



# Our Bridge World

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**Quick Start Bridge** The first step in the youth bridge project is gathering attendees. Thanks to Lloyd Rotherham

and Nan Hornberger handing out flyers. Advertising in the Bee, partially underwritten by ACBL has also given us a boost. With all this work, it looks like we might manage to have a few bridge clubs in the schools next fall. Judy Remmers is working very hard on this and will need helpers. We still need help so come to me with your ideas and assistance.

## Sacramento Regional

We had an unusually large number of Modesto bridge players attending the Sacramento Regional Tournaments. I am sure I will forget some but I saw Pat Gallo, Jeanne Russo, Barbara Price, Chris Brown, Bob Rodenhizer, Lloyd Rotherham, Ralph Jungwirth, Trel Uhl, Jean Chitwood, Christine Barkley and me. I heard Fred



Fellows was there and I am sure I am missing some. Not sure why this was so well attended this time. Nor do I have much news on how everyone did. Next issue will have more.

I know some Modesto players did well. During one session of morning pairs (99 and under) Modesto pairs won north-south and east-west. I am always struck by how well prepared we are by the excellent training we get in Modesto. We are very lucky.

One of the most fun events was Stratified 0-2000 Knock Out Teams. Chris and I teamed up with Charlie Holmes and his dad, Richard. Charlie is a 12 year old wunderkind. He adapted and tweaked a form of precision bidding to suit him, then taught the system to his father. It is a joy to watch him play. His quick analysis and insight are awe-inspiring. No surprise he created quite a buzz.

It was also satisfying that our team with an average of about 30 masterpoints per member came in second, only losing to the team with an average of 1900 masterpoints per member. We called our team Team Charlie as he was our captain. I hope to get Charlie (and his dad) to play at our sectional in October as celebrity guests. I think our members will really enjoy seeing him play and will make the event more special.

## On the Move

While we enjoyed our quiet home life playing at the Modesto Bridge Center,



Judy Remmers, Barbara Page and Joyce Rudesill, Connie Vickers and Betty Beard took a river bridge cruise up the Rhine from Amsterdam through Germany, Austria and Slovakia ending on the Danube in Budapest. Judy, Joyce and Barbara brought their husbands along. Because these are our kind of people, they played bridge the whole way. I like this picture best even though it doesn't show them playing cards. I know these people, as long as they had a 4th, they played.



This is Jasmine, Bandit and Sugar. Ever watchful, there will be no sneaky birds or mice intruding on this household.

### This Month's Pet News

Mary Louise O'Neal gave me this picture of her cats. Mary Louise has lived all over and always been active in cat rescue. These cats were collected from Seattle, Texas and Ohio. When she isn't playing bridge, she works to support Kitty Haven Sanctuary. This organization is funded only by donations and is in dire need of help. See Mary Louise if you can possibly contribute. Also see envelope on bulletin board.



From the left: Libby, Peter and Doris Kurtz, Russ Cosgrave, Ron Toney (my hubby). He is behind Phil DeBoer. Then Darlene Lowry, Beverly Holshouser (Betty Beard's twin) who is behind Neil Hamilton. Then Rita O'Hare, Pat Martin and Joan DeBoer.

### Bridge Retreat

A group of 12 bridge players reserved an entire lodge at Calvin Crest and played bridge for 4 days. The time was organized so that we played bridge in the morning and in the evening. The afternoons were free for sight-seeing, walking or napping. Given the crowd, it is really no surprise that some of the attendees used the afternoon to sneak off and play even more bridge!

Calvin Crest is an idyllic site. Next door to Yosemite, it is a beautiful wilderness setting with the comforts of home. We reserved the whole lodge. The staff brought in all the meals, which we enjoyed in our own dining room/meeting room with its stone fireplace.

This retreat takes place the second week in May every year. Rita O'Hare is organizing next year's retreat. It is not too early to give her a call or send an email if you are interested in next year.

**Unit Game June 8** Barbara Bogart is in charge. She is planning a selection of salads, including a taco salad. I am helping out. I hope others will as well.



The only picture I have of the fireplace. Rita is having a good time. Really, she is just thinking.