

# District 21 Unitscope

## B-E-R

By the Beer Dude

BBQ Swiss is nigh! Fun starts at noon on the 12th, so load up your wagons & appetites; El Cerrito Community Center is the site. I hope nothing will be going on at the nearby theater & school. If it's warm, the lot will be full of pool users early, & we don't need other stuff happening to eat up parking - carpool if you can!

Our 7/26 unit game drew seven tables (that's more like it!); 1st 70.24%, Keith Gunn & Dan Rubinfeld; 2A, Eric & Sandi; 3/4A, Ben & Veda and Nancy Davis & Lois Strahm; 3B, the Brunns. Eric regained the POY lead in the LM group; Eugene Sor leads those who started the year as a non-LM. Regular pairs game is the 27th; come on out!

Not much on the in/out/rank advance scene, except mysterious names popping up out of cyberspace on the reports I get, as in transfers out who never got reported as new members/transfers-in. Two rank advancers to report: Martin Laplaca (another mystery name, tho he does have a Berkeley address) to Regional Master (100+) & Ken Berniker to Bronze LM.

At the clubs, some new faces topped the masterpoint lists: Maureen Gravett @ ECBC, & Bill Jolly @ Live Oak. Nice jobs dethroning the "H-C/J" machines! Best % games were Maureen's 64 on Mon. (paired w/Neal Mazaroff), H-J's 67.86 on Wed., and Eric & Jack Shiffer's 69.59 on Friday.

Club championship games this month are Wed. 16th @ Live Oak, & Mon. 21st @ ECBC. No game Monday 9/7 (Labor Day).

Ye who participate in the Santa Clara Regional, may you do well! Help your game by playing up! Numerous other outside interests always have kept me away from the tables, but I'd much rather play against the best; their bids & card play are more logical, not to mention more instructive if you pay attention. I got hooked in high

school, & was part of a student-organized & RUN HS bridge league 1966-67 that cooperative teachers aided & abetted, as in letting us ride in/drive their cars to other host schools (litigious USA can't handle that now). Pete Boyd (HS class of 1968; I was 1967) was one of that group; belated *Kudos* to him for getting the ACBL sportsmanship award this year; he's the consummate Mr. Mellow.

Go to my blog on our website for a story about a June 1968 Atlantic City Regional at which Pete & I & some of our D.C.-area bridge-geek friends had a helluva lot of fun for four days on \$50 apiece.

Sorry, Bear backers; *Go Terps 9/5!* I'm U of MD Class of 1972 & will be at the game to see better pulchritude than that about which Chris Pizarra sometimes writes. May Cal go undefeated afterward & get into the Rose Bowl! Keep up with B-E-R @:

[www.berunit497.org](http://www.berunit497.org)

## Carson/Tahoe

By Rich Tirissini

**A** Celebration of Life will be held for Roberta Anderson at the Plaza Hotel Convention Center in Carson City on August 8. Bob Anderson requests a donation to the American Heart Association in preference to flowers. In the weekly games at the Carson Valley Bridge Club, Bob Allgier and Fran Coursey had the highest masterpoint total for the month of July with 1.83. Marie Coffey was second with 1.76 MPs, while Beverly Batdorf's 1.65 was good for third.

**Game results:**  
Carson Valley Bridge Club July 27: N/S 1A, Beverly Meyer & Nancy Palmer; 2A, Ken Grafton & Geoffrey Stokes; 3A, Anita & Gerald Hoffer; E/W 1A, Roxanne Hart & Bruce Mitchener; 2A, Joyce Barrett & Aleeta Jones; 3A/2B, Rich Tirissini & Ruth Rouse.

July 20 N/S: 1A, Ben McLeod & Donna

McLeod; 2A, Gary Nitzberg & Nancy Palmer; 3A, Konrad Garret & Gladys Turissini; E/W 1A, Beverly Meyer & Roxanne Hart; 2A, Beverly Batdorf & Sam Batdorf; 3A, Mary Phillips & Paul Lockwood. July 13: N/S, Gary Nitzberg & Benjamin McLeod; 2A, Leona Pchelkin & Nick Pchelkin; 3A/1B, Theresa Pinney & Roxanne Hart; E/W, Beverly & Sam Batdorf; 2A, Nancy Palmer & Donna McLeod; 3A/1B, Mary Sandhagen & Susan Carnegie. July 6: N/S 1A, Aleeta Jones & Beverly Meyer; 2A, Ken Grafton & Nick Pchelkin; 3A, Bob Anderson & Ursula Epstein; E/W 1A, Carole Voge & Jony Sellers; 2A/B, Bruce Mitchener & Roxanne Hart; 3A/B, Bob Allgeier & Frances Coursey.

*Incline Bridge Club July 28:* N/S 1A, Edwin Straver & Bob Sendal; 2A, Michael & Pam Moreland; 3A/1B, Carol Lefcourt & Henry Harris; E/W 1A, Herb & Bobbi Wiltsek; 2A, Audrey Chard & Amanda Bevier; 3A/B, Ron & Susan Antinori.

July 14: N/S 1A, Georgia Jacka & Barbara Briggs; 2A, Elaine & BJ Jordan; 3A, Carla Hudner & Dee Cumberland; E/W 1A, Bob Sendall & Edwin Straver; 2A, Collene & Leo Maktenieks; 3A, Barbara Kelley & Richard Vent.

July 7: 1A, Carol Lefcourt & Hank Harris; 2A, Leo Maktenieks & Barbara Briggs; 3A, Edwin Straver & Regina Straver.

## Diablo Valley

By Chris Pizarra

**I** guess there is an easy way to tell the winners in life; they win. In June, Nancy Blaustein went to Las Vegas to play in the regional, but also to get in a little poker. She entered one of the events in the World Series of Poker, and came in 11th, and first among the women. Then she played a little bridge and won the first Compact KO she ever entered. That winning gets to be a habit.

Not that she was the only winner. The sterling team of Iris Libby, Carol Cottam, Frank Concepcion and Elizabeth Golanco were 3rd in their KO, then Iris, Carol, Patricia Perry and Chris Stack won a Compact KO and placed 3rd in the evening Swiss. Iris & Carol were 2nd in their strat in the Sunday Fast Pairs.

The sectional in Santa Clara was perhaps the largest in the nation this year. We spoiled West Coasters don't realize that there are many regionals smaller than the 1000 tables we had over July 4. I'm sure I won't succeed at finding all the winners; here's a decent selection. If I miss your victory, ask yourself, "Did I send an e-mail to that cool guy who writes the column?" Trish O'Connor & Bill Barron were 2nd in the Wed. evening 199ers. Trisha, Bill, Ally Whiteneck and Lynn Humphrey were 2nd in a KO. Patricia Perry, Frank Concepcion, Elizabeth Golanco and Chris Stack won a Compact KO while Marj Russel, Carroll Brooks, Pat Korck and Randy Corr were 2nd in another bracket. Andy Fine, Beth Eggers, Hedy Wee and Elizabeth Golanco won their strat in the Sat. aft. Swiss.

I'm sure there are more winners, but I need to get on to something more important; the future of the game.

Unit 499 has begun an innovative mentoring program. LMs are paired with newer players, to play twice a month for three months. The LM not only gets the joy of knowing that s/he is doing something good for the game, but plays free. The newer player gets to learn not just the techniques of bidding and play, but the mindset and mental approach that comes with experience. New friends are made. Social circles are expanded. Virtue is rewarded.

Grant Robinson is in charge of all of this. He wanted me to just have people ring his doorbell every Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m., but I suggested that it might be better if they dropped an email to [acbl499mentor@gmail.com](mailto:acbl499mentor@gmail.com) or call this trick answering service he set up at 201 983-6383.

## Tahoe/Carson Fall Sectional



Just minutes from  
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211 E. 9th Street, Carson City NV 89706

### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, October 8

Strati-Flighted Open Pairs .....1:00 p.m.  
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs .....6:30 p.m.  
A/X 0-1500/1500+ BCD 200/500/750

#### Friday, October 9

Strati-Flighted Open Pairs .....10:00 a.m.  
Stratified Open Pairs .....3:30 p.m.  
Compact Knockout Teams .....10:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.  
Swiss Teams, single session .....3:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 10

*International Fund Game Regionally Rated*

*Two Single Sessions*

Strati-Flighted Open Pairs .....10:00 a.m.  
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs .....3:30 p.m.  
A/X 0-1500/1500+ BCD 200/500/750

*Contribution to International Fund compliments of Carson Tahoe Unit 465*

#### Sunday, October 11

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams .....10:00 a.m.  
A/X 0-1500/1500+ BCD 200/500/750  
*Playthrough with snack available for \$5.00*

**Tournament Chairman:** Paul Pugsley 775 721-0280

**Partnership:** Brenda Pugsley 775 883-7357

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**Director:** Dianne Barton-Paine



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### Tournament Information:

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**Card Fees:** \$9.00 per player/session

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## Surf's Up SECTIONAL



October 10 and 11, 2009

Harbor High School

300 La Fonda Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

### Saturday

10:00 am & 3:00 pm\*\* **Mabel Rodgers** Stratified Open Pairs  
0-500/500-1500/1500+

10:00 am & 3:00 pm\*\* Intermediate/Novice Pairs  
0-50/50-100/100-199

10:00 am & 3:00 pm **Annamae Hackwood Memorial** Compact K/O (bracketed)

\*\*Single-sessions, play either or both

### Sunday

10:00 am **Robert Vatuone Memorial** Stratified Swiss Teams  
0-750/750-1500/1500+ Two sessions with a short break  
Seven 7-board matches, 20 VP scale

10:00 am **Gene Broderick Memorial** Swiss Teams  
0-100/100-200/200-299 One session, 20 VP scale

**Directions:** Hwy 1 South, exit Soquel & bear right, (L) on Soquel, (R) on La Fonda  
Hwy 1 North, exit Soquel, (L) on Soquel Avenue, (R) on La Fonda

Director.....Nancy Boyd - Sanction 0910127  
Tournament Chair.....Pam Benz 831 688-8684  
Partnerships.....Bill McIntosh 408 842-4886

For additional information, see our website at [santacruzbridge.org](http://santacruzbridge.org)  
Table Fee: \$10.00 ACBL members and \$11.00 non- & unpaid members

### Lunches Available Both Days

Free Coffee and Snacks No Smoking on School Property Please

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