



What's New in District 22

Coronado

By Jean Seager

At the unit party last month, members enjoyed a delicious lunch at South Bay Fish and Grill followed by a bridge game. Thank you to Vicky Bamberger for her excellent work in making the arrangements for the luncheon. Winners at the game were Phil Akre and Al Schuster (Strat A), Jan and Lynne Erikson (Strat B) and Linda and John Dusharme (Strat C).

Jean and Bill Seager scored a 71% game at a club game in Coronado. They also had a 69.77% game and won two additional matches. Phil Akre had a stellar month; he won twice with partner Al Schuster, once with Dick Palmer, and once with Marguerite Cook.

Other winners in Coronado were Bill Kipperman and Florence Zahn, Jean Scripps and Wayne Lafferty, Marty Roth and Bill Kipperman, Ann Lehrer and Saul Morantz, and Carol Brager and Fred Nimtz. Welcome back to Cheryl Nielsen. Cheryl and partner Jim Andrews won twice this month.

At the Eastlake Bridge Club, winners included Carol Adair and Donna Rafenstein, Fred Nimtz and Betty Birmingham, Kathleen Hennessy and Sharon Gordon, and Hiroko Kitamura and Judi Bunch. Also victorious were Rose Vogt and Laurie Dodson, Tom Turner and Mike McGinity, John Dusharme and Elaine Chan, and Robert Shapley and Archa Glass, who tied with Hiroko Kitamura and Barbara Schafer.

Have fun at the nationals! And if you get a chance, try to experience bridge as a spectator sport for the top games. It's an opportunity to see the best in the world.

Dana Harbor

By Jennifer Porter

Halloween was *HUGE* at Dana Harbor, and the witching time was celebrated with much enthusiasm as members donned their various disguises and came out on two separate occasions to have a great time. At the first party, Dae and Ron Leckie led the pack of prizewinners with their original costume "Departed Spirits." At Saturday's event, orchestrated by Ginnie Blitzman, bridge seemed to play second fiddle to all the fun and games. By popular vote, Beverly Bain won 1st prize for her great portrayal of an aging Rockette. A big thank you goes to all the members who contributed their time and effort into making this Halloween so special.

October was not a great month for tournaments in Southern California. There were no regionals, and a dearth of nearby sectionals. However, this did not deter Mark Itabashi and Steven Love who ventured further afield and were the only club members to attend the Las Vegas Sectional at the end of September where they certainly made an impression.

Mark won six Open Pairs events - two of them in partnership with Steve - and he was the overall winner with 68.92 points. Steve came away with 26.45 points.

Congratulations to both of you.

At the Oceanside Sectional Mark Itabashi

and partner were 1st in two Open Pairs events, and Mark and Steve Love and their teammates were 1st in Swiss Teams. Mark was 1st overall with 27.57 points. Linda and John Jonas were also 1st in their strat of Open Pairs. In the 299er Pairs events, Eileen Garbutt, Mark Rehms, Gregory and Lisa Hanson were 1st in their strats. Finally, Marcia Holland and Tom Snooks were on a team that won the 299er KOs.

Once again it was off to Nevada to find a tournament, and at Laughlin, Mark Itabashi and Steve Love came away winning three open events and earning 27.02 total points each. In one of the events they had an impressive 72.60% game. Finally at the Riverside Sectional, Mark Itabashi and Ann Nixon were 1st in Open Pairs.

Our club seems to be attracting more outsiders, which is great for competition. The charity games which offer more masterpoints are certainly an enticement. At the October unit game, Paul Chung and Xiaoxue Walker were 1st in Open Pairs and Diana Black and Fran Blattner were 1st in their strat.

Welcome to our new members: Leah Anderson, Kathy Rocheleau, Diana Schmitz and transfers Betsy McGee, Gaynell Reyno and Teri Stockman. We look forward to seeing you at the club. New rankings this month are Junior Masters - Judith Brausch, Paula Campbell, Mary Henisey, Dianna Hoffman, Bonnie McRae and Mary Paine; Club Masters - B.J. Chammas, Mary Gene Courtney, Linda Gagnet, and Carolyn Sandore; Regional Masters - Alan Dirkin, James Haimes, Lisa Hanson and Bernice Lacher; NABC Masters - Meg Casasalpi, Sandra Leach, Marion Stark and Barbara Weise; Life Master: Jack Rippy.

Jacob Weisberg has prevailed again as the overall point winner in the open section for this month, edging out Susan Benon by less than 2 MPs. Mark Itabashi was third.

The top three 299ers were Dae Leckie, Judy Alvord and Jeff Rocklin.

Last week our club lost a very special member; Hadi Eissa. Table one will not seem the same without Hadi. He was a great competitor and we will miss his warm and friendly presence. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family.

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Party, December 12. There will be two sessions of bridge with lunch at Ferrantelli's Restaurant. For tickets and information, contact Susan Benon, Loli Henderson or Ann Cressman.

High Desert

By Steve Klein

From Joe Wilson in Victorville:

It has been a sad October for the High Desert bridge players. This month we lost Stan Pace and Mary Jo Alflen. They will both be dearly missed. It is at times like this that we realize how close the bridge community is and how we all rally around those who need us most. We can all look forward to better times and more bridge in the future.

The news from Big Bear isn't that great either, as our much-beloved Opal Millard is out of action with a respiratory problem. We hope to see her back at the table soon,

but it could be that life at 6700 feet is no longer an option.

The exodus of the snowbirds continues. Ron and Judy Saldino threw a great farewell party after our final October game, but now they're on their way to Arkansas for the winter. We won't see them until May.

The game on Wednesday, Dec. 9 will be Big Bear's annual Christmas Party at Nottingham's in Big Bear Lake. Anyone interested in joining us who needs more information, contact Chris Cook at:

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Congratulations to our unit game winners for October, Jerry Kinkade and Tom Gay. Winners of Victorville / Silver Lake club games this month were: Jerry Schroeder, Ruth Allison, Beth Hendrick, Virginia Cleminson, Fran Franklin, Gil Franklin, Stan Gabriel, Jerry Kinkade, Jim Fariss, Jack Rymer, Marianne Shores, Lil Halverson, David Johnson, Jack Belsher and Charlotte Philips.

Big Bear club winners were Eiko Miller (3 times), Arlene Elder (twice), Morton Fletcher (twice), Mary Ann and Warren Wotring (twice), Paula Smith, Steve Klein, R.T. Hawke, Betty and Chuck Mathison, Gerry Collier and Jack Swigart.

La Jolla/Beach

By Steve Johnson

By the time the *Contract Bridge Forum* rolls through the printing presses and arrives at our homes, it will be less than one week of the San Diego Fall Nationals. Think about it: world champion players everywhere, events to suit everyone's taste, platinum points (!) - everything a bridge player could ask for in a tournament. Volunteers are still needed for registration, Intermediate/Newcomer assistance, partnerships, and hospitality - a myriad of "jobs" to be done to ensure a successful national tournament. See or contact Alice Leicht if you have the inclination to donate your time to help out the hard-

working tournament staff and volunteers!

For those that did not "get the word," we apologize *after* the fact for no unit game on the 8th of November. The Coronado Unit holds their sectional the second week of November (the second Sunday is normally a La Jolla unit game) and the unit game for that week is normally cancelled in order for members to support and enjoy the sectional put on by Coronado.

Here is hoping that all had a chance to play in this wonderful sectional.

The unit congratulates three new Bronze Life Masters from last month. Elaine Chan, Paul Finger, and Marge Hughes all achieved this significant milestone for bridge achievement. Plus, Shirley Sandford is our newest Life Master. This is the rank we all strive for when we first start out playing.

And last (but not least) Mary Ann Scher has become our newest Regional Master.

Congratulations to all five of our members for their advancement in rankings!

The October 11 game was an NAP unit qualifier (although not necessary for this year, it was exciting anyway!), saw David Walters and David Oakley finish 1st overall, with Sam Jordan and Lena Jelusich 2nd overall in the A flight. In Flight B, Laura Chafee and Richard Stein partnered for 1st overall, with Marty and Leila Bloomberg coming in 2nd overall.

For Flight C, Hal Simon and Mafid Aalam were 1st overall with Jules and Dave Borak coming in 2nd place. Congratulations to the winners and all the qualifiers.

The 25th of October was our annual Halloween Party and Potluck. The unit provided the main courses and the members provided desserts and side dishes. Special events coordinator Janet Ansfield and a very long list of other contributors) outdid themselves with the food and hospitality. For those that were brave enough to wear a Halloween costume, prizes were awarded. Diana Marquardt (The Queen of Hearts) took 1st place in the contest, with George Soules and June and Otto Newman tied for 2nd place (The Celebrity Chef and Bridge

La Jolla & Beach January Sectional

Jan 8-10, 2010

SOLEDAD CLUB
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Friday Jan 8

10:00 AM: Bracketed Compact Knockouts (round 1)
BAM Swiss Teams 0-2000/2000+

3:00 PM: Bracketed Compact Knockouts (round 2)
Stratified Open Pairs 0-500/1500/1500+

Saturday Jan 9

10:00 AM: Stratified 299er Pairs 0-100/200/300 (single session)
Stratified Open Pairs 0-500/1500/1500+ (single session)
First Session of two-session Open Championship

3:00 PM: Stratified 299er Pairs 0-100/200/300 (single session)
Stratified Open Pairs 0-500/1500/1500+ (single session)
Second Session of two-session Open Championship

Note: You may play in both or either of the two sessions in the championship.

Sunday Jan 10

10:00 AM: Strati-flighted Swiss Teams
A/X 0-4000/4000+ BCD 0-500/1000/2000

*Complimentary Coffee, Snacks, and Small Buffet all Sessions
Lunch play through on Sunday*

Pair games: \$10/player/session. **Team games:** \$96/team
Results and integrated hand records posted online daily
Mid-chart conventions allowed only in Flight A/X Events
\$1.00 additional per session for non & unpaid ACBL members

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