

What's New in District 22

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the month including Barbara Scherman - Sylvia Sanderson, Patricia Prahm - Bill Ballin, Jeanette Proctor - Dave Kimball, Joan Gross - Jenna Katz, Toby Cohen - Wendi Friedman and Betty Serepca - Linda Copper. We also had some of our old standbys repeat their outstanding play with first place status including Wootsie Stockton - Mary Stetson, Ashok and Meena Sethi, Anne Scott - Pat Astier and Leon and Sandy Parish.

Year 2010 looks to be a banner one for our regulars, and many of our newer players with several coming ever so close to becoming a Life Master. We will keep you posted as they strive to reach one of the pinnacles of competitive duplicate bridge.

Solana Beach Esplanade B.C., Donna Wood

During December, the Esplanade Bridge Center awarded over 300 masterpoints. Our top masterpoint winners were Marilyn Kalabsa, Bob Horowitz, Sandy Kucha, Terry Maloy, Nick Krall, Gail Whiteley, Martin Gilbert, Jackie Washington, Ali Mahdavi, and Larry Erickson. By the time you read this, we will have drawn the names of the six lucky charities that will receive the proceeds from charity games during designated months in 2010.

Please see our website for game schedules, special events, and charity donations at www.acbldistrict22.com/531/esplanade/esplanade.html

Solana Beach Bridge by the Sea, Donna Wood

During December, North County Bridge by the Sea held one Invitational game. Top masterpoint winners were Yoko Davis, Sumiko Inagaki, Pat and Steve Reid, Lee Erickson, Judy Gruenberger, Judy Litman and John and Marcia Trombold. The games are played each second and fourth Sunday of the month at the Esplanade Bridge Center; there is a short lesson at noon and the game begins at 12:30. Please e-mail Lee Erickson (LEricks@adelphia.net) or Marlene Hall (rmmhall@earthlink.net) if you'll be coming to the game.

You can find game times and results at www.acbldistrict22.com/531/esplanade/esplanade.html

I don't want to forget to congratulate Junior Master Morton Goodman; Club Masters: Lyn Lazzaro, Patricia Prahm, Peggy Wankier; Regional Masters: Jan Buffo and Lane Campbell; Bronze Life Master Joan Lubowe and Silver Life Master Beverly Hale.

Hopefully, we will have Iris back at her desk next month!

San Diego North County Inland

By Liz Nixon

Audrey Grant, expert bridge teacher, author and lecturer, is coming to Unit 549 again in 2010! Mark the dates, Feb. 10 or 11. Audrey will be doing two one-day workshops. The workshop focus will be "What you need to know about major suit raises." The location is Meadowlark Community Church, 1918 Redwing St., San Marcos, 92078. Send your check for \$69 per person no later than January 31; after that date, the fee will be \$79 per person. Make your check out to Unit 549 and send checks to: 10755 Scripps Poway Parkway, San Diego CA 92131.

For questions regarding the workshop call Liz Nixon at 888 400-2789 or e-mail Liz at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net

Unit 549's Winter Sectional is upon us, January 29-31. Location is First Presbyterian Church, North El Camino Real, Oceanside. See our ad in the *Forum* or go to www.sbridge.com for details.

Congratulations to Bill Sperry, our new president and his new board. The familiar faces on the board are Liz Nixon, secretary, Lynne Pyka, treasurer. Directors at Large are Bobbi Cohen, Maureen Fischer, Marianne Kuzma, Jaycey Humes, Pam Thacker, Leslie Beaver and Sheila Latus. Matt Belau will stay on as past president advisor. Bill and the board are looking for volunteers to help run the winter sectional.

Please feel free to volunteer! You can e-mail Bill at wrsperry@gmail.com

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in December are Junior Masters Rebecca Brawner and Merrily Smith; New Club Master Harry Espey. Congratulations.

Overall winners at the Dec. 26 Holiday unit game were: Strat A - Lorraine Suder - Hanna Elad, followed by Rex and Sheila Latus; Strat B - Chuck and Madonna Donaldson, followed by Rita Sorgi - Jan Fischer, Jim Checco - Tommy Nomura; Strat C - Minnie Williams - Jeanne Griffin, followed by Ray Curtis - Bill Butler, Judy Veljovich - Pat Schmidt, Mary Fenton - Joan Kroener, and Matt Belau - Lynn Pyka. In section C 299ers #1 were Al and Connie Etheridge, followed by Susie Sarron - Edie Hayden, Trisha Kell - Patsy Goodson.

Congrats to all!

Go to www.sbridge.com for unit events.

North County Bridge Center will have its Barometer Pairs game Feb. 20. Call Lee or Amy to sign up. Also, Sheila Latus is starting a beginning bridge program based on Audrey Grant's "Bridge Basics 1."

Call NCBC at 760 747-6092 for upcoming events and the monthly calendar.

North County Bridge Center announces 2010 Bridge Cruise to support the Elizabeth Hospice with Emerald Life Masters Alan and Debbie Gailfus. Date is Sept. 19-30, 2010 on board Holland America's Statendam. For more information and reservations call Liz Nixon at 888 400-2789. Pick up a flyer at NCBC or e-mail Liz Nixon at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net

At Lake San Marcos DBC charity games supported in December were Interfaith of Escondido, Mom's Warehouse and San Marcos Senior Center. Top five MP winners for December were Pete Kaufman, Nina Laughbaum, Rima Sharron, John Sharron, and Jean Holt.

Way to go Top Five!

Call Jean at 760 734-518 or Nina at 760 736-9386 for info on the Lake San Marcos DBC.

BobMar Bridge Center continues its games on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Grandon Senior Center, San Marcos. Call Marcia Handelman at 760 918-2424 to sign up.

Get all of the latest Unit 549 news at www.sbridge.com including the Unit 549 Calendar of Events, Unit Newsletter and game results.

San Luis Obispo

By Torre Houlgate-West

Changes coming! Listen up!

Our new unit game will be on second Saturdays in 2010. Mark your calendars boldly. The Unit 540 competition is 12:30 p.m., at the Senior Center in San Luis Obispo. In addition to the open session, we'll have a 199er section, when possible.

Another exciting change is the introduction of Compact Knockouts for the Saturday schedule of the upcoming sectional, Feb. 26-28, at the Arroyo Grande Community Center. Players can choose to participate in the first KO session on Saturday, or may play Stratified Pairs. Those KO'd can play Stratified Pairs for the second session (after drying their tears). The usual Strat Pairs are featured on Friday, with Swiss Teams on Sunday.

Now some history. The week honoring the memory of Janice Vivrette culminated in a Pro-Am on Oct. 31. Floyd Redman garnered the most points in open games. Dixie Hsu and Betty Hsu were 2nd and 3rd. Jean Wilson took 199er top honors, followed by Michael Carroll and Gary Stoner.

Holiday parties at SLO and Arroyo Grande drew good crowds, and everyone drove home soberly and safely.

On Dec. 11, 18 tables of SLO-goers feasted on a great Chinese luncheon, then racked up a slew of points in both open and novice sections. Winning overalls in A were Bill Ringbom - Gary Arthurs, Bud Zeuschner - George Sheffield (also 1st in B), and Robert Faust - Jean Allen-Faust. First in C were Gina Kirk - Pat Hallock. Novice top overalls went to Gene Edgerton - Pamela Nargile and Tana and Pete Pedersen. SLO club members, especially, are grateful to Dixie Hsu for her fine work in finding partners.

Dec. 17 marked a jolly game and terrific luncheon in Arroyo Grande. N/S Robert Faust - Jean Allen Faust came in first, followed by Jack Wolff - Doris Dunn (2A, 1B, 1C). E/W Miriam Evans - Lynn Byrd

swept all strats, with Vi Dallessandro - Diana Jackson securing second in A and B. In the 20-point game, there was a 3-way 60% tie between Linda Germany - Stacey Stack, Phil O'Carroll - Sharon Murphy, and Alleen Hattem - Jerry Tolson.

The North County Dec. 21 game in Paso Robles was a unit championship where Pete and Midge Schulkin won first in A/B/C. Tom Garcia - Farrar Bird placed 2nd, and Jean Porter - Carolyn Bell came in 3rd.

Elsewhere in the world on Dec. 31, strains of Auld Lang Syne mixed with raucous shouts of celebrants heralding the New Year, but in Arroyo Grande, rowdiness was restrained as we addicts labored silently over our bidding boxes for the last game of 2009, a unit championship. Lynn Byrd - Clint Rylee captured all three top overalls - the second time for Lynn in one month!. Betty Hsu - Floyd Redman were 2nd, Bill Ringbom - George Godde snagged 3rd and 2nd in B, and Bob and Marilyn Bullock finished 4th in A and 3rd in B. Novices Donna Kimber and Sharon Murphy swamped the competition with a 75% game! (If only they'd played a few more boards to qualify for *Forum* listing!)

Happy to come in second were Jerry Tolson - Alleen Hattem.

We're excited about positive changes, new players, and new ACBL members. Year 2010, here we come!

Santa Ana

By Joe Chaikin

There were excellent opportunities for local players to experience high level bridge last month, with the San Diego NABC and the regular pre-Christmas Rancho Mirage Regional, and some of our less experienced players did well. Susan and Bob Johnson came in 3rd in Flight B of the NAOP in Rancho Mirage, qualifying them to play at the Spring Nationals in Reno, and "played up" in an Open Pairs at San Diego, winning X and placing 9th overall. Tom Felice, Rich Shuirman, Fred Soloman and Renata Blocker won Bracket VI of a two day Knockout in San Diego. Congratulations.

Jay Helekar and I had some success in Palm Springs, and were third in one of the Knockouts. For those of you newer players who are interested in games or lessons, call Jay at 949 769-4668.

Santa Barbara

By Judy Piper

Unit 542 is overwhelmed with shock and grief over the death of our beloved director, Larry Klimko. After a brief illness our dear friend and mentor passed away December 26.

Larry was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1940 and earned his undergraduate and doctorate degrees in mathematics at Ohio State University. Upon graduation in 1967 he became an assistant professor in mathematics and statistics at Penn State University and - in collaboration with colleagues - published research papers on limited theorems and statistics.

Larry moved to Santa Barbara to work in the aerospace industry, and soon became deeply involved with the Santa Barbara Bridge Center where he contributed his expertise in all aspects of contract bridge. A Life Master, Larry was an accomplished player, ardent student of the game and, most importantly, a devoted teacher who greatly enhanced the caliber and enjoyment of local duplicate bridge play. Larry's equal passion was music. His devotion to the classics occupied the other half of a life of intellect, creativity and commitment, but sadly a life that was taken from us too soon. A kinder, gentler, thoughtful gentleman could not be found. We will not appreciate our loss until those subtle things that have always been done at the club don't get done. He will be missed by all.

A special game has been arranged to be played on Sunday, Feb. 21, in Larry's memory - the way Larry would have wanted us to celebrate his life. It will be a potluck at 11:45, followed by a memorial at 12:30. Play will begin at 1:30. There will be no charge for play at this game, but you may make a voluntary donation to the Santa Barbara Symphony in Larry's honor. Because of safety regulations only 24 tables will be in play, so reservations must be

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THOUSAND OAKS SECTIONAL

March 4-7, 2010

Complimentary Kick-Off Breakfast - Fri. & Sat. 8:30



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 4 (additional game)

Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 PM

Friday, March 5

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 AM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 1 & 2)

Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 PM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 3 & 4)

Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 6

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 AM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 1 & 2)

Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 PM
Compact KO Teams (Rds 3 & 4)

Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 7

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams 11:00 AM
7 matches, 8 boards
\$100 per team (Buffet included)

Stratified Open Pairs 11:00 AM & 3:30 PM

Strati-flighted Swiss	Stratified Pairs
A: 3000+	A: 2000+
AX: 0-3000	B: 750-2000
B: 1250-2000	C: 0-750
C: 500-1250	
D: 0-500	
20 Victory Points	

Buffet dining available between sessions
Entry Fee: \$10 per person/per session
\$11 non-member/unpaid member

99'er Trophy Event
Friday & Saturday, Mar 5 & 6
10:00 AM and 2:30 PM
Complimentary Breakfast 8:30

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