

What's New in District 22

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Springs Regional's tournament manager. Congratulations to all for a job well done. Your promotions will appear next month.

Promotions from ACBL for this month are: Junior Masters Paul Beaty, Lita Widran, and Roberta Wolff; Club Masters Pamela K Cole, Barbara Hatfield, Francesca Luzuriaga, Caroline Macgregor, Harold Oemke, Eric Renshaw, Marc Schwartz, Nancy Weil, Tom; Sectional Masters Peggy Bell, Carol Guinaw; Regional Masters Paul Collier, Darrell Gunter, Susan Lambert; and NABC Masters Paul R. Kirk. Congratulations go out to our new Bronze Life Masters Florence Boggio and Nancy Williams.

We welcome Sonja Albright, Anita Assam, Jodi A. Baratz-Roden, Janice Barroll, Donald Benway, Karen Bylski, Lynne Castoldi, Sylvia Cristall, Arlyss Espenson, Don R. Featherling, Sandra Kanellis, Bobbie Krueger, Billie L. McDonald, Sharon Morrison, Barbara Neroni, Carol Pollis, Pam Robertson, Albert Roden, Robert Rodriguez, Marianne Roth, Susan Tokkells, Sally Weir, Carol Williams and Allen Worthy to Unit 533 and look forward to meeting you at the bridge table.

Remember to check our website at www.coachellavalleybridge.com for all the latest news.

High Desert

Steve Klein

A very slow month for bridge in Big Bear. Snow conditions kept all but one pair from down the hill away from the Christmas Party Great Western Holiday STAC game (Dec. 9); we had only four tables, where normally we'd expect six or seven. After that, we had only two tables for each of the club games the rest of the month. That's not enough for a sanctioned game, so we played an informal series of team matches for fun.

The club was closed the last two weeks of the year for the holidays.

Eiko Miller and Jack Swigart were the

winning pair in the STAC game and both of the other sanctioned games held the previous week. Eiko and Derryl Montague were the high scoring pair in one of the team games; other team game winning pairs were Christine Cook - David Joseph and Mary Ann and Warren Wotring. For good measure, Eiko and a partner finished first among 98 pairs in a Bridge Base Online tournament during the month, with a 72.91% score.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: We had a very fun and busy holiday season this year. Our unit holiday party was a huge success. A big thank you to our unit president, Jan Carmean and our vice president, Jane Pace, who worked very hard to make sure everything went off without a hitch. We'd also like to thank Jan Carmean for volunteering to be our unit president again, for 2010. It's a lot of work, but she did such a great job this year. We're all delighted to have her remain our president.

The winners of our unit holiday party game were: June Babbit - Jim Williams N/S and Jack Belsher - Charlotte Phillips E/W. Jack and Charlotte were the overall winners with a 62% game. Winners of the Victorville and Silver Lakes club games in December were: Joan Kinney (5 wins!), Charlotte Philips (2), Jerry Schroeder (2), Bob Slaven (2), Bonnie Larsen (2), David Bloom, David Johnson, Fran Franklin, Gil Franklin, Steve Koller, Brett Baker, Jo Ann Drozdik, Jim Fariss, Virginia Cleminson, Jane Pace, Milt Aronson, Rene Sorum, Ruth Allison, Lois Kratofil, Jack Rymer. Way to go to all you winners!

La Jolla/Beach

By Steve Johnson

Once again, there is additional sad news for our unit. One of our most popular Gentlemen (capitalization intended) - Robleigh (Rob) Lindvall - passed away on December 14 after a long illness. Here is a quote from Alice Leicht that pretty much sums up the feelings for many of us regarding Rob:

"Above the bright, happy colors of a bouquet of spring flowers was most likely the bright smile on Robleigh's face. He loved sharing his garden production with our unit game players. He loved to cook, and so a unit potluck would turn into a feast with the addition of a delicious plate (or 2 or 3) from his kitchen. He loved to play bridge, and so his congenial smile was there at our games often as he sat at the table with his lovely wife Dorinda, with good partner, Jane, or with any of his other partners. He loved to win as well as anyone there. He could do so with a gentleman's grace.

He loved to tell and to listen to a good story or joke and so his presence meant laughter and warmth. Our unit was very fortunate to have him with us because he loved to help. And help he did in answering any cry for assistance within his time and ability, even when he was failing in strength and health. Above all there was his great love for his wife and daughters. Dorinda, who values his love, and his daughters, who altogether were "family." All of these things Robleigh loved, and he was loved in turn by his wife, children, friends - just about anyone who knew him. He walked this earth as a "good man."

Good-bye, dear Robleigh. Thank you for opening the joy in your heart to us."

The unit also lost Joanie Vanderslice in the middle of December after a long illness. She was an active player and teacher of the game we love so much.

The December Christmas party was held at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club on December 13. Kudos to Janet Ansfield and the names of everyone too numerous to mention that helped provide hospitality (and I just can't get everyone's name in here due to space limitations), helped set up the room and otherwise made the party a success. Steve Johnson and Diana Marquardt were 1st overall with John and Susan Kissenger 2nd in Flight A, Larry Roberts and Marcia Schulman were 1st overall in B with Joyce Bailey and Barbara Blake 2nd in B and 1st in Flight C. Abdul Aalam and Hal Simon took 2nd place in C.

The unit game on the 27th of December had only 30 pairs (well, it was just after Christmas) with Alan and Debbie Gailfus 1st overall in A and Joel Hoersch and Fumie Graves 2nd. In Flight B and C, Pat and Jean Louis Astier were 1st overall for both strats and David and Jules Borak were 2nd overall for both Flights B & C. Congratulations to all the winners!

The unit had quite a few "Achievers" this month with the following members moving up in rank: Betty Black is our newest Junior Master, Dennis Starcher is our newest Club Master, Carol Abramowitz is the newest NABC Master and George Soules attained the rank of Silver Life Master.

Congratulations to one and all for your achievements! We at the unit hope that all your bridge efforts are what you want them to be in the upcoming year.

Lompoc

By Don Kerr

There were only three players with three wins last month: they were Jo Gowenlock, Barbara Holt, and Kay Rowland. Then there was Don Kerr with two wins, followed by Ada Bakalar, David

Bakalar, Richard Clark, Margaret Courtney, Margaret Flack, Darlene Frazer, Joyce Gehlhaar, Sue Helmuth, Bob Jurgensen, Jim Kelly, Bob King, Carol Linger, and Nelson Owens with one win. It was the Holiday Season and we all had a good time.

Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

I spent ten days in San Diego for the NABC. I managed to place several times, but no great games. I want to thank Dave Flatman for handling my directing duties. Jack Waller and Greg Vernon also spent most of the week at the NABC. Jack lost his stepmother on the final day; she had a long illness. One of our former players, Maxine Minton, passed away in December. She was 97.

In the November unit game, Dave Speer and Greg prevailed with Craig Stump and I second. The pair of Yvonne Chilina and Mary Stokes tied with Dave Flatman and Charlie Wright for first in Strat C. Yvonne and Mary warmed up for the unit game with a 70% game the preceding Friday. In the December unit game Roy Cole and Dave Flatman won with Susan Douglas and Esther Sires second. They were followed by Margaret O'Neill and Charlene Stephens, and then Charlie and Craig.

We were pleasantly surprised when Sarah Carter returned from South Carolina, for how long we don't know. Craig led the November masterpoint race for the TGIF Bridge Clubs followed by Greg, myself, Jody Skaggs, Yasuko Mullen, Charlene, Yvonne, Susan, and Margaret. In December, Sarah led the way followed by Esther, Mary Carolyn Nielsen, myself, Greg, Craig, Nancy Brown, and Betty Doig. Sarah and Mary Carolyn finished 2009 in fine style with a 72% game. Greg and I managed to place 7th in the Friday afternoon Auxiliary Pairs of the Great Western Holiday STAC tournament.

Greg and I managed to lead the way in the November COM Bridge Club masterpoint race. We were followed by Dave Speer, Craig, Charlene, Jack, Jody, and Rob White. The COM Bridge Club took December off due to too many schedule conflicts.

Riverside

By Les Moore

In late 2009 the Riverside Bridge Club moved from its home at the Elks Lodge, which we had occupied for more than 20 years, to our new home on 3340 Durahart. We have been enjoying this facility, as it serves the purpose for our club very well.

We had one pair who made the 70% club; on December 2 Bobbie Goerner and Tom Wood had a 71.66% game.

During the week of January 25-31 the Riverside Regional will be held at the Riverside Convention Center. This would be a good time to get gold masterpoints, so we hope to see you there to play in the type games of your choice. There is a complete venue of games: pairs, Knockout Teams

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Palm Springs Sectional

February 19 - 21, 2010

Palm Springs Pavilion
401 South Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92263
(Located in Sunrise Park off Baristo on Pavilion Way)
See Our Website - www.coachellavalleybridge.com

Friday, February 19

10:00 a.m. Stratified Open & 299er Pairs - Single Session
San Jacinto Compact Knockout 1 of 2

2:30 p.m. Stratified Open & 299er Pairs - Single Session
San Jacinto Compact Knockout 2 of 2
Stratified Swiss Teams - Single Session

Saturday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Stratified Open & 299er Pairs - Single Session
Santa Rosa Compact Knockout 1 of 2

2:30 p.m. Stratified Open & 299er Pairs - Single Session
Santa Rosa Compact Knockout 2 of 2
Stratified Swiss Teams - Single Session

Sunday, February 21

10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs - Single Sessions
10:00 Play Through Strati-flighted Swiss Teams-Double Session

Masterpoint Tournament Flighting
Strati-flighted: A 3000+ - AX 0-3000 - B 1000-1500 - C 500-1000 - D 0-500
Stratified Events: A 1500+ - B 500-1500 - C 0-500 - D Stratified 299er

Refreshments - Free Parking - Daily Buffet for \$8.00

Entry Fee: \$11 ACBL Members - \$12 Non and Unpaid Members

Director-in-Charge: Peter Knee - Sanction #S1002031
Tournament Manager: Dewey Green: deweysanfran@yahoo.com
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Host Hotel: Comfort Inn, Palm Springs - 390 S. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA
(Free) 1-888-322-1997 (Local) 760-778-3699-\$88/night+tax (includes continental breakfast)
Mention: American Contract Bridge League - Book by February 4, 2010




San Diego

Unit 539

Schedule for Feb - Apr 2010

DATE	EVENT
Feb 7	Unit Game **
Feb 21	Two Games: Pairs - Unit Game** Teams - GNT Qualifier, Flights ABC
Mar 5 7	San Diego Unit 539 Spring Sectional Watch for flyer at club and next month's forum
Mar 21	Unit Game **
Apr 4	NO UNIT MEETING (S.D. Regional)
Apr 18	Unit Game ** Open Pairs Trophy, Mini McKenney & Ace of Clubs

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

JOIN US! (all games played at AIB)

Unit Awards Presented at 1st Unit Game of each month
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