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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello Unit 499!

It is with wonder and awe that I am cognizant of the warmth of the coming season with the approach of the longest day of the year. The sun is out and shining and it feels so delicious!

June 29th & 30th will be Unit 499's Summer Sectional to be held at the Rossmoor Event Center located on Stanley Dollar Drive in Rossmoor. Table fees will be \$12 per session with lapsed ACBL members \$16. Saturday sessions start at 10am and 2:30pm. Lunch will be available for purchase before the game for \$8. Games range in Open Pairs, Mid-Flight Pairs and Stratified (Open, 499er and 99er).



Sunday June 30th game time is 10am. Teams must play both sessions. Lunch again is available on Sunday for purchase before the game. Brackets will be posted at the 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.

Folks are asked to bring homemade baked items either Saturday or Sunday.

Please use Unit 499's Google Groups to find a partner: <http://groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499>. Do not attend without a partner and teammates.

The Rossmoor Event Center is in Rossmoor, a gated community. The guard gate is reached by turning onto Rossmoor Parkway from Tice Valley Road. After passing the guard gate, continue on Rossmoor Parkway to the 4th stop sign. Turn right onto Stanley Dollar Drive. Make an immediate left into the Rossmoor Event Center parking lot. Street parking is also available.

So there you have it, all the information that I have. It will be a fun and bridge-wise enlightening experience. Hope to see you there!

Lyn Sacco

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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

This month I have included something on Ethics and Conduct for your perusal. Read these pointers on how to act during a game. Other players and directors will appreciate adherence to these courtesies at the table.

Check out the flyer for Team Game play in Oakland. Thanks to the East Bay Unit for offering a new challenge.

Be sure to make plans to attend our Sectional at the Rossmoor Event Center on June 29 & 30. Enjoy the great hospitality of Unit 499 at this lovely venue.

Judy Keilin
Editor



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Milestones and New Members

New Club Masters

Stephen Clark
Mike Ghosh
Irving Googins
Melanie Pereira

New Sectional Masters

Meiling Lai
Joann Newton
Linda Walker

New Regional Masters

Mark Kogan
Terry Wassman

New Bronze Life Masters

Bill Legler

New Ruby Life Masters

Sue Eastman

NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Docherty
Jeffrey Glickman
Kathy Hamilton
David Minor
Marcy Robertson
Cliff Wagener
Mildred Yeo
Steve Graham
Diana Lowell

Let's welcome these new Unit 499 members when you meet them at the tables.

Team Games

The IMPish

Bridge Club at EBCBC

One Saturday each Month @Noon

When: July 13th – Bracketed Swiss teams. Brackets by team master point total. You will play most or all of the teams within your bracket.

Aug. 24th – High Low Swiss. Come as a pair. Highest master point pair teamed with lowest master point pair. 2nd highest with 2nd lowest, etc.

Sept. 14th – Bracketed BAM teams – Board-A-Match is the ultimate match point game. Again teams play other teams of their master point level.

Where: The East Bay Community Bridge Center
9520 Mountain Blvd, Oakland

Bracketed Swiss Games are 4 person teams. If you are only a pair, let us know, and we will try to match you up with another pair.
Reservations are not required, but greatly appreciated!

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dsgeary@comcast.net (David Geary)

Ethics and Conduct:

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game. Examples are: unsolicited advice, commenting that declarer should have made more tricks, or that the defense was poor.
3. Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing. For both, maintaining proper and consistent tempo is important.
4. As a matter of courtesy, a player should refrain from paying insufficient attention to the game. This could convey the Unauthorized Information that your hand has no consequence.
5. Making gratuitous comments during the auction and play. Even something as innocent as saying "Oops, I have 5 suits!" conveys to partner that you do not have a void.
6. During the auction & the play periods let your bids and cards played be the only commentary to avoid conveying Unauthorized Information. Save time between hands and rounds for social commentary.
7. Detaching a card before it is his turn to play. This is really egregious as it conveys to partner that no matter what card is played before his turn it doesn't affect what card he is playing, saying in effect "I have nothing of value in this suit" or "I have no choices of which card to play".
8. Addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other players. Disrespecting the Director will never win you any points.

CHEW ON THIS

It's a hard game to digest, Bridge, that is, and it's a lot like starting out as a baby. We nibble at numbers, learn to count cards, shuffle, and tackle a hand or two. We take lessons, and in a few years, we're ready to Chow Down.

I've been playing for over a decade, but I find it just as challenging as when I began. Ignorance was Bliss. When I first took my first bite, mistakes were made often, and I coughed it up to being a novice. I made obvious errors, and my ignorance sometimes was brilliant. It confused the beejeebs out of the opponents.

So what is a seasoned player? Is it the years played, is it the skill of a highly intelligent person? Maybe it's just a gift handed down from your family. Whatever the cause, there is an effect.

Some folks love to gobble up Masterpoints. They can't get their fill, and keep on devouring these sought-after Black, Red, Silver, Bronze, Gold, Ruby, and Diamond points.

In this edition, I'll try and decipher just what makes bridge players continue this life-long journey into the game that just keeps on giving. It fills my spare time with good company, some good food, but most important it's a Brain Train into old age. It's like riding a life-long roller coaster. Yes, it can be bumpy, scary, and nerve-wracking, but the thrill of winning, far outweighs the agony of defeat. Agreed?

We all know it's a Life Sentence. Once you start, it's very difficult to stop. Sayings like "I'll do better next time". OR "Last week I came in first, and this week—Yikes last". A game of chance perhaps, but it's really a game that lasts.

Munch away,

Lisa Assoni/TheShortCut Cook



Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me....

June, 2019

North

S 874

H J3

D AKQ92

C 754

West

S 10965

H AK1098

D 4

C A106

East

S 3

H Q6542

D J53

C QJ98



South

S AKQJ2

H 7

D 10876

C K32

You are playing in a Knockout match when you hear the bidding start by West with 1H P 4H and you bid 4S. It goes all pass and the lead is the Ace of Hearts followed by the King of Hearts. Before you play to trick two you observe that your partner has put down a very nice dummy and it looks like you can take 5 Spades and 5 Diamonds.

However, you notice that you might have a blockage in the Diamond suit. You should also notice that if the Spades are 4-1 and you trump the second Heart and Diamonds are 3-1 which is highly likely considering the preemptive bidding you might not be able to collect 10 tricks. So how do you plan to make your contract?

You can essentially unblock the Diamond suit by discarding one of them on the second Heart. If they continue a third Heart you can ruff in dummy and if they cash their Ace of Clubs you still make your game.

Try making 4 with the given layout after you ruff the second Heart. You cannot but since you never had more than 10 tricks, you get rewarded for making an unusual safety play.

Jerry Weitzner

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Improve Your Bridge Play

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE PLAY

By David Terris

BALANCING AFTER OPPONENT OPENS ONE OF A SUIT (Part 1)

Reference: Mike Lawrence, "The Complete Book on Balancing," 1981

If the Opponents are willing to pass out an opening bid of a suit, it is important in many situations to balance, either to push the Opponents higher or to find a good contract of your own.

The next several columns will look at the requirements to reopen with a double, with 1NT, with a suit of your own, or a jump into a suit at higher levels.

The Reopening Double

Any hand which would double an opening bid in the direct seat, qualifies for a double in the balancing (reopening) seat. But, many hands of lesser strength, even with just a few points, should be bid in the reopening seat.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	Pass	Pass	???

♦Q1087 ♥K954 ♦AJ3 ♣42

Double. Only 10 HCP, but clear cut.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	Pass	Pass	???

♦A10873 ♥KJ107 ♦K985 ♣4

Double. The better your shape, the less you need in high cards. Even vulnerable, you can double with this hand.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	Pass	Pass	???

♦A973 ♥K1065 ♦A542 ♣J4

Double. Marginal, a bare minimum.



<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	Pass	Pass	???

♦8765 ♥K1093 ♦QJ82 ♣3

Double. As weak as this looks it is still a double. With great distribution and some decent intermediates don't pass this hand out.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♦	Pass	Pass	???

♦Q876 ♥K54 ♦3 ♣A10865

Double. Don't make the mistake of bidding 2♦.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♠	Pass	Pass	???

♦J2 ♥973 ♦K1065 ♣A542

Pass. Here you should pass because Partner is forced to bid at the 2-level.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♠	Pass	Pass	???

♦8 ♥10765 ♦KJ97 ♣K542

Double. Since your shape is perfect, you can still double with this hand even though Partner must bid at the 2-level.

<u>Open.</u>	<u>Part.</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>You</u>
1♠	Pass	Pass	???

♦73 ♥976 ♦AJ54 ♣A1093

Double. Your high cards make up for the other flaws in the hand.

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

ROSSMOOR NEWS

June 3-8 will be a Club Championship Week.

June 6 will be an IMP Pairs game.

June 13 will be the North American Pair Qualifier game.

No game in the [Oak Room](#) on June 29.

June 29-30 - the **UNIT 499 Sectional** will be held at the [Event Center](#) on Stanley Dollar Drive.

If you plan to play in the Sectional, please [carpool](#) if possible. Parking is limited.

Effective June 1 table fees will increase as follows:

Regular, charity and club championship games will be \$4 for members and \$8 for guests.

STAC games will be \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Unit games will be \$5 for members and \$9 for guests.

Kit Miller



Lamorinda Bridge Club

Our Wednesday and Saturday 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 hand records. Contributions of snacks and shared food dishes are welcome. We host a Swiss Team Game on the third Saturday of the month, and a pair game on the Saturday of STaC Week. Beginning in January of 2019 we will offer Pair Games Limited to 299 master points on the second and fourth Fridays (see the Unit 499 site for schedules posted by month).

Reservations are required in advance for all games. If we have enough notice we can usually arrange for partnerships. You may re-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:

Doug Handler & Diana Lowell , Dennis & Renee Ross, Bill Burns & Richard Wilmington, Carol Penskar & Randy Corr (twice), Tom & Gayle Hester, Linda Ingham & James Bond, Jerry Weitzner & Darrell Fung (twice), Larry Lange & Beth Majchrzak, Harry & Sheilah Fish, Irwin Javinsky & Mal Mendelson, David Geary & Sue Eltringham, Daisy Lennon & Derek Southern, Linda Ingham & Jerry Chamberlain, Karen Siefert & Jane Waldron, Jack Hawkes & Marilyn Horan, Ben & Helen Yeraka, and Winnie Jasper & Barbara Hanson. Special kudos go to Beginning Players Mack Riddle & Charlie Wolff who made it onto the overall ranking list for District 21 for the 299er STaC Game on Friday May 10.

Upcoming Schedule:

June 2019

Wed. 6/5 Shelter Inc. Charity Pair Game \$11

Wed. 6/12 Regular Pair Game \$10

Fri. 6/14 Shelter Inc. Charity 299er Pair Game \$10

Sat. 6/15 Shelter Inc. Charity Swiss Team Game \$11

No Games or Lessons Rest of June

July 2019

Wed. 7/3 No Game

Wed. 7/10 Regular Pair Game \$10

Fri 7/12 Regular 299er Pair Game \$10

Wed.7/17 ARF Charity Pair Game \$11

Sat. 7/20 ARF Charity Swiss Team Game \$11

Wed. 7/24 Regular Pair Game \$10

Fri. 7/26 ARF Charity 299er Pair Game \$10

Wed. 7/31 Regular Pair Game \$10

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:

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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 game continues to be each Tuesday night at 7pm. Reservations required with dsgeary@comcast.net. ACBL Master Points and hand records. Fee is only \$3.

4/23/2019 - 5 tables

- 1 – Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 tie – Perry & Fred Serafin
- 2 tie – Irwin Javinsky & Mal Mendelson

4/30/2019 – 5 tables

- 1 – Kathy Wolf & Mal Mendelson
- 2 – Anne Hollingsworth & Lynne Humphrey
- 3 – Deb & Wayne Rechnitz

5/7/2019 – 5 tables

- 1 – Art Donaldson & David Geary
- 2 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
- 3 tie – Carol Griffin & Deb Rechnitz
- 3 tie – Irwin Javinsky & Mal Mendelson

5/14/2019 – 5 tables

- 1 – Rohan Srivastava & David Snyder
- 2 – Anne Hollingsworth & Blair Hoffman
- 3 – Kathy Wolf & Mal Mendelson

Regards, David Geary



Carol Griffin



And all year round there is: **Drop-in** bridge Thursdays from 10-noon for social supervised bridge and "**Newplicate**" (for those who are new to duplicate) on Tuesdays from 12:30-4pm All activities are at the new lovely location of Wilder Ranch (except for Newplicate), just 1/4 mile beyond Orinda exit off of Highway 24

Carol also offers a variety of classes at Lafayette Community Center on Mondays and at Wilder Ranch club house (thru Orinda Community center) on Thursdays. Please contact the appropriate community center for details or visit her website at: carolgriffinsbridge.wordpress.com

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If this is an emergency please call as I do not necessarily look at my email every day.