What's New in District 22

ters are Michael Bucklein, Kathy Rolfes, Carol Russell. New Club Masters: Dolores Cronin, Gayle McCrea, Sylvia Meyerowitz. New Regional Master Robbie Trindl. New Life Masters: Eva Mroz, Janice Pierce. New Bronze Life Master Eileen Small.

Bishop

By Lilla

Well, so much for well-laid plans. December has come and gone with many changes. The first snowfall arrived just before the "planned unit game and end of the year Christmas dinner." This was suddenly canceled, and the "out of towners" were disappointed ... as were the regular members. But all is now back and moving with hopes of having the "party" on the unit game Sunday in January. Because of the holidays there were only half of the regular games and many players were out of town for a week or two.

The December winners were: Dec. 2; Habers, Reeder - Mizrahi, and Sheehan - Faint; on the 7th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Habers, Farmer - Abbott, and Sparks - Lohr; the 9th winners were Reeder - Mizrahi, Greer - Gilbert, and Sparks - Lohr; the 14th, Taylor - Abbott and Greer - Hadeler; the 16th, Reeder - Mizrahi, Farmer - Greer, and Crunk - Kittinger.

The only other game held in December was on the 30th with winners Crunk - Kittinger, Busby - Higginbotham, and Abbott - Taylor.

So now back to the snow season and skiing for many. Have a wonderful winter and enjoy the season.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

It's not often that we report the results of NABC tournaments, regional tournaments, sectional tournaments and club games all in the same column. But this month's column has it all. Several club members did well in San Diego NABC tournament. Richard and May Hsieh were first in C, second in B in the 299er Pairs. Marty Roth and Liz Blum got to the finals of the Compact Knockouts, finishing second. Marty was also second in a Compact Knockout match with partner Marian Sullivan. Bob and Ann Hallse finished first in C, second in D in the Open Pairs. Bill and Jean Seager scored a second in C, 3/4 in B and fifth in C in a side game. From the Eastlake club, winners included Linda and John Dusharme, Kathleen Hennessy and Sharon Gordon, Hiroko Kitamura, Judy Bunch and Barbara Schafer, and Jackie Mullen and Martha Berner.

If you read the *Daily Bulletins* at the NABC, you noticed that Alice Dudley and Marty Roth were pictured as part of the partnership desk. Kathy Angione got some ink (and a picture) as a successful bridge teacher, along with students Jan Schottle and Alice Hurley.

At the regional in Palm Springs, the unit was well represented in the 99er games. Bob and Ann Hallse were first in B and second in A. In a separate 99er game, they finished 3rd in D and 3rd in E. Also in the 99er game, Richard and May Hsieh were third in E and fifth in D. In the Swiss competition, Carolyn and Howard Crabtree scored first in C and third in B; they also scored fourth in C and 6/7 in B in another Swiss match. Elaine Chan and Robert Shapley were third in A in the Charity Pairs, and scored fourth and sixth in B in two Open Pairs. Elaine Chan and Alex Prairie were third in C in Open Pairs.

Playing Knockouts, Larry and Vicky Bamberger were 3/4, as were Jan and Lynne Erikson.

Jean and Bill Seager scored well enough in this month's 566 ½ table Great Western Holiday STAC to hold 19th place in C.

As for the club results, Coronado winners included Jan and Lynne Erikson, Jean and Bill Seager, Bob and Ann Hallse, Leila and Marty Bloomberg, and Norma Lyerly and Phil Akre. Eastlake winners were Kathleen Hennessy and Sharon Gordon, Laurie Dodson and Rose Vogt and Marianne Amantea and Chriseeta Sloan. Additional winners were Betty Birmingham and Fred Nimtz, John and Lily Yee, and Kathleen Hennessy and Robert Shapley, who played a 70% game.

Because of its increase in new members, ACBL awarded an upgraded club championship to the Eastlake Club. This competition paid more masterpoints than a regular club game or a club championship. To celebrate, club members enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner before the game. Tom Turner and Mike McGinity were the winners of this special event.

The Coronado games are now using a new, improved web site: *www.Bridgewebs.com* Thank you to Lynn Erickson for maintaining this site, which provides lots of information about our games. The scores are also posted at the ACBL website: *www.acbl.org* - simply click on "club game results" in the left hand column and then select a state, city and club.

Let's make 2010 a good year at the bridge tables and beyond.

Dana Harbor

By Kathy Braeunig

Congrats to all San Diego NABC winners. Members who finished 1st in their KO brackets were Dollie Poulos, who partnered with her son Chris Poulos from Oregon; the team of Bob Kirkpatrick, Arnold Schwartz, Calvin Hecht, and Robert Reynolds; ladies of the bridge circuit Leslie Levine, Meg Casalaspi, Myrna Silverman, and Sharon Forslund; and the team of Sharon Donoff, Marcia Holland, Tom Snooks, and Stuart Davis. Pat Dolphin and Hemant Bhatia were also on teams that won their KO brackets. Placing 1st in KO Consolation were John and Susan Kissinger, and Jim and Gale Senter.

Also at the Nationals, Jeff Hecht placed 1st in a Fast Open Pairs; Irwin Rosenfeld, Richard Lee, Alan Dirkin, and Michael Campbell were 1st in 299er games; and David and Charee Estes, Tanya Johnson, and Surendra Gupta were 1st in the 49er.

Earning at least 20 points at the Nationals were Mark Itabashi (93.26), Steve Love (36.19), Jeff Hecht (33.57), Roman Matusik (23.55), and John and Susan Kissinger (21.81 each).

Special mention goes to dynamic duo Jeff Hecht and his college friend from Florida, Greg Goggin. They last played bridge together 50 years ago, decided to play at San Diego, and practiced three times before the NABC. Jeff went into the tournament with 32 points and Greg with 650 points, and firing on all cylinders, they racked up impressive wins by the end of the week.

Our annual Holiday Party was a hit! Thanks to Susan Benon, Ann Cressman, Loli Henderson, Fausta Vitali, Diane Velick, Jim Shapiro, and all others behind the scenes for organizing, and also to Scott Campbell for his always tactful directing. Pastries, fruit, lunch at Ferrantelli's, ice cream, cookies, many award presentations for player achievement (Andy DeLeon was awarded Volunteer of the Year), and two sessions of bridge made for an enjoyable celebration.

Many of our members dazzled in the desert. Those who finished 1st in KOs at the Palm Springs Regional were Mark Rehms, Eileen Garbutt, Victoria Sunshine, Philip and Ruth Richter, and Nancy DeAinza.

Placing 1st in a 99er game was Gail Lacorazza. Winning over 20 points were Jim and Gale Senter (45.94), Philip Hiestand (39.93), John and Susan Kissinger (36.95), Steve Love (26.47), and Mark Itabashi (21.56).

Placing 1st during Great Western Holiday STAC week in their Swiss Teams strats were John and Susan Kissinger, Jim and Gale Senter, Bill and Diane Velick, Jacob Weisberg, Laverne Marano, Reggie Feuille, Ron Rudderow, Jane Dober, Fran Blattner, John Winslow, Roger Alderson, Nadia Araabi, Sandra Stanger, Ardelle Wolf, Philip Foster, Betty Johnson, Dede Gansel, Philip Heistand, Ann Nixon, Mark Itabashi, and Hemant Bhatia. Finishing 1st in NLM Swiss were Tom Snooks, Jeff Hecht, Nancy Chino, Violet Sugi, Dave and Judie Adams, Randy Hadley, and Ed Dinsmore. Placing 1st in 99ers were Ron Leckie, Janet Lee-Thorpe, Mary Paine, and Carlene Morgal. Mark Itabashi accumulated 25.65 points for the week.

At the unit game Dec. 20, David and Rita Wakeman came in 1st in A, and George Brody and Ann Engle were 1st in B.

Once again Jacob Weisberg reigned supreme by winning the most club masterpoints for the month. Second was Nadia Araabi; third, Jim Senter. The top three spots for 299ers went to Bonnie Myers, Judy Alvord, and Richard Mackaig.

Marshall Pearlman and Barbara Pierce have both undergone recent surgeries. We are glad to see them back at the tables!

Desert Cities

By Nancy Erickson

We look forward to welcoming you to our Annual Palm Springs Sectional on February 19, 20 and 21 at the Pavilion, Palm Springs. There will be Knockouts, Swiss Teams and pairs games each day. A buffet lunch will be available daily for $8.00 and snacks galore. It is a terrific opportunity to win those elusive silver points. Tournament manager Dewey Green has worked very hard to organize an event second to none.

Please remember there will be no unit game in February or March. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Unit Awards Ceremony and unit game Sunday, April 3 at Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs.

Unit members are reminded that applications are available at all club games for the Edith Hirschman Sportsmanship Award. The recipient will join inaugural winner Dale Thune and last year's awardee Christel King, both individuals who truly represent the very best in sportsmanship at the bridge table.

This month's promotion list is not reflective of the unit's active participation not only at the NABC in San Diego but the recent Palm Springs Regional. Unit members reap in the points, and many contributed their time and talents to assist the unit's own Roberta Grubb, the Palm

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February 13 & 14, 2010
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0-20 mps ACBL members will receive a Free Play at One Saturday Session

Peter Knee, Director
$10 per person/session ACBL Members
$11 Non or unpaid ACBL Members

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Saturday February 13, 2010
299ers always play separately

10:00 am Stratified Pairs (single session)
Compact Knockouts (round 1)
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs (single session)
Compact Knockouts (round 2)

Pairs Strats A = 2500+
B = 1000+
C = 0 - 999

Sunday February 14, 2010

10:00 am Swiss Teams
Dinner break tba

Swiss Stratified A = 5000+
A/X = 0-5000-
B = 1500 - 2500
C = 750 - 1500
D = 0 - 750

SO YOU THINK YOU ARE THE BEST PLAYER IN CALIFORNIA?

Every Fri. night at 7:15 starting Jan. 15th there will be a top level game at the Anaheim/Santa Ana Club for the best in the area.

Each pair must have at least one player with a minimum of 2,000 points.

$10.00 per table {with a minimum of $100.00} will be given to the first place pair.

The more tables, the more money and places paid.

The top money winner for each month will get special mention in our newsletters and advertising.

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