

## Pomona-Covina Unit News

October 2020

Individual: Saturday, Oct. 3, 9:30 a.m., Chino

Unit Game: Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:00 a.m., Chino

That's right, sports fans, we are going to try again to hold an Individual and (or?) a Unit Game. Please note, the Unit game is scheduled a week later than the usual third Saturday. As before, we REQUIRE advance signups for both games. If you'd like to play, let Yours Truly know not later than the Tuesday before the game. That gives me time to cancel if there's insufficient interest. (As of this writing, we do have enough players for the Individual, but not yet for the Unit game.)

Speaking of the Individual, I'm sorry to say, it may be going away. The wife & I will be moving into smaller quarters before year's end. Not only won't I have room to host a game, I won't even have storage room for the tables and chairs. (Having a three car garage does have its pluses.) I'll have to get with the other two hosts and see if they are interested in continuing; or perhaps we can find a third host. I welcome your thoughts on this subject.

No promotions to report again this month.

Continuing to abuse Rick Roeder's little musical addition to the world of Bridge, last month, here's another "gem" (?) from Yours Truly. You have a pretty good idea of the distribution and a count on the hand; but it all comes down to the fact that you're a trick short. You have a finesse available, and there's a squeeze chance too. ONE of them is guaranteed to work (according to your expert analysis); but if one works, the other must fail, and vice versa. While you ponder, listen to the Lovin' Spoonful's "Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind?" (Yes, yes, this does rather duplicate Rick's "It's Now Or Never" selection. Tough.)

For our Hand-of-the-Month, we present another hand from the Monday night PPDVBC game. You won't learn anything from it, except that Fortune Favors the Bold, or perhaps Better Lucky Than Good.

Vulnerable against not, I sat West, holding this nice collection:

♠ A K 8 ♥ 2 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A K Q 9 6 5 2.

Naturally, North opened 4♥. Can't remember the last time I had a good hand in fourth seat where the auction didn't go out of control before it got to me. Anyway, partner came out with 4♠! RHO raised the ante to 5♥.

After I got off the floor and back into my seat, rehinged my jaw, stuck my tongue back in, and reseated my eyeballs, I said “what the whatever?” and shot out 6♣. It’s cold on any lead, as you can see:

	♠ 3	
	♥ A Q J 10 8 7 4 3	
	♦ 10 7 4	
	♣ 7	
♠ A K 8		♠ Q 10 9 6 4 2
♥ 2		♥ 9
♦ 8 2		♦ A 6 5 3
♣ A K Q 9 6 5 2		♣ J 8
	♠ J 7 5	
	♥ K 6 5	
	♦ K Q J 9	
	♣ 10 4 3	

That’s right! East came in, hot-against-not, with a 7-count (OK, 2 more for the long spades if you like). I suppose South’s raise to 5♥ made it easier on me – over 4♠, what do I do? Cue bid my club control and hope partner reads it as a slam invitation? Raise to 5♠? Show my heart control with 5♥, thereby implying a club control? Will partner “get” any of this holding those rags over there? Will Beowulf slay the dragon? Tune in to our next exciting episode ...

Or would I have just done the same thing and shot 6♠? We’ll never know.

We got 100% on this board (8 tables), since not surprisingly, no one else bid either making slam (6♣ is also cold, as you will note). Didn’t help enough. We stunk out the joint on most of the other boards. But ahhhh, one moment of glory.

Quote for the month: “Anything worth doing is worth doing slowly..” (Gypsy Rose Lee)