



RENO HOLIDAY REGIONAL

Welcome to the ultimate Reno Holiday Regional of 2014!!!

District 20 has been pleased to serve its southern players for the last 35 years with the able and enthusiastic hosting of the Reno and Carson City Units. Thank you for joining all of us to celebrate and say Goodbye!

Reno has been the scene of so many memories going back to the downtown days at the convention center and up through the Grand Sierra days in all the iterations of this hotel. Remember these names: The Pioneer, Jessie Beck's and the Riverside? Remember New Years Eve with the crowds on Virginia? There were also weddings during the tournament and crazy stories of fortunes won and lost.

We moved out here when the tournament exploded and became the focus of many tight McKinney trophy races as the last tournament of the year in the ACBL. One person called me the other day to make sure this year's tournament wasn't "way out" in the tennis courts as it used to be. The tennis courts don't even exist anymore I said and we have a great accessible playing area.

To celebrate those days and say thank you to the volunteers from our host units, we are having a **party** on Monday, Dec 29 after the evening session, so be sure to play! The current Hospitality and Partnership chairs, Kaz Nojima and Richard Scoggin, have been with me during my tenure, but there are many others to thank too.

Celebrate 40+ years of D20 Reno Regionals!
Monday Evening

Wine & Cheese!
New Years Eve

For those of you staying to ring in 2015, we will have our usual Dec 31 **cheese and wine** during the last session. I also have a commemorative **gift** for you and, let's see, what else.....oh, yes the **appliques** come out tomorrow!

Be holiday nice to your super group of directors: Brian Russell, in-charge, plus Patty Holmes, John Gram and Jeff Jacob. We have **pre-duplicated** hands in the pair games. These are prepared by our Equipment person, David Taylor, who has so many hats. He runs the **book store** and will do the **Daily Bulletin**. Our Trumpet Editor has lately been lamenting the dearth of pictures from our tournaments. Please make him happy and get your **picture** taken by Merle Stetser before the afternoon session or after the evening session if you win anything!!

Most of all, have a **BLAST!**

Marie Ashton

Tournament Mgr



Friday Schedule

2:00 pm

- Holiday Bracketed KO's (1 of 4)
- Stratified Open Pairs (1 of 2)
- Welcome Side Game Series (1 of 4)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)

7:30 pm

- Holiday Bracketed KO's (2 of 4)
- Stratified Open Pairs (2 of 2)
- Welcome Side Game Series (2 of 4)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)

Saturday Schedule

9:00 am

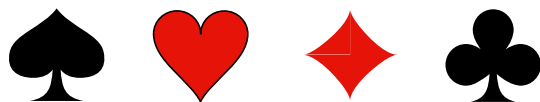
- Jackpot Compact KO's (1 & 2 of 4)
- Early Bird Side Game Series (1 of 4)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)

1:00 pm

- Holiday Bracketed KO's (3 of 4)
- Nevada Bracketed KO's (1 of 4)
- Stratified Open Pairs (1 of 2)
- Welcome Side Game Series (3 of 4)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)

7:00 pm

- Holiday Bracketed KO's (4 of 4)
- Nevada Bracketed KO's (2 of 2)
- Stratified Open Pairs (2 of 2)
- Welcome Side Game Series (4 of 4)
- ♦ **299er Stratified Pairs** (Single Session)



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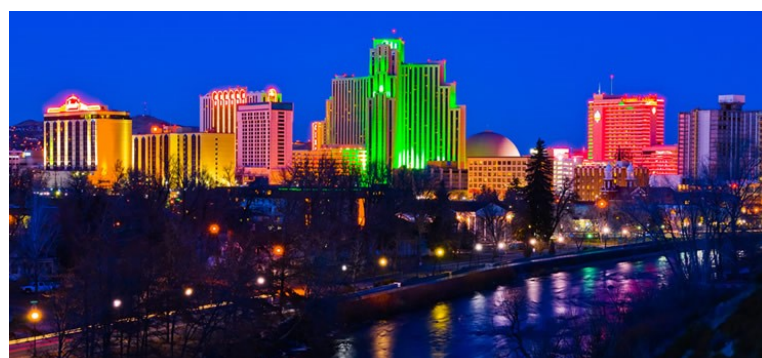
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Looking for a break from bridge? Here are a few ideas:

- Zzyzyx 2 -- A Cirque Experience. At the Grand Sierra Resort through Dec 29.
- Felipe Esparza, Last Comic Standing winner. At the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts through Dec 31.
- Nevada Chamber Music Festival. Various locations through Dec 31.
- Reno Wine Walk / Reno Beer Crawl. 2 to 5 Saturday at participating Riverwalk merchants.
- Self-guided historical tours, including the Riverfront Walking Tour. <http://www.renohistorical.org>.
- National Automobile Museum, www.AutoMuseum.org.
- Nevada Museum of Art, www.NevadaArt.org.



Brief History of Reno

- Originally inhabited by the Martis people, from roughly 2000 BC to 500 AD.
- Later inhabited by the Paiute, Shoshone and Washo tribes.
- Truckee River and Truckee County were named after a Shoshone / Paiute medicine chief. Truckee met with the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1805. He was friendly with white settlers including explorer John Fremont. He died in 1960, possibly from a tarantula bite.
- Gold discovered in nearby Virginia City in 1850.
- Early pioneer began settling the Truckee Valley in the 1850s.
- Silver discovered in 1859, leading to a mining rush.
- Toll crossing built across the Truckee River in 1859. This became the site of a town named Lake's Crossing, named after the owner. Then Lake deeded property to the railroad and established a major railway station. Lake's Crossing became Reno in 1868, named after a Union general.
- From Wikipedia: The "Reno Arch" was erected on Virginia Street in 1926 to promote the upcoming Transcontinental Highways Exposition of 1927. After the exposition, the Reno City Council decided to keep the arch as a permanent downtown gateway, and Mayor E.E. Roberts asked the citizens of Reno to suggest a slogan for the arch. No acceptable slogan was received until a \$100 prize was offered, and G.A. Burns of Sacramento was declared the winner on March 14, 1929, with "Reno, The Biggest Little City in the World".
- Reno grew thanks to Nevada's legalized gambling (in 1931) and liberal divorce laws. Reno became synonymous with divorce (e.g. "I am going to Reno" from The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand).
- Coldest temperature recorded in December (since 1981): -16. Highest temperature: 71. **This week is expected to be much more average, with highs in the low- to mid-forties and lows in the high-teens.**