

Tournament Report- Dottie Toledano October 29-31, 2025

Attendance

Wednesday (first day) was Swiss Teams. We had our largest turnout in recent history—28 teams—and 4 different brackets.

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Hans and Pierce Jonassen were Partnership Chairs.

Menu

Wednesday was lasagna from Hobnobbers. Ordered three ½ trays. Used three and bought the ½ tray personally. They delivered for \$25 plus driver's tip and they use their own delivery staff—worth it. Used warming trays to keep the food warm until served. Also served garlic bread and salad. Note that salads should be planned daily for three LARGE salads (approx. 6 large containers of lettuce (spring mix/baby spinach used for most part). Robin Lundsford brought salad sufficient for one large salad; Sherrie furnished the remainder.

Thursday menu was handled by Beth Bayer who prepared most food herself- pulled pork, potato salad and coleslaw. Margie Christiansen brought jalapeño corn bread

Friday was jambalaya from Hobnobbers which was disappointing (gummy) although we have had that in the past. I would not order that again. June Vaudry brought a big salad and the club supplemented. We ran out and put out the leftover coleslaw. We also had a chicken enchilada casserole donated by Carolyn Stolz which was very popular but not intended to serve everyone.

Donations

Most donations have to be solicited. Some people will bring desserts unsolicited but donations are best recruited and specific. Jim Thornton brought ice all three days, specific requests for soft drinks (David Williams, Gary Bergeron, Nelson Daigle, Mary LeBlanc, others?) were insufficient and Beth made a general pitch for soft drinks for the last day—and we received more than enough to carry over to the next event.

Margaret Shirer and Raphael Velazquez each brought two dozen donuts on different days. Wanda Hogan made a double batch of white chocolate bread pudding (very popular); Susan Klees baked 3 cakes (two orange cranberry, one pound cake). Several other people brought in

desserts on different days. Carolyn Dubois and her committee provided mega goodies for Friday afternoon dessert and snacks in honor of Halloween. Vicki Willis, Mary Belcher and Jean Talbot all contributed—and I am sure there are other donors that I am omitting—but for whom I am eternally grateful.

Other

We paid someone to work in the kitchen (recruited by Keenan) so that chairpersons would be able to play and have someone to help prepare, set out, and clean up after lunch. This person worked approx. 4 hours each day of the tournament, coming in about an hour after the game started and staying thru lunch clean up. End of day cleanup was up to the chair/ volunteers recruited by the chair.

We held a costume contest for Halloween. Few people costumed. There was a three-person committee chosen to judge/pick winners. First prize winner received two free plays, second and third received one free play (doubles available in case pair winners). Candy was included.

Keenan Romig/ Chair