

Pomona-Covina Unit News

March 2023

Individual: March 11, 10 a.m., Upland
April 1, 10 a.m., Ontario

Unit Game: March 18, 11:00 a.m., Rancho Cucamonga

STaC: March 21 and 24, La Fetra

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

In the February Individual, Gary Atwell took top honors with 67.95%. Kitty Moon was second, then Thomas Cusack, Stephen Andersen, and Sofi Kasubhai.

Remember, the March Individual will be delayed one week. Sorry about that – but the Director will be away on the regular day.

There three big games turned in last month: 67.82% by Fredy Minter – Roger Boyar, then 66.67% by Fredy and Lulu Minter, finally 65.74% by Vic Sartor – Mary Ann Wotring. Other winners: well, a short month, so the only other winners were Clint Lew and Linda Tessier.

In the February Unit Game, – Bill Papa – Vic Sartor took the top spot with 64.35% Close behind were Gary Atwell – Steve Andersen, Roger Boyar – Yours Truly, Tim and Eileen Finlay, and Mary Ann Wotring – Steve Mancini.

We are trying out a new venue for our March Unit game. It will be at the Casa Volante (“Flying House?!”) complex, at 8651 Foothill Blvd. in Rancho Cucamonga. The entry fee is being reduced to \$5 per player for this game – *what* a bargain! I’ll be posting a map on our unit web site “soon.”

Back to the ole “no rank advancements this month.” Oh well..

Here’s a hand that makes you wonder just *why* you keep playing this crazy game. Partner deals and opens 2♣. Great! You find yourself looking at this collection:

♠ KJ10864 ♥ 8 ♦ 10984 ♣ J10

Not quite enough for a positive response (a trick-and-a-half, with a good 5+ suit is needed), but it could be a lot worse. You call 2♦, which you play as “waiting,” and partner’s rebid is 2NT (22-24). You have a totally obvious 4♥ (or 4♠, if you don’t play transfers in this sequence) bid, do you not? Of course you do! Partner puts down this dummy for you:

♠ A ♥ A1094 ♦ KQJ32 ♣ AKQ

Well, the stiff spade is a bit of a disappointment, but your suit can stand it, right?

Wrong!!!! Spades are 6-0 (on your right) and RHO also has chicane in diamonds. 4♠ goes one down, while 3NT makes 4, since the ♦10 is an entry to the ♠K. So what? A normal result, you say? Don’t make me laugh! Two pairs bid 3NT while the other pair – the ones to bid correctly – bid 4♠ and got a zero. TANJ!!! (What was *my* result on this one? I sat out this round ... so no swing!)

Quote for the month: “As opposed to the psychotic, the neurotic *knows* two plus two makes four, but he can’t stand it.” (Travis McGee [John D. MacDonald])

