



*Marin Unit 508*



# DOUBLE DUMMY

JUNE - JULY 2006



## Message from the President

By Richard Goldberg

Once again our annual Marin Sectional was a huge success with a record turnout. Thanks to the leadership of Bob Liss and Marsha Sampson and help from many unit volunteers, we enjoyed a weekend of great bridge and had a financially successful event. Just a few short weeks later, we had a large turnout for our semi-annual award luncheon hosted by Beverly Goldberg. Again, terrific food and fun bridge.

At our Unit Game on June 25 we will hold elections for new board members. We are fortunate to have **(continued on back page)**

## HOPPE TO RETURN TO PICKLEWEED

After more than a year at the Hamilton Unity Center, Roy Hoppe is preparing to move his



bridge club to the new Pickleweed Recreation Center (see photo). The target date for the move is mid-July. To accommodate the schedules of other tenants, after the move Hoppe's games will start at 11:45 a.m.

### *Upcoming Events*

*June 9-11 - East Bay Summer Sectional*

*June 11- Unit Pairs*

*June 17-18 - San Francisco Sectional*

### *Mark Your Calendar*

*June 25 - Unit Game, Election of Directors*

*July 9 and 16 - Unit Pairs*

*July 23 - NAOP Qualifier #2*



## TABLE TALK

This issue's Table Talk feature is contributed by Unit member Jim Washburn. Jim is currently a member of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee, and has volunteered to serve on the Unit's Board of Directors.

### Board of Directors

Richard Goldberg  
President

Fred Stout  
Vice President

Barbara Cooper  
Secretary

Ann Reed

### Outgoing Directors:

Nancy Herzog

Paula Jaffe

Bob Liss

Bill Dietrich

Bob Greenwood

Mayday Card

### Nominees:

Bob Chilvers

Marc Franklin

Jerry Meislin

Jim Washburn

Alyce Zahorsky

### Double Dummy

Bob Chilvers  
Editor

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Recently during a club game at Terra Linda, an incident occurred that reinforced my admiration for those bridge players who place the integrity of the game above any desire to win. We all want to do well, but it is extremely important to do so without receiving any undeserved or unethical advantage.

I was sitting south and playing a contract having ten trumps, missing the king. Upon leading a small trump from dummy, I played the ace and my left hand opponent played the king. She then asked why I played the ace and I, in a feeble attempt at humor, replied that it was the "Rabbi's Rule" (Rabbi's Rule: If there is a singleton king, play the ace).

Playing south at the next lowest table was Gene Simpson, who we all know as one of the country's best players and teachers. When the east-west players came to our table after playing this hand, one of them commented to me that Gene had finessed for the king, even though he knew the finesse would fail, because he had overheard my comment about the Rabbi's Rule.

My immediate reaction to this news was twofold. First, I was embarrassed at making a thoughtless remark that significantly affected the play of a hand at another table. Second, I was tremendously impressed with Gene's integrity and sense of honor that would not allow him to take advantage of overhearing a casual remark.

There are several lessons to be learned from this; the most important of which is to be aware of all of your remarks at the bridge table, before, during and after you play. Your remarks can affect the play at other tables. And, of course, if you are looking for a role model at the bridge table, we have one of the best right here in Marin.



## DUMMY POINTS

**ALERT**

### ALERTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### AWARD WINNERS

THE MARIN UNIT AWARD WINNERS FOR THE MOST POINTS WON AT OUR 2006 SPRING SECTIONAL ARE LIFE MASTERS BOB LISS AND ELLEN SCHILLER, AND NON LIFE MASTERS TED JACOBSON AND RON BURLICK.

CONGRATULATIONS BOB,  
ELLEN, TED AND RON!

#### CARD TRIVIA

WHO SAID: "EVERY HAND'S  
A WINNER AND EVERY  
HAND'S A LOSER ...."

"IF YOU'RE GONNA PLAY  
THE GAME, BOY, YOU  
GOTTA LEARN TO PLAY IT  
RIGHT."

(ANSWER ON BACK PAGE)



## SOUTHERN MARIN CLUB CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER

Cassandra Mani announced that, because of her bridge cruise commitments, her Thursday night lesson and game at the Mill Valley Community Center will be suspended for the summer. In the meantime, Cassie has referred her students to the Crossley Bridge Center and to Peggy Tatro's game at Terra Linda.



*Cassandra Mani*

## KIBITZING AT CROSSLEY

The Crossley Bridge Center had an unusual visitor in May. A female mallard waddled in to a pairs game and made herself at home. Since she had no master points, her bridge skills were uncertain. Having seen mallards teach their ducklings how to dabble for food, however, it was clear that she was familiar with inverted minors. But she did not bring a partner, so Lura was not able to get her into the game. There was also the issue of card fees, but Lura would have been happy to put them on the duck's "bill." After kibitzing for a while, Ms. Mallard waddled back to the boardwalk and flew (or swam) off.

**Message from the  
President (continued)**

members that are willing to contribute. The current group of outstanding candidates include Jim Washburn, Jerry Meislin, Bob Chilvers, Alyce Zahorsky and Marc Franklin. If anyone else would like to be part of the board let me know.

The new board will convene in July and will be establishing an agenda and priorities for next year. It will be helpful to get suggestion and input from members so that the board can best serve the Unit. Please let me or any of the current board members have your ideas. We will accept verbal input, letters, e-mails or any other form of communications. Just let us hear from you.

This is the inaugural edition of the Double Dummy under our new editor and publisher, Bob Chilvers. I know he has many exciting ideas for content and special features. Make sure you give Bob your feedback and suggestions.

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

THESE ARE LINES FROM  
KENNY ROGERS' FAMOUS  
SONG "THE GAMBLER"  
WRITTEN BY DON SCHLITZ

**M E M B E R S  
ON THE  
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**MOVING IN**

NEW MEMBERS

MOLLY ANDERSON  
HUGH MARCHANT  
ELIZABETH SATHER  
ANNETTE THAM

TRANSFER INTO UNIT

S. BRANDEL

**MOVING UP**

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

VERNON BEAN  
CHARNETH BELANGER  
MYRON KELLEY  
JANET SCHONBRUN

NEW CLUB MASTERS

JUDITH DWELLY  
DAVID GANZ  
PHYLLIS WILLIAMS

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

VICKI QUINN  
FINBAR YUEN

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

GWEN TOSO

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

HILDE MEISLIN

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

LUCIAN WERNICK  
TREVA ZARLENGO