



San Mateo Unit 498

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The Unitizer



Message from the President... Bob Gleason

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Our annual unit meeting took place on December 11 at the Villa. Forty-four members attended in person, plus another six via Zoom. The membership approved our treasurer's report, which showed a current balance of \$34,462.11. This is slightly above our average for the past few years and puts us in good condition to begin 2022. We also elected three new directors to two-year terms, and Danna Sorenson to a second term.

Together with those who will be serving their second year from elections at the end of 2020, the officers and directors of Unit 498 in 2022 will be:

Bob Gleason (President)

Danna Sorenson (Vice President)

Cathy Johnson (Secretary)

Sue Papilion (Treasurer)

Pete Goldsmith (Director, Mentor Game Coordinator)

Barbara Lewis (Director, Membership Chair)

Janice Carter (Director)

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Jim Bolton (Director)

A unit game followed our meeting, and at 12 tables, was the largest played live at the Villa in 2021. Winners in the NS section of the 8-table open game, and first overall were Loretta Baines & Carole Ringoen (60.3%), followed by Roger Dewes & Dariush Youssefi (59.5%). In the EW section, first and second finishers were also separated by less than 1% - Aster Wu & Stan Chow (56.4%) and Siuling Ku & Kenneth Hui (55.6%). In the 4-table 499er game, Jeanie Kwong & Susan Hall (65.6%) took first place, and Kai Eckert & Becca Simmons (58.2%) were second, just ahead of Marie Pattie & Jeanne Urich (57.4%). Thanks to Jennifer Kuhn for directing these games.

We will not host a sectional tournament in February 2022. Our preferred location, Cañada College, is still closed for events sponsored by external organizations. We plan to hold a sectional on August 13 & 14, however; and will look for an alternative site if Cañada has not opened by the time needed to plan the tournament. We also plan to resume NLM sectionals in 2022 on May 7 and October 29 at the Villa. Players with fewer than 750 masterpoints and ranks below Life Master are eligible to play in the NLM sectionals.

I wish the best of luck to all who will play in the January regional tournament in Monterey. If you are attending please consider volunteering to help D21 run this event, click here to **Volunteer**. The work will only take one or two hours of your time and will not interfere with playing in any events.

Weekly club games continue at the Villa with the same schedule as in 2021. If you want to play, but need a partner, Raad or Jenny will be happy to find one for you. Please see the links on our unit web site for contact information. Our mentor-mentee game will resume in January on BBO.

Happy New Year!



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