



San Mateo Unit 498

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The Unitizer



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Message from the President... Bob Gleason

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Unit 498 will kick off our 2021 Longest Day program to raise funds for Alzheimer's research in the next few weeks. As was the case last year, we will not be able to stage events in person, but will hold special games on BBO, and offer opportunities to play with and learn from top players in our unit in exchange for donations. In 2020, through a combination of these BBO events and direct donations, Unit 498 raised approximately \$12,000. Please watch for further information, which will be coming shortly.

Thanks to all who continue to support the clubs in our unit. Many of us have adapted to playing bridge via the internet. Some have even become fond of its advantages; commute is short, and dress is casual. If you haven't tried it, all you have to do is grab a beverage of choice and log in to BBO for one of the games. If you don't have a partner, the director will find one for you. In some of the games you have the option to play with a robot. This can be a rewarding experience if you are a well-mannered player who has had the occasional urge to set your partner on the straight-and-narrow. The robots may play lousy bridge, but they tolerate criticism without complaint.

Pat and Jim Leary took 1st place in the open competition of our March unit-sponsored game with 58.9%. Arline and James Van Ness were second in a photo finish, with 57.2%, edging out two other pairs tied at 56.7%. In the 499er game, Barbara Lewis and Marilynne Bachli won with 63.2%, followed by Kit Morse and Suzanne Vuko with 60.7%. The two games combined for a total of 13 tables. Thanks to Raad Bunni for directing.

The March mentor-mentee game had 14 tables divided into two sections. Mohan Ramana Rao and Fred Chasalow finished 1st in Section 1 with 61.6%, followed by Pat McCombs and Robert Ng at 58.9%. In Section 2, Cynthia Wener and Stu Shipley had a fine 68.3% game, which was good for 2nd place overall. First went to Jeffrey Schubiner and Rula Tamer with 82.1% (Double-checked. It's not a typo.) Thanks to Art Quey for directing.

Unit 498 members advancing in rank during March included Janelle Van Rensselaer (Bronze Life Master) and Arline Van Ness (Ruby Life Master). Congratulations to both!



Congratulations to Our 2020 Award Winners		
Masterpoints	Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs	Mini-McKenney
0-5	Umesh Padval	Umesh Padval
5-20	Amy Christen	Amy Christen
20-50	Carl Ebeling	Carl Ebeling
50-100	Bob Farkas	Bob Farkas
100-200	Robyn Lee	Kathryn Barnard
200-300	Bob Gleason	Susan Papilion
300-500	Rose Bauer	Rose Bauer

500-1000	Sharon Legallet	Janelle Van Rensselaer
1000-1500	June White	June White
1500-2500	Loretta Baines	Loretta Baines
2500-3500	Aster Wu	Cheryl Haines
3500-5000	Fred Chasalow	Fred Chasalow
5000-7500	Alfred Lee	Alfred Lee
7500-10000	Ted Richmond	Ted Richmond

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