



District 21 Unitscope

Berkeley/El Cerrito/ Richmond

By Beer Dude

Helluva Super Bowl finish; ye who gave the Pats up for dead in the 3rd quarter have egg masacara! I'm up to my ears again w/mom issues, so I've been scarce @ the club in January; better things ahead I hope. And, the ACBL mysteries continue; latest In-Out I received showed a rank advancement to Gold LM for a player I've never known to be in our unit, tho he has a Berkeley address; if he transferred in during the past six months, I never got word of it.

Three unit games to report; here goes: Friday, January 13 drew 6.5 tables, which Dolores Mackinnon & Chet Young topped. Chasers were Tom & Aki, "RoJo", Eric-Susie, & Jan Kosel-Veda. Wednesday the 25th was a 6-table game. Dexter & Gordon topped it. w/ Sandi & Roseanne 2A, Kerstin Barnett & Catherine Warren 3A/1B, Eric & Dick 4A, Joyce Burks & Ercan Turken 2B, and Gerda Janos & Marcia Mattoon 3B. Friday, February 3 was 5.5 tables, which Dick & Lamar topped, w/Eric & Susie 2A; Joyce & Ercan 3A/1B; Narvelle Handy & Linda Ward 4A/2B; Dolores & Chet 3B. March games are Friday 3rd & Wednesday 29th.

At da club, Dick was the January MP champ; Catherine Warren topped the NLMs. Club championship game is St Pat's Day (Friday 17th). There's an outside chance that we may be able to acquire electronic scoring devices at nominal cost; if we get them, I'll have to pad the cases to protect against the inevitability of some of them hitting the deck. But

there won't be any more vulnerability errors for directors to deal with.

Finally, my annual reminders to keep your ACBL dues current & to avoid escargot mode @ the table! Slow play is unfair to the rest of the field! By the time this hits your mailbox, Spring Training will be happening; always good, & the Giants certainly are looking fine. But, like the 49ers, the A's are in dire need of new owners who get it!

Seeya at our Sectional 4th & 5th!
Tweak beerman1949@gmail.com to brag/gripe/suggest; unit info & game results available 24/7 @ www.berunit497.org

Carson/Tahoe

By D. Marie Bresch

Our 2017 started out with a "world" of white snow, snow, and more snow! And as I write my article today, the forecast is rain and snow. However, it has not prevented bridge players from getting to the game, unless it has been canceled.

The Unit 465 board has two new faces, Ruth Rouse and Beverly Meyer, for the Year 2017. The board will once again be headed by Leona Pchelkin as president. She has been an outstanding president for the past three years and brings much knowledge to our unit. The following board members will fill the remaining positions: vice president: Ruth Rouse; secretary: D. Marie Bresch; treasurer: John Sill; tournament coordinator: Beverly Meyer; hospitality: Theresa Pinney; board member @ large: Mary Phillips.

Our January unit game was a Howell movement and ended up with Gary Nitberg & Doug Smith top winners with 60%. The following week was our club cham-

ampionship. Congratulations to Jim & Margaret Breeden (N/S) with a 78% game. Outstanding! Geoffrey Stokes & Douglas Smith took the honors (E/W) with a 68%. Well done, gentlemen!

Ending up the month with remembering Al Monroe who is still in Ormsby Rehab Center and loves having visitors. Please try and cheer up Al who was a strong bridge player at both Carson City Cube Bridge Club and Douglas County Carson Valley Bridge Club. Miss you Al!

Diablo Valley

By Lisa Assoni

March Madness means tournament of 65 college basketball teams, in which all teams battle to sudden death situation, meaning if they lose they lost. It's just that simple, right?

Well, take that to the bridge table and chomp on it. Yes, it can be March Madness each time we play the game, and we're hoping to remove the mad from madness, and replace it with glad; displaying our "cool-as-a-cucumber" attitude. When you know you have your opponents over a barrel, graciously accept the win. For some folks, this is the only social outlet they have, and correcting new players when they've made a mistake and gloating, is downright distasteful. If the other team asks for your opinion, so be it; but unauthorized criticism is best kept to yourself. And yes, I've given my share of unsolicited advice. Mum's the word!

Have you ever had to eat humble pie? Well, I've eaten my share at the bridge table. I don't like losing, and I don't think you do either. Losing gracefully is a misnomer. Others at the table will console

you with "We all come in last sometime" "Heck, it's only a game," but when they lose, they become crusty crabs or worse, snapping turtles and just watch their faces turn beet red. And then they're the grumblers, like myself, who complain because we just can't get a good hand. I have heard some say, "We're bored playing defense." Well, I'm again turning over a new leaf, by accepting what I've been dealt and keeping a poker face. (that will require me to put a bag over my head.)

Save the date, April 29 & 30, is just around the block, so mark your calendars in big blue letters, and get ready for the Diablo Valley Unit 499 Spring Sectional. We'll meet you at the bridge tables in San Ramon, at Dougherty Valley High School, 16550 Albion Road. All who have ever attended know how we lavishly spread good cheer, food, and a super day of bridge.

Was I a lucky girl! I partnered with Roger L. Smith, District Director for District 21. What a very nice guy, and he can play bridge extremely well also. Anyway, the day was filled with good food, friends, and hours of my favorite game. No, we didn't cook-up any masterpoints, due to my impetuous nature; but was thrilled to be playing with a very high-ranking player. Thanks, Roger.

When you're good you're great! How about Ed Nagy & Gary Soules? They placed 2nd overall in Flight A at the D21 NAP event. Ed & Gary will now be one of the pairs who represent D21 at the NAP Flight A Finals at the upcoming Spring NABC in March at Kansas City. Kansas City here they come! We wish them well competing against winners from the other districts.

Keep this on your front burner, espe-



THE SANTA ROSA SPRING SECTIONAL

♥ Odd Fellows Hall ♥ 545 Pacific Avenue ♥ Santa Rosa. CA ♥

♥ SATURDAY, MARCH 18 ♥

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
27 Boards (1st of two sessions)
A: 2000+MP B: 750-2000 MP
C: 0-750 MP

12:30 pm Lunch Service begins

2:15 pm Stratified Open Pairs
Afternoon Session

Table Fees: \$12.00 Per Session
Unpaid/Non-Members: \$15.00 per session

♥ SUNDAY, MARCH 19 ♥

10:00 am Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams
(A & Ax play together, D/C/B play together)
Ax: 0-3000 A: 3000+
D / C / B: 0-500, 500-1000, 1000-2000
Strats determined by average combined MP, Any player over 2000 must play A/Ax.

12:00 am 199er Swiss Teams by MP
F / E: 0-50, 50-200 (If enough teams sign up for each bracket)

Table Fees: \$12.00 per Session
Unpaid/Non-Members: \$15.00 per session
(You must play both sessions.)

♥ Hot Lunch ♥
available each day

Tickets sold during morning registration time.

- Saturday: Hot Deli Sandwiches, Greek Salad and a cupcake - \$7.00
- Sunday: Supreme or Cheese Pizza, Caesar Salad and a cookie - \$5.00
- Free: Coffee, Tea and lots of goodies each day

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♥ Directions to Odd Fellows Hall, 545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa. CA ♥

From 101: Take College Ave exit, east (right) for 1/4 mile to left turn on Mendocino Avenue. Proceed 1/2 mile to right turn on Pacific Avenue. Odd Fellows is 345 feet ahead on your left.

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SILICON VALLEY UNIT 507

2017 SPRING SECTIONAL - TWO VENUES!

FRIDAY MARCH 24 AT **SAN JOSE BRIDGE CLUB** 7PM

1190 S. BASCOM SAN JOSE, PARK & ENTER BEHIND BUILDING
408-871-1232

Friday Pairs, March 24 7:00PM (single session)
Stratified: Over 500/Under 500

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 & SUNDAY, MARCH 26

West Valley College Campus Center

14000 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga

Saturday Pairs, March 25
10:30AM (single session)
Stratified Open: Unlimited/2000
Limited: 300/100/50

3:00PM (single session)
Stratified Open: Unlimited/2000/750
Limited: 300/100/50

Saturday Pairs, March 25
10:30AM and 3:00PM (double session)
Stratified Open: Unlimited/2000
'Silver Rush Pairs' 750/300

3:00PM (short single session)
Newcomers Pairs: 0-20 ONLY \$5.00

Sunday Bracketed Swiss Teams, March 26
10:30AM and TBA, 7 rounds

Event Center Grill OPEN for lunch around 1:45PM - SATURDAY
Sunday Box Lunch \$10 includes: sandwich, chips, cookie & drink

\$12.00 per ACBL member per session. \$13.00 per non or unpaid ACBL member.
Events will be stratified by pair and team averages. Turnout may determine limited strats.
Midchart conventions are allowed in events with unlimited masterpoints.

Tournament Director: Lynn Yokel
Sectional Coordinator: Rick Jasper
New Players/Partnerships:

408-398-9065
<http://bridgepad.com/507>

Exit 85 north or south onto Saratoga Avenue; go west about .7 mile.
Turn left on Fruitvale Avenue, then left onto Admissions Way.
Park in parking lot number 5. No parking payment required.