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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Hello, Bridge Friends,

Where does the time go. Here is it June already!!!

May was a busy month for our unit. We started off on May 1 with a rip-roaring farewell to Iris Libby and DVBC with nineteen full tables. We really appreciate having a nice place to "come and play." Iris was in town so folks could thank her and bid her well. There was lots to eat and a good time was had by all.

STAC always brings players to the tables, and all the games had great turnouts. Congratulations to all of you bringing home buckets of silver points!

The last Sunday of the month (May 29) we celebrated Jackie Zayac being newly appointed to the D21 Goodwill Committee for life, as well as past recipients of this honor in our unit with a unit game and lunch. Jackie had made numerous contributions to our unit, including serving as the Membership Chair (creating our online directory) and chairing several of our sectionals. This was the last weekend the Diablo Valley Bridge Club was open, and it was a nice way to congratulate and thank Jackie for all her efforts, and to say farewell to the Diablo Valley Bridge Club in Walnut Creek.

While many of you are off playing at the Sacramento Regional, the new Contra Costa Bridge Club will be ready for its grand opening on Monday, June 6. A big thank you to Mike Bandler, Mark Humphrey, and Bruce Johnsonbaugh for their efforts of more than a year to identify a location for a new club. I understand they looked at over one hundred potential sites before finding a great location in Concord. As you start June, find a partner and come and check out the new CCBC.

See you at the tables.

Anne

UNIT 499 DIRECTORY

Unit 499 Members

We will publish the 2016/2017 Directory in June of 2016. We delayed the release of the directory this year due to the replacement of the Diablo Valley Bridge Club with the Contra Costa Bridge Center. The print directories will be available at each of the Club sites - dates to be determined. If any member wishes to have their information in the directory and have not advised the Membership Director, then please do.

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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.

diablowalleybridge.com/ccbc

from the editor

Our new Contra Costa Bridge Center opens on June 6. There's a new website for it at diablowalleybridge.com/ccbc. Be sure to check it out now, and while you're there, please read the newly revised guidelines for our two Google Groups.

There were lots of happenings in May, most of which I missed due to travel. Sigh! Bridge or travel? It's a tough choice! I missed STaC Week and the farewell party for Iris, which you can read about in this issue, complete with photos. I won't miss the Goodwill Game and lunch honoring Jackie Zayac or the opening of our new Contra Costa Bridge Center. I hope to see lots of you there supporting our new club.

Another change is that the 24/680 Bridge Club has been renamed the Lamorinda Bridge Club. Everything else there will be the same.

Make sure you read about the new Unit 499 directory, and get listed so you won't miss out.

Make those bids!

Judy Keilin,

Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher



Unit 499 Milestones

New Junior Masters

David Massie
Karla Massie
Mike McCluer
Wendy Schwartz
David Steinberg

New Club Masters

Alice Adachi
William Couch
Art Evans
Patti Kogan
Jackson Miller
Dennis Ross
Renee Ross

New Sectional Masters

Sam Earnhardt

New Life Masters

Barbara McKay



Announcing the Opening of the Contra Costa Bridge Center

Great news! We have signed the lease with the First Christian Church in Concord! And...play will begin in Concord (at 3039 Willow Pass Road) on Monday, June 6 at the usual game time. The air conditioning project (which has been the primary hold-up to the process of finalizing the lease) is moving forward. We hope that the A/C installation will be completed before the move-in date; if not, it will be completed shortly thereafter.

Our goal is to make the transition with zero downtime. Here is the timetable:

June 4 am The Saturday morning novice game will be the last game at DVBC.

June 4 pm Tables, chairs, supplies, etc. will be packed up at DVBC. (We will be recruiting a few volunteers to assist.)

June 5 pm Unpacking and set-up at First Christian Church will occur. (Again, we will need a few volunteers to assist.)

June 6 am Monday morning game will start as usual at 10am in our new location.

We will have a contingency plan so that we can react to any glitches - and will advise you promptly if there are any changes to our game schedule.

Here are some other useful bits of information:

- 1) Initially, all games and classes will operate on the same schedule that is in place today - with one exception. The Open game on Wednesday afternoon will begin at 12:15. This new game time will enable players to get back home (or other post-game destination) at the same time as they do today. We can re-evaluate the schedules for any games and classes once we gain some experience at the new site, and receive your feedback.
- 2) Table fees will be lowered \$1 for all games beginning on June 6. Again, based on experience, we may be able to make a further adjustment later.
- 3) The new bridge center is located in the First Christian Church's Fellowship Hall.

We are happy to receive any questions that you have - and will ensure that any new information is broadly disseminated.

We are very excited about the grand opening of the Contra Costa Bridge Center! Hope that we will see you there, beginning in June!

Mike Bandler
Bruce Johnsonbaugh
Mark Humphrey

Farewell and Thank You to Iris Libby!

On May 1, nearly one hundred of Iris Libby's friends in our bridge community gathered at Diablo Valley Bridge Center to say "THANK YOU!". Iris started Diablo Valley Bridge Center in January of 2011, providing our bridge community a great venue for nearly five-and-a-half years.



Iris ... Thanks for 5 Years May 1, 2016

The May 1 event included champagne, some great food, several tributes to Iris, many personal thank-you's from Iris, and an enjoyable bridge game. Bruce Johnsonbaugh presented a plaque to Iris on behalf of all of her friends; it reads "Thank you, Iris, for giving your friends a wonderful place to play bridge and laugh together for five great years".

We will miss Diablo Valley Bridge Center, and we will certainly miss Iris. But, she promises to stay in touch and to come back for occasional visits.

All the very best, Iris!

Mark Humphrey



Play a Hand with me

North

S 8765
H 53
D J64
C 8743



West

S Q103
H J1072
D AK97
C Q2

East

S 94
H AKQ9864
D Q10
C K9

South

S AKJ2
H ____
D 8532
C AJ1065

We are going to call this hand “what is trump support”.

This hand occurred in the second round of a two session pairs event at the regional in San Diego when I was playing with my good friend and original partner from the early ‘60s, Ron Huffaker.

South was the dealer and opened 1C and I made a takeout double and Ron thinking he had a great hand cue bid 2C and my RHO doubled. I decided to show my hearts and bid 2H. At this point Ron knew we didn’t belong in hearts because of the lead coming through his King so he bid 3NT and that is where we played it.

The opening lead was the King of Spades and when South saw the spades in dummy, he continued with the Ace and then knocked out the Queen, expecting that he would get in with the Ace of Clubs and cash the Jack of Spades. Ron won the Queen of Spades and claimed the rest of the tricks, taking 7 Hearts, 3 Diamonds and the Queen of Spades.

I was totally surprised to see that he had not supported my hearts with seven of them to the AKQ, but he smiled and said he didn’t want the lead to come through his hand so that was his only choice and we got around 80% on that hand.

Has anyone ever had their partner pass up seven card support?

A very thoughtful bid Ron!!!

Jerry Weitzner

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY



By David Terris

THE RESPONSIVE DOUBLE (Part 1)

Here is a useful convention that is easy to use and remember. When partner makes a takeout double of opener's suit and RHO raises opener's suit, advancer's double is called a *Responsive Double* and shows two suits.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	Dbl	2♣	Dbl*

*Responsive Double

The rule is very simple. If opponents bid and raise a minor suit, the responsive double shows at least 4 card length in both majors. Similarly, if the opponents bid and raise a major suit, it shows both minors. Other examples:

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♥	Dbl	2♥	Dbl*
1♣	Dbl	3♣	Dbl*
1♦	Dbl	4♦	Dbl*

*Responsive Double

The bidding level to which the responsive double applies is a matter of partnership agreement. Most play it to at least the 3♦ level. Others play it as high as 4♦.

IMPORTANT: In this auction advancer's double is only responsive if RHO raises Opener's suit. If RHO bids a new suit or notrump, a double would be for penalty.

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

♠J763 ♥Q1072 ♦A104 ♣J2

Double. Opponents are bidding and raising a minor. You have both majors and aren't sure which is best. Your responsive double shows both majors and allows partner to decide which is best.

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

♦Q6 ♦842 ♦AJ107 ♣Q982

Double. Opponents are bidding and raising a major. You don't have the other major, but you have both minors. When opponents are bidding and raising a major, the responsive double shows both minors. Since you are asking partner to bid a minor at the 3-level, this hand is about a minimum.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	Dbl	3♣	???

♦KQJ6 ♦K842 ♦Q7 ♣872

Double. You are requiring partner to bid at the 3-level. For this, you need somewhat more than a minimum—either in strength or distribution.

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

♦Q653 ♦642 ♦AJ104 ♣J8

Bid 2♦. You have the unbid major. Bid it. A double would show both minors.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♦	Dbl	4♦	???

♦A9532 ♦QJ64 ♦743 ♣A

Double or Bid 4♦. If you play responsive doubles to this level, you can double. Otherwise, bid 4♦ since you know partner has at least three.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♥	Dbl	3♥*	???

*Weak

♦Q653 ♦6 ♦QJ104 ♣KJ85

Bid 3♦. Even though you have both minors and could double, you should prefer the unbid major.

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



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

During STaC (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) Week we held Open Pair games on Wednesday and Saturday. Scoring overall in our conference of the Western States on Wednesday were pairs Jerry Weitner and Darrell Fung, Rosemary Hagman and Bill Burns, and Antica Odabashian and Sandra Henry. On Saturday overall honors went to Mike and Linda Bandler, Joyce Goodman and Eldonna Dayton, David Snyder and Russ Kirschenbaum, and Carol Griffin and Carol Penskar.

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.

June 2016:

Wed. 6/1 Charity (Shelter Inc.) Pair Game \$9
Wed. 6/8 Club Championship Pair Game \$8
Wed. 6/15 Regular Pair Game \$8
Sat. 6/18 Charity (Shelter Inc.) Swiss Team Game \$10
Wed. 6/22 Regular Pair Game \$8
Wed. 6/29 Regular Pair Game \$8

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

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper
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Lamorinda Bridge 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:
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Jerry: [925-766-5228](tel:925-766-5228) (cell)

The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Recent results:

4/19 – 4 tables

- 1 – Dan Green & David Geary
- 2 – Ashok Chakradeo & George Bazgan
- 3 – Maxine Winer & Winnie Jasper

4/26 – 3 tables

- 1 – Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 – Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 3 – Lois & Dick Halliday

5/3 – 3 tables

- 1 – Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 2 – Maxine Winer & Winnie Jasper
- 3 – Art Donaldson & David Geary

5/10 – 2 tables

- 1 – Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 – Ashok Chakradeo & George Bazgan
- 3 – Sue & Shyam Rungta

5/17 – 2 tables

- 1 – Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 – Lois & Dick Halliday
- 3 tie – Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 3 tie – Sandra Henry & George Bazgan

Regards, David Geary



Bridge on the Lake-Discovery Bay

Discovery Bay Community Center
1601 Discovery Bay Blvd
Discovery Bay

The Worldwide Game scheduled for June 4th has been cancelled because the Discovery Bay Community Center is not available that day.

Arlene Mahlberg

