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Happy 4th of July!

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Orange County Bridge Extravaganza

September 7-13, 2009



Hyatt Regency Hotel in Irvine, California

Starting Labor Day, all the Orange County units will host their annual bridge extravaganza at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Hyatt Regency is a four-star, up-scale hotel located just seconds away from the Jamboree Road off-ramp from the Interstate 405 Freeway. The hotel is conveniently close to

South Coast Plaza for the shop-a-holics, and close to the Orange County Performing Arts Center for those players with a touch of class. The next off-ramp from the hotel is at MacArthur leading into John Wayne Airport (shuttle provided), and there are numerous restaurants within a short walking distance. The bridge rate at the hotel is \$120 per night for one of the premier hotels in all Orange County (reserve by August 17 for bridge rate). Parking is a very reasonable \$5 per day with in and out privileges.

Amenities that will be provided

to our players include free coffee in the mornings and evenings, a hospitality suite open after the afternoon session for snacks and soft drinks or a glass of wine, pre-duplicated boards for all pairs games, and a free lunch for our Sunday Swiss Teams and Fast Pairs players. Section tops and overall winners will receive a nice memento of their efforts. There will be three Compact Knockout Teams (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) for our commuter players with time constraints. Our Board-A-Match

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Golbert, Hoffman Squads

Prevail in GNT Finals in Ventura

By Joel Hoersch
Editor, D22 Forum

An Orange County team made up of Allen Golbert - Rai Osborne of Anaheim, with Jay Helekar of Newport Beach and Joseph Chaikin of Garden Grove, achieved victory in the Flight A Grand National Teams playoff at the Ventura Regional June 14. They defeated a strong squad consisting of Roberto Scaramuzzi, Beverly Hills, Kent Hartman, San Diego, Jim Munday, Camarillo, and Alex Kolesnik of Ventura, for the right to represent the district in the finals to be held at the Washington, D.C. Nationals starting July 23.

Winning the separate Flight B finals in Ventura was the team of Anthony Hoffman - David Lodge - Beverly Hartin, of Rancho Mirage, Bob Price, La Quinta, and Charles McCarthy of Azusa. They prevailed in a knock-down drag-out match - which came down to a single IMP margin! - over the team of James Weeks, Irvine, Neil Stern - Gail Schueler, Bermuda Dunes, Ilene Grabel, Huntington Beach and Carroll Schueler, Indio. The Hoffman team will also represent District 22 at the D.C. NABC.

Previously, in a finals held in Oceanside, the team of Dae and Ron Leckie of Dana Point, playing with Bonnie Myers and Judy Alvord of Laguna Niguel, came from behind to also earn a trip to Washington to represent our district in the Flight C division.

We congratulate these teams,

pictured below, for winning their respective flights. They will join the D22 Open champions - Rick Roeder, Chris Larsen, Iftikhar Baqai and Joe Kivel, who were pictured in last month's Forum.

We wish all four teams the best of luck in our nation's capital.



GNT FLIGHT A
Allen Golbert - Rai Osborne
Jay Helekar - Joe Chaikin



GNT FLIGHT B
Tony Hoffman - David Lodge - Beverly Hartin - Bob Price - Charles McCarthy



GNT FLIGHT C
Bonny Myers - Judy Alvord
Dae Leckie - Ron Leckie



District Direction
By Ken Monzingo
National Board Representative

We just finished our returning Ventura Regional. It was quite a success as the Crowne Plaza hotel on the Pacific Coast offered a beautiful background for some fun regional bridge. The hotel also has one of the finest restaurants in the area. Orange County players had a ball taking AMTRAC to within two blocks of the fabled boardwalk and the host hotel - dodging LA traffic. Management ensured a good time was had by all, as co-chairs Teri Atkinson and Joe Conti supplied players with terrific gifts, awards and hospitality. If you missed this one, put it on your calendar for late October, 2010. You will thank me.

Discipline

I have the good fortune this month to name six of our more ethical and knowledgeable District 22 players to a place on the ACBL's national disciplinary committee. Members serve on committees hearing complaints of all nature during the three North American Bridge Championships - very prestigious positions, I might add. In alphabetical order they are:

Lowell Andrews, Huntington Beach. Lowell needs no introduction. He has been a mainstay of District 22 bridge for many years, and a lovely man. An expert, a pro in every way.

Judy Elbogen, Mission Viejo. Judy has served District 22 very well - especially as former district president and first alternate to the National Board of Directors. An expert player, teacher, and director with impeccable credentials.

Mark Itabashi, Murrieta. The most visible player in our district, Mark has amassed more than 35,000 masterpoints and keeps shattering records along his way to the Hall of Fame. Mark has never balked at serving on committees or lecturing at tournaments.

Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach. A rising star whose star has risen (she recently won the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs). Mariko has bolted over the 5000 point mark at a near-record pace in her young career. But her demeanor and charming personality at the table are her brightest lights.

Diana Marquardt, Del Mar. The doctor is in! Diana has quickly established herself as a force to be reckoned with at the table, and a wonderful personality to know as a person. Diana, with her special smile and quiet wit and humor, will be a great addition to the disciplinary committee.

Linda Trent, Fullerton. Linda has served the ACBL and District 22 in so many capacities I lose count. She has sat on national and district appeals committees and the Board of Governors, is an officer in her unit and serves at district functions. An always willing person, especially with newcomers.

So there they are. Six outstanding people who represent us as they stand in to judge fairly on myriads of situations that will arise at any tense national tournament. I thank them all for accepting.

Charity

We are again blessed to have received sizable ACBL donations for District 22 Charities of the Year. All four areas of the district will be awarded a share donation to the charity of their choice. Plus, as District Director I have a \$1000 grant to a charity of my choice. The 2009 recipients are:

Area I: \$2500 - Teri Atkinson has selected the Disabled Children of Bakersfield.

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Area II: \$5000 - Noel Hanford & Fran Foresta have selected Hidden Harvest, Coachella, an excess produce recovery program dedicated to feeding the needy.

Area III: \$5000 - Fran Schwartz & John Kissinger have selected South County Outreach, Lake Forest, providing relief services for needy Orange County families.

Area IV: \$5000 - Rex Latus & Jon Wright have selected Brother Benno's Foundation, Oceanside, serving the poor and homeless of San Diego North County.

District Director: \$1000 - Ken Monzingo has selected Golden Rainbow Senior Center, Palm Springs, a Gay & Lesbian Retirement Center providing outreach services to the LGBT community.

ACBL/WBF

And finally, the WBF World Championship Series will be played in Philadelphia in October 1-16. The ACBL will be completing its move to our new home in Horn Lake, Miss. early next year. See stories inside



Andrews



Elbogen



Itabashi



Kakimoto



Marquardt



Trent

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