

There has been one Unit Board meeting since my last column appeared in February. By the time you read this, there will have been another meeting, but I can't report what hasn't occurred yet.

At the last meeting the Board decided to cancel our spring sectional. We had arranged with District 21 for a date for the tournament, but hadn't located a site, and, more importantly, no new sectional coordinator has been appointed to take over Mischel Postas's position. It seems we will have to put together a team to handle the responsibilities.

A website committee was formed. Our website, sjbridge.org, is sorely in need of an update, and you can expect to see a new one by the end of April. I say this as a member of the website committee, along with Lynn Bartz and Rick Jasper.

The search continues for an appropriate site to reopen the San Jose Bridge Center.

One thing the Unit Board has done is to name events at the Reno Nationals in memory of Unit members and players who have passed away recently, including the Loreta Flynn Memorial Monday Morning Side Pairs, the Carole Dietz Memorial Fast Pairs, the Neal Webb Memorial Bracketed Round Robin Teams, the Wendy Dewell of Silicon Valley 299er Pairs, and the Fran Dickman Memorial Top-Flight Pairs. The day of each event there was a write-up in the Daily Bulletin about the person honored. Even if you didn't attend the NABC, you can find links to all the Bulletins at <http://live.acbl.org/bulletins/NABC221>.

My friend and former partner Neal passed away unexpectedly after my last column was written. I heard about it from his frequent partner Annette Powers. For those who don't remember, Neal, Lynn Yokel, and I operated the Tuesday evening game at the San Jose Bridge Center, rotating as directors from February 2000 through September 2004. Neal and I dropped out of the rotation, and Lynn Yokel is still directing the Tuesday evening game, now online. Neal also served as Unit Treasurer from 1999 through 2005.

Michael Rosenberg (with partner Zachary Grossack) won the Mott-Smith Trophy as the players who earned the most masterpoints at the Reno Nationals, winning the Kay Platinum Pairs and with their teammates winning the Jacoby Open Swiss. Kevin Rosenberg's team placed 4th. In another national events, Wendy & David Fotland had a section top in the 0-2,500 pairs.

In regional events in Reno, Carolyn Drozdiak's Swiss team won its bracket. Roy Tsai had a section top in a gold rush pairs.

At a Goodwill dinner, Ray Yuenger was given District 21's Goodwill Member of the Year award.

In less pleasant news, the ACBL decided to allow optional masking in Reno. Almost daily starting Monday, the ACBL sent emails warning players that someone in their event had a positive Covid test. At least two unit members had positive tests. Both are on the mend, to my knowledge. I played for only four days. When I returned home, I learned one of my teammates for those four days had a positive test. Luckily, my home tests have been negative. I must say after a couple of years with little face-to-face bridge, it took me a while to get in the rhythm of keeping score and alerting partner's bids, not my own.

Before the Reno Nationals, other venues have resumed holding face-to-face tournaments. Lynn Shannon & John Miller won a pairs event at the Oregon Trail regional. They also won a two-session pairs event at the Santa Rosa/Petaluma sectional.

After Reno, John Hodges was first in a pairs event in the online Hollywood Magic regional.

Congratulations to our newest Masters: Robert Pruitt (Club); Alicia Breyer (Sectional); Kumar Ramaiyer, Archana Rathnakar, Kathy Vita (Regional); Jan Pfiffner (NABC); Donghui Lu (Life); Paul Davis (Ruby); Ken Rosenfield (Gold).