

Pomona-Covina Unit News

June 2018

Unit Game: Saturday, June 16, 11:00 a.m., Glendora

Individual: Saturday, June 2, 9:30 a.m., Claremont

The May Individual was a rarely-seen three way tie. Don Logsdon, Gino Barbieri, and Richard Patterson all deadlocked on top. In fourth place we find Yours Truly, followed by Roger Boyar.

The May Unit game was captured by Vic Sartor – Gino Barbieri, at 61.67%. Behind them we find Joe Viola – Amr Elghamry, Kiran Kumar – Linda Eagan and Fredy and Lulu Minter. Kerry Sartor – Barbara Papa took top honors in Flight C.

The top game this past month was 72.1%, by Fredy and Lulu Minter. So what else is new? Others topping the 60% mark this month included Vic Sartor, Richard Patterson, Roger Boyar, Joe Unis, Herb Stampfl, Linda Stuart, Bill Papa, and Yours Truly. Linda Tessier did top 60%, but managed to finish second! Others atop the leader board were Chuck Lohr, David Ochroch, Karen Olin, Mary Miller, and Clint Lew.

We finally break the promotion drought this month. Sue Apley is now a Junior Master. Keep up the good work, Sue.

Reminder: we will be hosting Longest Day games on Thursday, June 21, at the Knights of Columbus. Two sessions are planned: 8:45 a.m and 1:30 p.m.; and if interest warrants Roger will hold the usual Thursday evening game at La Fetra.

Can't make the game, but would like to donate? No problem! Just visit <http://act.alz.org/goto/unit551>, or contact any Unit Board member.

Another reminder: the Bridge41 club will host a North American Pair qualifying game on Saturday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m, at the Chino site. Reservations are required but you know What To Do.

Our Hand of the Month is, one of those puzzlers where a big swing depends on some close judgment calls. IMPs, no one vulnerable. Everybody got into the act, so we'll give you the whole deal:

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| ♠ AQJ9843 | |
| ♥ K92 | |
| ♦ 10 | |
| ♣ 95 | |
| ♠ none | ♠ 6 |
| ♥ AQ54 | ♥ 10876 |
| ♦ AKJ742 | ♦ 983 |
| ♣ A108 | ♣ KQ642 |
| ♠ K10752 | |
| ♥ J3 | |
| ♦ Q65 | |
| ♣ J73 | |

At one table, the auction went 3♠ – pass – 4♠ – double; all pass. Result: down 1, -100. Declarer can take 7 trumps and the ♥K in hand, and a heart ruff in dummy.

At the other table ... 1♠ – pass – 2♠ – double; 3♠ – pass – pass – 4♦; 4♠ – 5♦ – double – all pass. Making 5, +550. 10 IMPs, down the toilet.

Look at all the close calls. North might open either 1♠ or 3♠. West surely is good enough to double twice. North's 3♠ call was pushy, but not totally unreasonable (in Our Humble Opinion). East's raise to 5♦ over 4♠ looks fine, given that she has little if any defense. (♣K and what else?) And South surely has a right to expect a bit more defense from North, no? Although the ♦Q is surely waste paper, giving him a working 5-count at best. Not to mention being trump-rich and trick-poor (especially on defense). Maybe a good hand for a bidding panel. Only which hand do you give them?

Quote for the month: “When I make a joke, it doesn't harm anyone; you can take it or leave it. But when Congress makes a joke, it's a law.” (Will Rogers)