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Wrote this one over a 2-3 day span while lounging on our ex-pat friend Peter Golitzen's lanai ...so nice to have 10. Days away from the cold rainy weather that's afflicted the Bay Area for too damned long! Hit the Kona Brewfest on 3/9; rest of the time pretty much was kick back & relax, eating good food, & drinking lots of good beer. There wasn't much to write about for a March column, so I bagged it; will catch the small stuff up here.

4 Unit games btwn 1/30 & 3/1, here goes: Wed 1/30 drew 7.5, which Carol Scott & "H" topped; chasers being Dexter-Gordon 2A/1B, Eric & Dick 3A, Sandi & Roseanne 4A/2B, Marcia Mattoon-Aki A/3B, & Roger Edelson-George Proper 4B. Fri 2/1 drew (OMG – a Hawaiian bee just flew thru, sans buzz!) 5.5 tables; Eric & Sandi topped it. Chasers were Shahla & Aki 2A/1B, Carol & "H" 3A, Ray Barber- Inja Hwang 4/5A-2B, Lamar & Dick 4/5A, & Dolores Mackinnon-Chet Young 3B. Wed 2/27 drew 7 tables; Dexter & Gordon topped it, with Joanne Cobeen-Trudie Sinclair 2A, Meg Galloway-John Love 3A/1B, Vicky Chen-Inja Hwang 4A/2B, Carl Scott-Susan Kovacevic A, & Kerstin Barnett-Catherine Warren 3B. Fri 3/1 drew 6.5 tables, which the C flight dominated! Meg G & George Proper topped it, with the Tamms 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sandi & me (filling in for E, who took ill early) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Carol Scott & "H" 4A, & Dexter-Gordon A/4B. Only 1 Unit game in April – Fri the 4<sup>th</sup>; Time to sign up for the May 18 BBQ Swiss (call/e-mail me, or in person when I direct).

6 new members since 1/1: David Gaddy, Leslie Hasberg, Bill Link, Lorraine Midanik, Longling Than, & Ziheng Yun; plus transfers-in Laura Davis (East Bay) & Drew Tudd (In-house – I suspect he's returned from overseas).om 300 MP's). Just one transfer-out, Renee Gaines to Sonoma-Napa. Rank advancers now get posted herein every month, so I won't be redundant, just as I've always been about local tourney results posted here.

At da club, Eric was Jan PM champ; Dick topped Feb. On the NLM side, Roger Edelson topped Jan; John Love & Meg shared Feb honors. STaC games coming May 8 & 10 – no club championship games the 1<sup>st</sup> moth of each quarter. No more roof leaks, but the restroom locks are a nagging issue over which we have no control – all we can do is report them. We will do the Longest Day Wed Jun 19 (my late mom's b'day – but she never showed but minor signs of Alz after she reached 85).

More fun, this time on the "Ruling the Game" side. Before you can get called to the table, dummy's hand comes down after a lead out of turn! Had never seen this happen before, either while playing or directing – how do you rule, given that declarer & his/her LHO both have unauthorized info? I let it stand, but declarer's hand was such that she would have barred the suit led (which her RHO had bid) & likely gone down 1 instead of 2. Nasty call, given that both sides committed infractions.

W/luck, I'll have returned to warmer & drier weather than I left – and may the Warriors get past their current malaise in time for the playoffs – if ya went to Memphis for the NABC's, I hope you fared well; meanwhile ...

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