



UNIT GAME RESULTS

Overall Winners

Christmas Charity Party Dec 4

- A - 1 Roy Hoppe - Bill Kazee A - 2 Bob Sampson - Marsha Sampson
 A - 3 June Zulio - Sonya Morrow
 B - 1 Chris Decker - Jane Frost B - 2 Ken Tishgart - Ann Stein
 B - 3 Lynn Pasternak - Kent Chapman
 C - 1 Cathy Hayes - Alex Kinas C - 2 Jack Shapiro - Betty Shapiro
 C - 3 Janet Crossley - Rob Roman

STaC Game Dec 11

- A - 1 Bob Liss - David Blohm A - 2 Laura Kenney - Gene Simpson
 B - 1 Mary Tilden - Syril Atherton B - 2 George Economy - Jerry Meislin
 C - 1 Mary Tilden - Syril Atherton C - 2 Vicki Quinn - Margie Callinan

Unit Pairs January 15

- A - 1 Ellen Weingart - Nancy Herzog A - 2 Betty Marggraf - Mike Hartnett
 B - 1 Betty Blumlein - Syril Atherton B - 2 Barbara Curley - Ceil Moskowitz
 C - 1 Carol Painter - Margaret Birk C - 2 Veronica Berlin - Michael Callahan

NEW MEMBERS

Vernon Bean, Cicely Hand, Myron Kelley, Mary Miller, Helen Illsley, Diane Rudden, Phyllis Sorensen,
 Nina Tychinin, Claire Young, David Wagoner

Rookie 0-5 MP (74)

TRANSFERS INTO UNIT 508

Judy Roberts, Ric Roderick

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS 5+ MP (43)

Lenore Bleadon, Pat Cline, Sabra Drohan, Richard Talmadge, Finbar Yuen

NEW CLUB MASTERS 20+ MP (57)

Connie Brightbill

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS 50+ MP (74)

James Bhear, Bruce Nissim

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS 100+ MP (50)NABC MASTER 200+ MP (38)

NEW LIFE MASTERS (41) NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS (73)

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER (54)

Ron Studen

Gold Life Master (12) Diamond Life Master (0) Emerald Life Master (1)

Platinum Life Master (0) Grand Life Master (1)



THE EDITOR'S BOX

If there was ever a need to say that "no one is perfect", the last Double Dummy was a fine example. Yes, I knew that the President of ACBL 508 is named Goldberg not Goldman, and yes, I do know how to spell "Holliday". In my effort to produce the Double Dummy in time for information about the "Holiday" Party on December 4, I overlooked several of my trustworthy copy readers. But, in my defense I have to say that the entire ACBL Board present in November received a copy of my errors as well as Peggy Tatro, my human spell check, and it looked so neat that we all missed it. Just as in playing Duplicate, Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose.



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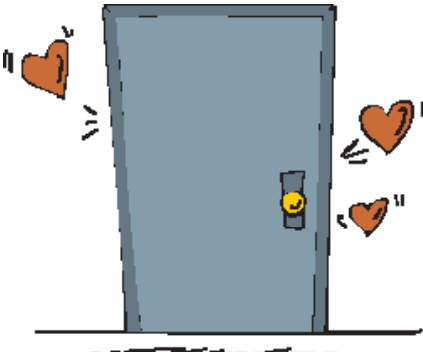
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Unit Games

February 4 - Unit Intl. Fund Game-Saturday
 February 12 Unit Pairs
 February 26 -Unit PRO-AM
 March 19 - Unit Pairs

Need a Partner?
 Call Sylvia Ross 415/435-3414

Santa Clara Regional	February 14 - 20
San Mateo Sectional	March 10 - 12
Santa Clara Sectional	March 24- 26

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Richard Goldberg



On behalf of your board, I would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Already six weeks have passed since our Holiday Charity Party where more than 120 players enjoyed a fantastic afternoon. The food dishes were amazing. Through the generosity of our members, we sent the ACBL \$546 for their Katrina Relief Funds and had lots of extra food for the Men's Homeless Shelter in San Rafael. The next big event is our Pro/Am Pairs on February 26th. Last year I encouraged a friend to play in the Pro/Am. He was an occasional duplicate bridge player and had never been to a Unit game. He had such a great experience that he can't wait to do it again. This game is for every bridge player in Marin. Mark your calendar so we can make this our best ever Unit Game.

We have been fortunate to have the support of Bob Greenwood as Editor of the Double Dummy. For several years he has been writer, editor and publisher. Everyone has benefited from his efforts. Our newsletter makes Marin bridge just a little more enjoyable. Bob would like to take a break and has asked me to find a replacement. Putting the newsletter together is a labor of love, so I am looking for a volunteer to join the board and continue the Double Dummy's tradition of excellence. Let me know of your interest and willingness to contribute to the Marin Unit.



The Annual PRO-AM Unit Game is Announced

On February 26 the Unit will run a PRO-AM game that teams a Life Master with a Non-Life Master. The partnership assignments will be made on a random basis before game time and all Life Masters sit either North or West. Then, its bridge as usual. Do not miss out on this opportunity to help improve the bridge skills of the Marin Unit. Whether you are the teacher or the student, get to know your fellow bridge players better and have some fun doing it. Mark your calendar for a special treat!

MARIN SPRING SECTIONAL APRIL 29 & 30, 2006

It isn't too soon to begin planning for the Marin Sectional to be held in the Marin Catholic Gymnasium at 675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Kentfield. Saturday, stratified pairs for both the morning and evening session. And on Sunday, two sessions with bracketed Swiss Teams. Single session entry allowed for teams averaging fewer than 200 MP. Tournament Chair is Bob Liss. Ellen Schiller in charge of partnerships. For further information check the web page www.marinbridge.com or check flyers at the local clubs.



ACBL DISCIPLINARY SANCTION GUIDELINES

By Robbie Lyon

The ACBL has established an extensive Code of Disciplinary Regulations to provide a fair hearing to members charged with disciplinary infractions. The Code includes the Jurisdiction, Grounds for Discipline, Procedures, Suspensions, and Appeal Procedures. Included are Guidelines which provide the Disciplinary Committee with suggested, but not mandatory, recommendations, based on the severity of the infraction.

A few of these recommendations might be of interest to all bridge players:

OFFENSE:	RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE:
Poor personal hygiene or dress	Reprimand to 30 Days Probation
Rudeness in conversation, gesture, or general Behavior.....	Reprimand to 30 Days Probation
Harass a Tournament Director	Reprimand to 90 Days Probation
Fail to report a known incorrect score.....	90 Days Probation to 30 Days Suspension
Publicly make obscene comments.....	Reprimand to 120 Days Probation
Intimidate another player or official.....	90 Days Probation to 30 Days Suspension
Appeal a decision with no reasonable basis.....	Reprimand 90 Days. Probation to 90 Days Suspension
Unsportsmanlike and frivolous psyching.....	Reprimand to 30 Days Suspension
Hesitate with an intent to deceive; use intonations and mannerisms that may deceive opponents or help partner.....	1 Year Probation to 180 Days suspension
Prearrange a deal or part thereof including one card.....	2 Year Suspension to Expulsion
Actively seek advance information about a board.....	2 Year Suspension to Expulsion
Prearranged partnership collusion by means of signaling to exchange information.....	Expulsion

These are just a few of the guidelines for various infractions which you may find of interest. Should you have an interest in obtaining the full text of the ACBL's Code, it can be found on their web site. www.acbl.org

Mentoring is Here !



Everyone can use some help!

By Richard Goldberg & Nancy Herzog

Mentoring comes in various shapes and sizes and the people in Unit 508 do it all. Mentoring is a great adjunct to bridge lessons and can be a valuable learning tool for players at every level.

In Marin, we are fortunate to have many bridge education choices.

Club directors give group and private lessons and run multi-day bridge camps as well as the Unit sponsored one day seminars on a specific bridge topic. There is no substitute for a quality education program.

Mentoring is slightly different. Learning better bridge is a continual process that requires regular play and the ability to learn from experience...like on-the-job training (OJT). This is the primary reason our Unit has created a formal mentoring program where experienced players are available to "tutor" less experience players.

It is easy to see how a player who is starting to play duplicate can benefit by having an experienced player as a tutor. The same is true for players at every level who may want to improve a specific aspect of their game. Maybe a player wants to sharpen their defense or improve their understanding of a specific bidding convention. The Unit has a lot of experienced players that have volunteered to be mentors and are ready to help.

There is no cost. As a courtesy, if you ask a mentor to play with you, all that is required is that you pay their card fees... a great deal!

When I stated that mentoring comes in other shapes and sizes I had in mind these two examples not connected directly with ACBL. Two active members of the Unit in different locations in Southern Marin have taken it upon themselves to get a small bridge group together privately to develop duplicate players from party bridge enthusiasts. Both groups meet

weekly and one group brings in a professional once a month to give a lesson.

Not everyone has the time or the facilities to mentor small groups but this is only one example of how experienced players are contributing to the growth of bridge skills in Marin. We have recently had a nice jump in Unit membership and we know it is in part due to the efforts of all the people who are teaching and mentoring. Keep up the great work!



For information about the Mentor Program contact Nancy Herzog at 461-9047



Southern Marin Bridge Club is the latest in new places and times to play Duplicate Bridge in Marin. Cassandra Mani, Director has announced a Wednesday 11:45 mini lesson and a 12:00 to 2:00 PM Newcomer Game with 0 - 20 master point players. This game, beginning January 18th, will be at the Belvedere Community Center, 450 San Rafael Ave., Belvedere. Cass also announced a Thursday game 6:00 PM mini lesson with a game time of 6:15 to 9:15 with 0 to 199 master point players beginning January 19th. This game to be held at the Mill Valley Community Center,



Charity amounts given this year by clubs and units totaled over \$2400! Lura Crossley's special event took top honors for individual clubs. Her club total gift came to \$1550.00. While the Unit game was a success, clubs handled donations differently. Congratulations to one and all!