



Unit 534 Chatter

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Welcome to the Inland Valley Unit 534

Larry Wright, Menifee
Siyi Zhou, Idyllwild
Devota Phillips, Beaumont
John & Joy Ready, Hemet

Stellar Games

73.81% Debra Cameron - Bernard Figueiredo Goodtimes DBC (Temecula) Dec 10
66.55% Ray Latta - Jackie Latta [B] Goodtimes DBC (Murrieta) Dec 15
65.00% Joel Rehagen - Ruth Kile [B] Sun City DBC Dec 9
64.00% Georgine Fletcher - Carol Fuller [C] Sun City DBC Dec 28
59.74% Linda Smith And Kathy Heckathorne [D] MPSC (Temecula) Dec 5
59.26% Lucy Duffley - Linda Decquir [D] MPSC (Temecula) Dec 2
58.03% Lucy Duffley - Linda Decquir [D] MPSC (Temecula) Dec 16

See Your Club Director for your Unit Game Free Play

New Life Master Ranks

Ruby Life Master A Life Master with 1500 (at least 300 silver, red, gold or platinum)
Sapphire Life Master A Life Master with 3500 (at least 700 silver, red, gold or platinum, of which at least 350 must be gold or platinum)

Membership Achievements

Total Members in Unit 534 is 207
(As of January 2016)

Rookie (29):
Junior Master (16):
Club Master (17):
Sectional Masters (15):
Regional Masters (24): James Evans
NABC Master (20): David Hidley
Adv NABC Master (1):
Life Master (8): Robert Wood
Bronze Life Masters (29):
Silver Life Master (10):
Ruby Life Master (25)
Gold Life Master (8):
Sapphire Life Master (4)
Diamond Life Master (1):
Emerald Life Master (0):

January Birthdays

9	Itsuko	Barton
10	Peggy	Cowherd
12	Cyrous	Rezayat
14	Harold	Eshelman
14	Sue	Mcelree
15	Rosalie	Heard
17	Michael	Connors
20	Lucy	Lockwood
22	Madeline	Dulmatch
22	Duane	Mccomb
23	Carolyn	Waska
29	Harold	Long

THE MERRIMAC COUP

By: Brian Gunnell

Historians of the Spanish-American War will have no difficulty figuring out how this week's coup got its exotic name. For the rest of us there is Google.

	♠ A6 ♥ 754 ♦ 763 ♣ KQT96	
♠ 432 ♥ QT82 ♦ 954 ♣ 872	<i>North</i> <i>West East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ KJT9 ♥ AJ3 ♦ JT8 ♣ A54
	♠ Q875 ♥ K96 ♦ AKQ2 ♣ J3	

Both Vulnerable

South West North East

1NT Pass 3NT All Pass

Against 3NT, West leads his 4th best Heart, and routine defense by East is to win the Ace and return the Jack. Declarer's King wins that and Clubs are played. East can take his ♣A when he likes, West gets a couple of Hearts, but that is all there is for the defense. 9 tricks for Declarer.

Let's replay the hand, this time with a wide-awake East at the table. He can see those ominous Clubs in Dummy and must knock out the ♠A before Declarer can set up the Clubs. That's right, a Spade shift is required at Trick 2. But shifting to the ♠J does not get the job done. Declarer will hop up with her Queen, saving Dummy's ♠A entry for later. What is needed is the spectacular shift to the ♠K,

that *does* knock out Dummy's entry (if the ♠K is ducked then East simply continues with another Spade). Nicely done! East's sacrifice of the ♠K (the Merrimac Coup) shuts out the Clubs and is the only way to set the contract.

Of course, after the ♠A has been dislodged, East must keep up the good work by ducking one round of Clubs, in order to complete the job of shutting out the Club suit. Why not duck a second round in case Declarer started with three Clubs? West will help out by giving a count signal, playing the ♣2 on the first round. This "low-high" tells East that West started with an *odd* number of Clubs and therefore that Declarer does *not* have three. Ducking the second Club would be fatal as it happens, allowing Declarer to scamper home with two Spades, a Heart, four Diamonds and two Clubs.

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Masterpoint Leaders for December

Mon/Wed/Fri(2nd, 4th) Sun City DBC: 4.42 Anita Kingsbury; 3.82 Edwin Oldham; 3.22 Joel Rehagen; 2.67 Bill Williams; 2.62 Monty Fisher; 2.52 Anne Maxfield; 2.33 Milt Fader; 2.33 Patricia Towle; 2.29 Harvey Lesser; 2.20 Donna Seyfried; 1.96 Nickolae Gerstner; 1.90 Peggy Bailey; 1.87 Karen Brandt; 1.87 Mary Terell; 1.66 William Wellman; 1.65 Harold Long; 1.62 Carol Lee Fuller; 1.62 Georgene Fletcher; 1.58 Carol Gove; 1.58 Marvin Gove; 1.57 Joseph Eves; 1.47 Beatrice Corley; 1.46 Dennis Boomgaarden; 1.46 Arden Boomgaarden; 1.40 Janet Gleason; 1.31 Lance Eddy; 1.29 Ruth Kile; 1.18 Charles Fox; 1.18 Kay Fisher; 1.05 Rick Kerbel; 0.81 Cyrus Rezayat; 0.80 Carol Diwell; 0.80 Marlene Koerner; 0.80 Darrell Diwell; 0.78 Sarah Rambo; 0.78 Virginia DeVoe; 0.77 Rami Mina; 0.76 Judy Berard Lacy; 0.71 Peggy Cowherd; 0.70 Shirley Gero; 0.67 Edward Clark; 0.64 Ronni Armstrong; 0.55 Carl Hoeberling; 0.50 Reginald Fujimoto; 0.50 Loretta Rizer; 0.49 Duane McComb; 0.49 Karen McComb; 0.43 Carolyn Swanson; 0.40 Ali Selim; 0.40 Ann Thomas; 0.40 James Evans; 0.40 Mo Anvari; 0.40 Robert McManus; 0.32 Fred Fairbanks; 0.32 Ray Latta; 0.24 Robert Wood; 0.24 Debra Cameron; 0.22 Bruce Bauer; 0.22 Robert Beal; 0.22 Lawrence Iannotti; 0.19 Judith McManus; 0.19 Elaine Putman;

Monday Hemet: 7.07 William Wellman; 7.07 Peggy Bailey; 4.14 Kenneth Chia; 4.14 Carl Hoeberling; 3.56 Bill Williams; 3.56 Mary Terell; 2.62 David Hidley; 2.62 Pamela Woods; 2.57 Karen McComb; 2.57 Duane McComb; 2.34 Carol Gove; 2.34 Karen Brandt; 1.72 Sharron Eshelman; 1.72 Harold Eshelman; 1.65 Herbert Bernstein; 1.65 Lawrence Iannotti; 1.64 Mary Ellen Petersen; 1.29 Nancy Overholt; 1.13 Itsuko Barton; 1.13 George Spillers; 0.78 James Evans; 0.78 Ann Thomas; 0.70 Marcel Janssen; 0.70 Donna Janssen; 0.40 Joseph Chavez; 0.40 Barbara Revels; 0.35 Fred Fairbanks; 0.28 Marie Fogelberg; 0.28 Henrik Fogelberg;

Tuesday Murrieta: 5.61 Ali Selim; 4.69 Carol Diwell; 4.69 Darrell Diwell; 3.39 Fred Kunkle; 3.30 Milton Fader; 3.24 Joyce Cellilli; 2.92 Fran White; 2.88 Pamela Woods; 2.84 Joseph Eves; 2.62 Beverly Hughes; 2.48 Sherril Maag; 2.37 Rick Kerbel; 2.31 Jamie Santistevan; 2.31 Janet Dyer; 2.25 Peggy Cowherd; 1.97 Janet Gleason; 1.94 Harold Long; 1.85 Patricia Towle; 1.82 Jackie Latta; 1.82 Ray Latta; 1.80 Lila Barton; 1.80 Bernard Barton; 1.79 Cari Reuter; 1.78 John Heberle; 1.70 Anne Maxfield;

Wednesday Temecula: 3.21 Mac Busby; 3.21 Millie Garrison; 2.41 Cathy Garvin; 2.41 Beverly Hughes; 1.81 Mo Anvari; 1.81 Ali Selim; 1.40 Mark Schantz; 1.40 Bruce Bauer; 1.35 Lance Eddy; 1.35 Jane Horgan; 1.12 Harry O'Neil; 1.12 T.J. Woods; 1.05 John Heberle; 1.05 Pat Towle; 1.02 Milt Fader; 1.02 Virginia Hoppe; 0.80 Fran White; 0.80 Wicker Gamble; 0.79 Carol Wood; 0.79 Janet Gleason; 0.71 Josephine Harring; 0.71 Shirley Rubidoux; 0.59 Janice Pond; 0.59 Ronnie Rue; 0.56 Bernard Figueiredo; 0.56 Bill Williams; 0.37 Olga Erickson; 0.37 George Erickson; 0.32 Marlene Koerner; 0.32 Joyce Cellilli;

Thursday Hemet: 2.77 Duane McComb; 2.77 Karen McComb; 2.47 Marvin Gove; 2.47 Carol Gove; 2.14 Robert Nye; 2.14 Marge Oberlander; 1.78 Peggy Bailey; 1.78 Bill Williams; 1.62 Carl Hoeberling; 1.62 Mary Terell; 1.37 Roland Sutfin; 1.37 James Evans; 1.31 Yvonne Letendre; 1.31 Cyrus Rezayat; 0.98 John Ready; 0.98 Joy Ready; 0.90 Janelle Van Keirsbelk; 0.90 Jacqueline Van Keirsbelk; 0.63 Lawrence Iannotti; 0.63 Herbert Bernstein; 0.32 Harold Long; 0.32 Edwin Oldham; 0.32 Sharon Eshelman; 0.32 Harold Eshelman; 0.22 George Spillers; 0.22 Itsuko Barton;

Thursday Temecula: 3.77 Marlene Koerner; 3.77 Joseph Eves; 2.48 Lloyd Scott; 2.48 Margy Jiran; 1.87 Janet Gleason; 1.72 Charlene O'Neil; 1.72 Harry O'Neil; 1.59 Rick Kerbel; 1.59 Jean Wooden; 1.59 Joyce Cellilli; 1.51 Carol Wood; 1.40 Darrell Diwell; 1.40 Carol Diwell; 1.11 Sue Soderer; 1.00 Joyce Gaiser; 1.00 Shirley Rubidoux; 0.92 Felicia Hogan; 0.92 Carolyn Swanson; 0.92 Anita Kingsbury; 0.80 Kathleen Heckathorn; 0.80 Reginald Fujimoto; 0.80 Loretta Rizer; 0.80 David Hidley; 0.75 Patricia Egan; 0.75 Harvey Lesser; 0.56 Bruce Bauer;

Friday(1st, 3rd, 5th) Temecula: 2.19 Carol Wood; 2.19 Debra Cameron; 1.64 Joseph Eves; 1.64 Cleland Nelson; 1.63 Rami Mina; 1.63 Lloyd Scott; 1.52 George Erickson; 1.52 Olga Erickson; 1.00 Shirley Rubidoux; 1.00 Joyce Gaiser; 1.00 Donna Janssen; 1.00 Marcel Janssen;

Friday Beaumont - Banning: Betty Freeman 3.37; Candace Parrish 0.21; Carl Hoeberling 2.48; Carol Gove 4.56; Carol Henderson 0.50; Dennis Eshelman 2.02; Devota Phillips 0.48; Diane Ailshie 0.70; Gaylord Ailshie 0.70; Jackie Latta 1.00; Jim Evans 0.35; Joann Thoresen 1.35; Marvin Gave 4.56; MaryEllen Petersen 2.67; Nancy Stancik 2.20; Pauline Gilbert 1.35; Ray Latta 1.00; Roland Sutfin 0.35; Rosemary Dimitt 2.48; Sandra Nesson 0.35; Sarah Holland 0.48; Sharon Eshelman 2.02; Shirley Ralston 0.50; Susan Snopek 2.20; Ted Nesson 0.35;

Saturday Temecula: 3.39 Carol Clarke; 3.39 David Hidley; 2.83 Harry O'Neil; 2.83 T.J. Woods; 2.48 Cleland Nelson; 2.08 Fran White; 2.05 Rami Mina; 1.97 Ali Selim; 1.81 Anne Maxfield; 1.78 Lance Eddy; 1.78 Caryn Villalon; 1.56 Marlene Koerner; 1.56 Ronald Williams; 1.25 Carol Wood; 1.25 Chuck Savage; 1.17 Mo Anvari; 0.92 Felicia Hogan; 0.89 Carol Diwell; 0.89 Pat Towle; 0.89 Darrell Diwell; 0.89 Milt Fader; 0.88 Harold Long; 0.88 Mary Palmquist; 0.80 Joseph Eves; 0.80 Pam Woods; 0.70 Joyce Gaiser; 0.70 Shirley Rubidoux; 0.62 Olga Erickson; 0.62 George Erickson; 0.56 Janet Gleason; 0.40 Marcel Janssen; 0.40 Donna Janssen; 0.40 Bill Williams; 0.28 Vince Tomasulo;

Unit Game: 4.78 Rick Kerbel - Fran White; 3.59 Darrell Diwell - Carol Diwell; 2.69 Fred Fairbanks - Harold Long; 2.39 Carol Gove - Marvin Gove; 2.34 Carl Hoeberling - Barbara Revels; 1.76 Janet Gleason - Rami Mina; 1.67 Joyce Gaiser - Shirley Rubidoux; 1.32 Sue Soderer - Janice Pond; 1.25 Jo Raymond - Milton Fader; 1.20 Karen Brandt - Mary Terell; 0.99 Shirley Gero - Donna Seyfried; 0.84 Beatrice Corley - Anne Maxfield; 0.84 George Erickson - Olga Erickson; 0.82 Ray Latta - Jackie Latta; 0.59 Robert Wood - Debra Cameron; 0.59 Monty Fisher - Cyrus Rezayat; 0.49 Charles Fox - Peggy Cowherd; 0.48 William Wellman - Peggy Bailey; 0.42 Carol Henderson - Shirley Ralston; 0.41 Duane McComb - Karen McComb; 0.34 Edwin Oldham - Kenneth Chia;

Schedule of Special Events

Most clubs operate a regular weekly game in addition those listed below.

January 2016				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / Note
10	Sun	1:00 pm	UNIT GAME	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
11	Mon	12:15 pm	Charity Pizza Party	Simpson Center - Hemet
12	Tue	12:15 pm	Charity Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center - Murrieta
13	Wed	12:00 pm	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
14	Thu	1:00 pm	Charity Pairs	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
15	Fri	11:30 am	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
16	Sat	11:30 am	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
18	Mon	12:15 pm	CLOSED	Simpson Center - Hemet
20	Wed	12:00 pm	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
23	Sat	11:30 am	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
25	Mon	12:15 pm	Club Championship Pizza Party	Simpson Center - Hemet
26	Tue	12:15 pm	STaC Pairs	Murrieta Senior Center - Murrieta
27	Wed	12:00 pm	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
28	Thu	1:00 pm	STaC Pairs	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
29	Fri	11:30 am	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
30	Sat	11:30 am	Junior Fund	Mary Phillips Senior Center - Temecula
February 2016				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / Note
14	Sun	1:00 pm	UNIT GAME	Sun City Civic Hall - Sun City
17	Wed	12:30 pm	Club Championship	Sun City Civic Hall - Sun City
March 2016				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION / Note
13	Sun	1:00 pm	UNIT GAME Masterpoint Recognition Game	Sierra Dawn - Hemet
25	Fri	12:30 pm	Club Championship	Sun City Civic Hall - Sun City