



**Tournament Report**

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The regional at Monterey was a wonderful success despite Mother Nature's taciturn behavior. For the first time in years, we had to contend with rain (on and off) and it was significantly chillier than I recollect. The highlight of the tournament was the Goodwill Awards Ceremony, a first for the district. Gail Gabiati and her committee did an amazing job in the selection process. Because of the pandemic, this was a double year event. The 2021 Goodwill recipients were Kathy Harper (Unit 503), Teri Smoot (unit 505), Tom Stillman (Unit 506) and Judy Fisher (Unit 507). The 2022 awards went to Brad Stone (Unit 473) and Lyde Hussey (Unit 520). The President's award went to Helen and Roger Bohl (Unit 512).

Unfortunately, some of the recipients were unable to be at the tournament. It was a privilege to recognize these folks for their selfless dedication to bridge.

Holding the NAP Flight A Finals at the tournament was another first. Participating in the event was new to me and frankly, somewhat intimidating. Now I know what it means when someone says, "I felt like I was in the finals of the Blue Ribbons" because every pair in the event was excellent. Remember this for next year: You get to compete with the best in players in District 21.

I know it has been a long time coming, but here it is: The Memorial Day Regional will be held at the Doubletree in Sacramento May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup>. So many of you have been asking about it and have been incredibly patient. And yes, I know that the hotel was a hot mess last year with the renovations causing all sorts of issues. Many of you said, "Never Again!" for good reason. The upside is that we have gone there for years and are all familiar with it, it's almost like returning to a relative's home. Even better, the hotel has given us exceptional room rates. More good news is that those of you who prefer the Cal Expo Wing and couldn't book it last year will be able to do so this year. The restaurant and the walkway adjacent to it will be open. A flyer will be out with the links for reservations and partnership very shortly. We are hitting the road running getting this ready for you. You will note that we are introducing a Board-A-Match competition on Thursday, something new and different for your playing pleasure.

Santa Clara is definitely set for August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>. The flyer will be out shortly and you are encouraged to book early for this popular regional. The hotel insists on "blending" the rates for the rooms at this tournament but don't be fooled, the real rates are as follows: \$229/night August 28, 29 and 30 and then \$149/night the 31<sup>st</sup> through the end of the tournament. Just book the nights you want and the system will make the adjustment. Here's the reservation link for the Hyatt Santa Clara: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CLARA/G-ABDL>.

It will be great to see you all the end of May in Sacramento. Remember I am always available to help with reservations and other questions, so please don't hesitate to email me at [d21Sigrid@gmail.com](mailto:d21Sigrid@gmail.com) or call 707-486-1517.

**Goodwill Celebration, Monterey 2023**



Helen and Roger Bohl Were Recipients of the President's Goodwill Award

Goodwill Chair: Gail Gabiati



Lyde Hassey

Goodwill Recipients: Terry Smoot

Judy Fisher