

Contra Costa Bridge Center

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Message from the Board

Hello! We are very pleased to invite you to join us for a special in-person CCBC bridge event — to be held on Saturday, November 6 at 1:30 pm. This will be an Upgraded Club Championship Game — which will award approximately double the normal ACBL Masterpoints. We are expecting to have 2 flights: a 299'er flight and an open flight. (Both flights will be stratified.) We are encouraging sign-ups in advance - to make sure that we do not exceed our 22 table capacity. (Please send an e-mail to ccbc.reservations@gmail.com.)

Contra Costa Bridge Center is located at 3039 Willow Pass Road in Concord.

If there is a good player response to the November 6 game, CCBC will return to a phased re-opening of in-person bridge for regularly scheduled games. In the meantime, all online games will continue on the current schedule. (Note: the one exception is that we will cancel the 299'er online game on Saturday, November 6 - with the expectation that many of those players will want to participate in the special in-person game.)

Very important: all players must show proof of full vaccination prior to entering the facility. For that reason, please arrive by 1 pm on November 6 to check in. Proof can be provided by showing: 1) your CDC "COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card" (or a copy of the card), or 2) your California "Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record" (or a copy). (We already have over 100 players who have provided proof back in July / August - so the check-in for those folks should proceed fairly quickly.)

Effective November 1, Contra Costa County is eliminating the mask mandate for indoor events such as these, provided that all participants are fully vaccinated. Of course, players at CCBC are welcome to wear masks.

The CCBC Board feels comfortable with proceeding with in-person games given the County's significant *increase* in vaccinations and *decrease* in Covid cases. CCBC is also taking the following steps to promote a safe environment:

- 1) Requesting that players not come to the Center if they are experiencing any Covid-like symptoms.
- 2) A deep cleaning of the facility and new / clean air filters.
- 3) Encouraging players to wash their hands regularly. Bottles of hand sanitizer will be located at several places within the playing area (and in the kitchen).
- 4) Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and water will be provided. Players may bring their own snacks.

We are really looking forward to seeing you in person.

Mike Bandler
Bruce Johnsonbaugh
Mark Humphrey
Grant Robinson

November News

- ★ **CANCELED** — **Saturday morning 299er game online on November 6.**
Please come play in the 299er flight of the in-person game that afternoon.

- ★ **Open and 299er Upgraded Unit Championships IN PERSON, Saturday, November 6, 1:30, CCBC.** Separate stratified 299er (\$8) and Stratified Open (\$9 or ticket) flights with lots of extra masterpoints. Proof of full vaccination required. Reservations encouraged — send an e-mail to [CCBC reservations](#). Note that all other games are online until further notice.

- ★ **CANCELED** — **North American Pairs (NAP) Unit Final.** District 21 is forgoing the need to qualify in a Unit Final this year. All players who qualified in a club game are eligible to play in the district finals. [Click here](#) to see if you qualified.

The district finals will be held online. [Click here](#) for the schedule.

The Unit Final game scheduled for Sunday, November 7, has been canceled by the unit.

- ★ **Charity Week, November 15–21.** Every time you play this week, CCBC will donate \$1.50 to the SHARE Food Pantry. There will be no extra charge for these games. We hope you'll play often and help us make a **BIG** donation!

- ★ **CANCELED** — **no game on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.** Wishing you and yours a happy Thanksgiving.

- ★ **Undos enabled in virtual club games.** If you click a call or a card that wasn't the one you intended, summon the director immediately using the blue "hamburger" menu. Once the director deems that there was a mis-click (and not a change of mind), the director will tell everyone how to undo the mis-click.

- ★ **Monday morning limit raised.** Participation in the 99er game on Monday mornings has dwindled. The limit is raised to 200 masterpoints to broaden interest. Game at 9:50. \$5.

- ★ **Friday afternoon limit raised.** Participation in the 499er game on Friday afternoons has dwindled. The limit is raised to 750 masterpoints to broaden interest. Game at 12:30. \$5.

Thank you for your support of CCBC!

Weekly Game Schedule

Monday	9:50	199er	Online	\$5
Monday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Tuesday	10:00	749er	Online	\$5
Wednesday	9:50	299er	Online	\$5
Wednesday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Wednesday	2:00	0-20	Online	\$4
Thursday	10:00	999er	Online	\$5
Friday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Friday	12:30	749er	Online	\$5
Saturday	10:00	299er	Online	\$5