

Pomona-Covina Unit  
by Tom Lill

Unit Game – Saturday, June 20, 11:00 a.m.  
Individual – Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m., LaVerne Site  
Longest Day – Monday, June 22, 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Plans for the Longest Day are moving along ... we will be hosting two pairs games, at the Knights of Columbus in Glendora (our usual Unit Game site), on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Table fee will be the usual \$6 – all of which goes to the Alzheimer's Association. (The game director will get nothing, but hey, he's worth it!) Additional donations to this very worthy cause may be made by visiting <http://act.alz.org/goto/unit551>, by handing it to any Unit Board member, or by simply bringing your donation to the game. No password is needed to use the web site. Remember, snacks will be available as usual during the games, but we aren't pre-ordering lunches this year. There will be time between games to duck out to a local food purveyor between games. Still have questions? Ask any Board member!

The May Individual was won by Steve Mancini, followed by Barbara Killebrew, Ann McClelland, and Carolyn Siracuse.

The May Unit Game results will be available in next month's column.

Promotions this month: Marty Husted to Sectional Master, and Linda Tessier to Regional Master. Congratulations to you both, and keep up the good work.

The top game in open pairs this month was a monstrous 82.5% blitz by Lulu and Fredy Minter, far ahead of the not-too-shabby 71.1% game by Vic Sartor and Bill Papa. again. Other winners: Richard Patterson, Kurt Trieselmann, Penny Barbieri, Claudia Cochran, Genise Hasan, Gayle Ginsburg, Pat Radamaker, Sandy Jones, Joe Unis, Linda Tessier, Clint Lew, Walt Otto, Ken Bloomfield, and Yours Truly.

For our hand-of-the month, we visit an old gem from the Laurel and Hardy school of bridge. As dealer, at favorable vulnerability, you pick up:

♠ AJ42 ♥ AJ82 ♦ J6 ♣ A52.

No problem here, you open 1NT. The opponents are silent throughout the auction. Partner bids 2♦ (transfer) and you show your hearts. Partner now bids 3NT, and you have an obvious correction to 4♥. The opening lead is the ♣7, and partner tables a somewhat disappointing dummy:

♠ K863 ♥ 953 ♦ AT87 ♣ K3.

Oops. Partner obviously pulled the wrong card from the bidding box, and you belong in 4♠. Oh well, as the saying goes, playing in lousy contracts makes you a better declarer. (Eventually!) With a somewhat strangled "thank you, partner," you win the first trick in dummy and then play ♣3 to the ♣A and ruff a club. Next you play the ♥5 to the ♥8, and are pleasantly surprised (to say the least!) when this is taken by the ♥K. You win the spade return with the ♠J and lay down the ♥A and ♥J. Trumps are 3-3, so there is no further problem, and you win 11 tricks – just like all the normal people playing in spades (the ♠Q is on side, doubleton no less, and the spades are 3-2). The opponents, of course, are not amused.

Quote for the Month: "No matter how cynical you get, it's impossible to keep up."  
(Lily Tomlin)

Until next month ...