



What's New in District 22

Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

Congratulations to the top winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards who were announced at the February unit game. The Ace of Clubs award – the most points earned in 2009 by a player in each rank at the club level – and/or the Mini-McKenney award – total points at club play plus tournament play – were won by the following players within their categories. 0-5 MPs: Rene de Barros (AC), Nancy Frisbee (MM). 5-20 MPs: Carl Romo (both). 20-50 MPs: Julie Cesare (both). 50-100 MPs: Joe Bruce (both). 100-200 MPs: Mike Pemberton (both). 200-300 MPs: Norman Maxwell (both). 300-500 MPs: Jerry Schmitt (both). 500-1000 MPs: Mimi Stull (AC), Shirley Eide (MM). 1000-2500 MPs: Joan Bruce (AC), Teri Atkinson (MM). 2500-5000 MPs: Sandy Denison (AC), Marty Hinds (MM). 5000-7500 MPs: Wafik Abdou (both). and 7500-10,000 MPs: Ann Kluewer (AC), Carreen Hinds (MM). Each received a free unit play.

There were 11 full tables at the Jan. unit game. Overall winners, in descending order, include: 1/A Maynard and Sandy Denison; 1/B GeorgeAnn Kerley - Beverly Busacca; Evelyn Pelmeier - Bob King; Dene Ferris - Deana Gratke; Norman Maxwell - Ray Easterbrook; Frank and Lois Short; and Connie Bruce - Santo Piazza. Bob Pilshaw was food chairman.

Special thanks to Sandy Denison for sharing her copy of *The Devil's Tickets* by Gary Pomerantz. It is a book about the history and rising popularity of bridge during the 1920s and 1930s through the antics of Ely Culbertson and companions. It also follows events in a murder trial that will give one reason *not* to abuse one's partner - no matter how fine a player one thinks one is - not even if one is put in an unmakeable 4♣ contract! If you haven't done so, read it. For a bridge enthusiast, it is more than enjoyable!

Welcome to new members Becky Clark, Jane Haupt, and Lori Mariani. Congratulations to those who have moved up in rank: Larry Hawk, Sectional Master; Fred Carlisle, Regional Master; and Larry Roberts, NABC Master.

Also congrats to Sandy Denison - Jerry Schmitt on their 73.51% game, and to two C pairs who were first in their direction: Mort Brown - Bob Hoffman and Fred Carlisle - Ed Curtis. Extra points games this month will include a club charity game (+1\$) on Tuesday, March 9 and the unit game on Saturday, March 30. A game at the Guild House (for a good cause and always fun) will be held on March 29. Paid reservations for bridge and lunch may be made with Shirley Eide. Play will begin at 10:00.

Also please note that Tuesday will include a free pregame lesson beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Thursday game (+1\$) will include a delicious lunch prepared *a la* Shirley Eide. For bridge partners call Shirley Eide at 205-2439 or Marlyn Everett at 399-2726.

Balboa

By Phil Pearl

The unit board for 2010 has some returning members from 2009 ... and a bunch of new members. The board did a terrific job in 2009, and the new board is targeting even better things to come. The 2010 board: president - Diana Black, returning for her second year at the helm; vice president - Mary Singer, a long time board member; secretary - Sue Foigelman, returning for her second year; treasurer - Pat Lee, new to the board.

Other officers include membership chair and website liaison - Vivian Boulos, returning member; NAP/GNT coordinator - Ted Doria, new to the board; mentor program chair - Laura Brooks, also new; holiday event chair - Ginny Paul Anderson, new; supplies coordinator - Charlene Crosson, returning; unit game coordinator - Sydney Stephan, returning; sectional tournament chair and unit game partnerships -

Lynda Crawford, returning. And the board auxiliary: sunshine chair Marilyn Christy, columnist Phil Pearl, and holiday event co-chair and guest speaker program chair - Ruth Ann Alpert. If you want to see all the smiling faces and phone numbers that go along with these names, go to the unit web site at: www.acbldistrict22.com/515

Click on "Unit Board."
On Jan. 27, a visitor from Seattle, Barbara Bedayan, contacted Judy Elbogen, needing a partner for the game that day. Judy fixed her up with Leo Fishman, and they spent 15 minutes before game time filling out a card. They got through about 25% of the card and decided to play 2/1 and left it at that. Guess what? They scored 70.2%!

Congratulations to the big winners at Riverside (Knockouts and 2-session Open Pairs games). Colleen Cody and Ruth Ann Alpert, 1st Strat A, Open Pairs; the Tiptons, 6th A OP and 3rd KO 1; Renee Alpert, 1st KO 3 and 3rd B, OP; Nola Simon - Lillian Richmond, 2nd KO 2; Brian Gilbert, 1st A, OP; Chris Larsen, 1st KO 1; Diana Black - Bob Hinrichs - Ron Pennington, 1st KO 3; Mariko Kakimoto - Jon King, 4th KO 1; CeCe McCourt - Nadine Nakai - Janice Pierce - Kathie Barnes, 2nd KO 4.

Advancement Junior Masters: Odile Gendreau, Jean Kimbrell, Barry Sussman, Billur Wallerich, Karen Watson. Regional Master: Madge Nusenow. Life Masters: Fred Dyle, Hedda Marosi, Susan Powers. New Bronze Life Master: Marcia Vaughan. New Silver Life Master: Sofija Korff.

Bishop

By Lila Hadelor

Hello again! We now seem to be getting back on the regular schedule and all is well. The weather is still giving us a few surprises, but it's beginning to look as if "Spring" will arrive.

This has been a busy bridge month. Our only sad occasion was the death of our old and dear friend and regular player, Evelyn Stepler. As many of you know, she has been battling cancer for over a year now, and has finally gone to rest.

Although we're a small group, it's good to see the increase in players at the regular games. We started the month with 4 1/2 tables and the winners were: 1st Farmer - Abbott, 2nd Imboden - Greer, 3rd Knight - Busby, and 4th Crunk - Kittinger. On the 6th: Greer - Gilbert, Reeder - Mizrahi, Abbott - Taylor. On the 11th: Abbott - Gilbert, Kittinger - Crunk, Taylor - Busby, Farmer - Imboden. The 13th: Higginbotham - Busby, Imboden - Muth, Taylor - Abbott.

On the 18th: Taylor - Hadelor, Reeder - Mizrahi, Jon and Penny Bourne. The 20th Reeder - Mizrahi, Sheehan - Faint, Lohr - Gilbert. The 25th Reeder - Mizrahi, the Bournes, Muth - Hobbs.

On the 27th: Hadelor - Hobbs, Reeder - Mizrahi, and Lohr - Sheehan.

Our unit game for the month was played with the "Christmas postponed Bridge and Dinner." A wonderful time was had, with many great snacks and a grand dinner at the Golf Club. The only sad note was missing all our out of town friends who had planned on coming for the Christmas game. The winners for that day were Reeder - Mizrahi, Hadelor - Imboden, Knight - Busby, Kit-

tinger - Taylor, and Sparks and Lohr. See you all at the tables.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

In January club members played bridge in Riverside, La Jolla, and Vista, as well as at the local clubs. At the Riverside Regional, Carol Brager was second in a Compact Knockout and placed third/fourth in a separate Knockout event. Richard and May Hsieh had a successful tournament, placing second and fourth in two separate 299er games. In La Jolla, the team of Norma Lyerly and Alice Dudley captured second in B and Jean and Bill Seager placed fourth in B. Further north, at the Vista Sectional, Jean and Bill Seager placed first overall in C. Laurie Dodson and Rose Vogt did well in the newcomer games. They were fifth in G, fourth in H and second in I in a 99er match. These two newcomers also placed third/fourth in F, fourth/fifth in E, and fifth/sixth in D in a 299er game. Beverly Sanchez and Barbara Schafer were fifth/sixth in a 299er.

At the Coronado Club games this month, Phil Akre and Alice Dudley each won three times, twice partnering with one another. Phil also placed first with Al Schuster, and Alice beat the field w/ Betty Birmingham.

Other Coronado winners were Cheryl Nielsen and Jim Andrews, Jan and Lynne Erickson, Norma Lyerly and Marguerite Cook, and Marty Roth and Maribel Corredor. Marian Sullivan and Betty Thompson also won. It was a nice send-off for Marian, who departed for Mexico for a few weeks.

At Eastlake Bridge Club, Robert Shapley won three times, once with Walt Bochenek, once with Kathleen Hennessy, and once with Elaine Chan. Other winners were Hiroko Kitamura and Judi Bunch, Kathie Angione and Lois Richards, Shirley Hoseman and Archa Glass, Laurie Dodson and Rose Vogt, Terry Moy and Lois Richards and Marianne Amantea and Chriseeta Sloan.

If you are a winner in any of the regional or sectional tournaments, please let me know at 619 435-8130 so I can be certain to include the results in this column.

Dana Harbor

By Jennifer Porter

Special Alert! Saturday, March 27 will feature a Compact KO Charity Game at Dana Harbor Bridge Center. The two-session KO event begins at 9:30 a.m., with the second session starting at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be included, and cost for the entire day will be only \$20.00. Ginnie Blitzman is directing the event. This is a great opportunity to earn lots of points! If you have any questions or need a team, you can e-mail her at Ginnieb21@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the newly elected board of directors: president - Jim Shapiro; VP - John Kissinger; treasurer, Greg Hanson; secretary, Jacob Weisberg.

Members at large: Sandy Busby - membership; Carol Armstrong - food; John Jonas - facilities and unit manager - Andy DeLeon. To quote secretary Jacob Weisberg, "The board wants the members to know that we're organized and rolling toward continued success." This is also the

UNIT 549's
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FINAL

"LAST CHANCE" WARMUP FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL!

SATURDAY
MARCH 27
12:30 PM

North County Bridge Center
2427 S Centre City Parkway
Escondido CA 760.747.6092

Non-Life Masters play in their own section
Not everyone separates Flight C players from A/B, but we do!

Lunch served beforehand
Join us for an afternoon of cards and luncheon!

Qualify to play in the D22 GNT Finals
Those Finals held at the Dana Harbor DBC next month!

Pre-qualify at any Club
Get a qualified team together and tune up for the SD KOs!

RED Mega-masterpoints awarded
Sectional-level rating means lotsa red coming your way!



RED POINTS!

Esplanade Bridge Center



Fri - 9:00am (499ers)
Wed/Fri/Sat/Sun - 12:30pm (Open)
Tues/Thurs - 6:30pm (Open)

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