



San Diego 539

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The San Diego Summer Sectional ended on August 3, and for the first time in memory, one player virtually swept away all competition. With two overall wins and two seconds overall in Open Pairs plus third place in the Swiss Teams event, Rick Roeder (photo) brought home the bacon with 43.93 MPs. Roeder attributes his success to choosing good partners and teammates: Mac Busby and Iftikhar Baqai in Open Pairs, and Sam Madison, Lynne Feldman, and John Coufal in the Swiss Teams event. Congratulations to Rick and all these fine players.



Roeder



Open Game



299er Game

Other Swiss Teams winners were Marshall-Timblo-McCay-Patel; Reid-Savage-Spiro-Yim; and Thomas-Miyata-King-Daniels. Other Open Pairs winners on various days included Ralph Tribbey/Rodolpho Veinbergs, Mac Busby/Greg Chaffee, Joe Houde/Andrew Loh, and Lynne Feldman/Sam Madison.

In 1499er Pairs the winners were Richard Hill/Patrick Staley, Doug and Peggy Magde, Raj Patel/Ed Zevely, and Avi Schneller/Bill Lietzow. The 299er games saw the pairs of Ed Kaufman/Peggy Trader, Selby Winkler/Paula Duncan, Gordon Ritchie/Kevin Dolan, and Janet Booth/Susan Mumenthaler take home top honors in the various time slots.

We hosted a total of 227 tables at the sectional, which is down slightly from last year's count of 232.5. Our next sectional will be held in early March, so stay tuned for details.

It takes a lot of work and a lot of people to put on a tournament like this. Thanks go to all the volunteers and workers—seen and unseen—who made this event possible. These include Mario Hernandez for help with set-up and transportation, San Diego Bridge Club for allowing us to use their tables, Kevin O'Neill who worked very hard the entire week, and Paul Darin who directed all three mornings, thus saving the Unit additional expense.

As usual, we have posted all game results on BridgeResults.net. To receive notifications when your results are published, go to <http://www.bridgeresults.net/login.cgi> and register your email address.

Please note: due to a scheduling conflict, the unit's September 1 game was cancelled. Other unit games in September will be held at the Soledad Club as originally scheduled. Our Tribute Trophy game on September 15 honors the memory of those who have left us, and on September 29 we'll be welcoming new members. All bridge players are of course welcome and encouraged to play in all of the unit's games.

San Diego Club News:

Adventures in Bridge (www.adventuresinbridge.com) is now located at 9025 Balboa Avenue, near the Montgomery Field executive airport. There's a Friday evening game and two games on Saturday. Please sign up in advance (link on the website) because space is limited.

Redwood Bridge Club (www.redwoodbridgeclub.org) and *San Diego Bridge Academy* (www.sandiegobridgeacademy.com) are located on the west side of Balboa Park at 3111 6th Avenue. There are games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels. Non-sanctioned duplicate games are held at noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Other games are sanctioned. Check out the websites for upcoming classes, descriptions of the games, and daily results.

San Diego Bridge Club (www.sandiegobridgeclub.com) offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Normally they operate at one of two locations: the Columbus Club, 4425 Home Avenue, on Tuesday and the Normal Heights Masonic Center, 3366 Adams Avenue, on Thursday and Friday. *But please note:* due to construction at the Masonic Center, *all games will be at the Home Avenue venue during the entire month of September.* All games begin at 10:30 a.m. and include a light lunch. On September 17 the club will hold a Grand National Tournament qualifying Swiss Teams game at the Home Avenue location. Check the website or call (619) 847-3001 for more information.

Recent SDBC pairs winners include Fred Parker/Gail Dunam, Chebli Jada/Gary Gelman, Suzanne Lebendig/John Wright, Lamya Agelidas/Jim Johnsen, David Hunt/David Oakley, Alana Shapley/Phyllis Yates, Ed Malloy/Phyllis Yates, Jo & Everett Boyer, Maritha Pottenger/Jack Forrest, Greg House/John Wright, Joe Rubin/Richard Katz, Lamya Agelidis/Wirt Gillam, and Anisuz Zaman/Dwaine Hawley. In Swiss Teams the winners were Hunt-Oakley-Grant-Schwartzbach and Casey-Carson-Van Hemert-Jordan. And Early August saw Roger Doughman and Ying Lin Gu score a 73% game! More details on August's winners next month.

21st Century Bridge Club has resumed its regular Thursday evening (6:30 p.m.) games at the Redwood Bridge Club facility. If you need a partner or would like information on this sanctioned game, please call Beverly Stebbins at 619-463-0927.