



# What's New in District 22

## Anaheim

By Marlys Haraden

**H**oliday Greetings to all our members and supporters; may you have a safe and joyous holiday season! It is a time for family, parties and gatherings. Hope we see all of you at the Holiday Party!

I just returned from 7 days at the National Tournament. It was amazing, with people from everywhere, and much fun and excitement. I made many new friends and saw many old friends. A couple of newer players, Jane and Andy Dadant, appeared to do very well. Congratulations to Wei Pei, who reached Gold Life Master and won 4 Knockouts, an outstanding job! Not to short anyone, my sincere congratulations to all the winners, Harry and Mark Sachs, Ron Lien, Subba Ravipudi and so many more.

Computer glitches made it impossible to report the winners of the unit game this past month: So sorry! To my horror, the Swiss Teams results have also disappeared, and I know I posted them, since my team was first place winners.

So you think you are the best player in Orange County? Here is your opportunity to prove it; beginning Friday, January 15 at 7:15 p.m., with dinner at 6:30. I have spoken to many of you but will be in touch to solidify this field.

This is a pairs game, looking for a minimum of 10 tables, with the requirement that one of the players must have at least 2,000 points, "A" players exclusively!

Overall winner will be awarded a prize of \$100.00 cash to share with partner.

A mentoring program will begin in January through May 30, 2010. You must play 6 times by the last date. Once this program is completed - awards will be given and there will be a special game with extra points, with a catered luncheon.

Special rules apply, so please pick up the flyer at the club.

Tuesday morning features a 199 lesson at 11:30, followed by game at noon. This fun

event has a great teacher, Michael Ventri. Wednesday features three games: one at 11:00 a.m., the second at 4:30 p.m., and an evening game at 7:00. Dinner is served at 6:30 to accommodate the two later games.

I'm starting a beginners class in January, so call me with names of your friends; this is how we make the club grow.

Seeking partners or other information? Call me at 714 397-0341.

## Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

**T**he catered Holiday Party included 18 tables. Tom Rauterkus, president and treasurer, gave his reports.

Ten players were spotlighted for earning the most masterpoints during the 2009 unit games. Congrats to Wafik Abdou, Sandy Denison, Maynard Denison, Bob Giragosian, Marty Hinds, Libbie Stull, GeorgeAnne Kerley, Mimi Stull, Marj Robertson, and Caroline Littlejohns.

Each received a free play.

News from the San Diego NABC tournament: Teri A. was honored at the Goodwill Dinner Meeting for her, "... *exemplary and steadfast service to District 22.*"

Shirley Eide had an exciting time when she became a Silver Life Master. She also joined Charlotte Blum and two Internet friends (one from Canada and one from Hong Kong) on a KO team that took first place! Others who attended were Gordon and Grace Tanner, Maynard and Sandy Denison, Carreen Hinds, Wafik Abdou and Sandy Kiesel. There will doubtless be more news next month, since the *Forum* deadline occurred in the middle of the tournament.

There were ten tables at the November unit game. Winners included: 1/A&B Bess Taffera - GeorgeAnne Kerley; Dene Ferris - Deana Gratke; Maynard and Sandy Denison; Bob Giragosian - Kamel Haddad; Marty Hinds - Wafik Abdou; Frank and Lois Short; Mike True - Joe Bruce; Tom Rauterkus - Virginia Eide; and Libbie Stull - Connie Bruce.

Our thanks to food co-chairwomen Connie McKay and Connie Bruce.

The long of it is that they met at the Bridge Center, fell in love, got married at a Las Vegas Regional seven years ago. The short of it is that Frank and Lois Short had a 74.07% game on Nov.24.

Congrats to two fine players!

We welcome back Marsha Wiswall but must say good-bye to her cousin Lani Ray, who retired recently from Avon and has moved to Santa Cruz. Two C teams came in first in their direction. They are Ken Greene - Norman Maxwell and Ed Curtis - Fred Carlisle.

Remember, that there is a game on Dec. 31 at 12:30. Plans for this month include: club championship week Jan. 10-14; the charity unit game on Saturday, Jan.16; a club charity game on Tuesday, Jan.19; and an extra points game on Sunday, Jan.31.

Please check with Shirley Eide at 661 205-2439 or Marlyn Everett at 661 399-2726 for partners. For further info click on [www.acblunit514.com](http://www.acblunit514.com)

## Balboa

By Phil Pearl

**S**pecial announcement for the February 1 unit game only: Food at 11:30 a.m.; open and NLM games at noon; NLM lesson cancelled for this month only. This is to accommodate football fans so they can make the opening kickoff of the Super Bowl.

Marilyn Kivel is on a roll. She scored 75.93% at Judy's game Nov. 18. That was even better than the 75.67% she had on Aug. 11 at Jeanie's game.

*News flash:* Dolores Hulick is a proud great grandma to identical triplet great grandsons, born Nov. 18.

*Dateline:* It is Saturday, Dec. 5, and I have just returned from eight days at the NABC in San Diego. A wonderful tournament, at a great facility. To make the column deadline, I am including the notable achievements of our unit members in KOs, Swiss, and multiple session pairs games. I pored through about 90 pages in the Daily Bulletins, and I apologize if I missed anybody. So here goes: Lowell Andrews (4A Swiss); Judy Elbogen (12th Life Masters Womens); Chris Larsen - Joe Kivel (11th Life Master Pairs). Chris and Joe were also 3rd in the Open B-A-M, worth 79 masterpoints. Mary Singer - George Derevanik (1B, Wedding Bell Pairs); Brian Gilbert (24th Mini-Blue Ribbon). Then Brian, playing with dad, Larry, was 1st in the Daylight Swiss. Renee Alpert, Ruth Abelman and Lillian Richmond (13/14B, Daylight Swiss). Linda and V Jay Tipton (9/16 Senior KO Teams, and 2A in Open Pairs). Mariko Kakimoto - Atsuko Kurishima (1A, B-A-M). Orhan Gurbuz (8A Swiss and 13th in Mini - Blue Ribbon). Pat Elms (A20 Open Pairs). Mary Singer - Buddy Carls - Jim Elbogen - Nola Simon (B5 Swiss). James Lutz (C10 Open Pairs). Lynda Crawford (8th Poinsettia Pairs). Jerry Schreider - Jon King (70/71 Mini- Blue Ribbon). Phil Pearl (6A and 15A in Open Pairs, and 1st in KO2). Jodi Pedri - Hans Giroux - Michael and Laura Brooks (3rd, KO5). Susan and John Johnson - Barbara Gilcrest - Marcia Vaughan (8/9C Swiss). Fred Dyle - Lee Johnson -

Carol Klahr (1st in KO8). Sally Murphy - Marilyn Christy (2A in Open Pairs). Carrie Macmillin (10B Open Pairs). Buddy Carls - Jim Elbogen (5/8A Swiss). Mark Finkenstein - Beverly Bain (1st in KO7). Fred Dyle (10th Poinsettia Pairs). Susan and John Johnson (A9 Open Pairs). David and Rita Wakeman (3X Open Pairs).

Events covered are through 6:30 Saturday. *Also at San Diego:* Chris Larsen received the ACBL award for Goodwill Member of the year. Lowell Andrews reached the 15,000 masterpoint mark. Fred Dyle became a Life Master.

Congratulations to the following members who have advanced in rank: New Junior Master: Joan Kaye. New Sectional Masters: Carlene Bailey, Jaqui Larkin, Nancy Mellon and Dale Rensing. New Regional Master: Richard Flaxman. New NABC Master: Lee Johnson.

New Bronze Life Master: Nikki Repp. New Gold Life Master: Mary Lou Kiley.

On December 6 the Balboa Unit held its annual Christmas Party/Unit Game. Again, it was at the Costa Mesa Country Club. The game was preceded by coffee and pastries, and followed by a delicious lunch. Overall winners in the open section were Colleen Cody - Ruth Ann Alpert, followed by Richard Flaxman - George Farley and Bart Jolin - Jeanie Farquhar. Strat B: 1. Flaxman-Farley. 2. Maryanne Roode - Sofija Korff. 3. Dorothy and Dick Alguire. Strat C: 1. Flaxman - Farley. 2. Diana Black - Chuck Clark. 3. Corine Moreau - Kirk Corlett.

Winners in the NLM Section: 1. Kathy Barnes - Janice Pierce. 2. Virginia Lee Paul - Anthony Doria. 3. Charlene Crosson - Sue Foigelman. 4. Linda Smith-Connie Provost.

## Bishop

By Lilla

**I**t's been a busy time of year, and all is moving too much in the fast lane these days. But the players are still coming out to play and looking forward to the Christmas game, dinner, and party time. We will be seeing players that were here in the past, and what a wonderful treat that will be. Ron Smith and his new partner are coming from Utah, the Ruffs from Alabama, Laura and Karl from Oregon, and so we are all waiting impatiently to see each and every one of them.

On the second winners were: Taylor and Hadel, Lohr and Sparks, and Crunk and Kittinger; on the 4th: Reeder and Mizrahi, Crunk and Kittinger, Sparks and Lohr.

The unit game on the 8th had five tables and winners - Camphouse and Faint, Imboden and Hadel, Reeder and Abbott, Haber and Haber.

The 9th winners were Reeder and Mizrahi, Taylor and Abbott, Sparks and Lohr, and visitors Lyn and Tom Hamilton; the 11th: Crunk and Kittinger, Haber and Haber, Taylor and Abbott, Higginbotham and Busby; the 16th saw Crunk and Kittinger 1st, Imboden and Gilbert 2nd, Busby and Taylor 3rd, and Lohr and Sheehan 4th; the 18th, Reeder and Mizrahi, Imboden and Hadel, Farmer and Greer, Taylor and Abbott. I seem to have missed the results of the 23rd, and there was no game held on the 25th. The 30th was a small group with only three winners: Muth and Hobbs 1st;

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