

# What's New in District 22



In the Swiss competition, winning teams were Fran and Doral Hunter, Cheryl Rankin and Donna Rafenstein; and John and Susan Korsedal, Kathie Angione, and John Lagodimos.

Highlighting the Coronado club games were Jan and Lynne Erickson, who won twice. Other winners included Norma Lysterly and Marguerite Cook, Alice Dudley and Betty Birmingham, Dick Palmer and Al Schuster, Doris Shenwick and Alice Dudley, Dick Palmer and John Pizzato, and Marty and Leila Bloomberg.

## Dana Harbor

By Janie Matlaf

Hope Santa was generous to all of you and your families. I could not be more pleased with the wonderful Bridge Card Combination Flash Cards that found their way into my stocking. Once these make it from the box into the brain, there's no telling what miracles may follow.

Congratulations to Jim Senter, whose name has now been engraved for 2012 on the Annual Sportsmanship Trophy. Jim is among the most formidable players at the club, with a flock of partners and opponents trying to emulate his creative, challenging approach to the game. Blending skill and congeniality is his winning combination.

Newly elected to our board for 2013 are Sunny Foster, Hal Binder and Debbie Gailfus. They join returning board members John Jonas, David Adams, Karen Jachetta, and Dae Leckie. Please don't forget to offer your thanks to retiring board members Leslie Levine, Trudi Hanscom and John Kissinger for their service. Each has donated tremendous time and effort for the benefit of us all. A word of appreciation is also owed to the many volunteers who helped with the Holiday Party. From a festive breakfast to lunch arrangements at Savannah Chophouse, a full house and a full day, none of this just happens without the spirit of volunteerism that we are fortunate enough to enjoy at our club.

John Kissinger put together a hugely successful Dana Harbor Year End Sectional. The room was packed with 194 tables over three days under the direction of Scott Campbell. Volunteers came out in force again and served some 400 plus lunches, while over 700 masterpoints were awarded, with the following achieving first place: Mark Itabashi, Steve Love, Chris Larsen, Joe Kivel, Debbie and Alan Gailfus, Beverly Cochran, David Kates, Linda and John Jonas, Carol Foster, Gary Waldron, Michael Bastedo, Corey Powell, Steve Hirsch, Gregory Thorpe, Renee Alpert, Joan Kaye, Drucilla Field, Linda Atkinson, Arne Lier, M. Hanefi Erten.

A very big *Bravo!* to Nadia Araabi, who earned the most overall masterpoints at the club in December, followed by Larry Sharp and Fran Blattner.

Among the other advancing achievers are New Junior Masters Charles Sommer, Souhail Toubia, David Veeneman; New Club Master Cynthia Gallaway; New Sectional Master Mary Paine; and New Bronze Life Master Jack Rippy.

Great Western Holiday STAC week winners included Chris Chapman, Gina Royalty, Anna Kreucher, Gulie Hamir, Steve Rakower, Souhail Toubia, Roman Matusik, Laverne Marano, Jane Dober, Hal Binder, Linda and John Jonas, Yann and Steve Jackson, George Rasmussen, Diana Doll, Carol Kiser, and Carole Kanow.

Doing well at the Palm Springs Regional: Mark Itabashi, Steve Love, Phil Clayton, Ruth and Philip Richter, Diane Velick, Trish Menefee, Debbie and Alan Gailfus, Paula and Michael Campbell.

Among the achievers at the San Francisco Nationals: Mark Itabashi, Debbie and Alan Gailfus, Hal Binder, Steve Love, Dolly and son Chris Poulos, Randee Yoder, MaryGene Courtney, Susan Marcle, Cathryn DeYoung.

And a hardy "welcome!" to new and transferring members: Diana Doll, Donald Gunther, Alda Babusek, Richard Babusek, Lynn Gerspach.

The game schedule is evolving again, with a new Wednesday afternoon 49er game, conveniently timed to follow the EZ Bridge I morning lessons. Based on the most recent membership list, there are approximately 175 members in our club with fewer than 49 masterpoints. Those of you who fit into that category should plan to give the Wednesday game a try, and then as you amass too many points to qualify, just move right along into the concurrent

199er game.

**Plan ahead for February:** The Mentoring Program is back, starting again Friday February 1 at 9:30 a.m. and continuing alternate Fridays. Tables of four mentees are matched with one mentor who is on hand to assist with challenges about the bidding, play, and defense of pre-arranged hands.

For those who participated last year, you will recall that this involves a great deal of planning by Sharon Rippy, so please sign up in advance to either be a mentor or a mentee. Reservations are a must for each session individually.

The Saddleback Sectional will be held February 9 and 10; Therefore there will not be a Saturday game at our club that weekend.

Our unit game will be held February 17, and a special Swiss Teams game is set for Sunday, February 24.

## Desert Cities

By Barbara Hopewell

We had planned to announce our new board of director members after our annual meeting today, Sunday, January 6, but unfortunately we did not have a quorum in attendance at the time of our election in order to vote for new board members. Please watch the website for updates regarding our upcoming elections. We did hold our unit games with the following results:

The winners of the open section of the unit game in Cathedral City were Robert Robinson - Leo Shearer *N/S* and Isadore and Rosie Sharp *E/W*. The *N/S* winners in the open section of the unit game held at The Duncan Bridge Center were Audrey and John Currie *N/S* and Ilene and Ross Grabel *E/W*. The winners in the 299er section at the Duncan location were Beverly Kostrinsky - Tom Whitehurst *N/S* and Shirley Gibson - Sara Corey *E/W*.

Don Garner - Muxin Li finished first at the Cathedral City game.

In other news from around the valley, the Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation has finally moved to their new permanent home, known as The Duncan Bridge Center. The Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation has done a spectacular job in providing the members of Unit 533 with a spacious state of the art facility. Amenities include a separate classroom, monitors for posting game results, and a new system for continuous fresh coffee and vending machines for extra snacks. They are taking advantage of that classroom with many lessons offered for all levels of player.

Please check their website for the schedule and for more information.

In addition to player lessons, Duncan Bridge Center in conjunction with Audrey Grant is also offering a special teacher training day which includes a bridge lesson for players on February 4. This is a one-day seminar. Please check their website for information on this program.

Don't forget about the Larry Cohen seminar in early April. This is a 2-day event held at St. Margaret's Church, and will be a wonderful opportunity to learn from one of the best. Contact Anne Lund at [bridgebabe1@verizon.net](mailto:bridgebabe1@verizon.net) for more information.

These partnerships were skillful enough to earn themselves 70% games during December: Carol Clements and Judy Schwartz, Peter Rank and Wally Goldban and Bob Victor and John Hanley.

Congratulations for a job well done.

The following players have joined the rank of Life Master and higher during the month of December. Our new Life Master is Bill Freeman, and we have two new Bronze Life Masters in William Bowld and David Goetz.

Congratulations to all of them.

The following are new members to our unit: Karen Baker, Barbara Baren, Pamela Eastman, Wilma Finmark, Joan Gettlerman, Ellen Gittelsohn, Leni Jacobs, Dennis Sheehan, Stanley Sperling and Beverly Teel. Please make them feel welcome when you meet them at the table.

In the weeks to come, you will be reminded to be thinking of who you would like to nominate for the Edith Hirschman Award. This is an award given annually to the person who most exemplifies the game of bridge and the person who most represents a good bridge player in your eyes. They don't have to be the best player skill-wise, but it should be someone who is a good partner, a good friend to the game and someone who you feel would be the kind of player that sets a good example at the table and in their lives. This award is presented

at our annual awards game in April. So get your thinking caps on and be aware when playing with your partner and opponents: who sets the best example for you? Please help to recognize this person at this game.

The unit board of directors encourages all of you to get out there and play at the game of your choice.

## High Desert

By Steve Klein

Big Bear sent quite a few players to the Palm Springs Regional in December. Most of us didn't do all that well, but there were some bright spots. R.T. Hawke, playing with a pickup partner from Santa Barbara, finished second in the Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs event, for 10.39 gold points. Jeanne Neighbors and Connie Baker picked up 3.04 in the same event. Arlene Elder was part of one team which reached the semifinals of a Knockout, and (with her son Dave) another team which missed winning an event by a single point. This got Arlene a total of 12.86 masterpoints, which might not sound like terribly much, but was in the upper 20% of point winners for the entire week.

My team (including Paula Smith, Morton Fletcher and Jack Swigart) managed to blow a 20-point lead in the first round of our Knockout, but we recovered enough to tie for third in our bracket in the Swiss Teams that afternoon, for 3.44 points.

Our Christmas Party was held December 7 at the Best Western in Big Bear Lake instead of our usual location (Nottingham's). Nice setting, good food, but the game was no bigger than a typical club game since nobody showed up from down the hill.

Our condolences go out to Steve Cook (Chris' husband), whose father passed away in December.

Big Bear club winners for December: Eiko Miller (2), Jack Swigart, Mary Ann and Warren Wotring, Arlene Elder. Between the regional, Christmas week (no games were held) and a day when snow conditions prevented travel, not a lot of games took place this month.

**Morongo Basin club winners** (reported by Patrick Page): Richard Schwartz (2), Sam Davidson (2), Carie Newell (3), Carol Boyer (2), Louise Syvertson, Robert Grimes, Patrick Page. There really weren't that many games at this club either; it just looks that way because there were a couple that ended in first place ties.

**From Joe Wilson in Victorville:** We had another great success at our unit Holiday Party this year. We had ten tables, welcoming our friends from Big Bear and Yucca Valley. It was a great party, and much thanks go out to our president, Brett Baker, for all of his hard work. *N/S* winners were John Ruffo and Steve Koller. *E/W* and overall winners were Jack Swigart and Chris Cook. Congrats to all the winners!

We also got some sad news in December. We learned that Bob Waite had passed away from complications of his illness. Bob had been an ardent club and tournament player, amassing over 1000 points before his illness, and he continued to earn over 1000 points playing online tournaments. Bob loved to play and loved to help newer players along, forging many strong partnerships. Many of our players considered Bob their favorite partner, and he will surely be missed.

Congrats to our player of the month, Don Partridge, with five club wins! What a month! Other club winners in December were: Jim Williams (2), Joan Kinney (2), Rosie Erdelen, George Economou (2), Jerry Kinkade (2), John Ruffo, Steve Koller, John Harvey, Rosemary Drake, Ruth Allison, Tom Gay, Margot Livensparger, and Stan Gabriel.

## Inland Valley

By Harvey Lesser

The December unit game was also our unit general meeting. Everyone enjoyed the free catered lunch and the two-section pairs game.

The business part of the afternoon included the unit's election results: Congratulations to Mo Anvari, both our unit president

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## Saddleback 525 Sectional



February 9 & 10, 2013

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Saturday, 10 A.M.

Stratified Pairs (single session)  
299er Pairs (single session)  
Compact Knockouts (round 1)

Saturday, 3 P.M.

Stratified Pairs (single session)  
299er Pairs (single session)  
Compact Knockouts (round 2)  
Swiss Teams (single session)

Sunday, 10 A.M.

Swiss Teams (2 session event)  
299er Swiss Teams (single session)

BRIDGE FEES per Session  
\$10 for ACBL Members  
\$11 for non/unpaid Members

STRATIFICATION  
All events stratified by  
average masterpoints  
(pairs and teams)