



## Southern California Regional Contest

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## Southern California Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Southern California Newsletter! We plan to issue 3-4 newsletters every year, to keep you current on contest happenings, and share some “extras.”

### Where are they now?

What do contestants do, once their ICPC days are over? This feature will highlight former contestants and share their successes.

### Featured Alumnus: Bryon Tjanaka (UCI Team iterator, 2018)



**Bryon Tjanaka** is a Ph.D. candidate in the ICAROS Lab at USC advised by Stefanos Nikolaidis. Bryon researches robotics and AI, particularly applications of quality diversity optimization to reinforcement learning and human-robot collaboration. Bryon is an NSF Graduate Research Fellow and a USC Graduate School Fellow. Previously, Bryon studied at UC Irvine, where he worked with the indylab and the Mobley Lab and graduated summa cum laude. Concurrent with his research, Bryon serves as webmaster for the Viterbi Graduate Student Association, and he has interned at Google for several summers. During high school, Bryon won the VEX Robotics World Championship with Team 86868.

Bryon will be a guest at the SoCal Regional this Spring.

**2022-23**  
**SoCal Regional ICPC**  
**February 25, 2023**  
**Riverside City College**

### STEERING COMMITTEE

The Southern California Regional **Steering Committee** has begun meeting periodically to advise regional leadership and help with planning.

Committee members are:

- Mark Lehr, Riverside City College, (Chair)
- Zach Dodds, Harvey Mudd
- David Smallberg, UCLA
- Ray Toal, Loyola Marymount

Steering Committee updates will appear in upcoming editions of the Newsletter.



**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF TGS AS A REGIONAL CONTEST SPONSOR.**

**WELCOME BACK, TGS!**

### TWO REGIONALS IN 2023

**2023 is the post-COVID “catch up” year for the ICPC. Two regional contests, and two World Finals, will be held in 2023 to return the schedule to its normal pattern.**

### CONTEST DATES

2022-23 Regional Contest	2/25/2023
(dates TBA for the following)	
2022-23 NAC	Memorial Day
2023-24 Regional Contest	Nov. 2023
2021-22 & 22-23 World Finals	Nov. 2023

The goal in 2023 is to “catch up” all contests and return to a standard contest year (Regionals in the Fall; NAC in the early Spring; World Finals in late Spring/early Summer).