

Pomona-Covina Unit News

February 2023

Individual: February 11, 10 a.m., Upland

March 11, 10 a.m., Upland

Unit Game: February 18, 11:00 a.m., Glendora

Unit Board Meeting: 10:15 a.m. before the game

In the January Individual, Thomas Cusack took top honors with 68.18%. Susie Emminger was second, Stephen Andersen third, Kathy Malovos fourth, and Linda Tessier rounded out the top scorers.

Both the February and March Individuals will be delayed one week. Sorry about that – but the Director must be away both those days.

There were only three big games turned in in January: 73.69% by Fredy and Lulu Minter, and two by Mary Ann Wotring and Vic Sartor: 66.67% and 65.28%. Others topping the leader board: Roger Boyar, Steve Mancini, Bill Papa, Ramona Hernandez, Nona Stokes, Paul Chrisney, and Kurt Trieselmann.

In the January Unit game – our best attended game in some time, thanks to all of you who participated! – Fredy and Lulu Minter took top honors with a 70.42% game. Caryn Mason – Art Wallace captured second place (first in their section), Tim and Eileen Finlay were third, and Stephen Dorse – Gail Leroy rounded out the leader board.

Four – count ‘em, FOUR – rank advancements this month. I can’t recall that many in a long, long, time. Possibly the Rancho Mirage regional had something to do with it? At any rate, we now congratulate Horng Yee Chou and Daniel Robinson on getting to Junior master rank, Robert Raupp to Regional Master, and Linda Tessier to Advanced NABC Master.

Somehow I managed to overlook one of our top players in the masterpoint totals from Rancho Mirage. Vic Sartor scored 7.33 points, which would place him third on the list of Unit masterpoint earners. Sorry, Vic. I only looked at the list twice. Duh.

There were some rather interesting hands in January. I only wish I could figure out just *where* I wrote them down! But the distributional demons were out again. Also, Briggida, the goddess of Bridge, was up to her usual tricks. In consecutive sessions, I held a NINE card suit and then an EIGHT card suit, and *neither* time did I get to declare! Of course the suit was clubs, the vulnerability was unfavorable, and the opponents could outbid me (to their making contracts of course) and the sacrifice would have been too expensive. Sigh.

I’ll try to record better in February.

While we had a great turnout for our Unit game, it’s still a money-loser for us, especially as our rent went up again. Sigh. We are looking at alternative places to play, but the February game will probably remain at the K of C. But stay tuned (to the monthly Bridge Alert or our Unit web site) for updates.

Quote for the month: “Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn’t have in your home. (David Frost)