



What's New in District 22

Master, and Savita Jain and Dr. Jonathan Sadai have become Regional Masters. Randall Hamlin has achieved the rank of Ruby Life Master, while Sherman Gao is now a Gold Life Master. Congratulations to all of our members advancing in rank. Keep bidding those slams!

We are sorry to announce the passing of two of our members, CeCe Court and Grand Life Master Lowell Andrews. A memorial tribute and game in honor of Lowell is scheduled for March 8. On a happier note, long-time Balboa Unit member Tom Adams is celebrating his 100th birthday in February. Happy birthday, Tom.

Now let's learn a bit more about our dear friend and one of my partners, Phil Pearl. Phil was born and raised in Chicago, and graduated from Carl Schurz High School. He was deeply involved in baseball and hockey, both as a player and spectator, and has been an ardent life-long fan of the Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears. Immediately after graduation from high school, Phil enrolled at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Phil was on the University hockey team for 1 1/2 seasons, and also was in the Colorado Air National Guard. His squadron was called to active duty during the Korean War, where he served as engineer, surveyor and radar calibration, covering the many early warning stations along our northern and northeastern borders. After his honorable discharge, he married and returned to Boulder to finish his remaining 43 semester units in one intense year. Phil earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Civil Engineering and in Business.

He was recruited by the Los Angeles County Engineer's Office, where he spent three years performing hydraulic structures design. In 1956 Phil passed the California Civil Engineer's exam and became a licensed Civil Engineer. That

same year he began working for Rocketdyne, designing rocket engine test stands and related facilities.

In 1960, Phil joined the Ralph M. Parsons Co. performing structural design of missile sites and military facilities, including being a member of the team that designed the Minuteman and Titan launch silos.

In 1963, Phil launched (no pun intended) his career with Douglas Aircraft, (which became McDonnell Douglas in 1967), in Santa Monica, as a Facilities Civil Engineer. Later, he was a Project Engineer for the Santa Monica Project, which involved the demolition of the 23 block-long Santa Monica plant and complete restoration of the entire site. He was transferred to the McDonnell Douglas plant in Huntington Beach in 1972, and worked there until his retirement in 1995. He retired as Principal Facilities Engineer. He has been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers since his college days, and became a Fellow in 1990 and Life Member in 1995. Phil is also a charter member of the Structural Engineering Institute.

Phil was active for 12 years with his three youngest children in the Fountain Valley North Little League, as a coach, manager, and then umpire. Golf has been his passion for more than 60 years, and he still gets in three or four rounds a month. Digital photography and photo-shop are other long-time hobbies. Nowadays, he is a proud soccer and baseball grandfather, watching his grandsons play both sports.

But what about his life in bridge? Phil explains, "I learned the rudiments of the game in college, but it was all party bridge until introduced to duplicate in the San Fernando Valley clubs. I served on that unit board until my work-related transfer to Huntington Beach in 1972, when I became a member of the

Balboa Unit. I served as president two years, vice president two years, then member-at-large. I introduced the mentor program to the unit, and have written the column for the unit for the last eight years. I am currently a Sapphire Life Master. I do want to mention that, in 2001, I purchased Max Hardy's book on 2/1, read it twice, started implementing what I had learned, and my bridge has improved greatly since then. I have been blessed with very nice partners along the way, and I appreciate them and thank them."

You're so welcome, Phil. Thanks for all of those interesting columns over the years.

Bishop

By Irene Knight

Results for the month of January are: January 2, 1st Charlie Massieon and Laura Mogg, 2nd Lou Higginbotham and Lynne Busby, and 3rd the Bournes, Penny and Jonathan. There was no game on January 4, as we did not have enough tables.

- January 9 it was Bud Abbott and Bee Greer in 1st; Barbara Reeder and Grace were 2nd, and the Higleys (Tom and Roseanne) were 3rd.

- January 11 found Bud Abbott and Lilla Hadeler in 1st, with Charlie and Dan Ranney in 2nd.

- January 16 it was Dan and Irene Knight in 1st; Barbara and Grace were 2nd, and Bud and Bee were 3rd.

- January 18 it was Charlie and Dan in 1st; the Higleys were 2nd, and Barbara and Grace were 3rd.

- January 25 Charlie and Dan were 1st again, with Barbara and Bud in 2nd.

- January 30 it was Barbara and Grace in 1st, with Dan and Irene 2nd and Tom and Lilla 3rd.

By this time you are aware that the groundhog saw his shadow, so we have had another six weeks of winter. It should be finished soon, and if it helps stop our drought, then it is worth it.

Belated Happy Valentines Day to you all.

Coronado/Eastlake

By Jean Seager

John and Betty Ann Ellery scored a superlative 75% at the Coronado Duplicate Bridge Club. This makes them eligible for mention in the national magazine, and is a good reason for their winter trip to California from Maine – not to mention the warm weather.

Congratulations to Ginger Herrick and John Lagodimos for achieving Sapphire Life Master status with 3500 master-points.

Ginger Herrick and regular partner Judy Deans were standouts in Coronado with five wins last month. Jean and Bill Seager notched four victories. Other winners were Adele Gerstenhaber and Wally Augustin (twice), Carol Brager and Mike Mezin, Dick and Lori Morrow and Phil Akre and Tom Herzog.

At the Eastlake Bridge Club, Barbara Schafer had a stellar month with five wins, three times with Hiroko Kitamura (including 4th in C in the STAC) and twice with Linda Dusharme. Other notables were John Dusharme and Merle Schneiderwind with two wins, including 6th/7th in C in the STAC, and double winners Joe Rubin and Dan Molnar, who placed 2nd in A in the STAC. Additional victors were Judi Bunch and Hiroko Kitamura (4th in C in the STAC), Irene and Anthony Twogood, Dan Block and John Collins, Liz Cogdill and Bob Cherry, Bob and Alana Shapley, Manu

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San Diego North County Units 531 & 549

Spring NLM Sectional

Saturday April 8, 2017

Sanction #1704181

The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos
1105 La Bonita Dr.
San Marcos, CA 92078

FREE Parking/Coffee/Snacks
Lunches available for purchase or bring your own lunch.

NON-LIFE MASTERS ONLY 0-500

Stratified Pairs

10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Stratifications based on average MPs for pairs:
A: 300-499 (500 MP tops)
B: 100-299
C: 0-99

Entry Fees:
\$10.00 per player per session.
Non/Unpaid ACBL members: add \$3.00

Director – **Ida Burcham**
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ANAHEIM UNIT 513

Spring Sectional

March 31 - April 2, 2017

Event	Fri 3-31	Sat 4-1	Sun 4-2
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session) (750/2500/+)	^{CHARITY} 10 AM 2:30 PM Regionally Rated Silver Points	10 AM 2:30 PM	
Stratified 499er Pairs (Single Session) (50/100/500)	^{CHARITY} 10 AM 2:30 PM Regionally Rated Silver Points	10 AM *2:30 PM	
Compact Knock Outs (May be handicapped)	10 AM 2:30 PM	10 AM 2:30 PM	Free Coffee Free Morning Snacks
Swiss Team (Single Session)	2:30 PM	*2:30 PM	Free Parking
Strati-Flighted Swiss Team B/C/D (750/1500/2500) A/X (5000/+)			10 AM Start Play through with Lunch provided

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