

# District 21 Unitscope

## BER

By The Beer Dude

Given all the Jan. & Feb. rain, we don't need any April showers to bring May flowers, but we need IRS to buy off on all the stuff we sent in so they're off our backs forever about tax issues that we don't need to be bothered with!

If you hit the Reno NABC, I hope you did well & had no transportation issues.

Feb. unit game ran against San Mateo Sectional, so we had only a 4-table Howell. Bill Jolly & Trudie Sinclair topped it with an almost 66% game, with Eric & Sandi 2nd & mother-daughter Wen-Chao & Bonnie Macbride 3rd. April game is Stratified Pairs on the 25th; prez Jim Scott will be in charge while I'm grilling oysters at my brew club's annual pig-out.

In & up as of 3/1: Welcome "relos" Eric Barde from Fla. & Sue Benjamin from Palm Springs; enjoy our more civilized climate & make an appearance at our club/unit games soon! Three newbies crossed the first barrier to Junior Master (Jim Brandley, Linda Kohn, & John Love, the latter of whom provides taxi service for one of his partners); two more (Doug Heying & Frank Lin) crossed the 2nd to Club Master; & Jonathan Pines (whom I've never seen at a club/unit game; he must concentrate on tourneys) is our newest LM (dude, come to the May BBQ Swiss to get your Mini-McKenney medal!).

Feb. club game *Kudos* for MP Champ Doug Heying (he's excellent with the cards & lost a lot of MP's that he earned in his younger days, & usually scratches with whomever he plays). He & Carl Lomelino had the best Monday game @ 64.78. Wed. best was Dexter Hodes & Gordon Libby's 67.63%; Fri. best was Jack Ackrell & Eric's 64.88%. Free play club champion-

ship day is Mon. 4/26; STAC (silver points) games May 3/5/7; no additional table fees! We can handle up to 14 tables; on Wed. (our biggest attendance day), at least one in a partnership must be an ACBL member to guarantee a seat.

Don't forget to grab your Mini-McK medals/Ace of Clubs certificates at our BBQ Swiss May 15 (winners were listed here last month). I can't guarantee "snail mail" afterward.

[www.berunit497.org](http://www.berunit497.org) is where to find the latest on us; tweak [beerman49@msn.com](mailto:beerman49@msn.com) when you wanna brag or gripe.

## Carson/Tahoe

By Rich Tirissini

Donna McLeod was presented with the Goodwill Lifetime Award by ACBL District 21. The award recognized Donna's achievement in promoting the game of bridge at all levels: from attracting and guiding new players, to providing for the advancement of those at higher proficiency levels. Congratulations Donna!

Bob & Konrad Garrett amassed 38 gold points at the Presidents Day Regional tournament in Burlingame, with a second place in the Bracket 1 Knockout Teams.

Well done Bob & Konrad!

**Game Results:** The Carson City Bridge Center held a unit game on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, with the following results: N/S 1A, Ben & Donna McLeod; 2A, Beverly Meyer & Imogene Meyer; 3A, Brenda & Paul Pugsley; 4A, Rick & Vivian Betcher; E/W 1A, Thelma Nelson & Leona Pchelkin; 2A/1B, Roxanne Hart & Theresa Pinney; 3A, Beverly & Sam Batdorf; 4A/2B, Cheryl & Wayne Kinder; 5A/3B, Susan Carnegie & Mary Sandhagen.

The following Monday afternoon games were held at the Carson Valley Bridge Club: Feb. 22: N/S 1A, Leona & Nick

Pchelkin; 2A, Rick & Viv Betcher; 3A, Jerry Lynn & Ben McLeod; E/W 1A, Bob Garret & Ken Grafton; 2A, Beverly & Sam Batdorf; 3A, Beverly Meyer & Roxanne Hart; 4A/1B, Paul Jorgensen & Eileen Angelucci. Feb 15: N/S 1A, Rick & Viv Betcher; 2A, Thelma Nelson & Ken Grafton; 3A, Aleeta Jones & Imogene Meyer; 1A/2B, Rudolph Shelley & Bruce Mitchener; E/W 1A, Beverly & Sam Batdorf; 2A/1B, Roxanne Hart & Beverly Meyer; 3A/2B, Theresa Pinney & Geoff Stokes; 4A: Gloria Randle & Donna McLeod.

Feb 8: N/S 1A, Joyce Barrett & Aleeta Jones; 2A, Gary Nitzberg & Nick Pchelkin; 3A, Geoff Stokes & Nancy Palmer; 4A, Thelma Nelson & Bob Garrett; E/W 1A, Paul Ringer & Ben McLeod; 2A/1B, Ruth Rouse & Rich Turissini; 3A/2B, Roxanne Hart & Bruce Mitchener; 4A, Sam Batdorf & Theresa Pinney. Feb. 1: N/S 1A, Joyce Barrett & Marie Coffey; 2A, Robert Garret & Kenneth Grafton; 3A, Gladys Turissini & Konrad Garret; 4A/2B, Nancy Palmer & Gary Nitzberg; E/W 1A, Beverly & Sam Batdorf; 2A/1B, Mary Sandhagen & Theresa Pinney; 3A/2B, Beverly Meyer & Aleeta Jones; 4A/1C, Frances Coursey & Robert Allgeier.

## Fresno

By Laura Da Costa

April marks the one-year anniversary of our move to the new clubhouse. It seems like both a long time ago that we had the move and yet, the clubhouse still seems so new. It is nice to have a clubhouse that we can take great pride in showing off when visitors come.

Yes, we have had to deal with various concerns over the year, from the strangely disappearing bathroom keys and the chairs that did not glide properly, but those issues seem to have been solved. Speaking as a

director, the new clubhouse has been a treat to walk into each game. I hope all of you have enjoyed the clubhouse as well.

We will be holding a one-year anniversary party Sunday, April 18 (the day we literally moved from the old clubhouse last year); plans are not formulated at the time I write this article so lookout for this date in the April *Aces, Places, & Faces*.

The Fresno Winter Sectional is taking place as I write this column. In just the second day, we have already been visited by our good friends, Mark Stern and Vivian & Rick Betcher (this time the Betcher's daughter, Brenna, came with them). One of the things I enjoy most is seeing our former members return for these sectionals.

Since this sectional is not even half completed, I will hold off discussing it in any greater detail until next month.

Do you know someone who has talked about learning bridge? Mike Molinari has announced that he is once again ready to start his series of lessons from the beginning. Try to encourage friends or, possibly, family members to sign up.

The lessons will be each Saturday morning starting May 1. You can contact Mike for more details at 559 658-7318 or via e-mail at [FresnoMike@aol.com](mailto:FresnoMike@aol.com)

We had six pairs that earned a 70% game in February (all in Fresno). In the 2/2 Tuesday morning game, Skip Miller & Jill Wood achieved a 70.19% game. Gerard Laquerriere & Mun Takeda had the highest percentage game for the month with a 72.92% on 2/15 in the Monday afternoon game. On 2/22, the lucky number was 7, as both N/S pair 7, Bert Rettner & David Shuster and E/W pair 7, Robert Durbrow & Belva Quattrin, ended up receiving identical 70.83% games. It was my turn a few days later (2/25), as Steve Sharp & Laura Da Costa had 71.11% game on Thursday morning. Finally, Dave Shuster & Bert Rettner followed their successful Monday

Modesto Unit 529 and  
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## Almond Valley Sectional

April 9-11, 2010

At the Modesto Centre Plaza  
10<sup>th</sup> & K Streets ~ Modesto 95352  
(From Hwy 99 take Maze/Hwy 132 exit)

Friday, April 9 at 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Stratified Pairs      Stratified 199'er Pairs

Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 am & 3:00 pm  
Stratified Pairs      Stratified 199'er Pairs

Sunday, April 11 at 10:00 am & TBA  
Stratified Swiss Teams      199'er Swiss Teams  
(Both events Quick Pairing — Victory Points)  
Complimentary Light Lunch between Sessions  
Entry Fees: \$10.00 ACBL Members; \$11.00 non-members

**Tournament Director: Dianne Barton-Paine**  
**Chair: Barbara Price (209) 523-4154**  
**Partnerships: Jackie Wilson (209) 526-8565**  
**199'er: Joyce Ielmini (209) 892-6251**  
**Hospitality: Judy Smith (209) 383-4380**  
**Margaret Quinn (209) 358-4016**  
**Mary Sue Moore (209) 569-0704**

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## BARBEQUE SWISS TEAMS

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ACBL UNIT 497 ([www.berunit497.org](http://www.berunit497.org))

### Saturday, May 15, 2010

12:00 NOON AND 5:45 p.m.  
El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser (at Ashbury), El Cerrito

## COME ONE - COME ALL BBQ DINNER

BETWEEN SESSIONS!  
Entry Fees: \$72.00 per Team (all day)  
\$36.00 per Team (single session)

Eric's  
Chicken

Paul & Jims  
Beans  
& all the  
Other stuff

The  
Beerman's Beef

Gale's  
Salad

FOR INFO CONTACT JIM SCOTT  
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Unit 497 Members Get Free Dinner  
Others pay just \$7

Via westbound I-80: Exit Cutting Blvd East (toward the hills), then right on San Pablo, left on Moeser. ECCC is on the left.  
Via eastbound I-80/580: Exit Central, turn right and follow Central to dead-end at Ashbury. Left on Ashbury to ECCC.  
If the lot's full, street parking should be plentiful.