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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Hello, Bridge Friends,

It's hard to believe summer is almost over! I hope everyone is having a great one!

I was in Chicago for the NABC last month, and saw many players from our unit there. It was a well-attended event, with players from all over the world. There were a number of "big" events, some awarding hundreds of master points for the top finishers! I expect many of you will attend the upcoming regional in Santa Clara, since it's in our area. It's always an excellent tournament, with lots of choices of games to play. I'll see you there.

Shortly after the Santa Clara Regional is our Diablo Valley "Almost Fall" Sectional. We will once again be at the San Ramon Valley High School in Danville. We are delighted to continue having our event at this location, as it offers plenty of parking and restaurants within walking distance. Please check the Diablo Valley website (<http://diablovalleybridge.com>) for more information, and book your favorite partner now.

Also, start thinking about the Tunnel Tourney which our unit will host this year at DVBC on Sunday, October 25. It's our annual competition with the East Bay unit. Our unit won last year, and we hope to keep the plaque on this side of the tunnel. More information will be available soon.

In the meantime, good luck at the tables.

Anne Hollingsworth
scootcat@pacbell.net

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send it to Judy Keilin at
jkeilin@pacbell.net

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

diablovalleybridge.com

...from the editor

We have a new contributor this month. Thanks to Jerry Weitzner for sending in a provocative hand. It would be great if Jerry would make his "Play This Hand With Me" a regular feature. Let Jerry or me know if you'd like to see this happen.

Also thanks again to Larry Miller for another interesting hand. (Occasional contributions are always welcome!)

Be sure to sign up for the Tunnel Tourney. It promises to be a fun day trying to hold onto the ownership of the plaque.

Judy Keilin

Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher



Unit 499 Milestones

New Junior Masters

Rochelle Becker
Art Evans
Carle Hirahira
Beverly Kivel
Patti Kagan

New Club Masters

Margaret Cross
Sandy Donatoni
Kerry Smith

New Sectional Masters

Audry Fujie

New NABC Masters

Felicity Warner

New Advanced NABC Masters

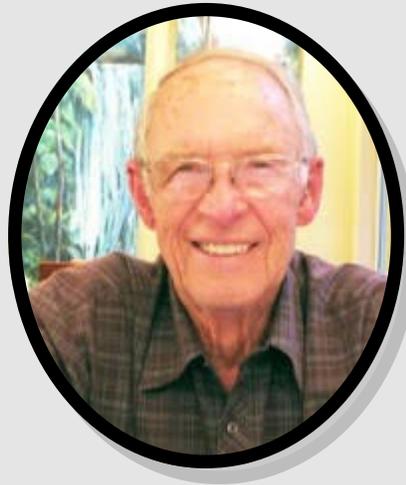
Barbara McKay

New Bronze Life Masters

Joyce Hayward

On August 7, Ed Seputis and Dan Wong had an 81.3% game at DVBC. Pretty awesome, guys!

In Memoriam



Thayer Johnson, 1929-2015, a member of the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club, passed away comfortably in his sleep last month. You might remember him from his great smile at the bridge table, winning or losing. Thayer never played a hand of bridge in his life until his wife, Alice, who had only played social bridge at that point,, got him interested about fifteen years ago. Alice says he started studying the game and was soon teaching her the finer points. If there is a heaven, Alice is sure he's up there, playing five times a week and reading about bridge the other two.

Are you giving me a headache???

ACBL has taken a stance on the issue of fragrances. This has become a major problem of late, and we hope our players in Unit 499 will become aware, and be in compliance. The following is ACBL's statement:

Be scent-sitive!



Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Many ACBL clubs, units and districts have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances. The ACBL has not issued an official policy on the matter, preferring instead to appeal to the goodwill of its members to refrain from using fragrances. Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (indeed, fragrances can frequently be a trigger for migraine sufferers) or breathing-related problems. For these individuals, the issue is much more serious than simply disliking a particular smell — it's a real health problem. The ACBL asks everyone to give this issue the consideration it deserves. Please, if you're going to play in a club or a tournament, don't wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions.

Bylaws Revision Notice

The Board of Directors is proposing an amendment to the Unit's Bylaws that will revise the number of members on the Board. Our current Bylaws specify that the Board will consist of fifteen persons who are members of the Unit (Article V, Item 1 Board of Directors).

The revision would provide flexibility in the number of Board Directors. Below is the proposed revision:

Article V - Governing Board of the Unit

1. Board of Directors

The affairs of the Unit shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Directors which shall consists of **at least nine (9) persons and a maximum** of fifteen (15) person, all of whom shall be members of the Unit.

Rationale for the Proposed Change:

We have a working Board, and will always ensure that we have an adequate number of Board members to meet the needs of serving the Unit. This change will allow the Board to find appropriate candidates for the Board, and not be restricted by having to have fifteen Board members.

The Board approved this Board revision at its June 7meeting. Our Bylaws then require that the proposed amendment be published in eDeclarer and posted on the Unit 499 website for at least thirty days. This provides time for members to ask any questions or provide comment. Any questions or comments can be directed to Anne Hollingsworth at scootcat@pacbell.net.

Sign-Up For 3rd Annual Pairs Tunnel Tournament

Unit 499 vs. Unit 502

The 3rd Annual Tunnel Tournament competition with the East Bay Unit 502 will be on Sunday, October 25 at Diablo Valley Bridge Center in Walnut Creek. Unit 499 won the event last year, and the coveted plaque has been on DVBC's wall since last fall.

We will have about twenty-two tables available for the two-session 299er and Open pairs game. Half of the pairs will represent Unit 499 and the other half Unit 502. Pairs must play both sessions which will be at 10am and 3pm. Cost for the day is only \$15.

Space is limited and registration is required. The sign-up deadline is October 17. Please sign-up with Mary Neff at marykayneff@comcast.net or [925-954-7923](tel:925-954-7923). When signing up, please provide the following:

- Names of both partners
- Master Points for both partners
- Unit represented (499 or 502)

Desired game (299er or Open).

Please see a copy of the [flyer](#) attached.

Please plan to play, and help us keep the plaque again this year!

Diablo Valley "Almost" *Fall* Sectional



Sept 19 & 20, 2015

San Ramon Valley High School
501 Danville Blvd., Danville, CA 94526

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

Saturday, September 19th

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, September 20th

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:

Bob Garret, D21 President, during lunch on Saturday!

Table fees:

\$11 per session (non-ACBL or unpaid members \$14)

Tournament Director:

Dianne Barton-Paine ACBL Sanction #:S1509159

Tournament Chair:

Jackie Zayac (925) 284-2309 or jackiezayac@gmail.com

Partnerships:

Partnership desk available at tournament. Also, use Unit 499's Google Group to find a partner: <http://groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499>

Food:

Light Refreshments. Lunch available for purchase Saturday & 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 to park behind the school.



3rd Annual Pairs Invitational

Unit 499

Tunnel Tourney

Unit 502

Hosted by Unit 499

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

East Bay Unit 502 (<http://www.eastbayunit-502.com>)

Location: Diablo Valley Bridge Center

2920 Camino Diablo, Suite 100

Walnut Creek, CA 94597 (925) 935-2273

Sunday, October 25, 2015

10:00 AM

3:00 PM

1st Session Stratified Pairs*

2nd Session Stratified Pairs

Open (0-500/500-2000/2000+)

Open (0-500/500-2000/2000+)

299er (0-50/50-100/100-300)

299er (0-50/50-100/100-300)

Pairs must play both sessions.

Registration required.

Space is limited to 22 tables – Half of the pairs will represent Unit #499 and the other half Unit #502.

To register, email marykayneff@comcast.net or call 925-954-7923 no later than October 17th.

Please provide names of both partners and their individual MPs, the Unit represented (499 or 502)

and the game desired (299er or Open). You will receive a confirming email or phone call.

Table Fees: \$15 for a whole day of bridge. **EXTRA POINTS and AWARDS will be given.**

Director: Ron Olswang - 925-672-7649

Event Contact: Mary Neff - marykayneff@comcast.net or call 925-954-7923

Food: snacks, coffee & tea will be provided.

Interesting Hands

Play a Hand with Me.....

You are playing in a local club game when you pick up the following:

A98

J1095

AKQ103

A

Both vulnerable. You open 1 Diamond and it goes 2S on your left, double by partner (negative), 3S on your right and you bid 4H. My thinking is that I would need very good hearts from partner to bid anything else but a slam is possible.

A spade is led and your dummy is:

Void

AK82

J9642

10983

My first thought is that we just missed a cold diamond slam and if the hearts split badly I might not make 5. It is very important to make 5 because it beats those that played only a game in diamonds.

As I want to retain complete control of this hand I trump the opening lead and then decided to play the top two hearts because if the trumps do split 3-2, I might make all of the tricks if the queen is doubleton but will most surely make 5 if the Q is third. Well, my right hand opponent has 4 hearts with the queen which isn't too good for me so I led a diamond to my hand, both following, to trump my low spade and now cannot get back to my hand unless the hand with 4 trumps has a doubleton diamond which is unlikely. I do not want to come to my hand with a club because when I force out the queen of hearts they will tap me with a club and I would be in big trouble. I then tried to come to my hand with another diamond and they ruffed and I claimed for making 5. As it turned out, this was a top which was a surprise to me.

As I drove home I was thinking about this hand and realized that I could have easily made 6 by doing something that looks counter intuitive.

Watch what happens if I only draw one round of trumps with the ace, then come to my hand with a diamond and lead my low spade and trump with the king of hearts and lead a small heart to my hand.

The rest of my hand is high and I could have made 6. This play only loses when one opponent holds a doubleton queen of trumps and gives their partner a diamond ruff, but it still makes 5.

I hope you find this hand as intriguing as I did. Note, it is very important to save the A of spades for later when the trumps are being drawn.

Jerry Weitzner

...another hand to test your skills...

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10
♥ Q 8 5
♦ A K Q 9 6 3
♣ 10 8

♠ A 5
♥ K 7 6 3
♦ J 8 7
♣ A K 6 4

N		
W		E
S		

♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ A 9 2
♦ 10 4
♣ J 9 3 2

♠ K Q 9 4 3
♥ J 10 4
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 7 5

Assume West wins the auction at three Clubs and North leads the A,K,Q of Diamonds.

The answer is that on the third Diamond, West discards a Heart from dummy and allows North to win. Assuming North now switches to a Spade, declarer wins with the A, goes to the board with the K of Hearts and leads the J of Clubs (Chinese finesse). Whether or not South covers, Declarer will have no trump losers. After drawing trump, Declarer cashes the A of Hearts and ruffs a Heart. Having won a Spade, two Hearts, a Heart ruff and three Clubs, Declarer still has a good Heart and a Club in hand. Making 3!

Incidentally, if North leads a fourth Diamond, declarer will ruff with the J. Whether South over ruffs or not, Declarer will discard his Spade loser and take nine tricks.

Larry Miller

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.

Diablovalleybridge.com



ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club

Rossmoor

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club will have special games September 7-12. This is **Club Championship Week** and extra masterpoints will be awarded. Tuesday, September 8, will be an Individual Game with a social twist. Players will get new partners on each round. Wednesday, September 9, will be an IMP Pairs Game (similar to Swiss Team scoring). All games will be held at the regular times in the Oak Room at Gateway.

The Club is gearing up for active participation in the **Rossmoor Games** the week of September 21-26.

First place N/S/E/W winners at A, B and C levels in all sections on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be given a ticket for a free lunch on Friday, September 25, at the Games Luncheon to be held at Rossmoor. This will include 24 players Monday, 24 on Tuesday and 12 on Wednesday. (no duplications will be given)

Free play will be given to members of the RDBC, and reduced cost to guests for the **entire week**.

All Monday games (except STAC) are for Rossmoor residents only. Residents may bring guests to all other games.

Kit Miller

The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club



The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club will meet in *September 2015* as follows:

Wednesday, September 2nd

Tuesday, September 8th

Wednesday, September 16th

Tuesday, September 22th

Games always begin at 7pm, and finish about 10. Fee is \$3 per player. ACBL Open Club, with Master Points. Hand Records. Free play for the winners.

YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE with: Winnie Jasper (winnie@wjasper.com) for Wednesdays, or David Geary (dsgear@comcast.net) for Tuesdays.

We meet at the Moraga Country Club, upstairs, on St. Andrews, a short distance from Moraga Way.

Recent results:

7/7/2015 - 3 tables

- 1 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 - Lois & Dick Halliday
- 3 - Judy & John Sherwood

7/21/2005 - 4 tables

- 1 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 - Colleen & David Geary
- 3t - Ann Elliott & Sheila Knoth
- 3t - Ashok Chakradeo & George Bazgan

8/11/2015 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tables

- 1 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 - Renee & Dennis Ross
- 3 - Sue & Shyam Rungta

Regards, David Geary

The 24/ 680 Club

The location is our home:
183 Corliss Drive , Moraga 94556
(on the corner of Corliss and Crossbrook Drives at
the stop sign)
On-street parking
[925-376-1125](tel:925-376-1125)

Reservations required:
Winnie: Winnie@wjasper.com or [925-376-1125](tel:925-376-1125) (home)

Jerry: [925-766-5228](tel:925-766-5228) (cell)



The July Swiss was held on the 18th. There were six teams divided into two flights.

First Place:

Flight A: Lew & Nancy Voils, Bonnie Johnson, and Ron Olswang

Flight B: Bob Barnes, Larry Lange, Max Creamer, and Ray Barber

Wednesday July 15, the big winners that day were :

Maxine Winer and Joan Sopher

Winnie Jasper and Lynn Middlebrook

Hatti Hamlin and Tony Mason

Wednesday July 22:

Ashok Chakradeo and Jerry Chamberlain

Shyam & bSue Rungta

Gayle Everett and Winnie Jasper

Wednesday July 29:

Judy Murphy and Winnie Jasper

Bill Warren and Barbara Smith (and 1st in B)

Conrad Robertson and Tony Mason

Liz Rutter & Vernita Davidson (2nd in B)

Shyam & Sue Rungta (1st in C)

Wednesday August 5:

Judy Murphy & Winnie Jasper

Sanda Henry & Antica Odabashian (and 1st in B)

Conrad Robertson & Tony Mason

Bill Warren & Barbara Smith (2nd in B)

Wednesday August 12:

Tom Ahmann & Jerry Chamberlain

Tim Zuffi & Ann Chiles(and 1st in B)

Rosemary Hagman & Winnie Jasper

Conrad Robertson & Tony Mason

Joel & Susan White (2nd in B)

Winnie Jasper

Our Wednesday games (10am to about 2:15pm with lunch included) will be held every week and we continue to host a Swiss Team Game on the third Saturday of each month. Occasionally there will be exceptions due to conflicts with Unit 499 special events, such as September, where we must move the game to the fourth Saturday, September 26.

Also, we will participate in the STaC games every time during the year when they are

24/680 BRIDGE CLUB SWISS TEAMS

SATURDAY, September 26, 2015

NOTE this is the 4th Saturday due to Fall Sectional Schedule

*** * * 10:00AM * * ***

Light Lunch Served; 12 Noon

\$40/team

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 12 TEAMS

Please make a reservation in ADVANCE

Winnie Jasper at Winnie@wjasper.com

Jerry Chamberlain at 925-766-5228 (CELL)

New Location

183 Corliss Drive, Moraga CA 94556

925-376-1125

NEED TEAMMATES OR A TEAM?

WE WILL TRY TO MATCH UP PLAYERS