

What's New in District 22

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at the Anaheim club, and we wanted to find someplace which had easy access and which was a little closer to our old location.

We held our first game in the City Hall Meeting Room in November, and we were delighted with the crowd who attended.

Our Christmas Party was held in conjunction with Anaheim's Christmas Party in Anaheim so that we can jointly serve our two communities. As we did last year we have selected two schools - one in Santa Ana, and the other in Anaheim - to which we will play Santa Claus to third graders.

As in the past, Jody Pedri, Hans Giroux, and Linda Trent will buy the gifts from the money we have collected from both clubs. Then just before school adjourns for the Christmas break, they will deliver the presents to the children.

By the way, the children know they are getting gifts and are very, very excited. Every year the teachers make certain all the children write letters of thanks as well as send pictures of themselves opening their presents. The Santa Ana Unit has always remembered the children at Christmas and at Easter, and we truly appreciate the Anaheim Unit's participation as well as the generosity of the club owner, Patricia Bailey, who has made a hefty contribution to our cause these past two years.

Our unit wishes to thank all the members of both clubs for their generosity and participation, and to further thank Jody, Hans, and Linda for all the work they do on the children's behalf.

A special thanks to Marlys, the president of the Anaheim club, for all the work she has done to help coordinate the two units' party. She's a tireless worker and is always willing to listen to new ideas and offer her help and efforts. Patricia also gets our thanks for her generosity and interest in making Christmas a happy time for children who are less fortunate.

The Christmas Party was held on December 13 at the Anaheim Club. If I don't see you before Christmas, I wish all of you good health and happiness in the year to come. And I send Joe Swain a special little

note to tell him he has many friends who care for him and are there for him, especially at this particular time in his life.

Don't forget: keep counting.

Santa Maria

By Joe Cohan

Well, this was a very quiet month, news-wise ... So...

Overall winners: Barbara Basila (4)! Diane Bouquet, Jean Allen-Faust, Robert Faust (3) Ervin Poteat (C's), Diana Jackson, CarolAnne Edie, June/Keido Shamizu, Margaret Arbogast (2) Dan Davis, Judy and Chuck Scheitauer, Patricia Aldred, Lee Kanehl, Geret Fenengan, William Torpey (C's) Jan Pettis, Bonnie Hales, Al Quad, John Arbogast, Susan Barrett, Donna and Al Freeze, and Me (1).

Other High Cs: Pauline and Cecil Ward (3) Don and Etna Mill, Sue Barrett (2) Peggy Johnsen, Hal Pray, Barbara Lohman, Janice Petrella, Bill Allen, Dave Hickey.

Well, actually there was a bit of news. Dianne Bouquet partnered (put up) with me and ignored all my eye rolling, head banging, and wondered with everyone else why they were all kept waiting for me to do something other than getting the director called. Instead, she brought us in with a 71.76% game.

What a partner! Thank you, Diane.

Southern Gold Coast

By Diana Gunther

Since most of us will be receiving this unit report at the height of the holiday season, it is appropriate for us all to give thanks for those persons who make our enjoyment of bridge in this area possible. There are many of them, so let's start at the top!

Many thanks to our unit board for what it does to enhance our game. Working tirelessly behind the scenes, these volunteers accomplish so many things for us: the Thousand Oaks Sectional twice a year, the new regional (held in Ventura on the Boardwalk last June), the ProAm games

and the unit games once a month. The slate for 2010 is: Joe Conti, Pat Barnfield, Don Glynn, Hetty Kallman, Jean Jolin, Ann Dupont, Loretta Rubin, Gladys Honigsberg, Carolyn Mitchell, and Charles Potts.

As of press time, there is still one slot still open. Please contact president Joe Conti if you would like to join.

Thanks to our Thousand Oaks club owner Gene Crubaugh, who celebrated his fifth year of club ownership with a special \$5.00 game on December 1. He stepped in when we really needed someone to take over the reins after Jim Craig retired to devote all of his time and energy to care for his loving wife. Recently Jim passed away, and a special charity game was held in his honor. Those who knew Jim remarked how much he was loved and then gave generously to the Alzheimer's Foundation in his memory.

We thank Dee Minazzoli, who resigned from the board this year, for her spectacular work as hospitality chair for the past two years. The seasonal decorations, along with her fabulous cooking efforts, made unit games extra special. As of this posting, no one has filled her spot on the board. Who could fill those shoes? Also, thanks to Karen Meyer and Jon Sutcliff for all of their contributions serving on the board.

Let's thank Sue Munday for her work writing the *Forum* column for the past three years. We have all enjoyed her wry sense of humor as she remembered all our wins and put our names in print. I don't believe she ever missed a deadline or forgot to highlight anyone! She will be a hard act to follow. Let's thank all the directors who strive to run fair and timely games.

Winners of the November 8 unit game were: Mel and Jackie Kovnat, Sandy and Sedwyn Glick, Lyn and Larry Doose, Shirlee Berger, Rosemary Crusier, Judy Clemenson, and Karen Meyer.

Club champs for the month were Don Daly, Linda Beutel, Robert Rock, John Wurdeman, Gene Crubaugh, and Jack Casey. Up in the Santa Barbara Sectional, Ellen Anten and Steve Gross had two first place wins in the Open Pairs games.

Here's a report from the recent Pasadena Regional: winners in a Knockout Teams were Mary Jo Isaacs, Phyllis Zerg, Hetty Kallman and Jean Jolin. Way to go, Team!

Here's wishing your Christmas stockings are filled with winning bridge sessions.

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukah! Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Ventura

By Kim Siddag

This is our last article for 2009. First: We must thank all of our various authors for these monthly articles; Evelyn Fox, Helen Elardo, Maureen Moore, Alan Greenberg, Bob Gruber and Kim Siddag. Speaking of Bob, we certainly thank him for best ACBL web site in the entire country. (Modest, aren't we?)

Second: From our web site a booklet is being prepared with the best of the *Directors' Dialogue* articles. Look for it at our annual meeting.

Third: As of the completion of this *Forum* entry, no one has yet stepped forward to be our tournament coordinator for the 2010 Ventura Sectional, May 14-16.

FYI: your board unanimously voted to

name this the "Mary Anita Hill Memorial Sectional." It is only fitting that it be so named as she left a detailed "blueprint" on how to run a successful tournament. We desperately need a coordinator. Is it you?

Fourth: We have a number of members who reached significant ACBL milestones during 2009: Joan Cathcart became a Junior Master; Ted Heath and Barry Tronstad became Club Masters; Buki Burke became a Sectional Master; Julie Elliott became a Regional Master; Marilyn Brett became a Silver Life Master and Maureen Moore became a Gold Life Master, thereby joining six others in our club. Can you name them? (If this list of accomplishments omits any others, please accept my profound apologies. Results from the recent National Tournament in San Diego may have added others of which I was not aware.)

Fifth and last: When you read this brief article, Christmas may have come and gone. We (editorially speaking) hope you had a joyous one and that you will plan to attend our annual Membership Dinner on Jan. 9 at the Church on Teloma Street.

Visalia

By Robbie Rouch

The Visalia Unit is welcoming the new year with two more Bronze Life Masters, as both Mary Florio and Andi Sigmund moved up the color spectrum of ACBL accomplishment. Kudos also to several unit members who brought home gold from the Winter Nationals competition in San Diego. Warren Cederborg, playing with Jim Slinger, a frequent attendee at our own sectional tournaments, won an Open Pairs event and had a near miss in another. Warren's team, which included our friend Richard Meffley from Fresno, also finished in the overalls of the Keohane North American Swiss event. Paul Schommer teamed with Hemant Bhatia, a partner he met on line, and earned a passel of points by finishing in the top 10% of the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs. Barbara Hill and Suzi Cederborg teamed with Mike and Mary Florio to garner some glittering pigments in the Knockouts. Rumor has it that Barbara may have contracted "tournament fever" after about a 20-year hiatus, and we are expecting repeated gold strikes at the upcoming Monterey Regional.

On the home front, 87 1/2 tables turned out for the 9-game holiday-shortened November schedule. The 34 top spots were divided up among 25 players, with Villa Vejoda and Fran Prins leading the field as triple winners. Dual winners were Howard Arquette, Pam Woods, Robbie, Suzi, and Warren.

Also victorious were Alan Holmes, Alice Pickens, Barbara Partlow, Betty Smith, Bob Loudermilk, Carol Carr, Gerry Tipton, John Morrison, Kay Link, Larry Cavanaugh, Lila Galloway, Mary Florio, Mike Frank, Mike Florio, Mike Zvonar, Nancy Crowe, Paul Schommer, and Piri Komar.

On December 15 the unit will have hosted a wonderful Christmas party for members and spouses, and installed a new slate of board members. Thanks to Shirley Martin for taking on the responsibilities of presiding over the unit, and best wishes for a speedy recovery from knee surgery to our treasurer Bob Iorio.

La Jolla & Beach January Sectional

Jan 8-10, 2010

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Friday Jan 8

10:00 AM: Bracketed Compact Knockouts (round 1)
Stratified Board-A-Match (BAM) 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
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