



San Mateo Unit 498

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The Unitizer



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Message from the President... Bob Gleason

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Several of our members earned first-place honors in events at the Monterey Regional. Alfred Lee was first in three of the four sessions of the Wednesday Tom Watson side pairs, and one session of the Monday Cannery Row side pairs. Andrew Hoskins won the Sunday Clint Eastwood side pairs. Chin Huang was first in the Friday Clambake Stratified side pairs. Art Quey, Kai Eckert and their teammates picked up 17.69 gold points apiece when they won bracket 2 of the Thursday John Steinbeck Bracketed knock-out.

Joyce Carlson placed first in the Wednesday Blue Whale Gold Rush pairs. Partners Jeanne Urich and Marie Pattie won the Monday 199er. Some of those listed above also had 2nd or 3rd place finishes in other games. Congratulations to all!

If you missed out on gold points in Monterey (and even if you didn't), a great chance to earn some is coming up at the NABC at Reno in March. The schedule of events for the national tournament is published on the **ACBL** and **District 21** web sites. Two of the games are designated in honor of former members of our unit: the Ted Richmond Memorial side pairs on Friday 3/11 and the Marc Renson Memorial side pairs on Friday 3/18. As the host district, D21 is looking for volunteers to help run the tournament. If you plan to attend, please examine their web site if you would like to help.

Our mentor-mentee game resumed in January with 13 tables on BBO after taking a couple of months off for the holidays. Rita Armstrong & Kit Morse (59.5%) took first place among NS pairs, followed by Elizabeth Molumphy & Robert Ng (59.0%). Sheila Felker & Marcus Ballinger (54.9%) won the EW competition, just ahead of Barbara Lewis & Fred Chasalow (54.6%). Thanks to Art Quey for directing. We want to add more tables to this game and there is no shortage of unit members to want to learn to play better bridge. What we need is more mentors. Please contact Pete Goldsmith if you would like to help.

We did not hold a unit game in January, but plan to resume in February at the Villa. We want to hold approximately one game on a Saturday each month, skipping only those months for which conflicts with local tournaments, holidays, or other events interrupt the schedule. When arrangements are complete for the February game, we will post information on our website and send invitations to members via Punchbowl, as we have done in the past. We have determined that the mailing list we maintain for Punchbowl omits many of the members of Unit 498 as listed in the ACBL database. If you are one of those who have not received Punchbowl invitations over the past year and would like to be added to the mailing list, please send a note to our unit game coordinator Janice Carter, jcarter@justbits.com, or to me, bob.gleason@comcast.net.

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