



# District 21 Unitscope

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By the Beer Dude

Sectional time! Pairs games on Saturday, Nov. 14 (A/X; B/C/D at noon; Stratified at 6:00 p.m.); Swiss on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 11 & 4:30 (Main game stratified, 7 rounds of 8 Boards; 1-session 299er games as well); El Cerrito Community Center as usual.

Regular unit pairs game is Sunday the 22nd to avoid Thanksgiving weekend.

September's unit game drew a reasonable seven tables. Cris Barrere & Jean Barry topped the field, the rest of the overall cashers being: H-J 2A; Bill Jolly & Trudie Sinclair 3A/1B; Barbara Gamba & Janice Kosel 4A/2B; Elenalani Lam & Janes Van t Oever 5A; Nancy Davis & Lois Strahm 3B. D21 ACBL Rep Bruce Blakely & cohorts Dmitri Shabes, Greg Vance, & Drew Hoskins won the Sept. BBQ Swiss, topping both A & B flights; Spencer Sun, Cathy Otvos, Frank Rooney, Nathan Wilmes topped the C flight. We had our lowest attendance in a few years (16 teams afternoon; only 12 evening). Thanks to Paul McDaniels & Jim Scott for beans, Eric for chef duties, Gale Smith for salad, Veda for selling dinners, Ben Grubel for getting the sodas, & TQ for assisting in running the game. Christine Wright did well enough again in the BBQ Swiss to sneak past Eric & lead the LM Player of the Year race; the Non-LM category is tight; Gus Graban has a narrow lead over Janice Kosel & Else Kiefer. Again, it may come down to the Holiday Party STAC game on Dec. 12.

Not much this month coming/going/moving up the MP ranks, so you'll see it all in December.

On the club front, Vi Kimoto & Ara Hammond dethroned Helen & Carol as Monday MP champs; Carl Squared (Lomelino & Myers) had the best game at 70.31%. John Begley was the Live Oak MP champ; nobody came close to a 70% game.

El Cerrito Rec has informed me that we'll have to move back to Madera CH for the summer, as our current site also is a summer day camp; *Damm!* Somebody please hit the Lotto & endow us with a permanent site! Some changes are coming in January; more next column. Friday club championship hits Live Oak Nov. 13.

Time for my annual rant about slow play, which I abhor: 1) Thou shalt not socialize/discuss hands until thou hast played all the boards in a round! 2) When thou art behind, thou shalt not be getting snacks or liquids! 3) If thou hast been constantly slow all day, thou shalt receive a half-board deduction from thy score (on an 8 top, that's four match points). 3:00-3:10 is plenty of time to play 24-28 boards.

Good luck in San Diego if you go to the NABC, & if you don't, be safe over the Thanksgiving weekend & don't OD too much on all the chow!

Keep up with us at [www.berunit497.org](http://www.berunit497.org)

## Carson/Tahoe

By Rich Tirissini

The Carson-Tahoe Fall Sectional will be held on October 8-11 at the Carson Plaza Convention Center in Carson City. The tournament coordinator is Paul Pugsley, who can be contacted at [bp.pugsley@gmail.com](mailto:bp.pugsley@gmail.com)

"Two Over One" bridge lessons are provided at the Carson Bridge Center in Carson City beginning Thursday, Oct. 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be eight lessons for \$100. In addition, beginner lessons will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be eight lessons for \$70.

Bob Anderson had the highest masterpoint total for the month of September at the Carson Valley Bridge Club with 1.44 MPs. Aleeta Jones and Bruce Belshaw tied for second with 1.36 MPs, while Marie Bresch and Dorothy Stewart shared fourth place

with 1.33 masterpoints.

We all wish Leona Pchelkin a speedy recovery and early return to the bridge table.

**Game Results:** Carson Bridge Center: The monthly unit championship was held on August 9 with the following results: 1A, Thelma Nelson & John Ide, 2A: Ben McLeod & Paul Ringer, 3A: Virginia Kellermeyer & Donna McLeod, 4A (1B): Brenda & Paul Pugsley; two North American Pairs club games, MP limits 1000/300, and none/1000/500 were held on August 12 & 15, respectively, with the following results: August 12: 1, Ken Grafton & Martin Sklar; 2, Bob & Konrad Garret; 3, Thelma Nelson & John Ide; 4, Gladys Turissini & Geoffrey Stokes; August 15: 1, Bob Anderson & Thelma Nelson; 2, Brenda & Paul Pugsley; 3, Ben & Donna McLeod, 4, John & Diane McCall.

Carson Valley Bridge Club: The Unit 465 game was held on Sunday, Sept. 13, with the following results: N/S 1A, Bob Anderson & Barbara Barros; 2A, Ben & Donna McLeod; 3A, Michael & Pamela Moreland; 4A (1B), John Guerry & Ralph James; E/W 1A, Carol Voge & Roxanne Hart; 2A, Brenda & Paul Pugsley; 3A (1B), Edwin & Regina Straver; 4A (2B), Yuki Stevens & Carolyn McLeod.

The following results are from the Monday club games for September: Sept. 28: N/S 1A, Ken Grafton & Bob Garret; 2A (1B), Konrad Garret & Gladys Turissini; 3A, Nancy Palmer & Marie Coffey; 4A: Leona & Nick Pchelkin; E/W 1/2A, Frances Coursey & Bob Allgeier; 1/2A, Doug & Janet Braman; 3A, Aleeta Jones & Donna McLeod; 4A (3C), Rich Turissini & Ruth Rouse; Sept. 21: 1A, Gary Nitzberg & Bruce Mitchener; 2/3A (1B), Theresa Pinney & Geoff Stokes; 2/3A, Nancy Palmer & Joyce Barrett; 4A, Bob Anderson & Dorothy Stewart; 5A (2B), Dick & Lois Halliday; Sept. 14: 1A, Theresa Pinney & Sam Batdorf; 2A, Donna McLeod & Nancy Palmer; 3/5A (1/2B), Mary Sandhagen & Susan Carnegie; 3/5A, Bob Garret & Ken Grafton; 3/5A (1/2B), Bruce Mitchener & Ruth Rouse; Sept 7: N/S 1A (1B), Leona Pchelkin & Nick Pchelkin; 2A, Konrad Garret & Gladys Turissini; 3A (2B), Jony Sellers & Carole Voge; E/W 1A, Beverly & Sam Batdorf; 2A (1B), Roxanne Hart & Bruce Mitchener; 3/4A (2/3B), Bob Allgeier & Fran Coursey; 3/4A (2/3B), Dorothy Stewart & Pat Newman.

## Diablo Valley

By Chris Pissarra

Some months there is a ton to talk about. This month, I got nothing. The vagaries of the *Forum* publishing schedule mean I have no idea of whether or not you will get this by October 23. That's an important date because it's the Unit Octoberfest. Plenty of sausage and sauerkraut and Dick Mayer's Oom Pah Pah band. A big Friday night in Pleasant Hill.

If it hasn't already happened.

I promised you some results from Santa Clara. For starters, Mike & Linda Bandler won the opening Charity Pairs, while Mary Stuart & Jane Burnson were 3rd in the 299 Pairs for the afternoon, and then tied for 2nd in the evening.

Cecelia Ip & Lee Medeiros won their KO bracket with a couple from Illinois. Bob Munson, Danny Friedman and Bruce Tuttle won the loser Swiss on Wednesday, as Bill Barron & Trisha O'Connor were winning the 299er Pairs. Judy Berg, Hedy Wee, Judy Keilin and Jack Meng tied for 3rd in the Wyatt Earp KO, Bracket 4. Gopi & Kay Aiyar, Bruce Johnsonbaugh and John Sherwood were 2nd in Bracket 5.

Mike Bandler, Danny Friedman, and I (with a 4th from Hollister) were 4th in the morning Swiss Teams. In the Daniel Boone KO, Marj Russel & Carroll Brooks teamed with a pair from Colorado to place 2nd in Bracket VI, just ahead of Fred & Jean Cochran and Rudy & Louise Gebert, who were just ahead of Cecelia & Lee. Unit 499 done good.

Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle were 3rd in the Friday Open Pairs. Saturday morning, Terry Boyd & Grant Robinson won Strats A & B of the morning pairs, while Trisha Oconnor & Bill Barron were first in C. Jack Hawks & Richard Green were first in B & C on Saturday in the Seniors. Mornings

must agree with Terry & Grant; they won again on Sunday morning.

Barbara Hanson, Gail Giffen, Kathy Von-Dohre and Nadine Levine were 2nd in the Davy Crockett KO Bracket 2. Right ahead of Judy & Richard Timmons and friends. Marvin Suchman, Jane Burnson, Mary Stuart and Randy Corr were 3rd in Bracket 3, while Hedy Wee, Bill Lanam, Judy Keilin, Jack Meng and Pat George were 3rd in Bracket 4. Then Judy, Jack, Pat and Hedy came in 2nd in the evening Swiss Teams.

John & Judy Sherwood, Bruce Johnsonbaugh and Don McCormack were 2nd in the Labor Day KO Bracket 2. Grand Pooh-Bah Iris Libby, Carol Cottam, Virginia Sykes and Keith Freeman tied for 3rd in the same bracket.

All the journalism books say that names make news, but I'm tired of writing about all these winners. So I'm going to bed.

See you next month. [Chris@Pissarra.com](mailto:Chris@Pissarra.com)

## East Bay

By Sandi Davis

It is time for the Fall Sectional being held again at Holy Redeemer Center on November 20, 21 & 22. Single session pairs games will be the events for Friday & Saturday while Sunday will be the Barbara Harmon Memorial Swiss Teams event. Grab your partners and come on down if simply asking them does not yield results.

Also, don't forget to vote for this year's unit board of directors. They plan the sectionals and special events held by the unit and represent you on the district level. Candidates as of this writing are Ravi Bhalla, Dave Cartwright, Sandi Davis, Rosemary Hagman, Dick Hart, Tom Pajak, Mary Payne, and Donna Rolle.

Welcome to new member Dr. Neal Gutterson as well as transfers Dr. Geoff Hopcraft, Michelle La Mar and Gerry Merker. We wish Herb and Natalie Stein good bridge in their new Santa Cruz home.

Recognition is merited for members advancing in rank: Ed Yunck is now a Junior Master, Paul Lipkin and Linda Toland are now Club Masters, Adrienne Hillebrandt and Peggy Mendelson are now Sectional Masters, Barbara Simperts and Anna Wong have advanced to Regional Masters, and Patsy Fitzpatrick is now a Bronze Life Master. Well done!

On the tournament trail, the All-Western Regional was a goldmine for Glenn Boyce and Nathan Wilmes as they picked up all of their remaining gold in two separate Knockout events. With teammates Kathryn Van Dohre and Stephanie Singer in one event and Stephanie and Simon Goldsmith (earning his first gold) in the other, their goal was achieved. Congratulations!

The NAP unit qualifier drew 14 tables and moved some really fine pairs into the final competition. Betty Kael & Ron Kow finished 1st N/S and 1st overall (qualifying in A & B) with Ravi Bhalli & Dan Scarola taking 1st E/W (in A). The highest E/W B were Ed & Teresa Seputis while the highest qualifying Cs were Spencer Sun & Nathan Wilmes (N/S) and Estelle Baum & Esther Rubke (E/W). Best of luck to all advancing to the next round. A special thanks to Shirley Rodenborn for her excellence on making this a smoothly running event (okay, Mark contributes to that big-time) and providing all of those nibbles and coffee to give the players the strength to finish their game! We are running about 50/50 on the single vs. double session question for this event so take a minute and weigh in now with your preferences for next year.

**At the unit games:** In the September 6 game, Grace Da Silva brought in a ringer named Andrew Loh; a friend visiting from out of town to steal N/S 1st place from Betty and myself! Okay, steal might not be the right word; and, yes, they played better, but isn't whining bridge as much a part of the game as winning bridge?

Winning 1st E/W were Ed & Teresa Seputis who have been hot as a pistol of late.

At the September 20 game N/S Cass Hawes & Nadine Levine won 1st overall edging out E/W Ravi Bhalla & Wen-Chao Macbride to take the overall win.

The October 4 Swiss Teams game at Mosswood drew 26 teams vying for gold. Dave Cartwright did a terrific job of orga-

## Unit 505 Sacramento

### Winter Sectional

Dec 4 - Dec 6, 2009

Orangevale Community Center  
6826 Hazel Avenue, Orangevale, CA  
Game site phone: 916 988-6140

Schedule of events:

#### Friday, December 4

- 11:00 a.m. Special 199'er event (side room): lesson by Al Beckner, light lunch served after lesson, stratified game at 1:00 p.m. Al Beckner, Director
- 1:00 p.m. Strati-flighted Open Pairs  
Stratified 199'er Pairs
- 7:00 p.m. Strati-flighted Open Pairs  
Stratified 199'er Pairs

#### Saturday, December 5

- 10:30 a.m. Double session Strati-flighted Open Pairs  
Single session Stratified Side Game  
Single session Stratified 199'er Pairs (side room)  
*Lunch will be available between sessions for \$3.00*
- 3:30 p.m. Strati-flighted Pairs continued  
Single session 299'er Pairs Game

#### Sunday, December 6

- 10:30 a.m. & TBA Strati-flighted Swiss Teams  
*(strats based on the average number of points within the team)*  
El Pollo Loco lunch will be served between sessions for \$6.00 **paid in advance**

**Entry fees** \$9.00 for each session, \$10.00 for Non-ACBL members  
Snacks and coffee provided throughout each day

All Strati-flighted Open Pairs:

A=3000+ X=0-3000  
B=500-1000 C=200-500 D=0-200  
199er game: E=100-200 F=50-100 G=20-50 H=0-20

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