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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Welcome to May Unit 499!

Spring is in the air and there is a lot of bridge to play this month! STaC Week is being held May 7 - May 13. Make sure you go to as many games as possible in our local clubs to gather up the silver points. Everyone says that the silver points are the most difficult to collect so take advantage of the opportunity to earn them in a local club!

The Larry Cohen Seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 16 from 9:30am- 3:30pm at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Boulevard in Alamo. This is a great opportunity to learn from a great bridge player. Advance reservations are required.

Two unit games will be held on Saturday, May 19. At 9:30am, a 0 - 199 masterpoint unit game will be held at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. At 12:30pm, an open unit game will be held by the Bridge on the Lake Club at the Discovery Bay Community Center.

Also, on May 19, a Goodwill Lunch and Game will be held at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. The lunch will start at 12:30pm, followed by a special points game at 1:30pm. We will be honoring our newest District 21 Goodwill recipient, Anne Hollingsworth! Please make reservations with Lyn Sacco at lyn.sacco@gmail.com as soon as possible. This event will sell out!

I hope to see you all at the Sacramento Regional May 28 - June 3. I wish you all the best of luck bringing the gold points back to Unit 499!

I wish every mother in our unit a very happy Mother's Day on May 13.

Enjoy the beautiful weather this month!

Jackie Z

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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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...from the Editor

April was busy, and May is even busier!

I hope you all did well at our Sectional, and enjoyed yourselves while playing. May has some special games, too. There's STaC Week May 7-12, a couple of unit games, and the Goodwill Game honoring Anne Hollingsworth. Also happening is the Larry Cohen Seminar.

Happy Mothers' Day!

Judy Keilin
Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher



Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

New Junior Masters

David Pierce

New Club Masters

Joanne Newton

New Sectional Masters

Margaret Cross

Skip Seroy

New NABC Masters

John Mount

Claire Smith

New Emerald Life Masters

Dan Friedman

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to our unit.

Ann Braden

Ann Elliott

Cynthia Erb

Annette Horwitz

Jeff Janes

Gary Bingham

A. Gross

Carol Sayers

John Sayers

Barry Handelsman



Diablo Valley Unit 499

Welcomes:

Larry Cohen

America's Premier Bridge Teacher



May 16, 2018

\$85 before May 1

\$95 after May 1

Worldwide lecturer for all levels
25-Time National Champion
Among top 10 living most
influential ACBL Players

Wesley Center
SRV United Methodist Church
902 Danville Blvd., Alamo, CA

SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30-12:00 Lecture on Defensive Strategy (Passive or Aggressive)

12:00-1:00 Lunch Included

1:00-3:30 Lecture on Declarer Play (Don't Paint Yourself Into a Corner)

3:30 Questions and Book Signing

Professional Vu-Graph Presentation, LC Workbook/handout,

Pre-dealt Hands to Play



Registration

Name(s): _____

Email address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Mail Registration and check made out to: Diablo Valley Bridge Unit 499, c/o Bill LeMaire, 5595 Amend Road, El Sobrante, CA. 94803

Questions: jackiezayac@gmail.com or (925) 284-2309

UNIT 499's ANNUAL
Goodwill Celebration Lunch and Special Game



SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
AT THE CONTRA COSTA
BRIDGE CENTER

*** Lunch and celebration begins at 12:30 PM**
Special Game at 1:30 PM

We are honoring
Our 2016 Goodwill Award Recipient
Anne Hollingsworth
(*Unit 499 past award winners also recognized*)
Fee per person ... \$9.00

Seating is limited...
Reservation required

RSVP to Lyn Sacco at Lyn.Sacco@gmail.com

Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me....

May, 2018

North

S Q963

H K54

D 8764

C A7

West

S K82

H 2

D A93

C QJ8632

East

S 1075

H AJ83

D K1052

C 54



South

S AJ4

H Q10976

D QJ

C K109

This hand is from my annual trip to the regional in San Diego to play with one of my original partners from the early 1960's, Ron Huffaker. The bidding started by me with 1H and went 2C-2H-P, P-3C-3H-X by east.

Although the double does look inviting it does help me in the play. Surely there is a lot of distribution when a suit lacking the top honors is bid twice and when you are doubled while holding a fairly good suit.

The defense started with the Queen of clubs and I am worried that there is only one club on my right. I win the A and lead the 4 of hearts to my 9 winning the trick. Its good that there are only 4 hearts on my right and I need to trump a diamond in my hand so I lead the Q of diamonds and east wins the K and leads a club which I win with the K and lead my last club trumping it with the K of hearts which is overtrumped with the A. East now leads a diamond won by west who leads another diamond and I trump in my hand with the 6.

Now I lead a low spade expecting west to continue spades but they lead a club. Here is the crucial play; I trump in dummy with the 5H and discard the A of spades and lead a diamond from dummy and trump in my hand and then lead the J spades to the Q. the lead is now in the dummy while east has the J and 8 of hearts and I have the Q and 10 behind him making my contract. This play at the end is called a trump coup.

Jerry Weitzner

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Improve Your Bridge Play



IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

By David Terris

A TWO-SUITED OVERCALL COMES BACK TO BITE YOU

A two-suited overcall is descriptive, economic in bidding space and generally helpful to your Partner. However, if your side ends up defending, it can also be useful to Declarer.

South picked up this hand and opened 1♣.

South: ♠A1032 ♥875 ♦K106 ♣AQ3

The auction:

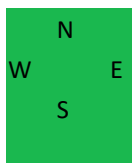
<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1♣	2♣ ¹	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Michaels Cuebid showing length in both major suits

In light of West's heart-showing overcall, South's 2NT call is somewhat dubious, but having good support for diamonds, he gambled that he could bring home 9 tricks with the diamond suit, his two aces and hopefully another trick from North.

West let the Q♥ and the dummy fortunately had a heart stopper.

♠ QJ
♥ A3
♦ AQ8753
♣ J54



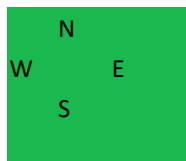
♠ A1032
♥ 875
♦ K106
♣ AQ3

Dummy played the 3♥, East overtook with the K♥, then led the 10♥ which Dummy won with the A♥. Assuming the diamonds would run, South could see 9 tricks, 6 diamonds and 3 other aces. The only way this might fail is if Declarer encountered a 4-0 split in diamonds. In light of West's two-suited overcall, he was unlikely to hold four diamonds, but it was entirely possible that East did.

The usual play would be to cash the A♦ and if West showed out, finesse the 10♦. This would not work in this case because, even if the finesse worked, there would be no way back to the dummy to run the rest of the diamonds. If a finesse was to be taken, it would have to be on the first diamond lead. This play works if either East has all four diamonds or at least holds the J♦. Declarer took this approach and was rewarded for his bold play as seen from the full layout.

♠ QJ
♥ A3
♦ AQ8753
♣ J54

♠ K8764
♥ QJ962
♦ ---
♣ K87



♠ 95
♥ K104
♦ J942
♣ 10962

♠ A1032
♥ 875
♦ K106
♣ AQ3

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.

Bridge on the Lake-Discovery Bay

Discovery Bay Community Center
1601 Discovery Bay Blvd
Discovery Bay

Bridge on the Lake club in Discovery Bay is hoping for a large turnout for the STaC game on May 12th and for a Unit Game on May 19, when extra points can be earned. Please make a reservation by the Friday of each week if you plan to play as we will need to bring extra tables in to accommodate. The Unit Game will also have special snacks due to the generosity of the Unit.

Repeat: To make reservations for either or both games, please do so by the Friday before as we must bring in extra tables.

e-mail: ajmahlberg@yahoo.com or call: **516-4380**

Arlene Mahlberg



ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club
Rossmoor

May 7-12 will be Spring Fling STAC Week.

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: Marcia Wasserman & David Snyder, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, Rudy & Marilyn Ruff, Kathy Wolf & Russ Kirschenbaum, Bill Burns & Melinda Hall, Al & Felicity Warner (three times), Ellin Swanback & Beth Majchrzak, Winnie Jasper & Conrad Robertson, Carol Penskar & Robert Bloom, Dianne Lavin & Fred Golini, Antica Odabashian & Steve Oliver, Bob & Annette Horwitz, Judy Murphy & Larry Lange (twice), and Perry & Jody Shapiro,

Upcoming Schedule:

May 2018

Wed. 5/2 Grass Roots Charity Pair \$10

Wed. 5/9 STaC Pair \$11

Sat. 5/12 STaC Pair \$11

Wed. 5/16 Grass Roots Charity Pair \$10

Sat. 5/19 Club Championship Swiss Team \$10

Wed. 5/23 Club Championship Pair \$10

Wed. 5/30 Grass Roots Charity Pair \$10

June 2018

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

Wed. 6/13 Regular Pair \$10

Sat. 6/16 NO GAME

Wed. 6/20 Regular Pair \$10

Wed. 6/27 Regular Pair \$10

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 at the Moraga Country Club.

Reservations are required with David Geary, dsgeary@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:

3/20 – 4 tables

- 1 – Stephanie Kung & Blair Hoffman
- 2 – Carol & Mark Penskar
- 3 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain

3/27 – 5 tables

- 1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 – Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 3 – Blair Hoffman & Bill Brutocao

4/3 – 2 tables

- 1 – Carol & Mark Penskar
- 2 – Irwin Lichtblau & David Geary
- 3 – Colleen Geary & Blair Hoffman

4/10 – 3 ½ tables

- 1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 – Carol & Mark Penskar
- 3 – Jody & Perry Shapiro

4/17 – 4 tables

- 1 – Stephanie Kung & Blair Hoffman
- 2 – Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 3 – Colleen & David Geary

Regards, David Geary

