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Orange County Regional September 7-13, 2009



Pool & Cabana Boardroom at the Hyatt Hotel in Irvine, Calif.

By Jody Pedri
& Hans Giroux

It is not too late to make your plans to attend the Orange County Regional tournament in Irvine on September 7-13. It will be in the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel at Jamboree and the 405 Freeway (phone 1 800 233-1234, and ask for the bridge rate). There is a free shuttle from John Wayne Airport. The hotel is close to the wonderful shopping at

South Coast Plaza and close to the entertainment at the nationally acclaimed Orange County Center for the Performing Arts ... if you can tear yourself away from the bridge table for a few hours.

We have increased the number of ever-popular Compact Knock-out Teams with games on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Teams may also compete for single day gold in two-session Swiss Teams on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We have combined the Senior Pairs and Open Pairs games this year, so the games will be bigger and award more points.

Let us know how you like these schedule changes. We received numerous requests for these changes after last year's tournament, and we are trying to re-

spond to your preferences where we can.

For our Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) players we will have a complete program with speakers every day from Tuesday through Saturday at 2:15 p.m., and your own special room with games from Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

On Monday, we will have a special I/N program that starts before everyone else arrives, so that you can become acquainted with the directors and the facility in advance. The special I/N kickoff begins with a free two-hour lesson at 4:00 p.m., followed by a reception with a free light dinner (often pizza, salad, fruit and dessert) at 6:00 p.m. This will be followed

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Notice of Nominations Areas I, II & IV

By Rex Latus
D22 Secretary

Nominations for Area Representatives to the District 22 Board of Directors are being held in Areas I, II and IV during the month of September, 2009. Terms will be three years, 2010-2012. Nominees may either be self-nominated or nominated by a unit within their area.

A candidate may not belong to a unit presently having a board member whose term does not expire December 31, 2009.

Candidates must be willing to serve on the District 22 Board of Directors as an Area Representative and must attend four (4) meetings a year which are held at regional tournaments within the geographical boundaries of District 22. Candidates must be will-

ing to serve on various committees as needed.

If you have an interest in becoming a District 22 Board member, it is suggested that you make your request through your local unit president.

All candidate nominations are to be submitted in writing (letter or e-mail) to the District 22 Secretary with a copy to the District 22 President (Teri Atkinson, at 9911 Artistry Rose Court, Bakersfield CA 93311 or e-mail: teriatak@sbcglobal.net).

The Nomination window closes October 1.

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NAPairs Update

By Warren Cederborg
D22 NAP Coordinator

District 22 players have one month left to qualify at the club level for the 2009 North American Pairs. Unit finals will kick off September 1.

Players living within the geographical boundary of D22 may qualify at any club within the district that holds an NAP qualifying event. Pairs who survive the club, unit and district rounds will be invited to contest the NAP championships held at the North American Bridge Championships next spring in Reno. The district finals will be held on Saturday during the Palm Springs Regional.

Formerly called the Grand National Pairs, the North American Pairs is contested in three flights: Flight A (open to all players), Flight B (players with less than 2000 masterpoints), and Flight C (Non-LMs with less than 500 points). Players may play up in flight, but may only represent the district in one division.

Flight-mixed partnerships must play in the flight of highest masterpoint holder.

This is a good chance for players to get their red points, as the masterpoint awards in the club stage are half red, half black, with the payoff figured on a sectional rating. For any questions, contact me at wcederborg@aol.com



Teri's Table Talk

By Teri Atkinson
District 22 President

Well, folks, I thought I knew everything about running a tournament. After all, I have been chairing sectionals in Bakersfield for several years now. I know, for instance, that volunteers are needed in almost every area, that the manager must work hand in hand with the hotel or other playing site, that making bridge players happy is the ultimate goal. But I didn't know just how many times those tenets must be multiplied in order to have a successful regional: Turns out that regionals are a lot of work! And one of the most important elements for success is volunteerism.

Joe Conti and I were most fortunate to have a cadre of ready, willing and able volunteers helping us in Ventura. These great people took care of partnerships, hospitality, section top awards, daily bulletins and more. Some of them, like the caddie master, were actually paid for their work, but others received only some free play certificates. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them.

While I am on the subject of tournaments, may I extend an invitation to all readers: get up and get involved in your local sectionals and/or regionals. You will probably enjoy the effort, and you will definitely have a learning experience. You might even begin to appreciate the efforts of the people who make our tournaments great!

By the way, another great way to volunteer is to become a member of your local unit board of directors and/or the district board. See Rex Latus' article on this page concerning nominations for elections for the D22 board ... but remember that the Bakersfield, Saddleback and Inland Valley Units already have representatives, and so are ineligible for new nominations.

Hope to see you all at the Orange County Regional (September 7-13) and the Fall NABC in San Diego (November 26-December 6). I know I keep reminding you of these events, but I think that's my job!

Alert! Due to a 2007 contract glitch with the Riverside Convention Center, the dates for the Riverside Regional are not available at that facility during the first week in February, 2010, as previously advertised. At press time our tentative new dates are January 25-31, 2010. Please mark your calendars.

District 22 70% Clubs

83.33% Norma Mullikin - Jay Taber, Santa Barbara B.C., April 9
80.32% Tony Miller - Greg Vernon, TGIF B.C., June 19
79.17% Joyce Mulligan - Cindy Quinn, Laguna Woods, June 6
76.38% Lylie Francis - Sally Gillott, Santa Barbara B.C., June 1
75.00% Carolyn Koroknay - Carolyn Berenson, Lexington B.C., June 21
74.17% Donna Ushkow - Cathy Staver, Escondido, June 17
74.07% Audrey and John Currie, Palm Desert, June 6
73.89% Judy Dveris - Marilyn Kalabsa, Esplanade B.C., July 10
73.61% Dianna Jackson - CarolAnne Edie, Santa Maria, June 15
73.61% Herbert Schwartz - Richard Kellis, Laguna Woods, June 26
73.44% Roberta Solodkin - Dorene White, Santa Barbara B.C., June 23
73.00% Duane and Karen McComb, Vivi's DBC Hemet, June 23
72.61% Bette and John Strauch, San Diego, June 20
72.60% Marilyn Hahn - Phyllis Tasset, Cathedral City, July 3
72.58% Pat Beeman - Jay Bakshi, Laguna Woods, June 27
72.54% Wayne Holm - Gene Katz, Encinitas, June
72.42% Jim Munday - Steve Gross, Bridge Academy 2, June 6
72.31% Dale Thune - Stanley Young, Cathedral City, June 15
72.22% Gloria and Jay Fernandes, Esplanade Bridge Center, June 23
72.00% Tony and Pat Mascari, Riverside, June 26
72.00% Bill Hall - Jim Munday, Bridge Academy 2, June 18
71.88% Loli Henderson - Fausta Vitali, Dana Harbor, June 20
71.88% Kathy Foley - Lyn Johnston, San Diego, June 23
71.82% Alexander Prairie - Kathleen Hennessy, Eastlake B.C., June 3
71.78% Joyce Bailey - Marge Hughes, La Jolla Beach TC, June
71.76% Spencer Emtage - Michele Zuniga, Esplanade B.C., June 24
71.53% Karen Meyer - Gene Crubaugh, Bridge Academy 2, June 12
71.47% Sherry and Woodrow McHarg, Palm Springs, June 17
71.43% Diana Heskett - Ed Vanderslice, BobMar B.C., June 28
71.25% Tom and Carol Mackey, Santa Barbara B.C., June 15
71.25% David and Susan Ruoff, Riverside, June 3
70.88% Mick Riccio - Noel Hanford, Palm Springs, June 28
70.83% Yasuko Mullen - Sarah Carter, TGIF B.C., June 19
70.83% Susan Schreiber - Bernice Lacher, Dana Harbor, June 13
70.83% Jon King - Alan Norton, Chris' Game, June 18
70.83% Dan and Mary Lou Denison, Esplanade Bridge Center, July 7
70.76% Isabelle and Mel Wasserman, San Diego, June 1
70.67% Andy DeLeon - Lawrence Sharp, Dana Harbor, June 24
70.51% Marilyn Christy - Ruth Ann Alpert, J&J Bridge Club, June 24
70.37% Patricia Menefee - Andy DeLeon, Dana Harbor, June 21
70.24% Pat Romine - Elaine Mogul, Laguna Woods, June 29
70.14% Walter Malen - Ken Schorr, Encinitas, June
70.00% Diana Marquardt - Suresh Mahajan, Esplanade B.C., June 17
70.00% David Anding - Arleen Gimbel, Escondido, June 24
70.00% Jim Shiraishi - Gerry Collier, Bridge Academy 2, June 4
70.00% Marshall Miles and Millie Garrison, Riverside, June 6
70.00% David Anding - Arleen Gimbel, N. County B.C., June 24

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Forum Deadlines

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