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District 21 Newsletter June 2023

Come back to the tables, District 21!

There are so many opportunities to play bridge in the upcoming months. D21's Tournament Committee has been working hard to make our Regionals fun, introducing new events, new venues, and even a new Non Life Master Regional.

See Sigrid's report for her review of the Sacramento Regional and updates on the upcoming Santa Clara Regional (new event (Mixed Pairs) and new playing space) and Table Mountain Regional (new events (Gold Rush Swiss and IMP pairs) and new venue).

Speaking of new, District 21 is excited to announce a new Non Life Master Regional. In partnership with Palo Alto Unit 503, the Non Life Master Regional takes place from July 5 to July 9 in Mountain View. It will be held conjunction with the Palo Alto's popular Firecracker Sectional. Thank you to the Palo Alto Unit 503 for organizing this great opportunity. For more information and the schedules for both the NLM Regional and Firecracker Sectional, see Marc Cervellino's report below.

On top of all that, qualification games for North American Pairs (NAP) have started. D21's new NAP Coordinator, Jim Coke, provides some background on the NAP competition and encourages us all to participate. See his report below.

Does all this talk of tournaments have you thinking back to your first bridge tournament? We loving hearing from our District 21 community, and this issue, we're sharing notes from newly minted Ruby Life Master, Pamela Mayne, from Unit 529, as she looks back on her first tournament.

We'd love to hear from you!



President's Report

Anne Hollingsworth, President, D21 Board of Directors, updates us on District news. She looks back at the Sacramento Regional, thanking the many volunteers who made the tournament happen, and looks forward to Santa Clara and Table Mountain.

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Tournament Report

Sigrid Price, Chair, Tournament Planning Committee, gives



an honest appraisal of the recent Sacramento Regional, the good, the bad, and the falling sky. She also updates us on other upcoming D21 regionals, including a new venue at Table Mountain Casino! Read Sigrid's report for more information.

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Non Life Master Regional! July 5-9

District 21, in partnership with Palo Alto Unit 503, is pleased to announce its first Non-Life Master Regional. It will be held in conjunction with Palo Alto's popular Firecracker Sectional. **Marc Cervellino**, Treasurer, Unit 503, provides more information.

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STaC Week - August 21 - 27

Cornelia Gould, President of the Western Conference and D21 Executive Committee Officer, announces the dates of the next Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC). You'll have the opportunity to compete against players from District 21, 22 and 23 and earn extra points. Mark your calendars now! See Cornelia's report for all the details.

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North American Pairs (NAP) is Back!

Jim Coke, D21 NAP Coordinator, reports that qualification games for the annual North American Pairs (NAP) competition is underway. Jim provides information about NAP and encourages us all to participate.

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Region 12 Director Report

Jackie Zayac, Region 12 Director on the ACBL Board of Directors representing D20 and D21, reports on happenings at the national level of the ACBL, including its recent Covid policy. She also invites applications to serve as a Trustee of the ACBL Charity Foundation. See Jackie's report for more information.

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Stories from the District - new Ruby Life Master Pamela Mayne

Congratulations to **Pamela Mayne**, of Unit 529, who recently achieved the rank of Ruby Life Master. Pamela shares some memories of her first tournament. Read her story to learn the many good ways bridge has impacted her life.

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