



What's New in District 22

Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

Our goals for 2013 are three-fold: to increase play at all our games; to keep recruiting new players; and to continue to increase the skill of our players through Teri's lessons," said Tom Rauterkus, president, as he announced plans for the coming year at the annual unit meeting held during the Holiday Party recently.

He also announced the five top point winners and the five top player attendees of the year: David Priest was the top MP winner with 189 MPs. He was followed by Maynard Denison, 179, Sandy Denison, 150, Marty Hinds, 125, and Grace Tanner, 103.

The player who attended the most games was Esther Dougherty who played in 193 games. She was followed by Joan Bruce, 191, Sandy Denison, 188, Maynard Denison, 187, and David Priest, 179. Each received a free play for a unit game.

Congratulations to you all!
A special note about Esther Dougherty. She is an energetic 92-year-old phenom who is the only Non-Life Master in the group. At various times she has placed first overall, and she has also placed first overall. Last year she played in two regional tournaments, including a regional cruise to Hawaii, and the NABC tournament in San Francisco as well.

She intertwines many other activities with bridge. She goes to the dog park with her two dogs, does water aerobics, and tends the fruit trees in her yard ... she has oranges, pomegranates, apricots, figs, and apples. She often travels to Rosarita Beach in Baja to check on her property. Esther only recently stopped substitute teaching. Every week she alternates attending dances at Mavericks or Laf-A-Lot dance clubs. On Friday she goes to see foreign films, and every other Saturday she attends the Metropolitan Opera - casts at the Edwards theater. After she plays on Monday she joins a friend at Rosewood for dinner and to play Bunco. Yet Esther still had time to play at our club 193 times last year!

Winners N/S at the Holiday Party open game were Carreen Hinds - Sandy Kiesel, David Priest - Gordon Tanner, Joe Bruce - Mary Reiss, Jan Combs - Virginia Eide, Joy Stuchlik - Edie Sandrini, and Janis Schaeffer - Sharon Balfanz. E/W winners were Maynard and Sandy Denison, Wafik Abdou - Bob Giragosian, Mike Pemberton - Larry Hawk, Grace Tanner - Ann Miller, Carol and Richard Kemmerer, Tom Rauterkus - Connie Bruce, Sue Kelly - Sharon Balfanz, and Ed Curtis - Fred Carlisle.

The 199er winners were Bob Nixon - Wally Keck, Carolyn Billerbeck - Nancy Frisbee, and Suzee Branker - Laurie Kreizenbeck.

Those members who placed in the overalls at the recent Great Western STAC games were Joe Kirby - Al Specht, Maynard and Sandy Denison, Wafik Abdou - Bob Giragosian, and Grace Tanner - Shirley Eide. Those who placed first in the Monday games were Nancy Frisbee - Carolyn Billerbeck (74.98%), Bill Wilbanks - Jeri Cook, and Olly and Jim Blom.

Congratulations to those moving up in rank. They are Margaret Keeler, Tehachapi, Junior Master; Bill Wilbanks, Club Master, and Ron Miller, Sectional Master.

Mark your calendars for the following

February activities: extra points games on Tuesday, February 5, Tuesday, February 19, and Sunday, February 24. Junior Charity week benefitting junior bridge players will be held beginning Sunday, February 10 to Saturday, February 16. That Saturday will be the unit game as well.

Please note that the March unit game will be on the second Saturday, March 9. Have a Happy Valentine's Day!!

Balboa

By Phil Pearl

The Super Bowl is again in conflict with our February unit game (February 3). Therefore, the revised schedule for that game will be the same as it has been for the last few years: Lunch at 11:15, with game time at 12:00. Most players should be home for the 3:30 kickoff.

The search is on. If you have fewer than 200 masterpoints and want to improve your game, we are looking for you! If you sign up for the Balboa Unit Mentor Program, here's what you get: (1) Six sessions with a seasoned mentor ready to help you to play better bridge; all you have to do is pay their card fees and learn. (2) Reimbursement for those fees from the unit after the sixth session. (3) Invitation to an exclusive Mentor/Mentee duplicate game.

Dr. Joan Kaye is the chairperson for the mentor program for 2013. She tells of her own experience in the program: "I came back to duplicate bridge three years ago after a 35-year hiatus and quickly signed up for the mentor program. I had two wonderful mentors, who taught me so much that I never would have learned without them. And they are both on the mentor list for 2013. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the best."

Any questions? Call or email Joan @ 949 759-0739 JoanKaye@cox.net

The Balboa Unit was well represented at the regional in Rancho Mirage. Here is a list of unit members that placed in the overalls in pairs and teams events that I found in the Daily Bulletins: Jon King (1st in A, Side Series, and 8th in A, Open Pairs). Michael and Pam Moreland (2nd in B, in the A/B pairs). Diana Black - Theresa Martell (5th in A, Side Series). Ted and Alice Nicholas (3rd in D, 299ers Pairs). Ruth Ann Alpert - Colleen Cody (5th in A, in the A/B Pairs). Phil Pearl (19th in A, A/B Pairs). Mary Lou Kiley - Barbara Gilcrest (3/4 KO Bracket 4). Lowell Andrews placed in every event he entered and earned 45 points. Linda and V. Jay Tipton (4th in A, A/B Pairs). George Derevjanik - Mary Singer (1st in A, Side Series). Jerry Schreider (1st, KO Bracket 2). Jim Elbogen (3/4 KO Bracket 3). Weishu Wu (5th in the Super Swiss). Joe Kivel (2nd in the Super Swiss).

An interesting hand came up recently. I was dealt: ♠K ♥--- ♦AKQJ97 ♣AQJ854. Partner passed, RHO opened 2♥. What to do? I thought of 7 or 8 different ways to approach the bidding, but since I was playing with a first-time partner I took the easy way out and bid 6♣. Here is a case where established partnerships should have prior agreements on how to handle this kind of situation. Partner held: ♠AQJ2 ♥103 ♦5 ♣K109762. 7♣ made, and of course, 7♣ also makes. Our score was a little below average, as three or four pairs bid 7♣.

Recent additions to the 70% club: Carol

Klahr - Betti Harris, 74.11% ATBC, December 7. Joan Kaye - Sally Murphy, 71.3% ATBC, December 17.

New members: Susan Makinson. Transfers into the Balboa Unit: Caroline Macgregor and Joseph Monahan (from San Diego North County). Howard and Valerie Sloane (from Anaheim). Charlotte and Steve Sturm (from Anaheim).

Transfers out: Alan Norton and Nancy Shook (to Saddleback).

Advancement in rank: Thad Mikols, Sectional Master. Jacqueline Dale, Regional Master. Jacqui Larkin, NABC Master. Cynthia Greer, Silver Life Master.

Bishop

By Lilla

Yes, winter has finally arrived; it is no longer just "cold," but we in the "valley" arose to a beautiful White Christmas the day after. It so seldom snows down here, so it was a real treat. Many things have happened during the Holiday Season; many have been leaving town to join their families for a special time to get together. We will miss those players that leave for the winter, and at the same time we will enjoy having our friends that come especially for the snow season and the skiing. Seasonal times have some advantages, and at the same time there are disadvantages, so we appreciate and enjoy each person when they are able to come and play bridge.

Our games were small, but we still enjoyed playing ... and the winners were: the 3rd; Crunk - Kittinger, Reeder - Abbott; the 5th; Sheehan - Lohr, Muth - Hobbs; the 10th, Crunk - Kittinger, Abbott - Coleman, Reeder - Faint; the 12th, Sheehan - Lohr, Busby - Higginbotham; the 19th, Faint - Hadel, Reeder - Abbott; the 31st, Lohr - Sheehan, Sparks - Abbott, Reeder - Faint. Our unit game on the 9th, with five tables, and our End of Year Tourney and Dinner, was a great time enjoyed by all. The winners were: Kittinger - Crunk, Faint - Hadel, Busby - Knight, and Penny & Jon Bourne.

We wish all the wonderful bridge players a Happy New Year from the High Desert group.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

In 1973, Craig Cole became a Life Master. Little did he know it would take him 39 years to move up to the rank of Bronze Life Master. That's because he abandoned duplicate bridge for many years while he turned his attention to raising a family. Craig began playing again about a year ago. He credits his partner and friend Dennis Starcher for his renewed interest in bridge. The two met when they both showed up for a game in search of partners, and they have been playing together ever since. Congratulations to Craig for his perseverance and his new status as a Bronze Life Master.

Many unit players attended the Palm Springs Regional, the second largest regional in the country. This year, the tournament welcomed 2,222 bridge players at 3,963 tables and awarded 24,309.87 masterpoints. Unit standouts were Marty Roth, who finished fourth in B in a pairs game and 7/8/9 in an A/B Pairs game; Carol Brager, who was second in a Knockout, and Ginger Herrick who finished 3/4 in the Knockouts. Jean and Bill Seager finished fourth in the side game. In the 299er games, Hiroko Kitamura was 5/6 in D and 4/5 in E; Richard and May Hsieh were sixth in D and fourth in E; and John and Linda Dusharme finished sixth in B.

At the Eastlake Bridge Club, winners were Jim Ciolli and Bruce Zissen, Barbara Schafer and Hiroko Kitamura, Charlotte Bochman and Larie Hayel, Jim and Shay Andrews, Liz and Gary Piazzoni and Richard Keplinger and Marianne Amanatea. Also victorious were Kathy Hennessy and Sharon Gordon, Barbara Schafer and Bjorn Syversen, Judi Bunch and Martha Walker, Donna Rafenstein and Richard Keplinger, Darryl Smith and Jerry Bierman, and Judi Bunch and Hiroko Kitamura. Kathie Angione and John Lagodimos won twice.

SAN DIEGO SPRING SECTIONAL

March 1-3, 2013

Unit 539

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs	10:00 a.m.
Bracketed Compact (Fri-KO)	10:00 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs	2:30 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs (0-20 MP free)	2:30 p.m.
Fri-KO Finals and Consolation	2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 a.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs	10:00 a.m.
Bracketed Compact (Sat-KO)	10:00 a.m.
Stratified Open Pairs	2:30 p.m.
Stratified 0-500 Pairs	2:30 p.m.
Sat-KO Finals and Consolation	2:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Swiss Teams	2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Stratified Swiss Teams	10:00 a.m.
o Team events stratified by average	
o Flight A/X 0-5000/5000+	
o Flight B/C/D 0-500/1500/2500	
o 20 Victory Point Scale Scoring	
o Play through With lunch Provided	
o Scheduled to end before 6:00 p.m.	

Mid-level Chart Conventions Permitted in Flight A events

Location: Adventures in Bridge
6150 Mission Gorge Road, Suite 122
San Diego, CA 92120
619-287-8313

STRATS & FLIGHTS

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS:

- o Pair events stratified by average
- o Strat A 2500+
- o Strat B 1000-2500
- o Strat C 0-1000

STRATIFIED 0-500 PAIRS

- o Pair events stratified by average
- o 0-100/300/500 as needed
- o 99ers separate if enough interest

CARD FEES:

Pair Games \$10.00 per player
Knockouts \$10.00 per player per session
Sunday Swiss Teams \$100.00 / 4 person teams, \$5.00 per person additional for 5 & 6 player teams
Non- & unpaid ACBL members: \$1.00 additional per player per session

Pre-dealt hands for pair games.
All facilities air conditioned

FUN, FOOD, POINTS
FREE COFFEE * FREE PARKING

INFO: WWW.ACBLDISTRICT22.COM/539

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH
served between the 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. sessions

San Diego Unit 539

Schedule for February 2013 - April 2013

DATE	EVENT
Feb 3	Charity Unit Game**; Lesson: K is Keeping Parity with Dummy (and Declarer)
Feb 17	Unit Game**; Awards. Lesson: L is for Loser on Loser-on-loser
Mar 3	San Diego Unit 539 Spring Sectional. No Unit Game
Mar 17	Unit Game**; Awards. Lesson: Director Calls
Mar 31	San Diego Regional - Town & Country Hotel. No Unit Game
Apr 7	Unit Game**; Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards. Lesson: M is for Merrimac Coup
Apr 21	Unit Game**; Awards. Open Pairs Trophy. Lesson: N is for No Trumps

** Separate 0-749 section planned for each unit game

JOIN US! (all games played at AIB's new location 6150 Mission Gorge Road, Suite 122)
Unit Awards Presented at 2nd Unit Game of each month (3rd Sunday)
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