



District 21 Unitscope

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By the Beer Dude

Happy Firecracker Day! I'll be in DC area for it (plus two full days each front/back which will include baseball games in DC & Philly & a 7/3 wedding). I'll be nowhere near the DC Mall mob on the 4th, just taking it easy w/ friends in MD suburbs. May the temps & humidity be moderate!

BBQ Swiss drew 20 teams for the afternoon, 17 of which stayed for the evening. A team came in for the evening half, so we escaped the dreaded round robin! Overall flight toppers were invaders Grant Vance, Jessica Lai, Dmitri Shabes, Daniel Tataru in A; B, Les Friedman, Marty Holtz, Andrea Schneider, Jim Harper; C, Bob Berger, Joel Teller, Christopher Stack, Joyce Goodman. Eric did his usual great job handling the grills; thanx also to Paul McDaniels for all the food setup work & his spicy veg beans, Jim Scott for the other beans, Grant Vance for directing, & to Andrew Gumperz for providing his daughter & a friend who did a great caddying job & helped out in the kitchen.

May unit game drew five tables, the overall cashers: Eric & Sandi (68%); Doug Heying & Larry Zeni 2A/1B; Tom McKelvey & Susie Wiebe 3A; "Joyce Squared" (Burks & Demercurio) 2B; "H-J" 4A; & Barbara Gamba & Janice Kosel 3B. June 27 game is NAP qualifier; July 25 is the usual Strat Pairs; both games are at Madera Clubhouse; we'll be back at Castro for the August game. Eric has a 4+ MP lead in the LM Player of the Year ratings (U497 members @ unit games & BBQ Swisses); Bill Jolly tops the NLM group by 2+.

Check your standing on our website. May club game MP Champ was Carl Lomelino; "Dominador Doug" was .57 behind him. Best % games: Joyce Demercurio &

"DD" 63.21 Mon; John Begley & Larry Zeni 63.37 Wed; & Eric Childs & Jack Shiffer 67.09 Fri (was a STAC game; they ended up 4th overall in the B flight, good for 7.38 silver). July free Play club championship is Monday the 26th; no game Mon., Jul 5; Larry & I are away.

Board 21 on May 24 was the talk of the club. As S, red vs white, you hold this freak: ♠AKQ98732 ♦AKQ84. What do you open if N passes/respond if N opens 1♥ (E/W are silent)? I'd bid 2♣/2♠, 10-trick hand w/a self-sufficient suit meet both "standard" criteria; some "scientists" & Frank Stewart probably would disagree. Anyway, 3 of 6 N/S ended in 7♠X, 2 in 6, & 1 in game only; the common lead against 6/7 was A♥. N had: ♠4 ♥KJ853 ♦97 ♣AQJT8 (passing first seat is ultra-chicken!). With spades straight off the top for +2470/1460/710. I'm baffled that a good player was only +1430!

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Carson/Tahoe

By Rich Turissini

News: Bob Garrett and Ken Grafton had the most masterpoints during April at the Carson Valley Bridge Club (220624) with 2.40. Aleeta Jones and Beverly Meyer came in second with 1.55, with Roxanne Hart and Bruce Mitchner were third with 1.12.

Games: The following club games were held at the Carson Valley Bridge Club.

May 25: 1A: Paul Lockwood & Mary Phillips; 2A: Geoffrey Stokes & Gary Nitzberg; 3A/2B: Mary Sandhagen & Susan Carnegie; 4A/3B: Leona Pchelkin & Nicholas Pchelkin. May 17: 1A: Ben & Donna McLeod; 2A/1B: Frances Coursey & Bob Allgeier; 3A/2B: Beverly Meyer &

Roxanne Hart; 4A/3B: Mary Sandhagen & Susan Carnegie. May 10: 1A: Geoffrey Stokes & Gary Nitzberg; 2A: Leona Pchelkin & Beverly Batdorf; 3A: Robert Garret & Ken Grafton. May 3: N/S 1A: Bob Garret & Ken Grafton; 2A/1B: Carole Voge & Jony Sellers; 3A: John Ide & Thelma Nelson; E/W: 1A: Geoff Stokes & Theresa Pinney; 2A/2B: Aleeta Jones & Beverly Meyer; 3A: Konrad Garret & Gladys Turisini.

Diablo Valley

By Chris Pizarra

So here I am in a dingy hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, paying 15 cents a minute for Internet access just so I can file my column. The things I do for my readers.

This isn't the hotel I'm staying, though. I'm staying in a much dingier inn across the street; no phones, no Internet, no bathroom in the room but down the hall. It's not much, but it's worth the \$11/night. Which is what you get when you go on a humanitarian trip with artist friends, visiting dismal orphanages and putting on art workshops to brighten their days.

My luggage is lost in a loop between Madrid, Cairo, Khartoum and here. I can buy sox and t-shirts and boxer shorts, but no new pants. I'm the largest man in the entire country, and they just laugh when I try to buy some new jeans. I hope you like me with a beard, because I have no razor.

Bridge? There isn't any. Bridge at home? I know a little: Pat Krock made Life Master. Way to go Pat.

There will be a Barometer game at The Bridge Center, Friday, June 18, which is probably before you will get this. But there will be another July 23.

There was a tournament in Sacramento. The usual suspects did the usual good

things. Mike Rippey, Cecilia Ip, Sefton Boyars and Rosemary Herrick were 2nd in a Bracket 4 KO. Cousin Mary Peterson from Santa Cruz got her Gold Card. Gail & Barbara managed a section top even after being penalized for listening to voice-mail in the corner. Why is there a penalty for listening when the people whose phones actually ring only get a warning?

I keep telling people to drop me a line when they have news, and Arlene Mahlberg listens. So she writes to me: On June 5, our club, Bridge on the Lake in Discovery Bay, hosted the world wide competition sponsored by the WBF and Ecats for the third year in a row.

This year we had a spectacular result. Jackie Henke & Joyce Hayward playing E/W had a 75% game! This was good enough to rank them 15th overall in the Saturday 2010 worldwide competition that had 4694 pairs from 228 clubs in 27 countries competing.

In the past two years we've had one couple place in the top 10% (last year) and one in the top 20% (the first year). This year we challenged the players to beat those records, and Jackie & Joyce sure did!

I'd sure like to play in that event; maybe some year a club in Pleasant Hill will offer it.

I can't afford any more of this fun. Be smart like Arlene and e-mail me with news. Chris@Pizarra.com

East Bay

By Sandi Davis

The 4th of July membership appreciation picnic falls on July 4 this year and is also a NAP qualifying game. Fees are \$6.00 for U502 members and \$9.00 for others and will include delicious hot dogs and all the trimmings. Reservations are required so contact Mary

Hot August Bridge

South County Sectional August 6, 7, & 8, 2010

Transfiguration Church Hall

4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley
Spacious Hall with lots of Onsite Parking

Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified 299ers
Stratified Open Pairs

Friday, 3:30 p.m.

Stratified 299ers
Stratified Open Pairs

PAIR GAMES ARE SINGLE SESSIONS

Open pairs strata:

A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500

299ers strata:

0-50/50-100/100-299

(Attendance Permitting)

Strati-Flighted Pairs

A/X plays separately - Mid chart allowed

A/X = 3000+

B/C/D = 0-500/500-1000/1000-2000

(final strata determined by attendance)

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Stratified 299ers
Strati-Flighted Pairs
A/X and B/C/D (A/X plays separately)

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

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A/X and B/C/D (A/X plays separately)

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & TBA

"The Jay Magid Memorial"
Bracketed Swiss Teams
Teams must play both sessions

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Single Session Stratified Pairs

Mid-chart allowed in Flight A/X and top bracket of Swiss Teams

Continental breakfast each morning
Refreshments provided all three days

Table Fees: \$10 per session (non-ACBL & unpaid \$11)
Information: Mary 510-427-7366 Website: www.unit500.bridgeforyou.com

Directions: Transfiguration is on the left across from PW Market/Petco 580 (from Oakland) take Grove Way/Crown Canyon Rd. exit 37, left at light onto Grove Way then right onto E. Castro Valley Blvd. then left at 2nd light into Transfiguration parking lot

580 (from Pleasanton) take Castro Valley exit 37, right at light onto E. Castro Valley Blvd. then left at light into Transfiguration parking lot.

880 take 238/580 toward Stockton, then follow "580 from Oakland" directions

Sid & Lillian Davidson Reno Memorial Sectional AUGUST 25 THRU 29, 2010

ACBL Sanction #S1008098

Location: **RAMADA INN**

1000 East 6th Street Free Parking

Entry fee: Per person/per session \$10.00

(\$11.00 non & unpaid ACBL members)

Hotel info: **Ramada Inn 800-903-0631** \$53 per night



Wed. August 25

1:00 PM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

6:30 PM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

Thurs. August 26
10:00 AM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

3:30 PM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

Fri. August 27
10:00 AM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

3:30 PM
Bracketed KO Teams, Round 1 (continues through Saturday)

3:30 PM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

Sat. August 28

10:00 AM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

10:00 AM
Bracketed KO Teams, Round 2

3:30 PM
Bracketed KO Teams, Round 3

3:30 PM
Open Strati-flighted Pairs
A = 2500+, B = 750-2500, C = 0-750
Strati-flighted 299er Pairs
D = 300-100, E = 100-50, F = 0-50

Sun. August 29

10:00 AM & TBA
Swiss Teams (Stratified by average MP per team)
A = 1500+
B = 300-1500
C = 0-300

Note:

- All pair games are single sessions.
- STRATIFICATIONS MAY BE MODIFIED, DUE TO ATTENDANCE.

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