



What's New in District 22

Higginbotham 2nd, Taylor and R. Haber 3rd. The 14th found Sparks and Gilbert in 1st, the Bournes in 2nd, and Crunk and Kittinger in 3rd with Busby and Hobbs in 4th. Since Dottie was away, Don took over for the 16th and there was a tie for 1st between Reeder and Muth and Abbott and Busby. On the 21st winners were another tie between Reeder and Mizrahi and the Habers. Since there were so few players available there was no game on the 23rd.

The 28th found Dottie back and things beginning to pick up. The winners then were Kittinger and Crunk 1st, Gilbert and Abbott 2nd, Reeder and Mizrahi 3rd and Lohr and Sheehan 4th; the 30th winners were Reeder and Mizrahi, Sheehan and Faint 2nd, and the Habers in 3rd with Farmer and Knight in 4th.

So went our month in Bishop.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

Congratulations to the Eastlake Bridge Club on their one-year anniversary. In celebration, the club held a potluck dinner in September. Thank you to hardworking Kathie Angione for doing the many tasks necessary to make the club a success, and to all the players who participate in the games.

Winners in Eastlake included Kathleen Hennessy and Marianne Amantea, Barbara Schafer and Beverly Sanchez, Cheryl Rankin and Trish Lane, and John and Linda Dusharme. Other winners were Fred Nimtz and Betty Birmingham (twice), Robert Shapley and Walt Bochenek, Cheryl Rankin and Linda Dusharme, Robert Shapley and Elaine Chan, Kathleen Hennessy and Robert Shapley, and Tom Turner and Mike McGinty.

In Coronado, a special anniversary trumped the bridge results: On October 1, Bill and Eleanor Kipperman celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Throughout the past many years, the two have partnered in a multitude of bridge games (they

won at the Coronado club this month), but it is their partnership in life that is inspirational. In addition to winning as a team, Bill won with partner Dick Palmer, and Eleanor was victorious with partner Al Schuster.

Betty Thompson had a sterling month. She won four times - once with Sandy Belfer and three times with Suzanne Kinnear. (Is this "as good as it gets?") Other winners were Ana and Solomon Mochon, Ann and Bob Hallse, Dick Palmer and John Pizzato, Phil Akre and Al Schuster, Phil Akre and Vicky Bamberger, and Hazel Metz and Marguerite Cook (twice).

A few of us traveled to the Las Vegas Sectional. Jan and Lynne Erickson played in the team games, placing third in C in a Swiss Teams competition and second in Knockouts. Jean and Bill Seager scored a first place in C four times in their section of the open game.

Several Coronado/Chula Vista players did well in the regional in Irvine. Robert Shapley and Robert Walters were second in B in a side game. But it was the side game series that provided the greatest excitement. Kathie Angione and Trish Lane were first in B, second in A in the evening side game; then they scored second in A in another game, making them the overall winners in the evening side game series. Jean and Bill Seager played in the morning side games, scoring third in A and B and second in C, second in A and B and first in C, and fourth in C. They placed third/fourth in the morning side game series competition.

What a coup for the Coronado/Chula Vista contingent!

In the team games, Kathie Angione, Robert Walters, Trish Lane and Robert Shapley were fourth in a Knockout match. Robert and Trish teamed with Michael Mezin and Elaine Chan to win a Swiss Teams competition in X.

We'll see you all at our sectional November 6-8. It will be a good tune-up for the Nationals, which are going to be in San Diego at the end of November. Isn't this a great time to be a San Diego bridge player?

Dana Harbor

By Kathy Braeunig

Congrats to all Orange County Regional winners. Members finishing 1st in their KO brackets were Mel and Rachael Mitchell, Andrew Chao, Jacob Weisberg, Leslie Levine, Meg Casalaspri, Carol Armstrong, Rosalind Chasman, Dolie Poulos, Bob Albert, Jack and Sharon Rippy, Richard and Sandra Leach, Ron and Sandra Livingston, Hemant Bhatia, and Philip Hiestand.

Placing 1st in KO Consolation were Dede Gansel, Betty Johnson, Anthony Shloss, Jane King, and Pat Dolphin.

Finishing 1st at the regional in their Swiss Teams strats were Eileen Garbutt, Mark Rehms, Janie Matlaf, Sharon Forslund, Lorraine Norton, Jack Nevins, Fran Blattner, and Jane Dober. Placing 1st in Side Games were Janie Matlaf, Jeffrey Rocklin, Andrew Chao, Pat Eggers, and Stanley Sirott. First in 299ers were Janie Matlaf, Andree Liebel, Jeffrey Rocklin, Arlene Hamann, B. Chammas, Dianna Hoffman, and Alan Dirkin, and 1st in 99ers were Mary Courtney and Susan Marcle.

Earning at least 20 points at the regional were Hemant Bhatia, Philip Hiestand, Jacob Weisberg, and Mark Itabashi.

Further along the tournament trail at the Santa Clara Regional, Mark Itabashi finished 1st with two KO Teams and accumulated 52.71 points. At the San Marcos 299er Sectional, Leslie Levine - Barbara Pierce won a 1st in A.

Placing 1st in their strats during STAC week, September 21-27, were Meg Casalaspri, Leslie Levine, and Philip Hiestand.

Other noteworthy wins: Alan and Debbie Gailfus came in 1st at the September unit game. Judy Alvord - Betty Hinchman, and Tom Snooks - Stuart Davis scored 70+% games in the Monday evening 99ers.

Leading the pack of masterpoint winners for our open games in September were Susan Benon, Larry Sharp, and Eugenia Corb. The top three spots for 299ers go to Jeff Rocklin, Dae Leckie, and Richard Mackaig. We have been waiting a long time for someone to dethrone Jacob Weisberg as leading point winner.

Way to go, Susan.

All pairs games Mon.-Fri. and Sunday unit games are now pre-dealt hands. Hand records are available after the games. Our new dealing machine also made it possible to hold our first Barometer Pairs Charity Event. All pairs played the same boards at the same time, and results were posted immediately so that each pair knew where they stood after each round. Thanks to Ginie Blitzman for organizing this game.

New members are Jeanne Adams, Christina Chapman, Marne Henstridge, and Kenneth Hill. Welcome to our fascinating game. Stuart Davis has transferred into our unit.

New rankings are Junior Master: Norma Cedarstrom, Gerald Fehrenbach, Anne Fettel, Ruth Kubis, Melanie McClintock-Blau, Cheryl Stelle; Club Master: Tom Snooks; Sectional Master: Alan Cawi, Kathleen Friesen, Ronald Leckie, Micki Patenaude, Jeffrey Rocklin, Phillip Schreiber, Marianne Seldman, Carol Stiff; Regional

Master: Nila Bhatia, Teresa McNeil, Janice Reckinger; NABC Master: Joan Pharris, Anthony Shloss; Life Master: Linda Jonas; Diamond Master: George Bartunek.

Remind your bridge playing friends and relatives who are not ACBL members that requirements for Life Master will be more stringent as of January 1, 2010. Now would be a good time for them to join ACBL!

High Desert

By Steve Klein

Fall has arrived in Big Bear, bringing cool temperatures (some overnight lows below freezing) and the annual exodus of the snowbirds. Several of our regulars winter in places like Palm Springs or Arizona, and we won't see them again until the snow has come and gone.

Fortunately, not all the travelers were gone that long. Eiko Miller and director Chris Cook are back after enjoying trips to Hawaii with their husbands. Chris and her husband also spent some time in Indiana visiting family.

Despite missing two sessions while on her trip, Eiko had five first-place finishes in September, a total exceeded only by Jack Swigart's 6. Other Big Bear winners for the month: Barbara Lasky (2), Morton Fletcher (2), Steve Klein, Chaz Langdon, and Jim Matthews.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: September was a month of travel for many of our players, and we greatly missed those players who went on vacation! Marty and Wyn Martin vacationed this month to Alabama to visit family. Steve Koller and Rosie Erdelen departed this month for an exciting trip to Japan and China.

Finally, we welcomed back David Johnson this month from directing a musical in the Dominican Republic.

Congratulations to the winners of our unit game on September 13, Jerry Kinkade and Tom Gay! Other winners of club games this month were: Pat Bridgers (3), Joan Kinney (2), Charlotte Phillips (2), Joe Wilson, Jim Fariss, Elisabeth Tufo, Rosie Erdelen, Jim Williams, John Ruffo, Steve Koller, Gil Franklin, Jane Pace, Stan Pace, and Ruth Allison. Way to go, winners!

Mini-McKenney masterpoint leaders from Unit 516: 0-5: David Bloom, Apple Valley, 37.24. 5-20: Bonita Larsen, Apple Valley, 19.04. 20-50: Jo Miro Drozdik, Apple Valley, 20.44. 50-100: Jim Fariss, Helendale, 19.31. 100-200: Rose Erdelen, Helendale, 32.9. 200-300: Steven Koller, Helendale, 51.59. 300-500: Kay Knapp, Morongo Valley, 25.36. 500-1000: Arlene Elder, Big Bear Lake, 69.03. 1000-2000: Clare Laljer, Desert Hot Springs, 31.06.

La Jolla/Beach

By Steve Johnson

September was a month of sadness and joy for members of the La Jolla Unit. As reported as a footnote in the October *Forum*, one of our long-time members, Ed Layton, lost his battle with cancer on Sept. 17. This was the sadness of the month. On September 17, Ed's life was celebrated in a joyful memorial unit game.

Ed was a long-time member of the Soledad Club where he taught bridge for more

CORONADO/CHULA VISTA SECTIONAL

November 6-8, 2009

ADVENTURES IN BRIDGE

4659 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego, CA
619-287-8313

Friday, November 6 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Single sessions

Stratified Open Pairs: 0-750/750-2000/2000+

Stratified NLM Pairs: 0-500

FREE - beverages, snacks and a light lunch

Saturday, November 7 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Single sessions

Stratified Open Pairs: 0-750/750-2000/2000+

Stratified NLM Pairs: 0-500

Bracketed Compact Knockouts

FREE - beverages, snacks and a light lunch

Sunday, November 8 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Swiss Teams:

A/X 0-4000/4000+

B/C/D 0-750/750-1250/1250-2000

Stratified NLM Swiss Teams 0-500

FREE - beverages, snacks and a full lunch

Card fees: Pair Games and Knockouts: \$10.00 for ACBL members

Swiss Teams: \$96 per 4 person team

Additional \$1 per person for nonmembers and unpaid members

Additional \$4 for each extra Swiss team player

Co-chairs: Marty Roth 619-437-8900 and Carol Brager 619-435-1359

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Tournament Director: Jean Molnar



San Diego



Unit 539

Schedule for Nov - Dec 2009

DATE	EVENT
Nov 1	North American Pairs Unit Qualifier Flights A, B, C & Unit Game**
Nov 15	Unit Game**
Dec 6	NO UNIT GAME BECAUSE OF NATIONALS
Dec 20	Unit Game**

Please note: Unit 539 Holiday Party will be Jan 3, 2010
If you have played in 12 Unit Games, you may attend FREE

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

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Unit Awards Presented at 1st Unit Game of each month
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