



# What's New in District 22

time to recognize and applaud our past president Dick Leach and former members of the board for their dedicated and outstanding service to the club last year.

A fair number of our members attended the Riverside Regional in pursuit of those coveted gold points. The following teams were first in KOs: Greg and Lisa Hanson, Larry Hedge and Judy Violick; Michael Campbell, Paul Hinman, Teresa McNeil and Anne Kwo; Maury Corn, Arlene O'Brien and partners; John and Linda Jonas and partners; also Patricia Al-Hakeem and Nancy De Ainza were on teams that won their KO brackets.

In Swiss Teams, Jim and Gale Senter, Alan and Debbie Gailfus were 1st in Flight A; Jane Dober, Laverne Marano, Jacob Weisberg, and Roman Matusik were 1st in Flight B; John and Linda Jonas with their partners took a 1st in Flight C. Tom Snooks and Kathie Murtey tied for 1st place in 299er Pairs. In Side Games, Kathy Brae-unig and Linda Gagnet were 1st in Flight B & C, as were Pat Dolphin and her partner.

Overall point leader Mark Itabashi: 35.65 points, followed by Steve Love, Philip Hi-estand, Maury Corn and Arlene O'Brien.

At the La Jolla Beach Sectional, Mark Itabashi and Ann Nixon were first in Open Pairs. Mark repeated his success at the Oceanside Sectional, partnering with Steve Love for another 1st in Open Pairs. He also came away with 24.88 overall points. New members Al and Judy Bongarzone were 1st in Flight B Open Pairs. Patricia Siegel and Nancy Patrick tied for 1st in the 99er Pairs.

Results of the unit game Jan. 17 were: Phil Clayton and partner 1st in Flight A; Marcia Holland - Tom Snooks 1st in Flight B.

Our heartfelt condolences go to family and friends of Alaura Crank, who died recently.

The following club members attained new rankings: Junior Masters - Carleen Morgal, Janet Silver and Randee Yoder; Club Masters - Virginia Krikorian and Sandra Linborg; Sectional Masters - Michael Campbell, Larry Hedge, Richard Lee, Patricia Siegel, Judy Violick, Robert Cavanaugh, Surendra Gupta, Jeffrey Hecht, and Bonnie Myers; Regional Masters - Gregory Hanson, Riva Morton, Sandra Busby, Arthur Chasin, and Mark Dimond; NABC Masters - Pat Dolphin, Sharon Donoff, Eileen Garbutt, Barbara Pierce, and Mark Rehms; Life Masters - Sharon Forslund, John Jonas, Arnold Schwartz and Victoria Sunshine; Bronze Life Masters - Nancy De Ainza, Jan Gloudeman, Betty Johnson and Victoria Sunshine; Silver Life Master - Nancy Hayzer; Gold Life Master - Philip Hi-estand. Congratulations to all of you.

As of Dec. and Jan., we welcomed the following new members and transfers into our club: Debbie Parker, Carol Zwick, David and Diana Epstein, Barbara Fehrenbach, Debbie Gailfus, Edward Gomberg, Carol Krenek, Dor Leach, Barbara Nevins, Doris Stockman, and Dominic Tenuta.

The constant increase in membership is largely due to the Easybridge! classes that Sally Pelmeur teaches so successfully. New beginner classes start each year in September and March. However this year, due to overwhelming demand, Sally started an extra class in January. She says she usually gets about 10 tables of beginners each time and most go on to the next level. Her Mon-

day class is about 15 tables weekly. Sally says her main focus is making her classes fun; "If they're not laughing and coming back for more, I'm not doing my job."

## Desert Cities

By Nancy Erickson

Sharon Polley, Rube Kaplan and Nancy Erickson were elected to the Unit 533 board of directors at the annual meeting. At the organizational meeting, the board chose to retain the officers who served in 2009. Committee chairs have also agreed to serve another year.

All of us look forward to another positive and productive year.

Our annual meeting and unit game had a record turnout, and for the first time we had two sections of 299ers. Coming in 1st overall N/S were Alice Taylor and Pat Riene-sche; E/W winners were Jane Leigh and Jim Darvey. The 299er winners were the team of Jeanne and Tom Whitehurst; E/Ws were Stan Blitz and Guy Brackett.

The unit will underwrite the sanction for a GNT competition March 5. Mick Riccio has generously agreed to host and direct the game at the Community Center at Tierra del Sol, Cathedral City. This is a national qualifying team game competition, and unit members will remember Unit 533 dominated the B flight finals for the right to go to Washington from District 22 last summer, so form a team and plan to compete.

The finals of all flights will be held at Dana Harbor Bridge Center. Flights A & C will be April 10-11, Flights B & Open will be April 17-18. This year players qualifying at the club level earn the right to move directly on to the district finals. This is a major change in the format from last year.

*Please note:* the first Sunday in April is Easter, and as such the April unit awards and unit game have been rescheduled to the second Sunday, April 11, at the Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs.

*A final reminder:* - Edith Hirschman Sportsmanship Award nominations are due March 12. The recipient will be announced at the unit's awards program on April 11. Nominations are available at any club game in the valley or online at: [coachellavalleybridge.com](http://coachellavalleybridge.com)

Planning for the Ray Duncan 0-199 Sectional is underway. This will be a terrific opportunity for our new members to score silver points in our own backyard, and is Unit 533's way of honoring Ray's commitment to growing the membership. We have 607 members who are eligible to participate and we hope to see all of you.

The final details will be available soon.

Unit 533 congratulates its members on the following promotions: Junior Masters - Denny James Booth, Jerry Conn, John Dillingham, Karen Dillingham, Ronald Erickson, Marilyn Ginsberg, Hal Gruen, William Hartin, Valerie Haslam, Joan Hobin, Ruth Jablonski, Bill Keese, Marvin Markowitz, Barbara Patterson, Kathy Rand and John Sarkie. Club Masters - Dicey Brinck, Richard Cameron, Sandra Chooljian, Dori Cree, Linda Figliolino, Margaretta Gentschein, Elaine Kirshenbaum, Edna Magaldi, Michael McAuliffe, Margery Paul and Vicki Pein. Sectional Masters - Ann C Hallse, Elaine Nevin and Cis Sherwood. Regional

Masters - Gary Delestine, Alix Korey and Nance Lodge.

NABC Masters - Marilyn Benjamin, Jean Bratton, John Bratton, Gene Cook, E H Danzker, Don Freeland, Tom McCormick and Terry McMillan. Life Masters - Jo-Ann Dobbins, Nancy Erickson, Edwin Furnee, Sherry Hockemeyer, Denise Kelly, Christel King, Marge Meyer and Peter Rodler. Bronze Life Masters - Edwin Furnee, Marge Meyer. Silver Life Masters - Lewis Greenwood and Rita Greenwood.

We welcome Bill Berk, Gloria Gottesman, James Gottesman, Jean Grover, Joanna Jacobs, Dennis Peacock, Barbara Rountree, Peggy Rule-Meyer, Rita Schreiber and Carol White-Feack to Unit 533 and look forward to meeting you at the bridge table.

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## High Desert

By Steve Klein

Not much bridge got played in Big Bear this month. The storm which flooded out all the flatlanders dumped some 5-6 feet on us, more than we've had in 40 years. Roads were impassable without chains for days at a time, and dangerous even with them. This made it impossible for most people to get to games, so many were canceled. In the end, only five games were held. Winners were Chaz Langdon, Arlene Elder, Mary Ann and Warren Wotring (twice), Morton Fletcher, Eiko Miller (twice), and Jack Swigart.

A team from Big Bear did manage to get down the hill Jan. 17 and win B/C/D of the Swiss Teams at the Riverside Regional. Team members were Arlene Elder, Eiko Miller, Paula Smith and Steve Klein. The upper limit for this flight was 1500 MPs for any individual team member; this team didn't have that many combined!

*From Joe Wilson in Victorville:* Happy New Year to all of our bridge friends in Unit 516. Hope this year is healthy, happy,

and full of good cards. Our group from the Victorville and Silver Lakes clubs made a strong showing at the Riverside Regional tournament in January. Masterpoint winners include: Gil and Fran Franklin, David Bloom, Jo Ann Drozdik, Jim Fariss, Bonnie Larsen and David Johnson.

Congrats to the winners of the Jan. unit game, Virginia Cleminson and Taii Kaili!

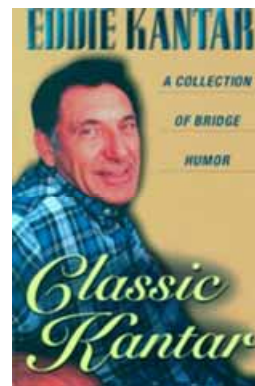
Winners of club games in January are: John Ruffo (4), Steve Koller (3), June Babbitt (2), David Johnson (2), Jerry Kinkade (2), Bob Waite, Lois Kratofil, Ruth Allison, Rosie Erdelen, Jim Williams, Fran Franklin, Dee Pasque, and Virginia Cleminson.

## La Jolla/Beach

By Steve Johnson

Please accept February and March greetings to all members and non-members who play at the La Jolla Unit after a very wet and rainy January. There was not anything major to report for January, but I will put the results from the games and announce the advancements of our members and perhaps call it enough for this month.

On Jan. 8-10, the unit brought back the Winter Sectional after a 2-year hiatus. Matthew Kidd did a superb job as tournament manager (his first shot at running a tournament). Winners were: Open Board-A-Match Teams won by Nicholas Krall, M. Ali Mahdavi, Daniel Denison and Jeremy Fields. Congratulations go to the entire team on winning what many believe is the toughest form of bridge. Second place Mark Itabashi, Rick Roeder, Steven Love and Lynne Feldman. The Compact KO was won by Isabelle Wasserman, Nancy Goldberg, Barbara Rozansky, and Berdele Katz. Second Place was captured by Susan Anson, Kay Childs, Patricia Loh, and Patricia Bishoff. The Friday Open Pairs was won by David Anding and Ronald Kay, with Steven Love and Mark Itabashi 2nd. On Saturday five pairs games were held. The 299ers was won by James and Lourdes



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