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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Welcome to June Unit 499!

I hope many of you attended the California Capital Regional in Sacramento to ring in the new month. I always enjoy seeing all the bridge players from other units and I hope you do too. I also hope you won a lot of red and gold master-points!

We have two OPEN unit games for your playing enjoyment this month. The first unit game will be held at the Contra Costa Bridge Center on the last day of Spring, 2018, Wednesday, June 20 at 12:30pm. The second unit game and the first one in the Summer of 2018 will be held at Rossmoor on Sunday, June 24 at 1pm. I hope everyone will make plans to attend both games!

DATE CHANGE ALERT: The date of the Goodwill Lunch and Game, honoring Anne Hollingsworth, our 2017 District 21 Goodwill Recipient, has been changed to Sunday, August 19, 2018. Attendance at this event will be by reservation only since it is expected to sell out. Lyn Sacco, lyn.sacco@gmail.com will be sending out an announcement in July for you to make your reservations.

I hope you all enjoy your summer. It is my favorite time of year! If any of you read this and grow more home-grown tomatoes than you can eat, remember to share with me! I was "arrested" by my next-door neighbor (California Highway Patrol) when I was three years old for taking some of his tomatoes without permission.....

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

Jackie Z

...from the Editor

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I was one of the lucky ones to attend the Larry Cohen Seminar in June. It was my first attendance at one of these seminars, and I regret not having attended the previous ones. There is much to be learned at any level, and I highly recommend attending the next one.

Be sure to read Jerry's "Play a Hand with Me" and David's latest lesson. They always offer something to help improve our games.

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.

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Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

New Junior Masters

Stephen Clark

Ann Elliott

Meiling Lai

New Club Masters

William Billings

Richard Chen

Annette Horwitz

Karen Peterson

David Pierce

New Sectional Masters

Donna Derr

Dean Ruddell

Carla Shockley

New Regional Masters

Jeanette Bartz

Anne Hetland

New Bronze Life Masters

Joyce Goodman

Gary Hargrove

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to our unit.

Leslie Golden

Melinda Gross

Claire Humphrey

Yilmaz Ozturhan

Ginny Reeves

Judy Guillen

David Hickey

LARRY COHEN SEMINAR

MAY 16, 2018

The Unit 499 Board of Directors hosted a very special educational event for bridge players living in or coming to the East Bay on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in the Wesley Center at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo. It was the perfect facility to host the event with its state-of-the-art sound system and spacious meeting area.

In total, one hundred twenty-four people signed up to attend the all-day seminar. Larry Cohen spoke on the topics of Defensive Strategy (Passive or Aggressive) and Declarer Play (Don't Paint Yourself into a Corner). Each attendee received a Larry Cohen Workbook to take home. The attendees all raved about Larry's teaching and speaking styles. He is truly a great teacher and speaker!

Prior to beginning the seminar, the attendees were asked to raise their hands to indicate the number of masterpoints each person has earned to date. Attendees had between 0 – 99 masterpoints to up to 2,000 masterpoints! Attendees at every level said that they learned something new during the course of the day. Being able to appeal to such a diverse group of players at different bridge levels is no easy task. Larry Cohen received numerous accolades from our attendees after the event. If you missed this great educational opportunity, you missed a very special day that will long be remembered by all who did attend.

The Unit 499 Board of Directors all worked together to host this event for everyone. If you see a member of the board, please take the time to say thank you for providing such a wonderful day.

Jackie Zayac



CARD HOLDERS

Many members have asked about the card-holder pictured here, so Carroll Brooks ordered them from England. They are \$15 each. Her email is clbrooks.ca@gmail.com. Please let her know if you are interested. Winnie Jasper will also have a few available.



Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me...

June, 2018

North
S A5
H AQ9
D 6543
C A942



West
S 932
H J1087
D KJ8
C 863

East
S K8764
H K64
D Q97
C Q5

South
S QJ10
H 532
D A102
C KJ107

This hand occurred in the recent Modesto Regional Choice Stratified Open Pairs. The bidding started with North opening 1C-1S-2N -P, 3N-P-P-P. The 2N showed 11-12 HCP but unfortunately only 1 spade stopper.

The opening lead was a spade. I like the 9 but I understand the lead of the 2.

The best defense is for East to duck the first trick because if West regains the lead early he will have another spade to lead and that knocks out the A and easts spades are ready to run.

When east ducks, you win in your hand and note that you need 4 clubs, 2 hearts plus the 2 spades and 1 diamond to make your contract. Even if east wins the K spades and leads one back you have the same problem.

My suggested line of play is to lead a club to the A and finesse back to your hand. When this works you can now take the heart finesse. But now please examine the heart spots. You can safely lead a heart to the 9 which gives you an added chance that the hearts are as shown and if west plays the 10 or J you can cover and when you get in you can take the heart finesse again. Even if the first finesse in hearts loses to the 10 or J, you will then hope that west has the K but you gave yourself a little extra chance and it paid off.

Seeing this possibility and making your contract was worth 82%.

Jerry Weitzner

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Improve Your Bridge Play

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

By David Terris

DEFENSE: COUNT YOUR TRICKS, AND HOW YOU WILL GET THEM

As East, you hold the following hand:

♠752 ♥K8 ♦Q965 ♣A954

The bidding:

N	E	S	W
		1♥	P
2♣	P	2NT	P
3♥	P	4♥	

Your partner, WEST, leads the 3♣ against the contract of 4♥.

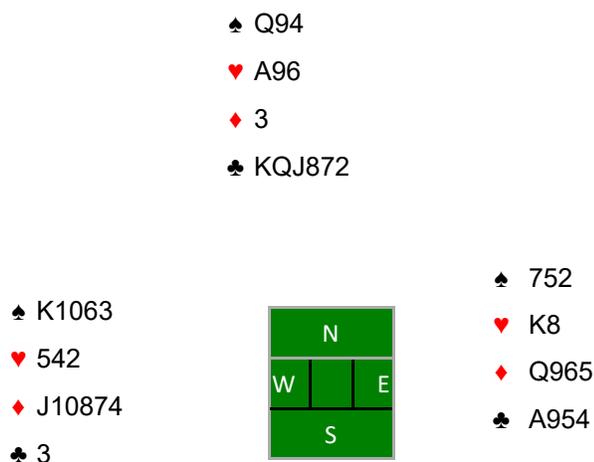
♠ Q94
♥ A96
♦ 3
♣ KQJ872



♠ 752
♥ K8
♦ Q965
♣ A954

The K♣ is played from the Dummy, you cover with your A♣, and SOUTH follows with the 6♣. Count your tricks. It is obvious that WEST led a singleton, so you can see 3 tricks, the A♣, the K♥ and a club ruff in WEST's hand. Before reading on, stop and figure how EAST should proceed to possibly get a 4th trick and defeat the contract.

The only possibility is in spades. If WEST has the A♠, the contract will be defeated after WEST gets his ruff. But, what if WEST's possible trick is the K♠? From the bidding SOUTH is expected to have 5 hearts, so WEST started with 3 hearts. Therefore, the club ruff can wait since EAST has second round control of the heart suit. If WEST's trick is the K♠, it is imperative that EAST attacks spades immediately before SOUTH gets control of the hand. At trick two, East should lead the 7♠.



Notice what happens if EAST gives WEST the club ruff immediately. Whatever WEST does, SOUTH will play two rounds of hearts. Now when EAST gets the lead with the King of hearts, it is too late to set up the spade trick. SOUTH will play his Ace of spades and run the club suit making the contract.

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

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

A Club Championship Week will be held June 5-10.

IMP PAIRS

There will be an IMP pairs game on Thursday, June 7, at 7pm.

QUALIFIER

North American Pair Qualifier will be held Thursday, June 14, at 7pm.

NO GAME

The game on Saturday, June 23, has been cancelled due to a Flea Market at Rossmoor.

UNIT GAME

There will be a Unit game on Sunday, June 24, with a 299er game and an open game. Lunch will be served at noon followed by play at 1pm.

CONVENTION CARDS REQUIRED

It is required that at each team has at least one convention card completed and available for viewing on the table. Directors and others will assist players in completing a card before afternoon games during the month of June. Players needing assistance should arrive by 11:30am. for this help.

All games are held in the Oak Room at the Gateway Center at Rossmoor.

Kit Miller



Lamorinda 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: Steve Oliver & Antica Odabashian, Malcolm Mendelson & Derek Southern, Emily Beaty & George Wang, Bob & Annette Horwitz, Olga Gordon & Maxine Winer, Furqan Naeem & Sanda Henry, Darrell Fung & Jerry Weitzner (3 times), Bill Burns & John Hanley, Susan Schlicht & Maureen Hentschel, Renee Ross & Andrea Green, Fred Golini & Dianne Lavin, Bill Burns & Susan Schlicht (twice), Tom Hester & Steve Oliver, Susan Schlicht & Greta Westeson, Dennis & Renee Ross, David Geary & Glenn Boyce, Conrad Robertson & Jerry Chamberlain, Melinda Hall & Gayle Hester, and Harry & Sheilah Fish.

Upcoming Schedule:

June 2018

Wed. 6/6 Shelter Inc. Charity Pair \$11

Wed. 6/13 Regular Pair \$10

Sat. 6/16 NO SWISS TEAM GAME

Wed. 6/20 Regular Pair \$10

Wed. 6/27 Regular Pair \$10

July 2018

Wed. 7/4 Regular Pair \$10

Wed. 7/11 Regular Pair \$10

Wed. 7/18 ARF Charity Pair \$11

Sat. 7/21 ARF Charity Swiss Team \$11

Wed. 7/25 Regular Pair \$10

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

Winnie@wjasper.com; 925-376-1125

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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

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. 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. Extra Master Points by donating to charity whenever ACBL allows.

Recent results:

4/24 - 5 tables

- 1 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 - Richard Chen & Mal Mendelson
- 3 - Art Donaldson & David Geary

5/1 - 3 tables

- 1 - Deb & Wayne Rechnitz
- 2 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 - Maxine Winer & George Bazgan

5/8 - 4 tables

- 1 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 - Deb & Wayne Rechnitz
- 3 - Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky

5/15 - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tables

- 1 - Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 2/3 - Jackie & Dave Fenton
- 2/3 - Winnie Jasper & Dan Noal

Regards, David Geary



Bridge on the Lake-Discovery Bay

Discovery Bay Community Center
1601 Discovery Bay Blvd
Discovery Bay



The Bridge on the Lake Duplicate Bridge Club in Discovery Bay will have only one game during the month of June - June 16th - and it will be a Club Championship game.

The community center has special activities scheduled for two Saturdays in June and another Saturday we have no director available because of graduations.

In July we will be back to every Saturday at 12:30 with an NAP qualifier on July 14th.

Please call to make a reservation so we can bring enough tables. (516-4380)

Arlene Mahlberg