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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Hello, Fellow Bridge Lovers,

Here it is - summer. July is always a bit of a lull - no Regionals or STAC's during this month. But there are lots of games at our local clubs, so be sure to come and play with your favorite partners.

During the few days I played at the Sacramento Regional, I saw a large number of players from our unit at the tournament. Many topped the leaderboards, representing our unit well! Congratulations to all of you bringing home buckets of master-points - good job!

While July may be a relatively quiet month, there are a number of activities on the near horizon. August is a month for STAC, so a great opportunity to add some silver to your master-point lode. The Santa Clara Regional begins at the end of August and will certainly once again draw many from our unit since it's nearby.

On our local front, there's planning underway for the upcoming Barbara Seagram seminar on Friday, September 23. We plan to open registration in July, so watch for the flyers and more information on our website. Space is limited, so you'll want to sign up early. We are very fortunate to have this well-know author of popular bridge books presenting in our unit! Also noteworthy is the annual Tunnel Tourney competition with the East Bay Club, scheduled for Sunday, October 9. We definitely want to bring the plaque back to our side of the Tunnel! The Fall Sectional will be October 29-30 - almost Halloween. So, lots of bridge coming your way!

See you at the tables,
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

Most of you already know that Bob Collins has passed away. Judy Lowe is planning a memorial service for him at the VFW Cemetery in Gustine – about an hour-and-a-half from here. Read more about it elsewhere in this issue.

Our new club is up-and-running with good attendance at all games. If you haven't been there yet, try to get there. You'll like it.

Happy Summer,

Judy Keilin

Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher



Unit 499 Milestones

New Junior Masters

Jeanette Bartz
Melinda Hall
Sharon Hyde
Sally Jenkins
Gloria McBeth
Barbara Resnick

New Club Masters

Vernie Childress
Albert Chu
Stephen Harris
Ingrid Hsu
Elaine Matsui

New Sectional Masters

Helene Gordon
Regina Hartwig

New Regional Masters

Mary Neff

New NABC Masters

Leo Rolandelli

New Bronze Life Masters

Eva Hyman
Carol Penskar

New Diamond Life Masters

Manfred Michlmayr

In Memoriam...

ROBERT ELLSWORTH COLLINS

APRIL 10, 1930 - MAY 16, 2016

Robert "Bob" was born in French Camp, California. He spent all of his young life in the San Joaquin Valley, and attended Gustine High School, where he was known as "Buster". He passed away on May 16, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with multiple health issues.

At the age of seventeen, he enlisted in the US Navy and served nine years, which included forty months of aircraft-carrier duty in the Pacific, Cuba, and the Mediterranean, where he discovered his love of flight. He spent the next twenty-seven years with the California State Department of Corrections, starting as a prison guard, and retiring as a Counselor. During these years he attained an AA degree in Aviation from Sacramento City College. His love of airplanes inspired him to restore a 1942 Stinson from the ground up. Not only was he a licensed private pilot; he was also a licensed aircraft mechanic.

Bob was a world-traveler during his time in the Navy, and continued to travel with his wife, Julia "Judy" to more than forty countries while teaching bridge and supervising bridge games on cruise ships. In addition, he loved being in clubs; everything from VFW, American Legion, Masons, Toastmaster, Jeep Four Wheelers, Country Swingers Dance, Rossmoor Tap Dancers, and, of course, playing bridge. His love of life was infectious! He could light up a darkened room with his energy, never met a stranger, and always had a joke to tell. Bob will be remembered as a gentleman who lived his life with honor, respect, wisdom, and generosity.

Bob is survived by his loving wife/companion of twenty-three years, Julia Lowe, and his six children, Beverly (Bob) Webb, Sheryl (Ron) Young, Richard "Steve" (Adriana) Collins, Catherine (Joe) Lema, and step-children David and Phillip Blair, plus Julia's daughter Kerri (Rolando) Buted. He was blessed with seventeen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Bob was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Cynthia, his brother, Howard, sister, Marjorie, and his first wife, Patricia Goddard.

On Friday, July 22 at 11am, there will be a Committal Service in San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, 32053 West McCabe Road, Santa Nella, CA 95322. Immediately following the service, there will be a celebration of life at the Mission de Oro, 13070 Highway 33, Santa Nella.

Donations can be made in Bob's honor to the Gustine VFW Chapter. The address is: Gustine VFW Post 7635, 145 Fifth Street, Gustine, CA 95322. Donations should be designated in Memorial for Robert E. Collins.



Goodwill Lunch and Game



What a wonderful Goodwill lunch and game on May 29th.

A really big thank you to Andy for all of his efforts in coordinating this special event to recognize Jackie for all that she has done for the unit and bridge the past several years, which resulting in her being named a lifetime member on the D21 Goodwill Committee this year. This was also an excellent way to spotlight Jackie as well as the past recipients of this award from our unit.

There are numerous details with something like this, from securing the venue, boards, a director, to preparing comments and purchasing the cake, among other things. I heard nothing but compliments for this well-organized event. We all are aware there were many challenges, starting with determining a workable date and obtaining a director, plus getting the word out with very short notice. But with sixteen and a half tables, it was a great success!

Big thanks also go to Lyn Sacco for working with Andy and coordinating the lunch. With the table count moving daily (or should I say hourly), you did a fantastic job, Lyn. The food was excellent.

I know everyone who attended enjoyed the event, and gave many an opportunity to congratulate Jackie on her award and thank her for all that she has done.

Anne Hollingsworth

Last Game at DVBC

Here are the winners of the last game played at DVBC. Congratulations to Monica Deutch & Sylvia Victoria winning NS and Terry Wassman & Ira Feldman winning EW.



Play a Hand with me

Play A Hand With Me...

July, 2016

North

S K74

H K932

D 104

C 10632

West

S AJ1085

H 854

D 876

C 87

East

S Q3

H QJ7

D QJ95

C AJ54

South

S 962

H A106

D AK32

C KQ9



The bidding goes 1N by South all pass. The opening lead is the J Spades and you duck. West continues with the 10 Spades and since the Queen didn't appear the first round, you play the King and it holds. Without many entries to the dummy, you lead a club to your King and that holds. It looks like the A Clubs is with East so you lead a heart to the K and lead another low club. East wins with the A and leads back a club which you win with the Queen while West actually discards the 6 of Diamonds.

You now could take 7 tricks with very little hope of gaining another so you decide to put West in with the spade and as they cash the two remaining spades, East seems to be having trouble discarding and is actually being squeezed in Hearts and Diamonds.

East has had to make 2 discards in front of you and when West leads the last spade, East has the Q and J of Hearts and the Q and J and 9 of Diamonds. If he discards a Heart, you're A and 10 are good and if he discards a Diamond you're A and K of Diamonds and the little Diamond are good so you now are making 2.

Note, that the "innocent" discard of the 6 of Diamonds by West caused this squeeze to work. Had West instead threw away a little Heart, his Diamond holding would have set up to take the third trick.

This hand shows that when you have nowhere to find another trick it is worthwhile to let the defenders create one for you.

Jerry Weitznar

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

Part one of this lesson ran two month in a row, hope you learned it "doubly well". Sorry about that, Mary Krouse



THE RESPONSIVE DOUBLE AFTER PARTNER OVERCALLS (Part 2)

In addition to using the responsive double after Partner's takeout double, you can use it when Partner overcalls. Examples:

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♦	1♠	2♦	Dbl*
1♥	2♣	3♥	Dbl*

* Responsive Double

The rule works the same as when Partner makes a takeout double. When Partner overcalls Opener's suit bid and RHO raises opener's suit, Advancer's double is a *Responsive Double*. It shows the other two suits, and denies support for Partner's overcall. Remember, your double is only "responsive" when the opponents bid and raise their suit.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	1♠	2♣	???

♠3 ♥KJ642 ♦A10542 ♣J8

Double. You have no support for Partner's spades, but you want to compete. The responsive double shows that you have the two unbid suits.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♦	1♥	2♦	???

♠KJ103 ♥10 ♦865 ♣A5432

Double. You do not promise 5 cards in each unbid suit. If Partner bids a 3-card spade suit, a 4-3 fit should be good at the 2-level.

LHO Part. RHO You

1♣ 1♦ 2♣ ???

♠Q8654 ♥K10642 ♦4 ♣98

Double. Perfect with this weak hand because Partner can bid a major at the 2-level. Without the responsive double you could only guess what to do.

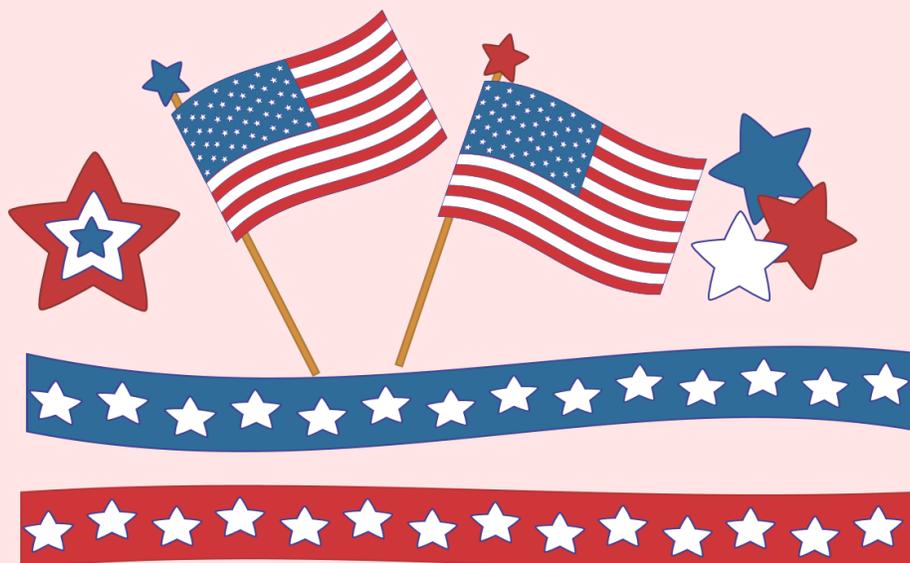
LHO Part. RHO You

1♥ 1♠ 3♥* ???

*preemptive

♠73 ♥9 ♦AK1064 ♣AJ853

Double. If you don't play responsive doubles to this level, you should double as a strength showing bid. Either of these bids could be wrong, but double is probably the best choice. If Partner rebids spades, at least you have a doubleton.



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 and SPECIAL DUPLICATE GAMES

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club is holding several special games in the next few months.

Saturday, **June 4**, the club will participate in a **World Wide Contest**.

June 6 - 11 will be a **Club Championship Week**. Games during this entire week will be **FREE** to all club members and \$7 for guests. Extra points will be awarded. The Monday game June 6 will be restricted to club members, as usual, and additional extra points will be awarded on that day.

Saturday, **July 9**, the club will hold a stratified **Board-a-Match** game instead of a Swiss team event. This is a team event that will require **advanced sign up**. Board-a-Match team events are a cross between matchpoint pairs and team events. They are similar to Swiss team games, but instead of using IMP scoring, the score on each board is either zero, one or one-half. It will be set up resembling two pairs games.

Monday, **July 11**, will be a **Birthday Free Play Game** for all club members.

Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding Class

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club is offering a class in the basics of competitive bidding. This is the second half of Rossmoor's beginning bridge course. Two to three weeks will be spent reviewing Bridge Basics 1 (BBI) and then the class will focus on preemptive bidding, overcalls, takeout doubles and perhaps a few conventions. The class will start on Monday, June 20, at 9:30am and will last eight weeks. It is a beginning class for those who have taken BBI or have a basic understanding of Standard American bidding. Instructors will be Pat Taylor and Kathleen Young. It will be held in the Oak Room at Gateway.

The book will be available for purchase from the instructors. The cost is \$40 for club members; there is an additional \$10 for non member Rossmoor residents and the non-resident cost is \$80. Checks should be made payable to the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club. To register please call Barbara V. Smith at 256-4430.

Kit Miller

Lamorinda Bridge Club

Our Wednesday games run 10am to about 2pm, with lunch included. We host a Swiss Team Game on the third Saturday of most months during the year.

Please remember that reservations are required in advance for these games. If we have enough notice we can usually arrange for partnerships. You may reserve games in advance when you know your schedule.

For those of you who plan ahead, games will not be held on the following Wednesdays:

September 7, October 26, and November 2, 9, 23, and 30.

July 2016:

Wed. 7/6 Charity (Bay Area Crisis Nursery) Pair Game \$9

Wed. 7/13 Club Championship Pair Game \$8

Sat. 7/16 Charity (Bay Area Crisis Nursery) Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 7/20 Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 7/27 Regular Pair Game \$8

August 2016:

Wed. 8/3 Unit Pair Game \$8

Wed. 8/10 Charity Pair Game \$9

Wed. 8/17 Regular Pair Game \$8

Sat. 8/20 Charity Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 8/24 STaC Pair Game \$9

Sat. 8/27 STaC Pair Game \$9

Wed. 8/31 Regular Pair Game \$8

September 2016:

Wed. 9/7 No Game

Wed. 9/14 Charity (International Fund) Pair Game \$9

Sat. 9/17 Charity (International Fund) Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 9/21 Charity (International Fund) Pair Game \$9

Wed. 9/28 Charity (International Fund) Pair Game \$9

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

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Lamorinda Bridge Club

The location is our home:

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(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 Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club

The Moraga Country Club duplicate bridge game is every Tuesday evening at 7pm at the Moraga Country Club. Reservations are required with David Geary, dsgear@comcast.net. Fee is \$3. ACBL open club, stratified, hand records.

Recent results:

5/24 - no game, not enough players

5/31 - 3 tables

- 1 - Sanda Henry & George Bazgan
- 2 tie - Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 2 tie - Art Donaldson & David Geary

6/7 - 3 tables

- 1 - Judy & John Sherwood
- 2 - Ashok Chakradeo & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 - Carol & Gary Irwin

6/14 - no game, not enough players

Regards,
David Geary

