



What's New in District 22

Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

Our Spring Wildflower Sectional was a success, drawing 97½ tables, even though it was shortened to three days instead of our usual four days. The top ten winners from our unit were Wafik Abdou, Carreen Hinds, Jerry Schmitt, Grace Tanner, Marty Hinds, Gordon Tanner, Ed Curtis, Carol Burdick, Ann Miller and Shirley Eide.

Local team game winners include: Compact KOs - Tom Rauterkus - Marlyn Everett - Bob Pilshaw - Mimi Stull (2). Swiss Teams: Wafik Abdou, Carreen Hinds, Marty Hinds, Bruce Maclin, and Judy Pede, Grass Valley; (2nd) Ann Miller - Deana Gratke - Grace Tanner - Gordon Tanner; (3rd A and 1st X) Jerry Schmidt - Carol Burdick - Don Doolittle, Burlingame - Dan Stowell, Hillsborough.(B/1); tied for (B3/4) and (C1/2) were Fred Carlisle - Ed Curtis - Wallace Keck - Tom Papac and Sharon Cobb - Norman Maxwell - Carl Romo - Janis Schaeffer.

An amusing and highly unusual hand appeared in one Knockout match; there were 20 HCP in each direction, but this was no ordinary flat pass-out board; E/W had an 11-card spade fit and a 12-card heart fit! Not to be outdone, N/S had a 10-card club fit and a 13-card diamond fit! When the bidding was over and the smoke had cleared, the winning team played in 6♠ E/W at one table and in 7♦ doubled as N/S at the other ... with both contracts unbeatable.

Tom Rauterkus will be happy to tell you about this people-dealt board; he was on the right end of the 22-IMP pickup!

We appreciate and thank everyone who attended, donated, and helped. Especially to chairman Shirley Eide and partnerships, Ann Miller. And an extra special thanks to those who donated in memory of several of our departed members: Betty Pilshaw; Toni Poe, and Millie Jennings.

Winners in April's 9 table unit game, included Frank and Lois Short, Barbara Jones - Marj Robertson, Caroline Littlejohns - Joan Bruce, Bob Pilshaw - Mimi Stull, Connie Bruce - Sharon Wilson, Bob King - Evelyn Pelmeur, GeorgeAnn Kerley - Bess Taffera, and Marlyn Everett - Joe Bruce.

There will be a unit charity game on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. There will be extra points games in June, on Wednesday the 2nd, and Sunday the 6th. The unit game will be on Saturday, June 19.

Please note that the Fall Sectional, which had been canceled, has recently been reinstated. So mark your calendars for the last week-end in September.

Balboa

By Phil Pearl

Mary Lou Hughes and Karen Johnston scored a 71.13% at Patricia's game April 5. Then Mike Galante had a 71% game at Judy's

game, April 28.

Brief Bio: The subject for a Brief Bio this month is Jody Pedri, a long - time member of our unit and resident of Costa Mesa. Jody lived in Kansas until she was 10, when the family moved to the San Fernando Valley. Jody went to Kansas State for a semester in between the years at UCLA. Her degrees were in Math and Economics, where she sometimes carried 20 units per semester. She did graduate work in Economics, but she didn't proceed with her thesis. Instead she started a business doing teacher training in 1980, and ran that for 25 years, then set up a house cleaning business for nine years. In 1989, Jody went to U.C. Irvine, and majored in Interior Design. In 1991, Jody and her friend wanted to get some design experience, so they contacted the Home section of the *L.A. Times*. The *Times* did an article on them, with photos, and "The Student Designers" was born. They were booked for work for the next three months in advance.

Jody worked in design and teacher training until 2001, when she sold the training business and retired. She always realized she needed to work for herself, since she doesn't take orders cheerfully.

Jody married in 1971, but later divorced. She has been with her partner, Richard, for 35 years. They met when both were teachers at Curtis Jr. High in Carson. They have no children, and saw no reason to ruin a great relationship by getting married. Jody tells me she still has her first car, a 1949 2-door Plymouth, which she has restored.

Here, Jody talks about her life with bridge. *"I started playing in college, where we taught ourselves from a bridge book. I quit for about 20 years after my divorce, but started playing again in 1994 in a class at I.V.C. taught by Sharon Cortez. I am not a real serious player, and I like to have fun. My steady and favorite partners are Hans Giroux and Jody Van Sandt. I play Standard American and I have about 700 points, mostly by luck. I was talked into taking the Director's Course by Rei Miyachi. I really don't like directing, but I do it for directors I like, so they can take a day off. I got into managing tournaments when Gayle Andrews asked me to help her. She liked my work and we did two regionals together. After Gayle passed away, I was alone, so Hans Giroux said he would help me manage the tournaments. We did several, and it worked out very well.*

Managing tournaments is pretty easy for me because it is similar to what I did for the teachers. I still don't take orders very well, but if everyone stays out of my way, I can put on a decent tournament and make money for the district or the sectional. I don't like or dislike managing tournaments, it just needs doing, so I do it. I encounter many unusual things managing tournaments, and I meet a lot of unusual people."

Thank you Jody, for sharing your history for this Brief Bio article.

I am sometimes asked how I obtain information each month for this column. One source is from the ACBL itself, which

sends out electronically a monthly report to the president of each unit covering changes in status of unit members. In our case, this "Unit 515 In-and-Out Report" is relayed to me from the president, hopefully in time for submittal to the *Forum*. So here goes for this month: Transfers into the Balboa Unit: Dr. Frank DiFiore, Bonnie DiFiore, and Ron Steinberg.

Advancement in rank: New Junior Masters: Voytek Haberka, Elaine Zuker. New Club Masters: Noll Gurwell, Dr. Joan Kaye, Billur Wallerich. New Sectional Masters: Sunny Harper, Joye McLearn, Sandra Tokita. Life Master: Vivian Boulos. New Gold Life Master: Dr. Haisam Osman.

On a sad note, Dan Thomsen passed away April 25 from a heart attack. Dan was 55, and was a long-time member of our unit. Dan's friends and bridge partners offer their condolences to Dan's family.

Bishop

By Lilla

Oops! Big error here. On March 10, Reeder and Mizrahi had a wonderful 75.55% game, and I neglected to put it in the "News" last month.

It seems as though the weather comes and goes; what appeared to be Spring is now cold and windy. By the time this comes out, we all hope that it will have settled down and we are once again able to enjoy our time outside and enjoy growing things.

Our bridge games this month seem to come and go; many players are now starting to take vacations, but we continue on at the tables. April found the winners to be: on the 5th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Busby - Higginbotham, Muth - Hobbs; the 7th, Kittinger - Crunk, Reeder - Mizrahi, Sheehan - Faint, Lohr - Sparks. Our April unit game winners were Reeder - Mizrahi, Knight - Busby tied with Kittinger - Taylor, Im-

boden - Hadelor. On the 12th we had Reeder - Mizrahi, Taylor - Knight, Sheehan - McLaughlin; the 14th, Habers, Reeder - Mizrahi, Greer - Abbott, Sheehan - Faint; the 19th, Kittinger - Crunk, Imboden - Gilbert, Abbott - Busby; the 21st, Reeder - Larson, Sparks - Lohr, Farmer - Greer tied with the Bournes; the 26th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Greer - Imboden; and on the 28th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Sheehan - Faint, Greer - Hadelor. Congratulations to all our winners.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

Many unit members attended the San Diego Regional and many did well, especially in the 299er games, where eight pairs were top finishers. The most spectacular result belongs to Chriseeta Sloan and Marianne Amantea, who finished first in F, first in E and second in D. Chriseeta also paired with Gail Welty for a second in F and third in E.

Other 299er winners included Kathleen Hennessy and Sharon Gordon, who finished first in E and second in D in one match and second in E and fifth in D in another. May and Richard Hsieh were second in F, third in E and sixth in D, and in a separate game, third in F.

Newcomers Elizabeth and Gary Piazzoni were third in F, and Lori Dodson and Rose Vogt were second in D, E and F.

Quite a showing for the Unit 519 299ers! Also at the regional Betty Birmingham and Alice Dudley were fourth in B and Kathleen Hennessy and Kathy Angione finished first in C, third in B and sixth in A in two-session Open Pairs. Marty Roth was sixth in the Charity Pairs. In the side game, Jan and Lynne Erikson were first in C, second in B and third in C. Also in the side game, Jean and Bill Seager finished first in

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DATE	EVENT
Jun 6	Unit Game** Annual Membership Meeting & Election Party
June 20	Unit Game** Father's Day
July 4	Unit Game** 4 th of July Party
July 18	Unit Game**
Aug 1	Charity Unit Game** - for Auntie Helen's
Aug 13-15	San Diego Unit 539 Summer Sectional See separate ad this edition of The Forum
Aug 29	Unit Game** Masters Pairs Trophy

**Separate 0-599 section planned for each unit game

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