

Pomona-Covina Unit
by Tom Lill

Unit Game – Saturday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.

Individual – Saturday, February 3, 9:30 a.m., Chino

In the January Unit game, Vic Sartor - Bill Papa were the leaders, edging our Fredy and Lulu Minter. In the third spot were Roger Boyar - Richard Patterson, and Gail Leroy - Steve Dorse placed fourth.

In the January Individual, Don Logsdon took the top spot. Steve Mancini was second, Paul Chrisney third, and Al Lax tied with Claudia Cochran for fourth. Our usual host, Lois, is still not quite recovered from her fall, and so Tom Lill will be hosting the February game.

This month, the battle for the top score was a runaway posted by Fredy and Lulu Minter: 73.7%. This easily outdistanced the 68.4% game by Herb Stampfl and Joe Unis. Not that 68.4% is anything to be embarrassed by ... Other winners: Richard Patterson, Kurt Triselmann, Clint Lew, Claudia Cochran, Harold and Sharon Eshelman, and Charly Kao.

One promotion to report this month. Hanan Mogharbel is now an Advanced NABC Master. For those of you asking, “what dat?” – it corresponds to the old requirements for Life Master, before the League changed the LM requirements to 500 masterpoints.

Rank updates from the Glendale Regional haven’t been processed yet ... but attendance was rather disappointing, as you will have gathered from our District President’s report. In our Unit, 11 players gathered 24.73 points. The biggest winner was Hanan, with 7.26 points. Second was Amr Elghamry, 4.48, then Steve Mancini, 3.84, and Bridget O’Sullivan, 1.88.

Our Unit will once again be participating in The Longest Day. This year, the summer solstice falls on Thursday, June 21. We will be holding games at 8:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. Also, Roger plans to hold his regular Thursday evening game at La Fetra.

Our Hand of the Month is more amusing than instructive this month, even though the season of “ho-ho-ho” is well behind us. With no one vulnerable, RHO deals and bids 2♦, weak. We’ll give you your partnership’s hands:

Pard: ♠ A7 ♥ K5 ♦ 72 ♣ KQJ10764

You: ♠ QJ10 ♥ AQ7 ♦ K ♣ A98532.

Nothing much of interest there, is there? You’d expect to reach (and make, if the preempter has the ♠K) 6♣. And that’s what happened at two tables. One pair stopped at 5♣ (+420, a bottom); evidently Pard forgot to jump to 4♣ after your double. What makes this hand amusing is not only the 13-card club fit (“Now there’s something you don’t see every day, Chauncey”), but the fact that one pair reached 3NT (!), making 7 (!!!). Evidently RHO ducked the opening diamond lead, to drive out your stopper (!) and keep communications with partner open.

Quote for the Month: “If you can’t say anything nice to your partner, at least have the decency to be vague.” (Ron Klinger)

And the quote in the Hand-of-the-Month is a running gag from Rocky and Bullwinkle.
You knew that! Didn't you ?

Until next month ...