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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Hello, Bridge Friends,

There was a full house and a waitlist for the 2016 Annual Tunnel Tournament that was held last month at the East Bay Community Bridge Center.. Players from our unit gave it their best, but at the end of the two-session day, Unit 502 won the tourney for their second year in a row. Check the unit website next year for information regarding the 2017 rematch, which our unit will host! This unit event is always a very fun day at the tables, and we'll hope to bring the plaque back to our side of the Caldecott next year. For those who played, thanks for coming out to support the unit.

Jackie Zayac, a Unit 499 Board Director, submitted an application for a charity award from District 21 for the SHARE Food Bank Program. The District provides charity awards annually. This issue of eDeclarer has more information, so please take a few moments to read details on this award and the celebration that was held.

Our Unit's Fall Sectional is always a special event, and this one was no exception. The Rossmoor Event Center is a state-of-the-art facility, and we were delighted that the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club partnered with us to host the tournament at this location. It was great to see all the players from our unit, as well as those from other units in the area, come for a full weekend of bridge. For those bringing home buckets of silver master points - congratulations!

District 21's new fall regional in Modesto is scheduled on the heels of our Sectional. The hotel is sold out, so lots of players are excited to attend this tournament. If you are going, enjoy!

We are heading into the holiday season. Please mark on your calendars that there is a Unit Game and Holiday Party at the Contra Costa Bridge Club on Sunday, December 18. Come and share the holiday spirit with your bridge friends!

Anne Hollingsworth



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...from the editor

The first Pro-Am Game to be held in our new CCBX facility was a great success. The food was great and the crowd was big, and everyone had a great time. My partner and I had a 62% game, and it was only third place! Check out the photos of the event in this issue.

There's a good lesson from David Terris, and an interesting hand from Jerry Weitzner in this issue. Be sure to check them out.

Holiday Season is approaching. Play more bridge and have fun!

Judy Keilin

Editor



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Mary Krouse, Publisher

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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Unit 499 Milestones



Milestones

New Junior Masters

Mary Hufford
Katie Pittman

New Club Masters

Suresh Gadad
Kenneth Krenzin
Furgan Naeem
Mary Niessen
William Schmicker

New Sectional Masters

Albert Chu
Robert Dreyer
David Ehlers
Ingrid Hsu
Ronny Simon

New NABC Masters

Mary Schelling

New Bronze Life Masters

Annette Eastman

DISTRICT 21 MAKES A \$2,500 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION TO SHARE FOOD PANTRY

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, Diablo Valley Unit 499 hosted a cake and coffee reception in honor of SHARE Food Pantry in the new Contra Costa Bridge Center located at the First Christian Church of Concord, CA.



Thank you SHARE Food Pantry for providing food for those in need in the community

Jackie Zayac, Vice President of Unit 499, submitted a request for SHARE Food Pantry office. Many Unit 499 bridge players have seen how hard the SHARE Food Pantry volunteers work to provide food to those in need in central Contra Costa County. Unit 499 was thrilled to be selected by the District 21 Charity Committee for this contribution. consideration of a 2016 charitable contribution by District 21 on behalf of SHARE Food Pantry to Jeff Hack, Chair of the District 21 Charity Committee. One of Unit 499's largest bridge clubs, the Contra Costa Bridge Center, is located across the hall from the



Photo by Chris Pisarra

Tom Pajak, District 21 Vice President and Ken Carpoft, SHARE Food Pantry President

Tom Pajak, Vice President of District 21, attended the event to present the check on behalf of District 21 to Ken Carpoft, President of the SHARE Food Pantry Board. Ken Carpoft said that the contribution will provide enough food to fill three one ton trucks!

Special thanks to Harvey Brody, District 21 Treasurer, for issuing the check in September rather than December so that SHARE Food Pantry is able to stock up on food in time for the 2016 holiday season.

by Jackie Zayac

Diablo Valley Unit 499

Play a Hand with me



North

S Q9

H AQ852

D KQ7

C K106

West

S J532

H K743

D 964

C J7

East

S K864

H 1096

D 10853

C 85

South

S A107

H J

D AJ2

C AQ9432

This month's hand was from a Swiss Teams event at the recent Washington Nationals. I (South) opened 1C and my partner Mike Bandler responded 1H. I rebid 2C and Mike bid 2D which we play as forcing so I bid 3N showing a maximum range considering my 2C rebid. Mike knew his K106 of clubs was extremely helpful so he bid 4N asking if I had anything extra which I did and thus bid 6N.

The opening lead was the 2 of Spades and I now had 12 tricks guaranteed, 2 Spades, 1 Heart, 3 Diamonds and 6 Clubs. Note, you must play 1 high club from your hand in case somebody holds all 4 of the outstanding ones. Both players followed so the club suit runs. Also important is to play a low spade on the opening lead to guarantee 2 spade tricks. My right hand opponent played the K of spades and I won the A, ran the 6 clubs, then cashed Q of spades followed by 2 diamonds ending with this position:

North

S --

H AQ

D 7

C --

West

S J

H K7

D --

C --

East

S 8

H 109

D --

C --

South

S 10

H J

D A

C --

When I cashed the A of diamonds, my left hand opponent could not hold the spade J and the K x of hearts so I made 13 tricks. At the other table they had a similar auction but ended in 5N.

Note, making the 13th trick is worth 1 more imp than making 6.

Also, a very nice hand evaluation by Mike.

Jerry Weitzner

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY



By David Terris

BIDDING A NEW SUIT IN RESPONSE TO PARTNER'S OVERCALL

In the modern style, when responding to Partner's overcall, the bid of a new suit is treated as NON-FORCING. It is a corrective bid in search of a better place to play. Sitting SOUTH, here are three example situations and their meanings when RHO (East) passes.

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1♦	1♠	P	2♣

Removing a MAJOR SUIT TO A MINOR SUIT denies a fit for the major. Advancer must have no more than a doubleton in the major and be bidding a suit at least 5 cards long.

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1♣	1♦	P	1♠

Removing a MINOR SUIT TO A MAJOR SUIT does not necessarily deny a fit for the minor. Advancer may be trying to improve the contract to a major suit despite a fit for the overcall.

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1♦	1♥	P	1♠

Changing a MAJOR SUIT FOR ANOTHER MAJOR OR A MINOR SUIT FOR ANOTHER MINOR does not necessarily deny a fit. It simply suggests that a contract in the corrected suit would be superior.

Examples:

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

♠7 ♥865 ♦KQ9753 ♣A105

Bid 2♦. This is a typical corrective bid. There is no support for spades and the hand has a good diamond suit. Taking out to a minor tells Partner that playing in spades is probably bad.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	1♥	P	???

♠K10876 ♥42 ♦AK87 ♣107

Bid 1♠. When you take out from one major to another you are searching for a better place to play. You may or may not have support for Overcaller's suit. In this case, with 10 HCP you don't want to take the chance that by passing 1♥ you might miss a game in spades. But if Partner passes or rebids, you won't mind.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	1♦	P	???

♠AQ975 ♥82 ♦K73 ♣984

Bid 1♠. Despite support for diamonds, spades might be a better contract. Taking a minor suit out to a major does not deny support for the minor.

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

♠J32 ♥KQJ974 ♦Q2 ♣83

Bid 2♥. Despite support for spades it is right to correct to an excellent heart suit. In going from spades to hearts you may or may not have support for spades, but you tell Partner that your suit is probably superior.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	1♥	P	???

♠AK10953 ♥Q2 ♦7 ♣KQ75

Bid 2♠. A jump shift into a new suit shows opening bid values or more plus a good six card or longer suit. It is descriptive and forward going but still, NOT FORCING. This is a typical hand for a jump into a new suit. The spades are very good and the hand is of opening bid strength.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	1♥	P	???

♠KQJ87 ♥Q2 ♦42 ♣AJ65

Bid 2♠. You can jump with a good 5 card suit with all points working.

Pro Am



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



No Game November 5

There will be a bazaar in the Oak Room on Saturday, November 5, so the regular game is cancelled.

SWISS TEAM GAME

There will be a Swiss Team game at Rossmoor on Saturday, November 12. Play starts at 12:30pm. The game will be held in the Oak Room at the Gateway Center.

Two of the four team members must be Rossmoor residents. Teams must register in advance. This can be done at regular Rossmoor games.

No Game November 24

There will be no game at Rossmoor on Thanksgiving.

Kit Miller

Lamorinda Bridge Club

Lamorinda (formerly 24/680) Bridge Club

Our 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, and a pairs game on the Saturday of the three STaC Weeks per 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 in the September and October games including Pat Franklin, Ida Viedens, Barbara DeHeus, Judy Sherwood, Sanda Henry, Furqan Naeem, Jerry Chamberlain, Bill Burns, Joyce Goodman, Eldonna Dayton, Darrell Fung, Jerry Weitzner, Judy Sherwood, Barbara DeHeus, Rosemary Hagman, Bill Burns, Bill Warren, Olga Gordon, Conrad Robertson, Darrell Fung, Jerry Weitzner, Doug Handler, and Seiko Hazanow, We celebrated a new first with our Swiss Team Game on October 15. We had eight teams divided into two strats that were handicapped, and every participant earned master points as each team had at least one session win. We have never seen that happen before!

Please note that games will not be held on the following Wednesdays: November 2, 9, 23, and 30. We will be open for games all Wednesdays in December and January.

November 2016:

Wed. 11/2 NO GAME

Wed. 11/9 NO GAME

Wed. 11/16 Charity (Food Bank of Contra Costa) Pair Game \$9

Sat. 11/19 Charity (Food Bank of Contra Costa) Swiss Teams \$10

Wed. 11/23 NO GAME

Wed. 11/30 NO GAME

December 2016:

Wed. 12/7 STaC Pair Game \$9

Sat. 12/10 STaC Pair Game \$9

Wed. 12/14 Charity (Food Bank of Contra Costa) Pair Game \$9

Sat. 12/17 Charity (Food Bank of Contra Costa) Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 12/21 Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 12/28 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

Club News - Moraga

The Moraga Country Club duplicate bridge 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:

9/27 - 2 tables

- 1 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 - Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 3 tie - Susan & Joel White
- 3 tie - Susan Schlict & Winnie Jasper

10/4 - 3 tables

- 1 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 - Ann Elliott & Sheila Knoth
- 3 - Sanda Henry & George Bazgan

10/11 - 2 tables

- 1 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 - Susan Schlict & Winnie Jasper
- 3 - Sue & Shyam Rungta

10/18 - 4 tables

- 1 - Sanda Henry & George Bazgan
- 2 - Lois & Dick Halliday
- 3 - Sue & Shyam Rungta

Regards, David Geary



Bridge on the Lake-Discovery Bay

Discovery Bay Community Center
1601 Discovery Bay Blvd
Discovery Bay

Joyce Hayward and Steve Russell had a 77.88% game on October 8th playing at Bridge on the Lake in Discovery Bay. This was only the second time they'd played together.

Arlene Mahlberg

