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# eDeclarer

ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

## President's Message



Welcome to July, Unit 499!

If you missed the Summer Swiss Mixer on June 25, you missed the premier, fantastically fun event of 2017 (in my mind anyway....) Thank you to Rossmoor for providing the venue to accommodate so many Unit 499 members. I hope everyone met at least one new person on their team and enjoyed a special lunch and game hosted by Unit 499 to show appreciation to its wonderful members.

We have three unit games this month. The first one is on Sunday, June 2 at 1pm at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. It is an open game so come and get those extra points! The next unit game is on Thursday, July 13 at 9:30am at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. It is a LIMITED game so only those players with less than 1,000 masterpoints may play in the game. There is another unit game on Thursday, July 13 at 7pm at Rossmoor. This game is open and everyone is invited to play!

The Toronto NABC will take place from July 20 - 30. Please remember to take your passport with you! I am looking forward to my first trip to Toronto, Ontario, Canada and I hope to see many of you there!

Happy July 4th to all and I hope everyone is enjoying those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! I can hear Nat King Cole singing it now!

I hope to see you all at the tables soon!

Jackie Z



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## ...from the editor

There's a new feature in this issue - a list of new members to our unit. You may already know some of them - those who transferred from another local unit, or those who were reinstated after letting their membership lapse, but some are new to the Bay Area. Let's all acknowledge these folks and make them feel welcome!

Judy Keilin  
Editor

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



# Unit 499 Milestones and New Members

## New Junior Masters

Susan Kepper  
Bill Sederowitz

## New Club Masters

Bonnie Clawson  
Kenneth Handy  
Allen Kent  
Georgia Lambert  
Mike McCluer  
Wendy Schwartz  
William Seroy

## New Sectional Masters

Suresh Gadad  
Gary Moore

## New Regional Masters

Karen Corburn

## New Life Masters

Margy Evans

## New Silver Life Masters

Bonnie MacBride  
Christina Nevin

## New Emerald Life Masters

Chuck Wong

## New Unit 499 Members

This is a new feature in our newsletter. Please welcome the following new members to our unit, and say a few kind words to them when you encounter them at the tables. They may be from out of the area, transferring in from another neighboring unit, or reinstated after a period of inactivity.

Siddhartha Arora  
Jack Chang  
Fred Golini  
Ann Marie Jelacich  
Donald Bierman  
Stephen Goldberg  
Marian Mehran  
Liz Rutter

# **Contra Costa Bridge Center Salutes Novice Game Mentors**

Experienced players have been volunteer mentors at CCBC's Thursday 99'er game and Saturday 199'er game. Players are guaranteed a partner, so a mentor is often needed to partner with a newer player. If not needed to play, the mentor is available to answer players' bidding questions. Players have benefitted significantly from the mentors' contributions.

**Many thanks to these frequent mentors:**

**Bob Barnes  
Carroll Brooks  
Susan Cogan  
Frank Concepcion  
Beth Eggers  
Carol Harrison  
Bill LeMaire  
Greg Riehl  
Marj Russell**

**And all others who have shared their time and talent with  
our newer players.**

**You have provided an invaluable service to help make CCBC's 1<sup>st</sup>  
year successful!**

## **5th Annual Pairs Invitational**

Unit 499

# **Tunnel Tourney**

Unit 502

DIABLO VALLEY UNIT 499 (<http://diablovalleybridge.com>)

VERSUS

EAST BAY UNIT 502 (<http://www.eastbayunit-502.com>)

LOCATION: Contra Costa Bridge Center at the First Christian Church  
3039 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA  
925-935-2273

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**

**10:00 AM & TBA - TWO SESSION EVENT**

Game Director: Mark Kornmann

Open (0-500/500-2000/2000+)

299er (0-50/50-100/100-300)

**PAIRS MUST PLAY BOTH SESSIONS - PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

TABLE FEES: \$15.00 for a full day of bridge and a free lunch!

Club Championship points awarded (Space is limited to 24 tables)

To register, email [AFine963@aol.com](mailto:AFine963@aol.com) no later than August 31, 2017

- Provide names of both partners and individual MP's
  - The Unit represented (499 or 502)
- New in 2017: Pairs must be from the same unit
- You will receive a confirming reservation e-mail

QUESTIONS? ANDY FINE, TUNNEL TOURNEY CHAIR - [AFine963@aol.com](mailto:AFine963@aol.com)

# Play a Hand with me

Play A Hand With Me....

July, 2017



North

S AKJ7

H AK82

D 8

C 10965

West

S 4

H 1097

D QJ732

C AK43

East

S Q1098

H QJ4

D K10

C QJ72

South

S 6532

H 653

D A9654

C 8

This hand features Linda Bandler playing at the local club. Linda as well as many others believes that you should respond to an opening bid when you hold an Ace, so she responded 1S to my 1C and I raised her to 3S. She pulled out the pass card, hoping I had underbid and she would have a play for her contract.

The opening lead was the K of clubs and West innocently continued with the A. Linda ruffed this and decided that she could only make this with a crossruff so she played the A of diamonds and ruffed a diamond with the 7 of spades noting the drop of the K of diamonds by East. Linda decided that with East being short in diamonds she might have a bunch of spades so she now ruffed another club to her hand and then played the A and K of hearts before ruffing the last club.

Following her thinking of long spades in the East hand, she ruffed another diamond with the K of spades while East discarded their last heart and when Linda led the heart from dummy East had to play a spade and then had to lead back into the A and J, and East finally scored the last spade. Linda made 4 for a cold top (even making 3 would have been a great score because most pairs didn't play in spades).

Nicely done Linda!!!

Jerry Weitzner

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# IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

By David Terris

### USING JACOBY AND TEXAS TRANSFERS

Ref: Max Hardy, "Standard Bridge Bidding for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," 2000

#### The Texas Transfer

After an opening bid of 1NT, the response of four diamonds is a transfer to four hearts. Four hearts is a transfer to four spades. The bid guarantees 6-cards or longer in the implied suit. Example:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥			

\*Texas Transfer to hearts

#### Jacoby or Texas Transfers—Which One to Use and When

Some players wonder why it's desirable to use Texas Transfers. What's the advantage? Consider these three auctions which show that using both Jacoby and Texas Transfers allows flexibility and more precise description in search of the proper contract.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT	

\*Jacoby Transfer to 2♠

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1NT	Pass	4♥*	Pass

4♠ Pass 4NT

\*Texas Transfer to 4♠.

North East South West

1NT Pass 2♥\* Pass

2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

4NT

\*Jacoby Transfer to 2♠

The meaning of the first auction is that South has a 5-card spade suit with a balanced hand, and his subsequent bid of 4NT (not forcing) is an invitation to slam in either spades or notrump.

But what if South had 6 or 7 spades and wanted to use Blackwood? The solution is to use a Texas Transfer as in the second example. Here 4NT is not an invitation, it is Blackwood. South is taking control of the hand.

What then should be inferred from the third auction where again South is showing extra length in spades? After the Jacoby Transfer, jumping to 4♠ should be taken as a mild slam try and is handing control of the hand to North. North's bid of 4NT is now Blackwood.

In all of the following hands, Partner has opened 1NT (15-17 HCP), and RHO has passed.

♠KJ9642 ♥3 ♦1074 ♣1098

No game is in sight. Make a Jacoby Transfer to 2♠ and then pass.

♠KJ9642 ♥3 ♦K104 ♣1098

You want to invite game. Make a Jacoby Transfer to 2♠, then rebid 3♠ to show the 6-card suit.

♠KQ9642 ♥3 ♦AJ4 ♣1098

You want to be in game, so you bid 4♥, a Texas Transfer to 4♠, and then pass.

♠KQ9642 ♥3 ♦AJ4 ♣K98

Slam is possible. Make a Jacoby Transfer to 2♠, then jump to 4♠. Partner is invited to consider slam.

♠AQJ964 ♥3 ♦KQ4 ♣K109

You only need to know Partner's controls. Make a Texas Transfer to 4♠, then bid 4NT (Blackwood).

# 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](http://Diablovalleybridge.com)

Happy July 4th



## 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](mailto:dsgeary@comcast.net). If reservations are not made by Sunday before, they will only be accepted if needed to avoid a half-table sit-out.

Fee is \$3. ACBL open club, stratified, hand records.

Recent results:

5/23 - 6 tables

- 1 - Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 2 - Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 3 - Susan Schlicht & Greta Westeson

5/30 - 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  tables

- 1 - Ann Elliott & Sheila Knoth
- 2 - Andrea & Dan Green
- 3 - Sue & Shyam Rungta

Regards, David Geary

# Lamorinda Bridge Club

Our games run from 10am to about 2pm with snacks and beverages included. We host a Swiss Team Game on the third Saturday of most months during the year, and a pair game on the Saturday of most 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.

Our neighbor directly across the street at 184 Corliss has requested that we leave the equivalent of two parking spaces open in front of their home at all times. We also ask that you not park directly in front of any of our neighbors' mail boxes. We learned recently that the mailman refused to deliver a neighbor's mail due to a car parked blocking the mailbox. Please help us be good neighbors!

Congratulations to some of our first place players since the last newsletter: Judy Murphy & Conrad Robertson, Anne Hollingsworth & Bill LeMaire, Shyam & Sue Rungta, Santosh Jain & Jody Shapiro, and Bill Burns & Rosemary Hagman.

Upcoming Schedule:

July 2017:

Wed. 7/5 Regular Pair Game \$10

Wed. 7/12 Regular Pair Game \$10

Sat. 7/15 Charity (Moraga Community Foundation) Swiss Team Game \$11

Wed. 7/19 Charity (Moraga Community Foundation) Pair Game \$11

Wed. 7/26 Club Championship Pair Game \$10

August 2017:

Wed. 8/2 Unit Pair Game \$10

Wed. 8/9 Regular Pair Game \$10

Wed. 8/16 Charity (Hospice of the East Bay) Pair Game \$11

Sat. 8/19 Charity (Hospice of the East Bay) Swiss Team Game \$11

Wed. 8/23 STaC Pair Game \$11

Sat. 8/26 STaC Pair Game \$11

Wed. 8/30 Regular Pair Game \$10

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

[Winnie@wjasper.com](mailto:Winnie@wjasper.com); 925-376-1125

183 Corliss Drive, Moraga, CA 94556

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

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



## ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club

Rossmoor

### TWO BRIDGE CLASSES OFFERED

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club is offering two bridge classes starting in July.

**Bridge Basics 3:** This class will cover the Stayman Convention, Jacoby Transfer Bids, Strong Opening Bids and Slam Bidding. The text will be Bridge Basics 3 by Audrey Grant and will be available from the instructors. The class will be taught by Pat Taylor and Kathleen Young. Classes will be held Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am for eight weeks beginning July 10.

**Slam Bidding:** This class will cover hand evaluation, Blackwood/Keycard bids over majors and minors, slam bidding over opening NT's, slam conventions and tips to help with bidding major and minor suit slams. This class is an appropriate first course on slam bidding for bridge players. It will be taught by Michael Gosnell, Club Manager. Classes will be held Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11am for eight weeks beginning July 11.

The cost is \$40 for members of RDBC, \$50 for resident nonmembers (\$10 of which will cover dues in RDBC for 2017), and \$80 for nonresidents. Checks should be made payable to Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club.

All classes are held in the Oak Room at the Gateway Clubhouse.

To enroll in either class please call Barbara V. Smith at 256-4430.

In addition, there will be a Swiss Team game on July 22. Two of the four teammates must be Rossmoor residents. Advanced sign up is required.

### BIRTHDAY FREE-PLAY WEEK

July 10-15 is free for members of the RDBC.

July 13 - Unit Game

Kit Miller

