



# District 21 Unitscope

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try with a 76.19% game! Way to go!

Our April unit game was preceded by a delicious potluck supper prepared by our friendly players (which occurs just before they become opponents at 5:00 when the game begins). Oh, just kidding.

Section A: N/S, Tanya Alonzo & Dennis Delpaine; 2nd, Sherry Cohen & Richard Bianci; 3rd, Patricia Guiney & Bill Bradley. E/W, Mary Sievers & Norma Peterson; 2nd, Lee Hanson & Zulka Dozier; 3rd, Ann & Bill Nutting. Section B: N/S, Pam Harneson & Mike Sullivan. E/W: Ron Allison & Terry Nagode; 2nd, Barbara Taylor & Elyse Trainor.

Grab your calendar and ink us in. The Great Grape Escape, aka Stockton Sec-

tional, will be held again this year at the Venetian Gardens Club House on Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16, 2012. We are having Stratified Pairs on Saturday and Swiss Teams on Sunday. So here is the deal, if you are reading this column, I need you to show up at the Sectional. That way, I won't look like a bum. You guessed it - I'm the chairman this year.

Breaking the Fun-Meter at the San Diego Regional over Easter week, Mary Sievers, unit president, and I went searching for gold points.

The real find of the week was teaming up with Vi Breckenridge and Barbara Hanson from La Jolla at the partnership desk for the Monday night Knockouts. A great couple of gals with terrific card sense helped

us get all the way through the 3rd round on Tuesday and our first gold points of the week. Later that night, our team tackled the Fast-Two-Session-Swiss with our switch-hitter, Bruce Hanson, filling in for Vi. Wednesday night, Vi was back and we won C for more gold. Thursday, Friday & Saturday - Mary & I seemed to be cooling off in the Senior Pairs missing gold but coming in with red points. Total for the week - about 14 points and just shy of my Life Master ... *grrrr!*

However, before I leave the subject of the S.D.R. - let me just say this in our defense - because it wasn't always our fault - but trouble sometimes seemed to find us. For instance, when Annamarie Moller and Phyllis Cramblet of Aptos suggested that Mary & I stop by for a glass of wine, who knew we were hooking up with a couple of pool hustlers? And then of course, Lindsay Cantoni and Nancy Seamster from Arizona happened to be in for a few days - well, they said they came for bridge, but having met them, I am guessing they were running from the law. Joan Garcia of Davis and partner, Daniel Fong of Rancho Cordova kept a low profile though were always in the thick of the action. And once, we bumped into Lynne & Mark Humphrey from Moraga - or so they say, I am not even certain that is their real names.

Lastly while on the topic of regionals - it should be recognized, that District 21 hospitality chair Sally Wheeler and her partner-in-crime, Marilyn Minden, deserve an award for presiding over their outstanding hospitality suite. On that note, San Diego failed miserably.

Not so at the Modesto Sectional. The three clubs that hosted this 2-day event did a terrific job pulling it together. And as we all know, bridge players lead with our appetites which is another reason to congratulate everyone. Oh, yum!

Games in Stockton are Monday & Friday 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Questions: call Mary Sievers, president: 209 476-7822. 6235 Harrisburg Place.

Ann Sturm reports there are new club champions from Sonora - Susan & Alan

Hamilton who just relocated to the Angels Camp/San Andreas area.

What a way to settle in.

Angels Camp games on 12:00 noon Monday & Tuesday and Wednesdays is San Andreas. Contact Duane Oneto 209 736-4281

This gold digger will see ya'll at the Sacramento Regional May 28-June 3.

Toodles for now.

## Turlock/Merced

By George Loscalzo

Cinco de Mayo and I haven't received any results from the Almond Valley Section. Perhaps the person who knows what I need will see that I get it for next month, OK? I must send the monthly report to the editor today.

Larrie Sweet was our April player of the month, having earned 5.06 masterpoints; the top B player was George Loscalzo and the top C player was Dennis Northern. Ray Adams & Galen Neptune repeated winning high game for the month on Wednesday, April 11, with a 73.61% score! And Ray Adams, with his 4.99 masterpoints was an honorable second place winner.

The Monday player of the month was Larrie Sweet; section winners: 4/02 - Joyce Coughran & Dee Heller; 4/16 - Ray Adams & Margaret Quinn; 4/23 - Frank Froman & Peiter Mastenbrook; 4/30 - Larrie Sweet & Gary Smith.

The Wednesday players of the month were Galen Neptune & Ray Adams; section winners: 4/11 & 4/25 - Ray Adams and Galen Neptune; 4/18 - George Loscalzo & Dave Terry.

The Friday players of the month were Toots Wade and Ray Adams; section winners: 4/13 - Betty Brown & Bob Ransom; Ray Adams & Toots Wade; 4/20 - Pat Kaufman & Audrey Mackall; Ray Adams & Toots Wade; 4/27 - Chris Brown & Barbara Price; Dennis Northern & Larrie Sweet.

Sweet Bridge will have club championships on Wednesday, June 15, Monday, June 20, and Friday, June 24. See you there!

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get a bridge sectional sanctioned for Hawthorne, with the playing site being the El Capitan Casino. In order to bring players to the Nevada desert, a Calcutta tournament was scheduled prior to the sectional. Large guaranteed cash prizes were offered as well as the lure of buying the winner in the Calcutta betting pool - this did bring bridge players to Hawthorne (for many pros, this was the one and only time in their life they were ever in Hawthorne, Nevada).

Calcutta betting involves being the high bidder on the partnerships you believe will be the winners in the tournament. A proportion of the betting pool is paid out the top four or five places, with the highest percentage going to the owner of the winners, the next highest to the 2nd place owner, etc. Neither Barney nor Joe could stand the thought of the other guy having the winner.

One of the interesting aspects of a Calcutta is that you can sell shares in the partnerships you have purchased as "high bidder" to other parties. In the end, all the partnerships were purchased by either Joe or Barney, given their bankrolls, and the pool was huge (supposedly over six figures). They then both used secret surrogates to buy shares in the partnerships owned by the other person. When the battle was over, they both owned a portion of all the top finishers and very little money actually changed hands compared to the enormous size of the pool. But Joe could always assert that Barney "didn't beat him this time!"

**There you have it** - the story of the *only* ACBL bridge sectional ever held in Hawthorne, Nevada. Given the tall tales of us 'ole Nevada cowpokes - who knows what is really true anyway. Too bad Northern Nevada is so much more tame today; we miss Barney & Joe!

Last but not least, I am working on a history of Western Bridge presentation for the Fall 2012, San Francisco NABC. Western players (the Western Conference), although active from the 1930s, did not officially consolidate with the ACBL until around 1951. If anybody has pictures, memorabilia, or specific information from the 1933-1970 time period, please contact me via [bobgar101@charter.net](mailto:bobgar101@charter.net) or Bob Garret, 1301 Chichester Drive, Gardnerville NV 89410. Thank you.

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## East Bay Summer Sectional

JUNE 15-17, 2012 - HOLY REDEEMER CENTER

8945 Golf Links Rd, Oakland

### Friday, June 15

at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (single sessions)

Stratified Open Pairs 0-500/500-1500/1500+

Stratified 299er Pairs 0-50/50-100/100-300 (Attendance Permitting)

### Saturday, June 16

at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (single sessions)

Strati-flighted Pairs A/X 3000+

Strats B/C/D 1000-1500/500-1000/0-500

Stratified 299er Pairs 0-50/50-100/100-300 (Attendance Permitting)

### Sunday, June 17

at 11:00 a.m. and approx. 4:30 p.m.

#### "BARBARA HARMON Bracketed Swiss" -- 20VP scale

The top bracket will consist of the highest ranked teams plus any teams that opt to be in the top bracket.

*Teams must play both sessions.*

All brackets except the bottom will play 7 rounds, 7 boards;

Bottom bracket plays 7 rounds, 6 boards.

**Table fees \$10.00 per Session (non-ACBL & unpaid \$11.00)**

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

#### DIRECTIONS:

**From 580 (from the north)** take **Golf Links Rd.** exit, Right  
(**from the south**) take **Golf Links Rd.** exit, Left

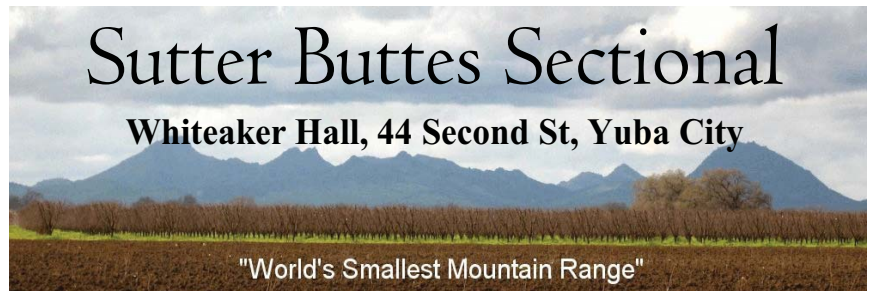
**From 880** take 98<sup>th</sup> Ave. exit - East, Left onto Golf Links Rd.  
(just before Hwy. 580)

**From Golf Links Rd:** Approx 0.3 miles north of 98<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Left into Parking Lot (Castlewood Rd. on the right)

**Information: call (510) 531-7232**

## Sutter Buttes Sectional

Whiteaker Hall, 44 Second St, Yuba City



"World's Smallest Mountain Range"

### July 20 through July 22, 2012

#### Friday, July 20

10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. (single sessions)

**Stratified Open Pairs**

**299er Pairs** (stratified by Director's discretion)

#### Saturday, July 21

10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

**Stratified Open Pairs** (Double Session - single session pairs welcome)

*(Regionally-rated International Fund Game)*

**299er Pairs** (single sessions)

#### Sunday, July 22

10:30 a.m. & TBA (NTL 3:30 p.m.)

**Strati-flighted Swiss Teams** A/X (4000+ /0-4000) Victory Points

**B/C/D** (1000-2000/500-1000/0-500) VPs (all 7 rds / 7 bds per round)

#### All Open Games Stratified

Strat A (2000+) Strat B (750-2000 mp) Strat C (0-750 mp)

299er (0-50 50-100 100-300)

Entry Fee: \$9.00 Per Person/Session \$10.00 non-ACBL members

Manager: Mary Mayfield (530) 755-0116 [marymay2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marymay2@sbcglobal.net)

Partnerships: Norma Hayes (530) 671-0483 [richhayes@comcast.net](mailto:richhayes@comcast.net)

Tournament Director: Steve Kaesner Sanction # 1207073

#### Coffee ~Snacks

(free every session)

#### Prizes Each Session

Non-Smoking

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