



What's New in District 22

rey Grant and play in her duplicate sessions. When Norbert and I travel, he has his computer books, and I have my bridge books. We support each other in whatever hobby we each have, and it works out very well. My pride and joy is my dark blue Mercedes SL550, which we picked up from the factory in Stuttgart last year. My hobbies include travel and collecting wine for our great wine cellar."

Thank you, Sue, for an interesting biography. (Columnist's note: credit for part of this Brief Bio goes to Audrey Grant, who wrote an article on the Foigelmans in *Better Bridge*, Jan./Feb., 2008).

P.S.: Speaking of Susan, she showed up at the August unit game limping with a cane. It seems that she had a hip replacement just seven days earlier. And Mike Galante also made the August unit game after spending 57 days in the hospital and convalescence after spinal surgery. Welcome back to the bridge tables.

Bishop

By Lilla

The summer is in full force here in the High Sierra and all is going well. Our winners for this month of July were as follows: July 1: 1st, Higginbotham - Busby; 2nd, Imboden - Taylor; 3rd, Reeder - Mizrahi; and 4th, Abbott - Muth. On the 6th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Sheehan - Lohr, Muth - Hobbs.

On the 8th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Imboden - Hadel, Taylor - Abbott; and on the 13th, Lohr and Sheehan, Reeder and Mizrahi, Hadel and Greer.

The July 15th winners were Imboden - Hadel, Berger - Thuman, Reeder - Mizrahi, Busby - Abbott, Greer - Menotti. This was a special day with six full tables, and thanks to Betsy for bringing many friends for the game. The 22nd winners were Haber - Taylor, Reeder - Mizrahi, Farmer - Knight. On the 27th: Kittinger - Crunk, Reeder - Mizrahi, Farmer - Taylor.

The 29th winners were Sparks - Criss, Habers, Reeder - Mizrahi, Bournes, and Higginbotham - Busby.

The unit game of the 12th was well attended with 5 1/2 tables: winners were Hobbs - Muth, Reeder - Crunk, Bournes, Farmer - Higginbotham, and Kittinger - Taylor. Well done, winners.

It is beginning to look as though the heat will slow down, and more players will be comfortable getting out to play.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

We should have known that it was going to be a big month when there were two 70% games on the lucky day of 7/07. In Coronado, Marian Sullivan and Carol Brager scored 71.88% ... the first time either player had ever scored above 70%. Marian was seen on her cell phone immediately after the game, so we hope she was calling her daughter Christine to share the news. On the same day, Jean and Bill Seager hit 71.43%.

Then, later in the month, three other pairs broke the 70% barrier in our unit ... two at Coronado and one at Eastlake. Be sure to check the 70% roster elsewhere in this issue to find out who reached this pinnacle, and what their scores were!

More winners in Eastlake were Robert Shapley and Rusty Etzel, Lois Richards and Richard Keplinger, Fred Nimtz and Betty Birmingham, and Robert Shapley and Archa Glass. In Coronado, winners included Tatsumi Mercer and Saul Morantz, Sarah Venguer and Carol Brager, Dick Palmer and John Pizzato, and Normal Lyerly and Phil Akre.

Also victorious were Bill and Eleanor Kipperman, Leila and Marty Bloomberg, Dorothy Buck and Jean Scripps, Jean and Bill Seager, Phil Akre and Al Schuster, and Vicky and Larry Bamberger.

The Thursday game at the Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way, has a

new starting time: 12:30 instead of 1:00 p.m. The beautiful views of Glorietta Bay, however, remain the same.

And we'd like to extend a hearty welcome to our friends from Arizona and from the deserts of California. It's lovely to have you at our bridge tables for the summer.

Dana Harbor

By Jennifer Porter

The highlight this month was the launching of the club's new dealing machine. Much appreciation goes to John Kissinger for being the driving force behind this endeavor, and to Jim Shapiro, Jacob Weisberg and Bill Thorp for their help in getting the process started. Initially, these pre-dealt hands will be featured twice a week at the Wednesday - Thursday pair events, and eventually extended to all pair events at the club.

Other noteworthy news is that the board has decided to increase the number of charity games held at our club. Charity games will now be held every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons and Wednesday and Friday nights. What a great opportunity to earn more master points!

Congratulations to the following club members who have attained new rankings: Junior Masters - Peggy Dakin, Jeffrey Rocklin, Elaine Rudin, Tom Snooks and Diane Starnes; Club Masters - Michael Cohen, Charles Estes, Ellen Hickoff and Nancy Patrick; Regional Masters - Judy Alvord and Pat Dolphin; NABC Masters - Helaine Feingold and Marcia Holland; Life Master - Myrna Silverman; Silver Life Master - Darlene White; and Gold Life Master - LaVern Fabrick. On attaining the coveted rank of Life Master, Myrna Silverman was heard to comment that she would no longer have to fear that her tombstone would read "She only needed 2.9 gold points!"

This month we welcome new members Jane Hagen, Mary Henisey, Sherrie Johanson, Joann Koperski, Lyla Rogers, Richard Smith and transfers Jeffrey Hecht and Richard Kasa.

At the Pasadena Regional, Jim and Gail Senter teamed up with John and Susan Kissinger for a very successful tournament. They came away winning two Swiss Teams events and the Tuesday Compact Knockouts. The Senters each won 37.82 points, and the Kissingers 33.95 points. Mark Itabashi was the top point winner with 51.23 points. Ginnie Blitzman and partner were 1st in Flight B and C in a side game on Friday and again on Saturday, Ginnie and Charles Messall took a 1st place in Flight C. Also in a side game, Richard Mackaig and partner were 1st in Flight B. In Open Pairs, Stanley Sirott was 1st in Flight C. Finally Judy Violick and Larry Hedge placed first in F of a 299er game.

Congratulations to all. A number of Dana Point members attended the Oceanside Sectional. Congratulations to the following 1st place winners: Debbie Gailfus and partner in Open Pairs, Alan Federl and Michael Meyer with a 70.24% in 299er Pairs and Tom Snooks and partner in his flight of the 99er game.

STAC week was held July 20-24 and the following members placed 1st in their re-

spective sections: in Open Pairs - Hadi Eissa and Ana McLean in Flights A and B, Charles Messall in Flight B, and Bob Wallin and Diana Seeb in Flight C. In 299 Pairs - Bobbie Fightlin and Barbara Weise were 1st in Flight A & B and also Rosalind Chasman and Carol Armstrong in Flight A. Barbara Pierce and Teresa McNeil in Flight B and Maureen and Randy Hadley in Flight C. In a NLM game, Delene Hoff and Mary Henisey were 1st in all three flights.

Dana Harbor celebrated July 4th with a unit game, and enjoyed hot dogs and ice-cream. Bob Kirkpatrick and Lionel Dreeban were the 1st place winners. On July 19 there was another unit game and the winners were Nancy Galloway, Charles Messall and their respective partners.

The leading masterpoint winners in the open game in July were Jacob Weisberg, Patricia Menefee and LaVerne Marano.

The top three 299ers were Jeff Rocklin, Jim Shapiro and Rosalind Chasman. The challenge is out to unseat Jacob, who seems to be making a habit of taking first place.

The 99ers and 199ers are obviously benefiting from Sally Pelmeur's classes, because a number of them had 70 % games this month. Congratulations to Nancy Patrick, Patricia Siegel, Charles Estes, David Estes, Lois Houlihan, Gery Houlihan, Delene Hoff, and Mary Henisey.

The 2009 Mentor/Mentee Program has concluded. It was a great success with a record number of participants.

A big thank you to Ann Cressman for organizing the program.

Finally, 299ers, mark your calendars for the upcoming sectional which will be held at our club August 29 and 30.

High Desert

By Steve Klein

In July, Big Bear said a mournful goodbye to Jim and Barbara Hale. They sold their house here and moved to Oceanside to be nearer to their grandchildren. We're happy for them because this is what they wanted, but we'll all miss them very much.

July saw two pairs post 70% games at Big Bear. On the 22nd, Mary Ann and Warren Wotring turned in a 72.69% result.

For the baseball fans among you, 70% from the Wottrings is sort of like a no-hitter by Nolan Ryan: it doesn't happen every time out, but we go into any given game half-expecting it. Then, on the final day of the month, Eiko Miller and Jack Swigart cleared the bar with a 70.83% showing.

Other winners in Big Bear for July: Jean Kuchta, Mary Ellen Zaske, Jim Matthews, Barbara Lasky, and Morton Fletcher. The list is so short because there were several repeat performances, especially by the 70% winners mentioned above.

No international visitors this month, but Big Bear did welcome back former regular Mary Ellen Zaske for the summer.

Unfortunately, she's going back to New Jersey in August. We also got a new player, Gerry Collier, who's in the process of moving into the area, so hopefully will become a regular.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: This

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Lompoc Community Bridge Valley of the Flowers Sectional Tournament



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FRIDAY - September 18
12:30 & 6:00 PM OPEN PAIRS - Stratified

SATURDAY - September 19
11:30 AM & 5:00 PM OPEN PAIRS - Stratified

NOTE: SCHEDULE REVISED AS OF 06/09

SUNDAY - September 20
11:00 AM SWISS TEAMS
Stratified by Team Average - Victory Points
Sandwich lunch provided after round three

A = 1250+ B = 500 to 1250 C = 0 to 500

Director - Scott Campbell
Sponsor - Lompoc Unit # 528
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