

Pomona-Covina Unit News

October 2022

Individual: October 1, 10 a.m., Upland
November 5, 10 a.m., Ontario
December 3, 10 a.m., Upland

Club Championships: October 11 and 14, La Fetra

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

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

Club Appreciation Games: October 1, 18, 21
(Individual and at La Fetra)

In the September Individual, Linda Tessier took top honors at 59.03% effort. Trailing her we find Kiran Kumar in second, Karen McCarthy third, Kitty Moon and Peter Kavounas tied for fourth, and Nancy Stebbins rounded out the leader board.

In the September Unit game, Vic Sartor – Bill Papa took the top spot with 62.5%. Right behind them were Roger Boyar – Fredy Minter, then Clint Lew – Linda Tessier. Susan Emminger – Paul Chrisney – Steve Andersen and Gary Atwell Mary Ann Wotring tied for the final spot on the leader board.

There were no rank advancements again this month.

Topping the charts this month we find Bill Papa – Vic Sartor, with an impressive 74.07% game. It's surprising to have the second-best top score at 72.92%, but that's what Fredy and Lulu Minter accomplished. We have a number of other 65%+ efforts: the Minters again, 69.64%; Margie Hall – Steve Mancini, 69.05%; Clint Lew – Linda Tessier, 65.36%; and Bill Papa – Vic Sartor again, 65.29%. Others to top the leader board: Roger Boyar, Caryn Mason, and Patrick Finley.

Here's an amusing hand I picked up in our September Individual. No one vulnerable, North dealing, sitting East I found myself looking at:

♠ J5 ♥ none ♦ J752 ♣ AKQJ987.

North passed. Figuring that 3♣ preempts never even slow anyone down these days, I called 4♣. Seven sure club tricks, and if Briggida smiles, a diamond trick, and someone sure has a *lot* of major suit cards. But even 4♣ didn't slow them down: South called 4♠. My partner, feeling somewhat left out of things, passed. North passed, and in a what-the-heck mood, I broke discipline and went 5♣. It was *that* kind of day. This went around to North, who took the push to 5♠ (he held ♠A108 and not much else). All pass. There must be some ferocious distribution around, so no doubles by anyone.

So far a rather pedestrian situation, wouldn't you say? Here's where the fun begins. Thinking (hoping) partner might be short in clubs, I led the club *Jack*. Dummy came down with three small clubs. Hmmm. So far so good. Partner, with 3=7=3=0 shape, gave my ♣J a long look and then ruffed ... and returned a heart for me to ruff. We made all five of our trumps on the ensuing cross-ruff, and then declarer could claim. We got a top on the board – it seems that 4♣ is a make, but all the other scores were contracts going down our way. Now, if I simply lead

my clubs from the top, we take only three tricks for down one, because I never get any heart ruffs. Isn't bridge an easy game? Or: better lucky than good!

Quote for the month – with the mid-term elections coming up, this little gem seems appropriate for all who plan to cast a vote: “To serve the Publick (sic) faithfully, and at the same time please it entirely, is impracticable.” (Benjamin Franklin)