

What's New in District 22

Anaheim

By Marlys Haraden

Anaheim is alive and well! The club owner just renewed a three-year lease. As we start the New Year, we are hitting the ground running with lessons on all levels, especially mentoring programs. The goal is to bring new events and provide more fun and excitement to our members, while enjoying this exciting game we all love. We are launching a new Friday evening game for players of 2,000 points plus, and offering a bonus of \$100 to the overall winner. There will be a second open game on Friday evening, and the winner of this event will share \$25.

Speaking of top players, I failed to acknowledge Charlotte Sturm, Stephen Sturm and Subba Ravipudi, who earned Platinum points and won huge events in the San Diego National. I urge all of you to make me aware of winners and newsworthy events for my monthly article; after all, this is your club and your help is appreciated.

It is difficult to come up with all the news by myself. Even though I appear to be everywhere, I am not.

Our Holiday Party with the Santa Ana Unit was a big success and ... even more exciting, we raised great funds for the children we sponsored. Cheers to all of you who made it successful! First place went to Brian and Linda Trent, Stan Kosowski - Mei Yoost, 2nd Yas Takeda - Joan Culbertson, Wayne Rapp - Joseph Beatty, 3rd Cynthia Greer - Mike Galante, Bill Skuppen - Bill Clark, 4th Gari and Milli Andreini, Sheila Wolff - Herb Royal, with many more winning silver because of the Great Western Holiday STAC game.

Best wishes to Joe Swain, who suffered a broken ankle and who now is in rehabilitation. We wish you a speedy recovery. Also we want to acknowledge Allen Golbert and Mike Ventri for their efforts in making our club better. We appreciate Patricia Bailey, the club owner, for her tireless work and

her spirit of, "let us keep on trucking." And we're always looking for volunteers and board members we would love to have you.

Experienced players: please come forth! I need some mentors for the mentoring program taking place in the next five months. Please make my life easier by offering your expertise. Call me for any event: 714 397-0341.

Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

"Our 2010 goals are to increase play at our club and unit games, recruit new players, and increase the skill of our players through Teri's lessons."

So said president Tom Rauterkus at our annual unit meeting. He announced that the other board members will include Teri Atkinson, Shirley Eide, Connie Bruce, Larry Hawk, Carol Kemmerer, Connie McKay, Bob Pilshaw, and Marty Butt. Marty is a retired educator and was the first female superintendent of the standard school district. In addition, Tom said that our fall sectional will be alternated yearly with Visalia. Our friends up north will host the 2010 tournament.

We had three special Holiday Parties. The unit party featured barbecued chicken and beef catered by Scott Quigley and crew. They did an excellent job!

Winners included: Marty Hinds - Bruce Maclin, (70.54%); Maynard and Sandy Denison, Joe Bruce - Larry Hawk, Marj Robertson - Barbara Jones, Virginia Eide - Tom Rauterkus, Teri Atkinson - Doug Blogdon, Dene Ferris - Deana Gratke, Beverly Lamb - Loyal Sampson, Norman Maxwell - Janis Schaeffer, and Diann Lowder - Barbara Harrison.

Marlyn Everett, who started the Wednesday game, graciously hosted and catered that party on Dec. 16. Those winners include Wafik Abdou - Jim George (72.45%), Marty Hinds - Bruce Maclin, Marj Robertson - Joan Bruce, Sandy Denison - Deana Gratke, Gert Prejean - Beverly

Busacca, Carol and Richard Kemmerer, Marlyn Everett - Virginia Eide, Pat Bassett - Alice Merenbach, Bob Hoffman - Mort Brown, Sandy Dahlstrom - Linda Shiedler, Barbara Moore - Rita Hosler, Bob King - Evelyn Pelmeur, and Ollie and Jim Blom.

We celebrated New Year's Eve with a special game on Thursday afternoon. Shirley Eide made her special chili and a lemon cake - both of which were outstanding! Those winners include: Frank and Lois Short, Ann Miller - Grace Tanner, Kenn Green - Sue Kelly, Caroline Littlejohns - Beverly Busacca, Sandy Denison - Jerry Schmitt, Ed Curtis - Mike McCarthy, Virginia Eide - Tom Rauterkus, and Libbie and Mimi Stull.

Congratulations to new Life Master Henry Schaeffer, Tehachapi. Also to the following C teams who came in first in their direction: Ed Curtis - Fred Carlisle, Kenn Green - Norman Maxwell, Carl Romo - Joe Bruce, Norman Maxwell - Ray Easterbrook (twice), Janis Schaeffer - Ray Easterbrook, and Mike Pemberton - George Hollingsworth.

We welcome new member Greg Stone and reinstated members Terry Papac and Larry Roberts.

Condolences to the family of Lois Geary, who died recently from complications of COPD and congestive heart failure. Lois, 76, who had stopped smoking two years ago, was the widow of Naval officer Jack Geary. She was a palaeontologist who worked at Scripps Institute of Oceanography and upon retirement as an educator and librarian at the Tehachapi Correctional Institute. She had many hobbies besides bridge, and one of them was a passion for caring for helpless animals. The families of her two sons, Blade and Mark, and her friend Ed Rudd, requested donations of old towels, sheets or blankets be made to any animal shelter.

We have sanctions for 24 games this year, which means more extra points games. Our February calendar includes a Jr. fund game on Feb. 3 (+\$1), club membership games from Feb. 14-20, and an extra points game on Sunday, Feb. 28.

Please plan to attend the unit game on Saturday, Feb. 20. The board members provide special refreshments and promise good hands, at least in one direction or the other!

Balboa

By Phil Pearl

William and Vivian Boulos entered Jeanie's Great Western Holiday STAC game needing 0.58 silver points and 1.78 gold for Life Master. When all was said and done, they earned 0.57 silver in that game, leaving them still a wee bit short.

On a sad note, Julia Stephen's husband, John, passed away Dec. 16. A beautiful memorial service was held Dec. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church of Westminster for family and friends.

Successful overall winners at Palm Springs that I found in the Daily Bulletins: John and Susan Johnson, Dana Lee - Kris Krisher, Shirley Carroll, Jeanie Farquhar - Bart Jolin, Mary Singer - George Deverjanik, Susan Powers - Diana Black - Nancy DeAinza-Vicki Macclymont, Joan Zehring,

Jon King, Lee Johnson - Carol Klahr, V. Jay and Linda Tipton, Marilyn Kivel, Joe Kivel, Jerry Schreider - Jim Elbogen, Lorrie Schram - Shirley Carroll, Mariko Kakimoto - Atsuko Kurishima, Barbara Gilcrest - Mary Lou Kiley, Fred Dyle - Anthony Doria, and Brian Gilbert.

The Brief Bio for this month is on Michael and Laura Brooks, partners in bridge and life. Michael and Laura are regulars in the 299ers and Non-Life Master games in the Balboa Unit - Michael as North and Laura as South. Laura was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and when she was five, her family moved to Utah, where she was an enthusiastic skier. Laura went to BYU and was in the Cougarettes marching group for two years. She married her first husband and moved to Ohio, where her three sons were born. Later she moved to Palos Verdes for two years, before Huntington Beach.

She met Michael at the soccer fields while their kids were competing. They married in 1979, both working at the Southern California Horse Racing Track for 20 years, and are now both retired.

Laura gives some insight to life and bridge: "When I retired, I made a list of 100 things I wanted to do before I died. This included travel in many countries and the USA, and I wanted to relearn to knit and crochet. I now have a small business crocheting beanies, hats and scarfs that I sell at the Huntington Beach Pier on Friday afternoons at the local Art A Faire. I have done this for six years and have sold my crafts to people from all over the world. I enjoy tennis, walking, reading, jigsaw puzzles, and of course duplicate bridge. Michael and I relearned bridge on a cruise to Alaska. There are times when I just want to quit the game, but if I miss a session, I can't wait to play again, because I just have to try to do better. Bridge is so addictive."

Michael was born in South Gate and graduated from Oregon State University in 1961 with a science degree. During his working years, he owned four Hallmark stores, and as a Hallmark salesman (10 years), he was a national salesman of the year, and twice was district salesman of the year. He also was a senior account manager and branch manager for wholesale funds at Pacific Savings Bank. Michael was the president of the Huntington Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce 1968-1970.

He ran the Huntington Beach 4th of July parade in 1969 and has been very active in youth soccer, both as a coach and AYSO commissioner. Michael had three children from his first marriage. The couple has been married for 30 years, and between them, they have eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Thank you, Michael and Laura, for sharing this brief bio.

The January unit game, had 17 tables in the open section, and three tables in the NLM section. Event leaders were: 1. Faith Feldman - Huguette Saldinger, 2. Mel Elguindy - Vicki Erickson, 3. Michael and Pam Moreland. Strat B: 1. Morelands; 2. Zaft - Kaye; 3. Maryanne Roode - Sofija Korff. Strat C: Morelands; 2 Al and Sharon Appel; 3 Alice and Ted Nicholas.

In the NLM Section: 1. Charlene Crosson - Sue Foigelman; 2. Madge Nusenow - Jacqi Larkin.

Advancement in Rank: New Junior Mas-

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Sunday, March 14, 2010
Unit 525 Game
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