

What's New in District 22

section, Debra Sherman - Victoria Nardone were 1st, and Charles and Barbara Coffey placed 2nd.

Our next unit game was held December 16 at the Esplanade Bridge Center. Winning 1st overall were John and Virginia Brohard, with Jeanette Bentley and Cheryl Rodzack in 2nd. Great job everyone!

The last game of 2012 was played December 31 (Harvey Goldstein's game) and was held at the Esplanade Bridge Center. Herb Schaffer - Mary Fenton came in first overall, finishing the year with a big 70.42% game. Wow, way to go guys! Donna Wood - Jackie Yockey came in 2nd overall.

It was a fun game and a wonderful way to end the bridge year.

Harvey Goldstein, Monday at Cardiff

The big news of the month dealt with the Great Western Holiday STAC game held earlier in the month. Our big winner was the delightful couple, Karen and Robert Evans. They had their "A" game on for this game and were rewarded with 14.22 masterpoints. They were first in B and C with a 65%+ game. In fact they had the 8th best score throughout the hundreds of players that participated in the Monday morning event.

What is really great is that these are two wonderful people who play every week. In addition they are the best cookie bakers in our club. They often bake up a batch for all our players. When they do you have to get one early in the game because they are devoured by our players.

What a wonderful couple and what a feat they accomplished at the bridge table.

Our other news is that Al Feldman, one of our regulars and also one of our strongest players, did very well in the Nationals in San Francisco, as reported in the first paragraph of this report.

Lastly we have a new Life Master in our midst. Mary Lou Kamerrer achieved the coveted status this past month. She is a very fine player who has joined the elite group of her peers. A hearty congratulations to Karen, Robert, Al and Mary Lou.

They all did "real good."

Fran White, Friendly Village Fallbrook

December 6 was the date for our yearly club appreciation game. Hanan Deeby and Bernard Figueiredo were 1st overall. 2nd place went to Ron Reeder and Morris Cohen, with Deb Cameron and Rick Kerbel 3rd overall. Carol and Darrel Diwell won *E/W*. Cari Reuter was presented the 2012 Goodwill Award at the game. We thank her for years of service to the club. Leading masterpoint winner for the month of December was Lance Eddy, followed by Hanan Deeby, Bernard Figueiredo, Marilyn Rumsey, Caron Villalon, Ron Reeder, Morris Cohen, Alan Lasnover, Chuck Savage and Walt Zorich.

Ida Burcham, Monday in Oceanside

We were busy little bees this month for our Monday game. We had a special game every Monday. We participated in the Great Western Holiday STAC. Alan Lasnover and Joan Lubowe came in first *N/S*, and Yoko Jordan and Jane Felder came in first *E/W*. Then we had three Grass Roots FUNd games that ACBL had authorized for the month of December to aid in the expenses that the regions and districts incur in the NAP and GNT games. Vera McKay and Anna Robison won first overall in the first game; Dennis Cleary and Leon Fisher took the honors in the second game; and Doris Cashman and Ruth Willner got ahead of everyone in the third game. We had visitors from Arizona in our final game of the year. Carol and Steve Bruno are moving to this area, and they are very accomplished players. I look forward to mentioning their names in next year's reports.

Ida Burcham, Tuesday in Oceanside

The big holidays fell on Tuesday this year, so I'm writing my report early

this month. We only had three Tuesdays to have games, so I made all of them special.

We participated in the Great Western Holiday STAC. Rima Sharron and Jane Felder came in first *N/S*, and Richard Gold and Leon Fisher came in first *E/W*. Then we had two Grass Roots FUNd Games. Marie Nelson and Alanna Caldeira came in first overall in our first game, and Keith Stinson and Kembel Provorse came in first overall in our second game. There were no regular games, so I don't have anyone to brag on for our masterpoint list in that category.

Now we'll gear up for year 2013. Happy New Year.

Paul Landrum, Encinitas Sr. Center

A lot of our players either went somewhere for the Holidays, or they had company come visit. We also had to compete with the Palm Springs Regional that month. Needless to say our table count is down. We dug up two special games for the players who stayed to play in this area.

First, we participated in the Great Western Holiday STAC. We handed out a total of 18.03 silver points in that game. Then we had a Grass Roots FUNd game newly authorized by ACBL. Dennis and Diana Cleary won first overall at that game. The top of the masterpoint list for our regular games was topped by Charlie Gilman and Stanley Westreich.

Darrell Diwell, Oceanside E. Sr. Center

We started off December with a really big bang. We participated in the Great Western Holiday STAC. Rick Norton, Jr., and Leon Fisher came in first out of 626 tables, and they won 21.95 silver points. It couldn't have happened to nicer players. They are a joy to play against.

We really indulged in the Grass Roots Fund Games. We had three, and we had three separate first overalls in each game. Gene Katz and Walter Malen won the first with a 70.14% game.

Not to be outdone by the men, Doris Cashman and Jane Felder came in first in our second game. Then to even things out we had a Mixed Pairs of Helen Galnick and Dean Wolfson come in first in our third game.

Donna Wood, Esplanade Bridge Center

During December the Esplanade Bridge Center awarded 260 (!) masterpoints. Our top masterpoint winners were Paul Foster, Spencer Emtage, John Devine, Larry Erickson, Rima and John Sharron, Kevin Chaisson, Don Cleveland, Terry Maloy, Jan Gallagher, Janice Joerger, Scott Nelson, Barb Naschold, and Christine Denny.

A special Congratulations and Hats Off to Paul Foster and his partner for their 70.35% game December 28. Well done!

Our Learn Bridge in One Day program attracted several new players! We've been asked to re-play this workshop - so we scheduled another for Saturday, January 19. Please let your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers know about this fun program. Our website has our game schedules, special events, and other announcements: EsplanadeBridgeCenter.com

Donna Wood, Bridge by the Sea

During December, North County Bridge by the Sea held one game - a Charity Game. Top masterpoint winners were Judy Gruenberger, Janice Joerger, John Devine, Jan Gallagher, Dennis and Diana Cleary, Herb and Jane Krongold, Larry Erickson, Lyn Lazzaro, Gail Whiteley, and Kay Wilkey. These games are played each second and fourth Sunday of the month at the Esplanade Bridge Center; there is a short lesson at 12:30 and the game begins at 1:00. Lunch is served.

Please email Donna Wood (EsplanadeBridgeCenter@gmail.com) if you'll be coming to the game so that enough food will be on hand. You can find game times and results at EsplanadeBridgeCenter.com

San Diego North County Inland

By Liz Nixon

The Unit 549 Winter Sectional is scheduled for January 25-26 at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, so you may receive this newspaper in time to participate. Contact: Mariam Saner, tournament director, by email: mariamsaner@me.com for further information. Partnerships: John White email johnwhite@gmail.com

Mark the date, February 9! Audrey Grant is returning to Unit 549. Once again, Audrey Grant, renowned bridge author and educator, will be here to help us get our game to the next level. We will have a full day workshop. The topic will be "Modern Bidding Techniques ... Balancing, Reason and Rules." The workshop begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch. The early bird fee is \$69.00 per person and includes Audrey's materials and a full lunch with beverages. Location is the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Drive, Lake San Marcos. Early Bird rate expires January 31.

Checks should be made out to "Unit 549 - Escondido" and sent to the attention of Liz Nixon at 1572 Caminito Aguar, Lake San Marcos CA 92078. Questions? Email Liz at cruzqueen@sbcglobal.net or call 760 214-8999. Note: The Lake San Marcos Conference Center has plenty of free parking and handicapped parking with *no steps!* When the unit game is in the Pavilion, you can park in the Quail's Inn Parking Lot and walk down the sidewalk along the Lake. There are no steps this way. You can come in the back door of the Pavilion.

December Unit Game Winners

Open game winners: Tim Flaherty - Joe Houde, followed by Henry and Bonnie Nadler, Ed Kunkel - Lorraine Suder, Carol Cicotte - Judy Johnson, Bob Linder - Gene Katz, and Betsy Iles - Jane Horgan.

Non-Life Masters winners were Jenna Katz - Ed Ford, followed by Alan and Doris Groh tied with Joyce Fox - Jackie McGee, followed by Evelyn Montie - Pat Schmidt and Michie Pitcock - Peggy Dyer.

Congratulations to all players. See you February 23.

Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Drive, Lake San Marcos CA 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions - 760 214-8999. The games are \$7.00 and begin at 1:00 p.m., loads of snacks with bottled water, sodas and coffee are provided. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. Please sign up in advance by calling Kay Haralson at 760 685-2535 or at one of the clubs, North County Bridge Center, Lake San Marcos at Grandon or Townhall Bridge Club in Ramona. Dates for next unit games are February 25, March 16 (note); April 27. See you at "The Lake!"

Members reaching new levels of achievement in Unit 549 in December are: Junior Masters Alan Jacobson and Diana Van Duzer; Club Master - Jane Tahara; Regional Master Karen Smith.

Congratulations to all achievers!

New Board for Unit 549 elected at the December Unit Game

Sheila Latus is the new president. Mariam Saner is the tournament director and Ken Matson is Treasurer. Other board members are Art Foeste, Ayoub Jaraicie, Tom Nolan, Liz Nixon, and Sue Compton. Congratulations to the new board.

North County Bridge Center:

NCBC will continue its full schedule of classes and games Mondays at 9:00 a.m. with Bill Butler; Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. with David Anding. Call Amy or Lee to sign-up for the classes. There is a fee of \$10.00 per session

for David Anding's classes.

Special games at NCBC: Every month NCBC holds mega-point games and club championships. Call for their calendar.

Once a month, a Birthday Game is held. Play free if your birthday is in February. Call Amy to sign up.

Reminders: Monday night is Pizza night and every Saturday is a Barometer Game, with lunch included. Both games are a great value and a lot of fun.

Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club at Grandon:

LSMDBC at Grandon will hold its monthly Pot-luck on Friday, February 15. Dinner at 5:30 p.m., game starts at 6:00 p.m.

All month will be megapoint games supporting the ACBL Junior Fund month, so don't miss out on the Big points!

Jean Holt is teaching classes for beginners every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Charge is \$5.00 per person. Jean is also giving a chalk talk at 10:00 a.m. for advancing players. There is no charge for the chalk talk.

Top Five Players for December were Shirley Malone, followed by Kay Haralson, Nina Laughbaum, Judy Veljovich and Jean Holt! Way to go girls!

Alert! LSMDBC game start time changes! The Wednesday game now starts at 11:00 a.m. and includes snacks and coffee. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$5.00 for chalk talk and game. For information call Jean at 760 734-4518 or Nina at 760 736-9386.

The Lake San Marcos DBC hosts an open game on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., and twice a month Potluck on the first and third Friday night at 6:30 p.m. For information call Jean or Nina.

The Town Hall Bridge Club in Ramona! has games every Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. Lunch and game are \$6.00. The games are being held at the Senior Center, 434 Aqua Lane. Call Doug & Maryann Houston at 760 789-1132. Email them at houston6805@sbcglobal.net

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

San Luis Obispo

By Torre Houlgate-West

December was a blur of parties and great games. Here are some highlights that warmed us better than Yule logs we can no longer burn.

Morro Bay kicked off December with Great Western Holiday STAC on its Tuesday 17 table holiday celebration. *N/S* Mary Neal - Pat Macdonald made the STAC leader list, winning the 1A spot. Taking *N/S* first in B were LaMoyné Beene - Cass Schwartz, followed by Bruce Johnson - Pete Schulkin in 1C. *E/W* Ed Schertz - Charles Unger won 1AB, with Charles Davis - Carol Moss at 1C.

December 7 marked the party day for San Luis Obispo with 16 tables. *N/S* Karol Vogt - Howard York swept the ABC fields. *E/W* was won by Pat O'Toole - Gary Arthurs, but 2A and 1BC were snagged by Leda and John Fields, who made the STAC top list with Vogt and York.

The monthly Unit 540 session was a charity game on December 8. Overall winners Al and Gail Lapins were followed by George Sheffield - Gina Kirk at 2A, 1B, with Pat Kowal - Carol Raimondo taking 1C.

In SLO, the 199er section was as big as the open on December 10, featuring a solid win by Helma Smulders - Sharon Murphy at 1A, with Donna Kimber - Anne Sinshheimer in 1B.

Overall wins in Morro Bay's unit cham-

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District 22 Seventy Percent Club

77.27% Martin Zuckerman - Jay Bakshi, Laguna Woods, Dec. 13
76.08% Jeri Adams - Tim Flaherty, North County DBC, Dec. 6
75.55% Janice Martin - Don McKibben, Laguna Woods, Dec. 19
74.98% Nancy Frisbee - Carolyn Billerbeck, Bakersfield, Dec. 3
74.70% Charles Clarke - Ken Thompson, Ventura Unit BC, Dec. 27
74.11% Carol Klahr - Betti Harris, At the Bridge Club, Dec. 7
74.11% Bernard Figueiredo - Gerard Allier, Temecula SCBC, Dec. 1
73.55% Emile Broadwin - Warren Yurman, Laguna Woods, Dec. 18
73.43% Mac Busby - Wirt Gilliam, San Diego, Dec. 7
73.21% Sadhna Joshi - Dagmar Welker, Riverside, Dec. 14
72.50% Bill Williams - Rick Kerbel, Goodtime BC, Dec. 11
72.50% Celia Foss - Helma Smulders, Travelin' Singles BC, Nov. 30
72.17% Chris Chapman - Gina Royalty, Dana Harbor, Dec. 5
72.08% Joe Sutcliffe - Gabriella Amadeo, Bridge Academy 2, Dec. 6
71.79% Leon Fisher - Rick Norton, Jr., North County DBC, Dec. 7

71.67% Marjolaine Tourangeau - Barry Shechtman, San Diego 199er, Dec. 18
71.67% Harvey Lesser - Darrell Diwell, Goodtime BC, Dec. 13
71.63% Kay Haralson - Gary Beed, North County BC, Dec. 7
71.53% Vi Dallessandro - Diana Jackson, Santa Maria BC, Dec. 28
71.31% Pat Chapman - Bill Grant, San Diego, Dec. 18
71.30% Edgar Hurt - Diane Hurt, Laguna Woods, Dec. 21
71.30% Joan Kaye - Sally Murphy, At the Bridge Club, Dec. 17
71.23% Lamya Agelidis - Jim Johnson, San Diego, Dec. 22
71.17% Emile Broadwin - Warren Yurman, Laguna Woods, Dec. 4
71.06% Donna Ushkow - Ed Ford, Scripps Ranch, Dec. 7
70.83% Cheryl Miller - Laura Kuhn, Santa Barbara BC, Dec. 21
70.83% Joan Mitchell - Eloise Thomas, San Diego 199er, Dec. 4
70.78% Chris Larsen - Salle Martinis, Laguna Woods, Dec. 10
70.71% Eileen Niesen - Mary Lou Hughes, At the Bridge Club, Dec. 14
70.56% Lowell Andrews - Theresa Martell, Laguna Woods, Dec. 26

70.54% Barbara Patterson - Jim Gabiola, Dana Harbor, Dec. 19
70.51% John and Susan Kissinger, Dana Harbor, Dec. 5
70.37% Anita Burgis - Roger Zelter, San Diego, Dec. 24
70.37% Mary Neal - Ron Schwarzer, San Luis Obispo DBC, Dec. 14
70.37% William Hamann - Dolores McDonald, Riverside, Dec. 31
70.35% Donna Wood - Paul Foster, Esplanade BC, Dec. 28
70.25% Larry Brasler - Ellen Anten, Bridge Academy 2, Dec. 4
70.24% Beverly Busacca - Joan Bruce, Bakersfield, Dec. 2
70.19% Fran Blattner - Alan Gallius, Dana Harbor, Dec. 17
70.14% Linda Renkus - Denny Seltzer, Laguna Woods, Dec. 31
70.14% Walter Malen - Gene Katz, North County DBC, Dec. 14
70.00% Vi Dallessandro - Diana Jackson, Blacklake Village BC, Dec. 16
70.00% Evoke Gaspar - Diana Garber, Riverside, Dec. 6