

# Pomona-Covina Unit News

November 2018

Unit Game: Saturday, November 17, 11:00 a.m., Glendora

Individual: Saturday, Nov. 3, 9:30 a.m., San Dimas

Advance Notice: Because our December Unit game would fall during the Palm Springs Regional, we are advancing the date therefore to December 8 – one week earlier than normal. Mark your calendar!

La Fetra will be holding STaC games (silver points!) November 13, 15, and 16. The Unit game on the 17<sup>th</sup> will also be a STaC game.

The top finisher in the October Individual was Donald Logsdon, with a nice 66.7% effort. Tying for second were Dale Quasny and Your Correspondent. Al Lax took the fourth spot.

The October Unit game was won by Fredy and Lulu Minter, at only 72.9%. Bill Papa – Vic Sartor took second, Margie Hall – Steve Mancini third, with Timothy and Eileen Finlay taking the fourth and final Overall award.

Six pairs reached the magic 65% mark this month. Hanan Mogharbel and Richard Patterson had an astounding 75% game. Clint Lew and Your Correspondent got 68.99, just edging out Roger Boyar – Gino Barbieri. Richard Patterson – Gino Barbieri scored 65.76, Vic Sartor – Bill Papa hit 65.74, and Paul Chrisney – Roger Boyar hit 65% on the nose. Other winners: Linda Tessier, Claudia Cochran, Don Logsdon, Linda Stuart, and Sue Aspley.

Top masterpoint earners this month: Your Correspondent, 8.87; Clint Lew, 8.66; Claudia Cochran, 6.85; Hanan Mogharbel, 6.15; Richard Patterson, 6.10; Linda Tessier, 5.60; Vic Sartor, 5.58; and Bill Papa, 5.58.

Two promotions this month Gail LeRoy has advanced to Club Master, and David Ochroch is now an advanced NABC Master. Congratulations, and keep up the good play

For our Hand-of-the-Month, we once again present a bit of fun. Although, it must be said, declarer didn't have much fun! At the recent Riverside sectional, you, West, pick up this promising hand:

♠ AQJ972   ♥ Q543   ♦ J   ♣ A4

only to see RHO, the dealer, open 1♠! Pass, 2♥ (not game forcing) on your left! It gets better: partner now calls 2NT, obviously for the minors since there isn't enough outstanding strength for him to hold 15-17 points. Thrilled at being asked to choose a minor suit, you are rescued by RHO who calls 3♣!!! It looks like Christmas is early this year. LHO now corrects to 3♠, and you know what to do when it comes around to you. The contract goes down 2, +300, and a joint top. Your side can make 3♣ or 3♦ (partner was 0=1=7=5); you did a bit better than that!

Quote for the month: "It is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so." (Josh Billings)