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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



It was wonderful to see the packed room at our recent Annual Meeting/Unit game on March 8 at Rossmoor. Our thanks to the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club for providing a delicious light luncheon. We appreciate the big turnout for this important meeting to hear out our Unit's activities for the past year and what's coming up this year. It's always a pleasure to also hand out the 2014 Mini-McKinney and Ace of Club awards to the winners in the respective categories (see the listing in this issue of the eDeclarer). All enjoyed the rest of the afternoon playing our favorite game - bridge!

Coming up very soon is our Spring Sectional. I hope you have already booked a favorite bridge partner and will join us at the San Ramon High School in Danville on April 18-19. It's a wonderful venue for our sectional. This year, we have a special treat on Saturday during lunch between the sessions. Bob Garrett, President of District 21, will share with us some bridge history in his presentation on the "Wild and Woolly." He will be providing this presentation at many of the NABC's, so we are fortunate to have him present at our spring event. There will be lunch available for sale that day, so you can stay to hear this fun and informative session. It includes lots of photos - see if you can spot the Unit 499er players!! Details on the tournament is available on our website: <http://diablovalleybridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2015-Spring-Sectional-PDF-Flyer.-Rev.pdf>.

I just returned from the NABC in New Orleans where a good time was had by all. There was always something going on in the quarter - music, shopping, parades (there were at least three for St. Patrick's Day) and just the people-watching. This is definitely a great city for a tournament with lots of bridge, sightseeing, and great dining!

See you at our Spring Sectional April 18-19!

Anne

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Be sure to visit the unit website for more information on our clubs and events, as well as archives of our newsletters.

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...from the editor

Our Spring Sectional is upon us. Come on out to play, and support our unit in the best sectional around. We offer a great venue, friendly players, and the best sectional snacks anywhere. I'll be there! I hope you will, too!

Judy Keilin

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Unit 499 Milestones

New Junior Masters

Sam Earnhardt
John Hetland
Edward Mein

New Club Masters

James Brown
Mary Evenson
Arnold Jacobson

New Regional Masters

Jean Autrey
Marilyn Chaplin
Robert McEwan

New NABC Masters

Sally Adams
Laurie Hailey

New Life Masters

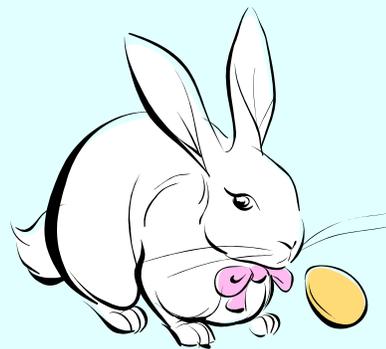
Barbara Smith

New Silver Life Masters

Byron Barclay
Roberta Lemons

2014 Ace of Clubs and MiniMcKinney Winners

	Ace of Clubs.	MiniMcKinney
0-5	Alan Jarvis	Kathy Wolf
20-50	Jane Kadner	Ross Gordon
20-50	Duvall Holthaus	Mel Chaplin
50-100	Felicity Warner	Felicity Warner
100-200	Jim Raby	Barbara McKay
200-300	Bill LeMaire	Bill LeMaire
300-500	Mark Humphrey	Anne Hollingsworth
500-1000	Irwin Lichtblau	Irwin Lichtblau
1000-2500	Hedy Wee	Kathrine Loh
2500-5000	Angie Murray	Linda Bandler
5000-7500	Chuck Wong	Bob Munson
7500-10000		Ed Nagy
Over 10000.	Mike Bandler	Mike Bandler



Diablo Valley Spring Sectional

**Guest
Speaker**



**NEW
DATE**

April 18 - 19, 2015

San Ramon Valley High School

501 Danville Blvd., Danville, CA 94526

Presented by Diablo Valley Unit 499 (<http://diablovalleybridge.com>)

Saturday, April 18th

10:00 AM

3:15 PM

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 1)
(0-750/750-2000/2000+)

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 2)
(0-750/750-2000/2000+)

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:

Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
299er (0-50/50-100/100-300)
99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:

Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
299er (0-50/50-100/100-300)
99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

* Games and strats will be adjusted based on attendance.

Sunday, April 19th

10:00 AM & TBD: Bracketed Swiss Teams. Brackets posted at tournament. **Teams must play both sessions.** 7 rounds/7 boards (lowest bracket plays 7 rounds/6 boards). 20 VP Scale for all brackets. Brackets based on team masterpoint average. Teams may elect to play in top bracket.

- Guest Speaker:** Bridge in the "Wild and Woolly" West by Bob Garrett, D21 President, during lunch on Saturday.
- Table fees:** \$11 per session (Non-ACBL or unpaid members \$14). Players with 0 – 99 masterpoints pay only \$6 at the Saturday afternoon session.
- Tournament Director:** Nancy Boyd ACBL Sanction # S1504046
- Tournament Chair:** Jackie Zayac (925) 284-2309, zayacfamily@comcast.net
- Partnerships:** Partnership desk available at tournament. Also, use Unit 499's Google Group to find a partner: <http://groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499>
- Food:** Refreshments. Lunch available for purchase Saturday and Sunday.

Directions: Take I-680 and exit onto El Cerro Blvd., turn west on El Cerro approx. 0.4 miles to Danville Blvd. Turn left onto Danville Blvd and drive 0.2 miles. San Ramon Valley High School is on the right. Enter San Ramon Valley High School at the 3rd driveway on your right. Follow parking signs.

BRIDGE • SWISS TEAM EVENT

SATURDAY, April 11*, 2015

DVBC, 12:30 PM

Light Lunch Served

12 Noon

\$40/team

*Second Saturday due to Unit 499 Sectional Conflict

We hope to continue having a separate Section
of teams of beginning players.

The Game will be Handicapped per directions on ACBL SCORE to give teams with lower master-point totals a boost when playing against more experienced players, OR strati-flighted if enough teams enter to accomplish this.

LIMITED TO 24 TEAMS

Please make a reservation in advance on

The sign-up sheet at DVBC

Or contact Jerry Chamberlain

JERRY@WJASPER.COM; 925-766-5228 (CELL)

***Names • team master-point total • email and/or phone of
team captain***

NEED TEAMMATES OR A TEAM?

WE WILL TRY TO MATCH UP PLAYERS

"This is an amusing handplay scenario, in which a distraction caused declarer to choose an unintended card from dummy on the opening lead, which turned out to be the only way to make the contract. "This will replace the "improve Your Game for this month. TOO MUCH MARCH MADDNESS! (and house guests!)



BrIdgE

BY GOREN

NORTH
 ♠ AK754
 ♥ AK852
 ♦ K63
 ♣ Void

<p style="text-align: center;">WEST</p> ♠ 8 ♥ Q10964 ♦ QJ854 ♣ 43	<p style="text-align: center;">EAST</p> ♠ QJ1092 ♥ J ♦ 72 ♣ A9752
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SOUTH
 ♠ 63
 ♥ 73
 ♦ A109
 ♣ KQJ1086

Both vulnerable. North deals.

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

Esther was looking forward to another game with Fred. They arrived in three no-trump after a normal auction. Esther thought she had to win the opening lead in her hand to preserve the finesse position over West for the jack of diamonds. She hadn't even considered her entry problems with the club suit when the waitress arrived.

"Did you order the regular latte or the king-size?" "The king, please," said Esther. Fred had become hard of hearing and the only thing he heard was "king, please." He played dummy's king of diamonds. Esther was still settling up with the waitress when she realized that everyone was waiting for her to play. She played her ace of diamonds to win the first trick, not realizing that dummy's king was already winning. She was sick when she noticed. Esther led the king of clubs from her hand. East won with the ace and fired a diamond back. Esther "false-carded" with the 10, losing to West's jack, and found herself back on play with the nine of diamonds when West cleared the suit. She cashed three club tricks, and settled for nine tricks when the club nine didn't fall.

"Nicely done," said Fred.

Club News

This section is for club owners and managers who wish to submit news about their games. Please go to our website for information about all our clubs, game times, and to check on the latest results.

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ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club

Rossmoor



SWISS GAME APRIL 4

A Swiss Game will be held at Rossmoor in the Oak Room at the Gateway Center on Saturday, April 4, at 12:30pm. *Teams must sign up in advance.*

UNIT GAME APRIL 16

There will be a Unit game at Rossmoor on Thursday, April 16, at 7pm.

NO GAME APRIL 25

There will be **no game** at Rossmoor Saturday, April 25. There will be a flea market in the Oak Room.

TWO BRIDGE CLASSES OFFERED

A class in **beginning bridge** is being offered by the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club (RDDB). The class will be held on Tuesdays from 9 to 11:30am. Classes will run from April 28 through June 16.

Pat Taylor and Kathleen Young will be co-teaching this class. The text will be "Bridge Basics 1, An Introduction" by Audrey Grant and will be available from the instructors. This class is for people who do not play bridge, but want to learn this fun, mind-challenging game.

A class in the **Two Over One** (2/1) bidding system will be held on Mondays from 9 to 11:30am. Classes will run from April 27 through June 15. This class is for those who already play bridge and want to transition from Standard American to the 2/1 game forcing system. The class will be taught by Ravi Bhalla and will cover all topics necessary for this change in the bidding system. The text will be announced in class.

All classes will be held in the Oak Room at the Gateway Center. Members of the RDDB have first priority for enrollment. Each of these eight week classes is \$40 for Rossmoor members with an additional \$10 for membership for non-members. The nonresident cost is \$80. There is a maximum of seven tables (28 people) for each class. To enroll call Barbara V. Smith at 256-4430. Checks should be payable to the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club.

Kit Miller

DANVILLE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

**Veteran's Hall
Hartz Ave, Danville**



The Friday morning Danville game will hold Clarity Club Championships on EVERY Friday in April. In May there will be four grass roots fund games to help District 21 support our grand national pairs and teams. These will also pay as Club Championships.

On the second Monday (8th) Danville will be in the Western Conference STaC most likely as a standalone game but still paying Silver Points and its own overalls. All May games are special events.

In June, July and August there will be two NAP games each month. Those games will be limited to 2500MP and only provide qualifying for Flights B and C. The NAP dates for June are June 5th and 26th.

There will be a regular Club Championship Game held on June 12th. In July GNP flight B and C qualifying games will be held on July 10th and 24th. August dates are not yet finalized.

David Sterling

Bridge on the Lake-Discovery Bay

Discovery Bay Community Center
1601 Discovery Bay Blvd
Discovery Bay



The Discovery Bay club will not have a game April 18 due to the Unit 499 Sectional, or April 25, because the Community Center is having a big Earth Day event there.

Arlene Mahlberg

The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club

The Moraga Evening bridge club will be playing on the following days in April, 2015:

Wednesday, April 1st

Tuesday, April 7th

Wednesday, April 15th

Tuesday, April 21st

We meet at 7pm at the Moraga Country Club, on St. Andrews Drive, just off Moraga Way. WE REQUIRE RESERVATIONS!

Wednesdays with Winnie Jasper winnie@wjasper.com

Tuesdays with David Geary dsgeary@comcast.com

We charge \$3 per person, provide hand records, and Master Points. We are an Open ACBL club.

Latest results:

Wednesday 2/18/2015 – 4 pairs

1. Sanda Henry & Winnie Jasper
2. Maxine Winer & Jerry Chamberlain
3. Jackie Zayac & Carol Harrison

Tuesday 2/25/2015 – 7 pairs

1. Mary Stuart & Al Dessayer
2. Lois & Dick Halliday
3. Mary Alice & Art Donaldson

Wednesday 3/4/2015

1. Ashok Chakradeo & Jerry Chamberlain
2. Kathy York & Winnie Jasper
3. Mary Stuart & Al Dessayer

Tuesday 3/10/2015

1. Maxine Winer & Ashok Chakradeo
2. Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
3. Mary Alice & Art Donaldson

Regards, David Geary

