

August 2017

# eDeclarer

ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



## President's Message

Welcome to August Unit 499!

The ACBL has designated this month as the final NAP Qualifying Month so make sure that you play in club designated "NAP Qualifying Game" and qualify to move on to a unit NAP Qualifying Game in the fall! Mark your calendars now! We will host a Unit NAP Game at Contra Costa Bridge Center on October 1.

We have two venues holding unit games on August 2 for our players with 499 or fewer masterpoints. One game will be held at the Contra Costa Bridge Center at 8:45am and the other game will be held at the Orinda Community Center at 10am. Please attend one of these games to earn extra masterpoints!

On August 20, an open unit game will be held at the Contra Costa Bridge Center at 1pm. I hope that everyone makes plans to attend!

STaC Week will be held August 21 - August 27. Please be sure to attend as many club games as you can this week because all of the masterpoints awarded will be SILVER! If you need silver masterpoints, this is a great way to earn them! Also, everyone who plays is competing to make the overalls in each STaC game and earn even more silver masterpoints! I know some Diablo Valley Unit 499 bridge players will be prominently displayed in the overall listing!

If you need gold masterpoints, the Santa Clara Regional begins on August 29. Even if you don't need gold masterpoints, it should be a great tournament to attend and I believe you can never have too many gold masterpoints!

I hope to see you all at the tables this month!

Jackie Z

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## ...from the editor

Be sure to check the flyer for the Tunnel Tourney. This is a fun event, so be sure to reserve your place.

Don't forget to check out the new members to our unit on the Milestones page, and be sure to welcome them when you see them.

See you at the tables!

Judy Keilin

Editor



To submit a letter to the editor,  
send it to Judy Keilin at  
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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.

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



# Unit 499 Milestones and New Members

## New Club Masters

Linda Virden

Ann Wyatt

## New Sectional Masters

Jim Commons

Mark Kogan

Ken Krenzin

Georgia Lambert

Roger Peters

Sharon Schwemin

Pamela Zaid

## New Regional Masters

Irwin Javinsky

John Mount

## New MABC Masters

Roberta Gravelle

John Schelling

## New Advanced NABC Masters

Marilyn Chaplin

## New Life Masters

Max Creamer

Harry Fish

Sheilah Fish

## New Bronze Life Masters

## New Unit 499 Members

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.

George Wang

Coralie Wilkes

Leola Hoagland

Jerome Meronik

Congratulations to Linda and Dan Friedman , who won the two-session open pairs at the Castro Valley Sectional.

## **5th Annual Pairs Invitational**



# **Tunnel Tourney**



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: Grant Robinson

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
- If you need a NS, please request it when you make your reservation
- You will receive a confirming reservation e-mail
- Pairs must be from the same unit and must be members of either Unit 499 or Unit 502

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

# Play a Hand with me

Play A Hand With Me....

August, 2017

North

S J875

H A42

D K105

C AJ3

West

S A2

H K963

D 64

C K10964

East

S K3

H QJ875

D QJ873

C 8



South

S Q10964

H 10

D A92

C Q752

The bidding had started with a pass by West, 1C by N, 1H by E, 1S by S, 2C by W(a limit raise in hearts), 2S by N, 3H by E and 4S by S.

A word about the bidding: The 1H overcall is rather light and does not allow for the diamond suit to be shown. The 1S bid is normal showing 5 spades. The 2C shows a limit raise in hearts and N raises spades. The 4S bid is predicated on a "club" fit and the singleton heart.

When a low heart is led, you win the A and lead a spade with west winning their Ace. A heart is continued which you ruff in your hand and lead a club to the J which holds. The hope is that clubs can split 3-3 so you can discard a diamond on your 4<sup>th</sup> club. Now you lead another spade to east and he leads another heart which you ruff. Going after the clubs, you lead to the A and east shows out so that line doesn't work. It appears that you are going to lose 2 spades, a club and a diamond, but wait a minute. East doesn't have any black cards left, since he showed out of clubs and had 2 spades, so you play the A and K of diamonds followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> diamond and east must give you a ruff and discard so you do end up making 4.

Good evaluation in the bidding and card play brings this one home. Note, E-W could go down 2 in 5H but it is difficult to take a save when they have so many points.

Jerry Weitzner

# IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY



By David Terris

## RESPONDING TO A 1-CLUB OPENING BID: THE MODERN TREATMENT (Part 1)

The original treatment for responding to Partner's opening bid of 1♣ is to bid 4-card suits "Up the Line." Holding any hand with 4 or more diamonds and a 4-card major suit, you bid the diamonds first. For example, partner opens 1♣, and you hold:

♠QJ84 ♥A53 ♦J1072 ♣92

You bid 1♦. If partner now bids 1♠, you raise to 2♠.

Using the modern treatment, Responder bypasses 1♦ and bids the major suit directly. The theory is that if there is a major suit fit, it is important to find it as soon as possible before Opponents' interference makes it difficult or impossible to recognize the fit.

When you use this method, the response of 1♦ has specific meanings, and leads to a logical system of responses and rebids. We will explore this method called "Walsh Responses" in the next two columns.

### Responding with less than 12 HCP

When Partner opens 1♣ and you have less than 12 HCP, you always bypass a diamond suit of any length to bid a 4-card major suit. With all of the following hands you respond 1♠.

♠QJ84 ♥A53 ♦J1072 ♣92

♠QJ84 ♥53 ♦KJ954 ♣93

♠QJ84 ♥5 ♦KJ9642 ♣84

Even with 6 cards in the diamond suit you bypass it.

*(Aside: You can show this 4-6 hand if Opener should now rebid 1NT. You jump to 3♦ which shows a weak hand with the 4-card major and a long diamond suit.)*

The response of 1♦, therefore, implies a hand with no 4-card major suit and invites a response of 1NT by Opener.

♠QJ4 ♥954 ♦QJ96 ♣874

♠J84 ♥875 ♦Q85 ♣K873

Bid 1♦. These are weak balanced hands. You expect partner to rebid 1NT because he now assumes you have no major suit to bid. You will pass any non-forcing major suit bid.

♠K84 ♥Q75 ♦KJ85 ♣973

Bid 1NT. Do not bother bidding 1♦. You want to be declarer in 1NT with tenaces to protect. In general, bidding 1NT directly over 1♣ implies a little better hand (8-10 HCP) than bidding 1♦ with the expectation of Opener's 1NT rebid.

♠K8 ♥87 ♦AJ9875 ♣973

Bid 1♦. Your hand is unbalanced with a long diamond suit. A simple rebid of the suit describes it.

### Responding with 12 or more HCP

Responding 1♦ followed by rebidding a major suit shows 12+ HCP, and it is game forcing with longer diamonds than the major.

♠AQ84 ♥Q5 ♦KQ1085 ♣93

Bid 1♦. When you have the values to insist on reaching game, you bid your suits in natural order. You intend to bid spades next to show longer diamonds than spades and force the auction to game. Note, however, that if your diamonds were only 4 long, you would bypass them and bid 1♠.

♠8 ♥KQ54 ♦AQJ9 ♣A973

Bid 1♥. You have game going values but not the shape to first bid 1♦. Bid 1♥ and then continue forcing.

Next time: Opener's rebids after the 1♦ response to 1♣.

# 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)

## **ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

**Gateway Club**

**Rossmoor**



Thursday, August 10, is the North American Pair Qualifier at 7pm.

August 21-17 is Summer Fun STAC WEEK.

Kit Miller

## **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, [dsgear@comcast.net](mailto:dsgear@comcast.net). If reservation not made by Sunday before, it will only be accepted if needed to avoid a half-table sit-out.

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

Recent results:

6/6 – 5 tables

- 1 – Nancy & Lew Voils
- 2 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 – Debby & Wayne Rechnitz

6/13 – 4 ½ tables

- 1 – Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 2 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 – Judy Sherwood & Ashok Chakradeo

6/20 – 4 ½ tables

- 1 – Carol Griffin & Sue Eltringham
- 2 – Colleen & David Geary
- 3 – Ashok Chakradeo & George Bazgan

6/27 – 4 tables

- 1 – Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 2 – Sanda Henry & George Bazgan
- 3 – Susan Schlicht & Maxine Winer

7/11 – 4 ½ tables

- 1 tie – Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 1 tie – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 – Colleen & David Geary

Regards, David Geary



# Lamorinda Bridge Club

## Lamorinda (formerly 24/680) Bridge Club

Our games run 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.

Congratulations to some of our first place players in Sections A, B, or C since the last newsletter: Emily Beaty & George Wang, Darrell Fung & Jerry Weitzner, Martha Butler & Santosh Jain, Zina Stokol & Joan Watson, Russ Kirschenbaum & Kathy Wolf (twice), Joan Tasker & Mary Hufford, Doug Handler & Seiko Hazanow, Marguerite Birkenfeld & Diane Kennedy, Harry & Sheila Fish, Dick Halliday & Claudia Tyson, Dianne Lavin & Fred Golini (twice), Annette & Bob Horwitz, Joan Tasker & Bill Warren, Judy Sherwood & Barbara DeHeus, Lila Cerf & Santosh Jain.

A special thank you to Valerie Colber who dropped by very late at night on a Thursday to help Jerry correct a major computer glitch and allow him to report the game results from Wednesday!

### Upcoming Schedule:

#### 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

#### September 2017:

Wed. 9/6 International Fund Pair Game \$10

Wed. 9/13 International Fund Pair Game \$10

Sat. 9/16 International Fund Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 9/20 International Fund Pair Game \$10

Wed. 9/27 International Fund Pair Game \$10

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:

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

