



What's New in District 22

Anaheim

By Ron Lien

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual Christmas Party. Special thanks to Sharon Kinney who coordinated the potluck, and to our new unit president, Art Linderman, who organized the event.

Our masterpoint winners at the Long Beach Sectional included Subba Ravipudi, Ron Lien, Yas Takeda, Wei Pei, Len Beck, Steve and Charlotte Sturm, Rai Osborne, Joe Garcia, Linda Eagan and Faye Phillips.

Mike's Monday 7:00 p.m. game is located in Lemon Park, at 701 South Lemon, Fullerton. There are both Open and Non-Life Master sections; first time players play free. Come join Marlys at her new 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night game at 835 South Brookhurst (near Ball) in Anaheim. Art's Wednesday game starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Anaheim Senior Center, 150 East Center Drive, Anaheim. The 5:00 p.m. Placentia Library Wednesday game is located at 411 East Chapman, Placentia.

Club winners in November were Steve Hirsch - Greg Thorpe, Harish Sing - Subba Ravipudi, Linda and Brian Trent, Art Linderman - Ruth Salisbury, Mike Ventri - Steve Hough, Bob Rubin - Hayim Ninyo, Tim Applegate - Steve Hirsch, Harry Sacks - Hayim Ninyo, Craig Holoboski - John Ready, Joan Culbertson - Yas Takeda and Larry Shannon - Carol Hellebrand.

We are seeking candidates for the 2015 Gayle Andrews \$1,000 college bridge scholarship. Full-time college students who regularly play bridge at a Southern California club are eligible to apply. For an application form or more information, please contact me at ronaldlien@aol.com

Bakersfield

By Mimi Stull

New unit officers elected by the board include Patty Young, president; Cecily Kay, vice-president, Bill Willingham, treasurer, and Sharon Balfanz, secretary. Other members of the board are Shirley Eide, Grace Tanner, Marlyn Everett, Teri Jones, and Sue Kelly.

"We look forward to a good year, but we need your input," said President Patty Young. "Please share your ideas with any board member to help make our unit more bridge enjoyable. We look forward to hearing from any and all of you," she concluded.

Please note that our January unit game has been changed to Saturday, January 31 because the Community House fundraiser, Scads of Spaghetti, will be held on Saturday, January 24.

There were eight tables at the November unit game. Overall winners were Bob Giragosian - Bruce Maclin, followed by Marj Robertson - Joan Bruce; Wafik Abdou - Marty Hinds; Jerry Schmitt - Vilas Bankar; Ann Miller - Dene Ferris; Teri Atkinson - Doug Blagdon; Shirley Eide - Sharon Balfanz; and Carol Child - Vicki Li.

Two teams were in the 70% club. They are Jerry Schmitt - Julie Cesare, 74.58%, and Bob Giragosian - Bruce Maclin, 71.43%. Carol Child - Vicki Li, a C pair, came in

1st in their direction in an open game. Cecily Kay has become our newest Regional Master.

Those who came in first overall in the Monday group include: Lynn James - Esther Dougherty; Jeri Cook - Patricia Young; Tim Prince - Karen Cooley; and Teri Jones - Rebel Pilshaw.

Mark your January calendar for Charity Week (+\$1) January 5-8, from Monday through Thursday. As was previously noted, the unit game has been changed to the fourth Saturday, January 31, because the Community House fundraiser, Scads of Spaghetti, will be held on the third Saturday, January 24. Players are urged to attend both events.

We welcome 2015 by wishing you all Buon Anno, Feliz Ano Nuevo, Shanah Tova, Bonne Annee, Hau'oli Makahiki Hou ... in other words, *Happy New Year!*

Our unit resolution: Because the Sunday game has been eliminated, the board would like to begin play on two Saturdays a month ... tell any board member you'd like to do it!

Balboa

By Phil Pearl

Our members have had a run of 70% games lately. Beverly Cochran and Carol Pangburn started it with 76.59% November 7 at the Costa Mesa Club (enough to make the "Big Games" column in the *ACBL Bulletin*). Joe Kivel had 70.65% at L. W. November 17. Lowell Andrews scored 74.52% at Dana Harbor on November 16. He told me a bad last round cost them a 76 or 77% and a chance to make the "Big Games" column. So, what did Lowell do about it? He scores 75.93% at Laguna Woods on November 29, making the "Big Games Column" in the *Bulletin*. I guess he followed the old adage "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Then, consider the plight of our one and only, Joan Kaye. On November 13, Joan scored 69.91% at the Costa Mesa Club. Less than a week later, she scored 69.58% in the Monday evening STAC game at the Costa Mesa Club. I congratulated Joan and told her she has to do better to get to 70%. She asked if I could use my advanced math skills, such as calculus or differential equations to get those numbers up to 70 or give her recognition. Well, Joan, what I can do is publish this so the whole bridge community can sympathize with you.

Overall finishes in the recent District 22-23 STAC games in November: Mary Lou Kiley - Phil Pearl 4th and Joan Kaye - Lowell Andrews 10th Monday afternoon (340 pairs). Then Kaye - Andrews 1st (67 pairs Monday evening). Phil Pearl - Ruth Ann Alpert 12th (306 pairs Tuesday afternoon). David and Rita Wakeman 1st Wednesday afternoon with a 71.63% game (293 pairs), and Leo Fishman -Theresa Martell 5th in Strat B. Lowell Andrews - Joe Kivel 7th Thursday afternoon (290 pairs). Jim Elbogen 2nd Friday with 70.6% (282 pairs). The Sturms won the Sunday Swiss Teams at the Ventura Regional.

Now, for the State of the Union (unit). Our treasurer, Fred Solomon, tells me we are in good financial shape. All games are now at one location, Halecrest in Costa Mesa. Attendance at the club games seem to be up

somewhat, probably due to a good turnout for the pre-game bridge lessons given by Judy Elbogen and Marjorie Michelin.

Here are some of the statistical facts received in the ACBL QUIP Report, published quarterly. Active membership trend: % change in 12 and 24 months. Second in District 22 and 19th nationally.

New member gains: 59 in the last 12 months, 1st in District 22 and 20th nationally. We are up to 519 members as of November 1.

Member losses (transfers out, plus members transferred to inactive status, or leaving ACBL): 34 last 12 months, 8th in District 22, 140th nationally.

New member retention in year 2: 55.15% weighted 3-year average. 18th in District 22 and 245th nationally. (Not very good. Room for improvement here.)

Average member age last quarter: 71.62 years. District 22 average is 72.46, ACBL average is 71.05 years. We need some new young blood in our organization.

Average years of ACBL membership as of this quarter: 17.94. 18.31 years for District 22 and 18.50 years for ACBL.

Sincere best wishes and holiday greetings to all of my readers ... and even to the non readers like David and Robyn ... (refer to July 2014 and October 2014 columns.)

Correction: Robyn tells me she reads all my columns now.

In closing this column and 2014, I have just left our Holiday Party/unit game, again held at the Costa Mesa Country Club. Coffee and pastries, followed by 26 tables of intensive bridge, then a great luncheon and door prizes. Here are the overall winners: Strat A: 1. Shmuel Fisher - Eleth Fields. 2. Norman Woo - Nick Gao. 3. Phil Pearl - Mary Lou Kiley. 4/5 Leo Fishman - Theresa Martell and Carol Pangburn - Sallie Jac Schafer. B: 1. Fisher - Fields. 2. Woo - Gao. 3/4. Fishman - Martell, tied w/Pangburn-Schafer. 5. Sandra and Richard Leach. C: 1. Fisher - Fields. 2. Kathie Barnes - Janice Pierce. 3. Louise Lee - Diana Williams. 4. Sue Foigelman - Nancy De Ainsa. 5. Carol Hellebrand - Kristin St. Clair.

Coronado

By Jean Seager

Congratulations to Marge Van Hemert, who is now a Life Master. Marge has played party bridge off and on for forty years, but it was not until four years ago that she began to play duplicate. She entered the ranks of Life Masters under the new system, which requires 500 total points, including 50 gold points. As for the best thing about being a Life Master, Marge says: "Now I can learn how to play, since I don't have to worry about points anymore."

At the Eastlake Bridge Club, Sally Hale and Jeffrey Rogers won twice, as did Manu Changanlal, with partners Joan Vanoy and Jim Ciolli. Other winners included Dan Molnar and Joe Rubin, Lori Hamm Warner and Marvin Warner, Kamal and Kalpana Parikh, Kathy Hennessy and Sharon Gordon, and Carol Adair and Cheryl Rankin. Additional victors were Bob and Alana Shapley, Judi Bunch and Hiroko Kitamura, Terry Moy and Beverly Stebbins, and Vickie and Darrel Palmer.

Swiss Teams standouts were Vicky and Larry Bamberger and Jim and Tom Ciolli, who won twice. Also victorious were Liz and Gary Piazzoni and Kamal and Kalpana Parikh; and John and Linda Dusharme, Rose Vogt and Tom Turner.

Phil Akre won five out of seven sessions at the Coronado Duplicate Bridge Club in which he participated in November! He won three times with Norma Lyerly and twice with Alice Dudley.

Other winners were Richard and May Hsieh, Jan and Lynne Erikson, and Howard and Carolyn Crabtree.

Happy 2015 to all!

Dana Harbor

By Pat Dolphin

The top masterpoints at the club in November were earned by the following members: LM Susan Kiss-

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Thursday, February 12, 2015

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Friday, February 13, 2015

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January - March 2015

Jan 4	Unit Game *	Lesson: Is that Bid Forcing?
Jan 18	Unit Game *	Lesson: Negative Inferences
Feb 1	Unit Game *	Lesson: Consider Minorwood for Slams
Feb 15	Unit Game *	Lesson: Losing Trick Count
Feb 27 – Mar 1 ** SPRING SECTIONAL ** See flyer for details		
Mar 15	Unit Game *	Benefitting ACBL Education Foundation Lesson: Loser-on-Loser Plays
Mar 29	Unit Game *	Fifth Sunday Team Game & Pizza Lesson: Beware the Dangerous Hand!

* Separate 0-999 section for each unit game
Lesson at 12:30 before each Unit Game. Games begin at 1 PM
"Ask the Expert" after each week's game

All games played at Adventures In Bridge, 6150 Mission Gorge Road, Suite 122

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