



What's New in District 22

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in 5-20 with 12.25; Jo Miro Drozdik of Apple Valley in 20-50 with 11.73; Dee Pasqua of Helendale in 50-100 with 13.21; Rose Erdelen of Helendale in 100-200 with 28.03; Steven Koller of Helendale in 200-300 with 41.16; Stan Gabriel of Victorville in 300-500 with 21.58; John Ruffo of Apple Valley in 500-1000 with 35.68; Clare Laljer of Desert Hot Springs in 1000-2500 with 28.85.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: August saw the return of Gil Franklin to directing the Monday game. Welcome back, Gil!

As summer winds up this month, we've seen many of our players take vacations and cruises. We wish everyone a wonderful and safe trip!

Joe Wilson will be starting a beginning bridge class at Victor Valley College, Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. It will be held in Room 4 of Building 10. You may come at any time, no pre-registration required.

Congratulations to the winners of the August unit game, June Babbitt and Jo Ann Drozdik! Way to go, ladies! We also saw a great month by Joan Kinney and Charlotte Phillips, who won three club games this month! Congratulations to our other club winners in August: Fran Franklin, Gil Franklin, David Bloom, Bonnie Larsen, Wyn Martin, Marty Martin, Beth Hendrick, Elisabeth Tufo, Jerry Kinkade, Steve Koller, Pat Bridgers, David Johnson, Joe Wilson, Jane Pace, Stan Pace, Rosie Erdelen, and Jim Williams.

La Jolla/Beach

By Steve Johnson

Since the last Forum, the La Jolla/Beach Unit held elections for new officers for a two-year term. Congratulations to new officers Bob Walters (treasurer), Janet Ansfield (special events), B.J. Peterson (hospitality), Randy Fadern (membership/education) with Cass Dono-

van returning to the board (partnerships/caddies/awards). Rounding out the Board, Ron Ignelzi is our new unit president, Bill Grant continues as vice-president/club manager, Matthew Kidd has moved into the secretary/web master position, Steve Johnson is the new Forum reporter, and www.lajollabridge.com/texts, tee-shirts, and trophies. Unit members who donated time and energy to the project were: David Oakley, Bob Walters, Matthew Kidd, Ron Ignelzi and Alex Prairie, together with Maritha Pottenger of the San Diego Unit.

This is not the first time the unit has sponsored a high school to promote bridge to younger players. For the past six years Bill Grant has coordinated similar events sponsored by the Math Department at Chula Vista High School. Matthew Kidd has posted the complete article (lajollabridge.com/LJUnit/Education/LaJollaHigh2009.htm) to the unit web site. According to Bill, the students were very competitive and learned the penalty double especially fast. Kathy Angione also has an article at eastlakebridgeclub.com/ regarding the event.

Many of our members achieved new ACBL ranking milestones this month. Congratulations go to Maureen Wallace as a new Junior Master, Sheila Furst and Patricia Lester as a new Club Masters, Marti Echolz as a new Sectional Master, Ramin Radsan and Alex Prairie as new Regional Masters, Theresa Hayes as a new NABC Master, and Dr. Barbara Blake as our newest Life Master. We wish you all the best as you progress through the ACBL rankings and move onward and upward.

The August 9 unit game winners were Freda Anderson - Janet Ansfield, 1st overall in Flights A & B and Andrew Loh and Patricia Loh 1st overall in C. Second in A & B were George and Kathy Bessinger, with June and Otto Newman 2nd in C. August 23rd's game winners were Greg Stander and Fani Hanson, 1st overall in all three flights, with Alan and Debbie Gailfus 2nd in A, Rich and Connie Unger 2nd in B & C. Congratulations to all the winners!

Sadly, two of our unit members - Patricia Miller and Bernie Lafer - recently passed away. Bernie, who played in games of all local San Diego units, was well known for his courtesy, and was always saying "Welcome to our Table" at every game he played. That thought is well worth remembering for all us: "Welcome to our Table!"

[Editor's Note: Ed Layton lost his battle with cancer and passed on September 17. A Celebration of Life is being planned.

Lompoc

By Don Kerr

We have a number of winners this time. With four wins were: Barbara Holt and Skook Porter. With 3 wins: Joyce Gehlhaar. With two were Jo Gowenlock, Don Kerr, and Kay Roland. Then with 1 win were Malcolm Anderson, Trudy Balin, Ada Bakalar, David Bakalar, Richard Clark, Margaret Courtney, Sue Helmuth, Pat Hodges, Hope Howard, James Kelly, Sandra Lindquist, Myrna Mucci, Nelson Owens, Erika Paul, and Kathy Wall.

In addition to the winners, we have one new ACBL member, Myrna Mucci. Plus we have a transfer into our unit from North Dakota, Yvonne Mahoney. We also have one advancing member, Dick Clark, who became a new Regional Master.

Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

I reported two months ago that Mary Carolyn Nielsen had lost her husband. In August one of her daughters suddenly passed away. It was not a good summer for her.

In the unit game, Greg Vernon and I managed to eke out a victory over Charlene Stephens and Margaret O'Neill. Sarah Carter and Yasuko Mullen, then Eileen Dietz and Charlie Wright were close behind.

We had a couple of big games in the August Great Western STAC tournaments. Unfortunately we couldn't muster five tables to compete with the majority of the field. Greg and I had a 78% game on Monday afternoon and Betty Doig and Sarah had a 71% game on Friday afternoon. Both of those games led the field in the Auxiliary Pairs section of the respective STACs. Craig Stump and Yasuko were runners up on Monday with Greg and I second on Friday. The Wednesday evening STAC was won by Yvonne Chilina and Craig over Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth.

In one of the regular handicap games Greg and I had a 77% game and didn't win outright. We couldn't overcome the handicap for Nancy Brown and Mary Carolyn. It was the latter's first game after her daughter's death. The masterpoint leaders for the TGIF clubs were myself, Greg, Craig, Sarah, Jody Skaggs, Yasuko, Mary Stokes, Barbara Meggers, and Nancy. We only had one regular game in Wednesday's COM Bridge Club. It was won by Rob White and Craig over Esther Hart and Yasuko.

Palm Springs/Coachella Valley

By Nancy Erickson

Congratulations go out to Mick Riccio's recent graduating class! Once again Mick has assisted the unit in growing our membership by offering a very professional, interactive six week program for beginning bridge players.

Mick continues to offer a continuum of classes for beginning and intermediate bridge players. Contact him at 668-5835 or Mick@elegancedesigns.com if you are interested.

Our novice players now have the opportunity to compete at two games especially designed for them. There is a new 0-49er game at the Private Clubhouse, PGA West on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Players should contact Jana McCormick, club director, at 832-2704 or NanaJana59@gmail.com for additional information.

A 0-99 game takes place at the Cathedral City Senior Center (The Community Center at Tierra del Sol) Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Contact club director Bob McConnell at 760 324 - 8395 or rdmccconnell@dc.rr.com. Club director Frank Jurkovich has two

evening games to serve players in the valley seeking a night game. Monday play in Palm Desert at the Atria Palm Desert at 6:00 p.m., and effective Wednesday, October 7 plan to play at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church at 6:00 p.m. Contact him at 760 346-328 or FrankJurkovich@hotmail.com

Although our unit roster initiative has been successful, it is not without a few glitches. Please remember to notify the unit secretary on any changes to your e-mail address. Contact Bev Hartin at 760 318-4266 or bevhartin@aol.com

Please note: the roster is for Unit 533 members to communicate with one another and the unit about bridge-related activities; please respect the privacy of the membership and use the list accordingly.

Unit 533 welcomes our new members Jean Gilchrist, Hal Gruen, Hugh Meeks and Allen Zimbleman, and congratulates Terry Cox on achieving the rank of Life Master, plus John Daniel, Kay Perkins and Michael Walker, who now are Bronze Life Masters.

John and Audrey Currie's 73.06% game was the best of the best on Sunday, August 30, the final day of the Western Conference STAC. Sunday, October 4, is the unit GNT qualifier; we will also conduct an open game and a separate 299er section. The game will take place at Cathedral City Senior Center (The Community Center at Tierra del Sol) at 1:00 p.m., and a light lunch will precede the game.

As we move into high season, a number of players who have allergies have shared with me they are adversely impacted by fragrances when used to excess. Those players have requested I bring this to your attention.

That old saying 'just a little dab will do ya' might well save someone you like a possible two hour wait in a doctor's office!

Riverside

By Les Moore

August, with its later summer heat surge, was a good time to enjoy the comfort of playing bridge in the cool atmosphere of the Riverside Bridge Club. Several pairs had games exceeding 70%. On Aug. 19, Marshall Miles and Bill Wilkes had a 77.18% game. Ann and Bill Hamann had a 73.3% game on Aug. 3, and Lavonne Morrison and Nancy Kulak had a 70.0% game on Aug. 13.

Norton Younglove, my bridge partner, will miss several weeks of bridge because of surgery on his knee. It is anticipated that he will be able to return to playing bridge during the month of September.

A big welcome to director Ken Olivier after his month's sojourn in Yosemite.

The Riverside Memorial Sectional will be held October 30-November 1, and I hope you plan to attend and make it as big a success as last year's event.

The Bridge Club extends deep sympathy to Bill Hamann in the loss of his wife Ann, who passed away on Sept. 3. She will be missed by her many friends at the club.

Au revoir, Ann.

Saddleback

By Bob Destino

This month our unit is pleased to say "Welcome!" to three new ACBL members: Jeanette Frumes, Hartley Kerns and Sharon Meyers. We're glad to have you with us.

We have several members who have reached new levels in the ACBL master ratings. New "Junior Masters." Gaynor June Bertram, Beverly Brauer, Jim Brauer, Eleanor Fumanti, Mary Lemmon, Eleanor Starr and Celinda Yu. New Club Masters: Terry Baade, Cynthia Quinn and Beverly Talanian. Eddie Herskovitz has become a Sectional Master. Phil Blandin has reached Regional Master status. Richard Jerrells is now an NABC Master. Stan Schleider has achieved Silver Life Master ranking.

And topping off this month's new rankings is Eddie Rose, bridge teacher and author (his latest just released: *Bridge - From A to Z*), who has become our only Emerald Life Master.

Congratulations to all these players!

One way to move up the ladder of ACBL rankings is to keep improving your skills through bridge courses such as the one beginning October 12 at the Laguna Woods Bridge Club. Taught by Sybil Barzilay, "Bridge Knowledge - Series Five" will

Unit 534's 33rd Annual

Sun City Sectional

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Nov. 20-22, 2009

Webb Hall - 26850 Sun City Blvd.
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Friday & Saturday Single Sessions:

10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

(A:2000+, B:750-2000, C:0-750)

(299ers: 200-300, 100-200, 0-100)

Free Coffee, Tea, Cookies, Snacks

Sunday Swiss: 11:00 AM

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