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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER



## President's Message

Welcome to September, Unit 499!

I hope that everyone is able to begin the month attending the All Western Regional in Santa Clara which runs through Labor Day. Bring those red and gold masterpoints back to Unit 499!

This month, there are seven unit games! On September 8 at 9:30am, the Contra Costa Bridge Center will hold a unit game for those players with 199 masterpoints or less. An open unit game will be held on September 8 at 12:30pm at the Bridge on the Lake Club in Discovery Bay. On September 19, the Lamorinda Bridge Club will hold an open unit game at 10:00am. A unit game for players with 499 or fewer masterpoints will also be held on September 19 at 8:55am at the Contra Costa Bridge Center. An open unit game will be held at Rossmoor at 1pm on September 23. The final two unit games of the month will be held on September 25. The Orinda Newplicate Club unit game will begin at 1pm and is limited to players with 499 masterpoints or less. The Brentwood Bridge Club will hold an open unit game beginning 12:30pm. With so many choices for unit games this month, I encourage you to play in as many of these games as you can to compete for higher masterpoint awards.

On September 22 at 1pm, Contra Costa Bridge Center will hold the Unit 499 NAP Qualifier game. If you received a NAP qualification at the club level in June, July or August, you are eligible to play in this game.

On September 23 at 1pm, Rossmoor will hold a unit game. Lunch will be served at noon. It will also be the first day of Fall/Autumn.

On September 29 at 9:30am, Contra Costa Bridge Center will hold its second Pro-Am Game of the year. Please sign up early as this event is very popular and a great opportunity for our Pro and Am players to play a game together!

I am looking forward to the changing colors of the leaves and the crisp evening weather which signals the fall season. I am also looking forward to our Fall Sectional which will be held on November 10 - 11. Mark your calendars now!

Have a great bridge month,  
Jackie Z

# ...from the Editor

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As you might have gathered, I'm all in favor of joining The Common Game. I'll be looking for feedback later in September, and hope you all enjoy the benefits. Send your feedback to me ([jkeilin@pacbell.net](mailto:jkeilin@pacbell.net)) or to the directors who are running the game. I will be sure to let everyone know what kind of feedback we get, and if there's a future for it. Hopefully, with positive comments, more of the games in our unit will join.

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.

[diablovalleybridge.com/ccbc](http://diablovalleybridge.com/ccbc)



# Milestones and New Members

## **New Junior Masters**

Bertha Messina

George Wang

## **New Club Masters**

Michael Whitaker

## **New Sectional Masters**

Vicky Chen

Patrick Harl

Dudley Harrelson

## **New Regional Masters**

Vijaya Kamath

Richard Marchick

Tony Masor

Pamela Zaid

## **New NABC Masters**

Barbara Bottomley

## **New Life Masters**

Malcolm Mendelson

## **New Silver Life Masters**

Earl Reeve

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Edward Drasin

Barbara Hause

Shio Tse

Al Walburg

M.J. Walburg

Gillian Epstein

Wayne Nehrllich

Mary Stephenson

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

Unit 499's own Jerry Weitzner was top of the recent Summer Fun STAC XI, earning 53.10 silver points. Here are the highlights:

First place in the Wednesday Morning Open Pairs with a 75.95% (with partner Darrell Fung) that was good enough for 17.14 silver points.

First place in the Friday Morning Open Pairs with a 72.62% game (with partner Linda Bandler) and 19.14 silver suggests.

Second place finish in the Monday Morning Open Pairs with a 67.33% game (with partner Chris Pisarra), earning 14.11 silver points.

Congratulations to Jerry and his partners for a great STAC week. I know many of us would love to have two games over 70% in the same week.

Congratulation also to Linda Bandler who was 10th overall in the summer STAC with 24.09 silver points.

# Unit 499 Board of Director Elections

If you have had an interest in serving on the Unit 499 Board of Directors, now's the time to let it be known!

Unit 499's mission is to promote and stimulate interest in duplicate bridge. We are a working Board with Directors that chair or serve on one of the various committees (such as Membership, Youth Bridge, Publicity, Forum, or eDeclarer Editor), or take on responsibility for running one of our tournaments or special games (Spring and Fall Sectionals, Tunnel Tourney, Goodwill Event). This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the unit by volunteering your skills.

More information regarding Board Director responsibilities, expectations, and qualifications is contained in the document attached below.

Please contact Anne Hollingsworth, Nominating Committee Chair ([sccotcat@pacbell.net](mailto:sccotcat@pacbell.net)), with any questions you may have and/or to let us know if you are interested in a Board position, no later than **September 30**.

## **Fundamental responsibilities of the Unit 499 Board of Directors:**

- Promote and stimulate interest in duplicate bridge among unit members by providing an attractive program of bridge events and learning opportunities
- Expand membership by active efforts to interest new players and enroll new members.
- Effectively communicate with unit members, keeping them up-to-date on opportunities and soliciting feedback
- Manage the financial health of the unit
- Ensure compliance with ACBL regulations

## **Expectations of Directors:**

- Actively participate in Board meetings (60-90 minutes each, 9-10 times per year)
- Assist with sectionals and other special events; play a role in one or more board activities (publicity, hospitality, membership, etc)

## **Qualifications for Directors:**

- Passion for the game and interest in giving back
- Good teamwork and communication skills
- Willingness to invest a few hours per month (on average) to assist with unit activities

# GOODWILL GAME

On Sunday, August 19, a Goodwill Game was held at CCBC to honor Anne Hollingsworth. We enjoyed delicious sandwiches from Morucci's and a beautiful cake, as well as a well-attended Unit Game. Congratulations, Anne!



# What is this Place?



There were four people who correctly identified Jo's Sushi as the former Bridge Center in Pleasant Hill on Morello Avenue:

Lyn Sacco  
Marj Russell  
Darrell Fung  
Andy Fine

## The Common Game

Beginning September 3, the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club will be part of The Common Game for all its games, except for the Thursday night game. Grant is going to enroll one of the CCBC games, and will add more if there is favorable feedback. So far, no other club owners or game directors have shown interest, so if you're curious, try to attend one of Rossmoor's games (you will need to have a RDBC member as partner), or Grant's game. I'm hoping this will catch on. I believe that participation will improve one's game, if they take advantage of what The Common Game has to offer. For more info, check out [thecommongame.com](http://thecommongame.com).

# Don't Blow It!

This month is the table-topper for good weather. Also, when we think of September, it's often associated with Labor Day. The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City. It spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was in full bloom, as many industrial centers in the country had parades and parties.

Labor has many different meanings. My first reaction is childbirth. Yikes.

Labor intense and painful, but the reward is so sweet! Hard labor stems from physical work. Bridge can also bring on a little labor too. When we have a difficult hand to bid, we labor over what, and how to respond. You may even get a tummy ache, with much less intensity of course. It can make you sweat, and create some anxiety too. *Gee, what a fun game!* Our addiction to bridge is actually extremely healthy for the mind. I'll bet everyone reading this column is also grateful for this wonderful, zealous, headache-pounding game. All you smart cookies can relate.

Seems fitting, that I also write for the Forum, and now a contributor for the e-Declarer. I write for several publications, but my favorite is Bridge. There's so much to talk about. Like-how to sneeze.

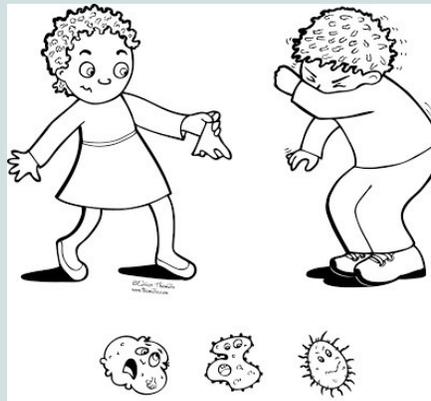
When in play, so much goes on at each table. And personally, I don't want to hear it either. Okay, call me grumpy, but lots of noise is distracting for most players.

Oh, the big game killer is the sneezes. Yikes, turn your hand and blow in your neighbor's face. I love sharing, but not colds; covered up by "Oh, I have allergies"

We all know that we'd do anything to play, so let's learn how to sneeze from my Granddaughter, Isabella. "Nonie", she says, "Bend both arms and put your elbows together and Ah-chew in there." I've been sneezing for over fifty years, and she's going to tell me how? Yikes! However, Izzi is right. So let's all try it, and most will appreciate it. So sneeze if you please, but keep it in your sleeve.

And that's my 2 cents for this month.

Lisa Assoni



# Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me....

September, 2018

North

S 96

H AJ83

D 10963

C QJ2

West

S Q

H 96

D AK0542

C 10854

East

S J8754

H K10742

D J87

C \_\_\_\_\_

South

S AK1032

H Q5

D \_\_\_\_\_

C AK9763



You pick up the South hand and think that this is going to be nice to open 1 Club and then bid Spades twice. However your opponents don't like for you to have such an easy time.

The bidding actually started with 2D by West, pass, 3D by East. What do you do now? Do you have a way to show 2 suits like this? You could bid 4C hoping they bid 4D and then you can bid 4S. You can double and correct Hearts to Spades but that seems awkward to me. I think a bid of 4D shows 2 suits so when partner bids 4H and you bid 4S this should show Spades and Clubs. I did ask some experts who all agreed how difficult this was. One stated that when they bid 4C here it shows Clubs and a major.

At the table I decided to bid 4S and they let me play it there. At least Spades pays more than Clubs and it is matchpoints.

The opening lead was the King of Diamonds and I trumped it. I played one high Spade and when the Q dropped my right hand opponent smiled so I took that as a clue. At first glance it doesn't look good when already East has more Spades than I do. I then led a club to dummy intending on taking a Spade finesse when East trumped and led another Diamond.

I trumped this and saw that I could continue drawing trumps by leading clubs and she trumped and led her last Diamond. I trumped this and now East was down to only Spades and Hearts. She knew if she trumped she would have to lead away from her K of Hearts so after I cashed the K of Spades and continued Clubs East actually decided not to trump anymore Clubs, discarding Hearts so I cashed the A of Hearts and she got her trump at the end, making 4S.

There are several points to this hand, the first few are bidding problems and the last is that even when the trumps split badly, do not panic and do not take the Heart finesse. The bidding indicated that the K of Hearts was in the East hand.

Jerry Weitzner

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# Improve Your Bridge Play

## IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

By David Terris

### THE AUCTION AFTER OPENER'S REVERSE (Part 3)

Reference: Max Hardy, Standard Bridge Bidding for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2000

#### Responder's Game Forcing Hands (9+ HCP)

Any call Responder makes at the 3-level is forcing to game and shows a hand with at least 9+ HCP.

Responder's jump rebid of his major suit shows 6 cards or more and enough values to play game (9+ HCP).

If Responder has only 5 spades but more than the minimum (9+ HCP) he first bids 2NT and then rebids his spades.

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

♠AJ85   ♥9   ♦Q854   ♣KJ63

Bid 3♣. You can support clubs directly because your hand is strong enough. Remember, any bid here other than a rebid of spades or the artificial rebid of 2NT is forcing to game.

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

♠AQ853   ♥Q1062   ♦K54   ♣7

Bid 3♥. With this good hand you are happy to force to game.

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	???	

♠97   ♥AQJ953   ♦K95   ♣Q2

Bid 3♥. Your jump to 3♥ shows a 6-card suit or more and is forcing to game.



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

♠AQJ95    ♥97    ♦K95    ♣Q75

Bid 2NT—then rebid 3♠. You can't jump to 3♠. That would show at least a 6-card suit. You can't just simply bid 2♠. That would show a much weaker hand. You show this good hand with 5 spades by first bidding 2NT, to which Opener must respond, before rebidding your spades.

#### When Responder has enough to play 3NT

With 9+ to 12- HCP Responder bids 2NT, and after Opener's expected 3♣ call, he bids 3NT. With 12+ to 15 HCP Responder bids 3NT directly.

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

♠AQ83    ♥Q9    ♦K954    ♣1072

Bid 2NT—then rebid 3NT. You show your 9+ to 12- HCP by first bidding 2NT, which forces partner to at least bid 3♣, and then bidding 3NT.

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

♠AQ83    ♥K9    ♦KJ95    ♣J102

Bid 3NT. Jumping to 3NT directly shows 12+ to 15 HCP. If Opener has more than a minimum hand he will know that the partnership has enough to consider a slam.

#### After Responder's Game Force

When Responder has shown a game forcing hand (9+ HCP) after Opener's reverse, Opener will continue the auction to find the best final game or slam contract (Exception: *Auction may end at the 4-level in a minor suit*). This is the subject of the next column.

# 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](http://Diablovalleybridge.com)

## ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club

Rossmoor



Club Championship Week – September 3-8

IMP Pairs – September 5

NO GAMES September 14 and 15 due to flea market in Oak Room.

UNIT GAME – September 23 at 1pm. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be a 299er game and an Open game.

Our big news is that beginning September 3, all Rossmoor games, except the Thursday evening game, will be played using The Common Game hands. For more information, go to [thecom-mongame.com](http://thecom-mongame.com).

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 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: Bruce Cropper & Antica Oda-bashian, Darrell Fung & Jerry Weitzner (three times), Melinda Hall & Jamie Ney, Richard Halliday & Dick Epperson, Emily Beatty & George Wang, Eileen Pleticha & Beth Majchrzak, Susan Schlicht & Greta Westison, Joyce Ellenberg & Vijaya Kamth, Daisy Lennon & Sandi Cummings, Randy Corr & Carol Penskar, Tom & Gayle Hester, Dennis & Renee Ross (twice), Joan Tasker & Sue McCaffrey, Dianne Lavin & Fred Golini (twice), and Rosemary Hagman & Conrad Robertson.

Upcoming Schedule:

## September 2018

Wed. 9/5 International Fund Pair \$10

Wed. 9/12 NO GAME

Sat. 9/15 International Fund Swiss Team \$10

Wed. 9/19 Unit Pair \$10

Wed. 9/26 International Fund Pair \$10

## 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

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

[Winnie@wjasper.com](mailto: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:

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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, [dsgeary@comcast.net](mailto: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:

#### 7/24 – 2 tables

- 1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 tie – Derek Southern & Mal Mendelson
- 2 tie – Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky

#### 7/31 – 4 tables

- 1 – Sue Eltringham & Carol Griffin
- 2 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 – Art Donaldson & David Geary

#### 8/7 – 3 tables

- 1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 2 tie – Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 2 tie – Carol Penskar & Deb Rechnitz

#### 8/14 – 4 tables

- 1 – Deb & Wayne Rechnitz
- 2 – Carol Penskar & Carol Griffin
- 3 – Art Donaldson & David Geary

Regards, David Geary

