



What's New in District 22

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Garrison, playing with Joy McKenzie-Smith of Chapel Hill, won 3rd in B in B/C Open Pairs and 1st in B in the 1st Sunday B/C Swiss Teams. I played with Dorothy Mersereau of Calgary AB. We didn't win, but we placed 4th in Bracket 3 KOs. I also connected with Teri Smoot and Team OSMO to win 2nd in Y in evening Swiss Teams, then won a C section top in Sunday Fast Pairs, so I came home with plenty of gold points and the pleasure of seeing old friends again. My biggest triumph was winning 2nd (and 3rd) in the annual Limerick Contest on March 17. Dorothy usually wins, but I had the advantage of actually being Irish.

As many of you know, Terry Berg has been dealing with some health problems, and we all wish him the best possible outcome! Please offer him your best wishes and support, and be especially nice to him on Fridays.

Holly Marks is moving to Texas, and we will all miss her cheerfulness and positive attitude, most of all Carol Davidson, who must find a new partner as avid and skilled as Holly. Welcome to Ho Ming Yim, who has joined us on Mondays and is already challenging the top players (with Bipin).

The Sunday unit game in March featured the traditional wearing of the Green ... plus good food, blarney, and that Irish combative spirit. N/S winners were: Eموke Gaspar - Diana Garber, Sandy and Dick MacGregor (repeating), Susan Nelson - Dagmar Welker (repeating). E/W winners were: James Tanner - Bill Hamann, Clint and Carma Pooley, Pat and Tony Mascari. Winners of the first Saturday Individual unit game were Bipin Patel, Nancy Alvarado, Mary Ann Braden.

Just a reminder: you do not need a partner for the Tuesday or Friday games. You can walk in and play with whoever else has arrived unattached, or play with the director. If you are seeking a regular playing partner or want to arrange your game ahead of time, call our new partnership coordinator, Teri Simpson, at 909 322-3439.

As usual, beginners and transitioning social players meet on Wednesday while a serious team game is held in the back room. It has been thriving under Doreen Grant's capable organization. If you can arrange your appointments and chores for a different day, Thursday needs you!

Saddleback

By Robert Micone

Welcome Unit 525 members. Well, the big news is that we have expanded our membership by 54 new ACBL members. This is a huge increase and is attributable to a number of factors: the Unit 525 board, headed by resigning President Ellis Feigenbaum, agreed to reimburse the first year ACBL fee for any person who signed up for "Learn Bridge in a Day" in late January and then stuck with the eight weeks of classes, to learn how to play the game at the table so to speak. This is an incredibly successful program and the unit looks forward to supporting it again next year as the word spreads.

In other news, the March unit game was won by the afore mentioned, Ellis Feigenbaum and Matt Mallory, who beat up on everybody with a tick less than 70% game. They really ran away from the field on this one. These guys have been tough for years, and together they seem even tougher. We got a chance to test this toughness at the San Diego Regional from April 10-16 at the Town and Country Hotel. The renovation of the hotel is proceeding and the playing spaces are better than ever, and the room rates are really reasonable. I hope to see you all there.

In local news, the Unit 525 Board elections resulted in the following slate of officers: Linda Ryder as secretary, Norlyn Schultz as treasurer, John Luebbe as board member and liaison to the Laguna Woods Bridge Club, Bill Eberly as board member in charge of managing the unit game lunch operation, Marjorie Michelin as vice president and in charge of

intermediate and novice education, and your writer, Robert Micone as president of ACBL Unit 525 for the year of 2017.

We all look forward to serving the club and the community in any capacity necessary to help promote bridge and make the experience at the table more pleasurable for all members. There is currently an opening on the board for which we need to appoint someone until the election next March. Anybody who would like to join the board and make a substantial contribution to promoting bridge in Orange County, your time will be incredibly valued.

I would now like to recognize the advancing players who moved up in category in the last 60 days: congratulations to Denny Selzer on his journey from Sapphire to Silver to Sapphire Life Master in a 60 day period due to a publisher's error. I hope he enjoyed the ride. Additional congratulations to ... new Junior Masters: Janet Burgus, Patrick McKenzie, Gerald Phillips, Catherine Bell and Stephen Horan. New Club Masters: Michael Lehrfeld and Jenny Vogt. New Regional Master: Tivis Mobberley. New Bronze Life Master: Ted Cooper. New Ruby Life Master: Dustin Stout.

San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

March began with our super San Diego Spring Sectional at the Marina Village Conference Center. Thanks to our greeters who directed traffic through the maze: Craig Caldwell, Elazar Harel, Joanne Kocielski, Beth Granby and Sharon Pyrz. Ben Domurat helped with tear-down activity, and Davis Bennett and Evan Ziegler, our super caddies, also helped behind the scenes. Board members who worked were Lanya Agelidis, John Boackle, Gigette Caldwell, Marty Roth, Kathy Byrnes, Mike Kocielski and Tom Herzog. Marianne Klayman brought cookies and the Huffakers the donuts.

Good job!

Our third Sunday game was super! Winners in Open Pairs Flight A, Ron & Mary Huffaker; B, George & Kathee Besinger; C, Edward Brilmeyer - Howard Abrams. In the 999er strat, winners were Chebil Jada - Lois Hausman (72%!).

Alert! After 22 years, it's time to pass this column on. Anyone who wants to volunteer contact Lanya Agelidis at lanya.agelidis@gmail.com, or me, Vicki Creamer, vacreamer@cox.net

Come on down!
Milestones: Club Masters: Paul Black, Shirley Stringer. Regional Master: Joan Mitchell. Advanced NABC Master: Mike Koscielski. Life Masters: Gigette Caldwell, Tatsumi Mercer. Bronze Life Master: Tatsumi Mercer. These special people are honored at unit games. They also receive a free play with a 3-month window for use at any one of our unit games, first/third or fifth Sunday (if we have one). Our Award Chair will make contact and awards. Congratulations!

Keep up on our latest news at sandiegobridge.com Nice way for other players to contact you! A member of any unit is welcome.

Wirt Gilliam, Adventures in Bridge (adventuresinbridge.com).

Check out the website. Game results are posted quickly and there's a description of all available games and the great lessons. The new location is a huge success.

David Walters, San Diego Bridge Academy (sandiegobridgeacademy.com) and Redwood Bridge Club (redwoodbridgeclub.org). David Walters, director.

We continue to offer at least two games each day, Monday through Saturday, but in addition to being a friendly place to play, we offer multiple educational opportunities: supervised play, a youth program, mini lectures and a full class schedule. Recent classes include: Introduction to Bridge, Play of the Hand, Polishing the Basics, Deadly Defense and the Thinking Bridge series. Classes typically run for six weeks and cost \$125 plus \$25 for the textbook. There's a new "supervised play" session for beginners every Wednesday from 9:30 to noon, and free

youth bridge on Saturday mornings. Contact David Walters 619 98-5756 for info on classes.

Check the Schedule page at our websites and note the Saturday noon game. It's the best deal in town: an ACBL-sanctioned game that's only \$3.00 for club members and \$7.00 for non-members! For Redwood membership contact Sarah Hans at 619 542-0081. Contact Marge Van Hemert at 619 421-0813 for details about youth bridge. For the sanctioned game on Thursday evenings, contact Betty Riedler at 619 276-3476.

Kathie Angione, John Lagodimos (sandiegobridgeclub.com).

They have one game a week Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.; games are currently held at 4425 Home Ave., San Diego 92105, The Knights of Columbus Club. There is a Stratified Open Pairs game concurrent with a 299ers game.

Further information on the website.

San Diego North County Costal

By Rick Gold

Congratulations to Rick Gold and Rick Kerbel for nabbing the top spot in our unit game. Rick and Rick have won the three unit games in 2017. Alan and Debbie Gailfus were the runners-up with a 67% game. There was not a NLM section. Well done!

Please welcome new Unit 531 members Violet Breckenridge, Robert Englekirk, Lorna Mendelsohn, Benno Rayher, Gisela Rayher, Phyllis Skall, Beverley Dente, Elysabeth Kinneberg and Margaret Puck. Look forward to seeing you at the bridge table.

Rima Sharron has achieved the difficult task of obtaining Sapphire Life Master status. She has earned over 3500 masterpoints. Please congratulate Rima on her successful milestone.

Another big milestone goes to Jon Lewevier, who achieved NABC Master status. Keep up the good work. And congratulations are in order for Phyllis Skall, Junior Master, and new Club Master Laurene Crosby.

Cardiff by the Sea: Harvey Goldstein

Our big day was a special charity game held on behalf of the MS Society. We did this event to support two of our regular players - Lynn and Dick Gordon. We had a wonderful turnout and donated the per table proceeds to the local MS chapter in the name of the Gordons. Lynn and Dick have been leading the general fund raising each year for the past eight years. Through their efforts with family, friends, the bridge community and corporate donors the annual drive is a huge success. During the time they have been doing this they have raised more than \$700,000. That's what I mean by a HUGE success. This year's count is not quite over yet, but \$80,000 is within reach. Wendi and Bob Friedman were the big winners for the charity game itself, with an award of 5+ points each.

Other significant winners were Tim Flaherty and Mac Busby, who were a close 2nd to Wendi and Bob. Two other pairs, Ruth Aronsohn and Pat Astier & Jerry Woodworth and Pat Astier rounded out the big winners. In all we had 22 pairs who shared in the masterpoint awards.

Ruth Aronsohn, noted above, is well on her way to becoming a Ruby Life Master. It wasn't too many years ago that Ruth didn't want to play at a duplicate club. She has come a long way, including becoming a club director. What's great about that is that she has become one of the most sought after directors in the area with assignments at our Monday game, the La Costa Glen game and the North County Bridge Club games to name a few. She has also volunteered to teach new players how to play the game. She attracts more than 40 new players every Friday morning at the Solana Beach library for a lesson and supervised play. She not only donates her time but has recruited some of the nicest players in the area to help make this library program a big success. In doing all this she has become a force at the bridge table, a men-

tor to many and ... best of all ... is a very nice person.

Other overall winners for the month included Wayne Holm and Gail Pirodsky, John Neville and Don Cleveland & Ron and Susie Anson, who had the best game of the month ... just missing a 70% game by a fraction. What was really fun this month was the emergence of Herb & Jane Krongold and Cindy Baler and her partner Jocelyn O'Brien as section winners. What is particularly refreshing is that these players come to play every week. They win sometimes, but regardless of the outcome they enjoy their day at the table and we enjoy watching them succeed.

Encinitas: Ida Burcham

We had two special games this month. Our monthly charity game, and our annual membership game. Dan Beck and David Ingraham topped the Masterpoint list of the regular club games. Avram and Susan Ninyo won our local charity game handily. They beat out a long list of Life Masters. I had to go down 20 lines before I came to someone who wasn't a Life Master, but they had a considerable number of points. Two of my NLMs had a 72.71% game in the flighted event of our charity game.

They are visitors from back east who come to our coast for a few months a year, Urmila Gujrathi and Shiv Tangri. The award given to the overall winners of the membership game was the crowning glory of the month. James Andrews and Lynne Newman came in 1st overall and took home 9.56 black points. I think that's the biggest masterpoint award given in any of our Thursday games.

Fallbrook: Fran White

Rick Gold and Rick Kerbel had a pretty good month of March. They won 1st in their direction all five Thursdays this month! I am sure it has been done before, just can't remember when. They also had a 70.20% game this month.

I guess "pretty good" was an understatement. Rounding out the top masterpoint winners were Milt Fader, Caryn Villalon, Pat Towel, Wicker Gamble, John Heberle, Lance Eddy, Virginia Hoppe and Nick McInerney. Tom Miller was 11th overall, 1st in Flight C.

Oceanside West: Ida Burcham

We had a lot of fun at our Monday/Tuesday games in Oceanside West. I always keep two boxes of Kleenex displayed for all the crying that rises from the hands that my program makes up. Everyone seemed to survive the experience, but some of the players had to be helped to their cars after the game.

We had a charity game and our annual membership game last month. Larry Flora was at the top of the Monday masterpoint list all by himself. Hanan and Bernard lead the Tuesday masterpoint list.

John and Rima Sharron came in 1st overall in the charity game on Tuesday. To celebrate they took a long vacation to Martinique. Lorraine Gordon and Rick Stryker took 1st in the charity game on Monday. They decided to stick around to see what other damage they could do to the games of the opponents. Joan Lubowe and Jane Harrison won with a clean 7% lead in the Monday membership game. To balance the gender curve, Gene Katz and Clair Lair won the Tuesday membership game.

Now it is on to all those charity games in April.

San Diego North County Inland

By Liz Nixon

May 8-14 is Western Conference Spring Fling STAC Week! Here's your opportunity to pick up those elusive silver points. Check with your club for exact dates of the Spring STAC games.

Our next unit games will be April 22 and May 21. Alert! May is a Sunday game at the Pavilion! Winners in each section receive a free play at the next unit game. Unit games are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Drive, Lake