

What's New in District 22

High Desert

By Steve Klein

With Mary Ann and Warren Wotring on vacation in Australia all month, Eiko Miller in Japan, and the snowbirds still away for the winter, it was tough getting games together in Big Bear in March. Three full tables were the most we could manage. Winners of club games in March were Christine Cook (twice), David Joseph, Jack Swigart, Morton Fletcher, Jean Kuchta, Jeanne Neighbors and Derryl Montague.

As soon as the Wotring's got back from Australia, they teamed up with Christine Cook and Jack Swigart and reached the semifinals of the Elephantastic Knockouts (Bracket 2), a gold point event at the San Diego Regional.

Between this and an earlier Swiss Teams, each member of the team picked up 10.82 masterpoints, all gold or red.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: It was a great month for Helendale and Victorville bridge. We participated in STAC week and represented our unit well in the district overalls. Stan Gabriel and David Bloom earned 4.97 silver points for a 60+% game. Also placing in the district overalls were Jane Pace (twice), Beth Hendrick, Steve Koller, Brett Baker, and John Ruffo.

Congrats to the winners of the March unit game: N/S and overall were Charlotte Phillips and Jack Belsher, E/W winners were Gil and Fran Franklin. Winners of club games in March were: Steve Koller (6), John Ruffo (5), Beth Hendrick (4), Jane Pace (3), Charlotte Phillips (2), Virginia Cleminson (2), Jo Ann Drozdik (2), Jerry Kinkade (2), Brett Baker (2), David Bloom (2), Bonnie Larsen, Joan Kinney, David Johnson, Fran Franklin, Gil Franklin, Elizabeth Tufo, Jack Belsher, Pat Bridgers, Bill Yamamoto, Stan Gabriel, John Harvey, Gary Aalfs, Jim Fariss, Rosie Erdelen and Jan Carmean.

Congrats to all of our winners!

La Jolla/Beach

By Steve Johnson

Happy Spring, and congratulations to all of the winners at the San Diego Regional at the great facilities of the Town and Country Hotel. Co-Chairpersons Bill Grant and Alice Leicht did a superb job running the tournament, and all of their hard work did not go unnoticed. A great playing site, excellent hospitality, nice section top prizes and a good partnership desk made for a great tournament (even with the three or so "shakes" from the earthquake on Sunday afternoon!).

Top La Jolla Unit masterpoint winners at the tournament were Lynne Feldman with 53.59, David Oakley with 51.61 and Alan Gailfus with 46.13.

Way to go and way to play!

We had only one member advance to a higher ACBL player level this month. Congratulations to Alberdina Bahmanian for achieving Sectional Master. Just a few more "rungs" to go to reach Life Master, Alberdina!

Our March 14 unit game saw Greg Chaffee and Mac Busby winning Flight A, with Alan Gailfus and Jim Martin 2nd. First in B were Alan and Ray Rowen. 2nd in B and 1st in C were Michael Kohn and Gerald Bishoff. Second in Flight C went to Lyle Kalish and Wilfred Westlake.

Our March 28 unit game was won by Michael Mezin and Elaine Chan, who were also first in Flight B.

N. Marovac and Deanna Veitia were 2nd in B and 1st in C. Hal Simon and Abdol Aalam were 2nd in C.

April 11 and 25 are the dates for the La Jolla unit games for this month. Mark your calendars, get a partner and come and play!

And don't forget our La Jolla & Beach Sectional over the Memorial Day weekend (May 28 - 30), held at the Soledad Club. A map to the playing site is available on the La Jolla Unit web site: select *Local Clubs*, and then the *Map of all Major Clubs*. Click on a club and a larger map will appear. A schedule of events is on the ACBL tournament website, it is also posted to the La Jolla Bridge website and there are copies of the flyer at most of the local bridge clubs in the area.

There should be a little something for everyone at the sectional. Janet Ansfield, the tournament manager, has done a ton of work to ensure this sectional will be a success. See you there!

Well, that is all for this month: enjoy your bridge games, practice active ethics, and treat your opponents and your partner as you would like to be treated.

Lompoc

By Don Kerr

There were two players with five wins, Ada Bakalar and David Bakalar. We had one winner with 4 wins, Jo Gowenlock. The players with three wins were: Joyce Gehlhaar and Jim Gibbs. Then there were Pat Hodges, Barbara Holt and Helgi Hardison with two wins. They were followed by Trudy Balin, Jan Brown, Marg Flack, Sarah Flinkingshelt, Sue Helmuth, Don Kerr, JoAnn Miculin, Erika Paul, Skook Porter, and Evelyn Schuler with one win.

We held a memorial game for Hope Howard, and were able to donate \$319 to the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara.

Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

Jack Waller had a unique experience during the San Diego Regional. He found himself playing against Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell in a team game. He held his own for the first half of the match before losing. Sarah Carter and Yasuko Mullen won the unit game over Dave Speer and Rob White. Craig Stump and I were third with Esther Hart with Barbara Meggers and Margaret O'Neill with Charlene Stephens also placing.

I managed to lead the masterpoint parade for the TGIF Bridge Clubs. Yasuko was second, followed by Greg, Margaret, Mary Stokes, Charlene, Craig, Sarah, Roy Cole, Yvonne Chilina, and Dave Flatman. Craig

Rae would have been included if he would rejoin ACBL. Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth tied with me for the most masterpoints for the COM Bridge Club. We were followed by Ying-Ming Lee, Greg, Craig, Rob, Yvonne, Sarah, and Esther.

Saddleback

By Bob Destino

Our special March unit game with Eddie Kantar was a huge success as about 225 bridge lovers enjoyed Eddie's lecture, lunch and bridge. "Thanks!" to the unit board, who worked as a team to make this event run so smoothly.

April is Awards Month as we honor the 2009 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners. Ace of Clubs awards are based on the most points earned in club games only. Mini-McKenney awards are for the most points earned overall including tournaments, unit games and club games. Awards are stratified based on players' total points at the start of 2009. Ace of Clubs winners for 2009 are: Lillian Holtz, Ann Jojnt, Denny Roe, Donna Krueger, Jim Kristiansen, Linda Ryder, Pat Romine, Lou Dubin, Dennis Maynard, Larry Sharp, Eddie Rose and John Swanson. 2009 Mini-McKenney awardees are: Lillian Holtz, Don Jojnt, Jean Cosgrove, Donna Krueger, Paul Johnston, Linda Ryder, Beverly Bain, Xiaoxue Walker, Alfred Tuckman, Larry Sharp, Eddie Rose and John Swanson.

We have five new members this month; please welcome them when you meet them: Cathleen Johnston, Harold King, Marie Love, Anil Mankar and Lisa Wicks.

And while you're in a welcoming mood, congratulate these players who have achieved new Master rankings: Junior Masters Judy Brennan, Vivian Levin, Cathy Silverman, Mary Turner and Judy Wittenstein; Club Masters Patricia Lanning, Joyce Mulligan, Betty Rubin and Gail Schaller; Sectional Masters Henryk Adamek, Pat Allgeier, Muriel Olson and Patricia Osterstock; Silver Life Masters Lola Jolly and Xiaoxue Walker.

If you ever need to know what's happening in our unit, please go to www.laguna-bridge.com. You'll find game, teaching and special event schedules, game results, bridge tutorials, and much more. If you've never seen this website, we encourage you to check it out - it's loaded with good info!

San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

March was definitely the tournaments of champions. We had a Nationals in Reno, our well-attended sectional, and then our regional.

Nice to see so many 539ers listed as winners!

In our sectional, the Friday morning Compact KOs (225 average masterpoints) was won by Bill Eblen - Dianne Sullivan - Sharyn Daly - Mary Lou Kammerer. Second place went to Claire Tremaine - Pauline Altman - Karen Dempsey - Mahin Zahirnia. Compact KO (1353 average MPs) was won by Lynne Feldman - Jason Feldman - Chris Benson - Rick Roeder, with second going to Ralph Baty - Jeremy Fields - Sally Ishihara - Gail Dunham. NLM Pairs winners were Harry and Carolyn Espey; #2, Marianne Kuzma - Mary Ann Houston, and #3, Carol Abramowitz - Patricia Newman. Open Pairs winners were Steve Clark - Ivar Stakgold; #2, Janet Ansfield - Francy Starr, and #3, Steve Gugick - Wirt Gilliam.

Friday afternoon NLM Pairs: 1st Larry Flora - Thelma Balbes; 2nd Isabelle Wasserman - Barbara Rosansky; and 3rd Doris Philamalee - Judy Wasco. Open Pairs winners were Ronald Kay - David Anding; 2nd, Debbie and Alan Gailfus; and 3rd, Doug and Peggy Magde.

And the beats went on! Afternoon Compact KOs, (224 average) was won by the team of Kevin Chaisson - Philippe Lamoise - David and Joan Slagle, with second place going to Raghubir Mathur - Marianne Kuzma - Arthur Barsell - Mary Ann Houston. KO (1374) average was won by Erin Feldman - Chris Benson - Jason Feldman - Lynne Feldman, with second going to Connie Unger - Ruth Aronsohn - Benita Nadler - Judy Gruenberger.

Saturday morning NLM Pairs: #1, Liane Brennar - Kim Lazarus; #2, Kay Earley -

Sheila Rodbell; and #3, Sandy Kucha - Terry Paul. Open Pairs winners: Timothy Flaherty - Jeri Adams; #2, Ron Huffaker - Dave Walters; and #3, Jan Gallagher - Rose Zakarian. Afternoon NLM Pairs: #1, Thomasine Breher - Geneva Murphy; #2, Richard Mauldin - Diana Block, and #3, Ann Latta - Patricia Newman. Open Pairs: #1, Mark Itabashi - Subba Ravipudi; #2, David Walters - Ron Huffaker, and #3, John Boackle - Diane Miller.

Sunday Swiss winners, Flight B & C, were Manoochehr Bahmanian - Lyle Kalish - Sebastian Holsclaw - Robert Walters; #2 B & C, Kevin Chaisson - Philippe Lamoise - David and Joan Slagle, also 1st in Flight D. Second in D, Ursula Kantor - Donna Friedman - Harold Simon - Abdol Aalm. First in Flight A/X, David Oakley - Ron and Mary Huffaker - Dave Walters. Second in Flight A, Bill Grant - Lynne O'Neill - Phyllis Yates - Maritha Pottenger. Second in X, Dan Denison - Jeremy Fields - Steve and Sally Clark. Good job, great tournament!

Third Sunday 599er strat winners were Janice Joerger - Ruth Aronsohn; #2, Harold Simon - Majid Aslom; #3, Howard and Margaret DeYoung. Open Strat winners were Tom Tatham - Alain Schreiber; #2, Phyllis Yates - Greg House; #3, Elaine Chan - Michael Mezin.

Big winners for Mini-McKenney (ACBL members who win the most points during a calendar year in their category) & Ace of Clubs (only masterpoints won at clubs, excluding NAPS, sectionals, online) Awards: 0-5, Albert Folkman (both); 5-20, Judy Winter (both); 20-50, Joan Gross (both); 50-100, Raymond Sachs MM, Steve Rattner AC; 100-200, Patricia Bischoff MM, Marvin Warner AC; 200-300, Ruth Aronsohn (both); 300-500, Pat Loh (both); 500-1000, Andy Loh (both); 1000-2500, Matthew Mallory MM, Fred Parker AC; 2500-5000, Maritha Pottenger (both); 5000-7500, Rick Roeder MM, Virginia Hastings AC; 7500-10,000, Lena Jelusich (both); 10,000 & up, Peter Weichsel MM, Roger Doughman AC. Good work!

Save your pennies! As of July 1 our unit game fee will be \$8.00 (up \$1.00 from the \$7.00 previous fee). Good bridge, great food, fair price!

Milestones: Junior Master: Ray Miller. Club Master: Susan Lauer. Silver Life Master: Michael Mezin. Congratulations to all!

San Diego North County Coastal

By Iris Allyn

I am very happy to be back in the fold, and I want to thank all of you for the cards, flowers, books, etc. But most of all for your good wishes and prayers.

Here we go with a new member, Gaye Hoefflich from Carlsbad. Transfers: Edie Block, Paul R. Foster, Zondra L. Hendrix, Sharon M. Kambestad, Onnie H. Magar, Terry L. Paul, Rose F. Penne, Bryan J. Reese, Keith L. Stinson, Donna Wood.

Encinitas Thursday, Paul Landrum

We awarded a nice lump-sum total of 105.04 masterpoints this month. We aren't able to have any Mega-Point games in Encinitas because of the restrictions put on our game by the City of Encinitas, but we can have club championships games. Wayne Holm played with a non-member this month to win our club championship. Wayne also topped our masterpoint list with 6.83 points. Ross Penne and Keith Stinson are regular partners on Thursday, and they came in second on the list with 4.66. Charlie Gilman has different partners on Thursday, but he came in a respectable third with 4.63 points.

Cardiff By The Sea, Harvey Goldstein

We had a busy five game schedule this past month. The BIG event was our quarterly club championship game which was won by Irene Howard and Richard Plattner with a sparkling 67% game. In addition to the overall winning pair our section winners for the championship were Anne Scott - Pat Astier, Barbara Scherman - Sylvia Sanderson and Jag Bhola - Harvey Schleifstein. We had the unusual occurrence of back-to-back wins during a two week period accomplished by Terry Maloy and Don Cleveland. In one of their wins they were first overall in a 44-pair game, and in the other they were second overall in a 42-pair game. What made this unusual was the feat was duplicated by Terry Paul -



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