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California Capital Regional May 31-June 6, 2010 Sacramento, California



By Jackie Matthews
Tournament Chairman

The California Capital Regional District 21 Regional will be held at the DoubleTree Inn in Sacramento. It is certainly not too early to make plans ... call the DoubleTree now at 800 222-8733 (916 929-8855) to make room reservations. The bridge rates are \$89.00 per night, single or double.

If you are driving, the tournament is located just off the Capital Freeway (1-80) at Arden Way. Address is 2001 Point West Way, the local phone is 916 929-8855.

The play schedule features five Knockout Teams events, several Compact Knockout Teams, Stratified Pairs and Side Games Series each day plus a full ticket of Senior Pairs games and Intermediate/Newcomer sessions.

For more information on the schedule, or the tournament, call Jackie Matthews at 916 774-0990, or e-mail jmom_380@yahoo.com, or write to Jackie at 7229 Secret Garden Loop, Roseville 95825.

For Intermediate/Newcomers, daily at noon (Tuesday through Saturday) we welcome you to enjoy our popular Learning Experiences Lecture.

See the ad inside.

Tournament Trail

Santa Clara Valley Spring Sectional
Masonic Temple, San Jose, Calif.
April 9-11, 2010

Almond Valley Sectional
Centre Plaza, Modesto, Calif.
April 9-11, 2010

Reno April Showers Sectional
Ramada Inn, Reno, Nevada
April 14-18, 2010

Diablo Valley Sectional
Pine Valley Middle School, San Ramon, Calif.
April 16-18, 2010

Marin Spring Sectional
Marin Catholic High School, Kentfield, Calif.
April 24-25, 2010

Sacramento Spring Sectional
Community Center, Orangevale, Calif.
April 30-May 2, 2010

Great Western Spring STAC XI
Local Clubs in D21 and throughout the West
May 3-9, 2010

Lone Cypress Sectional
Monterey Bridge Center, Marina, Calif.
May 14-16, 2010

FORUM DEADLINES

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President's Report

By Bill Corliss
District 21 President

At our February board meeting we held elections for district officers for the next two years. I am happy and proud to have been elected President for District 21. I look forward to serving you with our other elected officers, Katherine Ewing as vice-president, Harvey Brody, reelected as treasurer, and Cindy Kirk reelected as secretary. The remainder of the executive board will be composed of: Bruce Blakely, District 21 National Director, Marion Robertson, Western Conference President, Jackie Ortiz GNT/NAP chairman, Pat Thomas, National Director 2nd Alternate, and Stu Goodgold, past president.

We all look forward to serving your needs and trying to improve the bridge experience in our district. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us with any problems or ideas you may have.

We are incredibly lucky to be in District 21. We have outstanding regionals with great directors. Jackie Matthews does a fantastic job as our tournament manager, securing fabulous locations at unbelievable room rates. I wish we could have Jackie negotiate our country's health care bills. Her entire group does an excellent job of setting up and preparing our regionals.

Having pre-dealt hands for our pair events is another advantage our members are fortunate to enjoy at our regionals.

- We are blessed with a number of world champions in our area. Plus we have consistently done well in Grand National events during the years, in all flights. Stanford University was one of twenty-seven teams that participated in the 2010 Collegiate Championships and is one of eight to be invited to play in the two-day final in New Orleans, July 24-25, 2010.

- We have a hospitality suite that is second to none. Where else can you engage in intriguing conversation with fellow bridge players and enjoy wine and other goodies throughout a tournament? Marilyn Minden and Sally Wheeler-Valine work long hours to make the hospitality experience outstanding for you. I look forward to spending time in the hospitality suite so that I can be available to hear about your needs and desires.

- Our communication to you is excellently handled by Rich Luttrell, the *Forum* D21 editor, and our website which is maintained by Michael Nistler. These gentlemen are working behind the scenes to help you better plan your bridge experiences. Both are only a phone call or e-mail away.

- Charles Smith will continue to be your tournament coordinator who will continue to use his magic in setting up the sectionals for the 22 units of our district. Charles has to balance the difficulty in scheduling sectionals with the increased number of sectionals and competing holidays, STAC weeks, special events and other regionals.

- Lo Pesavento, goodwill chairman, and her committee help us recognize some of our special members. They selected seven outstanding nominees from the 13 names submitted. Lo encouraged units to resubmit names next year if their candidate was not selected.

(See President on page 16)

Grand National Teams

By Jackie Ortiz
D21 GNT Coordinator

Final Winners

Grand National Teams Flight A

1. Robert Thomson - Burlingame, Lynn Yokel -Campbell, B. Wayne Stuart III - Santa Cruz, Mark Moss - Piedmont

2. Franklin Lowenthal - Pleasanton, Robert Ng - Millbrae, Pat Galligan - San Mateo, Jack Scott - El Cerrito

3/4. Daniel & Linda Friedman -Manfred Michlmayr - Orinda, Bruce Tuttle - Berkeley, Owen Leibman - San Francisco

3/4. Eugene Hung - San Jose, William Watson - Sunnyvale, Sathya Bettadapura - Campbell, Li-Chung Chen - Cupertino

Grand National Teams Flight C

1. Stephanie Kung - Berkeley, Han-Yu Chang, Chris Chung - Palo Alto, Daniel Harting - Mt. View

2. Barbara & Lou Meola - Windsor, Hans Van Boldrik - Santa Rosa, Roy Redrich, Petaluma

3/4. Andrew Van Wye - Orinda, Evan Price - Walnut Creek, Keith & Tracey Bauer - San Rafael

3/4. Benjamin Leitner - Mt. View, Michael Leitner - San Jose, Mark Pensler - Los Gatos, R. Murty Ponnappalli - Sunnyvale

There is still time to pre-register for GNT Open and B Flights. Contact Jackie at jackieo@sonic.net