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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Hello, Bridge Players:

Since I am writing this column before October 25 to meet publication deadlines, I don't know the results for the annual Tunnel Tourney with East Bay Unit 502. Our unit had a sizable number of folks coming to play, so I am optimistic we kept the TT plaque in the East Bay. This is a fun annual event, and gives our units a chance for some healthy competition! The players have a full day of bridge with the double sessions at the bargain price of \$15. The East Bay Unit started a tradition last year of having lunch included, which Diablo Valley followed this year. Hats off to Mary Neff for coordinating this year's competition for us.

The Unit's second NLM 0-499 game is November 7 and 8. We had a full house last year, and expect another big turnout this year. Eligible players planning to come should arrive early to ensure a spot at a table. New this year is Sunday Swiss, so it's a two-day event! There are lots of non-life masters in our unit under the point ceiling, so line up a favorite partner and come to the sectional.

In the world of bridge politics, Unit 499's own Jackie Zayac won her election to serve as the District 21 2nd alternative to the ACBL Board of Governors. She will serve our unit and the district well! Congratulations, Jackie!

Anne Hollingsworth
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Happy
Thanksgiving

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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

We have a great feature article in this issue. Jackie Marshall has written a delightful piece describing the road to her recent Life Master milestone achievement. Be sure to read it! Congratulations, Jackie, and thanks for sharing.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Judy Keilin
Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher



Unit 499 Milestones

New Junior Masters

Mark Kogan
Elizabeth Leary
Roger Peters
Clare Smith

New Club Masters

Priscilla Boyer
India Chandrani

New Sectional Masters

Eugene Lipson
June Mailman
Malcolm Mendelson

New Regional Masters

Cornelia Gould
Ed Gould
Debby Rechnitz

New Bronze Life Masters

Ray Barber
Cynthia Maas
John Sherwood
Nancy Ward



A LONG DAYS JOURNEY INTO NIGHTmare to Life Master



In the beginning it was like Alice falling not in abyss of a rabbit hole,
but rather like trying to do a dance on a sinuous pole.

Do I Double - would that cause trouble?
Do I Pass - you bet your _____.

Was I drunk to have made that bid?
How can I keep my loser hid?

Oh dear, I trumped my partner's ace;
what a glare plays upon her face.

Oops, the opponents are smiling once again.
What bridge faux pas did I now sin?

My partner bids slam - my spirits perk until
I realize I am declarer - will I make it work?

"Jackie, focus, focus, focus
to win some Master points for us"
"But my distractions are my forte
thus I can't concentrate on which card to play."

The finesses fail, the ruff forgotten, "Breast your cards!"
Oh, if I could only play like a Shakespearean Bard!

But, I made it due to partners and fixes, distribution and luck;
my doubting feelings no long suck.

It is a game of nonsense, skill and frustration
but the social aspects elicit acclamations !!

Thank you patient partners.

Jackie Marshall

Unit Directory

Hello Unit 499 Members!

2016 is quickly approaching and new Unit 499 Directories will be created. Data that is in the current Online (2015) or Print (2014) directory will be incorporated into each directory as is currently listed in that directory.

The directory data includes: name, mailing address, phone (land line and/or cell); email address. Select which data that you would like included and identify Online and/or Print directories. You have a choice of directories and the data to be included in each directory.

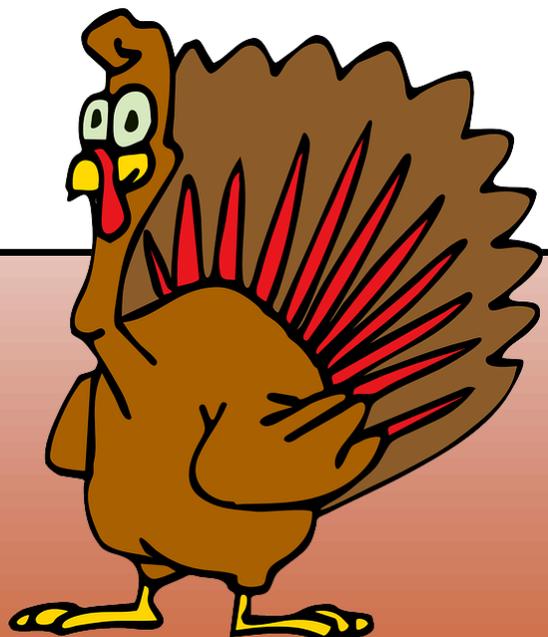
If you wish to change some of your contact information that was listed in either Directory, please send an e-mail to Bob_Barnes@msn.com by December 1, 2015.

If you were not listed in either Directory and would like to be listed in the 2016 Unit 499 Print and/or Online Directory, please send me your WRITTEN PERMISSION (ACBL requirement) to be included in the appropriate Directory. Please send your information to Bob_Barnes@msn.com no later than December 1, 2015.

If you miss the date, then your info will not be included, so please respond quickly. For those who have already responded, then THANKS, as my job is simpler.

If I have received a completed form from you, then you have completed the requirement. The forms are available from any Director when you play at a game.

Bob Barnes
Unit 499 Membership Director



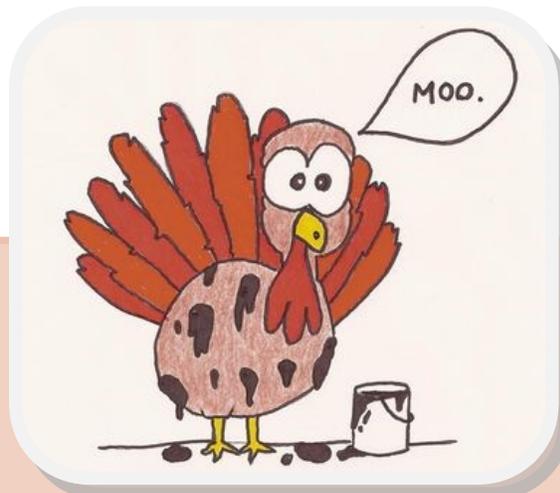
Play a Hand with me

	North	
	S J53	
	H J876542	
	D Q105	
	C -----	
West		East
S KQ1086		S 74
H 3		H Q10
D 98		D AKJ62
C AQ987		C K543
	South	
	S A92	
	H AK9	
	D 743	
	C J1062	

This month is a defensive hand which reminds me of a chess game, because there is visualizing the positions. You may wish to cover the N and E hands until the end.

You are South and the bidding starts with East. 1D, pass, 1S, pass, 2C, pass, 4C, pass, 5C, all pass. You are fairly sure they are going down and you lead one high heart. When you see the dummy, you know that you will take a spade trick, and hope to take a club trick. You also realize that if declarer is in the dummy, he might lead a low club and that will give away the club position. So, you lead a diamond into the declarer. Declarer wins whichever diamond your partner plays and leads a low spade. Now's your chance. You win the A of spades and lead another diamond, again putting the declarer in his hand. Now this declarer led a low club to the dummy and cried when the suit split 4-0. By putting the declarer in his hand, you gave him the opportunity to misplay his trumps. This combination comes up rarely, but the only 4-0 split you can win against is by leading the king first and then leading twice towards the A and Q.

Jerry Weitzner



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 TEAM GAME AT ROSSMOOR

There will be a Swiss Team game at Rossmoor on Saturday, November 14. Teams must sign up in advance and two of the four team members must be members of the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club.

Play starts at 12:30pm, so please arrive early to register and pay the entry fee.

The game will be held in the Oak Room at the Gateway Center in Rossmoor.

CANCELLED GAMES

There will be no games at Rossmoor on Saturday, November 7, and Thursday, November 26.

HOLIDAY PARTY and ANNUAL MEETING

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club annual holiday party will be held on Monday, December 14, at noon in the Oak Room. There will be a brief annual meeting held before play begins. Members should be prepared to vote on proposed changes to the club's by-laws at that time. A copy of the proposed changes is on the website, as well as on the bulletin board in the Oak Room. These changes reflect how the club operates today.

Kit Miller

The 24 / 680 Bridge Club

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)



Our Wednesday games run 10am to about 2pm, with lunch included. We continue to host a Swiss Team Game on the third Saturday of each month except November. We will be holding as many Charity Games and Special Club Appreciation games and other extra points opportunities as we can reasonably schedule within the ACBL Guidelines. On October 14 we held a charity game and were able to make a contribution to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation ARF. We hope to support a local charity several times per year.

Also, we will participate in the STaC games in December.

Please remember that reservations are required in advance for these games. If we have enough notice we can usually arrange for partnerships.

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper
Winnie@wjasper.com
925-376-1125

Upcoming Schedule:

November 2015:

Wed. 11/4: ACBL Charity Game \$9

Closed November 9 - 22

Wed. 11/25: Regular Pair Game \$8

December 2015:

Wed. 11/2: Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 11/9: STaC Pair Game \$9

Sat.. 11/12: STaC Pair Game \$9

Wed. 11/16: Charity Pair Game \$9

Sat. 11/19: Charity Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 11/23: Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 11/19: Regular Pair Game \$8

January 2016:

Closed January 1 - 13

Sat. 1/16: Junior Fund Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 1/20: Junior Fund Pair Game \$9

Wed. 1/27: Junior Fund Pair Game \$9

The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club



The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club will now be meeting every-Tuesday evening only. The Wednesday game has been discontinued.

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 David Geary (dsgeary@comcast.net). If you cannot get in touch with David, contact Winnie Jasper (winnie@wjasper.com) phone [925/376-1125](tel:9253761125).

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

Recent results:

9/16 - 2 tables

- 1 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 - Mary Stuart & Al Dessayer
- 3 - Colleen & David Geary

9/22 - 2 tables

- 1 - Colleen & David Geary
- 2 - Sanda Henry & Antica Obadashian
- 3 - Sue & Shyam Rungta

10/6 - 3 tables

- 1 - Renee & Dennis Ross
- 2 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 3 - Carol & Gary Irwin

10/13 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tables

- 1 - Colleen & David Geary
- 2 - Ann Elliott & Carol Irwin
- 3 - Sue & Shyam Rungta

Regards, David Geary

Blackhawk Duplicate Bridge

Blackhawk Country Club

There's a change in the Blackhawk game schedule for December.

The regular game will be held Wednesday, December 2, and a special STAC Week game will be on Tuesday, December 8. This game will be held in the Main Dining Room, and is open to include men. Game time is 9:30am, with lunch included.

Reservations are needed.

Lilah Newton

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