

What's New in District 22

Anaheim

By Marlys Haraden

It was a personal struggle to get my article to the *Forum* on time this month: one of my children had an urgent matter, and being a mother and a *Mimi* (grandmother) is a very important role in my life. But being Grammy is the coolest gig in town and much joy ... however it's nice to have the privilege of leaving grandkids with their parents ... and go home after three days.

Once again I want to thank our members for their continued support. We have many games, games for all level of players, special events, mentoring programs, and even a "Money Game" which offers \$100 to the 1st overall pair, due to the generosity of Patricia Bailey. People love this game, but sometimes it is difficult to get everyone together with all the tournaments and other activities - and of course the traffic can be a challenge. We are still fine-tuning this event. This game is open to any club members, and the totally amazing thing is that not one pair has won the money twice! Goes to show you shouldn't sell yourself short; next time it could be you. This game can be good for the pocket book ... and not bad for the ego, also.

Our table counts for February, 2009 versus February, 2010 increased by 41%! That is one substantial gain, and can be attributed to a few hard workers. Allen Golbert and Mike Ventri contribute many ideas, and Patricia is an astute businesswoman who spends money to make money. And let's not forget the help of Linda White and the most important people of all ... all of you who occupy the chairs, especially those of you willing to be partners when I call you to play! The 299er game is growing by leaps and bounds; we are getting requests on a regular basis. Thanks to all the wonderful folks participating in the mentoring program. Personally I feel honored to be playing with Wei Pei; I wonder if I could ever be as accomplished. Thanks, Wei.

Mark your calendar for the sectional May 13, 14, & 15 at the Anaheim club.

Thanks to all my students - I love this and I just can't wait until we can work you all into real games. It is rewarding to have people who love this game as much as I do. Tuesday noon is a 199er "play the hand" game with good or evil Mike, with guidance for newer players, so come one and all.

These are the winning pairs in the money game mentioned earlier: Wei Pei - Phil Hiestand, Ron Lien - Stanley Snyder, Mike Ventri - Steven Hough, Stan Kosowski - Voytek Haberka, Harry and Mark Sachs, Subba Ravipudi - Sankar Reddy, Yas Takeda - Ahmed Sorathia, and Rai Osborn - Joe Chaiken.

Congratulations to all of you.

I would like to remind you that every second Sunday is GNT Swiss Team game, and this is one excellent way of earning red points; (I know about chasing points). Our first place team: Ahmed Sorathia, Yas Takeda, Subba Ravipudi and Stan Sirott.

2nd & 3rd was a tie: Ron Steinberg, Barbara Benson, John Ready and Fred Solomon went neck - and - neck with Sydney Stephan, Susana Hegstrom, Hedda Marosi and Allen McGaha. fourth was Tony and Jill Alvarez, Haroon Sorathia - Marlys Haraden.

Now for the winners of our unit game: first Ahmed Sorathia - Atsuko Kurishima, 2nd Samuel Wang - Soon Kim, 3rd Subba Ravipudi - Harish Singh. Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to Brian and Linda Trent for the great Chinese food and yummy cake.

We held a game in February called the "Winners Game." This was set up for all the people who had won, placed and showed third any of Patricia Bailey's games. The event was held in Anaheim on the third Sunday, and will be repeated on the same date in March and April. (In May, due to the sectional, it will be held May 30 - thank goodness for five Sundays!) This was an idea brought to Patricia by Allen Golbert; he directed this event, and helping

bring it fruition was Michael Ventri. The first place winners in A, B, & C get to play free at any one of Patricia's clubs for the month of March.

First place was a C pair, Connie Provost and Linda Smith - the way to go! 2nd Barbara Benson and Ron Steinberg.

Good luck at the San Diego Regional; may you all be winners. You are all winners in my eyes.

Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

Get your partners and teams together for a lot of fun when you play at the Spring Wildflower Sectional. The tournament has been shortened to three days: Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25. Play will be stratified. Strats for C players are 0-500, for B 500-1500, and for A 1500 on up. For partnerships, see Shirley Eide.

Winners at the February unit game, in descending order, include Frank and Lois Short, Wafik Abdou - Robert Giragosian, Tom Rauterkus - Jerry Schmitt, Mike Pemberton - George Hollingsworth, Sharon Wilson - Connie Bruce, Carol and Richard Kemmerer, Maynard and Sandy Denison, and Mimi and Libbie Stull. Thanks to Shirley Eide and Connie Bruce for the great refreshments!

Welcome to new players Rubae Griffin, Lori Mariani, reinstated player Nada Nunez-Byrum and newly transferred player Fern Cannella.

Flight C players who came in first in their direction include: Mike Pemberton - George Hollingsworth, Chris Moore - Cathi Chrisco, and Christina Amerio - Connie McCay. Congratulations to Deana Gratke and Ann Miller for achieving a 70% game!

Please remember the Guild House game and luncheon on Monday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. For paid reservations please check with Shirley Eide.

Activities in April include: extra points game on April 7, club membership games April 11-17, unit game Saturday, April 17, and the sectional April 23-25. For further info please contact Shirley Eide.

Balboa

By Phil Pearl

The February unit game was held on Superbowl Sunday, but an hour earlier than usual to accommodate the football fans. Even so, a lot of us missed the first quarter. The unit board provided a great luncheon and displayed the achievements of some of its members.

Overall winners in the unit game Strat A; 1. Mark Itabashi - Sandra Stanger. 2. Milli and Gari Andreini. 3. Mary Lou Hughes - Eileen Niesen. 4. Charles Messall - Al Martinez. 5. Jackie Cover - Leo Fishman. 6. Marilyn Christy - Verna Baccus. Strat B: 1. Andrein's. 2. Messall-Martinez. 3. Cover-Fishman. 4. Fran Blattner - Diana Black. 5. Lucille Hovland - Cathy Bauer. 6. Sharon and Al Appel. Strat C: 1. Sydney Stephan - Eileen Small. 2. Zandra Rosenblatt - Harry Gabriel. 3. Sue Foigelman - Charlene Crosson.

There were several milestone birthdays celebrated at Patricia's games during February. First, a big celebration for Tom Ad-

ams. Marilyn Christy did the arrangements for this party. Then, Patricia surprised me with a beautiful cake and all the festivities. This coming after a huge party my children put on for me the previous week.

Congratulations to the following unit members on their advancement in rank: New Junior Master: Mrs. Pei Chen. New Club Master: Lloyd Vogelweid. New NABC Masters: Laura Brooks, Carol Helbrand, Dr. J.W. Robinson, Doris Wheatcroft. New Life Master: Ricardo Araujo.

The total membership in the Balboa Unit is now 467, which is up by about 24 compared to about five months ago.

Bishop

By Lilla

We have made it through the winter months, and now many are planning for the national tournament in Reno. It looks as though spring is coming, and we see the gardeners out starting to plant peas and carrots; the rain falls and we are so thankful in our "valley of little rain." We are still meeting at the "bridge tables," but not quite as many are turning out these days.

The winners on the 1st were: Sparks and Gilbert, Farmer and Abbott, Reeder and Mizrahi; on the 3rd: Taylor and Abbott, Bourne and Bourne, Reeder and Mizrahi, Imboden and Haderler; the 8th: Crunk and Kittinger; Taylor and Abbott; Busby and Knight; the 10th; Reeder and Mizrahi, Faint and Sheehan, Knight and Farmer.

The week of the 15th, winners were: Larson and Abbott, Reeder and Mizrahi, Lohr and Sheehan; on the 17th, Reeder and Mizrahi, Taylor and Abbott, Greer and Farmer.

The 22nd saw Sparks and Lohr, Reeder and Mizrahi, and Greer and Imboden as the winners; and the 24th were Gilbert and Imboden, Taylor and Abbott, and Lohr and Sparks.

We held a small unit game on the 14th; the winners were Gilbert and Greer, Reeder and Mizrahi, Busby and Knight, and Kittinger and Taylor. This was a close game, with only seven points difference between first and last.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

Carol Brager and Betty Thompson are new club champions at the Del Coronado Bridge Club. Carol and Betty played E/W and barely edged N/S winners Norma Lyerly and Phil Akre. Other winners in Coronado were Al Schuster and Dick Palmer, Marguerite Cook and Hazel Metzke, Marty Roth and Betty Thompson, Bill and Eleanor Kipperman, and Jan and Lynne Erikson.

Additional first place finishes were recorded by Phil Akre and Alice Dudley, Carol Brager and Steve Heller and a tie between Marty and Leila Bloomberg and Steve Heller and Bill Seager.

The new web site for the two Coronado clubs, www.bridgewebs.com, gives some unusual information. When I visited it, I discovered that of all players who played at least five times between January 5 and February 25, Dick Palmer has the highest percentage with 55.09%. Second is Al Schus-

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