

Pomona-Covina Unit News

April 2019

Unit Game: Saturday April 27, 11:00 a.m., Glendora

Individual: Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m., Chino

That's right, our monthly Unit game is a week late this month. We didn't want to bung up the Easter weekend for anyone.

The top finisher in the March Individual was Gino Barbieri, with a 63.54% effort. Richard Patterson was second, followed by Linda Tessier, Penny Barbieri, and Dale Quasny rounding out the top 5.

The March Unit game was won by Fredy and Lulu Minter. In second we find Joseph Viola – Amr Elghamry, with Chuck Lohr partnering Yours Truly right behind them. Paul Chrisney – Linda Tessier were fourth, and two pairs tied for the final spot atop the honors list: Wendy Wanderman – Bridget O'Sullivan, and Gail Leroy – Stephen Dorse.

One again, three pairs reached the magic 65% mark in March. Vic Sartor – Bill Papa had the top score, 68.08%. Just squeaking over the bar were Norma Appley – Al Lax, with 65.28%, and hitting it on the nose were Fredy and Lulu Minter.

Other winners were, Claudia Cochran, Marjorie Preston, Karen Olin, Mary Miller, Karen McCarthy, Linda Stuart, Roger Boyar, Linda Tessier, Sue Aspley, Steve Mancini, Paul Chrisney, Margie Hall, Linda Ananea, Esther Johnson, Dominique Moore, Amr Elghamry, Joe Viola, and Yours Truly.

The top 5 masterpoint earners in March were Roger Boyar, 8.27; Richard Patterson, 6.36; Linda Tessier, 4.59; Hanan Mogharbel, 4.41; and Yours Truly, 4.25.

Two promotions this month: Steve Mancini made Regional Master, and Claudia Cochran is now a Bronze Life Master. Congratulations to both of you.

We send Get Well Soon wishes to Clint Lew, who must have celebrated (or something) a bit too much at Mardi Gras, and banged up an ankle pretty badly. That was just the start; he's now (as I write this) in the hospital with sepsis of the right knee.

Bridge is a bidder's game, they say. Well, "they" say a lot of things. Not all of them are 100% ...

South deals, both vulnerable. You, North, are looking at:

♠QJ5 ♥K3 ♦65 ♣AKQJ54.

After two passes, it seems like a normal 1♣ opening, so that's what you do. East overcalls 1♠. Partner passes (what else is new?), and West chimes in with 1NT. Over to you.

Well, you surely have six club tricks. What else do you have? A partner who is surely broke! East has something for a vulnerable overcall, and West must be showing around 10 HCP. If you stick your nose in with 2♣, you will make seven tricks; partner has ♥Qxxx and 9 other, useless, cards. -100. If you keep *shtum*, you will take 7 tricks (your six clubs and either a heart or a spade), for +100.

Perhaps the most amusing thing is, if West is the one who lies low, you will surely come back in with 2♣. Bridge is a funny game. Hah, hah, hah.

BTW, West's club "stopper" was ♣10xxx. Well, it's reasonable to assume that the suit might block or that partner might provide something. Not this time!

Quote for the month: "If you really want to test a faith healer, tell him you want a smaller shoe size." (George Carlin)