



Our Bridge World

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Issue 2

Our first issue was well-received once people found out about it. If you want to hide anything in the bridge center put it in the clear file holder next to the bulletin board. Apparently, no one looks there.

Here's what's happening

- We are making progress on the development of a youth bridge league. The unit is supporting it. We applied for grant from ACBL; no promises but they say it looks good. Either way, Jun 13th we will host a Learn Bridge in 6 Hours seminar at the Modesto Bridge Center. According to the master plan, this training will spread to the schools and the development of a youth bridge league. We will need everyone's help by next fall, so I will be mentioning this again.

I am taking materials to the schools, printing flyers for the libraries and schools and generally trying to get the word out.

The seminar is open to the public. Anyone who wants to learn basic bridge is invited.

- We are struggling with the web site. I hope we will have something special to show for it by the end of the month.

Suggestions are welcome.

- Lee Maddocks is starting a series of beginning bridge lessons at MJC on March 13 at 6:30 PM. See Mjc4life.org or our bridge center's web site. A Thursday evening duplicate game for beginners will pick up on the same schedule as this class when it ends.



Joyce telling Roy a really good joke.

Local Bridge News

Pat Gallo made Life Master at the Sunday game, Feb 23. A big event at a small game. Playing with longtime friend and partner Barbara Bogart, Pat had a 65% game and finished first, winning many more points than she needed.

It wasn't long ago that she thought about quitting. At the start of February she needed almost 6 Silver points and about 10 total points. She and Jeanne Russo won 7 Silver points in Fresno! (for social players, silvers are hard to get) She continued playing here at the bridge center, picking up fractional after fractional and concluding with her big win this past Sunday. She will be honored for her achievement on March 9 at the unit game, which is being hosted by Jeanne Russo, the partner who helped her pick up Silver. A nice Silver Linings Playbook ending.

Ray Adams explained that due to this lofty status, Pat is immune to error. If her playing seems a bit haphazard, the proper interpretation is that she took a different view.



Trish, Myrna and Mary



A 3 month old Jack Russell terrier has taken over the care and training of two humans. The word is that he has his work cut out for him as his people have been badly spoiled by cats. His charges, Jan and Peter, have let me know that he is exceptionally smart and well-behaved. They promise that we will likely see him at the bridge center from time to time. Jan and Peter call him Winston and he seems to be fine with that.

Yes, I am a sucker for dogs and you can count on more dog+bridge news coming soon. I kinda like a good cat story as well.

This month's fun fact

Jeanne Russo's secret life is as a photographer. Here is a sample of her work, a picture of Gail Vicks in the Alps. It is not clear to me whether Gail was actually in the Alps. It may be the art of the photographer. A gorgeous photo.



Unfortunately, no gas leaks or other excitement. Better luck next month. Please take time to give me stories that you would like to see here.

There is a regional tournament in Burlingame March 3-8. Chris Barkley, Jean Chitwood, Chuck Silva, Lloyd Rotherham and Libby Longstreth will be playing. You will know how we did by the presence or absence of any notice in this newsletter.

Sad News

Drew Mercer died February 10th. This man had a great presence. I suppose he was a character. It was not possible to play in the same room without sharing his conversation and cheer. I will be writing up Drew Mercer stories for next month. Talk to me.

Unit Game March 8 Corned beef and cabbage by Jeanne Russo. Pat Gallo's achievements will be celebrated. . . There will be cake!

