unit 501 is always looking for new members and new ways to entertain our current members.

We have a pizza party and holiday party yearly; we host a tournament the last weekend of January; we have fun Swiss Teams competitions like "8 is Enough" or "flash mob." In order to ensure that all have a chance to play, we guarantee a partner for these special events. We also guarantee a partner for any 99er who wants to play on any Thursday, even if there is no Novice game that day. So, no excuses; come out and play duplicate with us; remember, playing duplicate is cheaper than therapy.

The Livermore Bridge Club website is livermorebridge.com You will find a calendar of events there; you can also find Paul's bridge tips and publications via pfdubois.com/publish There are links to neighboring units if you want to travel to your next bridge game.

We hope you will join us weekly for bridge at the Livermore Bridge Club. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the IOOF Building, 2160 First Street, in Livermore. Parking and entrance are in the rear; an elevator is available. Novice Games (0-99 points) are held the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Encourage your bridge-playing friends to give duplicate bridge a try! We are happy to see some of our 99ers play on Mondays as well. Keep up the good work, 99ers!

Most games, including extra point games, are only \$6.00. STAC games are \$8.00; educational fund games are \$7.00. Reservations are suggested for the Monday STAC. Players bring food to share; the club provides coffee/tea; a good time is had by all.

After a vigorous round of bidding, I as dummy laid my hand down. My partner took a quick look and said, "Thank you partner, but where's the hand you bid with?"

Modesto/Merced/Sonora

By Gail Vick

Friday Night Fun Bridge was such a success that it will happen again, sooner than anticipated! Mark your calendars for Friday, May 19, 5:00 p.m., Modesto Bridge Center. Hamburgers & hot dogs and Judy Remmers' Midwestern Potato Salad will be round one of the "main event," and a rotating pot luck, as well as duplicate bridge. For those who are able to bring something for the pot luck, contact Judy Remmers at 209 484-1742 or email skybursting@aol.com for what may be needed to complete the dinner menu, or possibly either an appetizer, wine or drinks. Bridge fees will again be \$5.00 per person, and a sign-up sheet will be posted at the bridge center, or call/text/email Judy Remmers at the above phone, email address to add your name, and your bridge partner's name for the evening. Everyone is welcome, beginners to Life Masters. Sounds like an early Memorial Day Bridge Celebration, "Red, White, and Blue."

The beginner/intermediate game is growing by leaps and bounds, thanks to Ray Adams. For those beginners hesitant to learn duplicate bridge or joining the group, Ray's pin point score board lessons are short but very learnable. So, don't be hesitant, come join us each Sunday at noon, enjoy an afternoon full of bridge, a great short lesson with friendly bridge companions, and I might add, most of the time, wonderful snacks.

I was informed late last month that Annie Hall, a longtime bridge player from Turlock 20 to 25 years ago, playing at (Continued on page 12)



Host Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Sacramento NE Cal Expo
Address: 2224 Auburn Blvd,
Sacramento, CA 95821
Phone: (916) 923-1100

SATURDAY, May 6th 2017

9:30 am

Non Life Master Seminar
with Jim Houghton

2 Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2000+ / 750-2000 / 0-750 or by attendance

2 Single Session Open Pairs:
Strats: 2000+ / 750-2000 / 0-750 or by attendance

2 Single Session 499er/NLM Pairs:
Strats: 200-500 / 100-200 / 0-100
No one over 500 may play

2 Single Session 99er Pairs:
Strats: 50-100 / 20-50 / 0-20
No one over 100 may play

Partnerships

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Arrive Early to Avoid
Parking Problems

Director in Charge
Dianne Barton-Paine

Sacramento Unit 505 2017 Spring Sectional

La Sierra Community Center
5325 Engle Road Carmichael, CA 95608

All Events Use Pair/Team Averages
All Strats depend upon Attendance

Games begin at 10:30 am and 3:30 pm

Masterpoint awards are silver

DAILY RESULTS now available on-line at:

www.playbridgesacramento.org
or by prior registration: ACBL Live

SUNDAY, May 7th 2017

2 Session A/X Swiss Teams:
Strats: 3000+/0-3000

2 Session B/C/D Swiss Teams:
Strats: 1000-2000 / 300-1000 / 0-300
No one over 2000 may play

10:30 am until approx. 6:30 pm
(Mid-game break for lunch)

Entries \$11

Unpaid & Non-members \$14

Hospitality by Sally Wheeler-Valine
Unit 505 welcomes you
with coffee, tea, snacks

Saturday and Sunday lunches
available for purchase each morning

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Sam Sandusky
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SAN FRANCISCO SECTIONAL

June 10 & 11, 2017

Janet Pomeroy Center

207 Skyline Blvd San Francisco

SATURDAY
10:30 am

Two Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-750/2000/+

Single Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-500/1500/+

Single Session Newcomer Pairs
Stratified at 0-20/50/100

Single Session 499'er Pairs
Stratified at 0-100/300/500
No player can have more than 500 MP

3:00 pm

Second Session Open Pairs

Single Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-200/500/+

Single Session Newcomer Pairs
Stratified at 0-20/50/100

Strata for pairs events based on masterpoint average for the two players

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Richard Bellerose (650-488-3530; rbellerose@gmail.com)

PARTNERSHIPS: Gail Gabiati (415-566-9135; gail@intrinsicdevices.com) (email preferred)

MID-CHART Conventions OK except for newcomer and 499er events

Per Session: \$12 Members*\$15 Non and Unpaid Members*Half price for students under 25 yrs of age
LUNCH on both days provided by pre-purchased meal ticket only. \$5.00 sandwiches & side on Saturday and pizza at \$2.00 per slice (plus free green salad) on Sunday. Free coffee, tea and snacks.

No need to pre-register, just show up! See www.unit506.org for directions to Pomeroy Center

SUNDAY
10:30 am

Bracketed Swiss Teams
4 rounds - 7 boards per Round
Brackets based on average number of masterpoints for a team. Each team plays the other teams in its bracket except any team can choose to play in the top bracket

Single Session Open Pairs
Stratified at 0-50/300/+

FREE Single Session Novice Pairs

0-10 Masterpoints only (NO TABLE FEE!)

3:00 pm

Second Session Swiss Teams
3 Rounds - 7 Boards per Round

Single Session Open Pairs (24 boards)
Stratified at 0-200/500/+