

# What's New in District 22

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## Southern Gold Coast

By Diane Gunther

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Ever wonder what a 76.88% game feels like? Just ask Joyce Curti or her partner Gordon Hodgson. They will be glad to fill you in! Or how about winning all your Swiss Teams matches, ending up with a score of 100 victory points out of a possible 120? Ask John Gunther: he knows.

Finally, can you imagine winning a trick with the three of hearts when the heart deuce was led? Ask Sanford Lebow!

In January we had two club championship games. Gerry Collier, Jim Shiriashi, Russ Leary, Pat Riedy, Dee Minizolli, Gene Crubaugh, Lowell Lykken, Gunnar Soderland, Ann Dupont and Bill Moran held their titles until Jan. 21 when Michael Ellis, John Gray, Jim and Sue Munday, Peter Wiere and Teryl Burke won the second championship game. Too bad the crowns are only good for two weeks.

January unit game winners were Alan Curtis, Dave Taylor, Nancy and Craig Kavin, Loretta Rubin, Joy Remland, Donna Tainter, Marilyn Pecsok, Pat Barnfield and Gladys Honigsberg. Date of the February unit game was changed to the 28th; hope to see you there!

At the recent Riverside Regional, our members won a total of 260 masterpoints! Donna Bell, Joe Conti and Alan Curtis won a Bracket II Knockout as well as a 2-session Swiss Teams. Joe also won a Wednesday side game and a Compact KO Bracket II. Bill Hall won the KO Bracket I, while Ron Westwood and John Clark won the Saturday Open Pairs.

In Honolulu, Jon Sutcliff won a Senior Pairs, Open Pairs and Saturday pairs game.

Unit winners for the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards are: Bob Livingston, Chuck Potts, Len and Dora D'Amato, Gene

Saxon, Lowell Lykken, Miriam Wyan, Phyllis Zerg, Suzanne Robertson, Gene Crubaugh, Mel Kovnat, Donna Bell, Joe Conti, Jim Munday, Gerry Collier and Bill Hall. Congratulations!

Mark your calendars for our sectional, to be held the first weekend in March at the Thousand Oaks Inn. There is plenty of free parking and free breakfasts!

See you at the tables!

## Ventura

By Maurine Moore

January 9 was the date of our annual election and (delicious) dinner at the church on Teloma. Board members, elected by acclamation, include Mike Gaddis, Judy Kupperman, Dennis Charles, Paula Reach, Bob Gruber, and Elinor Hood. Buki Burke replaced the outgoing entertainment chairman, Arline Benzein; no one replaced the irreplaceable Mary Anita Hill. Discussion centered around starting a 99er game and a mentoring program, and hosting a Pro-Am game.

At the Wednesday morning Christmas Party questionnaires were handed out asking participants to list former occupations and why they started playing bridge. The former brought some interesting responses. Dottie Fisch claimed she was too busy raising four kids to be employed outside the home; her husband, Alan, worked as a tour guide in Beverly Hills. Charles Keiter took the long view. Before he became an aerospace engineer he made money as a door-to-door salesman and corn detassler.

Roger Bujold was an air traffic controller, Mary Budd a housewife and researcher into the genetics of flies!

Darlene Fuller played basketball on a government team and Peter Leembruggen - the leather artist who makes us beautiful name tags - was a professional Scout Master.

Do vocations have anything to do with bridge expertise? I don't know, but I do know the two players who are the most challenge in our unit, Bob Bradish and

Charles Clarke, are lawyers. I counted up the jobs I've had in my lifetime and came up with 21! The most fun was the one I had when I was 16 and cashiered at the local theater in the days before anyone had TV. Everyone came to the movies and I got to see all the shows free.

The reasons for learning to play bridge were predictable ... socialize, spend more time with my husband, network, keep my mind healthy, meet new people, etc. Marilyn Brett learned because her former husband asked her to so she could interact with the other officers' wives. Why did I start? I can remember thinking I never would. Grandmother and all her friends played, so it was just something for "Little Old Ladies" to do. Then when I got to college the man I was pinned to said we had to do something that didn't cost money(!) I learned so I could be with my friends and not be left out. Come to think of it, that's still the main reason why I play.

## Visalia

By Robbie Rouch

Visalians started the Olympic year with an opening ceremony in Monterey, as Warren and Suzi Cederborg scored a 72.34% win in the Charity Pairs, and Allyson Farrell won the B strat w/partner Nancy Rude. Bob Farrell, though still short of the 100 points required to be dubbed Regional Master, earned enough to push his gold total past 30. Pat DeLaMontanya, Andi Sigmund, Avis Morse, and Robbie also helped make Visalia's presence known as we visited District 21, our very hospitable neighbors to the north. And in Riverside, Mike and

Mary Florio garnered gold as KO finalists. Allyson and Mun Takeda also reached the final round of a Knockout event and were instrumental in helping teammate Paul Messer (playing w/Steve Sharp) reach his goal of Life Master.

Warren Cederborg finished in the top five masterpoint winners in both tournaments, and at his current monthly pace could be near the pinnacle of the Barry Crane Top 500, running up 1900 points for the year.

Just another 20 or so stellar tournament performances and he's there.

At the local level, we fielded 119 tables, with 30 different winners rising to the top in 13 contests through Groundhog Day. Villa Vejvoda danced five different partners to the victory circle, a step ahead of Gary Blair and Vincent Cheng with four wins each. Robbie won three, and Gerard Laquerriere, Howard Arquette, Maudmarie Calhoun, Paul Schommer, and Suzi Cederborg each won twice. Other wins went to Allyson Farrell, Avis Morse, Bob Farrell (70.83% w/ Gerard), Betty Smith, Bill Martin, Bob Loudermilk, Bob Rouch, Charles Boniske, Diane Bernard, Esther Perrotta, Gary Spaberg, Howard Broadman, Lorna Cheng, Mike Florio, Mary Florio, Mike Frank, Mary Miller, Mun Takeda, Nahid al Askari, Phyl Shackleford, Warren Cederborg, and Bob Iorio. In our first game of the New Year, and his first day back after surgery, Bob sailed to victory, but the excitement must have taken its toll, as he spent the rest of the month under medical care. Now he's back again, and even though we didn't let him win his last two outings, he claims to like us much better than Bridge Base Online. Welcome back, Bob, and thank you, Carol Carr, for taking on the treasurer's responsibilities.

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right there in the hotel or nearby locations.

Do you want to stay over at the hotel and make this a vacation to remember? The T & C offers special low rates for bridge players. They will even give a \$10 discount for any stay longer than five nights!

And let's not forget the extra-special entertainment planned for you: Many of the same singers and actors who performed at the Nov. NABC will be poised to delight you with their version of "Bridge Guys and Dolls" Friday and Saturday between the afternoon and evening sessions.

Come and let Damon Runyon paint a canvas of bridge hustlers and chorus dolls, with Sky Masterpoints and his mission doll bride Sarah Brownie-Points, with "Big Mama" Detroit and her son "Little Nathan" and their "Oldest Permanent Floating Bridge Game in the World!," with that villainous Not-So-Nicely Notrumps trying to take over bridge in San Diego, and ... last but certainly not least ... Miss Adelaide, who is more frustrated by the fact that after 13 years of being engaged to Nathan, she is still not yet a Life Master!

## District 22 70% Games

- 81.24% Marcia Trombold - Pat Hawkins, Harvey's Bridge, Jan. 18
- 77.41% Mary & Ron Huffaker, Redwood BC, Feb. 6
- 77.38% Mark Jenkins - Michael Servais, Palm Desert, Jan. 22
- 77.18% Allen Golbert - Phil Hiestand, Anaheim Bridge Club, Jan. 23
- 75.16% Rosalie & Isadore Sharp, Cathedral City, Feb. 2
- 74.68% Joyce Curti - Jan. Snider, Bridge Academy 2, Jan. 17
- 74.51% James Martin - Rima Sharon, Oceanside Sr., Dec. 28
- 74.48% Anne & Thomas Lund, Cathedral City, Jan. 25
- 73.51% Sandy Denison - Jerry Schmitt, Bakersfield, Feb. 3
- 73.28% Bill Williams - James Wooden, Temecula, Jan. 30
- 72.76% Alfred and William Hume, Laguna Woods, Jan. 16
- 72.75% Sondra Rice - Arnold Rice, Palm Desert, Feb. 5
- 72.68% Robert Drew Schrieffer - Linda Warren, Mirro Bay, Feb. 2
- 72.62% Don Kaul - Barbara Buhm-Kaul, Dana Harbor, Jan. 27
- 72.34% Warren & Suzi Cederborg, Monterey Regional, Jan. 4
- 72.07% Barbara Shaw - Jerry Engel, Laguna Woods, Jan. 14
- 72.02% Helen Elardo - Anita Flood, Los Posas CCBC, Jan. 6
- 71.83% John Clark - Mary Reyna, Bridge Academy 2, Jan. 16
- 71.53% Pam Howard - Carol Ross, PGA West, Jan. 27
- 71.30% Cleland Nelson - Mirlene Koerner, Murrieta, Jan. 12
- 71.25% Lynn Johnston - Paul Johnston, Saddleback, Jan. 10
- 71.03% Gene Crubaugh - Rosemary Gruser, Bridge Academy 2, Jan. 13
- 70.92% Leo Shearer - Bob Robinson, Cathedral City, Feb. 4
- 70.88% Anne Lund - Joanne Wiley, Palm Desert, Jan. 7
- 70.87% Connie Provost - Linda Smith, Anaheim Bridge Club, Jan. 16
- 70.83% Gerard Laquerriere - Bob Farrell, Visalia, Jan. 21
- 70.83% R. John Willis - Janice Randles, Palm Desert, Feb. 4
- 70.67% Bob Hollman - Bruce Ferguson, La Quinta, Jan. 20
- 70.60% Bill Todd - Joann Jackson, Santa Barbara BC, Jan. 20
- 70.58% M. Ali Minkavi - Belton Allen, Soledad Club, Jan. 11
- 70.54% Joe Wilson - David Johnson, Duplicators BC, Jan. 25
- 70.53% James Wooden - Joyce Cellilli, Sun City, Jan. 22
- 70.53% James Wooden - Bill Williams, Temecula, Jan. 13
- 70.45% Ken Davis - Carrie Mahoney, OOR, Sept. 8
- 70.35% Ellie Raymer - Emile Broadwin, Laguna Woods, Jan. 8
- 70.03% Bill Eynan - Howard King, Palm Desert, Jan. 8
- 70.03% Jean & Robert Faust, Santa Maria, Jan. 19
- 70.00% Mini Gerstell - Peter Schulkin, Mirro Bay LBC, Feb. 1
- 70.00% Dianne Hancock - Bonnie Kent, Anaheim Bridge Club, Jan. 12

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