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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Hello, Bridge Friends,

Where is 2016 going? It's hard to believe it's already August!

The good news is there are lots of bridge activities for you. As you read this, many of you will be in Santa Clara at the Regional tournament at the Hyatt Regency. It's always a big event, and I know members of our unit will represent us well. Good luck at the tables!

I have mentioned in past newsletters that Barbara Seagram will be presenting at a seminar in our unit on **Friday, September 23**. We are delighted to have her, as she is such a wonderful presenter. The session is interactive, and sure to have lots of great tips and tricks for the attendees. If you haven't signed up, do so soon! Space is limited. Detailed information, including how to register, is available at diablovalleybridge.com.

It's also time for you to call your favorite partner and plan to come and play the Annual Tunnel Tourney. The competition will be on **Sunday, October 9**, and is being hosted by East Bay Unit 502 this year. They won last year, so come and help us bring the coveted plaque back to this side of the Caldecott. Win or lose, it's always an enjoyable day at the tables.

There will be more news on this in next month's article, but be sure you have **October 29-30** on your calendars for our Fall Sectional. It will be held at the Event Center in Rossmoor for the first time. Plan to come and play!

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.

diablovalleybridge.com/ccbc

from the editor

Many of you are at the Nationals in Washington, DC as I write. I hope you all did well, and brought back lots of gold, red and black points. Ditto for Santa Clara

Be sure to put our October Sectional on your calendar. It will be at the beautiful Event Center at Rossmoor for the first time.

See you at the bridge table,

Judy Keilin

Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher



Unit 499 Milestones

New Club Masters

Linda Cyrog

Mark Kogan

Velma Leavitt

Sharon Schwernin

New Sectional Masters

Pat O'Neil

Susan O'Neil

New Life Masters

Wayne Rechnitz

Novice Swiss Game

NST-8/20

Is this a code? Nope, it's the date for our next Novice Swiss Team event at CCBC- August 20. The first competition was so successful, that we are going to make it a regular event on the schedule.

Novice Swiss Teams are open to any group of four, each of whom has less than one-hundred master points. You don't need an ACBL number to participate, just you and three teammates.

We will have teams pre-register by contacting Trisha O'Connor at misbridgewc01@gmail.com. If you need help finding a team, please let us know and Mike Kruley and Trisha will do their best to find you a team.

We've already had several sign-ups. When you email, include the names and master point levels of your teammates.

The event will take the place at our regular Saturday Novice game on August 20. Teams should arrive by 9:15am for a 9:30am start. We should be finished by 1:30pm

Get your group together and contact Trisha before August 17. We will not be able to accept walk-ins on the 20th.

We look forward to having another enthusiastic group of players.

Trisha O'Connor

Play a Hand with me

North

S 3
H K7
D AQ53
C A109874

West

S J54
H QJ62
D J108
C Q52

East

S K10987
H 1095
D K972
C 6

South

S AQ62
H A843
D 64
C KJ3



This hand demonstrates the use of percentages as far as playing the trump suit which is clubs. You wind up in a reasonable 6 Clubs and get the lead of the Queen of hearts. A first analysis shows that you will lose at most 1 Club and 1 Diamond. Picking up the Club suit with no losers is about 53%. This comes by adding up the percentage of the suit splitting 2-2 (40%) along with the suit splitting 3-1 or 1-3 when the Queen is singleton (8%) as well as when the suit is 4-0 (5%). Barry Crane stated that when there is a singleton in hand or dummy the defenders will most likely have a singleton so you should play for the suit to be 3-1. He had many rules so that he didn't have to tire himself out thinking about them. He also insisted that you understood his rules and used them when you were his partner.

If you decide that you would rather play for the drop (2-2) you should begin the suit by playing low to the King because there is a chance that East is void and would show out allowing you to finesse through West to pick up the entire suit.

When this hand was played at the table, my partner decided to play for the suit to split 2-2 and if that didn't work then to rely on the Diamond finesse which was a good way to play the hand but not successful on this day.

Oh, by the way, the percentages above are rounded off and not quite exact. Also, the 4-0 is only 5% because you cannot pick up 4 to the Queen in the East hand logically.

Jerry Weitzner



IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

ON DEFENSE: A THREATENING SIDE SUIT IN THE DUMMY

With your team passing, North/South bid 1♠, 2♣, 4♠ directly to a spade game. As East you hold ♠762 ♥1085 ♦AJ75 ♣J93. Your partner, West, leads the K♦. North, the dummy, comes down as:

♠	J 5 3	♠	7 6 2
♥	A Q J 9 4	♥	10 8 5
♦	6	♦	A J 7 5
♣	8 7 4 2	♣	J 9 3

N	♠	7 6 2
W	♥	10 8 5
E	♦	A J 7 5
S	♣	J 9 3

Hearts are definitely a threat. Either the suit will run, or the King can be finessed. Before reading further, think about how the defense should proceed?

To maximize your trick taking potential it is imperative that you overtake partner's King and shift to clubs, hoping for club tricks before Declarer obtains control of the hand and gets discards on the hearts. Perhaps, the layout will be favorable. For example:

♠	J 5 3	♠	7 6 2
♥	A Q J 9 4	♥	10 8 5
♦	6	♦	A J 7 5
♣	8 7 4 2	♣	J 9 3

♠	8 4	N	♠	7 6 2
♥	7 3 2	W	♥	10 8 5
♦	K Q 9 8	E	♦	A J 7 5
♣	A Q 10 5	S	♣	J 9 3

♠	A K Q 10 9
♥	K 6
♦	10 4 3 2
♣	K 6

If you don't overtake partner's King, he will probably exit with a trump. Declarer can now cross to his hand with the King of hearts, rough a diamond, pull trump, run the hearts and make 5 spades. If partner exits with a diamond, declarer gets two ruffs in the dummy and makes six.

Sup-

♠ 9 5 3
♥ A Q 10 9 4 2
♦ 6
♣ J 7 4

pose, however, the hand is a little different.

	N		♠ 6 2
W		E	♥ K J 8 5
	S		♦ A 10 4 2
			♣ 9 5 3

Again, partner's lead is the K♦ against the 4 spade contract. Having two stoppers in hearts you realize that dummy's long heart suit is not a threat. So your priority should be to limit dummy's ruffing power. With hearts under control, any club tricks you might have will not go away, and limiting dummy's ruffing power might set up another diamond trick for you. Again you overtake partner's King of diamonds, but in this case you shift to a trump. Also, by not trying to immediately cash club tricks, partner can infer that you have hearts under control.

With the following favorable layout, Declarer must lose 4 tricks. But, whatever the layout of the other two hands, this strategy should maximize defense's tricks.

		♠ 9 5 3	
		♥ A Q 10 9 4 2	
		♦ 6	
		♣ J 7 4	
♠ A 4			♠ 6 2
♥ 7 3			♥ K J 8 5
♦ K Q 9 8 3			♦ A 10 4 2
♣ Q 10 6 2			♣ 9 5 3
		♠ K Q J 10 8 7	
		♥ 6	
		♦ J 7 5	
		♣ A K 8	

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

Blackhawk Duplicate Bridge

Blackhawk Country Club

Contact Lilah Newton at

lilahnewton@yahoo.com

The August 24 STaC game at Blackhawk Country Club will be open to everyone, men included, but reservations must be made through lilahnewton@yahoo.com. Thanks.

Lilah Newton

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club

Rossmoor

ROSSMOOR NEWS FOR AUGUST

Thursday, August 11, is the **North American Pairs Qualifier**. Game time is 7pm.

August 22-27 is **Summer Fun STAC Week**. A guest may play with a Rossmoor Duplicate Club Member in the games on Tuesday through Saturday.

Kit Miller



Lamorinda Bridge Club

Lamorinda (formerly 24/680) 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.

Congratulations to some of our top finishers so far in the June and July games, including Conrad Robertson, Judy Sherwood, Darrell Fung, Barbara Hanson, Dennis & Renee Ross, Bill Burns, Rosemary Hagman, Martha Butler, Gloria Marchick, Furqan Nieem, Fred Golini, Sanda Henry, David & Elizabeth Boyle, Ron Olswang and Bonnie Johnson.

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.

August 2016:

Wed. 8/3 Unit Pair Game \$8

Wed. 8/10 Charity (Hospice) Pair Game \$9

Wed. 8/17 Regular Pair Game \$8

Sat. 8/20 Charity (Hospice) 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

October 2016:

Wed. 10/5 Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Pair Game \$9

Wed. 10/12 Regular Pair Game \$8

Sat. 10/15 Unit Game Swiss Teams \$10

Wed. 10/19 Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 10/26 NO GAME

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

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:

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 is 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, stratihand records.

Recent results:

6/21 – 3 tables

- 1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 – Chris Caine & Mary Stuart
- 3 – Sue & Shyam Rungta

6/28 – 2 tables

- 1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 – Maxine Winer & George Bazgan
- 3 – Lois & Dick Halliday

7/5 – 3 tables

- 1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 – Nancy & Lew Voils
- 3 – Sue & Shyam Rungta

7/12 – 3 tables

- 1 – Lois & Dick Halliday
- 2 tie – Nancy & Lew Voils
- 2 tie – Art Donaldson & David Geary

Regards, David Geary

