

What's New in District 22

Krish - Joanna Bernard. Hope all had a Happy Easter and a Happy . If you have no plans for Sundays at 1:00, please come. Call Marcia at or e-mail marciahand@roadrunner.com

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San Luis Obispo

By Torre Houlgate-West

Because we have names and games housekeeping to catch up on, this column will be heavy on information, the right stuff, and light on ... well, the light stuff!

Four two-hour basic beginner lessons start later this month in San Luis Obispo. They'll be followed by eight sessions introducing modern conventions. This series will be held in the early evening, to accommodate working newcomers.

A belated but hearty welcome to new members! Future LMs who challenge our Thursday novice section in Arroyo Grande include Katherine Anderson, Heidi Boatman, Linda Germany, Lori and Mark Hays, Donna Kimber, Sharon and Michael Murphy, Sue and Alan Percival, Dick Rivera, and Annette Roberts.

We've had some 70% games there. How's that for catching on brilliantly? Hope they'll dip into the sectional in Santa Maria at the end of the month.

Other players recently entering the wonderful Unit 540 world in pursuit of masterpoints are Dean Adams, Doug and Judy Brown, Dorothy DeVries, Willie Gussin, Tony Kelly II, Janet McLaughlin, Ingo Nemling, Christina Nichol, Charles Senn, Lois Thompson, and Cheryl Tomono.

We also welcome Leda and John Fields, newly joining our unit.

Let's continue to create a pleasant game for everyone, but especially for new play-

ers. A memorable moment in the novice group occurred when a player had to leave early. Bill Ringbom, who was sitting out in the open game, came to fill in briefly. He opened his hand to see 24 HCP. Oh, the irony!

In a Five Cities STAC game on March 25, Sue and Alan Percival celebrated their new ACBL membership with a 74.25% game in the novice section. The other notable accomplishment that day was in the open game, where siblings Carol Moss and Charles Davis blitzed the field, finishing first in A, B, and C!

In our second Saturday unit game on March 13, N/S Dixie and Betty Hsu finished first overall. Coming in second overall, but with an E/W section high were Gary Arthurs - Bill Ringbom.

Bud Zeuschner and Howard Gee finished first in B.

Now that other units have reported on "their" winners at our late February sectional, let's give our players some moments in the sun. Top locals scoring high included LMs Ron Schwarer, Bill Ringbom, and Gary Arthurs. Equal with Ron and Bill was NLM George Godde, followed by NLMs Doris Dunn and Jack Wolff.

Among Unit 540 members, Friday afternoon section tops for A went to Dixie Hsu - Gary Yant, George Sheffield - Bud Zeuschner, and George Godde - Bill Ringbom. Section leaders in B included Judy Obermeier - Dolores Soll, and Marian Middleton - Mary Neal, plus Ringbom - Godde and Sheffield - Zeuschner. Heading up local C players were Lee Kanehl - Patricia Aldred, joined by Obermeier - Soll.

Friday evening local winners were E/W Pete Schulkin - Mimi Gerstell, first in C. Saturday morning, Lynn Byrd - Clint Rylee snagged a C strat section top. Dave Elder - Charlie Senn won in B.

Some Saturday a.m. players entered the Compact KOs, a first for our sectionals. Winning first place was the team of Bill Ringbom - George Godde - Ron Schwarer - Lyle Supp, with the second spot going to

Gary Yant - Joyce Gelhaar - Gary Arthurs - Pat O'Toole. Seems like the Compact KO games are where Unit 540 players sparkle! SLO North County players Neil Beaumont - Phil Curry with Ronald and Elizabeth Helgerson captured fourth place.

In the Saturday afternoon pairs game, N/S Wolff - Dunn swept the section tops, and were 3rd in A, 1st in B and C. Wow! E/W Kanehl - Aldred won 1st in C.

Sunday's Swiss Teams didn't suit our SLO players as well as the Compact KOs, but one team scored a first in C. Carting home silver were Wolff and Dunn with Dolores Soll - Gene Edgerton.

Snowbirds are starting to leave, and soon sunbirds will arrive. All weather refugees welcome, tempest-tossed or sunburnt!

Santa Ana

By Jay Helekar

It was great to see Marcie Evans back at the table. The Evans clan has given more of themselves to the bridge community than anyone, and their loss is felt by all. It says a lot about bridge that people come back to their club as part of their healing process when they suffer a loss of this nature.

It is times like these that remind us that every day counts, and that we should never squander any of them. It is these moments that put everything else in perspective.

In much lighter news, it was also great to see another familiar face back at our club. Susan Powers was back for the first time in a while to show off her greatly improved skills. With her first time partner Janet Logan, they pulled out a first place finish. Susan was kind enough to offer me some pointers after the game.

It was also great to see Irene Shuirman back at the club. It was the first time we have seen her since we reopened a bridge club in Santa Ana. And as seems to be the case with all of our old friends who come back, she also finished high in the standings. Rumor has it that she may have even finished ahead of Richard.

Speaking of first place finishes, congratulations to Jerry Caine and Sheila Wolff, who had a 74% game! And true to form, they were caught later on discussing how they could have done better. Jerry is one of our fastest improving players.

We are all pulling for him to continue his climb.

Some of our players had great accomplishments in Reno as well. David and Rita pulled out a first place overall finish in Reno in the Open Pairs. Rai Osborne won a bunch of points too.

Congratulations to all. As was the hope, all of the games are continuing to grow slowly over time. Some think it is Renata's amazing cooking. Some think it is the friendly atmosphere of the games.

I prefer to think it is my incredible directing skills. I guess that we are all entitled to our own theory.

As long as the games keep moving in a positive direction, then it doesn't really matter why.

Keep counting.

Santa Barbara

By Judy Piper

Spring has sprung gloriously, with four 70+ percentage scores for several of our pairs. Check the 70% games list elsewhere in this issue, and note that Carl Michelet and Ralph Mocker made the list twice!

At the Pacific Southwest Regional in San Diego on Friday, April 2, Cheryl Miller and Lynn Shafer came in 1st in their section in Open Pairs. Debbie Bolduc and Stan Spink were 3rd in B in their section.

Wednesday, March 20 was a club championship: Winners N/S were Brian Berglund and Janice Chelini; 2nd were Lenny Van Wingerden and Joanel Scala.

1st E/W were Norma Jean Shaw and John Whittlesey; 2nd were Robert Muer and Mickey Plaut.

Some Bridge Mileposts: Bill Schultz and Cheryl Miller have earned Silver Life Master (1000 MP) recently and Ralph Mocker became a Gold Life Master (2500 MP) in March.

We awarded the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs honors Sunday, March 28, after a buffet of delightful morsels. Award winners in their categories for both Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney were Christine Pinkerton, Ety Yenni, Paul Mershon, Scott Denison, Paul Murphy, Carole Loeff, and Mickey Plaut.

Winners in the Mini-McKenney for their categories were Mickey Rosenzweig, Tom McCrackin, Bob Holman, and Mark Bartusek. In the Ace of Clubs winners were Ronnie Morris, Bob Begoni, Fran Pangburn, and Jack Yeasley.

Tournament winning score on the 28th were Tom McCrackin - Del Moen North/South, with Ronnie Morris - Phil Kaiser first East/West.

Tom McCrackin and Kalon Kelly were in full swing representing our District in the NAP qualifiers in Reno. Tom reported a hand to me from that event on which he bid three times with 2 HCP, got doubled, and went down -1100 ... for a tie for top!

The editor assured me that we would have no room to lay it out in this column, but ask Tom about it; I'm sure he can reproduce the bidding and layout, bid for bid and spot for spot!

Santa Maria

By Joe Cohan

Overall winners of the month: Carol Anne Edie, Margaret Arbogast, Judith English, Diane Bouquet, (3)

Susan Barrett. John Arbogast, Bill Allen (2), Torre Houlgate-West, Peggy Johnson, Dave Hickey, Robert Faust, Vi Dallessandro, Jerry Riezebos and last but not least two pairs of "Cs" overall: Geret Feninga - William Torpay and Art Scheitauer - Cecil Ward.

Other high Cs: Karen Bogard, Peggy Johnson, (2) Ervin Poteat, Rita and John Eppard, Gerald and Marge Hickman, Janice Scott, Pat Aldred, Wm. Torpay, G.

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Jo Boyd

santa Maria Strawberry Sectional

Sanction # S1005036

Apr. 30 - May 2, 2010

Masonic Temple

700 East Lakeview Road - Santa Maria, CA
Sponsored by Santa Maria Unit 543

Friday Apr. 30

1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
6:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
A 1250+ B 500-1250 C 0-500
6:00 PM Stratified 99'er

Saturday May 1

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs
4:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday May 2 Swiss Teams

11:00 AM and T.B.A.
A 1250+ B 500-1250 C 0-500
\$ 22 per person (includes lunch)

Director In Charge
Nancy Boyd

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Card Fees \$10.00
per person/per session
(\$11.00 for Non & UNPAID ACBL Members)

Directions
Going north or south on 101, take the Santa Maria Way off ramp Turn at the first left onto Bradley Rd. Turn at the first right onto Lakeview Rd. The Masonic Temple is on the left. There is ample parking.

Refreshments

Website: www.acbldistrict22.com/543/

San Diego

Unit 539

Schedule for May - July 2010

DATE	EVENT
May 2	Unit Game**
May 14-16	San Diego Unit 539 NLM-749er Spring Sectional See ad in this issue of the Forum and at the club (Sunday Pairs Winners - Audre Erhardt NLM Trophy)
May 16	Unit Game**
Jun 6	Unit Game** Annual Membership Meeting & Election Party
June 20	Unit Game Father's Day
July 4	Unit Game** 4 th of July Party
July 18	Unit Game**

**Separate 0-599 section planned for each unit game

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