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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Welcome to November Unit 499!

This is going to be a busy month in Unit 499! We will have unit games, a special event and our Fall Sectional. I hope you will attend as many of these bridge opportunities as possible this month.

We begin the month with two unit games scheduled on Friday, November 2, 2018. At 10am, the Contra Costa Bridge Center is having an open unit game. Beginning at 11am, the Danville Bridge Club is having a 0 – 2499 limited masterpoint game.

On Sunday, November 4, the East Bay Community Bridge Center in Oakland will be hosting the annual Tunnel Tourney between Unit 499 and Unit 502. It will be a two-session event beginning at 10am. The second session will start at 2:30pm. There will be an open section and a 299er section. Lunch is included in the price of \$15 per person. Advance reservations are required. Please send your name, your partner's name and both of your masterpoint totals to afine963@aol.com as soon as possible. This event may sell out!

On November 10 – 11, is our Unit 499 Fall Sectional. It will be held at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon. We are adding midflight pairs (players with 0 – 2500 masterpoints) to our Saturday line up of two-session pair games. I encourage all of our newer players to play in the 0 – 99 or 0 – 499 pairs games on Saturday and the bracketed Swiss Teams on Sunday. It is a great way to collect silver points close to home.

The Honolulu NABC will be held from November 22 – December 2. If you are planning to attend the North American Bridge Championships in Honolulu, it might be fun to spend Thanksgiving at a luau! You may miss a traditional turkey dinner and the pumpkin pie, but there is always poi.....

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Jackie Z

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...from the Editor

Happy Thanksgiving!

There are lots of special games this month. Be sure to attend as many as you can, including our great Sectional on November 10th & 11th.

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.

diablolvalleybridge.com/ccbc

Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

New Junior Masters

Yilmaz Ozturhan
Melanie Pereira
Mike Topper

New Club Masters

Estelle Andrews
Jerold Kaplan

New Sectional Masters

Kenneth Derr
Wendy Schwartz

New Regional Masters

Suresh Gadad
Ken Krenzen
Bob LaPointe
Joan Pierce

New NABC Masters

Ira Feldman
Sanda Henry
David Hickey
Irwin Javinsky
Mary Koch

New Diamond Life Masters

Linda Friedman

NEW MEMBERS

Katie Craig
Gerri Joyce
Paula Krauss
Joanne Thorne
Carol Anne Washburn
Kathryn Whitlock

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

WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND

Mark Humphrey has held our hands and guided us for another wonderful Pro-Am Day in honor of Ken White. Mark, along with his wife, Lynne, is a pro at this. This duo made certain that we had a full breakfast with assorted goodies from quiches, bagels, fruits, to tortes and more - what a yummy morning! And then comes Bridge. We Am's were assigned a Pro, meaning Life Master, and had a grand time. My Pro was Marj Russell, who patiently endured my bidding. We had a great day in the neighborhood.

So what's on your menu for Thanksgiving? For me, it's most likely Turkey. This holiday sets the food mood, but I eat this meat year round. I've also played like a turkey at the bridge table too. When folks try and gobble-you-up with their aggressive bidding, don't get your feathers up. Like everyone who plays bridge, this game is quite a learning experience. I often make the same mistakes more than once, always trying to remember not to repeat them, and feeling like such a Turkey when I do. I heard Turkeys are not too bright, but actually their little brains are quite intelligent. So the next time you play like a Turkey and get the stuffings knocked out of you, just remember what happens to most Turkeys at Thanksgiving. Keep your heads about ya!

I can't believe how hungry I get when playing bridge. I constantly snack away, and it's not like I'm a marathon runner, so what the heck is up with that! My choice may be peanut butter pretzels. I usually munch all morning, but when it comes to the DVBC, I can outright eat. We bridge players aren't a picky group, foodies for sure, but need to make sure our hands are wiped clean before grabbing the cards. OK OK --I'll try and remember. My mantra is mangia, Italian style.

One of my favorite foods is Pizza, and Grant Robinson hosted a fab Pizza Bash on October 14th, catering to Swiss Teams. I was shocked to get a penitence of gold and a dash of silver. It was better than the Pizza.

(Just kidding)

As you can see, besides holding bridge cards in my clean hands, for the past ten years, I still have trouble absorbing all the conventions, terminology and of course, what's in your hand? Card readers are amazing people. They know your holding, and make leads that stymie even decent players. Just a game, Really, it is? I love to win, and when I don't, I recall the hands misplayed, and when home, I log onto our website, and check out the bidding to see how I could have improved my play. However, when I see a repeat performance, and I knew better, I'm supposed to learn from my mistakes. Hands down, we all like to be the top dog.

Ciao Bella

Lisa Assoni

Diablo Valley Unit 499

Fall Sectional



November 10 – 11, 2018

Dougherty Valley High School

10550 Albion Rd. San Ramon, CA 94582

Presented by Diablo Valley Unit 499 (<http://diablolvalleybridge.com>)

Saturday, November 10th

10:00 AM

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 1)

(0-4000/4000+)

Two Session 0-2500 Mid-Flight Pairs (session 1)

0-1500/1500-2500

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:

Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)

499er (0-100/100-300/300-500)

99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

2:30 PM

Two Session Stratified Open Pairs (session 2)

(0-4000/4000+)

Two Session 0-2500 Mid-Flight Pairs (session 2)

0-1500/1500-2500

Single Session Stratified Pairs*:

Open (0-750/750-2000/2000+)

499er (0-100/100-300/300-500)

99er (0-20/20-50/50-100)

* Games and strats will be adjusted based on attendance.

Sunday, November 11th

10:00 AM & TBD: Bracketed Swiss Teams. Brackets posted at tournament. **Teams must play both sessions.** 7 rounds/7 boards (lowest bracket plays 7 rounds/6 boards). 20 VP Scale for all brackets. Brackets based on team masterpoint average. Teams may elect to play in top bracket.

Table fees: \$12 per session (lapsed ACBL members \$16); non-ACBL members must join on a temporary basis to play.

Tournament Director: Lynn Yokel. ACBL Sanction #:1811038

Tournament Chair: Anne Hollingsworth @ (925) 899-7543 or scootcat@pacbell.net

Partnerships: Please use Unit 499's Google Groups to find a partner <http://groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499>

You may also contact Anne Hollingsworth @ (925) 899-7543 or scootcat@pacbell.net for assistance. Please do not attend without a partner or teammates.

Food: Refreshments. Lunch for purchase on Saturday and Sunday

Directions:

- From Highway 680 exit at Bollinger Canyon Rd. Head east for 3.92 miles. At Albion Rd, turn left.
- From I-580, exit at Dougherty Rd S and head north on Dougherty Rd S; at Y in road, stay to the right to continue on Bollinger Canyon. From I-580 exit, distance is about 5.7 miles. At Albion Rd, turn right.

Go to the light at Arrowfield Way, and turn left into the school entrance. After turning into the school, look for the parking on your right under the solar panels.

Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me....

November, 2018

North

S A3

H 109

D KJ87

C AJ952

West

S J109876

H AQ5

D A109

C 3

East

S K542

H 6

D 932

C K10876



South

S Q

H KJ87432

D Q65

C Q4

This deal came up in a knockout match at the Santa Clara Regional.

The bidding at my table went 2S by West, p, 3S, 4H all pass. I didn't have the values to bid 4H but it sounded like they were trying to steal something and I did have 7 of them.

The opening lead was the 3 of Clubs, most certainly a singleton so I won the A and led a Heart losing to the Q. He then led the J of Spades, which I won with the A and led another Heart losing to the A. A low Spade went to the K and I ruffed it and drew the last trump. I now led a Diamond to the dummy's K which held. I thought the A was with East and that he would win it and cash the setting trick with the K of Clubs. I now led a Diamond to my Q and West won the A and led another Spade. Now I knew I was making my contract because East had to save the K of Clubs and couldn't protect the Diamonds if he started with 4 of them. I ran my Hearts with dummy coming down to the K and 8 of Diamonds and my hand was the Q of Clubs and the 6 of Diamonds. I then led the Diamond to dummy and my 8 was good.

The opponents realized that if they had ducked the second Diamond I couldn't score my last Diamond trick, but they were not paying attention to the Diamond distribution.

At my teammates table they bid and made 4S so we made game at both tables which was a very big gain. They lost a Spade, a Club and only one Diamond.

Jerry Weitzner

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Improve Your Bridge Play

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

By David Terris

YOUR OPENING LEAD: SHOULD YOU LEAD A TRUMP?

Reference: Eddie Kantar, "Modern Bridge Defense," 1999

Most of the time you do not select a trump as your opening lead. But there are some situations where a trump lead is quite advantageous, in fact screamingly called for.

One of the more frequent occurrences is when your RHO bids two suits and LHO prefers the second one. Example:

North East South West

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♥ All Pass



As East you are on lead holding:

♦KJ98 ♥972 ♦A75 ♣753

From the bidding it is possible that N/S have found a 4-4 fit in hearts. Since South passed, it is also likely that he could have 1 spade and 3 hearts. If he had 2 spades and 3 hearts he would have probably corrected to 2♦. You have good spade tricks which you don't want to see ruffed out in the dummy. Lead a heart, and if you get in again with the A♦, lead another heart.

When the Opponents outbid you, and dummy figures to have ruffing power, but you know that you have the majority of the points, lead a trump. Example:

North East South West

Pass 1♣ 2♦¹ Dbl²

4♦ Pass Pass Dbl

All Pass

Preemptive

Negative

As West on lead you hold: ♠93 ♥AQ5 ♦AJ75 ♣A53

Lead the 9♦. Partner opened the bidding, so most likely he has at least 12 HCP. Your side, then, has at least 27 HCP. It is also likely that North has a side suit singleton or void, so you want to eliminate as much of dummy's ruffing power as possible to preserve your side suit tricks.

LHO makes a single raise of Opener's suit, and the hand is passed out. When your honors are all in the side suits, lead a trump. Example:

North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♠ All Pass

As East on lead you hold: ♠732 ♥KJ9 ♦A764 ♣Q98

Lead the 7♠. Most likely dummy has 3 trumps and a side suit singleton or doubleton. You have no other good lead, so lead a trump with the hope of reducing dummy's potential ruffs.

A less frequent occurrence is when Partner passes your takeout double at the 1-level. The only way he would do that is if he has very long trumps with good spots, as many or more than Declarer.

North East South West
1♠ Dbl All Pass

As East on lead you hold: ♠54 ♥A876 ♦KJ75 ♣AJ10

Lead the 5♠. Partner wants you to help him draw Declarer's trump.



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

SWISS TEAM DATE CHANGE

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club has changed the date of the Swiss Team game from November 10 to November 17. This was done so it would not conflict with the Unit Sectional on the original date.

Team registration is required and signup sheets will be available at regular games at a later date. Club members may play with guests, but two of the four team members must be Rossmoor residents.

NO GAMES NOVEMBER 2, 3 and THANKSGIVING DAY

There will be no games on Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3, due to the Bazaar. There is no game on Thanksgiving Day.

Kit Miller



Lamorinda Bridge Club

Our games run 10am to about 2pm with snacks and beverages included. Following Open Game 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:

Dennis & Renee Ross (three times),	Joan Tasker & Mary Hufford,	Russ Kirschenbaum & Kathy Wolf,
Susan Schlicht & Greta Westeson (twice),	Dick Halliday & Nan Hornberger,	Judy Murphy & Larry Lange (twice),
Jerry Weitzner & Darrell Fung (three times),	Tom & Gayle Hester,	Ben & Helen Yeraka,
Melinda Hall & Jamie Ney,	Jim & Joan Tasker,	George Wang & Emily Beaty,
Sandi Cummings & Daisy Lennon,	Judy Murphy & Pam Docherty,	Irwin Javinsky & Conrad Robertson.
Seiko Hazanow & Doug Handler (twice),	Judy Peak & Andrea Miller,	

Upcoming Schedule:

November 2018

Wed. 11/7 NO GAME

Wed. 11/14 NO GAME

Sat. 11/17 NO SWISS TEAM GAME

Wed. 11/21 Charity Food Bank Pair \$11

Fri. 11/23 299er Charity Food Bank Pair \$10

Wed. 11/28 NO GAME

December 2018

Wed. 12/5 STaC Pair Game \$11

Sat. 12/8 STaC Pair Game \$11

Wed. 12/12 Regular Pair Game \$10

Sat. 12/15 Food Bank Charity Swiss Team Game \$11

Wed. 12/19 Club Championship Pair Game \$10

Fri. 12/21 299er Charity Food Bank Pair #10

Wed. 12/26 Food Bank Charity Pair Game \$11

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

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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)

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



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.

9/18 – no game

9/25 – no game

10/2 – 3 tables

- 1 – Sue Eltringham & Carol Griffin
- 2 – Richard Chen & Irwin Javinsky
- 3 - Anne Hollingsworth & Blair Hoffman

10/9 – 4 tables

- 1 – Sue Eltringham & Carol Griffin
- 2 – Colleen & David Geary
- 3 – Stephanie Kung & Blair Hoffman

Regards, David Geary

