



What's New in District 22

and Beverly Hale with six points.

Check out Unit 531 web site, click on Oceanside East and there are your winners for the month of October.

Remember, you can't find someone as perfect as yourself. Love your partner.

Encinitas Thursday Paul Landrum

We had five games this month and racked up a total of 90 tables. The top players were all Life Masters in our regular games. Wayne Holm and his regular partner, Gene Katz, were high point winners with a total of 3.94. Then there is Al Feldman in second place with a total of 3.24, and Jane Felder came in third with a total of 2.92. Jewell Cole and Gloria Howell won the club appreciation game and took home 3.60 points. Check the 70% games for our really big winners!

Cardiff Monday Harvey Goldstein

The biggest game we had last month was the club appreciation game; we had 18 winners topped by Charlie Gilman and Wayne Holm, who had a 68% game and garnered a first overall with a masterpoint award of close to five points. Other big winners for the game included the pairs of Wootsie and Mary Stetson, Bob LaForest - Bill Eblen, Sandy and Leon Parish, Kay Wilkey - Jan Dunford, Karen Kessler - Linda Hirshberg, Jeanette Proctor - Dave Kimball, Irene Howard - Richard Plattner and Diana Haynes - Kathy Balog. Our other games during the month saw first place finishes for Karen Perling and Connie Unger, John and Millie Carr, Sully and Barbara Farfel, Helen and Bill Watts, Gene Katz. Some repeat winners during the month were Kathy Balog and Diana Haynes.

Each of our games had a minimum of 19 tables with several topping 21.

There was a good time had by all. If the bridge was a bit tough, the food wasn't ... and the lessons were just as tasty.

Solana Beach Esplanade Bridge Club Donna Wood

During October the Esplanade Bridge Club was able to award over 550 total masterpoints (including little bits of gold) because of the Club Appreciation pairs and team games that were held! Thanks to all who participated.

The monthly Saturday evening team games are lots of fun - don't miss the next one! We'll feed you and provide a pleasant atmosphere for lots of enjoyable bridge. Please visit our unit web site for the dates and times of scheduled games.

Solana Beach Bridge by the Sea Donna Wood

During October we held two invitational games. Leading winners were Liz Nixon, Ethel Warner, Joan Kroener, Mary Fenton, Claire and Mel Green, Ruth Aronsohn, Glossy Cohen, Philippe Lamoise and DiAnne Sullivan. Games are the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the Esplanade Bridge Club. Reminder - if you wish to play at this game, you either need to be a member or have a member sponsor you.

Please e-mail Lee Erickson at lericks@roadrunner.com if you need a sponsor. Check the web site to be certain of dates.

Unit 531 welcomes new members Rita Pearlman, Ken and Roberta Creed, Joann Dilling, Betty Ann McGeehan, Brad McMurrey and welcome back to Doreen and Bob Scolnick! And we congratulate members who have moved up the masterpoint ladder this month: Junior Masters Chrissy and Bob Fried and Sue Greer, Club Master Paula Alexander, Sectional Masters Bernard Goott and Toshi Yasutake, Regional Masters Jon Lelevier and Afick Sharar, Life Masters Jeanette Bentley and Marilyn Kalabsa and Silver Life Masters Darrell Diwell and Greg Stander.

Remember, our Holiday Party Potluck unit game is Dec. 6. Hope you will join us.

San Diego North County Inland

By Liz Nixon

December 26 will be Unit 549's annual Holiday Party. The location is Meadowlark Community Church, 1918 Redwing St., San Marcos 92078. Food and beverage will be served prior to the game. Lunch at noon, game starts at 12:30 p.m. Advance reservations required. Go to www.sbridge.com to hold your spot.

Mark the Date! Unit 549's Winter Sectional is just around the corner. The dates are January 29-31. Again it will be held at First Presbyterian Church, North El

Camino Real, Oceanside. See our ad in the *Forum* or go to www.sbridge.com for details and to download a flyer or pick-up the flyer in your local club.

Audrey Grant, expert bridge teacher and lecturer is coming to Unit 549 again in 2010! Mark the dates, Feb. 10 and 11. Audrey will be doing two one day workshops.

The workshop focus will be "What you need to know about Major Suit Raises." The location will again be at Meadowlark Community Church, 1918 Redwing St., San Marcos 92078.

For a preliminary reservation you can e-mail Liz Nixon at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net to get your name on the list.

Congratulations to Lee Hofacre and Chuck Donaldson for their 70.14% game on Oct. 26 and Edith Whaley and Carol Jones for their 73.33% game at NCBC on Oct. 28. At BobMar, Ted & Joja Applegate had a 70.13% game on Oct. 4. If you had a 70% game in October, please let the editor, Liz Nixon, know. You can reach her by e-mail at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net

See the October *Forum* front page article regarding the "10 Commandments for Reporting 70% Games." Make sure your 70% game fits the criteria.

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in October are Junior Masters - Dr. John Connolly and Ruth Ensworth. New Club Masters are Angela Jaracie, Cal Gabriel, Marjorie Sinel, and Katherine Wilkey. New Sectional Master is Thomas Story, and new Regional Masters are Roberta Cohen and Ron and Nancy Perkins.

And a BIG congratulations to new Silver Life Master Neil Bennett. Congratulations to all and keep on truckin'!

New members welcomed to Unit 549 are Gwen McFarlane, Wendy McWethy, Dr. James Oster, Blue Massei and Edgwin Simpson. Welcome back to Bobbie Cohen, Janice Wells and Beverly Wilson.

We are sad to learn of the passing of Laura King's husband, Joe Dennison, on Sunday, September 20. Laura has been a long time Unit 549 member and past board member, and Gary Beed's partner for 12 years. Laura has been very busy making all the arrangements, but she can be contacted at: lsking@san.rr.com

Joe loved the Boy Scout program, so anyone who would like to make a donation in Joe's honor should contact San Diego - Imperial Council, Boy Scouts of America, Attn: Walter Mueller, Development Director, 1207 Upas Street, San Diego CA 92103. Gifts are put into an endowment fund to support local Boy Scouting in perpetuity. Please include "JE West - Joe Dennison" on the memo of your check. In the interim, if anyone is asking, Joe was an Eagle Scout, and a celebration of Joe's life will be held at Laura's home in Rancho Bernardo on Sunday, January 10.

Unit 549 held the NAP unit qualifier game on Oct. 10. Wow! What a great turnout. The following top overall qualifiers were Milton Spinner and Fred Parker, Liz Nixon and Ethel Warner, Scott Nelson and Marina Fomenkova, Ahmed Sorathia and Mariko Kakimoto, Kent Hartman and Bettie Hilding, Ed Kunkel and Richard Walloch, Steve Rattner and John Evans, and Andrew and Patricia Loh. Other section qualifiers were Kay Haralson and Dot Swanger, Jan Fischer and Diane Palmer, Howard Katz, Ken Vavra and Kris Subbarao, Norm Schwartz and Cal Gabriel, Tom Nolan and Tim Flaherty, and Bunny Schmidt and Pete Watt. See you in Palm Springs!

Overall winners in Strat A at the October 24 unit game were Kay Haralson and Magdalene Krish, followed by Tom Nolan and Nikki Gilbert, Tim Flaherty and Gail Whiteley, Jean Jantz and Doris Cashman, Bunny Schmidt and Pete Watt, and Jackie Sollner and Betsy Illes. In the 299er section the big winners were Ron and Nancy Perkins, followed by Pam and Lowell Klosky, Betty Brekke and Amy Harkins, Edith Whaley and Ayoub Jaracie, and Linda Iredale and Dan Howard.

Congrats to all! See you on November 21 and December 26.

Go to www.sbridge.com for unit events.

North County Bridge Center announces 2010 Bridge Cruise to support the Elizabeth Hospice. Get ready for more action on the high seas with Alan and Debbie Gailfus, Lee Hofacre and the North County Bridge Gang as we set sail for Alaska. Date is Sept. 19-30, 2010 onboard Holland America's Statendam. We fly to Vancou-

ver, B.C. and cruise the Inside Passage to Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, Vancouver, Victoria, and down the coast to San Diego. Pick-up a flyer at NCBC or any club around town.

For more information and reservations call Liz Nixon at 760 510-8291.

Want to play free at NCBC? Play in the Mentor-Mentee game! NCBC is looking for more Mentors for this game on Wednesday mornings. The advantages to the Mentee are a half hour lesson before the game to go over some of the hands and an e-mail service to review some of the hands played each week. The Mentor pays to play in the Mentor-Mentee game, then gets a free play for any day of his or her choosing. The Mentee pays to play and until the first of the year will receive a free play for any Tuesday morning or Monday afternoon 299er game. Call Lee if you are interested.

Ken Vavra is teaching a Wednesday morning class from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The class is averaging 6-7 tables. Ken is one of the best teachers in San Diego.

Don't miss the chance to learn from Ken.

Calling all 199ers! NCBC is running a Friday morning game with 7-9 tables. Once every two months the games will be a Barometer or a Perfect Swiss game.

Join the fun and there will be awards for the winners.

Players of the Month at North County Bridge Center are Open - Tim Flaherty, Under 1500 Tom Nolan, Under 750 - Bill Sperry, Under 300 - Doris Cubeisy, Under 100 - Jean Louise Astier, and Future Master - Dorothea Williams.

Call NCBC for more information at 760 747-6092 or go to www.sbridge.com to see the complete calendar of games and classes at NCBC.

Lake San Marcos DBC: Bridge teacher Jean Holt is starting a new set of classes, Nov. 9, for advancing beginner and intermediate bridge players. The class will be Bridge Basics 2, Competitive Bidding (Preemptive Bids, Takeout Doubles, Overcalls). Beginning Monday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. for five weeks. Cost \$35.00 including text. Location is the Grandon Senior Center, 1604 Grandon Ave., San Marcos. Call Jean to register at 734-4518.

The LSMDBC's charity games supported in October were Casa de Amparo, Father Joe's Village and San Marcos Senior Center. Top five MP winners for October were Jean Holt, Nina Laughbaum, Kay Haralson, Hanan Deeby, Ken Nelson, and Rima Sharron. Way to go Top Five!

Schedule change announcement! LSMDBC is now having a potluck once a month on Friday nights. There will not be a weekly Friday night game, Call Jean or Nina for the Potluck Date. Don't miss the chance for good Food, good bridge and good comradery! E-mail Jean Holt, director, if you want to join the fun. E-mail: wrbkwrw@pacbell.net or call Jean or Nina.

The Lake San Marcos DBC hosts Open games on Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., and once a month Potluck on Friday night at 6:30 p.m., (note schedule change)

For Information call Jean at 760 734-4518 or Nina at 760 736-9386

BobMar Bridge Center at Grandon reports the October 4 winners were Ted and Joja Applegate, followed by Charles and Barbara Coffey and Beverly Latham and Josephine Smith. On Oct. 18 the winners were Rima and John Sharron, followed by Marcia Handelman and Herb Schaeffer. If you are interested in playing, Call Marcia Handelman at 760 918-2424 to sign up. Games are every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Get all of the latest Unit 549 news at www.sbridge.com including the Unit 549 Calendar of Events, Unit Newsletter and game results.

Santa Barbara

By Judy Piper

We mourn the passing of long-time member Virginia Birk, who died this month at the age of 102. Our thoughts also go out to Laura Kuhn, who lost her husband Bob this month; we hope to see Laura back at the bridge table soon.

Some bridge milestones have been reached in the past few months that were not previously recognized in the *Forum*: Margaret Wahlborg - Silver Life Master;

Beverly Iles - Silver Life Master, David Lynch - Bronze Life Master, and Mickey Platt - Bronze Life Master.

This summer at the North American Bridge Championships Bob Hollman's team was 6th out of 185 Open Swiss Teams. Congratulations, Bob!

We had some winners at the Thousand Oaks Tournament: Cherif Khoury, Brian Berglund, Molly Love, Virginia Trautwein, Nancy Trotter, Jim and Judy Edmonson, Debbie Steffen, Paul Mershon, and Jim Malone all came home winners. On Sunday Mark Bartusek's Swiss team won 1st overall. The team of Candace Dauphinot, Debbie Bolduc, Margaret Wahlborg and Norma Jean Shaw came in 1st in C and 2nd in B.

A new slate of officers has been posted: John Chere, Nancy Hofbauer, Bronwen Jones, Barbara Olson, and George Sturman have graciously consented to serve on the board of our unit. Make it a point of coming to the annual meeting on Sunday, December 13 to vote these great nominees on to the board, share in the Christmas Party and *play bridge*.

This is a potluck so be thinking about your favorite recipe to share with others.

Unfortunately the deadline for the *Forum* is the 5th of the month, so Santa Barbara Sectional winners will be recognized in next month's article along with the results of the Unit Shirk tournament.

Santa Maria

By Joe Cohan

Second warning to get your partner for the Christmas Party on Dec. 15 at Merrill Gardens. Dinner at 4:30, game at 6:30.

I'm curious about other clubs relevant to score-keeping. We have quite a few people (including me) who make and have made a lot of work for our director because of recording inaccurate scores, inverting scores or scoring the wrong line. Very few players check every board ... especially when comments, suggestions and blame are more important. This may sound very hard hearted, but how about giving everybody at the table an average minus, or would that make even more trouble for the director (at least, initially) or scare people away?

Anyway, October's winners beginning with a 74.07% game by Barbara Basila and her brother, Tom Beswick. Wow! Barbara also had a total of (3) wins along Dave Hickey, CarolAnne Edie and Bonnie Hales. (2) wins were accomplished by Bill Allen and Margaret Arbogast. (1) win by a host of others: Pauline and Cecil Ward, Al Goldwyn, Robert and Jean Faust, Mary Goodspeed, Me, Dianne Bouquet, Dianna Jackson, Vi Dallessandro, Judy English, Pat Hodges, Sue Barrett, Betty Erickson, William Torpey, Gerit Genenga, John Arbogast, Richard Ristine, Jerry Riezebos and Kay Rowland.

High Cs: Peggy Johnson, Malcolm Anderson, James Petrella, Barbara Lohman, Peggy Johnson and again, William Torpey and Gerit Fenenga.

Good luck and good health for the rest of your lives.

Southern Gold Coast

By Sue Munday

In October, the unit hosted an awesome Pro-Am Pizza Party. With tremendous grace and humor, director Diane Gunther managed 15 tables of randomly paired players; it was the first time some of the novices had ever sat down at a duplicate table. There was a whole lot of learning to be had there that night - not just by the exuberant ams.

Organizers of the event have asked me to extend special thanks to the "Pros" who attended. Personally, I am more of a mind to thank and congratulate the "Ams"; keep coming back and in no time at all, you'll find yourself on the other side of the table introducing yet another wide-eyed enthusiast to this captivating game. While everyone who attended was a winner, the recap sheet remembers it this way: 1st - Robert Livingstone and Jim Munday; 2nd - Nancy Hoffberg and Jeffrey Millman; 3rd - Bob

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