

East Bay Unit
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The recipients of the 2017 Mini-McKenney and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs awards are as follows: The honorees for Ace of Clubs are: Michael Haritos (0-5), Richard Springer (5-20), Don Levine (20-50), Ken Rice (50-100), Karen Cabrera (100-200) Amy Hansell (200-300), Russell Kirshenbaum (300-500), Susan Boyers (500 -1000), David Snyder (1000-1500), Joye Sidoti (1500-2500), Norman Marks (2500-3500), Cole Powell (3500-5000), Susan Wiebe (5000-7500), and Nick Wiebe (7500-10,000). The honorees for the Mini-McKenney are: Marilyn Chilcote (0-5), Richard Springer (5-20), Don Levine (20-50), Stephen Bess (50-100), Amy Bess (100-200), Amy Hansell (200-300), Russell Kirshenbaum (300-500), Steven Drucker (500-1000), David Snyder (1000-1500), Joye Sidoti (1500-2500), Jessica Lai (2500-3500), Stephen Kennedy (3500-5000), Eric Leong (5000-7500) and Nick Wiebe (7500-10,000). Congratulations on a great year.

We are still trying to increase attendance at the Saturday games at the Center and encourage you to consider using this as a mentoring opportunity. There are a lot of newer players that would love the opportunity to learn from more experienced players in a friendly environment. Try it!

At the February 18th Unit game, N/S Allan Harris and David Snyder claimed 1st OA with Michael Gosnell and Kathrine Loh winning E/W. At the March 4th unit game, OA winners were N/S Otto Edor and Gunnar Niemi while E/W Peter Bonfanti and Grant Vance won their direction. Congrats to all!

We welcome new members Frank Kelly, Jeff Larson and Eric Lindquist to the Unit. Best wishes to Amy and Stephen Bess as they move to Truckee. There are also rank advancements to be recognized. Brent Cohen is now a Junior Master, Pam Sawyer and Richard Springer are now Sectional Masters, Joseph Held reached Life Master and Sarla Purohit has achieved Bronze Life Master. Well Done.

The Big Heart Charity game held on February 21 was played across the U.S. and Canada and Unit 502 had winners. In the 0 - 500 Cathy Smith and Franklin silver achieved coveted red points. In the Open, Carol Warren & Larry Schaleger, Lynne Bromley & Donna Rolle, Carol Smith & Cathleen, Nadine Levine & Peggy Rourke, Russ Rector & Susan Boyers, Amy Hansell & Lisa Euphrat, and Susan Kovacevic & Carol Scott all finished in the national standings.

Also, let's recognize the players that had 70+% games in February: Russ Rector & Catherine Molnar, Katy Kahn & Fran Friesen, Anne Aoki & Susan Trebach, Andre Fergeix & Rajeev Gupta, and Marilyn Teakle and Jeff Fountain. Awesome!

On the Tournament trail, we had some winners at the San Mateo Sectional in February. Kerry Abbott, Julie Burnet, Hank Sigal and David Mack won the Bracket 4 Swiss team. Amy Hansell & Lisa Euphrat and Jeff Fountain & Lili Basset finished in the overalls of the Sunday Strat Pairs, Greg and Grant Vance finished in the OA of the 2 session pairs on Saturday. At the Livermore Sectional, Susan Boyers, David Snyder, Ed Seputis and John Eidinger won the Bracket 2 Swiss team, and Bruce Berman, Robert Horwitz, Kathy Wolf, and Russ Kirschenbaum won the Bracket 3 Swiss team. Great job!

Finally, good luck to everyone heading to Philadelphia for the Spring NABC!

Next month Tom Pajak will be writing the first column for the new digital *Forum* so if you have any news or you'd like to see your name in print, email him at tompajak999@gmail.com & let him know what's on your mind.