

Pomona-Covina Unit News

Individual: June 3, 10 a.m., Ontario
July 1, 10 a.m., Upland
Unit Game: June 10, 11:00 a.m., Glendora
Unit Board Meeting: 10:15 a.m. before the game
Club Championships: June 13, 16
Longest Day: Friday, June 23, La Fetra
June 9: Game held in Ontario

Yes, that last line above is for real. La Fetra is holding their annual picnic that day so we have to play elsewhere. We'll hold the game in Ontario, at the sometime site of the Individual. That's the Mountain Apartments Lounge, above the elevator lobby, at ICH. Note that the site can only accommodate 5½ tables maximum, so reservations are encouraged. If we don't get 11 pairs signing up in advance, it will be first come, first seated.

In the May Individual, Eileen Finlay took top honors with 60.42%. Linda Tessier was second, Steve Mancini third, and Art Weinstein tied for fourth with Paul Chrisney.

There were quite a few big games again last month, enough to present them bullet-list form:

73.60%	Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter
72.40%	Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter
70.84%	Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter
70.37%	Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter
69.79%	Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter
67.71%	Peter Kavounas – Bill Papa
67.19%	Fredy Minter – Lulu Minter

The only other first-place pairs not already listed are Hanan Mogharbel – Yours Truly, and Stephen Andersen – Gary Atwell. I guess we will have to make the Minters play each deal with only 10 or 11 cards, to give the rest of us some hope!

In the May Unit Game, we had a surprise winner: Hanan Mogharbel and Yours Truly scored 65.87% to top the field. To be fair, we did get more than our fair share of gifts and lucky breaks (including a 3% game that rolled home, that somehow, no one else bid). Fortunately, the transmission did not fall out of my car on the way home, which would have brought the Force back into balance. Fredy and Lulu Minter were right behind, followed by Vic Sartor – Paul Chrisney, and Tim and Eileen Finlay.

And once again, our friends at the Knight of Columbus have sold our date out from under us. Given that the Friendship Center (our future home) is still under refurbishment, we were forced to move the game up a week, to June 10.

Once again, we have one promotion to announce: Peter Kavounas has advanced to the rank of Club Master. Good job, Peter.

Here's a lovely deal submitted by our friend Vic Sartor. Yes, it's another one of those semi-balanced hands. As semi-balanced as you can get:

♠ AQJ10xx ♥ void ♦ AQ109xx ♣ void

The auction was short and sweet (maybe not so sweet for the opponents):

<u>RHO</u>	<u>Vic</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>pard</u>
1♥	2♥	3♥	3♠
6♠	all pass		

Making, of course.

Not too often do you find a 7-6 hand. According to my calculations, that will occur roughly 1 time in 17,970 deals. So don't hold your breath. And then you do get one, and the Bridge Demons laugh and your suits are both Jack-high ... and it's red-vs-white, to boot!

Since the above deal was rather easy to describe, I'll give you a second hand. Just for fun! You are in fourth seat, none vulnerable, and you pick up this fine hand:

♠ AK5 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ10 ♣ KQ76102

Naturally, LHO opens 1♣! Pass, pass, over to you.

Well, I don't know how *your* brain works, but I have a firm rule: when they want to play in your best suit, you PASS. (Well, sometimes you are going to double, but not this time.) Down 3, +150; not quite a top, because one enterprising pair played in 1♠ (your partner had four of them, to the King) for +170. But a nice result otherwise. Two other pairs also played in 1♣, down only one. And at one table, RHO did not pass but responded 1♦, so your hand ended up declaring 3♣, making on the nose.

Quote for the month: "Intelligence sees how to. Wisdom sees when to." (Gwen Ross)