



# What's New in District 22

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than 25 years, and also served as a member of the District 22 Board, the La Jolla Unit Board, and was once chairman of the San Diego Regional. His passion was providing the best hospitality for the unit games. At the memorial, both non-bridge players and bridge player friends of Ed's provided anecdotes and personal memories. Ed was certified as a Master Teacher (the highest attainable teaching rank), and had achieved the rank of Silver Life Master as a player. In total, Ed had played bridge for over 45 years. The Soledad Club will make a donation in his name to the American Cancer Society. Manoochehr Bahmanian were 1st in Flight B, and Jan and Lynne Erikson were 2nd overall in B and 1st overall in C.

The Flight C runners-up were Saul Morantz and Anne Lehrer.

The September 27 unit game winners were Bernard Figueiredo and Hannan Deeby, with David Oakley and David Walters comfortably in 2nd. First overall in Flight B were Freda Anderson and Gail Dunham. Richard Stein and Gary Mollenkopf were 2nd overall in B and 1st overall in C. Flight C 2nd overall winners were Anwar Hafeez and Donna Friedman.

Congratulations to all the winners, and keep up the great achievements!

November is the month for the San Diego Nationals. I am sure that everyone is getting ready to play and win events. The La Jolla Unit will have a day where we help the tournament chairpersons with registration, the prize desk, the partnership desk, and perhaps the Intermediate/Novice desk as well. Sign up sheets for volunteering will be available at the October 11 and October 25 unit games, or you can send an e-mail to any unit board member if you are willing to help out for a few hours ... and every little bit helps!

## Lompoc

By Joyce Gehlhaar

September was a busy bridge month in Lompoc. Instead of the monthly unit championship, we held the ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint game. The gold point winners were Sally Lawson - Lynn Porter *E/W* with a 59% game and Kay Rowland - Joyce Gehlhaar *N/S* with a 55% game. The Sept. 14 Alpha Bridge Club Champions were Barbara Holt - Jo Gowenlock. The Sept. 24 Lompoc Community Bridge Club Champions were Sue Helmuth - Joyce Gehlhaar.

The annual Valley of the Flowers Sectional was held the third weekend in September and the support and attendance of players from the surrounding clubs in Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara was greatly appreciated by our small unit. Those local players scoring section firsts were: Friday afternoon: David and Ada Bakalar, Bob Lindquist - Malcolm Anderson, Don Kerr - Irene Schlekau (A) and Jim Kelly - Nelson Owens (C). Friday evening Lynn Porter - Don Kerr were 1st in B. In the Saturday morning session, Gary Yant - Joyce Gehlhaar (A) and Margaret Flack - Yvonne Mahoney (B). Saturday afternoon, Malcolm Anderson - Ervin Poteat (A) and Yvonne Mahoney - Margaret Flack (B). The big local point winners were Malcolm Anderson, Joyce Gehlhaar, Don Kerr, Margaret Flack, Yvonne Mahoney, and Ada and David Bakalar.

In the September club games, Lynn Porter, Sue Helmuth, and Joyce Gehlhaar had four

first place finishes. With three were Trudy Bailin and Dick Clark. With two were Malcolm Anderson, Margaret Courtney, Jo Gowenlock, Barbara Holt, Bob Jurgenson, Don Kerr, Bob King, Myrna Mucci, and Barbara Robb. With a single first place finish were Ada Bakalar, David Bakalar, Jim Kelly, Sally Lawson, Bob Lindquist, Bob Male, JoAnn Miculin, Nelson Owens, Erika Paul, Elaine Reveles, Roger Robb, Kay Rowland, Irene Schlekau, and Evelyn Schuler.

Bob Jurgenson advanced this month to become a new NABC Master. Our monthly unit championship game will be Wed., Nov. 11 at 6:30 at the Alpha Club. For partners call Trudy Bailin, 805 733-4516.

## Palm Springs / Desert Cities

By Nancy Erickson

The unit held its North American Pairs (NAP) qualifier on Sunday, October 4, 2009, directed by Woody McHarg and assisted by Jane Patchett. Congratulations to Bob Fosse and Bobbie Harper, the overall A/B winners playing *E/W*. Tony Hoffman and David Lodge placed 1st *N/S* in the A/B section. Winning Flight C were Joan Evans with partner Shirley Fearn, playing in their first unit game! Nancy Erickson and Ramie Monsky were 1st *N/S* in Flight C.

District 22's Conditions of Contest allows players who have qualified in NAP club events, as well as this unit event, to move on to the district final. We have 163 players from Unit 533 eligible to compete at the Palm Springs Regional NAP Finals on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

The district final is a two session event scheduled at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar: Unit game - November 1, 2009 at the Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs; Holiday Party - December 6, 2009 at the Mizell Senior Center; Annual meeting - January 10, 2010 at the Mizell Senior Center.

Please make plans to attend the unit's sectional on February 19, 20 and 21, 2010. We are returning to the Pavilion in Palm Springs, and tournament chair Dewey Green is working very hard to make this sectional the best we have ever had.

We welcome our new members to the Unit 533 family: Kaye Bliffen, Ronald Erickson, June A Gray, Ed Hiser, Joan Mandala, Art Sabo, John L Sarkie, and Gene Ware.

Congratulations go to our new Junior Masters: Jim Anderson, Richard D. Cameron, Allan L. Hodgkins, Marianne Hodgkins, Sarah A. Jallinoja, Joan Lopeman, Anne Ransom, Jack Ransom and Tom Whitehurst. Marvin Sage has achieved Club Master, and Paul Collier is now a Sectional Master. Our final promotion is Sherry Zehr, who achieved Regional Master.

Remember to check our web site [coachlavalleybridge.com](http://coachlavalleybridge.com) for the latest news. The unit thanks Stu Fletcher for creating our new feature - the Honor Role on the Members page. Stuart has generously offered to back up our webmaster, Bob McConnell, who is entitled to a day off occasionally.

## Ridgecrest

By Tony Miller

Sarah Carter has moved back to South Carolina, nobody knows for how long. She did this once before. Esther Hart lost her husband Dick after an arduous bout with Alzheimer's.

Margaret O'Neill spent several days in the hospital, but hopes to be back by the time you read this.

Greg Vernon and I won the unit game, edging out Dave Speer and Craig Stump. Betty Doig and Esther Sires, Yasuko Mullen and Sarah, and Charlene Stephens also scratched. All of us had overall finishers in the recent STAC event for Districts 22 and 23. On Monday afternoon Mary Stokes and Barbara Meggers were first in Strat C with Nancy Brown and Mary Caroline Nielsen in second place. On Wednesday evening Craig and Jack Waller led the entire field, while Dave and Rob White were second in Strat B (and 4th in Strat A).

On Friday afternoon Greg and I tied for first overall.

In the regular games for the TGIF Bridge Clubs, Sarah led the masterpoint race followed by myself, Margaret, Greg, Charlene, Yasuko, Betty, Esther Sires, Craig, Nancy, and Mary Caroline. In the COM Bridge Club Dave and Craig led the masterpoint race with Mavis Royer, myself, Jay and Mary Kay Bornfleth, Sarah, and Esther Sires also in the mix.

## Riverside

By Les Moore

The Riverside Bridge Club thanks Bill Hamann for the memorial luncheon for his wife Ann. It was well attended by Bill and Ann's many friends.

The club had only one 70% game in September: David and Susan Ruoff had a 71.00% game. Congratulations!

The club is moving from our present location at the Elks Lodge location on Brockton Ave. to 3340 Durahart St. Our club president Bill Wood has had maps made, to assist you in locating the new facility. Bill stated that our first games played at our new facility will be on Nov. 2.

ACBL Unit 537 (District 22) will be presenting the Riverside Memorial Sectional Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. The Club has flyers out, but just in case you don't have one, Friday and Saturdays events are Stratified Pairs, with Sunday having Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams. Tournament manager is Richard MacGregor 951 735-2860; partnerships: Dagmar Welker 951 683-5107; tournament director is Scott Campbell.

We can look forward to having a great food service, which is under the capable direction of Kathy Sinkovitch, plus some bountiful Raffle Baskets as assembled by Mary Ann Braden ... that is, if you members have supplied her with "goodies" to make the baskets! Hope you'll plan to attend the tournament and make it as good as last year's, or even better, if that's possible.

Here's hoping you are enjoying your bridge games; remember it is only a game - but what a game it is!

## Saddleback

By Bob Destino

Our monthly unit game has been made even more welcoming to those players with less than 300 masterpoints. We now have a separate section for pairs where neither player has more than 299 masterpoints. This 299er section will play the same hands as all other sections, but will be competing against players at their own level. If you qualify for this section, "Come on down!"

Our unit games are on the second Sunday of each month. We play at the beautiful

Laguna Woods Clubhouse #7. Lunch is served at 12:30 and the game begins at 1:00. Veterans play free at our November 8 game in observance of Veteran's Day.

December 13 will be our Christmas Party; don't miss it!

While you're planning ahead, remember that our Saddleback Sectional begins on Saturday, February 13, and will also be held at Laguna Woods Clubhouse #7.

Winners at our September unit game were Faith Feldman and Bill Linsenbard (*N/S*) and Arnold Katz and Ruby Rhoads (*E/W*).

Let's welcome five brand new ACBL members: Mary Bourg, Frieda Goldenhersh, Don Paul, Jada Robitaille and Evelyn Shopp.

And, let's congratulate members who have moved up the Master ladder since last month: Junior Masters Shirley Cann, Pat Masters and Thomas Stone; Club Master Henryk Adamek; Sectional Masters Gunilla Amdur, Terry Baade, Carol Cooper, Jerome Ehrlich, Jean Luburich, Ruth Williamson and Ken Zanio; Regional Masters Rosemary Huffman and Richard Juell; NABC Master Larry Globus; Life Master Xiao-Yan Gong; and Silver Life Master Anne Gillespie (there are only 17 players in our unit who rank higher than Silver Life Master).

## San Diego

By Vicki Creamer

Our Unit 539 first and third Sunday games continue to do well, thanks to all of you avid bridge players! Winners of the September 6 Open Pairs were George and Kathee Bessinger; #2, Freda Anderson - Gail Dunham; #3, Vicki Creamer - Jon Wright; and #4, Tom Tatham - Bill Johnson. Top spot of the 599er game went to Bill Christian - Francis Radford; #2, Lori and Richard Morrow; #3, Harold Simon - Majid Aalom; and #4, Karen Perling - Judy Dveris.

Congratulations! Third Sunday Open Pairs winners were Tom Tatham - Marianne Klayman; #2, George and Kathee Bessinger; #3, Mac Busby - Suzanne LeBendig; and #4, Robert Shapley - Trisha Lane.

Winners of the 599er Strat - with a whopping 71%! - were Joan Maden - Carolyn Crabtree; #2, Harold Simon - Majid Aalom; #3, Lori and Richard Morrow; and #4, Jane Good - Rebecca Higgins.

This was also our newly instigated Tribute Trophy event. Each year we will take a moment before the game and honor all of our departed bridge friends for the year. It was a touching event. A special honors to those winners named above who will be the first to have their names engraved on this gorgeous, meaningful new trophy.

Cool October was welcomed by winners of our first Sunday Open Pairs, Alana Shapley - Gerard Schimmel; #2, Elaine Chan - Michael Mezin; #3, Mary and Ron Huffaker; and #4, Gail Dunham - Bill Johnson. 599'er winners were Harold Simon - Majid Aalom; #2, Martin Gilbert - Ed Weaver; #3, Joy Moretti - Thomas Burgeson; and #4, Mary Scott Knoll - Virginia Wofford.

*Player Profile:* John Villard is new to our unit, starting around July, is in graduate school in business at San Diego State University and is planning to become a bridge director at AIB. He says: "My family introduced me to bridge. I first learned to play on a camping trip when I was 11 years old. I like bridge because it is a strategy game that involves math and logic.

Also, I like the fact that there is always more to learn about the game."

*Christmas is coming!*

Our annual "Christmas" Party has been moved to January 3, a Holiday Party, due to the Nationals in San Diego. Check our Bulletin Board at AIB starting now and see if you have qualified for a free play and lunch. Twelve 539 games equals free!

Note: The Handlery, our usual place, is closed for remodeling, so stay tuned to learn of the new party site.

This month you donated *Bridge Bulletins* were taken to UCSD Hospital in Hillcrest. Is this working? We have been taking *Bridge Bulletins* to hospitals and other gathering places for about four years. Did any of you come to this game (AIB sticker is on the front) because of reading our magazine in the waiting room? If so, let me know at [vacremer@cox.net](mailto:vacremer@cox.net)

Results will be posted in next month's

## District 22 70% Games

84.89%	Suzanne McGrath - Pat Bowler, San Diego, Sept. 1	71.71%	Joan Maden - Carolyn Crabtree, San Diego, Sept. 20
80.56%	Kar-Yee Nelson - Billur Wallerich, Laguna Woods, Sept. 23	71.44%	Steve Johnson - Budak Barkan, San Diego, Sept. 25
78.38%	Dennis Maynard - Gail Shapiro, Laguna Woods, Sept. 30	71.43%	John and Dixie Bliss, Laguna Woods, Sept. 5
77.57%	Margon Edney - Barbara Stephenson, San Diego, Sept. 15	71.00%	David and Susan Ruoff, Riverside, Sept. 5
76.50%	Patricia Smith-Dabbar - Betty Lepore, San Diego, Sept. 22	70.98%	Dick Prochnow - Jim Darvey, Cathedral City, Sept. 15
73.81%	Tony Miller - Greg Vernon, TGIF Bridge Club, Sept. 28	70.94%	William Lewis Jr - Richard Hendrick, Cathedral City, Sept. 18
73.76%	Dawn Tomlinson - Virginia Hall, San Diego, Sept. 21	70.83%	Ron and Mary Huffaker, Redwood B.C., Oct. 3
73.41%	Tom Snooks - Rejane Larochele, Dana Harbor, Sept. 16	70.61%	Raghubir Mathur, San Diego, Sept. 5
73.00%	Peg Bailey - Bill Wellman, Hemet Tuesday, Sept. 1	70.60%	John Currie - Jim Darvey, Joslyn Center, Palm Desert, Sept. 25
72.92%	John McCright - Margo Kugies, Redwood B.C., Oct. 1	70.55%	Suzi Cederborg - Vincent Cheng, Visalia, Sept. 18
72.83%	Jon Greene - Timothy Braatz, Redwood B.C., April 23	70.53%	Audrey and John Currie, Cathedral City, Sept. 29
72.62%	Shirley James - Roberta Leavitt, Bridge Academy 2, Sept. 2	70.24%	Gary Arthurs and Bill Ringbom, San Luis Obispo, Sept. 2
72.54%	Ralph Mocker - Bob Bigoni, Montecito B.C., Sept. 11	70.19%	Rick Simpson - Gail McBeth, Redwood B.C., Sept. 8
72.50%	Susan Lambert - Royanne Richert, Cathedral City, Sept. 12	70.14%	David Walton - Suzi Hutchinson, Ventura Unit B.C., Sept. 22
72.08%	Warren and Suzi Cederborg, Visalia, Sept. 17	70.03%	Jim Darvey - John Currie, Cathedral City, Sept. 7
72.04%	Pat DelaMontanya - Andi Sigmund, Visalia, Sept. 29	70.00%	Linda Kaeser - Yoko Davis, Esplanade B.C., Sept. 26
71.93%	George Peckham - Rosemary Cruse, Bridge Academy 2, Sept. 2	70.00%	Noni Parker - Jean Cosgrove, Laguna Woods, Sept. 26
71.92%	Alice Wesolowski - Mayte Vance, San Diego, Sept. 8	70.00%	Cathy Garvin - Doug Murphey, Sun City, Sept. 9
71.88%	Ken Mueller - Kathy Drake, Santa Barbara B.C., Sept. 17		