

Bridge Forum: East Bay Unit 502, March 2018

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Welcome to new members Robert Campbell and Carolyn Darcey!
When you see them, please take the time to welcome them to our unit.

Congratulations to the following players on their recent rank advancements: Maxine Coplin, Jakob Karstens, Carmen Murray and Franklin Silver, Sectional Master; Barak Engel, NABC Master; **Joseph Held, Sarla Purohit and Andy Wasserman, Life Master;** and Dianne Macleod and Russell Rector, Bronze Life Master. Kudos to each of you, and keep on playing! There is always another goal in front of you! When you see them, please take the time to congratulate them on their advancements.

Unfortunately, I have some sad news to report – **Ronnie Bendheim passed away on January 7th at age 97 and 1/2.** She had been a recent regular at the East Bay Community Bridge Center (EBCBC), playing mostly with Marcia Mattoon or Jo Levy. She will be missed. And, I'm sure many of you are hoping that you're able to continue playing bridge for as long as Ronnie did!

As usual, there are a few important calendar events to note. First, there will be regularly scheduled **Unit 502 Games on Sunday, March 4th and March 18th beginning at 1:00 pm; the free lunch will be served in the East Bay Community Bridge Center (EBCBC) kitchen at about 12:30 pm.**

EBCBC Club Championship games will take place during the week of March 5th to March 10th.

The upcoming **Saturday games** at the EBCBC at 12:00 noon will be on March 10th, March 24th, April 21st and April 28th. If you want to play, please contact Betty Kael to sign-up for these games.

There is an ACBL – wide Senior Pairs Game at the EBCBC on Monday, March 19th at 12 noon.

Looking ahead a couple of months, **STAC Week** games will take place from May 7th to May 12th. If you need Silver Points, mark your calendars!

In the **January 7th Unit Game**, Jim and Pat Leary took first place, Brian Eisenberg and Kathryn Von Dohre second place, and Randy Corr and Carol Penskar third place. All three pairs had games above 63%!

In the **January 21st Unit Game**, Jim and Pat Leary again took first place, Otto Edor and Gunnar Niemi second, and Carol Warren and Larry Bowerman third. All three were north/south pairs and had games above 59%. Edwin and Teresa Seputis took first place in the east/west direction.

In Monterey **Cole Powell, Sarita Mathiasen** and their teammates placed third in the Friday Side Swiss Teams event. Eight days later Cole and Peter Gelfand placed first in the Saturday Two Session Open Pairs event at the San Francisco Sectional.

Congratulations to **Grant and Greg Vance** who finished first in the District 21 Flight A NAP finals in Burlingame on January 21st! Nice job!

In the **February 4th Unit Game**, Allan Harris and David Snyder took first place, Jessica Lai and Grant Vance second place, and Betty Kael and Susan Boyers third. All three pairs had games above 61%.

Sandi Davis is writing next month's column, so please contact her if you have interesting results or other items to report: Sandi Davis <sandi.davisd21@gmail.com>.