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BEER DUDE

Football season begins on the 5th – back to sports overlap on Thursdays, Sundays, & Mondays. Hope you did well in Santa Clara if you went. Eric broke even but I was negative @ Del Mar – but we had a good time. Still time to sign up for or 9/21 BBQ Swiss (details on our website).

July 31 Unit game drew 7 tables. “H”-Miye Takeuchi won; Eric-Dick were 2nd. The rest: Meg Gallaway-John Love 3A/1B; Kerstin Barnett 4A/2B; Joyce-Ercan tied w/Ben-Jan (Kosel) 5/6A. 2 days later, 7 tables for our only Aug Unit game, which Joanne Cobeen-Roseanne Smith topped; Roger Edelson-George Proper 2A/1B Joyce-Trudie 3A; Lamar-Dick 4A; Ben-Jan 2B. Sept games are Fri 6th & Sat 21st (BBQ Swiss #2). Come on out!

In-Out/MP advancers: Welcome John Haptas as a new member (he’s been playing @ the club since the spring); Tom Foster made Sectional Master (don’t know him – he must play online/at other clubs where there are night games, as he’s likely a UC student, given his address). We get a lot of UC student transfers in/out; we never see them because they’re in class/studying when we have our games OR, even if they have a free day & don’t have a car, the AC Transit bus that runs by our club to/from downtown Berkeley runs only every 40 minutes (used to run half-hourly). Not good.

At da club: Eric ran away as LM MP Champ; Carrie Stoltzfus topped the NLMs. the NLM side. Club Champ game is Fri 17th. Also – don’t be alarmed when the Bridge pad flashes low battery alert – they’re pre-programmed to flash that when batteries reach 25% level or so. If they don’t light up during the game, I can set up a replacement.

When you go to any club, **turn your cell phone off or put it on vibrate once the game starts!** I & I’m sure many of my fellow directors are sick & tired of telling you to shut them off/vibrate them. You’re there to play bridge. It’s fine if you have something pending to keep the phone on vibrate for an alert, but nobody wants to hear ringtones. You’ll get warned/penalized if your phone goes off audibly during a tournament session. Directors don’t want to hear phone noises, nor do the compliant players – DO YOUR DUTY!

Tweak beerman1949@gmail.com to brag/gripe/suggest; Unit info & game results available 24/7 @ www.berunit497.org.