



What's New in District 22

ning for one of the open seats and giving a little back to our wonderful bridge community. The cut off for applications and petitions is November 30. The unit board has set the Annual Meeting for Sunday, January 29, 2017 at noon.

Have you marked your calendars for the following "must attend" bridge activities?

- Unit 533's Holiday Party and Game, December 4, Duncan Bridge Center
- Unit Game in Clubs, December 29, at all participating Clubs
- Palm Springs Regional, December 12 to December 18, Westin Mission Hills
- Non-Life Master Regional, January 19 to January 22, Pavilion, Palm Springs
- Jerry Helms Seminar, January 20 and January 21

Tournament Manager David Lodge has asked our membership to carpool, if at all possible, to the Westin Mission Hills. Players who carpool – four or more people in a car or van – will be eligible for the daily 2:00 p.m. Free Play Carpool Raffle Drawing. For a full schedule of events please go to PalmSpringsRegional.com

There is a lot of positive club news this month. Mission Hills Duplicate Bridge Club raised \$3,500 for the Joslyn Center with their highly successful event. Club owner Barbara Astone wishes to thank the players who participated and bid to the hilt on fabulous silent auction items.

Palm Springs Duplicate Bridge Club combined their charity game underwritten by Mick Riccio to benefit ACBL youth programs with a collection for the two police officers slain in Palm Springs. Their efforts raised \$200 for the fund established for the families.

Our unit members and guests continually demonstrate their benevolence.

For those who play regularly at DBC many of your points are awarded through Tom McCormick's Cove Community Bridge Club sanction. Many of us cannot remember when that club did not

exist. As Tom runs the open, Jana (his better half), has taken the I/Ns under her wing. Jana directed the 299er section and then graduated to the 499ers. Countless players, many now Life Masters, matriculated thanks to Jana's efforts. She was feted at a retirement celebration at DBC on November 9. Jana has been an inspiration to us all, and the unit thanks her for her significant contribution to the valley's bridge community. Bob Price will assume the directing responsibilities created by Jana's departure. Bob will be directing the 499ers on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as well as the CVBF Saturday afternoon game at DBC.

Finally, Palm Springs Bridge Club, Mick's Club and Ros' Sunshine and Smiles Bridge club will be closed from December 12-18 for the Palm Springs Regional. Those of us closely involved with the regional wish to thank them for their ongoing support.

On November 1 the unit initiated its first email blast through bridge webs. If you did not receive it you may wish to check your junk mail or spam. Drop me an email at erick3333@aol.com if you have any questions about receipt of these communications. Remember, current news is always available on our website bridgewebs.com/acblunit533/

ACBL reports the following promotions: Gold Life Master Charles Wallace, Ruby Life Master William Dani, Bronze Life Master Rosemary Hertz, Life Master Merle Friedman, Larry Graves, Rosemary Hertz and Barbara Patterson, Advanced NABC Master Vicki Graves and Midori Saito, NABC Master Xiaobin Sun, Sectional Master Joyce Gannon, Club Master Susan Farrell, Wilma Finmark, Robert Jacobs and Tissie Jacobs, and Junior Master William Hinton, Inge Husnak and James Laraby.

We welcome the following new members to the unit: Suzie Carr, Betty Nor-

cross, Pamela Probst, Robin Probst and Mark Smith.

Wishing you and yours a Wonderful and Healthy Holiday Season!

Inland Valley

By Harvey Lesser

Barbara Revels reporting this month:

The Banning Beaumont Bridge Club ended October with a "Spooktacular" game on October 28. We had fun with "Spooktacular Bridge" as well as "Spooktacular Tricks & Treats." Most of our players wore masks and many wore full costumes. All of those winning "Spooktacular Prizes."

In October our club had two "first time winner pairs;" Helen Shoemate and John Petrie won E/W with a 60.60% game on October 14, followed on October 21 by Bruce Tofflemire and John Ramey winning E/W with a 56.55% game. Bruce and John are our newest ACBL Members.

On Fridays at 11:30, before our regular club games at 12:15, we are in the process of a "Reviewing our Convention Cards" series. These very informative sessions are being well attended and will continue all the way through "Defensive Carding."

Play Nice and Have Fun

La Jolla/Beaches

By Skipbid

Judy Rimer and Lynne Feldman were 1st overall in our October 10 game, with Jan Gallagher and Janice Joerger taking Flight B and Flight C going to Paul Alesu and Bob Brobst. Our October 24 game was won by John Lagodimos and Kathie Angione in Flight A. Elaine Chan and Mike Mezin won Flight B, and Flight C went to Willie Kiang and Ed Tsu. The unit wishes to welcome new members Paul Finger, Earlene Hayes, Roberta Massey, and Jerry Schwartz.

And we congratulate the following members on their advancements in ACBL rank: new Junior Masters - Willie Kiang and Michael Sloane, and new Regional Master - Renee Gild. (Everyone in this paragraph please refer to this column for a free play in January!)

Our annual Holiday Party will be held December 11 at the La Jolla Country Club, with brunch starting at 10:30. (Please check lajollabridge.com for prices and availability.)

Lompoc

By Lynley Bernau

This is the end of October, how time flies by. We've had another good month. Had a very interesting game Monday, October 17. We tried a Swiss Teams game. It was somewhat chaotic, but generally lots of fun. The winning team was Don Beck and Tom Small with Nelson Owens and Jim Kelly. Tom Snouse took care of organizing and directing. Lots of small gold points were given out.

We have had some new players join us, which is wonderful. Gary and Susan Adamson have moved to our area from Texas. They are excellent players and an asset to our group. Jon Jacoby has come back to duplicate from a long break and plays in our Thursday night game. He is still a working guy, and it is nice to have someone younger joining all the retirees. He's doing very well.

Our Buellton game has moved to a new facility in a church, and it is a very pleasant place to play. The table numbers have increased. There are some timing limitations, but we are managing them well with everyone helping out.

Winners for the month of October: with three wins we have Sarah Flinkingshelt, Joyce Gehlhaar and Lynn (Skook) Porter. With two wins Don Beck, Suzanne Budabin, Nick Segal, Tom Small and Frank Swanson. The other winners are Gary Adamson, Susan Adamson, Ada Bakalar, Jo Gowenlock, Tom Hodges, Barbara Holt, Nelson Owens, Mike Peterson, Gale Porr, Kay Rowland, Farah Shemirani, Ray Shemirani and Tom Snouse. Congratulations to all.

Our big excitement is that the dealing machine seems to have been financed. It will make such a difference. No more making hands before games, hand records and a wonderful asset to our sectional next September.

Halloween winners will have to go in next month. I am out of town early tomorrow and needed to write this on the 31st. Also any end of the month announcements. Sorry about that, hope you all understand.

Happy Thanksgiving to all ... bye til next month.

Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

I am back writing this bridge column while Donna McLeod takes care of some personal business. Here in Ridgecrest we are having serious venue problems. The new manager of the facility where we have played for the last two decades has decided that she really doesn't care about our game, and has accepted other offers to use the facility when we have games scheduled. As a result, the COM Bridge Club has moved from Wednesday night to Tuesday night. Some other games have had to be canceled, with one or two days notice. As we are not paying rent and there is no contract involved we can't argue too much, but are looking for a new venue. One problem is that our club managers are having health problems. Mary Kay Bornfleth, the COM club manager, fell this summer and lost most of the use of her hands. She has been recuperating and undergoing extensive physical therapy in Morro Bay. Charlene Stephens, the TGIF club manager, has been feeling bad and has been told to get as much rest as she can. Hopefully Charlene will be able to assess possible venues soon.

We could only manage four tables in the ACBL Wide Instant Masterpoint Game, so no gold points this year. Dave Speer and Donna led with a 65%, followed by Greg Vernon and I, then Yasuko Mullen and Craig Stump. Esther Hart and Mary Carolyn Nielsen led Strat C over Nancy Brown and Charlie Wright. Nancy and Charlie won the unit game over Donna and Greg, then Yasuko and Craig.

In our regular games Craig Stump won the most masterpoints in the TGIF club. He was followed by Donna, myself, Greg, Esther Sires, Mary Carolyn, Dave Speer, Craig Rae, Nonie Adams, and Esther Hart. Donna won the most points in the COM club. She was followed by Greg, myself, Dave Speer, Dave Watt, Maria Harley, Craig Stump, Esther Sires and Dave Flatman.

Riverside

By Nancy Alvarado

[Nancy's November column, plus two others, was accidentally deleted by our layout computer – sorry; our bad. –Ed.]

In September, long-time friends reunited to pay tribute to our most adored doyenne, Dorothy Leeper, as she turned 100. According to Mary Ann Braden: "With too many pot luck delicacies, bridge play lasted only one hour before we settled in for the celebration. It was great to pay tribute to such a fine role model who has meant so much to bridge in Riverside for the past 60 years. If all players were like Dorothy, then there would be no need for "Zero Tolerance" or "Play Nice" signs. We simply *would be* nice. So thank you, Dorothy, for promoting bridge in the best way possible and happy 100th! A big "wow" to Jean Killilea whose score won the money prize (you've still got it, baby!). We love you, Dorothy." Thank you to Rosalie Ferris and Mary Ann for organizing the celebration.

September's Sunday unit game potluck was a celebration for new Life Masters Kiran Kumar and Claudia Cochran. Claudia and Kiran played together at our unit games, but split up when Kiran began playing with her husband, Anand, who passed away in August. In Kiran's words: "I joined ACBL in 2012 after retiring from teaching. Somehow the chal-

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Unit 549



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Unit 549
North County Inland
Winter Sectional
January 13 & 14, 2017

Lake San Marcos Conference Center
 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

Event	Friday, January 13		Saturday, January 14	
0-499	10 AM	2:30 PM	10 AM	2:30 PM
0-1500	10 AM	2:30 PM	10 AM	2:30 PM
Open	10 AM	2:30 PM	10 AM	2:30 PM
Swiss Teams Single Sessions	10 AM	2:30 PM	10 AM	2:30 PM

Coffee Fees: \$11.00 per session
Snacks Non- or unpaid ACBL members pay \$14
Lunch available for purchase FREE for Junior Players 18 and under

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Partnerships: Go to ACBLUnit549.org/partnerships

Winter Sectional
Friday and Saturday, January 13 & 14, 2017
 Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

10:00 AM January 13 NLM Pairs \$41 \$5
 2:30 PM January 13 NLM Pairs \$41 \$5
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We want to encourage NEW PLAYERS!!!
 Non-Life Masters (NLM) with 0-500 Master Points
 Play in the Non-Life Master Section for only \$5 with this coupon
Save \$6 each session!
 Coupon is good for any NLM Pairs session.