



# What's New in District 22

What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than dinner with your bridge friends? At the Eastlake club, twenty people turned out for John Lagodimos's Corned Beef & Cabbage, accompanied by side dishes from club members. In another special event, the club bid goodbye to Vickie and Darrel Palmer with a BBQ and Swiss Teams competition. We wish Vickie and Darrel a safe journey back to Edmonton, Canada, and look forward to seeing them in six months when they will return to San Diego.

We'll see everyone at the unit party on April 21, when we'll enjoy lunch, bridge and good fellowship.

**San Diego Bridge Club results:** Winners were Berdele Katz and Sam Madison, Florence Seltzer and Marty Bloomberg, Fred Nimtz and Greg Wetz, and Bill Allen and Robin Rodger.

## Desert Cities

By Nancy Erickson

Unit 533's Annual Awards Ceremony and unit game was held on Sunday, April 2, at Duncan Bridge Center. The unit presented medals to fifteen Mini-McKenney award winners and certificates to fifteen Ace of Clubs award winners. Also presented were the Lucy Mitchell Award and the Barbara Mondo Award for the unit's top masterpoint winners at the 2016 Spring Sectional in the open and 299er divisions. Two newly-created awards, the Audrey Currie Award and the Jana McCormick Award, were presented to the unit's top masterpoint winners at the 2016 Fall Harvest Sectional in the open and 299er divisions.

The unit also presented the Ron and Nancy Erickson Volunteer Award. The Palm Springs Bridge Club presented the Edith Hirschman Sportsmanship Award, and Barbara Astone was on hand for the presentation of the Robert A. Astone, MD Appreciation Award. Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation President Bev Hartin presented the three Marilyn and Jerry Gitt 299er Awards.

A delicious lunch was served, organized by President William Stine and catered by our local Pollo Loco. Cake desserts were provided by the Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation, and our unit game followed the presentations.

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed this festive event.

Mini-McKenney Award winners were: John Muzdakis, Lori Kiefer, James Berrier, Stan Snyder, Midori Saito, Sandy Hertz, Bob Wernick, Lou Goldsmith, Jim Lopes, Paul Gelb, Jim Weeks, Wally Goldban, Jim Darvey, Irv Kostal and Bruce Ferguson.

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Award winners were: John Muzdakis, Chaya Venkat, James Berrier, Wayne Carney, Mac Becket, Sandy Hertz, Bob Wernick, Lou Goldsmith, Jim Lopes, David Kane, Jim Weeks, Neil Stern, Jim Darvey, Irv Kostal and Brenda Keller.

Congratulations also go out to the winners of the Lucy Mitchell Award: Jim Darvey, Barbara Mondo Award: Midori Saito, Audrey Currie Award: Jim Weeks, Jana McCormick Award: Lori Kiefer, Ron and Nancy Erickson Volunteer Award: Carol Wilkinson, Edith Hirschman Sportsmanship Award: Luella Becken, Robert A. Astone MD Appreciation Award: Roger Sielicky & Renee Rogers and Marilyn and Jerry Gitt 299er Award-ees: Pat Swanson, Lori Kiefer and Julie Nestibo.

The unit board welcomed John Tracey to its ranks as recording secretary. John assumes those duties as a non-voting member.

The Western Conference Spring Fling STAC week is May 8-14 at participating clubs. Attention 0-199ers: DBC will run all its morning 199er games as STACs, too. It is a great way to earn those needed silver points. May 22 is our next unit-wide game, big points as it is scored like a STAC game.

A six week series of Beginning & Intermediate Lessons by Gary Delestine will start mid-May at the Joslyn Center - Wednesday & Friday mornings from

9:30-11:30 a.m. For complete details contact Gary at [hollihut@comcast.net](mailto:hollihut@comcast.net)

Do you have a spouse, significant other, neighbor or friend who wants to learn to play bridge? That bucket list item can be accomplished in June! Mick Riccio, owner/director of Mick's Club - DynaMick Bridge - will be teaching a new class in Beginning Bridge, generously sponsored by Unit 533 and the Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation. The class begins June 5 at Duncan Bridge Center in Palm Desert. There will be eight sessions over four weeks, meeting on Mondays and Fridays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Total cost is \$125, including textbook and materials. Reservations are required: email or call Mick at [dynamick747@gmail.com](mailto:dynamick747@gmail.com) or 760 322-0059. As our membership is aware, Tom McCormick will hang up his directing shoes and join us at the tables November 15. Tom has served the valley players with distinction and will be missed. The Bridge Birdie has told this reporter a gala celebration is planned, so watch for the announcement. Beverly Hartin, Foundation President, has asked that we publicize the fact that the Foundation is seeking names of outstanding ACBL certified directors interested in continuing to build on Tom's legacy. You can contact Bev at [hartin.bev@gmail.com](mailto:hartin.bev@gmail.com)

Major rank promotions are: Sapphire Life Master: T. Chernuchin; Gold Life Masters: Al Bongarzone and Pat Larin; Ruby Life Master: Robert Victor and Silver Life Masters: Guy Brackett and Carol Sobel. Check our website for all our promotions and up to the minute bridge news in the Coachella Valley.

We welcome Gretchen Capuano, Corinne Cowan, Barry Feinsmith, Glenie Feinsmith, Jean Ostermeier, Audrey Phillips, Michael Phillips and Robert Stonehill to our bridge unit.

The unit expresses its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Bob Inch, Lisa Figus and Rosalyn Simon.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." -Thomas Campbell

## La Jolla/Beaches

By Skipbid

Our March 12 unit game was won by Bette Cornelius and Dan Dayani, with Janice Joerger and Judy Gruenberger conquering Flight B, and Flight C going to Meenakshi and Nirmala Krishnamoorthy. On March 26 Jane Petering and Larry Sherman were the victors of both Flights A and B, and Ursula Kantor and Lynne Anderson took Flight C.

The unit welcomes new members Nancy Duxbury, Harriet Liseck, Jack Schuster, and Barbara Weir. And we extend hearty congratulations to the following unit members for their advancements in ACBL rank: new Junior Masters - Dr. Marcus and Deborah Gerber, and Frank Mulligan; new Club Masters - Linda Bennett, Karen Horn, and Donna New; and new Bronze Life Master - Victoria Currie. Nice job, all! (Please refer to this column for a free play in May or June.)

This good news just in: the San Diego Unit and La Jolla Unit will be partnering a joint NLM Sectional the October 13-14 weekend, continuing a (not totally unbroken) tradition of at least 30 years. (This writer played in one in February, 1986!)

## Lompoc

By Lynley Bernau

The month of March has passed, and we are into April. Spring has sprung and the rain has eased. We had a good month in Lompoc, and the highlight of our games was a Swiss Teams event held on March 20. It was fun and very successful. Don did an excellent job organizing and directing the eight teams that participated. We plan to repeat this in the future.

The winners were Bob Lindquist and Bob Jurgensen with Jim Kelly and Nelson Owens. Second place went to Ada Bakalar and Tom Small with Barbara Holt and Lynley Bernau. In 3rd was Lynn

Porter and Sarah Flinkingshelt with Suzanne Budabin and Nick Sehgal.

Congratulations to all.

Our game winners for March are: Ada Bakalar, Don Beck, Lynley Bernau, Suzanne Budebin, Sarah Flinkingshelt (2), Joyce Gehlhaar (4), Jo Gowenlock (2), Barbara Holt (2), Bob Linquist, Charles Littlejohn, Mike Peterson, Lynn (Skook) Porter (4), Kay Rowland (2), Mike Scavone, Nick Sehgal, Tom Small, Tom Snouse, Frank Swanson and Helen Young.

Congratulations to all.

Special congratulations go to Joyce Gehlhaar and Barbara Holt, who had a 70.83% on March 2.

We are so happy to have Frank Swanson as director now. His services are much needed and he is doing a great job. Thank you, Frank.

Our snow birds are leaving: Ron Petersen has returned to Canada; we look forward to seeing him next October. Yvonne Mahoney has moved to Minnesota to be near family. It is nice to see she has transferred into Unit 103 to continue playing.

Very nice to have Tom Snouse and Gale Porr back playing again. We wish Tom well and hope he can continue to join us.

Bye til next month.

## Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

The TGIF Bridge Club donated their surplus funds split between the Salvation Army and the Desert Area Resources and Training (DART). Our local clubs continue to support community charities. The COM Bridge Club held a charity game for ACBL charities. Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth won the event followed by Esther Sires and Rob White. John Shepherd and Charlie Wright were 3rd.

We participated in the ACBL-Wide

Senior Pairs in March. Unfortunately we couldn't muster five full tables to qualify for overall awards. Donna McLeod and I were 1st, edging out Craig Stump and Greg Vernon. Others placing were Esther Sires and Craig Rae, Nancy Brown and Esther Hart, and also Dave Watt and Maria Harley. Hopefully the analysis sheet will help some players improve.

Greg and I won the unit game. Dave and Mary Flatman were 2nd, followed by Craig Stump and Nancy.

The unit presented Charlie Wright with a plaque for becoming a Life Master in February. Congratulations again, Charlie.

In the regular club games, Greg won the most masterpoints in the TGIF Club. He was followed by myself, Donna, Craig Stump, John, Esther Sires, Nancy, Charlie, Dave Speer, and Charlene Stephens. In the COM club the list was headed by Esther Sires and Rob, Dave Speer and Donna were next; then Greg, myself, Jay and Mary Kay, Esther Hart and Nancy.

Congratulations to Dave Speer and Donna for breaking 70% twice in March. Our results are now posted on the ACBL website for all to see.

## Riverside

By Nancy Alvarado

Kat Breen's return home in March wasn't only to see her Missouri family and friends but to attend the Spring NABC in Kansas City. Among her victories, playing with Stanley Coons, she won 1st in 299 I/N Pairs, and was 1st in C in the Friday evening Swiss Teams, returning to California with a pile of red points. Part of the fun of national tournaments is seeing friends from other parts of the country - some may be partners from BBO whom you occasionally see face-to-face while others may be friends made at past tournaments. Millie

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## Balboa Unit 515 Sectional

United Methodist Church 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Friday and Saturday

June 2 & 3, 2017

10:00 a.m.

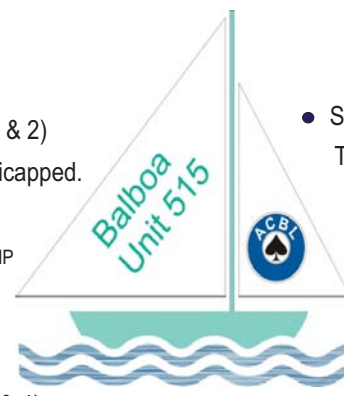
- Compact KOs (Rounds 1 & 2)
- Top bracket may be handicapped.
- Stratified Open Pairs
- NLM Pairs (Players w/ 0-20 MP play free on Sat. morning.)

2:30 p.m.

- Compact KOs (Rounds 3 & 4)
- Stratified Open Pairs
- NLM Pairs
- Single Session Open Swiss

### Stratification Levels

Open Pairs	
Strat A	2500+
Strat B	750-2500
Strat C	0-750
NLM Pairs	
Strat D	250-500
Strat E	50-250
Strat F	0-50



Sunday

June 4, 2017

10:00 a.m.

- Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Two session play through

\$96 per player team (+ \$5 per additional player)

Flight A/X	3500+/2500
Flight B	1000-2500
Flight C	500-1000
Flight D	0-500

- FREE Parking . Coffee . Snacks
- A la carte lunches sold each day by Boardwalk Bakery and Cafe
- Guest speaker between sessions Friday & Saturday.

Tournament Manager: Jody Pedri, #(714) 546-4685, [jodypedri@yahoo.com](mailto:jodypedri@yahoo.com)

For partnership arrangements in advance of the tournament, contact Shirli Thomas, (714) 968-5726, [shirth@verizon.com](mailto:shirth@verizon.com)

Card Fees: \$12.00 pp, per session; \$15.00 for non or unpaid ACBL members

Players under age 25 play for \$6.00 pp, per session

ACBL Sanction #: 1706089

### Directions:

From Irvine: 5 Fwy North, 22 Fwy West, Euclid Exit, Euclid North, Acacia Left, Main Right

From Fountain Valley: Euclid North, passed G.G. Blvd, Acacia Left, Main Right

From Newport Beach: 405 Fwy North, Euclid Exit, same as Fountain Valley

