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Face Off

It's summer and a fine time to tune-up our game. It's considered the top sunshine months. So, share your bright smiles and your guiding light. The more experienced players, if asked, can shed a bit of glow, in helping others. Remember unsolicited negative advice, is never well received. It's hard to keep quiet when you see something so blatantly wrong. I know, I'm Italian. Facial expressions can be a give-away and affect the outcome of the hand, so put on your poker face. Actually, I need a paper bag. Yikes...

Unit 499 has lots of games scheduled, and lots of folks joining in. Everyone seems to enjoy our relatively new host location. Clean, tidy and a full kitchen. It gets a lot of activity. Since I'm the ShortCut Cook, besides bridge, I love designing quick and easy meals. Food is a necessary, even when we sit at the bridge table. Keeping your energy up, keeps your brain trained. You're more alert and it may help you be at the top of the game.

I'm certainly not suggesting eating food at the table. Everyone knows, I've been guilty of that too. When you can, snick a snack. Sandwiches are a quick and easy food. Protein bars are okay, high in sugar. Cooked eggs--stink. Great source of protein though. Anyway, do what you can to take care of yourself. Try and not wear your food. I'm so bad, that when I eat something, everyone knows because I usually have leftovers on my face. Yikes!

So, in conclusion, your face says a lot. It reveals how you're feeling. So, keep a poker face when playing the game--we love.

East Bay By Tom Pajak (502)



Get ready to enjoy the Unit 502 Summer Sectional on June 22 & 23. Details are contained in the flyer located in this issue of Diamond in the Ruff. The location is the Mastick Senior Center in Alameda, a spacious and accommodating venue with plenty of free on-site parking. The Saturday event is for pairs of all ranks, and the Sunday session is for players who enjoy Swiss Team events. If you've attended this tournament before then you'll agree that it's well run, and the Unit volunteers do their best to keep the coffee and snacks flowing. Although the playing site is close enough to Park Boulevard where you can grab lunch between session, the better suggestion is to place your sandwich order with a volunteer as you enter, and your lunch (sandwich, beverage, and chips) will be delivered for you to enjoy during the break...for just \$12. I hope to see many of you there.

Let's give a big cheer to two Unit members who've advanced in rank recently. Brad





Carson is now a NABC Master, and Don Levine scaled two ranks at once: Life Master plus Bronze Life Master. Well done, you two—and keep going. There's always a new goal to work on.

Plan on playing in the Unit Championship game on Sunday, July 7th at 1:00 pm at the East Bay Community Bridge Center. Why? Cuz it's the annual Fourth of July hot dog event with all the trimmings. Table fees are just \$10, and you get an exciting bridge game PLUS the luncheon. Doesn't a hot dog with kraut, relish, mustard, onions, peppers, and chili sound pretty tempting? With a side of potato salad, watermelon, and dessert to go along with it? Yum! Come early so you don't have to gobble it down quickly. Relax, socialize, and enjoy celebrating the nation's birthday with your bridge friends.

We've had quite a few great tournament results showing up for Unit 502 players. At the Marin Spring Sectional Cris Barrere grabbed 7.98 silver points, Cole Powell & Calvin Harper earned 9.86 silver, and the Swiss Team of Allan McAllister, Margaret Garms, David Gin, and Brad Carson walked off with 3.69 silver.

Two stars who played in the Gatlinburg, TN regional are Dave Cartwright and Carol Smith. In the Mid-Flight Pairs event they went home with 24.90 gold points...wow and very well done, you two!

Speaking of Margaret Garms and Allan McAllister, they attended the Western Caribbean regional and racked up plenty of points by scratching in multiple events earning 13 red points if my math is correct.

In the Open/NLM Sectional in May Greg Vance & Andrew Hoskins grabbed 10.31 silver. Moving on to the Sacramento California Capital Regional recently completed, take a look at these stellar finishers:

14.03 gold – Eric Leong & Carlos Pellegrini

7.08 gold – Brad Komsthoeft & Bonnie Macbride

3.23 gold – Chris Stack & Richard Springer

18.88 gold – Gene & Adrienne Kuehneman

14.16 gold – Mark Moss & Richard Reitman

7.84 gold – Lee Holm & Patricia Anderson

33.26 gold – Cris Barrere & Lynn Blumenthal

16.04 gold – Bonnie Macbride

7.48 red – Margaret Garms, Allan McAllister, Brad Carson, David Gin





13.42 gold – Mary Levine & Estelle Baum

13.37 gold – David Snyder

...and plenty more winners of more modest awards in red and gold colors.

I'm proud of all our friends who've done well in recent tournaments. Kudos to everyone!

Fresno By Laura Da Costa (522)



Hello everyone. Hard to believe the year is nearly half over! It also hard to believe that it is time for the Longest Day Bridge Marathon again (this Saturday, June 22nd).

Past Events

Pro-Am Team Game: We had a Pro-Am Team game and potluck on Sunday, April 21st. We were able to create 5 teams for a Round Robin team game, and it was great to see a few new players for this event. Everyone managed to win at least one of their 4 matches. The winning team based on victory points (and wins with 3) was Rhonda Hampton (Captain), Don Austin, Maura Pennington, & Ivy Darden. We try to have these Pro-Am Teams multiple times a year. I hope you will join us at a future game. As you will see below, we are scheduled to have a Pro-Am pairs game in June.

Richard Meffley Memorial Game: After forgetting this game last year, it was good to have this game again. On May 5th, we honored those members we have lost over the past two years: Steve Blumberg, Bob Cross, John Hempel, Joycelyn Kauder, Carol Kaufman, Jim McKoane, Larry Miller, Paul Messner, Ann Sadler, & Carolyn Smith. A lunch was provided for the day by the Board of Directors with Don Austin barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs, and a few other members bringing the side dishes. It was nice crowd in that we had 4 ½ tables in an Open game and 4 tables in a 499er game. The winners of the games get their name placed on the plaque in the clubhouse: Open winners were Ray April & Laura Da Costa, and 499er winners were Maura Pennington & Matthew Wilkins (70+ game for them, see below).

It is with great sadness that I report we lost a member just shortly after we had that Memorial game. Our clubhouse lost our much-loved centenarian, Rosalie Kearns Jorgensen, on May 10th.

Upcoming Events

Longest Day: Assuming the Diamond in the Ruff goes out on time, we will be having our Longest Day marathon this Saturday, June 22nd. Four sessions in one day: 6 am individual, 9 am pair game, 12:30 Open & 299er games, and 4:30 fast pairs





game. That's right, games will go from 6 am to around 6:30 pm (12 ½ hours of fun). These games will raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association. Private donations are accepted at the clubhouse or at the [Unit's donation page](#).

Pro-Am Pair Game and Graduation Party on June 30th: We have not had a Pro-Am pair game in a long time. This was traditionally held during our June graduation party, so we decided to have it return. In this game, partners are drawn before the game time. We will also spend the day by mentioning and honoring those who changed ranks in the last year—including our new life master (see below).

Mentoring Lesson/Game: We have scheduled another mentoring lesson for Sunday, July 28th at 1 pm. This lesson (played out as a sort of game) is a great learning event. More on this will be posted in Unit emails.

Non-Life Master Sectional: This sectional has been scheduled for August 10th and 11th. If you are not a Life Master and have less than 750 mps, please make plans to join us. Note: the point limit has been raised from 500 to 750. There will be a lunch and learn each day between the two sessions. Play bridge, learn a little, and support our clubhouse. Flyers will be in the clubhouse and on our website soon.

Members News

New Member: A big welcome to Elizabeth Mitchell of Fresno who has just joined Unit 522.

Individual Achievement: As can be seen in the Change of Ranking below, Steve Johnson made Life Master! Yay! He did it the May 6th, Monday Afternoon Game, of the Royal Sectional Tournament of Clubs. The 25% gold provided for his fourth-place finish gave him the small fraction of gold that he needed. We are thrilled to have a new life master at the clubhouse.



Change of Rankings: New rankings for April & May 2024

Junior Masters

- Linda Arredondo
- Valerie Goya

Life Master

- Steve Johnson

Silver Life Master

- Gail Vick





70% Games: We have some special games to report, 70% and above.

Pair	Percentage	Game
Lowell Gist & Ray April	70.74	Mon. Aft. Open Game (4/22)
Fred Schellack & Margot Cegielski	78.75	Sat. Aft. 199er Game (4/27)
Mary Warner & Sally Lauritzen	75.00	Sat. Aft. 199er Game (5/4)
Matt Wilkins & Maura Pennington	74.31	Sun. Aft. 499er Game (5/5)
Gerard Laquerriere & Mun Takeda	70.51	Mon. Aft. Open Game (5/6)
Norma Kaser	75.00	Fri. Aft. 49er Ind. (5/24)
Mark Smith & Robert Cherry	70.83	Thurs. Aft. 750 Game (6/6)
Tom & Mary Warner	76.19	Sat. Aft. 199er Game (6/8)

Gerard & Mun’s 5/6 game was part of the Royal STaC. They ended up coming in first out of the 111.5 tables that played that afternoon. Congratulations to them and all of the 70% winners.

Lessons

Clovis Adult Education: On Tuesday evenings at the clubhouse, Don Austin has been conducting his beginning bridge lessons. The most recent series started in May and has 14 new faces in the course! They will be finishing up at the end of the month. Then we just need to see if we can get some to continue by moving into our beginning games. Cross fingers.

We will have much to talk about in our August newsletter as we cover the results of all of these great games. I hope you make plans to escape the heat and join us. Keep up with all events at the clubhouse from our website: fresnobridge.org.

Gilroy/Morgan Hill/Hollister By Jim Craig (524)

Face-to-face play continues to grow in Unit 524. Stone’s game on Thursday at Gilroy Senior Center remains solid. The Hollister (Buena Vista) continues at Casa de Fruta on Tuesdays for now. The game is sometimes up to 6 tables, with more possible. Call Skip and come join us in this new space.

Tournaments

One highlight of the past few months was “friend of the Unit” Julie Burkhart, traveling to Kentucky to participate in the 2024 Spring NABC in Louisville, KY. Julie pulled down first place in a 0-99 MP game, winning a trophy as well as TRIPLING her





lifetime Master Point total. Julie has been playing bridge only 18 months, having taken beginning lessons from another "friend of the Unit," Betsy Wagner, and with encouragement from her good friend Anne Wilson. Traveling to her first NABC, Julie played for seven days and had an incredible time (her words). Lots of fun. At this rate, she won't be in the 0-99 MP category very long. Well done and congratulations Julie! (This story, attributed to the wrong player, was initially run in the April report of Unit 524. The reporter apologizes for the original error and has corrected references in this copy. Apologies and congratulations to Julie!)

California Capital Regional

Sacramento, May 27 – June 2, 2024

Be sure to check out the District report on the Regional and find the full results of all events on the ACBL website. A number of Unit members and friends made the trip to Sacramento to battle for masterpoints. Local players who won Masterpoints included:

Sue Comporato

Lesley Waltner

Ken Johnson (8.45)

Joanne Wicker (8.45)

Mining for Silver

The Sectional Tournaments are still feeling the effect of the Covid cancellations, with some reluctance to travel by many players content to play locally and online. There are still some adventuresome souls out there, making the drive with partner and convention card, to take on the challenges of the small local tournaments for variety, experience, and the elusive Silver Points. And there have been some successes along the way! Be sure to congratulate your fellow competitors who are bringing points home to Unit 524.

Reno Sectional, April 18-21 Lesley Waltner and Jan Pfiffner traveled to Reno to take on this event and made their presence known. They took down FIRST in Flight C in the Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs, overall bringing back 3 Silver Points for the weekend. Nicely played!

Mountain View Sectional, April 26-28 Friends of the Unit Jan Pfiffner and Betsy Wagner grabbed a THIRD and a FIFTH in a couple of Silver Rush pair events scoring over 3 Silver Points for their efforts. Sue Comporato was also at the event and chipped off a few flakes to bring home. Well done!

Monterey Cypress Sectional, May 25-26 Ken Johnson and Joanne Wicker made the trip to Monterey and for their efforts earned a little silver. Every bit counts.

Way to REPRESENT gallant warriors!





Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) May 6 - 12, 2024

The Spring STaC event was held in early May. Unit 524 had 3 games during that time, the Tuesday Buena Vista game at Casa de Fruta, and concurrent Open and 499er games Thursday for Stone's game at the Gilroy Senior Center. All were well attended. Districts 19, 21, 22, and 23 participated in the joint Western STaC week. This was a "Royal STaC," meaning that overall masterpoint awards were $\frac{1}{4}$ each gold, red, silver and black. The size of overall awards are based upon total attendance at all of the games running concurrently, which can vary widely.

The **Tuesday (May 7)** Buena Vista game had 6 tables, and it was included in an event of 112 tables over a number of clubs from Seattle to Spokane to Modesto to Bakersfield to Long Beach, and beyond. Our local winners, with a score of 72.22%, were Ken Johnson and Graham Kelly, good enough for 3rd place overall and a prize of 9.16 MPs! Congratulations to Ken and Graham! Overall prizes awarded to Buena Vista club participants included:

Ken Johnson & Graham Kelly (A: 3) [9.16 MPs]

Jim Craig & Win Stone (tie 14-16) [1.19 MP]

Vinny McLoughlin & Joanne Wicker (A:tie 14-16, B:tie 7-8) [1.67 MP]

Barbara Earley & Suzanne Proctor (A:21, B:12, C:3) [3.32 MPs]

The **Thursday (May 9)** 499er game in Gilroy was unique in its size, timing and format, and therefore included only this club, resulting in lower overall awards, but all were won by local players! Overall awards, based on the 7 tables in play in Gilroy, were:

Matthew Rode & Lesley Waltner (tie 1-2) [1.39 MPs]

Ernestine Hicks & Pat Kelley (tie 1-2) [1.39 MPs]

Seala Fletcher-Kelly & Geff Kinn (3rd) [0.89]

Arlene & Steve Greenberg (4th) [0.79]

Ginny Arguello & Joanne McLoughlin (5th) [0.50]

Julia Meader & Don Montag (C: 3) [0.59]





The **Thursday (May 9)** Open game in Gilroy was a smaller game (4 tables) matched up with only one other game from the LA area, for a total of 8 tables in play. Skip Pack of Hollister and Chuck Wilson of Santa Cruz played in the Gilroy game and were a Flight C pair, but won first in EVERYTHING, picking up 3.38 MP for their effort! Overall awards claimed by players in Gilroy included:

Skip Pack & Chuck Wilson (A:1, B:1, C:1) [3.38 MPs]

Jim Craig & Win Stone (A:3) [1.90 MPS]

Ken Johnson & Graham Kelly (A:5) [1.07 MPs]

Margot Kakalec & Mary Ann Ruggles (B:3) [1.11 MPs]

Rank Advancements

Congratulations to all who have been documented as advancing since our last publication!

Dave Glashan – Junior Master (5 Masterpoints)

Don Montag – Junior Master (5 Masterpoints)

Suzanne Proctor - NABC Master (200 Masterpoints)

Linda King – Silver Life Master (1,000 Masterpoints)

Congratulations and well done to all!

Monthly Unit Games

The monthly Unit Game is the third Sunday of the month. The Unit 524 has invited players from all Units to come join us for the Unit game in Morgan Hill, especially those Units who have lost playing space and are short on face-to-face games. Join us at the Centennial Recreation Center (CRC) on Edmundson, just west of Monterey Road, in Morgan Hill. Upcoming Unit games are on June 16 (as we go to press), July 21, and August 18.

ALERT! NOTICE OF SPECIAL/EXTRA UNIT GAME! On June 30, there will be an EXTRA "Pro-Am" Unit Game. Advance sign-up is requested (but not absolutely required), either as a "PRO" (300+ MP) or "AM" (0-300 MP) or as a pair (meeting the requirements of one over and one under 300 MP). Singles will be matched up on site just before game time. Location is the same CRC as the regular Unit games.

Following are the winners of the most recent Unit games. Full results are available on the Unit website, and ACBL "Live for Clubs," both with hand records.





The April 21 Unit Game

Open section had 6 tables.

N/S A – Dave Jackson & Margot Kakalec

N/S B – Mary Legrand & Lorrie Scott

E/W A – Win Stone & Jonna Robinson

E/W B – Skip Pack & Ivan Godard

0-499 Section was 3 1/2 tables.

Flights A/B/C – Pat Kelley & Ernestine Hicks

The May 19 Unit Game

Open game was a 5 table Howell.

Flight A/B – Mark Moore & Norm Dow (69%)

0-499 Section was 2 1/2 tables.

Flight A/B – Steve & Arlene Greenberg

Club Games

The Tuesday game in Hollister (Buena Vista Bridge Club) is held at 11:00 am at Casa de Fruta, on Highway 152, at least for the time being. The game is generally 3-6 tables, and open to all. Winners over the past two months:

Apr 16 - Win Stone & Jim Craig

Apr 30 - Jim Craig & Win Stone

May 7 - Royal STaC (see article)

May 14 - Patrick & Liega Arnett

May 21 - Steve & Arlene Greenberg

May 28 - Suzanne Proctor & Barbara Earley (71%)

June 4 - A/ Win Stone & Jim Craig

B/ Suzanne Proctor & Barbar Earley (tie) Sheila Holt & Skip Pack





June 11 - A/ Win Stone & Jim Craig

B/ Linda & Ron King

C/ Steve & Arlene Greenberg

The Thursday game in Gilroy (Stone's Game) is at the Senior Center across from City Hall and adjacent to the Police Station, with a brief lesson at 10 am followed by play. Most weeks there is an Open section of 4-6 tables and a 499er section of 5-8 tables.

Open Section:

Apr 18 - N/S – A/ Graham Kelly & Win Stone

B/ Mary Legrand & Lorrie Scott

E/W – A/ Jim Craig & Jonna Robinson

B/ Margot Kakalec & Patrick Arnett

Apr 25 - N/S – A/ Jonna Robinson & Win Stone

B/ Patrick Arnett & Lorrie Scott

E/W – A/ Dave Jackson & Diana Dragt

B/ Margot Kakalec & Joanne McLoughlin

May 2 - N/S – A/B Patrick Arnett & Lorrie Scott

E/W – A/ Vinny McLoughlin & Ken Johnson

B/ Carol Nicoletti & Suzanne Proctor

May 9 - Royal STaC (see article)

May 16 - A/ Graham Kelly & Vinny McLoughlin (71.4%)

B/ Margot Kakalec & Chuck Wilson

C/ Joanne McLoughlin & Betsy Wagner

May 23 - A/ Joanne Wicker & Jim Craig

B/ Don McCown & Patty Stone





May 30 - N/S – Mark Moore & Vinny McLoughlin

E/W – A/ Chuck Wilson & Win Stone

B/ Carol Nicoletti & Suzanne Proctor

June 6 - A – Ken Johnson & Vinny McLoughlin

B – Sue Comporato & Betsy Wagner

June 13 - N/S – Mark Moore & Vinny McLoughlin

E/W – A/ Ed Logg & Jonna Robinson

B/ Margot Kakalec & Mary Ann Ruggles

499er Section

Apr 18 - N/S – A/ Marianne Wucherpfenig & Seala Fletcher-Kelly

B/ Barbara Miller & Larry Zito

E/W – A/ Dennis Rubida & Betty Russell

B/ Arlene & Steve Greenberg

Apr 25 - Flights A, B & C – James & Kathy Krause

May 2 - N/S – A/ Lesley Waltner & Matt Rode

B/C James & Kathy Krause

E/W – A/B/C Arlene & Steve Greenberg

May 9 - Royal STaC (see article)

May 16 - N/S – A/ Lesley Waltner & Matt Rode

B/ Steve & Arlene Greenberg

E/W – A/ Seala Fletcher-Kelly & Elsie Shaw

B/ Robertina Lopez & Pat Egan

May 23 - N/S – A/B Geff Kinn & Barbara Miller

E/W – A Dennis Rubida & Betsy Russell

B/ Pat Kelley & Ernestine Hicks





May 30 - N/S – Don Montag & Julia Meader

E/W – Steve & Arlene Greenberg

June 6 - N/S – A/ Lesley Waltner & Matt Rode

B/ Geff Kinn & Barbara Miller

E/W – A/ Marianne Wucherpfennig & Lennart Naslund

B/ James & Kathy Krause

June 13 - A/B – Steve & Arlene Greenberg

C – Barbara Miller & Lennart Naslund

Local Online Games

Win Stone, who operates the Thursday game at the Gilroy Senior Center, also hosts Bridge Base (BBO) online games, Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 1:25 pm local time. Turnout has risen slightly lately with the addition of players from outside the Unit, and in some cases from all over the world, on an apparently random basis. But generally, it is made up of Unit 524 members and their friends. Usually, 3 to 7 tables of friendly competitors each day. Look for "Stones Game" at 1:25 PDT on BBO. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Livermore Valley By Don Garka (501)

The Livermore club will continue to play on Mondays starting at 10 am and almost all games are special, provide extra points and are only \$7. Singles are always welcome as we will provide a partner, so please show up 10-15 minutes early in order to meet your partner! It is not uncommon to have 5 or 6 single players showing up so don't be hesitant to come and play. We have been having 7-9 tables which is a good sign! Be sure to checkout livermorebridge.com to see the up-to-date schedule and who will be directing and what type of game it will be.

Marin By Melanie Haddad (508)



Welcome New Unit Members! Unit 508 is excited to welcome our newest members. Say hello to Julian Brandes, Christine Ferguson, Gary Grande, Christopher Ohland, Paula Riley, Albert Schemel, and transfers into our unit Maxine Coplin, Dr. Howard Hochman, and Anita Sinclair. Welcome all! We look forward to meeting you at our live bridge games.





Rank Advancements! Congratulations go to:

Junior Master:

Lorraine Harris

Kathleen Leones

Regional Master:

Ellen Sirbu

NABC Master:

Paul Leake

Mary Warner

Michael Zimring

Diamond Life Master:

Todd Werby

Annual Meeting and Election Party! On Sunday, June 23, Unit 508 will hold its annual meeting and election party. We'll announce the winners of the 2023 Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards as well as 2023 rank advancements and elect new Board members.

When: Sunday, June 23

Lunch: noon

Game: 1 pm

Where: Terra Linda Recreation Center

Cost: Free!

Potluck: The Unit is providing drinks, pizza, and dessert. Please bring a salad to share.

499er Game: There will be 499er game if there is enough attendance. If you plan to play in the 499er game, please [RSVP Here](#).

Need a Partner for the Open or 499er Game? Contact Henry Kingdon h_kingdon@yahoo.com or 415-572-9458.

Election Slate: the following people are running for a seat on the Unit 508 Board of Directors:

Cindy Blum

Pat Irwin

Shirley Erhlich

Elaine Kitano

Be sure to thank these amazing volunteers when you see them.

The Longest Day - Team Game – June 19 Henry Kingdon's Fuldek Club is hosting a team game fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association on Wednesday June 19 from 1:00 - 5:00 at the Unitarian Church at 240 Channing Way in San Rafael.





If you read this in time, consider heading to San Rafael to play in the game. If you cannot play in the event but would like to support our efforts, please consider donating to help us reach our goal: [Donation site](#)

For more information, contact Henry Kingdon at 415 572-9458, or h_kingdon@yahoo.com.

Amazing Games! Several Unit 508 players are off to Toronto to compete in the Summer NABC in Louisville. Wish them luck and we'll report on their success next issue. In the meantime, don't forget that NAP qualifiers have started. The D21 finals will be held at the Monterey Regional in January 2025. See our Unit calendar for NAP qualifying games.

Amazing Opportunity! If you would like to partner for a day and gather a few bits of advice from one of our very experienced bridge players, call Vince Mueller who would love to play with any player who would like the experience of playing with a more advanced player at either the Wednesday or Friday games at Terra Linda. Please call Vince at 415-342-3331 to schedule a playing date.

Share Your Stories! Do you have an amazing game, a memorable hand, or an amusing anecdote to share with the Unit? We want to hear from you! Drop us an email at marinunit508@gmail.com.

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Modesto By Ray Adams (529)



Congratulations are due to Judie Piscitello and Sheila Carroll who became Junior Masters this past month. These ladies have been regulars in Judy Remmers's beginners' games and at the Saturday Invitational game. Also, to be congratulated is Garrard Marsh who became a Silver Life Master at the recent Sacramento Regional by winning over 30 points while achieving a first and a second overall. Garrard mainly played with Lorraine Bocks who also won an additional five points in a team game with Gary Smith of Merced.

Speaking of the Sacramento Regional, Lee Maddocks also won around fifteen points while playing with Alan DeSerpa of Arizona and John Rollin of Tracy. Lee and his partners had two top ten finishes. It was great to hear such good news about our members doing well at this regional. By the way, Lee posted a very interesting hand from the tournament on the Internet. Players interested in reading about this possible Criss Cross Squeeze can look it up under Lee's name.

Judy's beginner game on the twentieth drew 5 1/2 tables. Jane Griffith/Elaine Kidd won with a 63.58% game. Robin Johnson/Ken White were second, Mike and Rose





Epting came in third, while Lynn Pont and Lynn Brooks were fourth overall. Sandy Dieker/Gail Roberts were fourth in B. Everyone had a great time and Sue Winterhaus brought some delicious treats.

The Unit was able to stage three STAC games in May. The high score was turned in by Bruce Ruskin/Sheela Wani on the seventh, a nice 61.02%. The Saturday game was also a Unit Game with (what is probably a record attendance for the McHenry Club) a nice turnout of 8 1/2 tables. Ralph Jungwirth/Trelle Uhl led NS with 58.2%, while Rose Knutson/Sue Vogtlin of Stockton paced EW at 58.04%. Barbara and Jim Page were top C players at 57.74%.

Newer players Zhimin Lin/Ben Rushin flexed their bridge muscles in the STAC games, winning points in all three games. STAC point leaders were: A, 1) Ralph Jungwirth, 2) Sheela Wani, 3) Trelle Uhl. In B, Barbara Page prevailed, and indeed, was second overall. Following her was Ben Rushin, with Cindy Rogers third. In C, Zhimin Lin was first, Jim Page second, and Don Weld third.

Besides the STAC/Unit game, there were three Saturday invitational games in May. Ben and Zhimin had the high score of 64.38%, with Tom Au/Ed Jeffers next at 61.1%, while Debbie DeZarn/Cissy Hilken of Stockton were thrrd with an even 60%.

Top B player (A players are not qualified to win points in this game) was Cindy Rogers, while Debbie and Cissy were second, and Ben Rushin third. In C, Ed Jeffers came in first, Tom Au was second, and Zhimin Lin third.

The high scores for the open game were dominated by Bruce Ruskin/Frank Frohman. They had a 68.98% effort on the twenty-eighth, 67.65% on the twenty-third, and 61.15% on the sixteenth. Nice month of bridge, gents!

Bruce Rusking won the most points in A in May with 10.72, Frank Frohman was second at 9.76, and Ralph Jungwirth third with 6.97. In B, Barbara Page was first with 5.53, Ben Rushin second at 4.87, while Cindy Rogers came in third at 3.99. In C, Zhimin Lin was first with 4.87, Jim Page was second at 2.64, and Jaime Hamilton barely edged honorable mention Ed Jeffers 1.65 to 1.56 for third place.

We are all looking forward to an eventful month in June at the bridge table.

Monterey By Mary Block (530)

The first Sectional for Unit 530 since before the pandemic was successfully held at the Monterey Bridge Club venue on Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to the hard work of chair Ann Ahmadi (and her husband Ahmad), the Saturday and Sunday sessions filled the club to capacity. Entry fees and generous donations provided a profit of \$3,000 for the Unit. Glenn Chee donated \$1,000 in honor of Marianne Van Gelder, long-time former member, teacher, and game Director of this Unit.





The annual meeting and Unit Game was held on June 9. The theme for the day was International Food and the members provided world-wide (and world-class) cuisine. The Mini McKenney, Ace of Clubs and Virtual Ace of Clubs certificates were presented, with Barbara Santry, Helen Rubin and Jay Armstrong taking all three awards in their point category.

The results of the Board of Directors were announced: Maja (reelected), Allyson Farrell, and Ahmad Ahmadi. Thanks to our retiring directors, Mano Singham, Rita Sturgeon, and Sharon Larson. Barbara Santry had previously been appointed to fill the term of Rita Sturgeon who had resigned.

Artwork by our members displayed at the Bridge Center is available for purchase. Thanks to the generosity of the talented artists, a portion of the sales price will go to the Unit.

Welcome to new members Claudia Butler, Laurie Hogg, and Noreen Nance. We hope you will enjoy the competition and friendships that our group provides.

This is my last article; I am passing along my mouse to a new reporter. A good journalist needs to be on the ground to do good reporting, and my current mobility issues make that impossible for the foreseeable future. I have enjoyed doing this for the last eleven years and will miss the feeling of being "in" on what is happening.

As always, be sure to check our Unit website at bridgewebs.com/montereyunit530. Joe Truskot is doing a wonderful job of maintaining and expanding this site to keep our members up to date. A new feature of the website is a partnership registry to assist members who do not have a regular partner or whose regular partner is unavailable. Contact Mano Singham at mano.singham@case.edu to be included in the registry.

In addition to being our webmaster, Joe also sends out e-mails of interest to our membership. Some of you may have your spam filters set so that e-mails to a mailing list go into your junk folder, so make sure that members@bridgewebsemail.com is in your on-line address book.

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Reno By Martha Hildreth (473)

In April, the Mathewson Bridge Center enthusiastically welcomed Robert Todd for another exceptional workshop. Over 100 of us learned modern ideas on preemptive bidding. Now many of us are more destructive and aggressive!



A big thanks to all the organizers who created this great day of bridge ideas, food, and play (26.5 tables).

Jacque Mall deserves a particular mention for her decorations including a special top hat for Robert. Two of our members were especially well dressed for the event (see photo on right).



Congratulations to our members who achieved Life Master ranks in the last six months. Life masters: Frances Bruun-Andersen, Stella Marino Russell and Christine Kahn. Bronze Life Master: Judy Sarris, Pat Peterson and Donna Neff. Silver Life Masters: Rick Greenthal, Helen Trop-Zell, Wally Marsh and Ed McClure. Ruby Life Master: Mark Lundblad. And Gold Life Master: Susan Powell.



Reno Unit 473 Silver State Slam

Unit 473 is excited to have been selected to host one of the annual Non-Life Master Regionals in partnership with District 21, August 16-18. It will be held in conjunction with an Open Sectional, August 15-18. Sectional games on the 15th will be stratified. See our home page at renobridge.com and click on NLM/Open Sectional. PLEASE JOIN US! There are lots of options for lodging, and parking is easy at the Mathewson Bridge Center, located in the center of Reno.

Sacramento By Jim Coke (505)

Our long-term trend both in Unit 505 and throughout ACBL is that we are steadily losing players and our games are becoming smaller. A couple years ago we lost one of our mainstay clubs in Folsom because Covid reduced attendance so much the club could not survive. Now we have noticed that in our other brick and mortar clubs, the memberships are declining enough that we are beginning to worry about their long-term viability. Coupled with this, we noticed that we had a shortage of bridge teachers.

Clearly, we needed to do something!

First, we arranged for Patty Tucker to come to Sacramento and run her Best





Practices Teacher Workshop. The two-day workshop produced 12 certified bridge teachers, 9 of whom are local to the Sacramento Unit and the remaining 3 from other District 21 units.

The second thing we did is take advantage of two ACBL advertising initiatives—one for bridge teachers (Boost) and one for clubs (Cooperative Advertising Program) that helped us get the word out that we were teaching bridge. These two programs were very successful - especially the CAP program where ACBL covers half the cost of advertising. Our recent sectionals have been financially successful, so we decided to reinvest some of the profits into growing bridge in Sacramento.

Our initial teaching effort did not go well. But like they say, "When you get thrown off the horse, get back on!" We did.

The first part of our second round started last Saturday and is being taught by Aimee Morris and Jane Plocher at the Sacramento Bridge Center. I've seen the tail end of their first two classes because I direct a game immediately after their class and I love what they are doing.

The students are very enthusiastic! So much so that they surprised us. After the first class of about an hour and a half, they said they wanted to play. We weren't ready for them to play the first week but today, we were ready with 10 mentors to play with the students. Because some of them were so new, I allowed open table talk which is a huge violation of Rule 16 - Unauthorized Information. To be fair, a few of the students are returning students whose bridge education was interrupted by Covid and are finally coming back but several of the students were playing after only their 2nd bridge lesson! A few of the students actually placed in the game and won masterpoints.

As a director, I have never worked so hard to run a game - it was chaos getting the game set up because the players were so new! But hard work in a great cause is very rewarding - I rate it as one of my best days directing!

Having the students in with the regular players in our invitational game is not the best solution because it slows the game significantly and is very uneven competition so next week, we plan to have the students start an Under 20 section. We weren't ready for it this week because the idea came together so fast.



Jane Blum teaching Learn Bridge in a Day at Foothills Duplicate Bridge Club (15 June 2024)

But the above was only half of our second attempt at teaching bridge, Jane Blum taught Patty Tucker's 5-hour Learn Bridge in a Day course. We haven't discussed how the day went yet but the pictures (left) seem to show it going well.



Jane's assistant, MaryJo Hawley (standing) working with students.



San Mateo By Lauren Rosen (498)

Welcome to members who are new or have transferred to our Unit: Inna Brovman, Jack Kabak, Julie McAuliffe, Pamela Resser, and Douglas Smith.

Congratulations to everyone who recently achieved a new rank achievement:

Junior Master

- Ken Hoeck
- Julie Navid
- Arthur Van Hoff

Club Master

- Judith Kocher
- David Weight

NABC Master

- Romy Bauer

Gail Cameron

Life Master

Kai Eckert

Bronze Life Master

Kenneth Hui

Silver Life Master

Gretchen Schmeekle

Gold Life Master

Jennifer Kuhn





Our **Longest Day** fundraising efforts supporting the Alzheimer's Association are in full swing, offering bridge players, as well as their families and friends, many ways to contribute to this worthy cause. Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club Director Jennifer Kuhn has donated 12 Luxury Suite tickets to a Giants Game; other Unit Pros are offering "Play with a Pro" lessons, lunches, and online games; and our members are organizing in home games and parties to support the fight against Alzheimer's.

We have five games scheduled during the week leading up to our **Longest Day game on June 22nd**. Players in four out of the five games will be entered into a raffle for two more Giants tickets.

THANK YOU to our bridge community for their participation and generosity! If you would like to know more or get involved, please contact our Longest Day committee Chair Barbara Lewis: blewis341@gmail.com.

Looking to fill your August Bridge Calendar? Tournament Director Carol Lashman encourages you to join us at our next **Sectional** on **August 3-4** at the Palo Alto Bridge Center.

You can find the registration links for this and news about our unit activities at our website: www.unit498.com.

Santa Cruz By Leslie Davidson (550)



as playing bridge.

It's beautiful on our Central Coast this week. The offshore flow is keeping the fog away from the Santa Cruz beaches on the Monterey Bay. Many of our members are off on vacation or on the golf courses or enjoying their gardens; as well as playing bridge.

Or new social committee has proposed a celebration each month. May 1st's Wine Down Wednesday was paired with an appetizer potluck, and it was a HUGE hit. So huge, in fact, the club members have requested a monthly BYOA. The next appetizer potluck will be on June 19.

The committee has also planned Swiss Team Play on Sunday June 23rd.





Highest ranking teams to be paired with lowest ranking teams. It will be fun for all. This will be our second Swiss Team Game. The first was held in February as a trial run and was met with approval by the members.

Accolades to:

New Junior Masters

Robert Hartman

Christina Kobland

Daphne Morrissey

Sam O'Neill

Craig Smart

Lesley Xu

New Club Master

Charles White

New Sectional Master

Nancy Pringle

New Regional Master

Betsy Allen

March 28th thru June 1st--GAMES over 70%:

Darby Kremers - Linda Downing 70.3% on April 9

Newcomer games continue to grow - 7 tables of enthusiastic novices played on May 1st. Many enjoying another of Heather's fabulous gourmet lunches. There are now two newcomer games—on the first (with the gourmet lunch for purchase) and third Wednesdays of the month, (bring your own lunch) and yummy snacks. There is a mini-lesson prior to the games.

STaC Open Games 5+ Tables Silver Points Winners

Wednesday May 8

James Slinger - Susan Slinger 60.83 1st OA 3.19

Leslie Davidson - Nancy Wainer 60.42 2nd OA 2.39

Bruce Dau - Lani Ray 58.33. 3rd OA 1.79

Eric Stolzberg - Mark Riley 56.67 1st OB 1.76

Richard Pearce - Susan Pearce 53.33 2nd OB 1.32

Andrew Calciano - Marilyn Calciano 52.08 3rd OB 0.99

Carol Cowen - Gina Brown 49.58 4th OB 0.74

Nancy Pringle - Nandor Vadas 47.92 3rd OC 0.66





Thursday, May 9

John Walker - Lester Loops 55.09 1st A 1.88

James Slinger - Jim Miller 54.63 2nd A 1.32

Gina Brown - Glenn Chee 52.31 3/4th A 0.80

Angie Millslagle - Shamim Formoso 52.31 3/4th A 0.80

Friday, May 10

Ken Gamble - Ken Llacera 67.48 1st A 2.06

John Oppenheimer - John Wesolowski 61.56 2nd A 1.44

James Slinger - Susan Slinger 57.70 3rd A 1.03

Charles Pender - John Hullman 56.54 2nd B 0.88

Jim Miller - Robert Johnson 49.56 1st C 0.69

Farol Henderson - Jacci Sterling 47.70 2nd C 0.48

Congratulations to all StaC winners!



Authentic Cuisine

At the Friday Open game, May 17th, lunch was prepared by sisters Shamim Formoso and Yasmin Kureshi. A genuine Indian meal of Butter Chicken, Khichadi (lentil and rice), Raita (yogurt, cucumber salad) Naan and Kulfi (ice cream). It was a delicious treat for hungry players!



Santa Rosa/Petaluma By Cecelia Zachar (509)



This is a slow time in Sonoma County. We had so much rain this last winter that the grass grew at least 4 feet high. Herds of sheep have been clearing the fields around me. I love watching them.





If you remember, Unit 509 opened its own bridge club, Finley 509 Bridge Club, a year ago. It's been a success. We celebrated its first anniversary on May 1st with door prizes, great food, and a cake. The cake was not an anniversary cake, but one to celebrate the 102nd birthday of our beloved player, Betty Sather.



One birthday celebration at Finley was not enough. On May 8 we celebrated again with a Royal STaC game, more good food and another drawing for door prizes. Bob Klein and Nancy Gunn (N/S) and Abbe Cohen and Dana Murphy (E/W) were the STaC game winners. Congratulations all around.

On May 18, Larry Borsian presented a cogent 15-minute lesson on doubles used at expert levels. After Larry's lesson, award certificates were presented to winners of the 2023 MiniMcKinney and Ace of Clubs Awards, and a pizza/pasta/salad yummy lunch was served, along with a congratulatory cake.



We had 11 full tables for the May 18 unit game. Winners N/S were Bob Klein and Nancy Gunn, A; Helene Gay and Frederick Morris, B; Katherine Schram and Stephanie Poley, C. Winners E/W were Dana Murphy and Tony Jackson, A and B; and Pam and Douglas Schrock, C.



Life is sweet. Betty Sather's goal was to earn 100 points before her 102nd birthday. Well, she did it a couple of weeks later. Betty and partner Carol Morse played a 67% game and earned 1.33 points in the May 22nd game, and that put Betty over the goal line.

We had quite a few players attend the California Capital Regional in Sacramento this year. If my math is right, our big winners were Lynn Blumenthal with 54.17, Evelyn Holtz with 28.14, and Patricia Hertz with 22.39.

Our next unit game is on Saturday, June 29. Evelyn Holtz will be discussing Lebensohl over 1NT Interference at 11:30, followed by another beautiful spread for us to share served by Jackie Ortiz at 12:30 and a unit game at 1.

Congratulations to our players who advanced in rank. Our newest NABC Master is Katherine Schram, and our newest Advanced NABC Master is Kim Fusch.

Mark your calendars for our Fall Sectional, September 14 and 15. We look forward to seeing you then.





Silicon Valley By Ray Yuenger (507)



It has been nine weeks since I composed my last Unit 507 ("U507") column. In the interim we have held two Unit Board meetings and our spring sectional.

Probably the most important upcoming event is our annual membership meeting and member appreciation stratified pairs game, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, in the same location as our weekly bridge game, the Campbell Unified Methodist Church. Preceding the game, which is scheduled to start around 1 PM, there will be a potluck lunch with U507 providing barbecued main courses. Sign-ups for partners and lunch contributions will soon appear on our website, sjbridge.org. Our plan is that the lunch and game will be free to U507 members and their partners.

If you follow the "[honor roll](#)" page on our website, you will already know about some of the tournament successes I'm going to report. I update that page once a month, while I submit these Unit columns every two months. So, this report includes the most current information (like last weekend's tournament) when it is first published, but by the time of the next column's publication, the honor roll page will have more current information.

In recent regionals, at the Gatlinburg regional, Mike Cailean, Stu Goodgold & Ray Yuenger, and Lynn Shannon & John Miller were each on teams that placed first in their brackets. Erli Zhou's team won its bracket in the Fort Western Regional in Dallas.

In the California Capital regional in Sacramento, in open pairs games, Kayden Ge & Xin Ge had two stratification tops and Frank Xie had one. Lynn Shannon & John Miller had a section top in an open pairs game, as did Sathya Bettadapura. In limited games, Andy Scott won two midflight pairs events, Ken Rosenfeld won one, and Michael Callahan won a gold rush pairs event. Scott earned a section top in another midflight pairs game, as did John Stremel, and Michael Callahan had a section top in the gold rush pairs. (Keep in mind that to save space I don't report success in regional single-session side pair events. Several U507 players did well in the side pairs.)

In bracketed team events in Sacramento, on winning teams were Anne Wilson (twice), Lynn Shannon & John Miller, Leila Sink, and Lynn Bartz, Brenna Wundram & Ken Rosenfeld. Kathy & Rick Jasper had the distinction of placing second in three different bracketed team events.

Looking at sectionals in the last two months, at our spring sectional (held at the Palo Alto Bridge Center) teams with Will Watson and Ron Baron, Norman Marks, Lynn Bartz & Ken Imboden topped their brackets. In open pair games, Xin Ge and Sriram Ganesan had stratification tops, while section tops went to Rajeev Gupta & Manoj Thawani; Kayden Ge; Norman Marks & Michael Fleisher; Aravind Alwan; and Brandon





Ge & Xin Ge. In our “silver rush” pairs, Michael Callahan placed first, with section tops going to Alice Breyer (twice) and Li Zhang.

In a Reno sectional that preceded ours, Jane Michaels & Kathy McKenzie won a 149 pairs game and had a stratification top in a 499er pairs game. At the San Mateo non-Life Master sectional, Richard Lordan & Gary Levison were first in a 199er pairs game.

In a combined open and non-Life Master sectional by Unit 503, Murat Alaybeyi was first in an open pairs game. Jung Hu and Michael Callahan had stratification tops in the same game. Also in that game, Sadik Arf & Luen-Jyh Luo and Ken Rosenfeld had section tops. Sriram Ganesan won the next day’s open pairs. In the same game, Stephen Tu, Xin Ge, and Peter Sun had section tops. Pravesh & Neeru Mehra and Meena Oza & Pradeep Verma had section tops in limited pairs games. First in their team brackets were Frank Xie & Ken Rosenfeld; Elenalani Lam, Wei Chen & Guoliang Yu; and Laura Finkelstein.

In a sectional in Seattle, Sriram Ganesam’s team won a knockout. In a sectional in Monterey, Jung Hu’s Swiss team placed first.

In a San Francisco sectional, Lynn Shannon & John Miller won the open pairs event. In the same event, Stu Goodgold & Songtao Zhang, Erli Zhou, and Will Watson each had section tops. On the first-place team the next day were Brandon Ge, Kayden Ge, & Xin Ge. Jung Hu’s team won its bracket.

Congratulations to our Unit’s newest Masters: Judith Gouvea (Junior); Neeru Mehra (Sectional); Jian Fang (Regional); Monica Bacon-Proctor, Rishabh Singh, Manoj Thawani (NABC); Aravind Alwan, Brandon Ge (Bronze); Susan Dietz, Judy Kaplan, Wanwan Ren (Silver); Robert Allen; Richard DeVaul, Xin Ge (Ruby); Sadik Ark, Rick Jasper, Rajeeva Sharma (Gold).





It's better late than never to congratulate our Unit's winners who earned the most masterpoints in the year 2023 in their fifteen respective masterpoint brackets. Mini-McKenney winners collect points from all events while Ace of Clubs winners count points from club games. Three players topped both categories. The following table identifies the leaders by category beginning with under 5 masterpoints.

MPs	Mini-McKenney	Ace of Clubs
<5	Rollo Parsons	Rollo Parsons
<20	Jian Fang	Kathleen Crowe
<50	Kyra Helmbold	Kathleen Cole
<100	Shaomin Zheng	Alicia Breyer
<200	Kathy Vita	Kathy Vita
<300	Michele Liu	Mike Friedman
<500	Betsy Wagner	Betsy Wagner
<1000	Carolyn Drozdiak	Joanne Cornbleet
<1500	Xin Ge	Christy Hartsell
<2500	Anne Wilson	Andy Scott
<3500	Frank Xie	Ken Imboden
<5000	Kevin Rosenberg	Paul Nelson
<7500	Lynn Shannon	Lynn Yokel
<10,000	Sadid Arf	None
>10,000	Will Watson	Diane Shannon

I hope you find this table an easy-to-read summary of the leaders in 15 categories times two.

For those of you who have endured a hot time in the bridge club recently, prepare to cool off. The Unit has purchased four industrial strength fans for your comfort. I promise to have them assembled before the next Wednesday game.

If you are wondering about the composition of our Unit Board, we are supposed to have elections every June if there are more candidates for positions than positions. That hasn't been the case for decades, though we ask for volunteers every year. The Directors are listed on our website. There is one pending change. After decades of service to bridge and U507, Doug Hong is not running. Milind Girkar has volunteered to take his position. I can't say that anyone could replace Doug.

Stockton By Debbie DeZarn (510)



Happy Summer everyone. At least it will be in another week. It will also be the "Longest Day" of the year so please support the Alzheimer's Association in a bridge club, online bridge game, or other activity that is having a "Longest Day" promotion in June. Please participate in memory of Jim Laird who passed away on June 14. Condolences to his wife





Marcia (and their bridge companion, Millie).

The annual Sacramento Regional is recently behind us and lots of Unit 510 members attended and won masterpoints! But first I want to back up to the Royal STaC tournament held in early May at participating clubs. Stephen Tu and his partner were first in the Western Conference (aka "overalls") in a May 10 Open Pairs game. But it was the intermediates who really cleaned up winning red, gold, silver and black points in the Overalls. In the May 9 limited morning game all who won points in Stockton also got a point bump for scoring high among all in that division who played that day around the State. Frank Klo and Doug Mason were 2nd overall followed by Terry Nagode and Kathryn Odell at 3rd. There will be another silver only STaC in August.

On to the California Capital Regional....this was the very first Regional for Frank Klo and he took home almost 5 Gold points won in a Bracketed Swiss team event with partner Terry Nagode. Previously his only pigmented points were partials won in Royal STaC events.

Robert Ilse played Mid-flight pairs with three different partners and scratched in each outing earning 26 Gold. It was only his 2nd Regional, having played the first one in Monterey this year and earning 14 points. Bobby's bridge path has been unusual in that he earned more than 1000 masterpoints before deciding last fall that he would like to go for the Gold (and Silver) to become a Life Master. Gold done, just a few more silver to go...

In addition to Bobby, these regular Stockton Club players won over 20 points in Sacramento: Bill Mitchell, Sue Vogtlin, Stephen Tu, Rose Knutson, and Byron Barclay. Kudos to all the other Unit members who played in Sacramento. Almost everyone got points, and many were in the 10-20 total point range.

Congratulations to Yvonne Tiscornia, our newest Silver Life Master from San Andreas! After picking up some colored points at the Sacramento Regional, Vonny still needed 0.17. She just won enough red points online during NAP week to put her over the top.



It was fun to see some former Unit 510 players in Sacramento winning points: Fran Tabak played with Mikki K. and Helen Wood was on some teams with her longtime friends who used to occasionally join her at the Stockton Club. Someone else we haven't seen in a while is Joan Garcia. She moved to Fairfield (but is still "our" member) and plays bridge at a nearby Senior Center. She is on a Bocce team that plays weekly and has recently started line dancing as well!

I don't want to leave out those who played in the Mountain View sectional in May. Stephen Tu did really well and Zhimin Lin earned Silver in an Open Pairs event against really tough, big-name competition. Speaking of silver points, in August there will be





another STaC week for earning silver at the Club level. The Oak Park Club will participate this time, too. Mark your calendar for the week of August 19-25 to earn silver points locally.

Table count in Stockton should increase a little now that so many have returned from travels: The Wells pair are back from England and Debbie G just returned from Spain and Portugal. Rose is sporting a nice tan from Hawaii and Scott C. was in France. Others have been on a cruise, had kids visiting or weddings to attend, or spent all week at the Sacramento Regional, leading to those still in Stockton playing Howells rather than Mitchell movements.

On June 24 some of his friends are throwing a lunch party at the Stockton Club to say "see you later" to Byron who is moving to Oregon in July. He promises to remain a member of our Unit for now and we hope to still see him at Regionals. Come on Monday to play against Byron while you still have the chance!

