

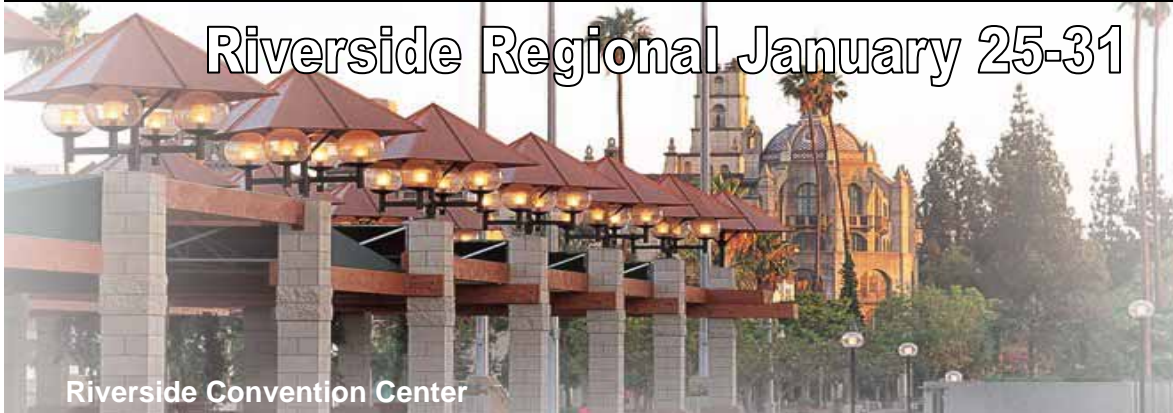
# CONTRACT BRIDGE

## Forum



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### Riverside Regional January 25-31



Riverside Convention Center

Information about D22's first 2010 regional, to be held January 25-31 at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange Street, Riverside, Calif is located inside. Host hotel for the tournament will again be the beautiful Mission Inn, a certified

historical landmark with old history and modern amenities.

This tournament features games that will appeal to both the multi-day visitor as well as the single day commuter, including a wide variety of compact Knockouts. The venue is readily accessible

from throughout Southern California, for those unable to stay at the historic inn for only \$105 per night. There will be special I/N prizes, daily winner pictures, and other perks; check the information on our web site at [TheRiverside-Regional.com](http://TheRiverside-Regional.com)

### Huffaker brothers win Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs

Ron Huffaker, a District 22 player from Alpine, Calif., won the NABC Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs, playing with his brother Harold from District 21. This two-day event is restricted to players with fewer than 5000 masterpoints.

The brothers qualified with two comfortable sessions, standing ninth after the first day. Their two sessions in the finals were also comfortable, as they moved up to



Harold &amp; Ron Huffaker

seventh with a 56.30% game in the first final session, and then

scored 59.02% in the evening to edge the runners-up by 14.36 matchpoints on a top of 90.

Ron and Harold first began playing together in 1960, but Harold took three decades off from serious play to work as a physician specializing in internal medicine for Kaiser. Says Ron: "That's why our game is strictly Standard American from 40 years ago, and we only play together about six times a year."

### Eddie Kantar wins a Flight A Swiss match with three novices



FLIGHT A SWISS TEAMS AT THE SAN DIEGO NABC  
Bob Fried - Chrissy Fried - Eddie Kantar - Robin Rodger

### District 22 70% Club

80.71%	Marjolina Tourangeau - Barry Schechtman, San Diego, Nov. 3
78.00%	Marian Sullivan - Christine Hoagland, Holland America, Oct. 12
77.79%	Jan and Bob Hartwig, San Diego, Nov. 2
77.52%	Jeff Porter - Jerry Meek, Palm Springs, Nov. 10
76.45%	Michael Crawford - Roger Doughman, San Diego, Nov. 2
76.18%	Milo Shapiro - Robert Gunmlaughsson, San Diego, Nov. 16
76.10%	Ellie Levenson-Hood - Tom Te Maat, Pleasant Valley B.C., Dec. 8
76.00%	Jack Wolff - Doris Dunn, San Luis Obispo 1999, Nov. 23
75.38%	Jim Darvey - Neil Stern, Cathedral City, Nov. 22
75.25%	Trisha Lane - Gerard Allier, Eastlake BC, Nov. 18
75.23%	Rosalyn Foster - Mac Allen Culver, Palm Desert, Nov. 23
75.00%	Robert Shapley - Lois Richards, Eastlake BC, Nov. 4
74.07%	Bernard Figueiredo - Hanan Deeb, North County B.C., Nov. 26
74.07%	Frank and Lois Short, Bakersfield, Nov. 24
74.00%	Susie Anson - Kay Childs, Esplanade Bridge Center, Nov. 20
73.96%	Mark Itabashi - Ann Nixon, Laguna Woods, Nov. 2
73.61%	Donna Wood - John Oden, Esplanade Bridge Center, Dec. 4
73.26%	Margo Kugies - John McCright, Redwood Bridge Club, Oct. 29
73.10%	Loretta Huckabone - Clive Henwood, San Diego, Nov. 2
72.92%	Chris Bunz - Judy Clemenson, Bridge Academy II, Nov. 7
72.92%	Fred Dyle - Lee Johnson, At the Bridge Club, Nov. 16
72.40%	Wayne Holm - Gene Katz, Encinitas, Nov. 5
72.35%	David and Joan Slagle, Scripps Ranch DBC, Nov. 16
72.22%	Kathleen Malovos - Robert Settje, St. Peter's DBC, Nov. 24
72.18%	Bob Bradish - Peter Klopp, Pleasant Valley Bridge Club, Nov. 13
71.99%	Howard and Charlotte Zuckerman, Encinitas, Dec. 3
71.76%	Dianne Bouquet - Joe Cohan, Santa Maria, Nov. 3
71.63%	Mark Peters - Ron Stewart, Bridge Academy II, Nov. 12
71.30%	Anna and Bill Moore, Palm Desert, Nov. 30
71.22%	Andrew Loh - Jack Forrest, San Diego, Nov. 11
71.15%	Bob Bradish - Ken Ellenberger, Pleasant Valley B.C., Dec. 1
70.96%	Marty Hinds - Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield, Nov. 18
70.88%	Jim Darvey - John Currie, Cathedral City, Nov. 19
70.85%	Dawn Tomlinson - Virginia Hall, San Diego, Nov. 9
70.83%	Kay Flanary - Doris McCarty, Yucca Valley, Nov. 21
70.71%	Sue and Jim Munday, Bridge Academy II, Nov. 21
70.47%	Lena Jelusich - Steve Gugick, San Diego, Nov. 9
70.45%	Don Cleveland - Terry Maloy, Harvey's Bridge, Nov. 16
70.45%	Catherine Marco - Gloria Byrne, Laguna Woods, Nov. 30
70.37%	Berny Gertz - Andrea Rachlin, Cathedral City, Nov. 27
70.23%	Dayou Zhou - Ron Fertig, San Diego, Nov. 7
70.14%	Jon and Gail Greene, Redwood Bridge Club, Nov. 5
70.09%	Wafik Abdou - Marty Hinds, Bakersfield, Nov. 2

### Forum Deadlines

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

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### District Direction

By Ken Monzingo  
National Board Representative

Of all the wonderful things that happened at the just-finished Fall North American Bridge Championships and board meetings in San Diego, memorable moments to me were the awards and contributions of four men. First off, the ACBL has made a great choice in naming Warren Buffet and Bill Gates jointly as the 2010 Honorary Members of the year.

Who else has done more to promote our image nationally?

Second, our own Chris Larsen of Costa Mesa was chosen Goodwill Member of the Year. I was honored to be the one to present this great man to the committee. Chris, as always, was thankful and humble.

And last, Eddie Kantar agreed to play a session (three matches) of Flight A Swiss Teams with three novices from the tournament's I/N program; one match with each, as the other two played as their teammates. These I/Ns - Robin Rodger and Chrissy & Bob Fried - were selected by lot and were nervous, but thrilled.

Better yet, after getting blitzed the first match as expected, the team actually won their second round by nine IMPs! These three hardly even knew what a Swiss Teams event was, but won 0.40 MPs in a Flight A event at a national tournament. Eddie autographed his books for them ("they were such nice people" - Eddie) and posed for pictures; a memorable event for everyone - including me.

### ACBL Board Meetings

Sally Pelmar, Mission Viejo, brought to my mind that a beginner game had a requirement of ten boards to be played to award masterpoints. Timewise, this is undoable following a morning class and preceding an afternoon open game. I filed a motion to reduce the requirements to six boards and it carried unanimously, 25-0 - without discussion!

On other motions presented -

I voted for ...

- The "Mini-Spingolds" to be converted into a Bracketed KO of 32 team brackets playing full day matches. *Motion failed.*
- At sponsor option, in club games or tournaments, the allowable number of strats in a stratified event be increased from three to five, and that the allowable number of flights in a flighted event be increased from three to four (or five). *Motion failed.*
- The restriction "No more than 1/3 of the masterpoints that are needed to establish ACBL status level can be from online play" is removed. *Motion failed.*
- Add a Flight A to the North American Pairs event with a masterpoint range of 0-5000. Change the name of the flight for players over 5000 masterpoints to Championship Flight. *Motion failed.*
- Effective with the 2011-2012 North American Pairs, Flight B will be raised to 0-2500 masterpoints. *Motion failed.*

I voted against ...

- Membership dues are increased from \$35 to \$37. Life Master service charges \$32 to \$34. Household membership dues are increased from \$64 to \$68. Junior membership dues are increased \$14 to \$15. New member membership dues are increased \$26 to \$28. *Motion passed.*
- Tournament Director session fees increased by 8%. *Motion passed.*
- And I was the only dissenting vote to raise remuneration to "volunteers" who serve on national appeals committees. How can you raise the "wages" of "volunteers"? *Motion passed 24-1.*
- The rest of the time I was mostly on the prevailing end of votes. For viewing of all the motions, voting and actions at the Fall Board Meetings go to [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org)

### The San Diego NABC

The national was a booming success - 12,927 tables in play making it maybe a top 10 largest Fall NABC, and breaking a previous San Diego Fall NABC record. The players were thrilled with Peter Rank's "My Fair (Little Old) Lady" production that was performed the first five days of the NABC, written up in the *New York Times* bridge column as the "real star of the tournament."

The packed house Thanksgiving Day Fiesta was much more than any of us had anticipated. A beautiful presentation of wedding dances by Tijuana's Ballet Folklorico, backed up by Mariachis del Mar and a dynamic vocalist (age 12!) singing Mexican heritage songs and a *cap-pella* in four languages. Plus a wonderful dinner.

Of Rose Meltzer's famous "Breakfast with the Stars" Peggy Kaplan wrote: "With proceeds going to Junior Bridge, the breakfast creates as much good as it does fun and excitement. Thank you, Rose, along with all your stars burning so bright." -Peggy Kaplan

The CEO of the league, Jay Baum, mused that the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel was probably the finest venue ever for a NABC. I would not dispute that; the place is phenomenal.

My special thanks go to my devoted chairmen, Bonnie Bagley, Fran Foresta, Toshi Yingst, Chris Champion, Wendy Turk, Matthew Mallory, Al Schuster, Audrey Wicks, Ann Cressman, Alice Leicht, Marvin French, Linda Trent, Jody Pedri, Hans Giroux, Letha Couch, Billie Greene, Debbie Gailfus, Alan Gailfus, Ana Lilia Cortes, Laura Loring and Suzanne Lebendig. Plus Leticia and Sergio of my staff; all the willing volunteers who helped. Well done gang, take a bow!