

Pomona-Covina Unit News

May 2019

Unit Game: Saturday June 15, 11:00 a.m., Glendora

Individual: Saturday, June 1, 9:30 a.m., San Dimas

The top finisher in the May Individual was Linda Tessier, two in a row, with a whopping 72.5% game. Hanan Mogharbel was second, Sofi Kasubhai third, and Don Logsdon fourth.

The May Unit game, a real squeaker, was won by Joseph Viola – Amr Elghamry, with 61.46%. In second, just ½ matchpoint behind, were Linda Tessier – Yours Truly. Kiran Kumar – Avice Osmundson were third, Margie Hall – Linda Ananea were fourth. First in “B” we find Al Lax – Kurt Trieselmann.

In the Big Score department, we had some real whoppers this month. Aside from Linda’s big score in the Individual, three pairs were in the 70s. Fred and Lulu Minter had the top score, 79.27%. Roger Boyar – Herb Stampfl hit 75.0%, and the Minters (again) scored 74.76. Coming a little closer to earth, Bill Papa – Vic Sartor scored 66.07%, and Roger Boyar – Sofi Kasubhai hit 65% on the nose. Other winners: Linda Stuart, Richard Patterson, Margorie Preston, and Steve Mancini, David Ochroch, and Yours Truly.

38 players won a total of 76.96 masterpoints in games within the Unit. The top 5 masterpoint earners in May were Yours Truly (6.41), Linda Tessier (6.35), Roger Boyar (5.82), Fredy and Lulu Minter, 5.59.

No promotions to report again this month. Well, a lot of our members don’t go to tournaments much. Wait until next month!

REMINDER#1: La Fetra Bridge Club is still offering the two-for-one deal to players who have not graced out Thursday evening game for the last several months. This offer is good until September 1.

REMINDER #2: The Longest Day is this month. The Friday, June 21 games will be at the Knights of Columbus in Glendora, not at the La Fetra center. Want to donate, but can’t make the game(s)? No problem. Try our donation web link: <http://act.alz.org/goto/unit551>. Or see one of your Board of Directors members.

For our hand of the month, we have another hand from the Laurel & Hardy School of Bridge. It’s IMPS, West deals, North-South are vulnerable.

To get the full impact of this ... exhibit ... you will have to see the entire deal:

♠ A		
♥ none		
♦ 75		
♣ KQJ10975432		
♠ K	♠ J976	
♥ K1086542	♥ QJ87	
♦ 1096	♦ AKQ4	
♣ A8	♣ 6	
♠ Q1085432		
♥ A3		
♦ J832		
♣ none		

At one table, West opened 2♥. Unusual, with a 7 card suit (admittedly a somewhat shabby one) and two outside cards. *De gustibus non disputandum est*. Or perhaps *honi soi qui mal y pense* fits better. Anyway, North calls 3♣ (!!!), 4♥ from East, and an internal sigh of relief from South. Pass, pass, and North now goes 5♣, and of course South is not happy – yet. All pass. On the expected heart lead, 11 tricks are there, but unfortunately East has a natural diamond lead, the ♥A withers on the vine, and it's down one. Too bad. So sad.

At the other table, things took several unexpected turns. West opened 3♥ (what's wrong with 1♥?), and North ... went 4NT!!! When asked why, he said he visualized a slam opposite two aces in partner's hand. And what if one of them is the ♥A? Too bad. East now called 5♥, and South, completely misreading North's bid, went ... 7♠. Doubled, down 4, sticks-and-wheels (1100) to the other side. 14 IMPs away. Yoiks! At least, justice prevailed. Blackwood with a void! Naughty, naughty. We would have read the 4NT bid as "two places to play," eliciting a reluctant diamond bid from South. Try landing on your feet after *that* one!

Just for laughs: what board was it? Board 12, of course. Those of you who don't see the irony ... don't worry about it, it's an inside story at the La Fetra club.

Quote for the month: "The more you read about politics, the more you got to admit that each party is worse than the other." (Will Rogers)