What's New in District 22

inger, Steve Love and Alan Gailfus. LM Frank Frand, Ron Nath and Randee Yoder.

Congratulations to the following members reaching new milestones as of December: New Junior Masters: Jim Krajcir and Janet Ricci of Laguna Niguel and Twyla Matsumoto of Laguna Beach; New Club Masters: Patricia Heileson and Nafisa Kreidie and Alvan Silverberg of Dana Point. Ellen McGuire of Irvine and Kim An Vana of Laguna Beach; New Sectional Masters: Jane Robinett of San Juan Capistrano and Sylvia Srigley of Laguna Niguel; new NABC Masters: Emely Moeller of San Clemente; new Life Master: Thomas Miller of San Clemente; new Gold Life Master: Diane Velick of Laguna Beach.

And a warm welcome to the new members to our club: Bridget Callanan, Gerald Loughman and Dawn Ustick, all from San Clemente.

Dana Harbor's unit game was held on November 19, celebrating Thanksgiving. The food was a true Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Our December unit game was in combination with our Christmas Party on December 13. Brunch at Mahe's and two sessions of bridge. Who could ask for anything more?

At the North County Coastal NLM Sectional in Carlsbad on 11-8, Betsy Hartley and Dottie Hecht were 1st in both the A & B brackets in the NLM Pairs. Joyce Potter and Anna Kreucher won the C bracket.

At the Long Beach Sectional on November 8-10 Mark Itabashi and Steve Love won the Open Pairs. Mark also led the tournament in total masterpoints.

The Coachella Valley Harvest Sectional in Palm Desert, Carolyn DeLino and partner were 1st in the 299er Pairs. Mark Itabashi - Steve Love were 1st in both the Saturday Open Pairs and Sunday Open Pairs. Hal Binder's team was 1st in the Compact KO. Mark and Steve also topped the total masterpoint list.

At the Sun City Sectional November 21-23 Mark Itabashi and partner were 1st in the Open Pairs.

District 22 Fall STAC Games held 11-17 to 11-23, Dana Harbor Club 1st place winners in Pairs and teams events are as follows: Ron Nath - Maureen Morden, Donna Abersman - Frank Frand, Michael Cohen - Frank Frand, Franklin Grossman - Ed Maher, Janet Vaniel - Nasra Kwentus, David Moore - Dreyfus, Mark Itabashi - Steve Love, Hemant Bhatia (teams event), John & Linda Jonas, Mary Heiney and Gillian Jeffrey (team), Richard Picheny, Ron Nath, Randee Yoder and Carolyn DeYoung, Donna Abersman and partner, Jill and Tony Alvarez, Hemant Bhatia (teams event), Hal Binder, Richard Leach, Sandra Leach and Richard Picheny (teams event).

Desert Cities

By Barbara Hopewell

Our next annual meeting is coming up on January 26 at Duncan Bridge Center. This will be a Monday game. Members will vote to elect directors for three open board seats, and proposed amendments to the bylaws will be voted on as well; however, the meeting notice will not be mailed to all members with absentee ballots included, as the last *Forum* article stated. Notices will be posted at all duplicate bridge game sites in the unit's jurisdiction, posted on the unit's website (*www.coachellavalleybridge.com*), and emailed to all members who have valid email addresses on file and will also be made available in hard copy at the various duplicate bridge games. Absentee ballots to vote on the election of directors will be available, but will need to be requested from Election Committee Chairman Ron Erickson, at *rgerick3333@aol.com*; 760 200-0265.

Our November sectional was very successful. We had more total tables than last year. We want to thank all the people who helped us put on such a successful tournament.

For all the newer players, a sectional for only you is coming up in February 14-15 at Duncan Bridge Center. The Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation will be sponsoring this tournament, and the number of masterpoints that one can have to play in it is limited. Watch their website, *Duncanbridgecenter.com* or the unit website for more information.

Our Annual Holiday Party and game was held on December 7 at Duncan Bridge Center. Results are not available at deadline time, and will be included next month.

A quick reminder for everyone that Mission Hills is almost ready to go with their 2nd Annual Country Club Challenge on January 12, 2015. Please contact Barbara Astone (760 567-2378) or Elaine Kennedy (760 296-2542) for further information.

A number of people really came to their games to play in November. We have a plethora of 70% results. Those skilled pairs include: Carol Van Court and Anne Lund, Mary Goulet and Muriel Becker, Del and Ella Haylock and Marvin Markowitz and Todd Blum, Irv and Shawnee Kostal, John Newburger and Paul Maudslien, Lynne Castoldi and Martha Jenkins, Pat Coontz and Bill Berke and Rita Greenwood and Katy Kane. Congrats to all.

We have several new major promotions to report this month. First, Dr. James Maniscalco is our newest Silver Life Master, Judy Bongarzone is our newest Gold Life Master and last, but by all means not least, Peter Rudolph is our newest Diamond Life Master. We congratulate the three of you on these major achievements!

We would like to welcome our newest members. They include Albert Castner, James Laraby, Leslie Rotth and Avi Schneller. We look forward to see you at the tables soon.

High Desert

By Steve Klein

The temperatures drop, the snowbirds leave Big Bear, and the games get smaller. It was rare to get a game over three tables last month, especially while Chris Cook was away on a three-week Mediterranean vacation. Welcome back, Chris!

Sadly, November 29 marked the first anniversary of the death of our beloved Chaz Langdon, my most frequent partner from when I started playing in Big Bear until his passing. We all still miss him.

Big Bear winners in November: Mary Ann and Warren Wotring (3), Steve Klein, Stan Wolcott, Eiko Miller, Jeanne Neighbors, Arlene Elder, Opal Millard. This does not include the unsanctioned two-table games we had.

Morongo Basin winners in November (reported by Patrick Page): Joan Haselbauer, Lucinda Hampson, Carie Newell, Richard Schwartz, Ron Zamow, John Muller.

From Joe Wilson in Victorville: Congrats to the winners of the November unit game, Steve Koller and John Ruffo with a 68% game! Player of the Month honors for November go to Rosie Erdelen with three club wins! Other winners of club games in November were: Jerry Kinkade (2), George Economou (2), Rick Roth (2), Jerry Schroeder (2), Steve Koller (2), John Ruffo, David Bloom, Joan Kinney, Jim Williams, Jo Ann Drozdik, Charlotte Phillips and Rosemary Drake.

Inland Valley

By Harvey Lesser

I'm very happy to report that the Sun City Sectional was a success. For three days of fun bridge there were tables groaning under all of the wonderful treats provided by our generous unit members. Many thanks to Sharon Eshelman, our wonderful food manager, and Mo Anvari, our tournament manager. Congratulations to the top masterpoint winner, Rick Kerbel.

The 2014 Inland Valley Unit 534 Annual Meeting and Christmas party has been held; results will be reported next issue.

2015 promises to be a great year for Inland Valley bridge with a large number of club special games and STAC weeks providing lots of masterpoints.

Play nice, have fun, and I'll see you at the tables.

La Jolla/Beach

By Skipbid

In our November 9 game, Mac Busby and Steve Johnson took first overall in Flight A, with Elaine Chan - Mike Mezin and Cass Donovan - Evelyn Lantz winning Flights B and C, respectively. And on November 23, Elaine Chan and Mike Mezin swept all three flights: A,B, and C … in their victory.

We are pleased to announce the following advancements in ACBL rank: New Junior Master - Dr. Deborah Goldsmith; new Club Master - Heidi Mosher; new Sectional Masters - Betty Black and Renee Gild; and new Silver Life Master - Dr. Stephen Seagren. Congratulations, all! (And please refer to this column for a free game in December or January.)

Finally, our Non-Life Master/500 Sectional at the wonderful La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club is just around the corner on the weekend of January 24 and 25: make sure you have your partners lined up! *(See ad this issue.)*

Lompoc

By Mike Peterson

November winners: Beth Anthony, John Arbogast, Don Beck, Mary Janice Brown, Joyce Gehlhaar (4), Jim Gibbs, Barbara Gustitus, Maralynn Haney, Tom Hodges, Karen Holinga, Ken Holinga, Barbara Holt, Charles Littlejohn (2), Yvonne Mahoney, Joann Miculian, Skook Porter (2), Kay Rowland (2), Tom Small and Helen Young.

Congratulations Nelson Owens! With over 200 masterpoints, you have achieved the rank of NABC Master.

Wishing you and yours a very happy Holiday Season!

Riverside

By Sadhna Joshi

One of our regular members, Eileen Kramer, passed away recently. She was one of the gentlest souls, soft spoken, cheerful … and one never saw her complain or be grouchy at the table. Her

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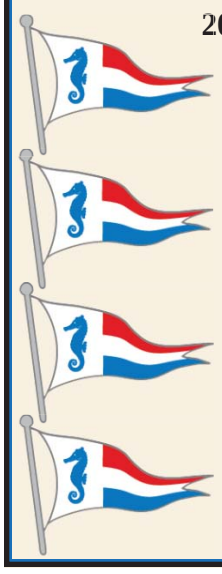
La Jolla Unit NLM/500 Sectional
January 24-25, 2015
La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club
2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037



Saturday and Sunday
9:30 am – Stratified Pairs
2:45 pm – Stratified Pairs

Located at the Beach!! Enjoy a leisurely lunch one block away at the many fine restaurants onAvenida De La Playa.

$10 per session (Non-ACBL/Unpaid, $3 more)
Tournament Chairs: Ron Ignelzi and Val Frager
Strats: 0-100/100-300/300-500 (NLM)
Partnerships: Casa Donovan: (858) 270-2386
Results posted online at http://lajollabridge.com
Director: John McCright, Sanction: S1501104

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SILVER POINTS !

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WHEN: Saturday & Sunday, February 14th & 15th, 2015

WHERE: The "Fabulous" Duncan Bridge Center
75-410 Gerald Ford Drive, Palm Desert, CA.

From I-10, take Cook exit south, and turn east (left) on Gerald Ford. Building is on the north (left) side of the street.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015
10:00AM NLM Stratified Pairs*	10:00AM NLM Swiss
10:00AM 49'er Pairs**	10:00AM 49'er Swiss Teams**
2:30PM NLM Stratified Pairs*	2:30PM NLM Swiss
2:30PM 49'er Pairs**	2:30PM 49'er Swiss Teams**

*NLM Stratification will be 0-50/300/500
** 49'er games every session, attendance allowing. Stratification TBD
0-49'er ACBL Members pay only $5.00 per 49'er session!
ENTRY FEE IS $10.00 FOR ACBL MEMBERS (UNPAID AND NON-MEMBERS $13)
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