

Diamond in the ruff: East Bay unit 502, April 2019

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There is nothing more heartwarming than to see a father/son team at a bridge game, especially when the son is only 8 years old. Brian Zhang, who along with his father, Qiang, played in one of our unit games last month. Brian told the director that he used to play chess but didn't find it challenging enough, so he switched to bridge. Not only did he play, he and his father scratched.

Another thing that is heartwarming is when families do things together on Sunday afternoons – like going to the Oakland Zoo. Unfortunately, in this case it makes for a terrible parking situation as the East Bay Community Bridge Center is within walking distance from the zoo. Since it is in our mission to serve our members, the board of unit 502 has agreed to move the unit games from 1:00 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month to 12:00. The EBCBC is also moving the regular Sunday games to noon. Hopefully, that will help with the parking situation and don't worry, lunch will still be served. A special thanks goes out to JJ Kael who allowed players to use his driveway to park one Sunday. Although it might have been an inconvenience for the family, they were quite gracious in allowing players to park there avoiding potential long walks.

During the month of May, several special events are planned at the East Bay Community Bridge Center, 9520 Mountain Blvd. May 6-12 is ST@C week, with a special Sunday ST@C game. Sunday, May 19th is a Pizza Swiss. This event always sells out, so reservations are mandatory. Contact Joseph Held at jph3@pacbell.net for reservations.

Please make note of the following schedule change: The Bracketed Swiss Teams game originally planned for May 11th is being cancelled so that it doesn't conflict with the Russell Rector memorial service. Needless to say, we were all shocked and saddened to hear about Russell's sudden passing. Details about the memorial service should be available at the EBCBC before May 11th.

All weekend games will be at noon, including this special Saturday game. For more information about Unit 502 events, please go to our website (www.eastbayunit-502.com) Moving ahead to June, the East Bay Sectional will be June 22nd and 23rd. Don't miss it – the games are fun and the food is phenomenal.

March 31st was the 90th day of 2019, so our club, the EBCBC, marked the event by celebrating those players who are 90+ years young. In attendance, from left to right, were Trudie Sinclair, Joyce and Dave Denyven, and Faith Hall.



Speaking of Sunday games, the March unit game results are in. In the March 3rd Unit Championship Teresa Boyd and Grant Robinson came in first North/South as well as first over all with Betty Kael and Susan Boyers coming in second North/South. Foster Tom and Doug Couchman came in first East/West with Marcia Wasserman and Andy Wasserman

coming in second. On March 17th Bonnie Macbride and Sidney Mar came in first North/South as well as first over all with Neal Mazaroff and Stuart Schneck coming in second. East/West was Lois Flock and Sarla Purohit coming in first and Peter Bonfanti and Grant Vance coming in second. Please congratulate them when next you see them.

Another reason for congratulations is the newest rankings of our members. Cynthia Hull is our newest Junior Master. Margaret Garms and Jason Leith are new Club Masters, along with, Kathy Wolf is our newest Life Master. Please congratulate them all.

Last, but certainly not least, we have the winners of the 2018 Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards.

Ace of Clubs: 0-5 Jolanda Heijnen; 5-20 Eric Lindquist; 20-50 Richard Springer; 50-100 Don Levine; 100-200 Robert Kaplan; 200-300 Herb Chung; 300-500 Kathy Wolf; 500-1000 Susan Boyers; 1000-1500 David Cartwright; 1500-2500 David Snyder; 2500-3500 Edwin Seputis; 3500-5000 Kit Humphrey; 5000-7500 Ravi Bhalla; and 7500-10000 Nick Wiebe

Mini McKenney: 0-5 Jolanda Heijnen; 5-20 Eric Lindquist; 20-50 Richard Springer; 50-100 Jacob Karstens; 100-200 Robert Kaplan; 200-300 Herb Chung; 300-500 Kathy Wolf; 500-1000 Susan Boyers; 1000-1500 David Cartwright; 1500-2500 Joye Sidoti; 2500-3500 Jessica Lai; 3500-5000 Stephen Kennedy; 5000-7500 Eric Leong; and 7500-10000 Chris Barrere.

Larry Bowerman is writing the June column, so please contact him (at lmjtbow@pacbell.net) if you have noteworthy results or other items to report.