

# What's New in District 22

San Marcos 92078. Call Liz Nixon for directions – 760 214-8999. The games are \$9.00 including lunch and begin at 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 p.m. Go to Unit 549's website [aclbunit549.org](http://aclbunit549.org) for partnerships, to sign-up for the unit games or see results. Winners in the Unit 549 open game March 25 were Ruth Aronsohn & Pat Astier, followed by Jean Jantz and Doris Nizzi, Rex & Sheila Latus, Marilyn Florin & Bunny Schmidt, Cheryl Fosdick & Bob Anuskiewicz and Mike & Mary Florio.

Winners in the Non-Life Masters section were Henry Tileston & Erica Federman, followed by John Columbe & Dorothea Williams, Miriam Slatic & Ronique Nilson, Toni Lien & Robert Liner and Dean & Joanne Cunningham.

Congratulations to all!

Welcome new members to Unit 549: Jim Archer, James Kaspar, Bonnie Mahlmeister, Robert Olson, John Schell, David Valiulis, Peter Hapka, Dan Stockwell, and Ethel Warner. Welcome returning members: John & Lorraine Duffy, Hal Norton and Karen Smith.

Members achieving new levels of achievement: new Junior Masters – Dale Bardin & Mary McDonald; New Club Masters – John Herbert & Melvin Schwartz; new Sectional Masters – Lindy Patrick; new Bronze Life Master – Sue Compton.

Congratulations to all of the above achieving new levels of excellence!

*Bridge Club of North County:*

Big Events in May! Celebrate Cinco De Mayo at the club Friday, May 5; both sessions are club championships. Saturday is Sheila Latus' Birthday Party sponsored by Sheila. Lunch is included. This will be Open Pairs at 12:30 p.m. + Grass Roots Fund Mega Points.

**Alert!** Most games will be Grass Roots Fund charity games or club championship games. Saturdays are Barometer games except May 6.

Top Five Open Players for March: Bunny Schmidt, followed by Tom Nolan, Marilyn Florin, Sheila Latus, and Ray Curtiss.

Top Five 0-499 players for January: Ed Ford, Ken Patrick, Alberdina Bahmanian, Dan Higgins and Joyce Fox.

Check the calendar for exact dates of the charity games, club championships. Go to [bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org](http://bridgeclubofnorthcounty.org) to find everything you need to know about bridge at the club. The address is 2320 South Escondido Blvd., Escondido 92025. Phone 760 807-9396. Feel free to contact the club regarding club programs and special games. New email: [bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclubofNC@gmail.com)

*Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club* The club supported the Casa De Amparo for the month of March. All the games in May will be megapoint games. The game is growing like crazy. Please call Jean Holt ahead of time to reserve your spot at the table at 760 734-4518.

May 10 is our Western Conference Spring Fling STAC week game. Come on down and go for the silver!

Top 5 open players for March: Wayne Holm, Janice Joerger, Lorraine Gordon, Vivienne Whitworth, Richard Cohen, and Tim Flaherty.

Top 5 Non-Life Master players 0-499: Jon Lelevier, Raj Patel, Harry Arora, Nira Levy, Ron Anson, Karen Smith.

Go to [lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com](http://lakesanmarcosduplicatebridgeclub.com), you can see the results and get a complete hand analysis and suggestion how each hand should have been played or defended. Contact Jean Holt for more information at 760 734-4518.

**Reminder:** Lake San Marcos Duplicate Bridge Club is back to its roots at Lake San Marcos Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Drive. New card fees will be \$7.00. Same location as the unit games. Much better parking! More space! Nice kitchen!

The Wednesday game starts at 10:30 a.m. and includes a Free Chalk Talk starting at 9:30 a.m. by Jean Holt, snacks and coffee. Players are asked to bring a bag lunch if they desire. The cost is \$7.00 for chalk talk and game. For information call Jean at 760 734-4518 or Nina at 760 736-9386 for further information. Address is 1105 La Bonita Drive, San

Marcos 92078.

ACBL Ramona Duplicate Bridge 1721 Main St. Ramona 92065 #101; Club Manager: Mary Ann Houston, 760 789-1132. [houston6805@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houston6805@sbcglobal.net)

Games times are Tuesday at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.; Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Call for classes and additional bridge activities.

## San Luis Obispo

By Bud Zeuschner

March came in and out like a lion for several of our outstanding players. We started the month with our InterClub Championships held at San Luis Obispo's DBC, and the starts were swept by Gary Gram and Roberta Smith-Gram! Quite a feat ... and so nice when the communication, analysis and play all come together for people in the C bracket. I don't know if it was the excitement that knocked Roberta for a loop, but something did, and we all send our warmest wishes to Roberta as she progresses through recovery: speedily and fully so we can see her back at the table soon!

On March 11, the Unit 540 championships were contested, and top pair Joyce Gehlhaar - Gary Yant (66+%) were followed by the B-Flight winners, David Gillette - Carol Raymond, and the C-Champs Ginny Randall - Patricia Kowal.

These wins were followed the next week with the SLO club championships on March 20, where the top A-team was Gary Arthurs - Gail Lapins, while the B-honors went to Judy Obermeier - Mike Carroll and the C-strats were won by Rose Will and Terri Main.

Two days later, Five Cities contested its club championships; this time winners in the A-game were Louise Wang - Bob Sendall (don't we all hope we are still topping the charts when we are in our 90s? Way to go Louise!) The B-section was topped by Mark Hays - Lori Hays, while the C-strat winning team was Kathleen Malovos - Jack Phirman.

Our final championship game for the month was March 24 at the SLO Club, where the A-team of Christine Bowman - Doris Dunn came in first, and the B-strat was won by Bill Donovan - Patricia Kowal. Taking the C-honors were Emily Kreins - Ed Kreins.

Winners all, and congratulations!

April promises to be another banner month, highlighted by another duplicated Swiss Teams event on the 21st. Really impressive to have all those hands done up in advance and then to get the hand records to go over with your teammates for some thoughtful reviews. Again, kudos to our duplicating team led by Bill Ringbom and Mike Shipsey.

Special mention needs to go to Jan Grief Zinner and Eli Zinner, who are putting in lots of extra time developing newer players in the south county area. In mid-March they hosted newcomer players in their home for some duplicate play and wound up with seven tables – yes, seven tables of new players! Now, that's Hospitality with a capital H! Way to go!

The First Wednesday potluck dinners continue on, with April's theme of "Bella Notte" calling out the Italian chef in all of us. Plenty of good food, good friends, good hands and often, good plays to go around. Consider joining us on the first Wednesday of every month for potluck and bridge starting at 5:30 p.m. at the SLO Senior Center.

In the meantime, deal me in!

## Santa Barbara

By John Whittlesey

April is Angels month ... Angels Foster Care, that is. This is our charity of the month,

and every game in April will either benefit the Angels, or the club Charity Fund, by \$1.00 per player. Players will benefit by the greatly enhanced masterpoint payouts.

The Angels program finds homes for infants from birth to age two. Our club has folders with info about this program, including info for those who would like to

be adoptive parents. The Eight Is Enough teams game on Sunday, April 30, will be an Angels game.

Players who found their way to the club on April 5 might have been pleased to find themselves walking on a brand new carpet. Probably not many noticed: I think the carpet is the same color as the old one. However, those who used the men's washroom noticed that the door wouldn't close properly. Jennifer just told me that this problem will be fixed immediately.

**More 70% games:** Stafford Kelly and Peter Jeffrey rolled up a 72.75% game on Tuesday, March 7. Norma Jean Shaw and Mickey Rosenzweig notched a 72.57% game on Monday, March 13. Whew! That's some fancy playing!

Some of our members have moved onward and upward. New Junior Masters: Raymond Freeman, Richard Spann. New Club Master: Jo Lepley. New Regional Master: Patti Monroe. New Advanced NABC Master: Dawn Ligon.

The winners of the March 26 "Eight Is Enough" game: Lucia Garcia Fernandez, Catherine Pickett, Dennis Berg, Art Levine. There were only eight teams, so there was only one section.

Players: feel free to email me with new player info, trips you've taken, bridge jokes, or interesting hands: [sprucebay@yahoo.com](mailto:sprucebay@yahoo.com)

## Santa Maria

By D. Jackson

Short column this month as I am cruising through The Netherlands en route to see the tulips. How can bridge be far from mind, though, when the very first night on the ship I met an Emerald Life Master!

The highlights for March include three wins by Robert and Jean-Allen Faust, two wins by Marilyn Bullock and Jan Pettis, and one win each by Pat Hudson, Pat Orlando, Bob and Mary Gellner, Tay and Donna Daniel (good to have them back with us!), Bill Ringbom, Ron Schwerer, Richard Ristine, and Vi Dallessandro.

**Reminder:** Don't forget the Jo Boyd Strawberry Sectional, coming up May 5-7.

## Southern Gold Coast

By Joe McHugh

March brought us daylight savings time, cooler weather and the NCAA tournament. As usual, the Bridge Academy II provided most of the opportunities to play a game of fun but competitive bridge, and many availed themselves of those opportunities. We also had the Strawberry Sectional held in Camarillo over the March 31-April 2 weekend, of which we will speak later.

We had two 70% games in March. First, Ken Ditto and Connie Raabe scored a very impressive 73.50% at a Thursday night 749er game. Later in the month, Ron Westwood and Charles Clarke posted a 72.32% in a very tough Wednesday open session. Congratulations to Ken, Connie, Ron and Charles on a pair of excellent performances.

The unit held its monthly unit game on March 26. The event, complete with an excellent lunch, drew 15 full tables, 10 in the open section and five in the 299er section. In the open section, Ellen Anten and Steve Gross led the way as 1st overall. Dwight Hunt and Michael Wiener came in 2nd overall, with Gabriella Amadeo and Margaret Bissell garnering 3rd. The 299er section was topped by Pippa Young and Richard Tripoli. Dee Minazzoli and Susan Brist finished 2nd overall with Jan Snider and Susanne Lee placing 3rd. Thanks to all who came out to support the unit.

The Strawberry Sectional saw members of our club take many of the events. Charles Clarke and Ron Westwood won one of the open Stratified Pairs event, as did Craig Kavin and Andy Vinock. Charles also won another Open Pairs event with another partner and finished with the most masterpoints of the tournament. Amongst the 499er Pairs winners were Connie Raabe and Linda Christo-

pher, and Vera Iobbi and Karen Roper.

Congratulations to all of the above on their fine showings.

We had one member advance in rank during the past month. Darlene Yeowell is now a Sectional Master. Please join me in congratulating Darlene on her new rank.

Finally, as most of you already know, our friend Gerry Collier passed away on March 11. Gerry was an excellent bridge player and a better person. He was well-known for his easy-going nature and his generosity with advice to the more junior players. I know that I still feel a twinge anytime I go to Table 1 and fail to see his smiling face sitting *North*.

Rest in peace, Gerry. You are very much missed.

## South Orange County

By Bob Reynolds

South Orange County Bridge Center has the largest number of classes and lessons for bridge players in the area. If you want to learn to play bridge or to just sharpen up your skills, we have something for you. Check out our website at [southorangecountybridgecenter.com](http://southorangecountybridgecenter.com) (note the dot before center) for days and time for our upcoming classes. By the time you read this, you will have missed several opportunities to improve your game.

As of April 11, SOCBC has been in its new San Juan Capistrano home for one year. Happy Anniversary.

SOCBC has gotten into the world of high tech with the advent of online game registration. To make reservations for our open game, go to our website and follow the easy instructions under the registration tab. Then, please show up for the game. Since the director now can go around to the tables and collect the game fees from *North*, time and hassle are saved for everybody.

At SOCBC, we have achievements. Advancing ranks: new Junior Master, John Garcia; Club Masters Brad Bullington & Judith Grossman; NABC Master Joyce Potter. Congratulations, folks, and play on.

For 70% games, Mark Itabashi and Norman Woo had a couple in our open games: 73.28% on March 24 and 70.54% on March 27.

On April 18, member Frank Frand held his charity golf game, Tee Off For Dogs. Proceeds went to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Despite being visually challenged big-time, Frank ... with the help of his guide dog Putt-Putt ... has managed to become an accomplished bridge player. Actually Putt-Putt doesn't help much with playing bridge, but he does clean up any food dropped near Frank's table.

On a sad note, one of our founding members and Gold Life Master, Connee Brogen has passed away. All of us who knew Connee are saddened. Connee passed away peacefully at age 91 and is survived by her two children, Kevin Brogen and Cassie DeYoung. She was returned to her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, for burial.

New members to our club are George Baerveldt, Ann Marabella, Steven and Terri Shimada. The following players have transferred in to our unit: David and Edy Gantschey, Dianna Hoffman, Vicki Trotter, Catherine Whitney and Juniel Worthington. Say hello and welcome when you meet them.

## Ventura

By Jody Fickes Shapiro

The first ever weekend Strawberry Sectional was held March 31-April 2 in a comfortable Camarillo setting. It was a great success with credit and kudos to new board member Josh Rosenbluth and his very hardworking committee. Of particular note was the hospitality committee headed by Rose Buckley, who (along with her amazing volunteers) prepared five flats of strawberries donated by Driscoll's ... among other goodies!

Along with her non-bridge playing husband Kurt (who did a yeoman's service

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