Pomona-Covina Unit News

October 2026

La Fetra Games: Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:45
Claremont Bridge Club: Thursdays 9:30
Unit Pairs Game: October 17, 11:00 a.m., Ontario
Club Appreciation Games: October 16, 27, 30, La Fetra
Individual: November 3, 10:00 a.m., Ontario
STaC: October 20, 23, La Fetra
Unit Board Meeting: 10:15 a.m. before the game

Thanks again to Patrick Finley, for collating the masterpoint statistics for September.

1	9.80	Vic Sartor
2	9.67	Richard Parker
3	8.81	Lulu Minter
4	8.33	Fredy Minter
5	7.97	David Raymond
6	7.71	Patrick Finley
7	7.33	Steve Andersen
8	6.90	Ramona Hernandes
9	6.01	Caryn Mason
10	5.92	Nona Stokes

And at the Claremont Bridge Club:

1	1.55	Patrick Finley
2	1.54	David Ochroch
2	1.54	Duane Woodman
4	1.02	Caryn Mason
5	1.00	Sofi Kasubhai

At La Fetra, we had three scores were over the magic 65% benchmark. The best was a 73.96% whopper by Mark Gersh – Vic Sartor. Next, 67.19% by Caryn Mason – Richard Parker (only good for 2nd place!), and then 66.44% by Fredy Miner – Amr Elghamry. Other pairs doing well: Dave Ochroch – Duane Woodman, Caryn Mason – Vic Sartor, Joe Maresh – Ashi Rana, Mary Ann Wotring – Vic Sartor, Fredy and Lulu Minter, Dan Robinson – Olivia Esquibel, and Richard Parker – David Raymond.

Over in Claremont, three of the four winners were over 65%: Steve Mancini – Patrick Finley, Caryn Mason – Patrick Finley, and Sofi Kasubhai – Tom Cusack. The other winning pair was Dave Ochroch – Duane Woodman.

There were no fewer than NINE promotions this month! I don't ever remember see that many in a single month. So, here's the list:

New Junior Masters:

Robert Ring
Ching Patterson

Clinches Packets
Sam Lee
Srinivasa Bhat

New Club Master
Abdelrahim Mehilba

New Life Master
Kurt Trieselmann

New Bronze Life Masters
Kurt Trieselmann
Stepehen Andersen

Yes, Kurt shows up twice. That's because although he had *plenty* of points, he was missing that last little bit of gold to make Life Master.

Our hand-of-the-month was a wild one that came up at the Riverside Sectional. I'll give you the entire deal (see next page):

Sitting East, I opened 4♠. South (those durned opponents never seem to shut up) bid 5♥! Partner went 5♠, and North doubled. 5♠X was the final contract. The ♦K was opened. I ruffed, and after goggling at the dummy (Now there's something you don't see every day, Chauncy. What's that, Edgar? A 12-card fit! Oh, I don't know. A lot of people have fits when they only have 12 cards.) I ruffed, drew trumps and conceded the ♣A. +1050. Yes, we made 6♠, which if bid pays better. How do we get there?? I preempt and partner has 8 HCP. And yes, N-S can make 6♣ (played by South, also hard to get to) and 5♦.

For the record, our score was worth virtually all the matchpoints in a 12 table game. The only pair to outscore us got to 6♦ and got doubled, for 1090. TANJ. No one got to 6♠.

North
♠ none
♥ 5
♦ A J 10 8 3 2
♣ K Q J 6 5 4

West	East
♠ J 7 6 2	♠ A K Q 10 8 5 4 3
♥ K 7 6 4 2	♥ J 10
♦ none	♦ 9 6
♣ A 9 8 3	♣ 7

South
♠ 9
♥ A Q 9 8 3
♦ K Q 7 5 4
♣ 10 2

By the way, I *hope* you recognize the source of my parenetical quote! Can it be that you've forgotten that running gag from Rocky & Bullwinkle?

Quote for the month: "The remarkable thing about a waltzing bear is not how gracefully it waltzes, but that it waltzes at all." (Mark Twain)