District 21 Unitscope

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By the Beer Dude

BBQ Swiss is over (thanx to all who attended; results here in July), as are STACs until late August; time to focus on qualifying for the North American Pairs! We'll run two qualifiers, the first being our Sunday unit game on June 27, the second our "last chance" on Sunday, Aug. 29; just the usual $5 unit game card fee.

Unit updates: April game again was a 4 ½ table Howell. Thank you presidente Jim Scott for directing whilst I was bbqing & eating oysters! Keith Gunn & Dan Rubinfeld won, w/Bill Jolly & Trudie Sinclair 2nd (they topped B also), Helen Studabaker & Carol Scott 3rd, & 4/5 tie btwn the Denyvens & Ben Grubel & Veda Mason (who were 2nd B).

Welcome Ann Dunipace (reinstated member who never was on any unit roster I've seen in the last 10+ years); RIP Eugene Neblett (I never met him). As of 5/1, Sanne Cottaar made Jr. Master; John Love hit the Club Master mark.

April club game MP Champ is Helen Studabaker (Dominator Doug was away two weeks); best % games: Joyce Burks & Bill Jolly 69.58 Mon.; Joanne Cobeen & Yumiko Reynolds 62.18 Wed.; & Larry Lew & Miye Takeuchi 69.65 Fri., June *Free Play* day is Wed., June 16 at Madera Club House. *No games Fri., 6/11 & Mon., 6/14;* that's the weekend our stuff gets moved to Madera Clubhouse (if summer site changed in the interim, I'll have posted it on our website & at the club before you've seen this).

More Reno: Fri. afternoon Red Ribbons, my weirdest gift ever: (we're silent) LHO opens 1NT (15-17), then 2NT (transfer to 3 ♦), 3♣ (♦ support), 3♥ (likely a cue bid), 3NT. RHO now drops A♠, then 3♠ bid card on the table. Director! Two issues: exposed card before auction's over & insufficient bid (no doubt an intended cue bid). Nancy Boyd, before ruling, told the table that she had to check the Laws for "order of precedence" (to see which infraction to rule on first.

You might think that the exposed card is irrelevant, as it'll be in declarer/dummy's hand; *wrong*, it's the key to the ruling! Exposed card is an honor, so offender's partner must *Pass* at his next turn, no matter what offender bids if I don't accept the insufficient bid.

My gut instinct to accept 3♠ became a no-brainer! All pass, so RHO plays 3♠ down 1; they're cold for 6♦/6NT (♦AJxxxx opposite ♦Kxx & split 2-2).

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Carson/Tahoe

By Rich Tirissini

The April Showers Sectional was held in Reno on April 4-18. Donna McLeod and Virginia Kellermeyer had the highest the highest masterpoint totals (16.12 and 15.48, respectively) among regular Carson-Tahoe players, and teamed up with Leslie Balascoe & Charlotte Falk for in a first place finish in the Stratified 300/1500 Swiss Teams. Gary Nitzberg & Geoffrey Stokes combined for second place in the 1250/2500/+ session.

Local players dominated 100/200/NLM Pairs, with Roxanne Hart & Bruce Mitchener taking first place, while Jerry Lynn & Jeff Campbell of Jackson, Calif. were second, and Otis & Betty Clamp were third.

Ken Grafton's 3.97 masterpoints was the highest for the month of March at the Carson City Bridge Center. Leona Pchelkin was second with 3.97 MPs, with Mary Sandhagen and Kathleen St. Germaine finishing third and fourth with 2.68 and 2.50 MPs, respectively. At the Carson Valley Bridge Club, and Bob Garrett and Ken Grafton shared first place with with 2.40 MPs. Aleeta Jones and Beverly Meyer were runners-up with 1.55 MPs, and Roxanne Hart and Bruce Mitchner followed with 1.12 MPs.

Games: A unit game was held April 11 at the Carson City Bridge Center with the following results: 1A, Donna McLeod & Virginia Kellermeyer; 2A/1B, Cheryl & Wayne Kinder; 3A/2B, Joyce Barrett & Nancy Palmer; 4A, Paul Pugsley & Bob Anderson; 5A/3B, Leona & Nick Pchelkin.

The following are the results of the Monday games held weekly at the Carson Valley Bridge Club: April 27: *N/S* 1A, Bob Garret & Ken Grafton; 2A, Marie Coffey & Donna McLeod; 3A, Thelma Nelson & Rich Turissini; 4A/1B, Carole Voge & Jony Sellers; *E/W* 1A, Gary Nitzberg & Geoffrey Stokes; 1A/1B, Rudy Shelley & Bruce Mitchener; 3A/2B, Bob Allgeier & Fran Coursey; 4A/3B, Joyce Barrett & Aleeta Jones.

April 20: 1A, Konrad Garret & Gladys Turissini; 2A/1B, Mary Sandhagen & Susan Carnegie; 3A/2B, Leona Pchelkin & Nick Pchelkin; 4A, Thelma Nelson & Gary Nitzberg.

April 12: *N/S* 1A, Gary Nitzberg & Thelma Nelson; 2A. Ken Grafton & Bob Garrett; 3A, Rich Turissini & Donna McLeod; 4A/1B, Nancy Palmer & Dorothy Stewart; *E/W* 1A, Theresa Pinney & Sam Batdorf; 2A/1B, Fran Coursey & Bob Allgeier; 3A, Jerry Lynn & Ben McLeod; 4A/2B, Mary Phillips & Paul Lockwood. April 5: *N/S* 1A, John Ide & Thelma Nelson; 2A/1B, Gary Nitzberg & Gloria Randle; 3A/2B, Paul Jorgensen & Eileen Angelucci; 4A/3B, Leona Pchelkin & Nick Pchelkin; *E/W* 1A, Ken Grafton & Bob Garret; 2A, Bob Allgeier & Fran Coursey; 3A, Geoffrey Stokes & Theresa Pinney.

Diablo Valley

By Chris Pisarra

So, how did you like Pine Valley School for our sectional? All the reports I have heard so far are good; people like the facility, the parking and especially the chairs. Good thing, too, since we're going back there.

Local tournament, local winners, of course. Grant Vance & Jessica Lai won the Elegant Pairs, followed by Steve & Colette Castellino. John O'Brien & Lorin Waxman won the morning pairs, (Andrew Van Wye & Evan Price won C), Richard & Anne Long topped the 199er Pairs. There are too many winners to list in the silly stratified teams (that's just my prejudice: I hate strat teams. Always have, always will.) Besides, all this was in my blog weeks ago. That's the place to go for the up-to-date skinny on what's happening.

I missed the sectional since I was in Gatlinburg with the Unit 499 traveling squad (Mike Bandler, Bob Munson, Danny Friedman, Jack Scott and Bruce Tuttle). Last year we were third in everything we entered, this year we were second. Maybe someday we'll win an event. The pattern held, though: both Bob and I had to leave on Friday to attend weddings; Bob in Nashville, me in Atlanta. The remaining team took another second.

The food was as rich and carb heavy as ever: after I picked Gail up we went out to dinner and I was stunned to actually get a vegetable. They don't much do veggies in Gatlinburg.

That darned Allie Whiteneck is going to revolutionize bridge around here, one step at a time. Her Saturday morning Mentoring Sessions are just booming along: 15 tables May first. Many more sessions planned. She gets a good player like Mike B or Grant to lay out eight hands and write up a

WINE COUNTRY SECTIONAL
SONOMA, CA
JULY 10-11, 2010

VINTAGE HOUSE SENIOR CENTER
264 First Street East, Sonoma CA

SATURDAY, July 10
Pairs
10:30 am and 3:30 pm

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs
< 500/500-2000/2000+

Single Sessions Stratified 299er Pairs
< 50/50-100/100+

10:30 am Only
Single Session Stratified Open Pairs
< 500/500-2000/2000+

SUNDAY, July 11
Swiss Teams
10:30 am

Stratified Open Swiss Teams
6 Rounds of 7 Boards
<500/500-2000/2000+

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
6 Rounds of 7 Boards
< 50/50-100/100+

Team Average Player Points determines Strat
Play through with short lunch break

FOOD & FEES

We are known for our warm hospitality and fabulous food. The fee for two session events is $24 and includes $4 for lunch. Morning single session event fees are $14 and include $4 for lunch. Afternoon single session event fees are $10. Players who do not want lunch may decline at registration. Free coffee and tea will be available. Soda and bottled water will be available for $1. An additional fee of $1 per session applies to non or unpaid ACBL members.

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EARTHQUAKE SECTIONAL
New Location: Gilroy, California
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 26 & 27, 2010

Gilroy Senior Center 7371 Hanna St. Gilroy, CA
Quieter Room Better Chairs Same Great Hospitality Free Parking

Saturday, June 26
10:30 a.m. **Stratified Pairs** **199'ers Pairs**
3:30 p.m. **Stratified Pairs** **199'ers Pairs**
Sunday, June 27
10:30 a.m. & TBA **Stratified Swiss Teams** Double Session
199'er Swiss team one or two sessions, choose at buy in.
Both sessions dependent on minimum of four teams per session.

Strats A~1500+, B~500-1500, C~0-500
Card Fees: ACBL Members $9.00 Non-members $10.00

SANDWICHES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT SUNDAY BREAK

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