



What's New in District 22

Anaheim

By Marlys Haraden

November is Thanksgiving, and we can all be grateful for the many blessings we have in our lives – our families, our children, grandchildren, and the fact we live in such a marvelous country. Having said that, my sister is visiting and we will attend the National tournament in San Diego where we can only hope we can scratch. It is a first for me, as I really haven't played that long. Some of you might think I have, but I just got serious in recent years ... and if you ask one of my regular partners, he may even debate that issue of my serious playing! I sure have my days of big goofs.

Many thanks to Linda and Brian Trent for getting the food to the club at our last unit game. Team game winners were: 1st in A Linda and Brian Trent with Lulu Mintor - Alan Bell; 2nd Rita and David Wakeman, with Bill Skupen - Bill Clark; 3rd Subba Ravipudi - Sankar Reddy with Yas Takeda - Ahmed Sorathia. 1st in B were Haroon Sorathia - Marlys Haraden, with Bill Skupen - Bill Clark. C winners were Carl Brick - Kathy Luft, with Luci Swain - Hilary Harttner. Great job, all.

Swiss team winners 1st team: Subba Ravipudi, Larry Bolls, Ahmed Sorathia and Jeff Strutzel; 2nd Joan Culbertson, Yas Takeda, Bob Rubin and Sankar Reddy; 3rd John Ready, Hanefi Erten, Marlys Haraden and Haroon Sorathia.

October was a busy month; we had a big party with cash prizes, and we had a wonderful turn-out. The food was superb as usual, prepared by Cynthia Greer. First place went to a regular partnership at our club, Hayim Ninyo and Orhan Gurbuz. It was also club appreciation and therefore a large number of players earned points. We had so many A players that it gave us a new idea. On January 8, we will begin on Friday evenings a section of A players. Of course, you will be hearing from me, as I

get to organize it. The plan is that we have a minimum of 10 tables of A players and a second section (requirement of an A partnership is that at least one of each pair must have a minimum of 2,000 points). There will be a \$100 prize going to the first overall in the A section; if it is less than 10 tables it will be prorated accordingly. Only sad thing is I can't play in that group as I don't have that many points, but I play against them all the time and I can tell you it has improved my game.

Please mark your calendars!

December 13 at 1:00 p.m. will be a joint Holiday Party with Santa Ana, and in the interim we will be asking for donations to give to Anaheim and Santa Ana elementary schools, in areas that are very poor.

We are still doing Tuesday novice players, Swiss lessons on Thursday evening. I will be starting a beginner's class in January Thursday evening; I would like at least three tables.

We have a 11:00 a.m. game on Wednesday, one at 4:30 p.m. on a trial basis, and one at 7:00 p.m. We have great expectations.

Many thanks to Eleth Fields and Bill Neal for making that delicious dinner last month.

Thanks you all for supporting our unit; we are growing all the time, with a constant influx of new players. Please make it them comfortable when you sit opposite them!

Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

The Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12. A catered lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. with bridge to follow. Prepaid reservations of \$20 per pair must be made with Shirley E. or Tom R. by Dec. 8.

Attendance at the Guild House game included 11 tables. Overall winners were: 1A & B Joy Stuchlik - Edie Sandrini (70.17%), Frank Short - Bess Taffera, Beverly Busacca - Virginia Eide, Ann Miller - Dene Ferris, DiAnn Lowder -

Sharon Balfanz, Bob King - Evelyn Pelmeier, Connie Bruce Mimi Stull, Christy Moore - Cathi Chrisco; Carol Kleck - Wally Kleck, and Jimmy Robertson - Larry Hawk.

There were eight tables at the unit game. Please note that this game is stratified, pays extra points, and includes great snacks! One should make a special effort to attend. For partners call Shirley E. or Marlyn Everett. October winners were: Wafik Abdou - Marty Hinds, Maynard and Sandy Denison, Barbara Moore - Barbara Harrison, Teri Atkinson - Doug Blogden, Dene Ferris - Ann Miller, Bob Pilshaw - Mimi Stull, DiAnn Lowder - Sharon Balfanz, and Shirley Eide - Larry Hawk.

Some members were recent top winners in regional team games. Bob Pilshaw was first in a KO at Seaside, Ore., Carol and Richard Kemmerer were first on a KO team at Orange County. Also, Wafik Abdou was first in a Swiss Teams at that tournament.

Four C pairs came in first in their direction in October. They include: Barbara Moore - Barbara Harrison; Carl Romo - Joe Bruce; Julie Cesar - DiAnn Lowder; and Wally Kleck - Tom Papac.

Carol Kemmerer will be replacing Toni Poe on the unit board. Carol is a retired medical administrator. She lives in Bear Valley Springs with Richard, her husband / bridge partner. Besides bridge, Carol also loves to knit and travel. The Kemmerers just returned from a cruise which started in Barcelona, Spain and ended in Miami Fla.

Welcome to new member, Linda Carlisle. Congrats to Rene de Barros and Danielle de Barros on becoming Junior Masters.

Some members have moved: John and Rosemary Duffy to Laguna Hills; Kathleen Knauf to Redwood City; and Richard Papst to Sacramento. Richard has served on the unit board and on the District 22 board as recorder.

Condolences to former member Frank Diaz, whose wife, Barbara, recently suffered a brain aneurysm and died while playing bridge. Barbara was a very nice person and an excellent player.

There will be no game on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. However, there will be a game on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve at 12:30.

Please have a Joyous Holiday and a Healthy New Year!

Balboa

By Phil Pearl

Check out the colorful monthly calendars at the Balboa unit web site @ acbldistrict22.com/515/games_results.htm Find out what special things might be happening at our games.

Results for the October Unit Game: (0-500) 1. Dale Rensing - Fred Dyle, 2. Charlene Crosson - Sue Foigelman, 3. Mark Rehms - Sharon Forsland, 4. Vivian and William Boulos. In the open section leaders were: Strat A. 1. Philip Hiestand - Weidong Pei, 2. Ahmed and Haroon Sorathia, 3. Barbara Gilcrest - Marcia Vaughan, 4. Sandra Cropper - Mike Galante, 5. Phil Clayton - Brian Gilbert, 6/7. Norman Woo - Chris Larsen and Sue and Kurth Krause. Strat B. 1. Gilcrest - Vaughan, 2. Krause-Krause, 3. Cathy Bauer - Lucille Hovland, 4. Penny

Wentworth - Eva Mroz, 5. Alice and Ted Nicholas. Strat C. 1. Gilcrest - Vaughan, 2. Krause-Krause.

Charlene Crosson and Pat Lee scored 71% at Laguna Woods Oct. 10.

This is about the 14th column I have written for the Balboa Unit, and numerous people have asked me if I had any previous journalism experience. The answer is no.

As part of my Civil and Structural Engineering career, I did write project reports and technical specifications, but no columns or news reports.

Congratulations to Mary Lou Kiley, who made Gold Life Master in early October, playing in a club game with Barbara Gilcrest. And the coincidence here is that Barbara made Life Master in 2006 playing with Mary Lou in a club game.

Results for the Nov. unit game (0-500): 1. Jo Anne Vansandt - Sue Blom, 2. Herber and Pat Lee. Open event leaders were Strat A: 1. Mark Itabashi - Steven Love, 2. Eileen Nielsen - Bill Hall, 3. Nina Lubick - Reich - Marilyn Goldberg, 4. Verna Baccus - Marilyn Christy, 5. Mark Tang - George Fisher, 6. Michael and Pam Morelands. Strat B: 1. Reich-Goldberg, 2. Tang-Fisher, 3. Morelands, 4. Oliver Yildiz - Mary St. Julian, 5. Phil Hiestand - Weidong Pei, 6. Faith Feldman - Huguette Saldinger. Strat C: 1. Morelands, 2. Howard Morton - Susana Hegstrom, 3. Alice and Ted Nicholas.

Welcome back again to the annual rainbirds, Gari and Milli Andreini, who have again escaped the rains in the Seattle area.

Congratulations to the following members who have advanced in rank: New Junior Masters: Stephanie Fogel and Stephen Scheinberg. New Club Masters: Mary Lund and Chie Wickham. new Sectional Masters: Dana Lee, William Shepherd and Jo Vandervort. New NABC Masters: Lynda Crawford and Jo Anne Vansandt.

New Life Master: Nadine Nakai.

Bishop

By Lilla

The Sierras are still gorgeous and the weather has been delightful. A few cold blustery days, but now Fall is back with us. By the time you will be reading this, all will have changed and winter will be here. It seems incredible that time goes by so quickly. It will soon be time for our Christmas game and dinner when many of our "out of town" players return to visit.

Our October winners were as follows: October 5, Reeder - Mizrahi, Imboden - Greer, Sheehan - Lohr, and Kittinger - Crunk; the 7th, Reeder and Mizrahi, Farmer and Imboden, Ralph and Lyn Haber, and Muth and Hobbs; October 12, Farmer - Imboden, Kittinger - Crunk, Greer - Hadeler. On the 14th, Habers, Greer - Gilbert, Hobbs - Muth, Taylor - Abbott. October 19: Reeder - Mizrahi, Abbott - Lohr, Muth - Hobbs. On the 21st, Habers, Sparks - Lohr, Reeder - Mizrahi.

On the 26th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Greer - Imboden tied with Lohr - Sheehan. On the 28th, Taylor - Abbott, Reeder - Mizrahi, Faint - Sheehan, Higganbotham - Busby.

Our unit game of the 11th winners were: Busby - Knight, Habers, Reeder - Crunk, and Taylor - Kittinger.



San Diego Unit 539

POST HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, January 3, 2010

10:00 Brunch Buffet
a.m. (Eggs/sausage/bacon, sliced Ham, Turkey Breasts, etc.)

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a.m.

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