

What's New in District 22

Carmean, Rose Giuntini, June Babbitt, Bob Waite, Stan Gabriel, Brett Baker, Rosie Erdelen, Fran Franklin and Jim Williams.

La Jolla/Beach

Steve Johnson

We just completed our annual Memorial Day Sectional at the Soledad Club during the last weekend in May. Unit members who had huge success were Katherine Moyer and Patricia Wilkey, who picked up more than 13 masterpoints in 499 Pairs games and the Flight/B/C/D Swiss. (Swiss teammates were Nancy Lowrey - Yel Chiang Wu).

Other unit members doing well were Gregory Chaffee and Mac Busby, 2nd in the Friday Open Pairs. Nate McCay was 1st in the Friday pairs playing with San Diegan Jon Wright, and David Oakley knocked off the Flight A/X Swiss with help from three ringers from the San Diego Unit: David Walters and Ronald & Mary Huffaker.

The La Jolla Unit was honored by an article on 29 May in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* regarding teaching of bridge in San Diego area schools. The article resulted from the work of Bill Grant and other unit members, in conjunction with members from the Coronado and San Diego units.

The link to the article is: <http://www.signsandiego.com/news/2010/may/29/a-bridge-to-the-past-young-now-taking-up-the-card/>. This was not just an article buried in the newspaper, but a lengthy article starting on Page 1 which jumped to an inside page! Kudos and congratulations to all who participated.

"Movers And Shakers" within the unit saw Janice Hawley advance to Junior Master and Sharon Pratt advance to Club Master. Congratulations to you both, and keep up the good work!

The unit game May 9 was won by David Oakley and David Walters, 1st in Flight A, with Barbara Norman and Charles Wilson Jr. 2nd. 1st in B and C were Joyce Bailey and Barbara Blake. 2nd in B was won by Sumiko Inagaki and Yoko Davis, and 2nd in C were Peggy and M. Douglas Magde.

The May 23 unit game had Jon Wright and Vicki Creamer 1st overall in Flight A, with Lynne O'Neill and Bill Grant 2nd in Flight A and 1st overall in B. 2nd in B belonged to Deana Veitia and N. Marovac, who were also 1st in C. 2nd in C was won by Andrew and Patricia Loh.

Congratulations to all the winners for our unit games and the sectional.

This is our annual election month, and there are places for four or five new members. If you want to "give something back" to the unit, now is your chance to put your hat in the ring and make a difference on the unit board.

Lompoc

By Don Kerr

There were a number of real winners this time, including some very new players. Joyce Gehlhaar and Sue Helmuth had four wins. With three wins were Malcolm Anderson, Jo Gowenlock, and Lindquist. With two were Jim Gibbs, Barbara Holt, James Kelly, Nelson Owens, Nick Seghl (very new) and Kay Roland. Those with 1 win were John Arbogast, Rozella Armor, Ada Bakalar, David Bakalar, Suzanne Budabin (very new), Marg Flack, Peggy Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Don Kerr, Yvonne Mahoney, JoAnn Miculin, Skook Porter, and Evelyn Schuler.

Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

Charlene Stephens had gall bladder surgery and was off for a week or so; she said the pain was worse than childbirth. Sarah Carter has returned, she was gone less than a month this time. When she returned she fell off her porch and missed a couple of sessions. Sue Douglas is back after having a temporary job in Philly for several weeks. She came back worn out.

Ying-Ming Lee and I won the unit game, with Yasuko Mullen playing with Dave Speer second. Craig Stump and Craig Rae were third, followed by Esther Hart and Mary Stokes. We are trying to convince Craig Rae to rejoin ACBL.

I managed to lead the masterpoint winners for the TGiF Bridge Club. I was followed by Greg, Yasuko, Margaret O'Neill, Jane Eckler, Craig Stump, Sue, Nonie Adams, and Jack Waller. Jack led the COM Bridge Club monthly standings. He was followed by Rob White, Marco Latini, myself, Greg, Dave, Craig Stump, Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth, and Darlene Pharr.

Riverside

By Les Moore

I have said many times, and also put in this column, that we come to the ACBL from all walks of life. It seems as though the majority of players have the desire to improve their play of the cards. There are goals which players can reach, with the ultimate goal becoming a Life Master, and then continuing to achieve the ascending levels of Life Mastership.

Three of our ladies at the Riverside Bridge Club reached Life Master this year: Anne Newman, who worked as office manager in the California Penal System, started playing after retirement. She plays five times a week. She stated that for her it has been "judgment" calls, standard bidding, 2/1, and the very basics of playing have been effective for her.

Sure looks like it works, Anne.

Sue Nelson was an avid golfer, but when she took up tournament bridge play, she stopped playing golf. She stated that it has been her good fortune to have a good regular partner that she plays with three times a week, and that they have had good teammates in the Knockouts in tournaments. Sue, your method has worked well for you.

The third lady to become Life Master in our club recently has the unusual distinction of achieving regular Life Master, Bronze Life Master and Silver Life Master all at the same time. She had more than 1000 masterpoints, but she needed a few gold ones to achieve the requirements for Life Master status. Dagmar Welker stated that it was her children who urged her to start taking bridge lessons and become involved in the game of bridge. She took bridge lessons from a player known as Big Al. She stated that she read a lot about how to play bridge, and gradually added conventions. She said it was rewarding to work with a partner, not so much for points as it was for the challenging competition.

Dagmar also has become an excellent director of bridge.

Each of the three ladies I talked to achieved their goals using different methods. I hope that the members of the Riverside Bridge Club who read this will benefit from their examples of achievement.

In our bridge club, on Thursday, May 27, Lavonne Morrison and Donna Markham achieved a 70.0% game. This is another achievement in a long list of fulfilling goals Lavonne has achieved.

Congrats to both of you.

What I have found in playing Duplicate Bridge is an enjoyment of the challenge and friendly competitive spirit of the ultimate card game - *duplicate bridge!*

Saddleback

By Bob Destino

It's always our pleasure to say "Congratulations!" to those players who have moved up the ACBL Master ladder. This month we honor Len Wilkinson (Junior Master), William Fallon and Mary Lemmon (Club Masters), Ellie Sekula (Sectional Master), and Natalie Kohler (Bronze Life Master).

We also want to recognize our May unit game winners Thelma Cohn and Mary Lou Busby, Judy Elbogen and Xiaoxue Walker, Sybil Barzilay and Jean Barkas, and Allen Golbert and Rai Osborne.

Serious bridge players keep on learning and improving their bidding and play. One way to do that is to enroll in the upcoming

Bridge Knowledge class. This class will be taught by Sybil Barzilay on Monday mornings beginning July 12. Sybil will be teaching Series 3, which will include Overcalls, Negative Doubles, Takeout Doubles, Forcing and Non-Forcing Bids, Cue Bids, Discards and much more. Each class will include a lecture and actual play. The entire 8-week program costs \$48.00. To enroll, or for more information, please contact Sybil at 949 472-8402 or sybilb@fea.net

Finally, please join us in welcoming eight brand new ACBL members: Richard Gladden, Tad Krusiewicz, Marian Larson, Jay Miller, Jeffery Stoddard, Kristine Stoddard, Gayle Verst, and Joyce Walker.

San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

The Merry Month of May was definitely that! We started the first Sunday with our unit game, won by Budak Barkan - Steve Johnson; #2, George and Kathee Bessinger; #3 Marty and Leila Bloomberg; and #4, Jean Hughes - Janet Ansfield. Our third Sunday winners were Cheryl Nielsen - Steve Johnson; #2, Alana and Robert Shapley; #3, Freda Anderson - Gail Dunham; and #4, Marvin French - Alice Leicht.

Our NLM tourney the third weekend was way up in attendance. Thanks again to Joan and Ken Maden and all of the work they do! Friday Strat Pairs was won by Lowell and Pamela Klosky; #2, Bill Eblen - Mary Lou Kammerer; #3, Joy Moretti - Joyce Martin; and #4, Paul Croft - Miles Bowler.

The 99er Strat Pairs winners were Angela Jaraicie - Suzanna McDowell; #2, Sylvia Sanderson - Barbara Scherman; #3, Claire and Bill Key; and #4, Adie Mann - Mickey Esser.

Friday brought out the Swiss Teams. First in A, Kannan Dan - Lane Campbell - Marianne Kuzma - Mary Ann Houston; #2, Gary Gelman - Marvin Warner - Anita Hammersley - Dennis Schraeder (this team was also #1 in B); and #3, Bill Eblen - Mary Lou Kammerer - Barbara Scherman - Sylvia Sanderson (#2 in Flight B). Placing #3 in Flight B, Marti Blackwell - Mary Scott Knoll - Jane Good - Rebecca Higgins.

Saturday morning NLM Pairs was won by Katherine Moyer - Nancy Lowrey; #2, Liliane Kirchhoff - Stuart Sechriest; #3, Harry Espey - Bill Christian; and #4, Steve and Mary Boll. 99er Pairs winners were Arlene Rauthouse - Susan Tinsley; #2, Bill and Clare Key; #3, Dennis Starcher - Arlene Pergamit; and #4, Phyllis Roddy - Eileen Pleticha.

NLM Strat Pairs was won by Jane McGill - Shirley Hosemann; #2, Pat Dolphin - Mark Rehms; #3, Ron Evanko - Robert Monroe; and #4, Ron Malashock - Ron Kollmansberger. Strat 99er Pairs winners were Dennis Starcher - Arlene Pergamit; #2, Suresh Kanekar - Dale Phillips; #3, Paul Taylor - Rita Di Mariano; and #4, Phyllis Roddy - Eileen Pleticha.

Last, but not least, the Sunday NLM Pairs was won by Katherine and Peter Moyer; #2, Bruce and Barbara Hanson; #3, Harold Simon - Abdol Aalam; and #4, Liliane Kirchhoff - Stuart Sechriest. Many names, all winners!

Congratulations to all.

Our Unit 539 continues to grow. This year, for the first time in many years, we had more people running for your board than space available! This has brought out more votes and, hopefully, we'll continue this trend. Mark your calendar to put in your time on our board! Winners will be announced in next month's column.

Save your pennies! As of July 1st our unit game fee will be \$8.00 (up \$1.00 from the \$7.00 previous fee).

Good bridge, great food, fair price!

Milestones: Junior Master: Brian Allman. Sectional Master: Barbara Hanson. Regional Master: Joan Gross. Good job!

San Diego North Coastal

By Iris Ailyn

Last-minute results from our June 6 Unit Game: In Flight A, Alan and Debbie Gailfus generated a 70.88%

game to win going away. Ian Collins - Iona Bernard were first in B, and Margarete Carioba - Donald Cooper captured Flight C honors. In the separate 399er game: the A strat was won by Ginger Calvert - Terry Paul, while Herbert and Jane Krongold were first in C.

Several players have written to me about the loss of Bob Frauenberger, one of our special people. He was always Mr. Happy, with an explosive laugh that made everyone laugh with him. "Welcome to table (whatever # it was)," and he meant it. He was kind and generous ... giving Unit 531 use of a storage area so the supplies had a home. We could all learn about bridge manners from him. We will miss you.

We have four new members and one transferee this month. Welcome to Arnold Freidlander, Yosuf Mansur, Harriet J. Smith, Alex Wong and Jean Anne Damon. And congratulations to our new Life Masters, Richard Thome and Marc S Phillips.

Fallbrook ... Debra Cameron

It was a tie for the top spot in the monthly masterpoint race between Sheila Reilly and Barbara Anderson, with 7.39 apiece. They were followed by Fran White and Wicker Gamble, tied for 3/4. 5th -10th place (in descending order) went to Caryn Villalon, Cari Reuter, Jane Horgan, Lucille Lockwood, Paul Cameron and Anne Burdick.

Fallbrook ... Fran White

Join us at the Friendly Village Bridge Club for our club championship June 24. Enjoy a nice lunch along with extra points! Leading masterpoint winner for May was Cari Rueter scratching all four games this month. Dee Vasse edged out Lucy Lockwood for runner up.

Lois Woodson was the leader in Flight B, and Judy Hannaford also scratched all four games to lead C, with Rami Mina and Charlie Hurd close behind with a first and second place finish.

Sometimes bridge is like a horse race.

Oceanside Monday ... Ida Burcham

We had two charity games this month. The regular games had one of our C Strat players leading the list. Nancy Wetland-Read was at the top with 1.92 points (which may not sound like much, but there were four Life Masters right behind her, so I say "Bravo!") Our first charity game was won by Ian Collins - Carol Diwell, with 69.71%, for which they received 4.50 masterpoints. The second charity game was won by Clair Lair - Robert Linder, also good for 4.50. June will be the last month for these Mega Point Games.

Oceanside Tuesday ... Ida Burcham

Our special game this month was a charity game, won by Jane Felder - Lynette Martin (4.17 masterpoints). Our regular games had three Life Masters leading the masterpoint list, showing the competition is really heavy. Walter Malen led with 4.60 points, followed by Wayne Holm and Dennis Cleary. Bob Frauenberger is way down on the list with .53 points, but this will be my last opportunity to report his bridge successes. He will be missed.

Encinitas Thursday ... Paul Landrum

The top six players on our masterpoint list for the month of May are three sets of steady partners. Charlie Gilman and Stanley Westreich share the top two spots. Ross Penne and Keith Stinson have been together forever, and are tied for the third and fourth place. New to the top of the heap are two of our Non-Life Masters, Helen Perry and Donald York. It is always nice to see new names surfacing on the list.

This month we started using pre-dealt hands and issuing hand records at the end of the game to try to help our players improve their game. When we have two sections we are scoring across the field to give the up and coming players a chance at some of the points.

Cardiff by the Sea Monday ...

Harvey Goldstein

What a month we had at Harvey's Bridge! There were three 70% games, the annual membership game, and continued strong play from Herb and Jane Krongold. Al Feldman - Charlie Gilman paired up to have a 75% game on the same

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