



# What's New in District 22

## Coronado

By Jean Seager

John and Linda Dusharme have been playing duplicate bridge for only a couple of years. Yet, in the 268-table May Great Western Spring STAC tournament, they won big: first in C, second in B and sixth in A. Other STAC winners were Jim Andrews and Cheryl Nielsen with a tenth place finish in A (542 tables), Jean and Bill Seager with a ninth place finish in C and 23rd in B (652 tables) and Phil Akre and Alice Dudley, who placed 19th in B (652 tables).

At the La Jolla Sectional, Carol Brager was first in C in Open Pairs twice and Cheryl Nielsen and Jim Andrews were second overall in Open Pairs and third in B their way in a separate event. Newcomers Gary and Elizabeth Piazzoni had a great tournament. They placed third overall in F in the 499er game. When they agreed to "play up" in the morning session of Open Pairs, they were second their way. Also doing well were Robert Shapley and partner Robert Walters, who were first their way in open pairs. Kathleen and Sharon Gordon were third in E their way.

Jean and Bill Seager took the long drive from Coronado to Oceanside for a sectional and were rewarded when they twice finished second in C.

In the first ever unit game at the Eastlake Bridge Club, Richard Keplinger and Donna Rafenstein placed first with a 68.64% game. Also at Eastlake, the Cinco de Mayo game featured authentic chicken enchiladas made by Kathie Angione and new player and cooking teacher Marta Valenzuela. Marta recently won her first masterpoints at the 0-5 game at the Norman Center. (For more information on this game, go to [eastlakebridgeclub.com](http://eastlakebridgeclub.com)) Cinco de Mayo winners were Fred Nitz and Betty Birmingham,

who scored an impressive 71.53%.

Robert Shapley won three times in Eastlake club games, once with Kathleen Hennessy and twice with Walt Bochenek. Other winners were Lois Richards and Trish Lane, who tied with Maxine McIntosh and Richard Keplinger. Not only were Richard and Maxine's bridge skills excellent, Lady Luck smiled on them as well. They won the club's running jackpot by exactly matching their game's percentage to a randomly generated number.

In Coronado, Dick Palmer and John Pizato shone with a 71.83% game. Other winners were Richard and May Hsieh, Marguerite Cook and Norma Lyerly, Phil Akre and Alice Dudley, Bill and Eleanor Kipperman, Marguerite Cook and Hazel Metz, Bill and Jean Seager, and the mother-daughter team of Elsie Murphy and Sandy Dinnsen.

As the United States takes the census, it's time for some Unit 519 numbers, too. We are growing. We were first in District 22 and seventh in the country in new member gains with an increase of 20.54 percent.

And for those of you who are wondering just how old our unit members are, the average age is just under 66. That happens to be the youngest average age in the district.

## Dana Harbor

By Jennifer Porter

If you missed the Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the unit game this month, from all reports you missed a special day. Diane Velick, Susan Kissinger and Gale Senter went all out to create a festive atmosphere and a delicious lunch of Mexican specialties. Winners in the top bracket were James and Lynette Martin, and Bill and Diane Velick won in their bracket. There was another unit game on the 5th Sunday to honor Memorial Day. Again, the same team of ladies produced a gala event

complete with a lunch of Dodger dogs, nachos and all the fixings. Seventeen teams of members and visitors participated, and the big winners in all brackets were Ron and Sandy Livingston.

July's unit game has been cancelled due to the Balboa Sectional, so put August 15 on your calendars for the next big unit event.

During Great Western STAC week, Sandra Stanger and Nadia Araabi not only scored a 70% game, but placed 1st overall in the Open Pairs section of our division, earning 21.75 MPs each. Sandra and Nadia have developed a formidable partnership, achieving impressive results on a fairly regular basis. Congratulations also go to MaryGene Courtney and Susan Marclely who were first in the 199er Pairs and Frank White and James George, Elizabeth Ramee and Norma Keese who were first in their brackets of 99ers. The team of Trish Meneff, Andy De Leon and Larry Sharp were 1st in the A bracket of Swiss Teams and LaVerne Marano, Roman Matusik, Fran Blattner and Jane Dober tied for 1st in brackets B & C with John and Linda Jonas, Yann Shen and Steve Jackson.

Ginnie Blitzman orchestrated and directed another club championship game May 8. The team of Judy Elbogen, Steve Love, Larry Sharp and Philip Hiestand were 1st in Compact KOs, and Dae Leckie, Judy Alvord, Kathy Murtey and Richard Mackaig won the afternoon Swiss event.

There were several sectionals this month. At Anaheim, 1st in separate events of Open Pairs were Steve Love and Mark Itabashi and their respective partners, also Robert Stanley and Joyce Bartel were 1st in their bracket of NLM's; Mark Itabashi took another 1st with his team in KOs at Canoga Park, and again at Torrance in Swiss Teams.

In San Diego at the NLM Sectional Pat Dolphin and Mark Rehms were first in B and at Temecula, Eddie Rose and partner were 1st in Open Pairs and Greg and Lisa Hanson took 1st in their bracket of 299er Pairs.

Finally at La Jolla, in Open Pairs, Mark Itabashi and Steve Love were 1st in A, Ginnie Blitzman and partner came 1st in C and Marcia Holland and Tom Snooks won the 499er Pairs.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Peggy Richardson, Carol Armstrong and Ann Bassett on the untimely death of daughter and sister Kathy. Peggy is also recovering from a broken hip, when she fell on Mother's Day, of all times!

She is in our thoughts, and we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Beginning July 1, Susan Benon will teach an eight week class on Two over One. The class will be held every Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The series will cost \$80.00, and participants will be required to take the whole series.

For information, you can contact Susan at [lagunacub@aol.com](mailto:lagunacub@aol.com) or 949 489-2136.

Hal Binder will be starting a new series of six classes on September 16. They will be held every Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

He has offered several choices of topics, and is waiting for feedback from interested parties. For further information, please contact Hal by e-mail at [halbinder@cox.net](mailto:halbinder@cox.net) or by phone 949 499-0067.

This month, we welcome the following new members into our club: Nanette Chaplin, Stephen Rhodes, and Karen Smith. Members advancing in rank are: Junior Masters Sherrie Johanson and Kurt Stewart; Club Masters John Horvath, Harold McBee, Thomas Miller, Berit Neff and Diana Phelps; Sectional Masters David Adams and Susan Marclely; Regional Masters Michael Campbell and Jeffrey Rocklin; and Bronze Life Master Bob Levine.

Congratulations to all of you.

Finally the race for those coveted masterpoints! Jim Senter was the winner in the open group, followed by Larry Sharp and Gale Senter. The top three places in the 299ers were Tom Snooks, Greg Hanson and Richard Mackaig.

## High Desert

By Steve Klein

The Big Bear Sectional is going on as I write this. Lots of familiar faces, and a few new ones, from the downhill parts of the unit and points further afield. Longtime Big Bear regulars Barbara and Jim Hale are up from Oceanside, where they moved a few months ago; great to see them again. Everybody seems to be having a good time. The weather is excellent; we had snow as recently as two weeks after Mother's Day, but winter seems to be well and truly gone.

After the tournament Christine Cook, Arlene Elder, and Barbara and Paul Lasky will be heading for Las Vegas to represent Big Bear at the regional. We wish them best of luck.

May winners at the Big Bear club were the Wotings (four times), Christine Cook, David Joseph, Morton Fletcher (twice), Eiko Miller, Jack Swigart (twice), and Barbara Lasky.

From Joe Wilson (who's here at the Sectional in Victorville:) May has been a month of travel for our High Desert bridge players. We've welcomed back Joan Kinney from Hawaii, Wyn and Marty Martin from Alabama, Jerry Kinkaid from Alaska and David Johnson from Spain. Also, Jane Pace just departed for China, and we will surely miss her at the Big Bear Sectional.

The rest of our players are excited and ready for the Big Bear tournament and we hope made a strong showing.

Congratulations to the winners of our May unit game; first N/S and first overall were John Ruffo and Bob Waite. E/W 1st were Jack Belsher and Charlotte Phillips. Winners of our club games in May were: Steve Koller (3), John Ruffo (3), David Johnson (2), Wyn Martin (2), Jane Pace (2), David Bloom (2), Charlotte Phillips (2), Joan Kinney (2), Rosemary Drake (2), Denise Daniels, Yvonne Grim, Pat Bridgers, Jan

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Free Parking  
Box Lunches For Sale Every Day  
Non-Smoking Tournament

**Fri & Sat July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 A.M.**  
Stratified Open Pairs  
299er Open Pairs  
Compact KO (Rounds 1&2)

**3:00 P.M.**  
Stratified Open Pairs  
299er Open Pairs  
Compact KO (Rounds 3&4)

**Card Fees**  
\$11 For Paid ACBL Members  
\$12 For Non & Unpaid Members  
Stratification For Open Pairs

Strat A	2000+
Strat B	750 - 2000
Strat C	0 - 750

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**515 SECTIONAL**

Being Held At  
Concordia University  
1530 Concordia West  
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**Directions**  
Take the 405 To Exit 4  
Follow Exit to University Dr. 0.7 mi  
Turn left at Ridgeline Dr. 0.1 mi  
Turn right at Concordia 0.2 mi  
Turn Left 466 ft  
Turn right 436 ft  
Destination is on the right  
Sanction No. 18007670

**Sun July 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM & 3:00 PM  
Stratified Swiss Teams

2 Session Event  
\$88 per team

Swiss Teams Stratflights

Flight A	5000+
Flight AX	0 - 5000
Flight B	1250 - 2000
Flight C	750 - 1250
Flight D	0 - 750

299er Swiss Teams  
For 1 or 2 Sessions  
Declare at sign-up  
\$44 per team per session

## San Diego

Unit 539

Schedule for July - Sept 2010

DATE	EVENT
July 4	Unit Game** 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Party
July 18	Unit Game**
Aug 1	Charity Unit Game** - for Auntie Helen's (\$9 per game)
Aug 13-15	San Diego Unit 539 Summer Sectional <small>(See ad in this issue of the Forum)</small>
Aug 29	Unit Game** Masters Pairs Trophy
Sept 5	Trophy Game** and Presentation
Sept 17-19	San Diego Unit 539 NLM-749er Fall Sectional
Sept 19	Unit Game**

\*\*Separate 0-599 section planned for each unit game

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