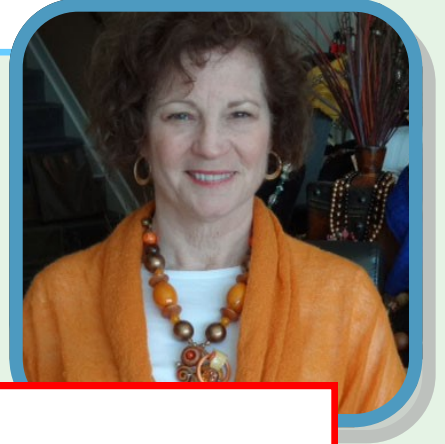


December 2015

# eDeclarer

ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

## President's Message



Hello, Bridge Players,

We had a well-attended Tunnel Tourney at the end of October. It was a very competitive game, but at the end of the day, the plaque moved back through the Caldecott Tunnel to East Bay Unit 502. Congratulations to this year's winner! There will be a re-match on October 9, 2016, at the East Bay Club, so mark your calendars now and come help us bring the award back to our unit. Mary Neff, the event chairperson, and her team put on an outstanding event. Our thanks to Ron Olswang for his fine directing. Below is a photo of me passing the plaque to Neil Mazaroff, President of Unit 502. This has been a fun day for both of our units, and we always look forward to this annual event.

The weekend of November 7-8, DVBC was a full clubhouse as NLM 499 players came for the unit's Silver Rush sectional. We had more players come than anticipated, and unfortunately, had to turn away more than we expected. Our apologies to those who were not able to register and play. For those who played, we heard lots of complements on the well-run event and great hospitality. Michael Kruley organized this sectional for us, and with his tourney helpers put on a top-notch event. We are playing to have this tournament at a larger venue next year to accommodate all who want to attend. Stay tuned for more information.

December 20 is the Annual Holiday Party and unit game at DVBC. Please check our Unit 499 website for more details. We would appreciate players bringing a side dish to share. This is always an enjoyable way to celebrate the end of the year, and welcome in the new year to come!

Happy Holidays to All!  
Anne Hollingsworth



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To submit a letter to the editor,  
send it to Judy Keilin at  
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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.

[diablovalleybridge.com](http://diablovalleybridge.com)

## ...from the editor

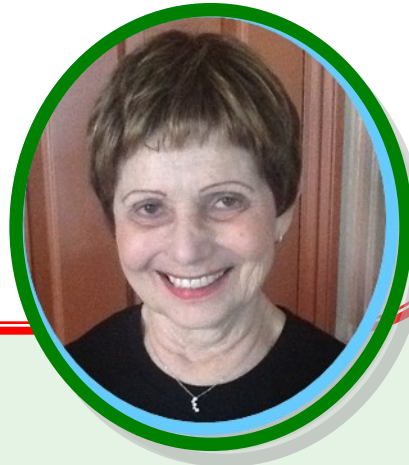
The Tunnel Tourney and the NLM Sectional were highlights of November. If you didn't attend this year, be sure not to miss them next year!

We have lots of players who achieved new rankings this month. Be sure to check Milestones to see who they are.

I hope you're enjoying Jerry Weitzner's feature "Play a Hand With Me". Jerry would like to know if you like these hands and find them easy to understand. Please let him know at [jweitzner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweitzner@sbcglobal.net). I enjoy them, and hope you do, too.

See you at the tables,

Judy Keilin  
Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher



# Unit 499 Milestones

## New Junior Masters

Velma Leavitt  
Janette Low  
Joseph Roebuck  
Miranda Schuyler

## New Club Masters

Christa Krick

## New NABC Masters

Barret Clack  
Linda Ingham  
Jacob Rosenberg

## New Advanced NABC Masters

Gayle Everett

## New Life Masters

Jackie Marshall  
Paul Newton

## New Bronze Life Masters

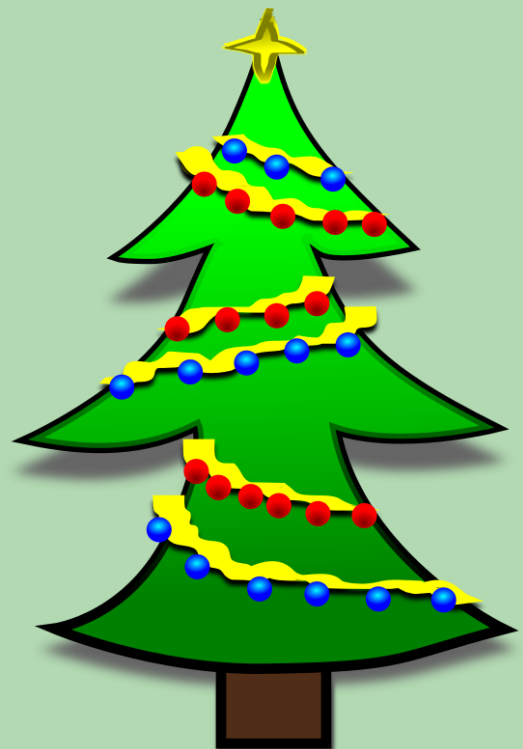
Eldonna Dayton

## New Silver Life Masters

Rosalind Juo Cunha  
Vickie Rivera

## New Gold Life Masters

Dan Scarola



# 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





Trisha O'Connor celebrating Halloween!!!

# Play a Hand with me

North

S Q96

H J863

D K52

C J53

West

S AK84

H 7

D J8764

C K108

East

S J52

H Q54

D Q93

C A742

South

S 1073

H AK1092

D A10

C Q96

Let's call this the "How do you play the club suit hand?"

The bidding goes 1H by you, pass, 2H, p, p, p.

The opening lead is the K spades and a switch to the 6 diamonds. You win the A diamonds and cash the A and K of hearts and your left hand opponent shows out on the second heart by playing the 4 diamonds. At this point you see that you will lose 2 spades, 1 heart and as many as 3 clubs. You now lead a spade toward dummy's Q and your LHO rises with the A and leads another diamond. You can now cash the Q spades. What is the best way to play the club suit so you only lose 2 tricks in that suit?

That was a trick question, your guaranteed way is to have won the K diamonds and ruff a diamond to your hand and now put your RHO in with the high trump and they must lead a club since that is all they have left and after the opponents cash their A and K, you have the rest, making 2 for a very nice result. This card combination comes up frequently and it is best to not play it yourself.

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

### FREE PLAY FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Play will be free for Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club members during the month of December. Guest fees will be reduced to \$5, except on Friday morning when they will be \$3. These free and reduced fees do not apply during STAC week.

### STAC WEEK

STAC week will be December 7-12.

### HOLIDAY PARTY and ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, December 14, will be the Holiday Party and Annual Meeting. Lunch will be served at noon. The annual meeting will be held before play begins.

**No games** will be held on December 24 and 25 or January 1.

Kit Miller



**DIABLO VALLEY BRIDGE CENTER**

2920 Camino Diablo, W. C., SUITE 100

CALL: 925-935-2273 or 925-943-2273

***Greetings, everyone at DVBC, Unit 499 and District 21!***

***It was one year ago, on November 11, 2014, that I closed escrow on the condo here in Cincinnati, Ohio. What an amazing year it has been -- so many changes for the bridge players of the East Bay! I know many of you have been wondering (and, perhaps, worrying a bit) about what will happen after the first quarter of 2016.***

***I will be in California for two weeks, arriving Sunday, November 22, leaving Sunday, December 6. By the time I get there, I hope to have definitive answers regarding the evolutionary life of our bridge club. There are options available, and the games will definitely continue, hopefully without a large interruption in the schedule. Change is always disruptive, even when it is wonderful change. Hang in there, folks.***

***Diablo Valley Bridge Center is blessed to have several fine bridge teachers. Lessons continue to bring in new players; advanced lessons then encourage them to continue to grow their game. Lessons are the key to the future of this great game.***

***Unlocking the door to that future depends on how we more experienced players treat those newer players. As they struggle through the same mistakes we made (and are still making, I can attest), be kind and patient while these newbies become experienced players. Generously give them help if they ask for it (your general attitude will show them it is safe to ask for your advice). Be ambassadors for the continuation and growth of bridge in this country.***

***I happily report that my own game has sharpened a bit, and I made it to the rank of Silver Life Master in late September. Since the next higher rank takes 2500 MPs, I might have reached the highest level for myself. Nonetheless, I'll continue trying to improve, reading the columns, studying the books and playing, playing, playing this endlessly challenging game.***

***I hope to see many of you in late November and early December. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!***

***Iris Libby***





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

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



We are holding games the entire month of December and there will be lots of opportunities for extra points. Please check our game schedule listed under our club. All games begin at 10am and end about 2pm. Jerry serves a very nice lunch at the midpoint of the game. Two of our games will be charity games with the money raised going to the Contra Costa Food Bank just in time for the holidays. Saturday December 19 is our Swiss Team game with a holiday party to follow.

Wednesday December 9 and Saturday December 12 will be STaC games where points will be determined by comparing results over the entire Western Conference. Last stack week we had six pairs make the master list for extra points from out two games! Both games will start at 10am.

We have had questions about the Junior Fund games in January. These are open charity games (extra points) to raise money for teaching bridge to young people, something we would all like to support.

Please remember to sign up in advance so we can set up enough tables and have enough food to feed the crowd.

Winnie Jasper and Jerry Chamberlain  
[Winnie@wjasper.com](mailto:Winnie@wjasper.com) or [925-376-1125](tel:925-376-1125)

## Bridge on the Lake-Discovery Bay

Discovery Bay Community Center  
1601 Discovery Bay Blvd  
Discovery Bay

December will be a busy month for bridge in Discovery Bay - the STaC game on December 12th, and then a Pro-Am Swiss Team competition for the Unit Game on December 19th. Pros will be those pairs with more than 500 MPs and the Ams will be those pairs with less than 500 MPs. At the beginning of the game, the Ams will draw their teammates at random. Since it is also the Saturday before Christmas, we will start off with a short Holiday Party at 12 Noon. Reservations for this game should be made by December 10 by calling 516-4380 or email [ajmahlberg@yahoo.com](mailto:ajmahlberg@yahoo.com).

Arlene Mahlberg



## **The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club**

The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge club will now be meeting every Tuesday evening. No more Wednesdays.

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

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

Recent results:

### **10/20 – 4 tables**

- 1 – Vicki Chang & Don Steedman
- 2t – Carol & Gary Irwin
- 2t – Art Donaldson & David Geary

### **10/27 – 3 tables**

- 1 – Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 – Sanda Henry & George Bazgan
- 3t – Judy & John Sherwood
- 3t – Lois & Dick Halliday

### **11/3 – 4 tables**

- 1 - Lois & Dick Halliday
- 2 – Colleen & David Geary
- 3 – George Bazgan & Ashok Chakradeo

### **11/10 – 3 tables**

- 1 – Ashok Chakradeo & John Ramsey
- 2 – Lois & Dick Halliday
- 3 – Colleen & David Geary

### **11/17 – 2 tables**

- 1 – George Bazgan & Ashok Chakradeo
- 2t – Lois & Dick Halliday
- 2t – Art Donaldson & David Geary



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  
[Lilahnewton@yahoo.com](mailto:Lilahnewton@yahoo.com)