

# What's New in District 22

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Upcoming unit games are June 26 and July 23. All unit games are held at North County Bridge Center, Escondido.

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in April are: Junior Masters - Penny Graham; Sectional Masters - Luther and Ginny Dearborn; Regional Masters - Jim Seymour and Doris Cubeisy; NABC Masters - Anne Finnegan, Maureen Fischer, Raghubir Mathur, and Hannah Step; and Silver Life Master - Georgia Catton. Congratulations to all!

Rumor has it Carolyn Scerni and Liz Nixon had a 73.60% game on April 23 on the Crystal Serenity World Cruise.

Way to go girls!

**Unit 549 Club News!** The NCBC has gone hi-tech with two major additions that will enhance your bridge experience. The club has purchased a PlayBridgeDealer 4 bridge dealing machine that works along with the Bridge Pro software to deliver pre-dealt hands, and an after-game hand summary and analysis that will help improve your play. The dealing machine allows NCBC to easily and accurately duplicate entire sets of boards for larger games where two or more groups will play the same hands.

The second major purchase was a complete set of Bridgemate electronic scoring machines. The Bridgemates both improve the accuracy of game scoring and the results are immediate after the last hand has been entered. No more waiting around for the scores to be manually entered. The feedback from those players who have used the new equipment has been very positive.

NCBC will host three club championships this month: June 2, June 5 and June 17. All club championship games start at 12:30 p.m. In addition, NCBC will hold its Barometer game June 19.

**Players of the Month at NCBC are:** Open: Tim Flaherty; Under 1500: Tom Nolan; Under 750: Howard Katz; Under 300: Doris Cubeisy; Under 100: Suzanna Mcdowell; and Future Master: Mimi Statham. Kudos to all.

At Lake San Marcos DBC charity games supported in April were Father Joe's Village, Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, and San Marcos Senior Center. Top five MP winners for April were Dennis Cleary, Rima Sharron, Jean Holt, Kay Haralson and Pat Hawkins. Way to go Top Five!

LSMDBC will hold its monthly potluck June 19. The Lake San Marcos DBC hosts open games on Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., and once a month potluck on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. For information call Jean at 760 734-4518 or Nina at 760 736-9386.

The month of April gave BobMar Bridge the following high scorers: Walt Malen - Doris Cashman, Herb Schaffer - Bob Handelman, Ed Vanderslice - Marcia Handelman, and Ted and Joja Applegate. If you have no plans for Sundays at 1:00, please come. Call Marcia at 1 760 918-2424 or e-mail me at [marciahand@roadrunner.com](mailto:marciahand@roadrunner.com)

Check the 70% list elsewhere in this issue; several of our players are listed this month. And get all of the latest Unit 549 news at [www.sdbridge.com](http://www.sdbridge.com), including the Unit 549 Calendar of Events, Unit Newsletter and game results.

## Santa Ana

By Jay Helekar

It was great to see Joe Swain back at the table. The club has not felt the same without him these last few months. His infectious positive attitude seem to bring everyone else up a few beats, while his stories are a reminder that every day is sacred. Having him back continues to push our club forward on our path to the good old days.

The return of our old friends like Joe combined with our newer supporters such as Marcie Evans, Sandy Dodge, David Anwar, and the whole Villa Park group have gotten our whole club to continue to grow. The game sizes are all getting to be larger than I could have ever hoped, and the response from our members continues to be

positive. I never would have imagined that things would pick up so quickly when we reopened the doors just five months ago.

It is a tribute to the hard work of a lot of people that so much success has quickly found its way to us. Renata selflessly spends her valuable time cooking and teaching the newbies. Lori and Bob always find a way to give of themselves, and so does Gladys ... who would run through a wall if it would help the club!

Marcella brings her relentless passion, and is always there to help; and Herb Royal brings his veteran guidance.

It is because of the attitude of people like these that the club has grown strong so quickly, and I am thankful for it. My biggest problem these days is that I might have to find us a bigger place to play in soon, as we may outgrow our current homes. Five months ago people told me that we were crazy for trying this. I guess we proved them wrong. As my old construction mentor once told me, "I will go into battle with the guys who give me their blood and sweat. Not the guys who run their mouths." He might as well have been talking about this group.

Speaking of success, as the games are all doing well, talk has started regarding further expansion. Discussion of starting day games is picking up steam. We seem to have the right demographics to pull this off. The specific day(s) for these games has not yet been settled, nor has the director been selected. The track record of this group says that when it says it can do something, then it finds a way to do it.

If you have a preference for a certain day during the week, please share the information with me.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Johnsons for discovering a whole new level of pain regarding grand slams. I would tell you about it, but John knows where I live.

If you would like information regarding any of our games, please feel free to call me. 949 769-4668.

Keep Counting!

## Santa Barbara

By Judy Piper

We are so impressed with Lorene Lynch's bounce back from surgery - back at the bridge table after four days.

It is good to see her smiling face.

Paul Murphy and Robert Murr scored a 72.42% game on April 20. The attendance at the game was too small to be listed in the 70% column.

**Milestones at our club:** Last month Bob Hollman became a Diamond Life Master (5,000 MPs); Brian Berglund became a Gold Life Master (2,500 MPs); and Lynn Shafer became a Silver Life Master (1000 MPs) the previous month which I didn't include in last month's report. Sorry, Lynn.

A unit championship was held April 1. Tied for first place were the partnerships of Judy and Jim Edmondson and Kathy Drake and Ken Mueller, both pairs with scores of 57%.

Monday, April 12 was the Ethel Opie Championship. This was the first time it was not held on a Sunday, and 41 pairs played. Quite an improvement from our usual low attendance on Sundays! The event was won by Carl Michelet and Ralph Mocker; in second place were Margaret Splittgerber - Bob Bigoni, followed by Peter Gray - April Uhlenburg.

A Swiss Teams game was held Sunday, April 18 and had an excellent turnout. Ety Yenni did her usual fantastic job of organizing the food. Eleven teams were present. Was it the potluck or the Swiss Teams that brought everyone out? The first place team consisted of Owen Roth, Helena McGahagan, Ralph Mocker and Carl Michelet. Second place went to Jim and Judy Edmondson, Mickey Plaut and Louise Evans. Scott and Phyllis Denison, Janice Chelini and Byron Hahn came in third. Tom Ciacio did an outstanding job of directing this unmanageable crew.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendars: June will have two club

level NAP games - Friday, June 12 and Monday, June 28. And something that has never been tried before at the SBBC - a 3NT Game! All hands will be shuffled, dealt, and played in 3NT. Dealer will be declarer. Sounds like a circus!

I guess the board thinks we need to be less serious at the bridge table!

## Santa Maria

By Joe Cohan

First, congratulations to Bonnie Hales and Keido Shimizu for becoming Silver Life Masters. Very nice! Second, The Jo Boyd Sectional as usual was, with the slight problem of the out-of-towners stealing too many of the points, a great tournament. Still, Vi Dallesandro led the way for the locals with 6.24, followed by Bill Allen 5.32, Jean and Robert Faust 5.28 Judy English and Richard Ristene 4.22. Well done!

Third, as usual the food was fantastic due to many donations and the especially great helpers in the kitchen. These helpers were the entire lady membership of the club - and some of the men, who all pitched in. Vi was absolutely delighted with their enthusiasm.

**Winners in A:** Diana Jackson, John Arbogast (3) Vi Dallesandro, Pat Hodges, CarolAnne Edie, Bill Allen, Jerry Riezebos, Bonnie Hales, (2) Joyce Gehlhaar, Richard Ristine, Barbara Basila, Al Goldwyn, Sue Barrett, Keido Shimizu, Diane Bouquet, Robert Faust. David Hickey, Don Kerr, Irene Schlekau, Me (1).

**Flight C high scores:** Pauline and Cecil Ward, Janet Scott, (2) Bruce Scott, Pat Aldredge, Karen Bogard, Betty Hickman, Sue Barrett, Peggy Johnsen, Barbar Lohman, Judy and Chuck Scheithauer (1).

## Southern Gold Coast

By Diane Gunther  
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Well, we rocked and rolled down in San Diego last month! Whew! What a shaker! The convention center, which has a very large roll-up metal door, pounded like King Kong himself was trying to force his way in. The game was only temporarily interrupted, however, and play resumed about five minutes later. But the aftershock, which was quite intense, sent us all outside again. No one was hurt, thank goodness, and the game ended on time, after all.

Winners in San Diego KOs were Ellen Anten and Steve Gross. John Gunther, playing with a Palos Verdes resident, won a side game. After setting the opponents down 2000, John, sitting *West*, continued the pounding when he heard his LHO open 1♠, and he held:

♠xxx ♥xxx ♦x ♣K75432

John bid 1♥, and the next thing he knew he was in 5♥ ... making, for another good board and a happy ending.

Winners at the San Fernando Valley Sectional were: Samy Antoun, Rosemary Crusier, Beverly Barr, John Gunther, Ellen Anten, Steve Gross, and Larry Brasler.

Unit game winners were Sue and Jim

Munday, John Gunther (A), with Judy and Marvin Rifken, and Dorothy Lazar and Dawn Kowalski (B/C).

The next unit game will be June 6, 12:00 for lunch, 12:30 game time. The unit is now sponsoring the club games on Mondays at 10:30. With triple points awarded, and a free deli lunch, it's a real deal.

I keep forgetting to bring in the duct tape, Gerry. See you at the tables!

## Ventura

By Evelyn Fox

The poet T.S. Eliot wrote that "April is the cruelest month." But he lived in England, not Ventura. Here the weather is great (most of the time), and the bridge games are plentiful and enjoyable all of the time. We would like to keep it that way, but, to do this, we need to attract new players and make them feel comfortable at our games.

To that end, Ilona Smith has initiated an informal (*and free!*) duplicate style game for novices. Every Tuesday, at the Teloma site, there will be an informal game along with the regular game, with a 20-minute lesson preceding the novice play. Those wishing to play must come with a partner, as partnerships cannot be arranged.

Please help promote this game by spreading the word, by volunteering to help Ilona, and by sharing your expertise at the lessons. If you know of anyone that might be interested in learning the "grand game" of bridge, please relay this information to them.

Unit 547 was very well represented at the Grand National Teams finals held at Dana Harbor last month. The team composed of Gary Morgan, Dagmar Ragnow, Jim Rupp and Ocki Krogfoss came in 3rd in the Flight B finals and brought home 13 gold points. Alex Kolesnik and his team were 2nd in the Open Flight, and were awarded 27 golds. High fives to all of you!

We had a couple of 70+% games this month. (Check the list below.) Keep up the good playing!

Winners around the unit this month are: Thomas Ciacio, Gary Morgan, Eugene Saxon, Bob Bradish, Ruth Tracy, Ken Ellenberger, Dorothy McCoy, Judy Kupperman, Nancy Fridland, Bonnie Letizia, Arline Benzien, Mike Gaddis, Annabelle Hurliss, Katherine Hunt, JoAnn Bowen, Helen Elardo, Louise Shaffer, Joan Forchione, Buki Burke, John Eliason, Maurine Moore, Richard Daskais, Donna Schaeffler, Diane Di Conti, Peter Klopp, Jay Fuller, Lucille Dunlap, Jan Dunlap, Carol Koroknay, Katie Hunt, Sally Sittel, Patricia Ready, Russell Leary, Marvil and Richard Dickason, Joan and Leslie Curtis, Jim Rupp, Ocki Krogfoss, Elinor Hood, Floyd Richards, Kent Jones, Anita Flood, Joan Glenn, Elinor Crawshaw, Carolyn Berenson, Gwen Wagner, Richard Wagner, Ronald Landgraft, Joe Conti, Dagmar Ragnow, John Leming, Thomas Kline, Bob Gruber, Lydia Revay, Irene Petroff, Judy Murphy, Louise Johns, Don Daily, Renata Jones, Marilyn Brett, Melva Brucker, Ina and Hal Daniels. Many winners have come in first multiple times.

That's all the news that's fit to print.

## District 22 70% Club

79.63% Bob Waite - Steve Koller, Victorville BC, April 1  
77.00% Jerome Schlig - Sharon Spencer, San Bernardino Sr. BC, April 6  
76.74% Yvonne Deru - Jeannine Locke, Laguna Woods, April 19  
76.49% Sue Foigelman - Charlene Grosson, Laguna Woods, April 3  
75.53% Barbara Jean Reeder - L. Mzrahi, Bishop, March 10  
75.00% Tony Miller - Greg Vernon, TGF Bridge Club, May 3  
74.18% John Ruffo - Jerry Kinkade, Duplicators BC, April  
74.15% Arne Lund - Joanne Wiley, Palm Desert, April 8  
73.84% Jim Eves - Ge Nelson, Sun City, April 19  
73.61% Janet Anstfield - Marjorie Goldberg, La Jolla B/T, May 5  
73.60% Liz Nixon - Carolyn Scerni, Crystal Serenity, April 23  
73.51% Ken Hill - Jerry Kempler, Dana Harbor, March 31  
73.51% Ethel Rosenfeld - Susan Levinson, Laguna Woods, April 5  
73.27% Kathleen Hennessy - Sharon Gordon, Eastlake BC, April 28  
73.26% Mary Stetson - Jamie Detweiler, Esplanade BC, April 16  
72.50% Jane Pace - Brett Baker, Victorville BC, April 28  
72.42% Bob Murr - Paul Murphy, Santa Barbara BC, April 20  
72.16% David and Rita Wakeman, Saddleback, April 11  
71.88% Jan and Paul Combs, Gene's BC, Tehachapi, April 26  
71.75% Mary Elizabeth Kaiser - Phil Brady, Laguna Woods, April 30

71.43% Pamela Klotsky - Ruth Aronson, North County BC, May 4  
71.15% Phyllis Tasset - Audrey Currie, Cathedral City, April 22  
71.11% Janice Halperin - Sylvia Belzer, Towers BC, April 28  
71.07% Sandra Stanger - Nadia Araabi, Dana Harbor, May 3  
71.03% Bruce Ferguson - Bob Hollman, Cathedral City, April 6  
71.00% Joan Evans - Firoza Cooper, Sun City, April 23  
70.90% Celand Nelson - Fran White, Marrieta, April 27  
70.83% Ruth Aronson - Marilyn Kalabsa, Harvey's Bridge, April 19  
70.83% Kathryn Flanary - Carie Newell, Yucca Valley, April 27  
70.70% Dan Dayani - Bette Cornelius, San Diego UC, April 18  
70.67% Walter Milen - Wayne Holm, Oceanside Sr. BC, April 6  
70.64% Wafik Abdou - Mitch Dunitz, Bakersfield, April 23  
70.58% Virginia Krikorian - Bonnie Douglass, Dana Harbor, March 31  
70.37% Steve Koller - John Ruffo, Victorville BC, April 22  
70.24% Arnold and Sylvia Berman, Laguna Woods, April 3  
70.14% Donna Krueger - Phil Blandin, Laguna Woods, April 24  
70.09% Andy DeLeon - Patricia Mnefee, Dana Harbor, April 21  
70.08% Yvonne Deru - Ron Spangler, Laguna Woods, April 13  
70.03% Keith Stinson - Ross Penne, Oceanside Senior BC, April 12