



# District 21 Unitscope

## B-E-R

By the Beer Dude

Unlike Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, we needn't beware the Ides of March; we have the Reno NABC to savor, whether we do well at the tables or not! Short fly/drive, plus all the gambling & good food before/after; enuff said & I hope to see a lot of you there! I'll be driving up the 15th or 16th & coming home on the 20th. My *kudos* to D21 Prez Stu Goodgold for providing us guidelines with which to ease ourselves through the "Infernal Revenooers" paperwork for our group tax exemption! I assisted treasurer Veda in getting past the learning curve; next year's filing should be a breeze unless the IRS throws more monkey wrenches into the works.

January unit game drew a surprisingly low 5 1/2 tables, but we had lots of goodies to sate everyone's appetite. Prez Jim Scott & Grace Uyeno topped the overalls, followed by Eric & Sandi, then Doug Heying & Carl Lomelino (3A/1B), Tom McKelvey & John Santibanes (4A), & Joyce Demercurio & Jan Straus 2B. March game is the 28th; Stratified Pairs, 1:00 p.m. @ Castro CH; Feb. game is ACBL charity game.

*Movin' in/out/up:* Welcome new members John Love & Bob Post, & "relo" from Sacto Louise Pilger. Ciao to Marion Benedict (East Bay). New Junior Masters: John Wilson & Barbara Gilbert; New Sectional Master: Tina Heldman; & Silver LM Joanne Cobeen, who crossed the 1K mark in January

January club game stars (only one MP champ now): "H" nosed out Doug Heying with .16 for the MP title; best games were 65.5% from George Schumer & Jeanne Sutter on Mon, 70.34% from Cris Barrere & Bob Berger on Wed, & 68.75% from Jack Ackrell & Eric on Fri. St. Pat's Day (17th) is our monthly *free play* club championship. If you're not in Reno, it's a good

alternative; King will be running that game & the Friday game whilst I'm up east.

Finally, the 2009 Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs winners (Mini-McK 1st if different for a bracket): 0-5: Frank Lin/Doug Heying; 5-20: Elizabeth O'Donnell & Mary Chapman (tied for both); 20-50: Carrie Stoltzfus; 50-100: Bernice Glueck; 100-200: Jonathan Pines/Joyce Demercurio; 200-300: Dexter Hodes; 300-500: Eugene Sor/Bill Jolly; 500-1K: Carl Lomelino/Joanne Cobeen; 1-2.5K: Cris Barrere; 2.5-5K: Len Vishnevsky/Vicki Chang; 5-7.5K: Sally Woolsey/Helen Studabaker; 7.5-10K: Joanna Stansby/Steve Kanzee; 10K+: Kit Woolsey. Pick up your medals/certificates at our BBQ Swiss May 15.

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## Carson/Tahoe

By Rich Tirissini

Congratulations to Bob Anderson on his marriage to Sunny! As a possible coincidence, a unit game on was held on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14, at Bob's Carson City Bridge Center.

Ken Grafton's 4.81 masterpoints edged out Donna McLeod's 4.36 for the highest masterpoint total in December at the Carson City Bridge Center. Thelma Nelson finished third with 2.32 MPs.

Paul Jorgensen and Gary Nitzberg compiled 2.54 masterpoints at the Carson Valley Bridge Club, placing them first for the month of January. Bob Garrett and Ken Grafton were close with 2.48 MPs followed by Roxanne Hart with 2.47.

*Game Results:* Carson City Bridge Center: a unit game, was held at the Carson City Bridge Center on January 10, with the following results: 1A, Marie Coffey & Rich Tirissini; 2A, Ben & Donna McLeod; 3A, Beverly Meyer & Imogene Meyer. Carson Valley Bridge Club:

Jan 25: N/S 1A, Bob Garret & Ken Grafton; 2A/1B, Jony Sellers & Carole Voge; 3A, Theresa Pinney & Imogene Meyer; 4A/2B, Nick & Leona Pchelkin; E/W 1A, Gary Nitzberg & Paul Jorgensen; 2A/1B, Roxanne Hart & Bruce Mitchener; 3A, Beverly Meyer & Nancy Palmer; 4A/2B, Rich Turissini & Ruth Rouse.

Jan 18: N/S 1A, Gary Nitzberg & Paul Jorgensen; 2A/1B, Paul Lockwood & Mary Phillips; 3A/2B, Marie Coffey & Joyce Barrett; 4A, Nancy Palmer & Dorothy Stewart; E/W 1A, Gladys Turissini & Konrad Garret; 2A, Beverly & Sam Batdorf; 3A/1B, Theresa Pinney & Geoffrey Stokes; 4A/2B, Bob Allgeier & Frances Coursey.

January 11: N/S 1A, Leona Pchelkin & Beverly Batdorf; 2A, Beverly Meyer & Imogene Meyer; 3A, Thelma Nelson & Nick Pchelkin; E/W 1A, Ruth Rouse & Rich Turissini; 2A/2B, Roxanne Hart & Geoffrey Stokes; 3A, Theresa Pinney & Sam Batdorf.

January 4: 1A, Ken Grafton & Bob Garret; 2A/1B, Roxanne Hart & Bruce Mitchener; 3A/2B, Theresa Pinney & Geoffrey Stokes; 4A/3B, Marie Coffey & Joyce Barrett.

## Diablo Valley

By Chris Pisarra

Once again, deadlines come at just the wrong time. I have to write this the week before the Chris' Birthday Regional in Burlingame, and you'll get it after and already know the news I can't write yet because it hasn't happened.

So, here's something I do know; Ron Olswang is getting a District 21 Goodwill Pin. A little bird (all dressed in purple and lavender) let me in on the secret. It seems only right that he guy who single-handedly keeps the Bridge Center going deserves the honor.

The 2009 Ace of Clubs listing is out, and it's always a pleasure to honor the leaders. This is the annual listing of who won the

most masterpoints in the club; tournaments don't count for this one. In the 0-5 masterpoint category, Evan Price takes this year's trophy by winning 47.24 points; which strikes me as an incredible amount of points starting from scratch. Addie Mattox won 41 points to win the 5-20 category, while Lynn White finished the year 0.78 points ahead of husband John to win the 20-50 division with 55.20 points.

Trisha O'Connor led the 50-100 race, and Lynn Humphrey came home first among the 100-200 set.

Now the pace really starts to pick up. Randy Corr won 94.49 points to top the 200-300 group, while Hedy Wee had 91.19 in the 300-500 caste. And the last two winning totals were palindromes, which is some kind of oddity all by itself. Terry Boyd was the big winner in the Bronze Life Master class (500-1000), bringing home 142.63 points. Barbara Hanson wins the big prize; she had more points in the club last year, 144.73, than anyone else in our unit. Which therefore wins the Silver Life Master, 1000-2500, prize as well. Among Gold LMs, 2500-5000 points, Carol Warner won the most last year, 102.61. It's probably fair to note that Ron Olswang is listed with about 82 points, but he often plays as "playing director" and doesn't collect the points he actually won. His modesty makes him sort of a reverse ringer.

In a sad note, our unit started the year with only three Diamond LMs (5000-7500), and two of them, Mike Katz and Ken White, passed away. Still, Bob Luebke won 53 point for the year and his title. Mike Bandler won 105.39 points, easily besting the only other Emerald LM, Ed Nagy, for his award. Ed, of course, still practices law and doesn't get to play much in the clubs.

The next big tournament is the Spring NABC; right up the road in Reno. It isn't always a ton of fun to drive to Reno in March, but Southwest Airlines is pretty cheap and the airport is right next door to the hotel. The hotel is cheap, even at the

## MARIN SPRING SECTIONAL

April 24 & 25, 2010

A Zero Tolerance Tournament

Marin Catholic High School

675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Kentfield, CA

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Strati-flighted Pairs

0-3000/3000+

0-500/1000/1500

0-20/50/200

0-5, under age 18 play free

Saturday 2:30 p.m.

Stratified Pairs

0-500/1000+

0-20/50/200

ACBL members: \$10.00 per session  
\$11.00 per session, non & unpaid ACBL members  
(includes bottled water)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Bracketed Swiss Teams

Brackets determined by average team masterpoints

Seven matches of seven boards

Stratified 299er

Thirty-minute lunch break after third round

ACBL members \$20.00  
\$22.00 non & unpaid ACBL members (Includes bottled water)

**Directions:** From 101 take the San Anselmo exit, head west on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Just after the traffic signal at Bon Air Road, use the left turn pocket in front of the school.

Coffee and snacks provided during sessions

Tournament Director: Diane Barton Paine  
Tournament Chair: Richard Mani (415) 789-8894  
Partnerships: Bob Liss (415) 460-6854

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY LUNCH: \$5.00**

Pay at entrance

**Menu:** Salad w/salmon, salad w/chicken, turkey sandwich & chips  
Saturday lunch served in cafeteria behind gym

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March 27 - 28, 2010



## The Santa Rosa Spring Sectional

Saturday, March 27

10:30 AM

Open Stratified Pairs - 2 Sessions

A 2000 +

B 750 - 2000 Avg: 4000 Pair Total

C 0 - 750 Ave: 1500 Pair Total

299er - Single Session

Single Session Side Game

3:30 pm

Open Stratified Pairs Cont.

299er Single Session

Single Session Side Game

EARLY START TIME

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

Bracketed Swiss Teams\* - There will be a short mid session break

to enjoy our complimentary lunch.

Brackets determined by average team masterpoints

Play through 6 Rounds, 8 Boards per round

Lunch included at no charge

\* Pending sufficient attendance

Free parking, Coffee, Tea and Snacks

Table Fees include Sunday Lunch

\$10.00 per session ACBL members

\$11.00 per session non or unpaid ACBL members

Santa Rosa Odd Fellows Hall

545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

**Directions:** From Highway 101, Northbound Exit College Ave. (past 'Downtown')

And turn right, Southbound Exit College (past Steele Ln.) and turn Left.

Turn Left on Mendocino and Right on Pacific.

From Highway 12, (Sonoma) continue onto Fourth Street at Farmers Lane.

Turn Right on Mendocino and Right on Pacific

Director in Charge: Nancy Boyd

Tournament Chair: Larry Borsian (707) 658-2284, Cell (415) 652-1406

Partnership: Kathy Venton (707) 591-5015