

# What's New in District 22

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and Disciplined Partner respectively). In the bridge game, Jean Louis Astier and Pat Astier were 1st overall in Flights A, B, & C. Congratulations! 2nd overall in A were Billie Green and Mary Balin. Second overall in B (since the Astiers won everything else!) were Sally Ishihara and Manoochehr Bahmanian, and 2nd pn C saw Peggy and Douglas Magde take home the honors.

Good job, everyone!  
Once again I'm running long, so here is hoping that everyone attends the Fall North American Bridge Championships, has fun doing it, and maybe with a little luck takes home a first place or two.  
Until next month!

## Lompoc

By Don Kerr

We have a number of top winners this time. Joyce Gehlhaar won five times, followed by Jo Gowenlock with four wins and Kay Rowland with three. Dick Clark and Barbara Holt won twice, and single wins were achieved by Malcolm Anderson, Trudy Balin, Ada Bakalar, Margaret Courtney, Sarah Flinkingshelt, Barbara Gustitus, Sue Helmuth, Pat Hodges, Pearl Howerton, Don Kerr, Yvonne Mahoney, and Skook Porter.

## Palm Springs/Desert Cities

By Nancy Erickson

Congratulations to Audrey and John Currie, overall winners at the November unit game. Lois Violin and Barbara Hamman placed first N/S. Pearl Upton and Gerald Weinstein posted their first win playing E/W in the 299er game. Beth Eggers and Nancy Spelke placed first playing N/S. Mick Riccio directed with authority, ably assisted by Jane Patchett. Bill Dani, our unit game chair, did his usual terrific job, and Louise Rhea's pumpkin trifle was fabulous.

Members of the Unit 533 celebrated the life of Ray Duncan at a reception hosted by his lovely wife Jan. It provided all of us with an opportunity to share stories and reminisce about a man who truly epitomized what duplicate bridge in our valley is all about - competing with style, a strong commitment to perpetuating the game while building friendships to last a lifetime. Mark your calendar for our unit annual meeting, January 10, at the Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs, and the Palm Springs Sectional, February 19, 20 and 21, at the Pavilion, Palm Springs.

We welcome our new members to the Unit 533 family: Enid Herbstman, Markowitz, Michael McAuliffe, Roland Stufin and June Wang.

Congratulations to the following members who have earned Junior, Club, Sectional and Regional promotions: Susan Branson, Marilyn Friedman, Celene Howland, Jane Witous, Vicki Pein, Robin Zimmerman, Dorene Finocchiaro, Jane Foster, Joseph

Monahan, Guy Brackett, Firoza Cooper, Gary Delestine, Wallace Marsh, Charles McCune, Catherine Motley, Royanne Richert and Marcie Quilici.

Unit 533 salutes new Bronze Life Master Jean Chappell, Silver Life Masters William Dani and Laszlo Sandor, and Gold Life Master Jeanne Rynn.

Remember to check our web site [www.coachellavalleybridge.com](http://www.coachellavalleybridge.com) for all the latest news.

Our Holiday Party will be December 6 at the Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs. As 2009 comes to a close we wish our membership a healthy and slam-filled 2010.

## Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

Our two most recent widows, Esther Hart and Mary Carolyn Nielsen, indulged themselves with a bridge cruise to Hawaii and back. They enjoyed the bridge and the cuisine, and earned a few silver points.

Officer elections were held, and all of the incumbents were reelected. Charlene Stephens is the president, I am vice president, Darlene Pharr is secretary, Charley Wright is treasurer and Esther is membership chairman. Greg Vernon and I tallied a 75% in the unit game. We were followed by Dave Speer and Craig Stump, then Yasuko Mullen and Jody Skaggs.

We had club appreciation games in each club. Greg and I won on Friday afternoon, followed by Dave and Craig. Charlene and Yasuko won on Monday afternoon, followed by Greg and I. In the TGIF club masterpoint race, Craig led the way followed by Greg, Jody, Yasuko, myself, Margaret O'Neill, Charlene, Dave Flatman, Mary Stokes, and Charley.

Thanks to Dave Flatman for filling in for me directing while I took a little vacation.

In the Wednesday COM Bridge Club, we had a special charity game to support the American Cancer Society in their local cancer awareness activities. Greg and I won this game, followed by Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth. The Bornfleths also won the club appreciation game.

## Saddleback

By Bob Destino

We're delighted to say "Welcome" to four brand new ACBL members: Jette Anderson, Jane Burke, Lillian Holtz and Frances Stockman. All four ladies are Laguna Woods residents, who have been enjoying the full schedule of games and lessons available there.

We are also pleased to congratulate several unit members who have moved up a rung on the Master ladder: Junior Masters Louise Carlstrand, George Keeling and Joan Santora, Club Master Kuniyo Hiraguchi, Sectional Master Alice Forbes, Regional Master Susan Bristol, NABC Masters Sandra Livingston and Yin Xia, Bronze Life Master Evelyn Hall and Gold Life Master Steve Clements.

One way to move up the Master ladder

more quickly is to play in our monthly unit game. For example, October's overall unit game winners Lou Applequist and Pat Elms earned 6.23 masterpoints that day. Other first place finishers at the October game included Fran Schwartz and Sandy Cropper, Ellie Pich and Shirley Wallace, Judy Elbogen and Xiaoxue Walker, George Pillai and Amin Eman and Alice Forbes and Jeanne Delano. The last four above won in the new 299er section now being held at the unit games.

If you have fewer than 300 masterpoints, come to our December 13 unit game and try this section; it's very user-friendly!

This game is also our annual Christmas party. We're going to have a great catered lunch beginning at 11:30, followed by a multi-section stratified game with predealt hands. Unit members pay \$12.00 per person; guests pay \$15.00. Since seating is limited, you need to purchase tickets in advance by contacting Ralph Pagter (588-5844) or Eleanor Scott (770-6897).

Here are some dates to circle on your 2010 calendar: February 13-14 - Saddleback Sectional at Laguna Woods Clubhouse #7; March 14 - special unit game with guest speaker Eddie Kantar.

You won't want to miss either of these outstanding events. Information on both will be available at our unit game.

## San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

October wasn't a scary month for Unit 539 - attendance held steady and there was a great NLM tournament. Results of first Sunday 599er game: Harold Simon - Majid Aalom, #1; Martin Gilbert - Ed Weaver, #2; Joy Moretti - Thomas Burgeson, #3. The Open Pairs event was won by Alana Shapley - Gerard Schimmel; #2, Elaine Chan - Michael Mezin; and #3, Mary and Ron Huffaker.

Third Sunday open strat winners were Maritha Pottenger - Anita Burgis; #2, Hanan Deeby - Bernard Figueiredo; #3, Joan and Ken Maden.

The NLM tourney was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of the Madens (and many others). Friday morning pairs winners were Maria Uhry - Louise Warner; #2, Harold and Sharon Eshelman; #3, Virginia Wofford - Thomas Cooke. Swiss Teams, C strat, was won by Francis Radford - David Neal - Gayle and Jerome Kulsy (also 1st in B, 3rd in A); 2nd place went to Martha Walker - Judy Bunch - Andree Bayliss - Phyllis Roddy (also 2nd in B).

A strat was won by Mark Austerlitz - Lawrence Sherman - Dean Altschuler - Virginia Wofford; 2nd went to Ken and Joan Maden - Lee Johnson - Layne Onufer. Congratulations!

Saturday morning NLM Pairs winners were Kim Lazarus - Liane Brennar; #2, Betty Lepore - Patricia Smith-Dabbar, and #3, Hugh and Meredith Larson. Stratified Pairs winners were Kathleen Hennessey - Sharon Gordon; #2, Violet Breckenridge - Lawrence Sherman; and #3, Raghur Mathur - Arthur Barsell.

Afternoon strat winners were Mo Anvari - Ronald Williams; #2, Mahin Zahrimia - Karen Dempsey; and #3, Marianne Kuzma - Mary Ann Houston. The closeout Sunday session was won by Kim Lazarus - Liane Brennar; #2, Rebecca Higgins - Jane Good; and #3, Virginia Wofford - Mary Scott Knoll.

NAP Nightmare! Actually something pretty scary did happen this month. Two weeks before our scheduled NAP qualifier game, we accidentally discovered (no, we were not "informed") that units no longer would provide NAP qualifier games, only clubs. Thus, the \$\$\$ postcards we sent out, advertising fees, and yes, perhaps your time, was to no avail. We did offer red points and charged our regular fee for this "non-qualifier NAP" event. Sorry!

Christmas is coming! Our annual "Christmas" party has been moved to January 3, a Holiday Party, due to the Nationals in San Diego. Check our Bulletin Board at AIB starting now and see if you have qualified for a free play and lunch. Twelve 539 games equals free! Note: The Handlery, our usual place, is closed for remodeling, so we are scheduled for Crowne Plaza Hotel (oldtimers will remember it as the Hanalei). Reservation forms are available at the front desk at AIB (with a deposit box) or mail them to the P.O. Box on the form.

Reminder: there will be no unit game November 29 (fifth Sunday) or December 6, with the Nationals in town.

Milestones: Junior Masters: Sharon Kambestad, Richard Keplinger. Club Master: Dawn Tomlinson. Sectional Masters: Gerry Blowey, Gayle Klusky. Regional Masters: Patrick Curci, Doris Philamalee, Lynne Schaffer. NABC Master: Bill Christian, Karen Dempsey, Linda Gu, Stephen Rattner. Life Masters: Shay Andrews, Nancy Kingman, Ellen Steadman.

## San Diego North Coastal

By Rosie Zakarian

Iris is getting some well-deserved "R & R," so in filling in for her, I'd like to thank Marie and Louise for feeding us on the unit game! Our hospitality chairperson - Wootsie Stockson - is in the hospital, and everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

The nominations for next year's board were announced, and voting will be in December. We spent a few minutes remembering the life of one of our members who recently passed away. Dick Fisher had been a regular player at the old Vista club, and more recently played in Oceanside.

Unit game winners were: Cleland Nelson - Fran White, Barry and Emily Berkov, Mac Busby - Debra Cameron, Jo Smith - Toshi Yasutake, Witold Modlinski, Dan Howard and Linda Iredale.

Fallbrook, Fran White

Lots of masterpoints were won at the Friendly Village Bridge Club this month. Cari Reuter led the way with 6.06. Close behind were Rima Sharron with 5.07 and John Sharron with 4.75. Lucy Lockwood earned 4.72 and Caryn Villalon 4.71.

Charlie Hurd was the leader in Flight B with 2.83, followed by Joan McVeigh 2.81, Audrey Dagne 2.40 and Judy Hannaford 2.33. With the holidays approaching, watch for parties and club championships at our club in Fallbrook, known for its great hospitality.

Fallbrook, Debra Cameron

I just want to thank all the players for being their wonderful selves and keeping Fallbrook strong. It has been a great year, and wonderful to see the group grow! Our new regulars dropping in from Temecula, Murrieta, Pauma Valley and afar are welcome additions. Our Holiday Party will be Monday, Dec. 23. I hope you will join us. We will do it up right, we always do! Happy Holidays! Our winners this month were: Cari Reuter, Caryn Villalon, Fran Ackema, Dave Horwitz, Sheila Reilly, Barbara Anderson, Deyoung Vasse, Walter Zorich and Marilyn Rumsey.

Oceanside Monday, Ida Burcham

We held two charity games and one club appreciation game this month. Walter Malen and Ruth Willner topped the list of our one regular game. Giulio Ghiron and Bernie Slavin won the first charity game and took home five full points. Hanan Deeby and Bernard Figueiredo won our club appreciation game, and got 4.83. Ray Boehne and Carol Mathews won our second charity game and got 4.17. All total we gave out 184 points. That's a lot of bridge.

Oceanside Tuesday, Ida Burcham

We had a traffic jam for the players who won the most points in our regular games this month. Jane Felder is all by herself at the very tip top with 2.55 points, but then there are four players tied for the next four places. I'll just cut it short by saying that the competition at both of the Oceanside games is very rugged. We did have a club appreciation game this month, and what do you know? There is Dennis Cleary and one of his favorite partners, Jane Felder, sitting at the first overall place.

We gave out 108 points this month.

Oceanside East, Thursday and Friday Carol and Darrel Diwell

It was a very successful month for our club as we gave in excess of 135 masterpoints. Thursdays started out with two tables and in four weeks we climbed to 5+ tables. On Fridays we are seeing 6-7 tables with no sit outs. As every game is a charity game, black points are sectional rated with the winner receiving over 2.50 points. This is based on 5-7 tables. The more tables the greater the masterpoint awards. Every game is only \$4.00/person with \$1.00/person going to charity. So please support our games and help local charities as well. October winners were: Paul Svarcas with over seven points, Ted Applegate with 6.50

## San Diego

**Unit 539**

Schedule for Dec 2009-Feb 2010

DATE	EVENT
Dec 6	NO UNIT GAME BECAUSE OF NATIONALS
Dec 20	Unit Game**
Jan 3	New Year's Holiday Party
See flyer in this issue or at the club	
Jan 17	Charity Unit Game** (ACBL Ed. Fdn.)
Feb 7	Unit Game**
Feb 14	Unit Game Pairs;** GNT Qualifier Teams

Please note: Unit 539 Holiday Party will be Jan 3, 2010

If you have played in 12 Unit Games, you may attend FREE

\*\*Separate 0-599 section planned for each unit game

JOIN US!

(all games played at AIB)

Unit Awards Presented at 1st Unit Game of each month

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