

FORUM Februar y 2010

Yes, we lost our First Sunday Unit Game, but for a good reason: The Nationals were in town! Many of our locals did an outstanding job. Our Third Sunday Open winners were Budak Barkan – Steve Johnson; #2, Yel Chiang Wu – Manoochehr Bahmanian; #3, Mary & Ron Huffaker; and #4, Tom Tatham – Marianne Klayman. Note: Because of attendance, there was not a separate 499 Strata. Congratulations!

Party Time! Our “Post Holiday Party” was a huge success! We had to change our usual Christmas party format because of the Nationals so this was a new date, new place. Our brunch at the Crowne Plaza was wonderful, good food, served in a timely fashion. A special tribute to Wirt Gilliam and Adventures in Bridge for all the help to our Unit (storage space, bulletin board, e-mails, advice re stratas, and more). Also, thanks to Ralph Baty and his committee for making the arrangements. Good job!

Winners in the 499'er Strata were Judy Gruenberger – Robert Horowitz; #2, Joan & Ken Maden; #3, Pat Wilkey – Vi Breckenridge; and #4, Mary Scott Knoll – Virginia Wofford. Open Pair winners were Julianne Ricksecker – Ralph Baty; #2, Hanan Deeby – Bernard Figueiredo; #3, Connie & Richard Unger; and #4, Beverly Forman – Roger Doughman.

Our Charity Game on January 17th will be \$8, the \$1 extra going to the ACBL Education Foundation. We're happy to do this! Also, mark you calendars for February 21st, our GNT Qualifier for Flights ABC. There will also be a Unit Pairs Game. And be ready for the 539 Spring Sectional March 5-7 at AIB.

This month's stack of Bridge Bulletins were donated to the MCRD Recreational Center. No 'sticker' with AIB's phone number our Unit number could be attached but they were advised to contact the ACBL website for further information (and lessons?). Also, we have been turned down by three local high schools to teach after-school bridge lessons. If anyone has an inside connection to a local school, we would be happy to provide the teaching.

Milestones: Junior Masters: Harriette LeMesnager, Phyllis Roddy. Club Masters: Kenneth Miller, Jo Ann Rader, Robin Rodger, Dennis Schraeder, Laurel Shupp, Marlene Subel. Sectional Masters: Gerald Bischoff, Jerome Klusky, Vicki Nordone. Regional Masters: Ray Carson, Jewel Daniels, Carol Fossett, Jacque Tucker. Bronze Life Masters: Paul Alesu, Diane Palmer. Silver Life Master: Carolyn Kish. Our First Sunday Awards will resume on February 7th.

70 % games: December

80.37 Carolyn & Harry Espey, 12/8, 99'er Strat
74.17 Bonnie Sattler – Mina Taylor, 12/1, 99'er Strat
70.64 Jane & Colin Scher, 12/14, 99'er Strat