

Pomona-Covina Unit News

March 2025

La Fetra Games: Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:45

Individual: April 6, 10 a.m., Ontario

Club Championships: March 18, 21, La Fetra

Unit Game: March 15, 11:00 a.m., Ontario

Unit Team Game: March 22, **10:00 a.m.**, Ontario – advance registration **REQUIRED** by March 15

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

The team game last month was a success, so we're going to try again. This time, it's a two-session game – well run a true Swiss if we have as many as 9 teams, otherwise a round-robin. We'll also start an hour earlier, so we can all get home while it is still light. Well, for me that's not much of a problem ... also, we go to DST by then, so it's light an hour later.

We already reported on the February game, And once again, the vagaries of the calendar allow us to report March's game. Fredy and Lulu Minter outpaced the field with 67.67%. Your Director and Richard Parker, were next, followed by Kitty Moon – David Ochroch, Peter Kavounas – Judy Brown, Stephen Andersen - Gary Atwell, and Roger Boyar – Serene Mougharbel.

Peter Kavounas repeated as winner in the March Individual, with a 60.23% game. Actually, it was a tie with Kitty Moon, but hey, a win is a win. Roger Boyar was third, Steve Andersen fourth, and newcomer Serena Mougharbel came in fifth. Serena is still in high school but shows great promise if she sticks with the game.

There were two promotions in February. Joyce Woodman is now a Junior Master. Patrick Finley is now a Regional Master. Congratulations, and keep up the good play.

A feature I used to include here, but somehow got lost along the way, is a listing of the top masterpoint gatherers at our club. I prepared the report for January ... and promptly went brain-dead and omitted it! So here are the January AND February masterpoint leaders:

JANUARY

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| 1 | 6.66 | Vic Sartor |
| 2 | 6.15 | Fredy Minter |
| 3 | 5.56 | Mary Ann Wotring |
| 4 | 4.77 | Caryn Mason |
| 5 | 3.97 | Patrick Finley |

35 players won a total of 71.04 masterpoints in January.

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | 7.19 | Patrick Finley |
| 1 | 7.19 | Caryn Mason |
| 3 | 6.73 | Fredy Minter |
| 3 | 6.73 | Lulu Minter |

5 6.20 Mary Ann Wotring

31 players won a total of 87.43 masterpoints in February.

Here, for your amusement, is a *wild* hand that came up in our monthly Individual. I had a second one in mind ... but Mr. Jones decided to use it in the PSP. Read it, you'll enjoy. (I note that at least a few of the experts made the same opening bid that I did!!!)

You are South. Both sides are vulnerable. East deals, and opens 1♠. Here's your hand:

♠ none ♥ A J 10 7 3 2 ♦ A K J 10 2 ♣ 9 4

The hand is really not quite right for a Michaels cue-bid, so 2♥ it is. LHO (there they are *again*) goes 3♥ (limit raise+, at least 3 spades), and RHO goes 4♠. How about 5♦? LHO doubles, North corrects to 5♥, but RHO goes to 5♠. The entire deal:

	North	
	♠ J 10 6 3	
	♥ 5 4	
	♦ 9 5	
	♣ K Q 10 7 5	
West		East
♠ A 9 2		♠ K Q 8 7 5 4
♥ K Q 9 8 6		♥ none
♦ Q 8 6 4 3		♦ 7
♣ none		♣ A J 8 6 3 2
	South	
	♠ none	
	♥ A J 10 7 3 2	
	♦ A K J 10 2	
	♣ 9 4	

5♠ must go one down on the 4-0 trump break. (Unless, that is, East peeks at the defenders' hands.) Pity poor West! She was licking her chops, hoping to defend a doubled red suit contract, but East's shape argued for declaring. Go figure!

Quote for the month: "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." (Lewis Carroll)

TRIVIA TIME: last month, we asked you what Groucho Marx's actual first name was. The answer is "Julius."