



District 21 Unitscope

Berkeley/El Cerrito/ Richmond

By The Beer Dude

My apologies for being out of the loop for the last couple months; circumstances beyond my control. This is a quick hello - goodbye; results & all the good stuff will appear in June. I remind you to sign up ASAP for our BBQ Swiss Teams on Saturday, May 14. 6, 8-board rounds, 4 before, 2 after our BBQ meal. Game time is 11 a.m. @ the Arlington Clubhouse. \$80/team; call/e-mail me to reserve your spot among the maximum 12 teams! U497 team captains get priority; long-time attendees from other units are next in line.

Congrats to all who made it to Reno & cashed in; my mom took ill, so I had to cancel my trip & pretty much move down her way for an indefinite period; trips home to collect mail/run my club games have been few & far between. My thanks to the relievers & for all your kind thoughts. Visit berunit497.org to see our latest.

Carson/Tahoe

By D. Marie Bresch

Our focus in March was the NABC. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the information desk, partnership desks, etc. By March 20 we were capable of finding our way around the complex set up of the three areas of interest, bridge. Our logo, the "Wild Mustang" represented our daily dilemmas, wild. But the event was very well organized and provided ten days of exciting bridge and entertainment.

Special Awards Results: Congratulations to Ruth Rouse who received her Life Master title during the tournament.

Dick & Gerry Trapp won first place and a trophy in the 299er Pairs the first day of the tournament with a 70% game. Congratulations! Jann Fagnoli won a first and trophy in the 0-5 event. It was the first time she had ever played in a major event. What a thrill for a new duplicate player. Congratulations!

Other results for Unit 465: Platinum points were awarded to six members (out of 4,494 participants): Paul Kushner, Brenda & Paul Pugsley, James & Midge Breeden, and Bob Garret.

Gold points were awarded to 23 of our members and red points to 43.

The unit was well represented and successful in this ACBL NABC which we host approximately every six years.

Another item of interest: Eileen Angelucci traveled with a group of people from the Reno Philharmonic Chorus to Carnegie Hall in New York in February. They joined a chorus of 200 singers from around the world to sing the Mozart Requiem.

A note of sadness: Francesca Petrocello of South Lake Tahoe passed away unexpectedly in March. She will be missed.

Diablo Valley

By Lisa Assoni

May Medley: Spring is the time of year when the flowers bloom and we try to sing to an upbeat tune! The warmer weather, sunshine galore, let's try and play bridge more. With indoor air-conditioning, comfy chairs, we team together in hopes of becoming a great pair, playing mind games that will surely keep your brain on the speed bullet train. So, this organ needs to be exercised too, so keep your mind on the game and your dedication to your well being. There may be side affects in the air, as allergies turn your nose into a war zone. But, there's relief, come to the bridge

center and keep your cool. That's where even your nose can find relief, too.

The scramble date to open our new bridge center will be posted soon. Three wise men, Mike Bandler, Bruce Johnsonbaugh and Mark Humphrey, have been working tirelessly to make this happen soon. Not certain when our new bridge center will open, but frequently check our website, diablovalleybridge.com for updates.

Reno's big Spring NABC 2016 was held in mid-March, and players were blessed with mild weather. Folks from Unit 499 savored scoring big, like Dan Friedman in the Silver Pairs - who finished 4th; Mike Gosnell & Chuck Wong won a side pairs series the first week. Swiss Teams event: Top of the tables were Bob Barnes, Larry Lange, John Schelling and Mary Schelling and a Knockout event went to Bob Barnes, Larry Lange, Bill Le Maire, and Gary Hargrove.

Mark Marty & Lee Stanhope won a Gold Rush Pairs. Bonnie Macbride finished 22nd in the Mixed Pairs (this was a winner for a chicken dinner). The bigga pizza pie, went to the largest point earner, Mike Rippey, with almost 63 MPs! Other top winners were Linda & Dan Friedman and Ed Nagy. Jackie Zayac, Anne Hollingsworth and Brad Komstheorft, finished 2nd in a KO. Lee Stanhope finished 2nd in a Compact KO.

I may have missed your name, but with more than 9,500 players, my eyes have seen your glory, and gave me an instant headache. Sorry if I have missed you.

Us girls relish rubies and gold, and so did three lovely women. Donna Barker and Pat Crane to Ruby Life Master, and Gail Giffen to Gold Life Master.

Congratulations ladies.

More Award Winners: At the Unit 499 annual meeting on Sunday, March 6, President Anne Hollingsworth announced our unit winners in two award categories. The Mini-McKenney Award

went to the unit member who won the most masterpoints in 2015 in each numerical category, and the Ace of Clubs Award went to the unit member who won the most masterpoints in club games in each numerical category. Please check our website at DiabloValleyBridge.com

Ted Gunn has retired from his board position as treasurer (thanks for all your great work, Ted!). Ted is a certified CPA and he pulled out all the ammunition to help DVBC stay on a secure, fast track. He took office in 2014, and didn't miss a beat to help us on the right financial path, and keeping us in the green. His diligent efforts paid off, as each month he'd balance the budget with rippling waves of financial stability. Welcome Bill LeMaire, our new unit treasurer.

As you already know, our bridge center is shaping up. No announcement of the opening day. However, we had a fundraising celebration party on Sunday, April 3.

Our unit has raised quite a sum to help us move forward. A big gala was in fun swing with the babblings, wonderfully delicious food, and great company. The best of the bunch award goes to Mike & Linda Bandler, who graciously hosted this not-to-be missed event. You're the icing on the cake.

Ciao Bella

East Bay

By Sandi Davis

Western Conference Spring Fling STAC games are being held May 2-8, so most games being held at the clubs will be awarding points usually reserved for sectional tournaments. STAC is a sectional held at clubs played simultaneously in clubs throughout a city, district, or conference, instead of in a single location.

Unit 498 Intermediate/Newcomer



May 21 - 22, 2016
At the Bayshore Bridge Center
1300 Bayshore, Suite 168
Burlingame, CA 94010
650 344-4919

Sanction 1605065

Saturday, May 21, 2016	Sunday, May 22, 2016
10:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session	10:00 AM Swiss Teams Flighted 7 rounds, 6 boards per round; First 4 rounds
1:30 PM Lunch hour	1:30 PM Lunch
3:00 PM Stratified Pairs Single Session	Approximately 2:30 PM Swiss Teams; Last 3 rounds
	10:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session

Pair games will be flighted 0/100 (Stratifications 20-50-100) and 100+/500 (Stratifications 100-200-500) Stratifications for pairs and teams will be determined by average MPs for the pair/team.

Director: Lynn Yokel: lynnyokel@gmail.com

Tournament Coordinator: Ted Richmond: 650 592-3320 or tedteddyr@att.net

Partnerships: Margery Pacchetti 650-451-8852 or pacchettim@sbcglobal.net

All events award Silver Points!

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED

Entry Fees (Pairs): ACBL Current Members per session: \$11; others \$14
Sunday Entry Fees per person (Teams): ACBL Members \$22; others \$28 seven rounds.

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Sunday Light Lunch will be available \$5

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