



Marin Unit 508



DOUBLE DUMMY

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A Hand to Remember

By
Barbara Cooper

We all have had a memorable hand that we will never forget. I was lucky enough to experience such a hand at the recent Sacramento Regional in a Swiss Team event with my partner Arlene Sauser and teammates Alex Kinas and Cathie Hayes. We were having a so-so round when I opened a beautiful 20-point hand. I was very excited when my partner opened one club. I am now thinking that we have a slam somewhere and am contemplating my next bid when my RHO bids 2NT. Now what?

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TREASURER'S REPORT

BY RON STUDEN

Unit 508 had a financially successful year ended June 30, 2008. Cash receipts exceeded disbursements by \$1,300 and we ended the year with just over \$12,000 cash in the bank. Profits from the Larry Cohen and Mike Lawrence events enabled the Unit to have some free educational events and still end the year with a surplus. A brief summary of the Unit Income Statement is on page 3.

For the first time, the Unit is required to file a tax return. There should be no tax to pay; however, we and all other Units in District 21 are looking to District advisors for direction to fulfill this new requirement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 26 - Sept 1 Santa Clara Regional

Oct 3-5 Santa Rosa Sectional

Sept 12-14 Sacramento Sectional

Oct 12 Unit Pairs

Sept 21 Individual Unit Game

Oct 19 Unit Pairs

TABLE TALK

By Bob Chilvers

GETTING TO KNOW: IRWIN “HAP” KAUFMAN

When you hear Nat “King” Cole singing “Unforgettable” you probably don’t think of Hap Kaufman, but maybe you should. Hap was a 22-year-old musician, recently a student at USC, when his good friend Nat Cole asked him to become his business manager. Hap agreed, and, among other things, helped Nat form the pioneering King Cole Trio. Around that same time Hap was also an announcer for radio station KFWB in Los Angeles.

When the United States got involved in World War II, Hap volunteered for the Army Air Corps and served as a glider pilot in the China-Burma-India theater. Later he worked for the Office of War Information, running a 150 thousand-watt radio station in Honolulu.

After the war Hap went back into commercial radio, working as a senior writer/producer for KGO in San Francisco, where he stayed for 38 years. During this time he also moonlighted as a writer/producer for television shows and ad agencies. He retired in 1986. Hap has been married twice. His second wife, Mary Lou, died 15 years ago. He has two adopted children from his first marriage, and three stepchildren from his marriage to Mary Lou.



Hap’s parents taught him how to play bridge when he was just a child. He played “money” bridge for many years before getting into duplicate. Hap did not join the ACBL for quite a while. In those days, when players won points they were given slips of paper with the point totals, which they could send in to the ACBL for credit. By the time Hap decided to join the ACBL he had a whole shoebox full of point slips. But, the ACBL would not give credit for points won before becoming a member, so Hap threw them away. Later the ACBL changed this policy, but by then it was too late! Hap now has about 1,500 points (in addition to the ones he threw away), but is not a Life Master. He still needs a few gold points, but he has decided not to play in any more tournaments.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of playing with or against Hap know that he is indeed “unforgettable.”

UNIT 508 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income:

Net income from Sectional	\$1,813.90
Net income from Unit games	\$2,304.55
Reimbursement from ACBL	\$1,850.42
Cohen lecture net income	\$2,054.64
Lawrence lecture net income	<u>\$ 554.17</u>
Total	\$8,577.68

Expenses:

Education expense	\$2,766.70
Social events	\$1,419.03
Charitable contributions	\$ 931.00
Website	\$ 871.75
Insurance	\$ 500.00
Double Dummy	\$ 356.96
Other expenses	<u>\$ 426.95</u>
Total	\$7,272.39

NET INCOME \$1,305.29

Alex on Rules & Etiquette

The only information you are entitled to receive from your partner during the bidding is the information on the bidding cards. Any other information, such as from a hesitation, a remark, a gesture, special emphasis, etc., must be disregarded; the recipient of such information is not allowed to choose an action that was suggested by that information. If you believe your opponent has chosen an action that was suggested by unauthorized information you should summon the Director. The Director will ask you to continue the auction and play of the hand, but will adjust the score if he/she considers that use of the unauthorized information caused harm.

UNIT RACE LEADERS

MINI-McKENNEY:

*0-5 points - Sue Parker
5-20 points - Rob Roman
20-50 points - Carol Morse
50-100 points - George Duncan
100-200 points - Elizabeth Kaplan
200-300 points - Carla Hudner
300-500 points - Alex Kinas
500-1,000 points - Marc Franklin
1,000-2,500 points - Bruce Blakely
2,500-5,000 points - Ellen Schiller
5,000-7,500 points - Bruce Noda
7,500-10,000 points - Brad Moss
Over 10,000 points - Bob Crossley*

ACE OF CLUBS:

*0-5 points - Sue Parker
5-20 points - Rob Roman
20-50 points - Joann Hull
50-100 points - David Ganz
100-200 points - Louis Thoelecke
200-300 points - Bob Chilvers
300-500 points - Barbara Curley
500-1,000 points - Hilde Meislin
1,000-2,500 points - Ellen Weingart
2,500-5,000 points - Bob Liss
5,000-7,500 points - Bruce Noda
7,500-10,000 pts - Loretta Bromberg
Over 10,000 points - Bob Crossley*

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I double and wait to see what develops. My LHO thinks for awhile and then puts down his pass card. Arlene passes (she has six clubs in her hand including the top four honors). My RHO is getting nervous now and puts down the XX card. ("Get me out of this partner!") I pass and his partner PASSES. Naturally Arlene passes too.

Arlene and I proceed to take all 13 tricks, doubled, redoubled and vulnerable. We were in shock, needless to say. We scored the hand as a plus 2800 points for our side. When we returned to our teammates to compare scores, they asked if we had bid the slam and I said "No, but I don't think you will be disappointed."

The joke was on us, however. We later found out that we had scored this incredible hand incorrectly. It should have been a plus 4600 points. I don't think there will ever be a result like this again for me, but if there is, at least I will know how to score it.

Members on the Move

NEW MEMBERS: *Linda Gore, Andrea Johnson, Sheila Levine, Rose Nieda, Thomas Orr, Fran Riesen, Robin Robinson, Regitze Von Luttichau, All Wall*

TRANSFERS INTO UNIT: *David Blohm, Linda Danzig, Raymond Howard, Chris Luhrs, Mary Lou Madison*

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS: *Keith Bauer, Martie Gilweit, Steve Martin, Charles Molowsky*

NEW CLUB MASTERS: *Pius Kampfen, Don Kreider, Janet Schonbrun, Nina Tychinin*

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS: *Billie Gill, Elizabeth Hotchkin, Robert Kane, Marla Kravatz, Rob Roman, Phyllis Williams*

NEW REGIONAL MASTER: *Lynn Blankfort*

NEW LIFE MASTERS: *Carla Hudner, Ken Tishgart*

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER: *Michael Day*

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER: *Barbara Poole*

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER: *Laura Kenney*

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