

November 2017

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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Welcome to November Unit 499!

We are starting the month with three open unit games on Friday, November 3! The Danville game will begin at 9:30am, the game at Contra Costa Bridge Center will begin at 10am and the game at Trilogy at the Vineyards in Brentwood will begin at 10:30am. I hope you will make plans to attend one or more of these games for a chance to win extra masterpoints!

On November 11 – 12, our Fall Sectional will be held at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon. Anne Hollingsworth is the Tournament Chair. This event is always well attended and there is something for everyone. On Sunday, November 12, we will again have a 0 – 100 single-session Swiss Team Event. Get your teams together now since this is a great way for our newer players to earn silver masterpoints. I hope that all of you will come out for a wonderful day (or two) of bridge.

We will be hosting a seminar with Barbara Seagram on Friday, November 17 at the Shadelands Art Center in Walnut Creek. This event will sell out so please sign up soon. Information on the seminar can be found on the home page of the diablovalleybridge.com website. Click on the Barbara Seagram Seminar link on the right side of the home page.

The San Diego NABC will be held from November 23 – December 3 at the Grand Hyatt. With an NABC so close to us, I hope that many of you will make plans to attend this tournament.

I always equate November with family and thankfulness. I hope you will take a moment this month to remember all of the family members who have shared a Thanksgiving Day with you through the years. I hope you will also take a moment to reflect on all of the things you have to be thankful for in your life. If you would prefer, it might be fun to reflect on all the turkeys who have crossed your path...bird or human...

Happy Thanksgiving to All,
Jackie Z

On January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020, Jackie Zayac, our Unit 499 board president, will become the District 21 Director on the ACBL Board of Directors. There are twenty-five members (directors) on the BOD representing each of the twenty-five ACBL Districts in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas and Puerto Rico. It is from this BOD that the ACBL President is chosen each year.

Jackie won 55% to 45% of the votes over her opponent in a runoff election.

Go Jackie!

...from the editor

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There are two exciting events this month: The Barbara Seagram Seminar and our Fall Sectional. Check the flyers in this issue for both, and try to attend.

Congratulations to our board president, Jackie Zayac, on being elected Director of ACBL District 21! Well done, Jackie! Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm paid off, and we look forward to having you represent us at the national level.

Have a great Thanksgiving everyone!

Judy Keilin, Editor

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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



Unit 499 Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

New Club Masters

- . Pat Silverstein
- . Linda Walker

New Sectional Masters

- . Steve Harris
- . Durham Naeem
- . Dolly Wilson

New Regional Masters

- . David Ehlers
- . Bob Elgie
- . Alan Jarvis
- . Michael Sabol
- . Marilyn Schuyler

New NABC Masters

- . May Mok
- . Sheila Robinson

New Advanced NABC Masters

- . Gregg Riehl

New Life Masters

- . Ted Gunn

New Bronze Life Masters

- . Barbara McKay
- . Wayne Rechnitz

New Members

Bill Dorland
Dudley Alexander
Gayle Hester
Don Johnston





TIME TO GIVE THANKS AND GIVE BACK

**Contra Costa Bridge Center
has scheduled**

TWO CHARITY WEEKS in November

Pay No Extra table fees

Play for Extra ACBL Masterpoints

November 6 - 10: 50% of table fees will be donated by CCBC to the local SHARE Food Pantry

November 13 – 18: CCBC will pay the additional ACBL fees which support charities selected by ACBL

Come & Play – and support valuable work in our communities!

Diablo Valley Unit 499

Fall Sectional



November 11 – 12, 2017

Dougherty Valley High School

10550 Albion Rd. San Ramon, CA 94582

Presented by Diablo Valley Unit 499 (<http://diablovalleybridge.com>)

Saturday, November 11th

10:00 AM

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 1)
(0-750/750-2000/2000+)

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:

Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
499er (0-100/100-300/300-500)
99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

3:00 PM

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 2)
(0-750/750-2000/2000+)

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:

Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)
499er (0-100/100-300/300-500)
99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

* Games and strats will be adjusted based on attendance.

Sunday, November 12th

10:00 AM: 0 - 100 SINGLE SESSION SWISS TEAM EVENT. NO PLAYER OVER 100 POINTS

10:00 AM & TBD: Bracketed Swiss Teams. Brackets posted at tournament. **Teams must play both sessions.** 7 rounds/7 boards (lowest bracket plays 7 rounds/6 boards). 20 VP Scale for all brackets. Brackets based on team masterpoint average. Teams may elect to play in top bracket.

Table fees: \$12 per session (non- ACBL or unpaid members \$16)

Tournament Director: Lynn Yokel. ACBL Sanction #:1711031

Tournament Chair: Anne Hollingsworth @ (925) 899-7543 or scootcat@pacbell.net

Partnerships: Please use Unit 499's Google Groups to find a partner <http://groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499>

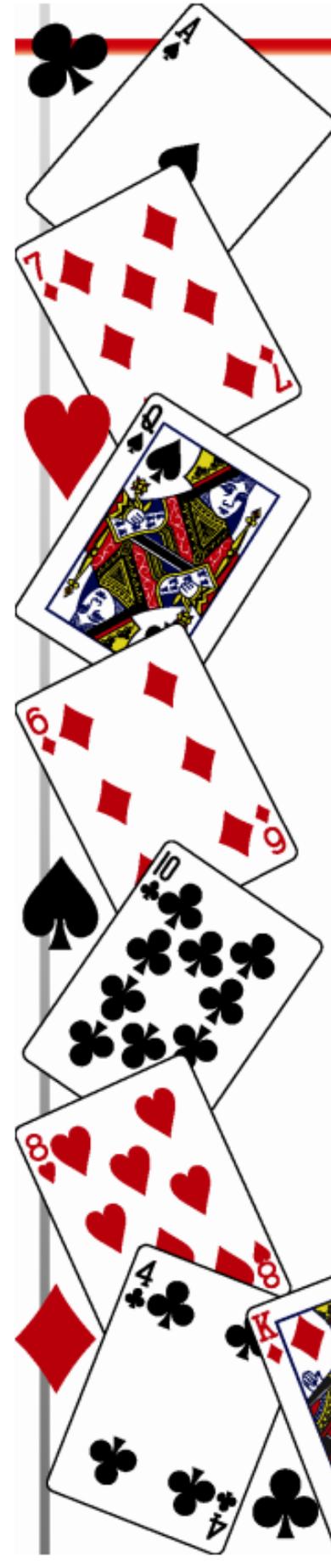
You may also contact Anne Hollingsworth @ (925) 899-7543 or scootcat@pacbell.net for assistance. Please do not attend without a partner or teammates.

Food: Refreshments. Lunch for purchase on Saturday and Sunday

Directions:

- From Highway 680 exit at Bollinger Canyon Rd. Head east for 3.92 miles. At Albion Rd, turn left. Look for the entrance to the school on your left.
- From I-580, exit at Dougherty Rd. S and head north on Dougherty Rd S for 5.7 miles. At Albion Rd, turn right. The school entrance will be on the left.

Look for parking on the right under the solar panels



DIABLO VALLEY UNIT 499 BRIDGE SEMINAR
With
BARBARA SEAGRAM

Author of **25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know**
Named the top selling bridge book of the last 50 years
and author of 21 other bridge books

Friday, November 17, 2017: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Check in begins at 9:00 am, session starts promptly at 9:30 am

LOCATION: The Shadelands Arts Center (Auditorium) located at
111 North Wiget Lane at Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek

TOPICS: Preempts for Fun and Profit and
Becoming a Cunning Declarer

Seminar will be hands-on and interactive
COST: \$75.00 per person if you sign up and pay before October 27
\$80.00 per person if you sign up AFTER October 27
Price includes Refreshments and Light Lunch

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER SOON.
Inquiries to Jackie Zayac: jackiezayac@gmail.com or (925) 284-2309

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER OCTOBER 27, 2017

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Please register me for the Nov. 17 Diablo Valley Unit 499 Bridge Seminar in Walnut Creek:
NAME: _____ TEL NO: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I have enclosed a check made payable to **Diablo Valley Bridge Unit 499:**
_____ \$75.00 (before Oct. 27) _____ \$80.00 (after Oct. 27)

Send check to: Bill LeMaire
5595 Amend Road
El Sobrante CA 94803

Play a Hand with me

North

S KQJ6

H AQ102

D K753

C Q

West

S 108752

H 985

D 42

C AK5

East

S A

H J74

D QJ98

C J10964



South

S 943

H K63

D A106

C 8732

This hand came up in the recent Santa Clara Regional in a pairs event and I am featuring Bob Munson playing in 2N when his bidding went 1D p 1N p 2N all pass.

The opening lead was the 9 of hearts and Bob won the K in his hand and led a spade to the K and East won the Ace. For some reason, a heart came back and when Bob won that in the dummy, he knew if he ducked a diamond that the opponents would figure out to go after clubs so Bob led the Q clubs from the dummy. If you are a defender could you imagine that declarers clubs were this weak? Looking at all the hands you can see that the defense is entitled to 5 clubs, and the A of spades for down 1 but his defenders could not see that after his club play.

When West won the high club, they led another heart and Bob cashed the hearts and the two high spades while East had to discard and decided to throw two diamonds to save his clubs so Bob was able to take 2 spades, 4 hearts and 4 diamonds making 4.

I feel that East was entirely at fault here. When Bob led the Q clubs, East should have played the J clubs showing his partner that his clubs had a sequence and then they could have set him. Because it is a pairs event Bob felt the reward for making more than 2 was worth the risk.

A very clever deceptive play by Bob allowed him to make 2 overticks!!

Jerry Weitzner

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

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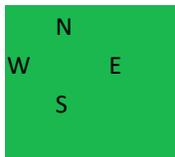
By David Terris

THE DUMMY IS THE MASTER HAND: ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

When Partner uses a Jacoby or Texas Transfer, or makes a conventional two suited bid such as the Michaels Cue Bid or Unusual Notrump, or after Partner supports Opener's suit but has more trump than Opener, the tabled hand usually is played as the master hand, and Declarer plays his own hand as the Dummy. Here are two examples.

After a Jacoby Transfer

♠ 6
♥ A J 10 8 5
♦ J 9 3
♣ A 9 4 2



♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ A K 8
♣ 6 5



<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1NT	Pass	2♦ ¹	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

– Transfer

West's Opening Lead: 3♠

Declarer wins the opening lead with the A♠. It is now tempting to ruff three spades in the Dummy using diamonds as entries to Declarer's hand. This approach will work if hearts divide 3-2, but if hearts split 4-1, Declarer will likely lose control of the hand.

Instead, Declarer should think of the tabled hand as the master hand and his own hand as the Dummy. After winning the A♠, he immediately gives up a club trick. The defense's best return is a spade causing a ruff in the Dummy. Declarer plays the A♣ and ruffs a club in his hand. He can now pull trump, and gives up a diamond and another club at the end, making four hearts even if hearts are split 4-1. If the return is not a spade, Declarer has enough trump left in the Dummy to be able to ruff the last club and pull trump, making five hearts even with a 4-1 heart split.

When Partner supports Opener's suit and has longer length than the Opener

	♠ J 9 3		
	♥ A 10 9 8		
	♦ K 9 7 6 5		
	♣ A 9 4 2		
♠ A K Q 9 5 2	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> S </div>	♠ 7 4	
♥ K J 3		♥ Q 6 5 4 2	
♦ 4		♦ Q 10 3	
♣ J 10 2		♣ 8 7 5	
	♠ 10 8 6 3		
	♥ 7		
	♦ A J 8 2		
	♣ A K 9 3		

South	West	North	East
1♦	1♠	Dbl ¹	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♦	All Pass

1 – Negative, showing at least four hearts

West's Opening Lead: A♠

After winning the spade, West shifts to the J♣. Assuming the master hand to be on the table, Declarer can ruff heart losers in his own hand, so he saves the Q♣ for a later entry and wins the trick in his hand. He now leads to the A♥ and ruffs a heart. He returns to the table with the Q♣ and ruffs a second heart, felling the K♥. He next leads the A♦, and follows with the J♦. West shows out, indicating there will be a diamond loser. So he plays his K♦, crosses to the A♣, and since the clubs divide 3-3, he can throw his heart loser on the long club. He concedes the high trump, making five diamonds.

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

Swiss Team Game

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club is holding a Swiss Team game on Saturday, November 18. Teams must sign up in advance. Two of the four team members must be residents of Rossmoor. Signups can be made at any regular duplicate game. The game will be held in the Oak Room at Gateway beginning at 12:30pm.

Cancelled Games

There will be no duplicate games at Rossmoor on November 3 or 4 due to the bazaar and Thanksgiving Day.

Kit Miller



Lamorinda Bridge Club

Lamorinda (formerly 24/680) Bridge Club

Our games run 10am to about 2pm with snacks and beverages included. If you would like to contribute a snack item to what is offered, please feel free to do so. 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: Sheilah & Harry Fish, Joan Tasker & Sue McCaffrey, Annette & Bob Horwitz (twice) , Judy Murphy & Sue Peters, Jerry Weitzner & Darrell Fung (twice), Seiko Hazanow & Doug Handler, Russ Kirschenbaum & Kathy Wolf, David & Stich Boyle (twice), Winnie Jasper & Conrad Robertson, Susan Schlicht & Greta Westeson, Pat Harl & Kathy Nusser, Barbara DeHeus & Judy Sherwood, and Emily Beaty & George Wang, .

Upcoming Schedule:

November 2017

Wed 11/1 NO GAME

Wed. 11/8 NO GAME

Wed. 11/15 NO GAME

Sat. 11/18 NO SWISS TEAM GAME

Wed. 11/22 Food Bank Charity Pair Game \$11

Wed. 11/29 Club Membership Pair Game \$10

December 2017

Wed. 12/6 STaC Pair Game \$11

Sat. 12/9 STaC Pair Game \$11

Wed. 12/13 Regular Pair Game \$10

Sat. 12/16 Food Bank Charity Swiss Team Game \$11

Wed. 12/20 Club Championship Pair Game \$10

Wed. 12/27 Food Bank Charity Pair Game \$11

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

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 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
the Moraga Country Club.

at

Reservations are required with David Geary, dsgeary@comcast.net. If reservation is 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. Extra Master Points by donating to charity whenever ACBL allows.

Recent results:

9/12 - 5 tables

- 1 - Judy & John Sherwood
- 2 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 - Sue & Shyam Rungta

9/19 - 4 tables

- 1 - George Bazgan & Ashok Chakradeo
- 2 tie - Ed Lichtig & Ken Hills
- 2 tie - Winnie Jasper & Barbara Hanson

9/26 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ tables

- 1 - Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky (76%, 2nd highest game percentage ever for the club)
- 2 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 - Ann & Roy Elliott

10/3 - 5 tables

- 1 - Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 2 - Sanda Henry & George Bazgan
- 3 - Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky

10/10 - 4 tables

- 1 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 - Carol Griffin & Carol Penskar
- 3 - Lois & Dick Halliday

10/17 - 4 tables

- 1 - Colleen & David Geary
- 2 - Stephanie Kung & Blair Hoffman
- 3 - Deb & Wayne Rechnitz

Regards, David Geary