



# What's New in District 22

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vid Johnson, both of whom won their first masterpoints in June!

Congratulations to the winners of the June unit game, Jerry Kinkade and Tom Gay. Winners of Victorville and Silver Lakes club games for the month of June are: Virginia Cleminson, Beth Hendrick, Stan Gabriel, Bill Yamamoto, Charlotte Phillips, Joan Kinney, David Bloom, John Ruffo, Steve Koller, Gary Aalfs, Brett Baker, Jane Pace, Stan Pace, Jim Fariss, June Babbitt, Jim Williams, Edna Fritz, Luther Schliesser, and Rosie Erdelen.

## La Jolla / Beach

By Alice Leicht

Part of the enjoyment of going to our unit games is seeing our friends and fellow players. During the last few months many new faces have entered the scene on Sundays. With each new person (the unknown quantity) the pleasure and excitement of the day are heightened. How many of the following "new to our unit" people have you met: Thomas Bowman, Ben Castle, Christian Gerstoft, Gregory Horvath, Brian John, Rose Kelly, Frank Laird, Timmy Pickett, Kaitlin Sharpe, Lee Vida, and Maggie Walsh?

In addition to these interesting newbies there is a group of transferees into our unit. They are Randall Fadem, Lynne Feldman, Gary Mollenkopf, Mary Russell, and Ellen Wilson. We are very pleased that you have chosen to be one of us. To all of you a loud, long welcome from all of us.

It so happens that two of our relatively new members who enjoy our games had volunteered to serve on our board of directors. Thus Bob Walters and Randy Fadem were on the slate of board nominees along with B.J. Peterson, Janet Ansfield, and Ron Ignelzi. The election was held June 28, and all nominees were approved by oral vote. Now they join standing officers Bill Grant, Steve Johnson, Diana Marquardt, Menooch Bahmanian, and Matthew Kidd to start the 2009-2010 term.

Retiring board directors are David Oakley, Alice Leicht, Cass Donovan, and Nate McCay. Many issues have had to be resolved during their tenure, along with assuring that our unit tournaments are well-run and that bills are paid, and vacancies are filled, and conflicts resolved, and that members are kept informed of what is going on, and that ACBL regulations are upheld, and that all our bridge players want to keep coming to our games. As one of this group, I can vouch for the care that has been taken to keep our unit special and efficient. We feel that the new board will do the same (and maybe even more!)

Four members have played on to a new status. Sheila Fuerst is a Club Master. Marti Eicholz is a Sectional Master. Ramin Radsan is a Regional Master. Barbara Blake is a new Life Master. Good job! We salute you for staying the course.

The June games produced more winners. On June 14 Flight A first place went to the two Davids, Oakley and Walters. Second place was won by Peggy and Douglas Magde. The Magdes were in first place for the B and C flights also. Second place in B

was left for Bert Waxler with Brenda Carter, and second in C flight Belle Borack with Judith Newman.

The June 28 game showed Ron and Mary Huffaker first in Flight A with Alan and Debbie Gailfus in second. Sue Kane with George Soules were first for Flight B, followed by Manoocher and Alberdina Bahmanian in second. Flight C winners were Connie and Rich Unger. Second place went to Cass Donovan with Marge Hughes.

The NABC summer championship begins on July 23. These events are exciting and instructive. I hope that some of you readers are able to get to Washington for this grand tournament. Besides, it will warm you up for the Fall Nationals here in San Diego!

## Lompoc

By Don Kerr

We had two winners with four first place results: Joyce Gehlhaar and Don Kerr. With three wins were: Jo Gowenlock, Skook Porter, and Kay Roland. Then with two wins were: Bob Jurgensen and Bob Lindquist followed with single wins by Jean Allen, Rozella Armor, Richard Clark, Robert Faust, Marg Flack, Darlene Fraser, Pat Hodges, Barbara Holt, and H. Nakagawa.

Some reminders to the folks of Lompoc: when you have news for the *Forum*, I need to know (or else the news will not get to the *Forum*). I just got an e-mail that we have a new member, Gale Porr and a new Junior Master, Sally Lawson. Most of you know we have a new Life Master, Malcolm Anderson. I wish I knew the big Lompoc winners of the STAC games; I would include it here.

## Palm Springs

By Nancy Erickson

Congratulations to the June unit game winners - Andrea Rachin and Bernie Gertz. They scored 63.29% playing *North/South*, while Anne and Tom Lund placed first *East/West* with an equally impressive 61.98%. The competition was fierce in the 299er section; emerging victors were Charles and Louise Rhea with 59.95%, besting Firoza Cooper and Jerry Ohler by .92 of a point! Tom McCormick ably directed both sections.

A Mexican lunch was prepared and served by Louise Rhea assisted by Bill Dani, unit game chair, and Carole Schmidt and Louise's husband Charles.

The Sunday October 4 unit game will host the NAOP unit qualifier, as well as an Open and 299er competition. Please join us at Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

As one of the 114 players who played bridge in the valley at one of the three open venues on the 4th of July, I was reminded of the fact our unit has been blessed by club directors who continually give 150% to our membership. Following in the footsteps of the likes of Ann McCormick and Laura Tilton - to name just two - our current club directors provide all of us a variety of games where we can play the game

we love. We all are the beneficiaries of a team effort to make each game a pleasant, competitive experience. Too often we forget to say thank you. So on behalf of the membership, here is a special thank you to Tom and Jana McCormick, Woody McHarg, Mick Riccio, Bob McConnell, Frank Jurkovich, and Steve Sampson and their support crew Marjean Larson, Sherry McHarg, Jamie Alvarez, Mike Boyle and Carole Sobel - just to name a few. Please know your efforts are appreciated.

A complete schedule of games is available at [coachellavalleybridge.com](http://coachellavalleybridge.com)

As many members are aware, we lost Ray Duncan June 4. His passing has left a void in so many respects, most notably his love and unwavering commitment to duplicate bridge in the Coachella Valley. The unit board of directors will not be filling Ray's seat. As his term expires in December, the board has chosen to operate with eight members until its annual meeting. Board member Dewey Green will assume the role of vice president of Unit 533.

Unit 533 welcomes new members Cheryl L. Beckendorf, Bunni Benaron, Sara Corey, Diane L. Daniel, Ruth A. Eubank, Lewis S. Forbes, Larry G. Graves, Lillian Greenhut, Melvin A. Klein, Carol M. Moore, Joann Redd, Katherine E. Sampson, Brian P. White, Jacqueline B. White and Deann M. Young.

We look forward to your active participation in our organization.

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions, Kathleen Perkins to Life Master and Noel Hanford and Bob Victor to Silver Life Master.

It is great to see Alice Taylor and Bonnie Griwach back at the bridge table. We all miss Kathy Gisler and wish her a speedy recovery. The Las Vegas tournament wasn't the same without her.

They are gone but will never be forgotten - Ray Duncan and Jim Payton.

## Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

Mary Carolyn Nielsen lost her husband, Donald, last month after more than a half century of marriage. No other bad news to report, our other players are hanging in there.

We held our "Christmas" dinner party on Father's Day. We couldn't find a date in December that accommodated many of our members. Prior to the party we held our unit game, with Sarah Carter and Dave Speer claiming first place, followed by Betty Doig and Esther Sires. My daughter, Diane, and I were third. Also placing were Esther Hart and Barbara Meggers and Jody Skaggs and Craig Stump.

Charlene Stephens, Jody, Craig, Greg Vernon and Jack Waller represented our unit in the recent Las Vegas Regional. They picked up some much-needed red points - in the case of Charlene and Jody.

On the club front we had an interesting result in one of the TGIF games. Greg and I had an 80% game, with Yasuko Mullen and Sarah scoring a 70%. Needless to say the rest of the field was below 50%. Masterpoint leaders in the TGIF clubs were myself, Greg, Yasuko, Betty, Esther Sires, Margaret O'Neill, Yvonne Chilina, Sarah, Charlene, and Astrid Parkinson. In the COM Bridge Club Sarah and Esther Sires led in masterpoints. They were followed by Dave, Greg, Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth, Yvonne and myself.

## Riverside

By Les Moore

I would like to thank Coni for writing the column for me last month, and thank those who sent cards in my recent illness. Just to let you know, it was a great encouragement.

A big congratulations for the achievements of the following members of the Riverside Bridge Club: Scoring games of 70% or better games were Marshall Miles and Millie Garrison, David and Susan Ruoff, and Tony and Pat Mascari. See the column elsewhere in this newspaper for their exact scores.

And even bigger congratulations to our newest Life Master - Ken Olivier!

Now that the real summer has arrived, remember you can always enjoy the comfort of playing our favorite game in air conditioned comfort Monday through Friday beginning at noon, and on selected Saturdays and Sundays (check at 951 369-1790 actual days and times), at the Riverside Bridge Club located at 6166 Brockton Ave. Riverside (B.P.O.E. Elks Club Building).

There are so many things about bridge that can be discussed, but the most important appears to be partnership. One important thing to remember is caution when your partner has a great hand and you have a "bust." You have to be content to accept the cards dealt to you and not overbid. A partial score is better than a set most times. Of course, you have to be the judge of what is best in all cases.

Enjoy the summer, and happy bridge to all.

## Saddleback

By Bob Destino

Our June unit game was one of our biggest, with 28 tables in play. As always, director John Adams did a great job of keeping everyone happy and moving! We had two sections; first place winners (all with 60%+ games) were Charlotte and Stephen Sturm, Barbara Beloit and Kit Dailey, Diane and Eddie Hurt, and Xiaoue Walker and Jim Elbogen. Our next unit games are scheduled for Sunday, August 8 and Sunday, September 13.

Come on down!

While we're speaking of upcoming events, don't forget the Orange County Regional Tournament to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Irvine, September 7-13. Visit web site [OrangeCountyRegional.com](http://OrangeCountyRegional.com) for details.

We had several players advance on the Life Master ladder during June. New Junior Masters are Patricia Behr and William Fallon. Joining the ranks of Club Master are Patricia Brown, Diane Dore' and Don Joynt. Reaching Sectional Master status are Joan Abraham, Jeanne Delano, Norman Hempling, Chad Julian, John Keppel, Dee O'Connor, Madeline Steinberg and Betty Williamson. New Regional Masters are Donna Krueger, Daniel Marcus and Florence Marcus. New Bronze Life Master status was achieved by Bob Cuccias and Derril Kripke. And finally, reaching the level of Silver Life Master is Barbara Balowitz. The board of directors of Saddleback Unit 525 congratulates each of these dedicated players for their achievements!

## San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

*And the winner is ... Wait!*

Are you really a winner if you are elected to serve on your unit board for two years? The answer is a definite yes! Serving on the board is a paycheck for the first and third Sunday unit games, the sectionals, and the great holiday party (free to all players who have attended 12 unit games). This year we had no "extra" people running for positions; all six were elected. So why have a ballot? Because it's in our bylaws, and, hopefully, it will encourage more people to run for next year's positions.

June 7 was our Election Party; a membership meeting was held and election results were announced. Welcome to new board member Virginia Wofford, who will be your new partnership chair. Re-elected candidates are John Boackle (club manager), Vicki Creamer (president), Karen Dempsey (publicity chair), Jan Fischer (awards chair), and Marian Zeldin (hospitality chair). Remaining board members are Ralph Baty (vice-president), Norma Huhn (secretary), Osman Guner (membership chair), and Joan Maden (future Life Master liaison). We hope to see your name here next year!

Winners of our first Sunday 499er Session were Joan and Ken Maden; #2, Karen Dempsey - Joanne Gibson; #3, Dean Altschuler - Val McWhorter; and #4, Delores McGregor - Patsy Jennings. Open Strat winners were Mary and Ron Huffaker; #2, Fumie Graves and Joel

Unit 549

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<b>Monday</b>	9 a.m.	0-99 Game
	12:30 p.m.	Open/Strat & 399er
	6:30 p.m.	Open Stratified
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 a.m.	0-750 Game
	12:30 p.m.	Open Stratified
	1:00 p.m.	EasyBridge Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 a.m.	Adv. Beginner/Intermediate Bridge Class
	12:30 p.m.	Open Stratified
<b>Thursday</b>	9 a.m.	0-750 Game
	12:30 p.m.	Open Stratified
	1:00 p.m.	Refresher/Review Bridge Class
<b>Friday</b>	9 a.m.	0-199 Game
	12:30 p.m.	Open/Strat & 399er
<b>Saturday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Open Stratified
<b>4th Saturday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Unit Game