

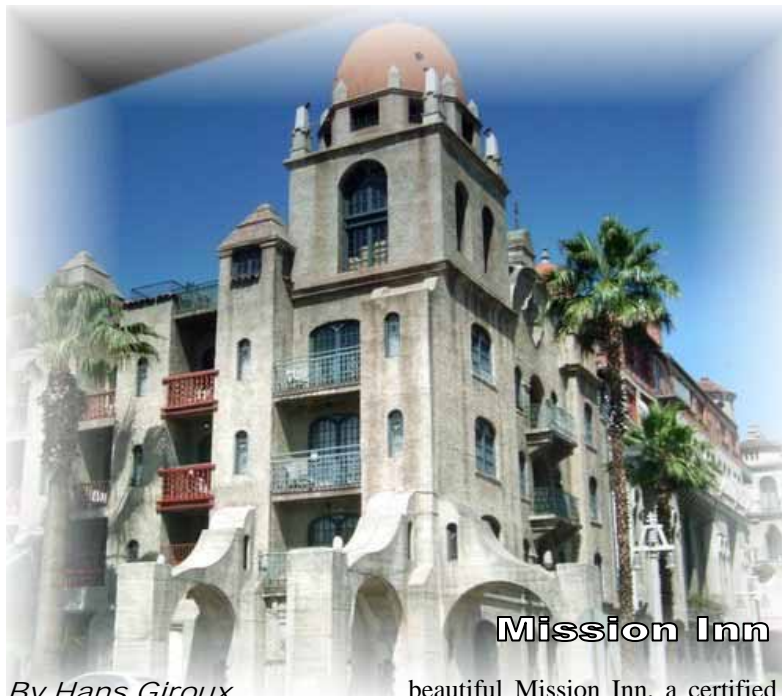
## WESTERN CONFERENCE

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## Riverside Regional January 25-31



Mission Inn

By Hans Giroux

Be sure to check out the advertisement inside for the nuts-and-bolts information about D22's first 2010 regional, to be held January 25-31 at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange Street, Riverside, Calif. Host hotel for the tournament will again be the

beautiful Mission Inn, a certified historical landmark with old history and modern amenities.

This tournament will feature games that will appeal to both the multi-day visitor as well as the single day commuter, including a wide variety of Compact Knock-outs, as well as multi-day events. Single event Swiss will be provided for those not fortunate to advance in the team games. The venue is readily accessible from throughout Southern California.

For those unable to stay at this historic inn for only \$105 per night, Riverside is within a one hour commute from Palm Springs, Orange County, North

San Diego County, the Upper Desert and much of the Los Angeles area.

Great hospitality is a hallmark of this tournament. Enscribed wine glasses for section and overall winners (win a bunch, collect a set), daily coffee and treats, evening player specials, and a subsidized gourmet lunch on Sunday for only \$6.00 per player (with a short break to actually enjoy your meal) are part of the total hospitality package.

We are firmly committed to welcoming intermediate/newcomer players (I/N) as much as possible, and have made a few additions to the I/N (299er) program. There will be several days where our absolutely newest players (0-5 MP) will play for free.

There will also be an I/N lesson, a pizza party and an evening game for only \$12 for our entry-level players. At the Orange County Regional in September, the I/N kick-off party generated 29 tables; everyone had a wonderful time and organizers had to send out for more food to accommodate everybody! We hope to do even better in January.

There will be special I/N prizes, daily winner pictures, and other perks. Watch for a special Riverside I/N flyer at the San Diego Nationals, the Palm Springs Regional, at your local clubs, or check the information on our web site at [TheRiversideRegional.com](http://TheRiversideRegional.com)

Mark your calendars for January 25-31, 2010: Riverside will be an awesome tournament!

## NAP/GNT Updates

By Warren Cederborg  
NAP/GNT Coordinator

Those who are qualified should be planning to head for Rancho Mirage on Saturday, December 19 for the D22 finals of the North American Pairs at the Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa. Flight A is open to all qualified players; Flight B is open to qualified players with less than 2000 masterpoints; and Flight C is for qualified Non-LMs with less than 500 points.

If you failed to qualify or didn't play in a club qualifying game, don't despair. It's time to get busy in organizing your latest edition for the 2010 Grand National Teams (GNT). Clubs throughout the district are already staging

their Swiss Team preliminaries. Players residing in the geographical boundaries of District 22 will need to qualify at the club or unit level if they wish to advance to the district rounds of GNT play. Check on your local club and unit levels for times, dates and places.

The GNT is a good chances for players to get red points, as the masterpoint awards in the club and unit stage are half red, half black, with the payoff figured on a Sectional rating.

There will even be some of those prized gold points available at the unit level, if the unit qualifier is at least two sessions.

Any questions refer to the GNT conditions of contest on the District 22 web site, or direct them to me at [wcederborg@aol.com](mailto:wcederborg@aol.com)

## A Last-Minute Reminder

If you hurry, you should be still be able to get the special ACBL rate of \$117 at the Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage for the Palm Springs Regional Dec. 14-20. Call the Westin direct at 760 328-5955 or 800 335-3545.

Roberta Grubb and the Palm Springs / Desert Cities players have been working overtime to make this a fabulous experience for all who choose to enjoy this premiere District 22 event, which has become one of the top four regionals in the country.

Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa

## Teri's Table Talk

By Teri Atkinson  
District 22 President



Many thanks to the D22 unit board members who elected me to the position of First Alternate ACBL Director. I stand ready now to fill in for our National Director, Ken Monzingo, should that ever be necessary. Ken is making sure that I am more than adequately prepared for that exigency.

Speaking of Ken, you should know what a huge job he has undertaken in negotiating and finalizing contracts for all of our District 22 regionals. We are set for 2010 and beyond! Next year, thanks to Ken's efforts at the national level, we will once again be able to hold a regional in Ventura. The tournament will be held at the Ventura Beach Marriott in late October, 2010. The Marriott is just down the road from the hotel we used in June of this year.

Our tournament committee, under the leadership of Jon Wright, will be responsible for getting everything "right" at our tournaments. That means working with the respective tournament managers and overseeing the day-to-day activities. Members of this committee include Fran Foresta, Fran Schwartz, Ken and yours truly.

We have some pretty good people on board as tournament managers: in Irvine and Riverside, Jody Pedri and Hans Giroux; in San Diego, Alice Leicht and Bill Grant; in Palm Springs, Roberta Grubb; in Ventura, Joe Conti and TA (*moi*). These folks had a great opportunity last year to participate in a training course put on by Ken, and will get some more training in 2010. District 22 is striving to hold the classiest and best tournaments in the country! Do you think we can? You can help us by letting us know how we are doing. Your suggestions will always be considered by the committee. And you can also volunteer to be part of the fun and games!

As I write this, our "flagship" regional in Palm Springs is just around the corner. You won't want to miss all the special activities. You can meet the incoming ACBL President, Richard DeMartino, as the gavel is passed to him from outgoing league president, Jerry Fleming. Lots of speakers and teachers will be giving presentations for players at all levels.

Watch for details about the two-hour lesson for I/Ns on Monday, December 14, given by Palm Springs' own Mick Riccio.

Congratulations are in order for winners in the latest District 22 elections. Warren Cederborg, Area I representative, will be returning for another term. Area II will have a new representative, Irv Kostal. And Area IV election results were not in at press time. Welcome aboard! And to all the membership ... see you at the San Diego Nationals!

## District 22 70% Games

80.93%	Al Feldman - Charlie Gilman, Encinitas Sr. Dup., Oct. 29
77.00%	Berna Lord - Helen Telford, Sun City D.B.C., Oct. 21
76.49%	Marcia Holland - Sharon Donoff, Dana Harbor, Oct. 13
76.19%	Barbara and Bruce Hanson, San Diego, Oct. 12
75.00%	Tony Miller - Greg Vernon, Unit 518, Oct. 11
74.85%	Leslie Adams - Louis Dubin, Towers B.C., Oct. 21
74.57%	Sue and Jim Munday, Bridge Academy 2, Oct. 4
74.48%	Bill and Rosemary Dimitt, Banning, Oct. 8
74.38%	Micki Patenaude - Tom Snooks, Dana Harbor, Oct. 16
74.31%	Allison and Alan Lee, Sun City Palm Desert, Oct. 8
74.15%	Warren and Suzi Cederborg, Visalia, Oct. 6
74.07%	Bonnie Basila - Tom Beswick, Santa Maria B.C., Oct. 27
73.84%	Beth Christison - Faye Smith, John's Bridge Club, Oct. 1
73.81%	Alfred Schekman - Donald Ward, Anaheim/Santa Ana, Nov. 4
73.33%	Edith Whaley - Carol Jones, North County B.C., Oct. 28
73.24%	Philip Hiestand - Yung-Ming Chu, Dana Harbor, Oct. 23
72.57%	Marjolaine Tourangeau - Barry Schectman, San Diego, Oct. 6
72.31%	John and Audrey Currie, Palm Springs, Oct. 11
72.27%	Dene Ferris - Ann Miller, Bakersfield, Oct. 27
72.22%	Joan Abbott - Carl Hoerberling, Banning, Oct. 22
72.22%	Linda Carlisle - Nada Nuanez-Byrum, Bakersfield, Oct. 13
72.00%	Lorraine Bagdasarian - Wayne Karson, Palm Springs, Oct. 25
71.88%	Cheryl Rodzack - Jeanette Bentley, Esplanade B.C., Oct. 15
71.53%	Jody Skaggs - Craig Stump, TGIF Bridge Club, Oct. 12
71.50%	Virginia Hall - Dawn Tomlinson, San Diego, Oct. 13
71.33%	David Kates - George Brody, Dana Harbor, Oct. 7
71.29%	William Rothschild - Alice Taylor, Palm Desert, Oct. 6
71.25%	James Wooden - Bill Williams, Temecula, Oct. 22
71.13%	Cle Nelson - Fran White, Murrieta, Oct. 27
71.08%	Wafik Abdou - Marty Hinds, Bakersfield, Oct. 7
71.04%	Charlene Crosson - Pat Lee, Laguna Woods, Oct. 10
71.00%	Bill and Jean Seager, Coronado Shores B.C., Oct. 27
70.85%	Virginia Hall - Dawn Tomlinson, San Diego, Oct. 26
70.83%	John Currie - Jim Darvey, Palm Desert, Oct. 5
70.83%	Nancy Wood - Melva Brucker, Las Posas B.C., Sept. 16
70.56%	Karen Brandt - Barbara Revel, Hemet DBC, Oct. 26
70.56%	Ludlow Gibbons - Marty Donahoe, Towers B.C., Oct. 14
70.44%	Gail Schneider - Robert Lutz, Towers B.C., Oct. 14
70.28%	Richard Kellis - Shirley Prager, Towers B.C., Oct. 28
70.17%	Joy Stuchlik - Edie Sandrini, Bakersfield, Nov. 3
70.14%	Paul Chung - Xiaoxue Walker, Dana Harbor, Oct. 18
70.14%	Lee Hofacre - Chuck Donaldson, North County B.C., Oct. 26
70.13%	Ted and Joja Applegate, BobMar B.C., Oct. 4
70.13%	Maggie Blackwell - Alice Forbes, Laguna Woods, Oct. 26
70.13%	Marianne Klayman - Tom Tatham, San Diego, Oct. 9
70.07%	Pat Astier - Anne Scott, Harvey's Bridge, Oct. 26
70.00%	Cathy Garvin - Doug Murphey, Sun City D.B.C., Sept. 9

## Forum Deadlines

The D22 Forum deadline for articles and ads is the 5th of the preceding month.  
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