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Injuries doomed the W's but the A's & lately the Giants have made summer more interesting – and we in my neck of the Bay Area don't get the “dog days” that came early to the Boston-DC corridor. I lived in MD for 16 yrs – don't miss the heat, rain, & semi-oppressive humidity at all.

July 5 Unit game drew just 5.5 tables; Ray Barber-Inja Hwang topped it (1A/B). Dexter-Gordon 2A/1B; E-Sandi 3A; Lamar-Richard & Miye-Shahla 4/5A. Just one Unit game in August – Fri 2nd. BBQ Swiss #2 coming Sat 9//21 – limited to 10 teams (\$80 per; Unit 497 members dine FREE; others pay \$7). Call/e-mail me to get your spot! 3rd. Top B team was Marcia Mattoon's crew (U502-ers Sarla Purohit-Lois Flock-Stuart Schneck). Only 1 tie; no more than

June In-Out report showed George Proper transferring in (from 502; he's been appointed to the U497 to replace Larry Zeni), Arthur Schultz reaching the 50 MP milestone of Sectional Master, & one that came out of the blue – RIP Rev. Dennis Kuby. I never saw/heard anything whenever he passed (could've been last year or this – last time I saw him in person was on BART a couple yrs ago). Google searching him was a futile exercise for an obit, but other stuff I didn't know about him. I 1st met Dennis 1979/80 @ the long-gone Oakland Bridge Club on Broadway – he played there w/his wife Jeanne (whom he called “Bear”) – she's still alive as far as I can tell – she's 8-10 yrs older than him; he was 84-85. He was a great guy who officiated at least 2 bridge players' weddings (I know both, but I'll keep them anonymous), plus a memorial gathering we had 10+ yrs ago for late Board member Anne Dorst. May he find a good bridge game & some ardent baseball fans in the great beyond.

At da club, Dick Walker was May LM MP Champ; Dexter-Gordon shared June honors. On the NLM side, John Love topped May; George Proper June. Gate for Longest Day (including donations above entry fee) was around \$220 – thanx to all who handed me more than \$7 & said “Keep the change.” August brings STaC games 21st & 23rd, plus “Last Chance” on Fri 30th. Club Champ game is Wed 28th.

More on the Club front: Board Member Carrie Stoltzfus gather info from “opt-in” players to create a Club Directory. ACBL prohibits clubs/Units/Districts from publicizing names/addresses/phone #'s/e-addresses w/o consent. That's now up on our Website – click the “Info” button on the home page to find it. And if you're a relative newbie looking for some decent FREE books to read to hone your bidding/playing skills, we have plenty of them – just ask Eric or me for recommendations! Some are relics of the past (Culbertson/Goren/Vanderbilt) – those would be good if you're interested in bidding evolution.

E & I will be gone Aug 11-18, our annual trek to Del Mar via different routes before we hook up on the 14th @ our motel in Encinitas. Track days are Fri/Sat 16th-17th. Dick Walker will be running the games.

Good news about the upcoming Santa Clara Regional: still FREE parking! Earlier this yr, D21 tourney booker par excellence Pam wasn't sure, but she confirmed it @ the June D21 mtg in Sacto. And if you like 2-session games to start @ 10 & 3, head for Reno Regional in October – all 2-session events will be on that schedule (which for nightowls like me & Marcia Mattoon is pure anathema). Good luck wherever you go!

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