



What's New in District 22

ter with 54.6%. During the same time period, Alice Dudley leads the masterpoint race with 8.38 at the club games. Jan and Lynne Erikson are second with 7.84. If you go to the website, you can find out how you compare to other players at the club.

At the Eastlake Bridge Club, Elaine Chan won twice, once with Jim Ciolli and once with Letha Couch. Also winning twice was Robert Shapley, once with Kathleen Hennessy and once with Walt Bochenek, and Hiroko Kitamura, once with Barbara Schafer and once with Judi Bunch.

Other winners were Carol Adair and Martha Walker.

The unit party will be held on April 13. Anyone who has played in a club game at least nine times since the previous unit party is entitled to a free lunch. Game directors can tell you how often you've played. As always, the bridge session will be \$5.00. But the lunch is, indeed, free.

Dana Harbor

By Jennifer Porter

The 299ers were the stars of the sectional tournament at Laguna Woods. On Saturday morning, Lucia Valley and Sharon Donoff were 1st in the top 299er bracket of pairs, and in the afternoon, Alan Dirkin and partner were 1st overall. In KOs, Violet Sugi, Nancy Chino, Tom Snooks and Marcia Holland were 1st in Bracket 2. On Sunday, Sharon Donoff, Jack Robinson, Alan Dirkin and partner were 1st in their bracket of Swiss Teams, and Philip Heistand and team were 1st in the top bracket of KOs.

Congratulations to Mark Itabashi, who travelled to the Burlingame Presidents Day Regional, where he played with and against some of the best players in the country. The team won two of the top bracket KOs and placed 2nd and 3rd in three others. Overall, he collected an impressive 122.31 points. Mark and Steven Love were at the Palm Springs Sectional, where they managed to amass 26.51 and 22.66 points respectively.

At the unit game this month, Laura Brill - Rick Goldstein were 1st in A; Michael and Pam Moreland, and Lisa and Greg Hanson were 1st in B and C respectively.

The following club members attained new rankings this month: Junior Masters - Renate Cohen and Dominic Tenuta; Club Master - Maureen Morden; Sectional Master - Sandra McClymonds; Regional Master - Tom Snooks; NABC Masters - Judy Alvord, Anne Kwo and Richard Mackaig. Congratulations to all of you. We also welcome new member William Tower and transfer Charles Brickell into the club.

The top masterpoint open winners in January were Larry Sharp, Jacob Weisberg and Andrew DeLeon in that order. Tom Snooks took 1st place in the 299ers, followed by Alan Dirkin and Bernice Lacher.

This month, Larry Sharp prevailed again in 1st place. Steven Love and Jacob Weisberg were 2nd and 3rd. Jeffrey Rocklin, Alan Cawi and Alan Dirkin were the top three 299ers.

A reminder to club members that the two-session Compact KO tournament is coming up at the club on Saturday, March 27. If you need a team or for more information,

contact Ginnie Blitzman at Ginnie21@hotmail.com

Also keep in mind that Dana Harbor is hosting the Grand National Team finals for District 22 members who have qualified at the club level. Flights A (0-5000 points) and Flights C (NLM with fewer than 500 points) will be held April 10-11 and Flights B (0-2000) and the Open on April 17-18. There is still an opportunity to qualify during the month of March. The payoff could be a partially subsidized trip to the Summer Nationals in New Orleans.

For further information contact John Kissinger at john.kissinger@cox.net

Desert Cities

By Nancy Erickson

To all who attended our recent sectional, thank you. Kudos go out to all who volunteered their time and talents. To those of you who have taken the time to share ways we can improve next year's event, thank you. The unit owes tournament chairperson Dewey Green and his team such a debt of gratitude, please take the time to share your personal appreciation of his efforts when you see him at the bridge table.

On March 6 we had 21 teams compete for the right to move on to the District 22 finals of the GNT in Dana Harbor. We congratulate all the successful participants and wish them well. The finals of all flights will be held at Dana Harbor Bridge Center. Flights A & C will be April 10-11; Flights B & Open will be April 17-18.

The unit co-sponsored this event with Mick's Coachella Valley Bridge.

The April unit awards and unit game will be Sunday, April 11, at the Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs. The following players will be recognized for their achievements: 2009 Ace of Clubs winners Gary Delestine, Paul Collier, Stuart Fletcher, James Maniscalco, Robert Sommer, Christel King, Patricia Long, Marlene Klinger, Dale Thune, Jim Darvey, John Currie and Jon Wittes. The 2009 Mini-McKenney winners were Gary Delestine, Paul Collier, Stuart Fletcher, James Maniscalco, Barbara Hopewell, David Lodge, Serl Zimmerman, Beverly Hartin, Anthony Hoffman, Jim Darvey, John Currie and Rhoda Walsh. The 2009 Edith Hirschman Sportsmanship Award recipient will be announced and our members achieving their Life, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Masters will also be feted. A light lunch will be served at 12:00 noon sharp. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by the unit game. There will be an open game as well as a 299er section.

It is with deep regret that the unit board of directors announces the resignations of Ted Rogers effective February 9, and Matt Lund effective March 1. Ted had provided an invaluable institutional history with respect to District 22 and has served as the unit's recorder since his appointment to the board. His special brand of humor and his absolute dislike of 9:00 a.m. meetings were legendary. Ted will be missed by all of us.

Matt has ably served as our treasurer and our constant voice for fiscal responsibility; however, his greatest contribution was rec-

ognized at the sectional when our beginner and novice players arrived en masse to gather silver points. All of our education and new player development initiatives were spearheaded by this very special person. Matt will be joining the Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation Board.

The unit board will be discussing the process for their replacement as outlined by our by-laws.

Unit 533 congratulates the following members on their promotions: Junior Masters - Ardis Crist, Jay Koren, Agnes O'Neill, Jun Wang and Rita White. Club Masters - Denny James Booth, Ken Davis, Ruth Eubank, Valerie Haslam, Len Kedrowski, Bill Keese, Carrie Lee Mahoney, Marvin Markowitz, Marlene Tackabery and Marilyn Torosian. Sectional Masters - Thomas Brown and Robert Miller. Regional Masters - David Hood and Cindy Selberg. NABC Masters - Jack Kruger and Sally Tobin. Also, the unit salutes our newest Life Master, Carol Urdahl, and Gold Life Master Patricia Riensche.

We welcome new members Sandra Austin, Martine Boone, Janet Cunningham, Thomas Gottlieb, Jean Grover, Sandra Hawes, Judy Hobbs, Joanna Jacobs, Connie Keller, Lester McDaniel, Sharon Powers, Rita Schreiber, Bond Shands, Pat Snyder, Bente Underwood and Kay Walters.

The Unit 533 membership looks forward to meeting you at the bridge table.

Remember to check our website at www.coachellavalleybridge.com for all the latest news.

High Desert

By Steve Klein

Things are returning to normal in Big Bear as the snow melts; no games had to be cancelled this month. As an extra bonus, we have Opal Millard back playing regularly; her respiratory condition has improved enough that she can be off oxygen for a full afternoon. The games are

still sparsely attended; the snowbirds aren't back yet, and even the year-round residents tend to vacation to warmer climes this time of year. We were without director Chris Cook the last week, as she and her husband were enjoying the weather in Hawaii. In March, Mary Ann and Warren Wotring will be touring Australia for the whole month, and Eiko Miller will be in Japan.

Winners of club games in February were Paula Smith (three times, all with different partners), Morton Fletcher (3), Eiko Miller (3), the Wotrings (a 70% game), Steve Klein, and Jack Swigart.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: We had a busy February for the bridge community in the high desert, lots of big games for us! First, we'd like to welcome home our unit president Jan Carmean and bridge fan favorite, David Johnson, from their vacation to England.

Also, a big congrats to David Johnson for earning 8.6 masterpoints at the very tough Palm Springs Sectional earlier in February.

On the local front, props to John Ruffo & Jerry Kinkade, who had a whopping 77% game on Thursday the 18th. Way to go!

Congrats to our unit game winners for February: N/S and overall winners were David Bloom and Bob Waite.

E/W winners were Jo Ann Drozdik and Bonnie Larsen. Winners of club games in February were: Charlotte Phillips (4), Steve Koller (4), John Ruffo (4), Joan Kinney (3), David Johnson, Jo Ann Drozdik, Bonnie Larsen, Brett Baker, Edna Fritz, Beth Hendrick, Elisabeth Tufo, June Babbitt, Bob Waite, Jim Williams, Jerry Kinkade and Jack Belsher.

La Jolla/Beach

By Steve Johnson

Greetings again from the La Jolla Unit to the readers of the Western Conference Contract Bridge Forum! February was a busy month for the La Jolla Unit. February 14 was our annual



Unit



NON-LIFE MASTER SAN DIEGO SECTIONAL MAY 14 & 16, 2010

Friday, May 14

Stratified NLM Pairs.....10:00 a.m.
2 Strats sections: 0-100; 101-NLM

Swiss Teams.....10:00 a.m.
3 Strat sections:
0-100/101-200/201-NLM

Saturday, May 15

Stratified NLM Pairs.....10:00 a.m.
2 Strats sections: 0-100; 101-NLM

Stratified NLM Pairs.....2:00 p.m.
2 Strats sections: 0-100; 101-NLM

Sunday, May 16

Stratified NLM Pairs.....1:00 p.m.
2 Strat Sections: 0-100; 101-NLM

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