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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Welcome to October Unit 499!

Welcome to the month of jack o'lanterns, ghosts, and tricks or treats. I hope you all attend this month's unit games and take a lot of tricks and receive a few treats (gifts). We have five unit games this month. Two unit games will be held on October 3 at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. They are the 0-499 limited game at 8:45am followed by the 12:30pm open game. On October 11, the 2pm 0 - 99 limited game at Contra Costa Bridge Center will be a unit game. At Rossmoor, the October 11 open game at 7pm will also be a unit game. The final unit game of the month will be an open game and it will be held on October 28 at 1pm at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. There are lots of opportunities for everyone to get extra masterpoints in these unit games. Please mark your calendars to play in these games this month!

The Annual Tunnel Tourney will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 10:30am at the East Bay Community Bridge Center. It will be a double session event with lunch provided for only \$15 per person! Members of Unit 499 must play with members of Unit 499 and members of Unit 502 must play with members of their unit. The winning unit will keep the Tunnel Tourney Plaque for one year. We need players at all levels to sign up to play. Please contact Andy Fine at AFine963@aol.com to sign up. Reservations are required!

It is time to line up your partners and teammates for the Diablo Valley Fall Sectional. It will be held at Dougherty Valley High School on November 10 and 11. It is always a great sectional and I look forward to seeing everyone there!

As I told you last year, I was born exactly nine months after Halloween. I am still trying to decide if I was a trick or a treat for my parents. Perhaps I should ask Unit 499 members to submit their opinions...or not.

I wish you all a Happy Halloween.

Jackie Z

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...from the Editor

Happy Halloween to all!

There are several unit games in October, as well as our fabulous sectional at the Dougherty Valley High School. I hope to see lots of you there.

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



Milestones and New Members

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Judith Ruble
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NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Velma Leavitt

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

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NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Valerie Petersen

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Kathy Von Dohre

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Gosia Antkowiak
Karen Driscoll
Philippa Erlank
David Niver
Chris Whipple
Andrew Beretras
Betsy Martin
Sooja Nehrlich
Bruce Poster

Let's welcome these folks when you meet them at the table.



BRIDGING THE GAP

Do you remember how and when you became interested in bridge?

Some of you learned in college, maybe your parents were avid players, and some you just stumbled upon this brain game.

I remembered how I got started in Bridge, and it was just a chance meeting.

After finishing a pizza lunch, I just peeked into the next building. Ron was there, and so the conversation began. I didn't have a clue about the game, and really wasn't very interested. However, after promising Ron I would attend a class, I did, and was hooked.

It seemed to be a very provocative game. You took tricks, had rubbers, and you could even be a dummy. As intriguing as it sounded; I tried it and I LIKED IT.

After numerous classes, I began to take the game very seriously. I played at least three times a week, went to tournaments, and loved every minute. I earned Master Points, and was thrilled at each milestone awarded. Honestly, I feel this game was an intervention from my trials and tribulations. My husband had been diagnosed with Early-On-Set Alzheimer's, and I needed a break. I often took him with me for the evening games. That was ten years ago, and I tell you my story, to encourage new and skilled players to continue on. Even if you've never earned the title of Life Master, you have participated, engaged with others, and helped keep your mind sharp.

So recall the Joy that a deck of cards, distributed among four people, can MAKE YOUR DAY. It can even be a LIFESAVER.

Lisa Assoni

Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me...

October, 2018

North

S AK3

H A9

D K876

C KQ109

West

S 8765

H KJ7

D J542

C 53

East

S J102

H Q10654

D 104

C 864



South

S Q94

H 832

D AQ9

C AJ72

This deal came up at the club and I opened 1C, my partner bid 1D and then raised my 1N to 6N after asking for aces. The opening lead was the 8 of Spades.

Counting my winners I saw 4 Clubs, 3 Diamonds, 1 Heart and 3 Spades. For me to take 12 tricks I will need to get 4 Diamonds. The odds of the Diamonds splitting 3-3 are about 36%. The suit will split 4-2 48% of the time and some of those could be where the J and 10 fall doubleton. But first I decided to make it difficult for the defense to know what to save so I crossed to my Ace of Clubs and led the 2 of Hearts towards the dummy. My left hand opponent inserted the J and I ducked it. She then continued with a Spade and now I was exactly where I wanted to be.

I could at this point play off the Ace and Queen of Diamonds and when the 10 drops from East I can let the 9 go and make my 12 tricks which is the percentage play in the suit. However I decided to play out the Clubs first and West had to make 2 discards and did toss 2 Spades. So now when I cashed my last Spade she didn't know whether to protect the K of Hearts or the 4th Diamond and she guessed wrong saving her K and 7 of Hearts so I could take 4 Diamonds without risking anything.

Ducking the Heart early creates an illusion that you have something in that suit hoping to set it up. I think that if I had the Queen of Hearts in my hand I might have led away from the Ace towards the Queen so West should hope her partner has the Queen.

3 people went down in 6N so my guess is that they didn't know how to play the Diamonds.

Jerry Weitzner

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Improve Your Bridge Play

By David Terris

THE AUCTION AFTER OPENER'S REVERSE; OPENER'S REBIDS (Part 4)

Reference: Max Hardy, Standard Bridge Bidding for the 21st Century, 2000

Opener's Rebids When Responder Indicates a Minimum (5 to a bad 9 HCP)

When Responder makes a minimum response to the reverse and Opener is in his minimum range (16-18 HCP), Opener has the following two choices:

If Responder has rebid his major suit, Opener may pass or, with support, invite or bid game. If Responder has rebid 2NT (artificial), Opener must bid 3♣ (artificial) and allow Responder to establish the final contract.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
???			

♠54 ♥AQJ9 ♦KQ963 ♣A7

Pass. You have no support for spades, and your hand is a minimum.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
???			

♠J75 ♥AKJ9 ♦5 ♣AQJ72

Bid 3♠. Although your hand is a minimum, you have support for spades. Invite game.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
???			

♠J7 ♥AJ95 ♦AKQ96 ♣Q7

Bid 3♣. You are on a minimum so you accept the relay to 3♣. Responder will set the contract.



When Responder makes a minimum response to the reverse and Opener has 19+ HCP, he should force the auction to game. (Exception: Auction may end at the 4-level in a minor suit). Opener has the following two choices:

If Responder has rebid his major suit, any further bid Opener makes, other than a raise, forces the auction to game.

If Responder has rebid 2NT (artificial), Opener ignores the relay to 3♣. Any bid Opener makes other than 3♣ is forcing to game.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
???			
♠52	♥AQJ9	♦AKQ96	♣A7

Bid 2NT. Your hand is much stronger than a minimum. By bidding again after Responder's minimum response, you force the auction to game despite not having any spade support.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
???			
♠5	♥AQJ9	♦AKQ96	♣A72

Bid 3♣. This is a problem hand. Bidding 2NT is dangerous because you may not have an entry to Responder's hand. Temporize by bidding 3♣. You hope partner can rebid spades again to guarantee 6 cards in the suit, or bid 3NT himself.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
???			
♠A7	♥AKJ9	♦AKQ87	♣72

Bid 3♦. Without a club stopper you can't bid 3NT. Bypassing the 3♣ relay forces the auction. You hope partner can bid 3NT.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
???			
♠J75	♥AKJ9	♦----	♣AKQJ72

Bid 3♠. You cannot rebid 3♣ because that would show a minimum hand. By bidding 3♠ you show some support for partner's 4-card suit and keep the auction forcing. Depending on partner's response your final contract will be 3NT, 4♥, 4♣ or 5♣.

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



October 11	Unit Game at 7pm
October 15-20	Club Appreciation Week
October 18	IMP Pairs Game at 7pm
October 21	Unit Game with lunch at noon followed by play.

Kit Miller

Lamorinda Bridge Club

Our games run 10am to about 2pm with snacks and beverages included. Following Board Play we offer a light potluck lunch with an opportunity to discuss the hands using provided hand records. Contributions of snacks and shared food dishes are welcome. 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.

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 at least three 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, or too close to disposal containers left at the curb for pick-up that day. We learned recently that the mailman refused to deliver a neighbor's mail due to a car parked blocking the mailbox. Please help us be good neighbors!

Congratulations to some of our first place players in Sections A, B or C since the last Newsletter:

Marcia Wasserman & Nancy Price,
Judy Murphy & Leslie Wagstaff,
Maxine Winer & Conrad Robertson,
Mary-Jill Clemens & Tosh Kuritsubo,
Marilyn Horan & Derek Southern,
Joyce Ellenberg & Vijaya Kamath,
Al & Felicity Warner,
Perry & Jody Shapiro,
Rosemary Hagman & Bill Burns (twice),
Leslie Wagstaff & Pam Docherty,

Bill Burns & Steve Oliver,
Holly Chapin & Diane Kennedy,
Kathy York & Gerry Davis,
Eileen Tarrab & Judy Peak,
Dianne Lavin and Fred Golini,
Bob & Annette Horwitz,
Darrell Fung & Jerry Weitzner (twice),
Larry Lange & Judy Murphy, and
Russ Kirschenbaum & Kathy Wolf.

Upcoming Schedule:

October 2018

Wed. 10/3 Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Pair \$10

Wed. 10/10 Regular Pair Game \$10

Wed. 10/17 NO GAME

Sat. 10/20 NO SWISS TEAMGAME

Wed. 10/24 Regular Pair \$10

Wed. 10/31 Club Membership Pair \$10

November 2018

Wed. 11/7 NO GAME

Wed. 11/14 NO GAME

Sat. 11/17 NO SWISS TEAM GAME

Wed. 11/21 Regular Pair \$10

Wed. 11/28 NO GAME

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:

Winnie: Winnie@wjasper.com or [925-376-1125](tel:925-376-1125) (home)



The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club

The Moraga Country Club duplicate bridge game continues to be each Tuesday night at 7pm. Reservations required with dsgeary@comcast.net. ACBL Master Points and hand records.

August 21 - 5 tables

- 1 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 - Anne Hollingsworth & Blair Hoffman
- 3 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain

August 28 - 3 tables

- 1 - Jody & Perry Shapiro
- 2 - Colleen & David Geary
- 3 - Nancy & Lew Voils

September 4th - 3 tables

- 1 - Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 - Lew Voils & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 - Richard Chen & Mal Mendolsen

September 11th - 3 tables

- 1 - Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 2 - Deb & Wayne Rechnitz
- 3 - Al Dessayer & Fred Serafin

Regards, David Geary

