

Pomona-Covina Unit News

August 2024

La Fetra Games: Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:45

Individual: September 14, 10 a.m., Ontario

STaC: August 20, 23, La Fetra

Club Championships: September 17, 20

Unit Game: August 17, 11:00 a.m., Ontario

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

For those of you who missed my deathless prose last month, the article can be found on our Unit web site.

In the July Individual, the top spot was captured by Stephen Andersen with a nice 69.17% effort. Then we see Linda Tessier, Yours Truly, and Peter Kavounas. In August, Yours Truly took the top spot with only 60.71% (a real tight game!). Kiran Kumar, Clint Lew, and Peter Kavounas rounded out the leader board.

In the July Unit Game, Clint Lew – Linda Tessier won with a 59.03 score – another tight game! Yours Truly – Judy Mogharbel took second place, only 1 matchpoint in arrears. Next came Vic Sartor – Bill Papa, and Kitty Moon – Tom Cusack tied with Tim and Eileen Finlay for fourth.

There were no rank advancements this month.

There were five “big games” again in July. The top score was turned in by (no surprise here!) Fredy and Lulu Minter, 69.44%. Vic Sartor and Mary An Wotring scored 67.02%; Caryn Mason and Vic Sartor scored 66.74%; and Nona Stokes – Ramona Hernandez went over the bar with 65.28%. Other winners last month: Bill Papa, and Art Weinstein.

Our total contribution to The Longest Day ended up at \$651. A big Thank You to all who played in the game, and an even bigger Thank you to those who tossed some extra bucks into the pot.

Here’s a moderately interesting hand that came up last month. You are East, and hold

♠ none ♥ Q1097 ♦ KQ76543 ♣ K2

No one is vulnerable. South deals and passes. Partner opens 1♣, and North ventures 1♠. 2♦ seems reasonable – at least, I thought so. South maintained a respectful silence, and partner raised to 3♦. North called 4♠ (!) and I, seeing little if any defense against 4♠, went 5♦. Pass, pass, 5♠ (he sure is persistent), 6♦ by me, pass, pass, 6♠, X, all pass.

Well? What would you guess the final results of the board to be? Ready?

The full deal was

North

♠ A K Q 10 6 5 4 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ none

♣ 8

West

♠ 7

♥ A K

♦ A 10 9 2

♣ A Q J 9 7 3

East

♠ none

♥ Q 10 9 7

♦ K Q 7 6 5 4 3

♣ K 2

South

♠ J 9 8 3

♥ 8 5 3

♦ J 8

♣ 10 6 5 4

Alas, both 7♣ and 7♦ are there, but with all the interference, it's hard to get to the grand. The results were: 5♠XN, -500; 5♣W, +440; 6♠XN, -500 (twice); and one lone pair at 6♦E, -940.

Would you have gotten to the grand with the E-W cards?

Quote for the month: "Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." (David Lloyd George)