



What's New in District 22

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longtime partner, Fern Thomson, is not the only one who will miss her; we all will.

Peggy and Gene Green moved to Kansas to be closer to their children. What can I say about them? They were regular players at our club for many years. Peggy's sweet ways and tall elegance and Gene's patience and sense of humor will be greatly missed. I can still see Gene doing his crossword puzzle as we girls chatted. Then when we got up to leave, Gene would say "Come back any time"! In a very serious way, we extend the same invitation to the Greens: "Come back any time."

The Sun City Sectional gave our players an opportunity to rake in some points. David Kennedy and Corliss Serber dominated the event: each won 14.55 silver. They came in 3rd overall in masterpoints for the entire tourney. Phil Savage, Sarah and Larry Rambo, David Albrecht, Millie Garrison and Jim Tanner also were big winners.

Kudos to them!

The Thanksgiving unit game celebration was a big success with way too much delicious food, giveaways and a special performance by professional magician Joyce Beck. Joyce is new to our bridge playing community, and will no doubt become a great player without ever having to hide an ace up her sleeve. Everyone was wowed by her tricks of the trade and her bubbly personality. The food and magic was followed by a great game.

The N/S winners were Bobbie Goerner - Patricia Jay, Evoke Gasper - Diana Garber, Susan Nelson - Fern Thomson, and the E/W winners were Mary Ann Braden - Sadhna Joshi, Donna Markham - Nancy Kulak and Wannie Johnson - Joan Easton. Congratulations to all.

I have to talk a little about Anne Newman. Anne was singularly responsible for making 18 beautiful baskets as raffle prizes for our sectional. People loved them to the tune of \$300.00 in proceeds! She also made a beautiful basket to be given away at the Halloween Party and Thanksgiving unit game. She makes these lovely baskets and decorates our tables to satisfy her artistic bend. How did we get so lucky? I hope everyone realizes what a gift Anne is and lets her know it.

The Friday after Thanksgiving we had an open game. This is a great way to give the C players an experience of playing against some top-notch players and learn a few subtle plays. Our Wednesday game is fun because of this! We have elections coming up in December, and we are looking for fresh talent. If you're inclined to devote some time and effort to making our club run smoothly and make it even better, please throw your hat in the ring!

Until next time!

Saddleback

By Helene Dykes

Congratulations to our unit members who have reached new masterpoint levels. Our new Junior Masters are Lois Fridlund and John Holtman. New Club Masters are Dan Hobbie and Florence Houghton. Our new Sectional Master is Andrea Schmalz. Keep piling on those points!

We had 28 1/2 tables at our November unit game. There were two open sections and a 299er group. Overall Flight A winners were Debbie Gailfus and Xiaoxue Walker. Eddie and Diane Hurt were second overall in Flight A. First in Flights B and C were Andy and Helene Dykes. Second in Flights B and C were Cynthia Quinn and Robert Beckman. Section winners were Philip Hiestand and Weidong Pei and Sherman Gao and Norman Woo. Overall winners in the 299er group were Doris Williams and Sally Rosoff in first place and Elaine Goodman and Joyce Danielson in second place.

Unit games are held at 1:00 p.m. every

second Sunday at Laguna Woods Village Clubhouse #7 on Moulton Parkway. Refreshments are served at 12:30 p.m.

John Luebbe and Donna Dwaillabee, our Unit Players of the Month, moved to Laguna Woods in 2010. Both single, they met at the beginners' bridge class in 2011 and won the very first time they played together. They loved the competitiveness of duplicate and started playing regularly with each other. "One thing led to another" and they were married in April, 2012. As far as we know, they are the only couple who met at LWBC and wound up getting married.

They have been very successful as a pair and have had two or three over 70% games. After going on a vacation and not playing bridge for a month, they came back to the Laguna Woods and won four times in a row! They attribute their success to taking classes, reading, and discussing bridge at home. They spend time going over their system and conventions. Before they go to a duplicate game they "get into a bridge frame of mind" by quizzing each other. They use their mistakes as learning opportunities and, if they can't agree, go to a director or local expert to get advice. They do not assign blame but rather lay out the situation anonymously and ask what they should have done.

Both Donna and John are very active retirees. They handled all the purchasing for supplies for the Laguna Woods Bridge Club and recently have become involved in fundraising for dealing machines by selling advertising for the LWBC Directory. John is also on the Board of Directors for the Third Mutual Housing Corporation for Laguna Woods. Donna is a competitive Scrabble player, and both enjoy reading and golf. They go to the gym regularly, and John is a serious biker. They are both involved in their church. One wonders how they fit everything in, and John says that they need to find time to just relax and not get too overbooked.

In addition to going to bridge tournaments, John and Donna enjoy traveling. They recently went on a riverboat cruise on the Danube and Rhine and have taken bridge cruises. Before John retired, he sold resort apparel, and they had the opportunity to travel to Yellowstone and Yosemite.

Donna and John state "they are very happy in Laguna Woods." They feel lucky that they found each other. Neither one of them thought they would ever fall in love and get married again at this time of life. Their joy of life and their love for each other is apparent to everyone who meets them. It is no surprise that they are well liked and respected by the Laguna Woods Bridge Club community.

For information about Saddleback Unit 525 and our many games, e-mail acblunit525@gmail.com or contact Laguna Woods Bridge Room at 949 268-2420 or visit www.lagunabridge.com

San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

Winners! We had three unit games in November, so many scored! First Sunday 999er Strat: 1st, Howard and Margaret De Young; #2, Raghbir Mathur - Suresh Kanekar; 3rd, Beth Granby - Sharyn Pyrz. Open winners: 1st, Bruce and Larry Sherman; #2, Freda Anderson - Lynne O'Neill; #3, Kathy Byrne - Pat Wilkey. Third Sunday 999er winners: #1, Cindy and Mike Kohn; #2, Bruce Zissen - Marge Van Hemert; #3, Bill Christian - Virginia Wofford. Open winners: #1, Brenda Mason Carter - Virginia Luscomb; #2, Roger Doughman - Suzanne LeBendig; #3, Andy and Patricia Loh.

Thanks to all of the players who made our fifth Sunday a huge success! Winners in the 999er Strat: #1, May & Richard Hsieh; #2, Batia Kvashny - Don Davidson; #3,

Evan Ziegler - Nira Levy. Open winners: #1, Larry Sherman - Linda Gu; #2, Donald Thomas - Eileen Treichel; #3, Budak Barakan - Jeri Adams.

Thanks to all of our fellow bridge players who support our unit games, the first and third Sundays! We continue to offer lessons (free) before each game and now will have an "Ask the Expert" session after each game. Thanks to Maritha Pottenger for her time and suggestions. Lesson topics are listed on the Bulletin Board at AIB.

Thanks, too, to Roy Green and Roger Doughman for stepping in to help!

Changes: There will be some changes in strats in our next March Sectional. John Boackle, Lamya Agelidis and Kathy Moyer are already hard at work. Also new: those who receive a free play must approach a Board member at our unit game for a Free Play coupon. Hey, we can do this!

Anyone who uses a walker is welcome to step to the front of the line, and the Director will take you next.

Happy Holidays! You'll get this just before Christmas! Hope you attended our super Holiday Party. Results next issue.

Milestones: Junior Master: Nancy Underdahl. Club Masters: Lynn Bernard, Patricia Mahoney, Roberta Vanwart. Sectional Master: Michael Koscielski. Bronze Life Master: John Sack. Silver Life Masters: Linda Alferos, Ying Lin Gu, Lester Lemke, Robin Rodger. Emerald Life Master: Maritha Pottenger. These special people are honored at unit games. They also receive a free play with a 3-month window for use at one of our unit games, first/third or fifth Sunday (if we have one). Our new Award Chair, Carolyn Casey, will make contact and awards. Congratulations!

Keep up on our latest news at www.Sandiegobridge.com. Also, on the front counter at AIB is our plastic box with paperwork that you can fill out to be listed on our website. Nice way for other players to contact you! A member of any unit is welcome.

Wirt Gilliam, *Adventures in Bridge* (www.adventuresinbridge.com). Check out the website. Game results are posted quickly, and there's a description of all available games and the great lessons.

Matt Belau, *Scripps Ranch* (www.scrippsranchebridge.com). Check out this website for all of the latest (and greatest) happenings at this club.

Dave Walters, *San Diego Bridge Academy* (www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com) and *Redwood Bridge Club* (www.redwoodbridgeclub.weebly.com). Redwood starts the year with the largest membership in its history, and for good reason: we're the best bridge deal in town! A \$25.00 annual membership enables you to play for just \$2.00 five afternoons a week. And there are ACBL-sanctioned games, complimentary lectures, bridge lessons through the San Diego Bridge Academy, and every Saturday evening a delicious home-cooked meal for just \$2.00 per person.

Everyone is welcome at Redwood: beginners, novices, immediate players and Life Masters. Don't have a partner? We'll pair you up! So come experience "Bridge in the Park" at Sixth Avenue and Redwood Street for contract bridge in a uniquely friendly atmosphere.

For more information, check out either website, or call the club at 619 296-4274.

San Diego North County Coastal

By Christine Denny

Milton Fader is now an NABC Master, Joann Dilling is a Regional Master, Sylvia Moreland has reached Club Master, and Naomi Brownell is a Junior Master. Congratulate these folks when you see them around the club.

Please welcome new members Julie Miller and Ron Stebner to our unit, and say hello to Elizabeth Amos, Dorothy Bain, Woodward Davis Jr., and Lucille Myers, who have recently transferred to Unit 531. We are so happy to have you all!

Big winners at the Unit 531 Holiday Party game were Fred Flam and Doris Cashmen, Jane Ann Felder and Lorraine Gordon, and the unstoppable Wells duo. John Heberle and Milton Fader finished first in their direction. Well done, and thanks to all the pairs who attended.

Encinitas Duplicate B.C.

This month we had two open games and

a STAC game. Tim Flaherty captured the top of the open game masterpoint list, but it is the STAC game that really topped off the month. Rhoda Walsh and Eddie Rose came in first overall at the district level out of 145 tables. They had a 76.39% game.

Not to be outdone, Arlene Traub-Simon and John Neville came in 4th with a 70.55% game. Arlene and John were C strata players.

Oceanside West D.B.C.

In our STAC game, Barbara Schulte and Charlie Gilman came in third in the B strata out of 153 tables. Gene Katz climbed to the top of the masterpoint list for the Monday game. The Monday charity game was won by Paul Landrum and Fayne Shead. The Tuesday charity game was won by Sam Jordan and Lyn Martin.

Fallbrook: Leading masterpoint winner for the month of November was Caron Villalon. Close behind was Lance Eddy and Jane Horgan. New Life Masters Ron and Nancy Perkins were next, with Cari Reuter, TJ Woods, Magdalene Krish, Wicker Gamble and Marilyn Rumsey rounding out the top ten.

Harvey's Game, Cardiff: We had two 70% games during the month after not having one for about six months. First Ruth Aronsohn and Rick Norton hit the magic number at 70.83%. Rick was supposed to play with someone else that day, but his partner's plans changed at the last minute. Ruth was delighted to fill in and play with Rick, one of the top players in San Diego. Three hours later they were sitting atop the leader board with a 70% game.

Our last club championship game for the year was also held during the month, and we crowned Batia Kvashny and John Neville the new champions. Not only did they lead the entire field of 26 tables, but they did it with a 72.92% game. Batia required a hug from John which he freely gave. Great game, nice people and a fun morning.

Janice and Lynn Wells ... a very formidable pair ... had two wins during the month, one of which was an overall of some 25 tables. They did it with a strong 68% game. The very next week they had another first place finish.

Some of our other winners for the month were Spencer Emtage - Christine Denny, Ted Applegate - Pat Stein, Michael Olelsen - Ron Payton, Bob Schork - Richard Thome, Barbara and Larry Hausman, Michele Young - Sandy Musbach - and my own personal favorite winning pair: the mom and daughter combination of Roberta Massey and Michele Zuniga. What a terrific pair. Rounding out the month's winners were Cathy Staver - DeeDee Field, Paul Foster - Roz Pappelbaum and Pat Astier - Anne Scott.

San Diego North County Inland

By Liz Nixon

The Unit 549 Winter Sectional will be held January 16-17 at the Lake San Marcos Conference Center, 1105 La Bonita Drive 92078. Friday features all charity games, Stratified Open Pairs, Stratified Non-Life Master games. 25 or fewer points play for free! Games start at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Knockout events may be handicapped. Saturday follows the same schedule. Partnerships: Art.foeste@gmail.com; Jill Roberts tournament director - jillroberts78@gmail.com.

Card fees are \$10.00 per session. Audrey Grant will be coming to Unit 549 February 12-13 for two jam-packed days at Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Drive. Call Liz Nixon at 760 214-8999 for more details and to reserve your spot.

Our upcoming unit games will be January 24, February 28 and March 28 at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion. Call Liz Nixon for more info, or go to Unit 549's website www.acblunit549.org for partnerships, to sign-up for the unit games or see results.

November unit/STAC game winners N-S: Tim Flaherty - Alex Fowlie, followed by Terry Badger - Ray Curtiss; Rex and Sheila Latus; Al Nadel - Lee Hofacre; Gary Beed - Mariam Saner and Chuck and Madonna Donaldson. E/W: 1st Joe Houde - Ron Kay, followed by Ian Collins - Lorraine Gordon; Jeri Adams - Jim Andrews; Minnie Williams - Earl Maas, Jr.; Betty Jackson - Ray Boehne and Susanna McDowell - Connie Etheridge. Non-Life Master winners were

D22 Seventy Percent Club

76.49% Bob Bigoni - Gil White, Santa Barbara B.C., Nov. 22
76.39% Rhoda Walsh - Eddie Rose, Encinitas B.C., Nov. 20
75.93% Lowell Andrews - Philip Hiestand, Laguna Woods, Nov. 29
75.30% Maurine Moore - Dick Daskais, Ventura Unit B.C., Nov. 25
74.58% Jerry Schmitt - Julie Cesare, Bakersfield B.C., Nov. 11
74.31% John McCallrey - Judy McCallrey, Lake San Marcos B.C., Dec. 2
72.92% Batia Kvashny - John Neville, Harvey's Bridge, Dec. 1
72.44% Bette Cornelius - Joe Pennario, La Jolla Beach & Tennis, Dec. 3
72.92% Jeli Weien - Roberta VanWart, San Diego 199ers, Nov. 25
72.50% Andrew Vinock - Valorie Zentil, Ventura B.C., Dec. 6
72.32% Ian Samson - Linda Samson, Laguna Woods, Nov. 13
72.22% Warren Cederborg - Suzie Cederborg, Visalia, Nov. 14
72.12% Bernard Figueiredo - Hanan Beehy, Senior City B.C., Dec. 2

71.43% Bob Giragosian - Bruce MacIn, Bakersfield B.C., Nov. 22
71.15% Arnold Katz - William Linsenbard, Laguna Woods, Nov. 19
71.13% Don Joyn - Michael Campbell, Laguna Woods, Nov. 18
71.05% Bobbie Tobias - Sharyn Pyrz, San Diego 399ers, Nov. 25
71.00% Philip Savage III - Howard Grossman, Riverside, Dec. 1
70.83% Wicker Gamble - Fran White, Sun City D.B.C., Nov. 10
70.83% Rick Norton - Ruth Aronsohn, Harvey's B.C., Nov. 24
70.81% Diane Gunther - Jan Richter, Bridge Academy 2, Nov. 5
70.64% Hal Knilans - Gerri Knilans, Bridge Academy 2, Nov. 14
70.55% John Neville - Arlene Traub-Simon, Encinitas B.C., Nov. 20
70.24% Cleland Nelson - Joseph Eves, Sun City D.B.C., Nov. 3
70.24% David Ruoff - Susan Ruoff, Riverside, Nov. 24
70.00% Fred Theurkauf - Mike Spero, San Diego, Nov. 1