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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



HAPPY JANUARY AND HAPPY 2018 to UNIT 499!

On Dec 17, 2017, I was elected President of Unit 499 for a second term. I am honored to be your President for another year! The Unit 499 Board of Directors also elected Lyn Sacco, Vice President, Patti Kogan, Secretary and Bill LeMaire, Treasurer. What a pleasure it will be to work with this Executive Committee in 2018.

I hope you will join me in welcoming our newest member to the Board of Directors, Marian Renvall. Marian has volunteered to be our Hospitality Chair this year.

Judy Keilin served on the Unit 499 Board of Directors from April, 2009 to December, 2017. If you see her at a game, please thank her for all of her years of service on the Unit 499 Board of Directors. Just so you know, Judy is still going to be the Editor of the e-Declarer. We are so very fortunate to have her as a member of our unit.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead! We will have our Spring Sectional on April 28-29, 2018. Larry Cohen will give a seminar on May 16, 2018. We will host our Fall Sectional on November 10-11, 2018. Please mark your calendars now for these special events.

Our first unit game of the New Year will be held at Rossmoor on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1pm. I hope you will all make plans to attend this extra-points game.

District 21 (D21) recently selected Anne Hollingsworth as a 2017 D21 Goodwill Award recipient. She will receive her D21 Goodwill Pin at the Monterey Regional D21 Board Meeting on Saturday, January 6, 2018. Unit 499 will hold a luncheon and game later this year to honor our newest D21 Goodwill recipient. Congratulations, Anne!

I hope all of your 2018 bridge resolutions come true this year.

Jackie Z

Directory

We will print the 2018 Roster towards the end of the first quarter in 2018 and have it available at the Unit 499 clubs.

If there are any changes in your information that is contained in the print version of the 2016 roster, and, if any of you are members of ACBL and also Unit 499, and are not included in the 2016 roster, please advise me.

Bob Barnes, Membership Chair

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A new event is planned for our Speaker Series. Larry Cohen will be available on May 16, 2018 with a program designed to provide you with new skills to improve your game. Watch for more information.

Be sure to read the info on how to add or change your contact information for our new directory, which will be published in early 2018.

We had a delicious spread at our recent Holiday Party. Be sure to check out all the players who dressed in their holiday finest.

The board meeting which preceded the Holiday Party and Unit Game was my final meeting. After serving for nine years, I felt it was time to step aside for someone with new ideas and a fresh outlook. Being on the board was a very rewarding experience, and I'd like to recommend that you consider offering your time to help further the game we love. Think about it for a few months, then let someone on the current board know you are interested.

Judy Keilin
Editor



To submit a letter to the 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 and New Members

MILESTONES

New Club Masters

Katie Pittman

Patricia Torres

Sylvia Victoria

New Sectional Masters

Melinda Hall

Robert Mayne

Beverly Kivel

Terry Wassman

New NABC Masters

Gretchen Filer

Susan Puccini

New Gold Life Masters

Brad Komsthoef

New Diamond Life Masters

John Miller

Save the Date: May 16, 2018
Larry Cohen Seminar

A graphic with the words "Happy New Year!" in a large, blue, 3D-style font. The letters are decorated with colorful streamers and confetti, giving it a festive appearance.

New Members

Kevin Chao

Gabriel Relich

Marty Glick

Steven Kobayashi

Nell Magnuson

Harvey Meyerson

Cathy Paris

Nick Paris

Michel Schneider

Christmas Photos from the December 17th Unit Game at CCBC.

It was a very festive event, as evidenced by the festive attire on some of our players.



Play a Hand with me

Play A Hand With Me...

January, 2018

North

S Q9875

H 83

D K1093

C K6

West

S J62

H 1092

D Q852

C Q104

East

S ____

H QJ654

D J7

C AJ8752



South

S AK1043

H AK7

D A64

C 93

North is the dealer on this hand and the bidding proceeded: P P 1S P, 2C P 4S all pass.

The 2C by North was Drury showing a limit raise.

The opening lead was the 10 of hearts and it looks like you have 1 diamond and 1 or 2 clubs to lose.

When you draw the trumps, East signals that he likes clubs so you need to avoid leading that suit.

This hand is a classic endplay. Continue drawing the remaining trumps and play the A and K of hearts and ruff the remaining heart in the dummy. Next you play the A of diamonds and lead towards the dummy and insert the 9 when West plays low. East is in and can either cash the A of clubs or lead a diamond back into the dummy if they have any or lead a heart giving you a sluff and a ruff.

East should have doubled 2C for the lead and then they would have taken 2 clubs and an eventual diamond holding you to 4. Making 5 scores 78% while making 4 only scores 40%.

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IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY



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By David Terris

YOUR OPENING LEAD:

INFERENCES FROM OPPONENTS' BIDDING

A good habit to develop at the end of the auction, especially on defense, is to estimate the distribution of the other hands. In many cases your opponents' bidding will tell you what to choose for your opening lead. Here are three examples.

As East you are on lead after the following auctions.

<u>N</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>East</u>
1♠	2♣	♠K762
2♠	3♦	♥Q72
3NT	--	♦109643 ♣3

Based on North's rebid of 2♠, assume him to have 6 spades and no other 4 card or longer suit. Assume 6-3-2-2 distribution to start. South should have no more than 2 spades. He reversed so he should have more clubs than diamonds, but he didn't carry on beyond 3NT. So he might just be showing values in search of a notrump contract. Nevertheless, start out assuming 2-2-4-5 distribution. It is likely therefore that partner has 5 hearts. Lead the 2♥.

<u>S</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>East</u>
1♠	2♦	♠Q42
2♥	2NT	♥J5
3♦	3NT	♦A742
		♣J542

South has bid three suits which means he has at most a singleton club. Assume 5-4-3-1 distribution. North didn't support hearts, so he has at most three. Partner therefore has at least 4 hearts, and he probably has a singleton diamond making it a greater chance that he has 5 hearts. The club suit is weak and North must have good clubs by insisting on notrump in the face of a singleton. Spades is South's long suit, so that's a lost cause. The best lead is the J♥.

<u>N</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>East</u>
1♠	2♣	♠KJ952
2NT	3NT	♥98
		♦A83
		♣764

What is North's distribution? He didn't rebid his spades, he didn't rebid hearts or diamonds. So most likely he has 5 spades and no more than 3 cards in the other suits, 5-3-3-2. South doesn't have more than 2 spades, otherwise he would have shown spade support on his rebid. So we start out thinking he has 5 clubs, 2 spades and 6 cards in the red suits, 2-3-3-5. Partner is likely to have something in the red suits, but which lead is preferable? The lead is either the 9♥ or the 3♦. Either could be right or wrong, but leading the short major suit might help partner if he has long hearts.

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.

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ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club

Rossmoor

January 1, there will be no game. Happy New Year!!!

BIRTHDAY WEEK:

January 8-13 will be Birthday Free Play Week for members only.

UNIT GAME and LUNCH

Sunday, January 21, there will be a Unit Game at 1pm.

Lunch will be served at noon in the Oak Room at the Gateway Center.

There will be an open game and a 299er game.

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 players who were ranked in the overalls of the Western Conference during our December STaC week at the Lamorinda Bridge Club games. Wednesday December 9 included Darrell Fung & Jerry Weitzner at 10.48 MP, Susan Schlicht & Greta Westeson at 3.19 MP, Sanda Henry & Furqan Naem at 1.44 MP, Malcolm Mendelson & Sidney Landman at 1.44 MP, and Maxine Winer & Olga Gordon at 1.03 MP. Saturday December 12 David Snyder & Susan Boyers placed first overall earning 11.06 MP and Mary-Jill Clemens & Jackie Marshall earned 1.18 MP.

Upcoming Schedule:

January 2018

Wed. 1/3 Junior Fund Charity Pair \$10
Wed. 1/10 Junior Fund Charity Pair \$10
Wed. 1/17 Junior Fund Charity Pair \$10
Sat. 1/20 Junior Fund Charity Swiss Teams \$10
Wed. 1/24 Junior Fund Charity Pair \$10
Wed. 1/31 Junior Fund Charity Pair \$10

February 2018

Wed. 2/7 ARF Charity Pair \$11
Wed. 2/14 Club Championship Pair \$10
Sat. 2/17 ARF Charity Swiss Team \$11
Wed. 2/21 NO GAME
WED. 2/28 NO GAME

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Lamorinda Bridge Club

The location is our home:

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On-street parking

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Reservations required:

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



The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club



The Moraga Country Club duplicate bridge meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm at the Moraga Country Club.

Reservations are required with David Geary, dsgeary@comcast.net. If reservations are not made by the 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. Extra Master Points by donating to charity whenever ACBL allows.

Recent results:

11/21 - 6 tables

- 1 - Anne Hollingsworth & Jacob Rosenberg
- 2 - Winnie Smith & Al Dessayer
- 3 - Art Donaldson & David Geary

11/28 - 3 tables

- 1 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 - Colleen & David Geary
- 3 - Vijaya Kamath & Ashok Chakradeo

12/5 - 6 tables

- 1 - Sanda Henry & George Bazgan
- 2 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 - Anne Hollingsworth & Lee Farrell

12/12 - 6 tables

- 1 - Nancy & Lew Voils
- 2 - Sue & Shyam Rungta
- 3 - Anne Hollingsworth & Blair Hoffman

Regards, David Geary