



What's New in District 22

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tied for second. (We use IMP scoring for 2 ½ table games where each board is only played twice.)

Other Big Bear Club winners in March: Mary Ann and Warren Wotring (4), Steve Klein (2), R.T. Hawke, Christine Cook, Jean Kuchta, Paula Smith, Jack Swigart, Eiko Miller.

Morongo Basin club winners (reported by Patrick Page): Clare Laljer, Sam Davidson, Karen Briggs, Tom Costello. I don't have reports for the first three weeks of March, don't know if the club was dark or there was just a loss of communication.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: We're starting up Friday bridge at the Sterling Inn again! Our first game will be April 13. We've got a great core of players for Fridays, and we hope to bring in some new folks as well. Please come in and see us, even if you are a single.

Please note the change in dates of the unit games coming up for April and May. April's unit game was April 22, and May's unit game will be May 20. This is due to our usual second Sunday landing on holidays for April and May.

Congrats to the winners of the March unit game, Joan Kinney and Beth Hendrick with a big 65% game! Player of the month honors for March are shared between Steve Koller and John Ruffo, both with three club wins. Winners of club games in March were: Charlotte Phillips (2), Virginia Cleminson (2), Beth Hendrick (2), Jerry Kinkade (2), Rosie Erdelen, Jo Ann Drozdik, Rosemary Drake, Joan Kinney, Stan Gabriel, Don Partridge, Brett Baker, and Jane Pace.

Inland Valley

By Harvey Lesser

This month's report will be short, as many unit members are winning gold and red points at the Pacific Southwest Regional in San Diego. The Town & Country Convention Hall is a great place to play, with room for all the tables in one location, and excellent lighting.

The Temecula Spring Sectional is going to be held June 1-3. Besides the great food and friends there will be some great bridge too! There is a new on-line Partnership Desk on the Unit 534's web site at acbl-district22.com/534/ if you need a partner or teammates. Mark your calendars.

Lompoc/Vandenberg

By Jo Gowenlock

This past year, Unit 528 moved its second Wednesday evening game to the afternoon and, in addition, added a new game on the fourth Wednesday afternoon. Both games start at the civilized time of 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Oaks Villa location and snacks are served. Our hope is not only to increase attendance of local players but to draw from other units on the Central Coast. The games have been mildly successful so far, holding at seven tables. So for those of you that are not aware, mark your calendars and join us at the games.

The unit held an organizational meeting last month and Sarah Flinkenshelt was elected president for the coming year. Malcolm Anderson has agreed to be chairperson for our sectional starting September 14. We all celebrated the Bakalar's 58th wedding anniversary at the 3/28 game. Thanks to Ada and David for the beautiful cake.

Overall winners for the two March games were David and Ada Bakalar and Joyce Gehlhaar and Jan Pettis.

The annual Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards were presented by Malcolm Anderson at the Alpha Club, and in all cases except two (noted) the same players won both races. Congratulations to the following winners: (0-5) Barbara Gordon; (5-20) Elaine Reveles; (20-50) Nick Sehgal; (50-100) Evelyn Schuler; (100-200) Suzanne Budabin; (200-300) Trudy Bailin; (300-500) David Bakalar; (500-1000) Lynn Porter; (1000-2500) Ada Bakalar (MM); Kay Rowland (AC); and (2500-5000) Joyce Gehlhaar.

Our 2012 directory is now available, thanks to Lynn Porter. Another thanks to Betty Brown for the wonderful lunch she served our Alpha Club group to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It was our annual membership game and fun for all, especially

for 1st overall winners Barbara Gustitus and Evelyn Schuler. The attendance at the Monday afternoon Alpha Club games continues to hold nicely at 9-10 tables, and since the funds collected are donated to various charities, it is good to see that turnout. Also, welcome to three new members to our unit: Helen Young, Don Beck and Lynley Beranis.

As I start to list winners for the month, take notice of Joyce Gehlhaar's record this month. We had eleven games this month and Joyce won six of those. One of those games she and her partner, Ada Bakalar, scored a 74.84% game. Anyway, she is on a roll! So here it is: (6) Joyce Gehlhaar, (3) Ada Bakalar, (2) Barbara Holt, Bob Linquist, Bob Jurgensen, Maralynn Haney, and (1) Nelson Owens, Nita Phenicie, Jan Brown, Evelyn Schuler, Barbara Gustitus, David Bakalar, Jo Gowenlock, Sarah Flinkenshelt, Jim Gibbs, Helgi Hardensen, Lynn Porter, Kay Rowland and Jan Pettis.

If this reaches readers that still work during the day and are looking for an evening game, we still have our Thursday night game starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Oaks Villas, and we welcome all players with wonderful snacks provided by Lynn Porter. Check our website for details.

Malcolm Anderson is our computer guru and does a great job.

My friend, Eileen Niesen from Huntington Beach, visited last month and we were able to play at the Alpha Club in the Monday afternoon game. It was a "few" years ago that Eileen and I and two friends played our first duplicate game. Ah, the stories we could tell! Bye for now.

Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

Mavis Royer lost her battle with cancer in April. She had joined the American Contract Bridge League in 1993 and attained the rank of Regional Master. Last year she was Ace of Clubs winner for the Ridgecrest Unit in her point range of 300 to 500 accumulated masterpoints. She was always a gracious partner and a pleasant opponent, even through her many medical setbacks in recent years. She will be sorely missed.

I had hoped to report the overall standings in the Nationwide Senior Pairs. Greg Vernon and I had a 70+% and might be in the running for an overall award. ACBL has not posted the results as of this writing.

We participated in three STAC games in March. Dave Speer and Jack Waller were fifth overall in the Wednesday evening game. Rob White and Craig Stump placed first in Strat B locally with Yvonne Chilina and Marco Latini closely behind. On Friday afternoon Dave Flatman and Yvonne tied with Greg and I for tenth overall. Sue Douglas and Darlene Pharr placed next locally followed by Mary Stokes and Barbara Meggers. On Sunday afternoon Sarah Carter and Craig tied with Robert Bauman and Dave Speer, but didn't crack the overalls. Barbara and Mary Stokes were first in Strat C, edging out Dave Flatman and Yvonne.

I led the masterpoint accumulation list for both clubs. In the TGIF club Greg, Craig, Sarah, Mary Carolyn Nielsen, Charlene Stephens, Yvonne, Craig Rae, Yasuko Mullen, and Esther Hart followed me. In the COM club Robert, Greg, Rob, Craig Stump, Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth, Dave Speer, Sarah, and Esther followed me.

Riverside

By Mary Ann Braden

Top O' The Mornin' To Ya!

Ever heard of the term "Mini-McKenney?" Were you imagining a short Irishman? I wasn't quite sure either, so you can imagine my surprise when I received an e-mail congratulating me on winning the 2011 Mini-McKenney unit award.

Pumped up and proud, I called our president, Bill Wood, to set up a press interview. He kindly put my aspirations of greatness into perspective. Bill explained that my name would be placed on an obscure computer list (along with the other ten unit winners) and that it would only be accessible by a computer savvy, desperate person.

As a winner, however, I would be entitled to a free cup of coffee at the club.

Slightly disappointed, I cancelled my photo op and proceeded to learn just what this award meant. The Mini-McKenney is an award given to the top masterpoint winner in each of the ten categories, i.e. (0-5), (5-20) ... and up to (7,500-10,000) during a one year period. Hopefully you will see your name among the following and help yourself to a nice cup of coffee, compliments of our club! The winners are: Clint Pooley, Carma Cooley, Bill Schnack, Mary Ann Braden, Jo Ann Olivier, Norton Younglove, Anne Newman, Karen Brandt, David Rouff, Bill Hamann, Lavonne Morrison, and Dale Klinzing.

Another award worth mentioning is the Helen Shamborn Aces of Clubs Race. Winners are: Paul Caslavkas, Nancy Kehl, Bill Schnack, Mary Ann Braden, Jo Ann Olivier, Norton Younglove, Anne Newman, Karen Brandt, David Rouff, Bill Hamann, Lavonne Morrison and Dale Klinzing.

Congratulations to all. The March Madness unit game boasted 9 ½ tables, with the following pairs as winners: N/S: Philip Page - Dag Welker; Anne Newman - Sue Nelson; Jesse Meyers - Jean Cantwell; Sharon Spencer - Jerome Schlig. First place for E/W: Dave and Susan Ruoff, followed by Owen Kustner - Bill Hamann and Marshall Miles - Dolores Mc Donald in a tie, then Ernie and Joyce Tourtelot and Tony and Pat Mascari.

Congratulations to all for wearing green and coming in the money.

A little leprechaun told me that Irene Ruibal was our newest nanogenerian. Happy birthday to you, Irene, a woman who could fool any carnival "age guesser" anywhere and every time!

How many bridge clubs can boast of producing a high end art exhibit? We are so fortunate that a reconnection with the game of bridge (and a little prodding from the Mascaris), brought professional artist Helen Bell to us. Helen graduated from the Maryland Art Institute, and although she played bridge during college, there wasn't much time for games after graduation and marriage. Like many women of that time, she spent years putting her own career on hold while helping her husband with his. She found the time to paint, but it wasn't until her husband's retirement that her own career really took off.

Now her husband Paul, jokes about being known as "Mr. Helen Bell!"

Exhibited across California, her Mission series has to be among her best work. Ironically, Helen was extremely ill during this period and wasn't sure she would even be able to paint, much less complete the series. She credits working on these missions as a sort of catharsis for changing her health and her life. We are so fortunate to have Helen and Paul healthy and at our tables. After a year of hanging up and taking down these beautiful landscapes, missions and still life, the time is long overdue for us to just say a humble thank you.

Well, I can no longer avoid the inevitable. By the time you read this article, Philip Page, our friend, teacher, and just about the nicest guy to ever bid 7NT will have moved to Seattle. He will be missed by everyone, but no one more than his partner Dag. Our loss, however, is Seattle's gain. Good luck, Phil. Keep in touch. We know you will make a positive difference no matter where you are.

Until June, stay healthy my friends, and see you at the tables.

Saddleback

by Helene Dykes

Welcome to our nine new members: George Bloom, Kimberly Clayton, Katharine Henderson, Nasra Kwentus, Carol Rimland, Joan Silverman, Marita Springer, Irvin Ward, and Louise Weakland. Please welcome these players if you meet them at a local game.

Congratulations to unit members who have reached new masterpoint levels. New Junior Masters are Pamela Grasshoff and Marlene Lazar. New Club Masters are Constance Farkas and Ruth Mills. Ann Joynt and Catherine Marco are new Sectional Masters and Sherrie Johanson is a new NABC Master. Keep accruing those masterpoints!

Our ACBL Saddleback Unit 525 general meeting was held before the March unit game. All seven of our elected board members are entering the second year of their two-year term. A Nominating Com-

mittee will be formed this summer to select the slate of candidates to fill elected board positions on the next board, beginning one year from now. Please let President Denny Roe (denny_2444@cox.net) know if you are interested in serving on the board in the future. New volunteers are always welcome and will be needed.

Our Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners were announced before the March unit game. The Ace of Clubs winners were: Donna Dwailebe (0-5 MP), Steve Johnson (5-20 MP), Mary Sato (20-50 MP), Warren Yurman (50-100 MP), Henryk Ademek (100-200 MP), Mario Pellegrini (200-300 MP), Linda Ryder (300-500 MP), Gail Schneider (500-1000 MP), Louis Dubin (1000-2500 MP), Sybil Barzilay (2500-5000), Jean Barkas (5000-7500 MP), Eddie Rose (7500-10,000 MP), and Marjorie Michelin (10,000+ MP).

Our Mini-McKenney winners were: Donna Dwailebe (0-5 MP), Steve Johnson (5-20 MP), George Keeling (20-50 MP), Sherrie Johanson (50-100 MP), Henryk Ademek (100-200 MP), Richard and Wilhelmina Jerrells (200-300 MP), Helene Dykes (300-500 MP), Diane Dennis (500-1000 MP), Louis Dubin (1000-2500 MP), Allen Golbert (2500-5000 MP), Ellis Feigenbaum (5000-7500 MP), Eddie Rose (7500-10,000 MP), and Marjorie Michelin (10,000+ MP).

Congratulations to all the winners!

We had approximately 40 tables at our March unit game. Open section winners were Rai Osborne - Allen Golbert, Fran Schwartz - Bob Sendell, Renee Alpert - Joan Kaye, Mark Leonard - Phil Clayton, Bart Jolin - Gertrud McLachlan, and Pam and Michael Moreland. Overall winners in the 299er group were David and Charee Estes in first and Wendy Lamont - Jacqueline Dale in second place. Overall winners in the open section were Mark Leonard/Phil Clayton in first and Fran Schwartz - Bob Sendell in second place.

Unit games are held at 1:00 p.m. every second Sunday (except February) at Laguna Woods Village Clubhouse #7 on Moulton Parkway. Refreshments are served at 12:30 p.m. For partnerships, contact Bob Destino at 949 586-9488.

For information about Saddleback Unit 525 and our many games, email acblunit525@gmail.com or contact Laguna Woods Bridge room at 949 268-2420 or visit www.lagunabridge.com

San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

March Madness! Thanks to Ralph Baty, tournament chair, and his crew we had a wonderful Spring Sectional to start off this month. Friday morning 99er winners were Joanna Hirst - Barbara Mead; #2, Marilyn Rowen - Margaret Katleman. Afternoon winners were Sharon Pratt - Hilary Jacobson; #2, Carol & Art Murphy. Morning 499er winners were James Porter - John White; #2, Barbara Hanson - Beverly Wilson. Afternoon winners were Joy Moretti - Dolores McGregor; #2, Kathleen Hennessy - Sharon Gordon. Open strat winners were John Coufal - Rick Roeder; #2, Debbie & Alan Gailfus. Afternoon open winners were Alan Rowen - Andrew Loh; #2, James Andrews - Freda Anderson. Compact KO morning winners were Francis Radford - Nancy Kingman - Robert Riley - Susan Ealy-Pililaau; #2, Sebastian Holsclaw - Stephen Rattner - Robert Walters - John Evans. There are many other winners, but not nearly enough room to publish!

Saturday was an even bigger day. Morning 99er winners were Gayle Welty - Jackie Mullin; #2, Gary and Elizabeth Piazzoni. Afternoon winners were Margaret Van Hemert - Bruce Zissen; #2 (again), Gary and Elizabeth Piazzoni. Morning 499er winners were James Porter - John White; #2, David Goldfarb - Raymond Gogolewski. Afternoon winners were Katherine and Peter Moyer; #2, Ann Manaster - Judy Elsberry. Open strat winners were Mark Itabashi - Marjorie Michelin; #2, Maritha Pottenger - Phyllis Yates. Afternoon winners were David Abelow - Sally Clark; #2, Lynne O'Neill - William Grant.

Compact KO winners, Bracket I, were Sayem Islam - Robert Walters - Gary Moltenkopf - Stuart Sechriest; #2, Randy Fadem - Branko Obradovich - Jacqueline Ives - Carol Abramowitz. Bracket II winners were Donald Cleveland - Terence