



Tournament Report

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PASSING THE BATON



It has been my privilege and pleasure serving District 21 in various capacities, most recently as Tournament Chair. What an enlightening experience that has been! From dealing with issues like it's too cold...it's too hot...we have run out of pencils (we had not) to working with the hotel staff, I had my hands full. Who knew that convention cards didn't magically appear at each tournament? Becoming a quartermaster was nearly second nature as I followed in the footsteps of my father who was a procurement officer in the USAF. Listening to his observations helped me understand how critical it is to anticipate a problem before it becomes a problem. Anne Wilson and Brenda Hatton, the ladies who have so graciously agreed to relieve me, will bring a fresh and exciting view to our tournaments. Please join me in welcoming them and please, please be

gentle with them until they are comfortable in this demanding position.

Wasn't the Monterey Regional great? We were full to overflowing! Attendance has not yet reached pre-Covid numbers but there is no doubt that the popularity of a tournament in the Monterey Bay area is a favorite among not only District 21 members but with players far outside our area, from as far away as the East Coast and Wyoming, which is understandable, right? Monterey in January is a great place to visit, and the weather behaved well this year. It is apparent that team games are gaining in popularity with each tournament and Monterey was no exception. Could it be that it's just more fun to be playing with two more friends rather than just your partner? Especially for those seeking gold points...how wonderful to have an entire team with whom to celebrate when those elusive points are earned! We learned that we need to hire more directors to meet the needs of our growing attendance. I expect we won't have that problem in Sacramento and will staff accordingly.

Speaking of Sacramento, think about making your reservation now to secure a room at the finally (!) renovated hotel. It was nearly completed last year; this year should be just great. I am continuing as a member of the Tournament Committee with primary emphasis on reservation issues and working on future contracts for our regionals. As usual, I urge you to make a reservation early to avoid losing the opportunity to enjoy excellent rates with the host hotels. It is easy to do online and takes just a few minutes and saves a lot of anxiety. What's the problem? As Nike tells us...Just Do It!

Remember I am still available to answer any questions and help guide you if you feel a little lost. You can reach me at d21sigrid@gmail.com or 707-486-1517.