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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Remembering our past President: In 2021, Lyn Sacco received the Goodwill Award. Lyn served as the unit's Secretary for seven years, and for two years as Vice President ('17 and '18). During 2018, she volunteered to take over a lot of the work that our President was handling during her cancer treatments. In 2019, Lyn became President of our Unit, and for the past two years has been leading our unit through the Covid19 pandemic. Lyn will be stepping down as President, but will remain on the board. Congratulations Lyn!

Two board members are stepping down. Thank you Andy Fine for an excellent job managing the Unit Game calendar. Andy was always there helping with setup and takedown at speaker events and sectionals. In 2019, Andy received the Unit 499 Goodwill Award. Andy will continue to manage the tunnel tournament for Unit 499.

Thank you Andy Shockley for being the official Secretary and taking minutes at the meetings.

The Board welcomes Neil Librock as a new member. Ask Neil about Porsches – he has been involved in the San Francisco area Porsche Club for many years. Neil brings an abundance of experience and energy managing events. Please welcome Neil to the board.

The following officers have been installed on the board:

Sam Earnhardt – President

Anne Hollingsworth – Vice President

Marian Renvall – Secretary

Suresh Gadad will remain the treasurer.

Sam, Anne, and Marian are new to these positions.

There is no crystal ball for 2022. Patience, creativity, and care for events and our neighbors will be needed. The Covid environment has been, and will remain, unrelenting. These attributes can also be applied to the bridge table; patience with our partner, creativity with the hand, and care for our fellow players.

Go out and make it the best year yet. May all have a prosperous and healthy year.

Sam Earnhardt

President



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...from the Editor

Sadly, three of our bridge friends passed away recently – Nancy Wells, who was a Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club member, and Bob Pastor and Herb Constant, who were known to those frequenting CCBC.

Covid continues to ravage our game schedule. Online? In -person? Keep your calendar entries in pencil, and be ready for changes.

Wherever you play, have fun, stay sharp, and bid your slams!

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

Judy Keilin

Editor



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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Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

New Junior Master (5)

Joann Yata
Mary McGrath

New Sectional Master (50)

Kate Campbell King

New Regional Master (100)

Ray Bland

New NABC Master (300)

Ed Marlovits

New Silver Life Master (1000)

Mark Marty

NEW MEMBERS

Craig Lewis
Leslie Sosnick
Kathy Williams
Rich Williams
Judith Peak
Norbert Fessel
Kim Speer

Please welcome these folks when you meet them online or at the tables.



IN MEMORIAM

Robert “Bob” Pastor passed away in his sleep on December 3, 2021. His death probably resulted from the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease that afflicted him. Bob was 73 years old and he was a life master and very formidable bridge player for most of those years. More importantly, he was a good husband, a loyal friend and a person of integrity and honor.

At the bridge table Bob was an aggressive, competitive player who constantly worked to improve his game. He was extremely ethical and a purist that abhorred cheating in bridge. His hard work and innate “card sense” resulted in a number of regional titles at ACBL tournaments with Mike Bandler and other favorite partners. Bob was opinionated, but intelligent and perceptive enough to never let it affect his partnerships or his play.

Away from the bridge table, Bob was married to his wife, Janeen, for more than 40 years. The last 15 of those years were heartrending as Janeen slowly succumbed to the relentless grip of Alzheimer’s disease. Bob was her devoted caregiver throughout those years, even when Janeen no longer knew who he was. Janeen preceded Bob in death by one year. He is survived by three of his brothers.

Bob’s livelihood was mostly derived from the computer software industry where he consulted and worked as a programmer for a number of different companies. His career involved extensive traveling and out-of-town assignments. It was lucrative and also benefited Bob as a raconteur. He was known to regale his friends with stories derived from his travels and business career.

Bob was a very intelligent man with many talents. He had great mechanical aptitude and enjoyed renovating and making repairs to his house. He liked to garden and produced delicious vegetables. Bob was an avid reader and had a college degree in literature. It was a lifelong interest as he loved to discuss literature with you. In his younger years he played minor league baseball. In his forties he could still beat many younger players in pick-up basketball games. Bob was reliable and if you were fortunate enough to earn his friendship you valued it highly.

It is a regrettable circumstance that some of the best caregivers do not always apply that same level of care to their own health. Bob Pastor was a mensch and he will be missed.

Tom Riley

Nancy Carolyn Wells, of Walnut Creek, California, passed away in Alamo, California, on December 16, 2021, at 84 years of age. Nancy (“Mitzi” to her youngest grandsons) adored her family, lived purposefully according to her beliefs (frugality, generosity, social justice, and helping others), and demonstrated that it’s never too late in life to change directions. Nancy is survived by her sister Maryann Bowman (Sarasota, Florida), daughters, Janet Turan (Istanbul, Turkey) and Karen Bennett (Oakland, California), her sons-in-law, Bulent Turan and Corbin Bennett, and her grandsons, Sinan Turan, Kaya Turan, Holden Bennett, and Resse Bennett, as well as her nephew Joel Bowman and his family (Franklin, Tennessee). Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, no memorial service is planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family humbly suggests donations in Nancy’s memory be made to UNICEF. <https://www.unicefusa.org>. Cards may be sent to Karen Bennett, 20 Bishop Court, Oakland, California, 94611.

Nancy’s education and professional career took on many forms. Nancy was a graduate of the College of Wooster in Ohio (1959, Mathematics) and Also held a degree in Electrical Engineering from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Over the years she worked as a high school mathematics teacher, a volunteer champion for civil rights, a social worker, and electrical engineer, and a tutor.

Nancy was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana to Mary and David Wells, who were both educators. She lived with her parents and sister in Crawfordsville until she went away to college in Ohio in 1955. In her junior year, she had the opportunity to study abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland. It was there that she met her future husband, Lynn Hopkins Molzan (divorced 1989, deceased 2020) in the boarding house where they were both staying. They got engaged and enjoyed traveled all over Europe before they returned to the US. They were married in 1959 and lived in Seattle and New York City before they settled in Indianapolis, Indiana. Nancy and Lynn lived and raised their daughters, Janet (1962) and Karen (1965) in Indianapolis, and Nancy lived there until she moved to Columbus, Ohio for work in the late 1990s.

After years devoted to raising her daughters, Nancy decided to go back to school and pursue her passions with a masters in social work. Then in the 1980’s Nancy, at the age of 46, applied for and was selected to join a special program for Women in Engineering and completed her degree in electrical engineering, along with a cohort of other amazing scientists. After graduation, she started work as one of the few women engineers at Naval Avionics in Indianapolis. She worked for Naval Avionics in Indianapolis, Indiana, Arlington, Virginia, and Columbus, Ohio until she retired in 1999.

Soon after retirement, Nancy moved to Walnut Creek, California, in order to be closer to Karen and family, and enjoy the weather and the liberal political climate. She found a condo in the Rossmoor retirement community, with a beautiful view of Mount Diablo. Nancy worked as a tutor initially, and later volunteered at the local Boys’ Ranch. When Janet and her family (including 4 and a half year old twins, Sinan and Kaya) moved to Palo Alto, California in 2002, that became another big part of Nancy’s daily life. She spent 3-4 nights each week in Palo Alto, helping with care of the twins and the household. Her help was crucial when Janet started to travel to Africa for work and was sometimes gone for 2-3 weeks at a time. Nancy also was a very important part of the lives of her grandsons, Holden and Reese; spending afternoons with them in the garden of their preschool was a cherished highlight.

In more recent years, Nancy’s greatest sources of joy were her grandsons, playing duplicate bridge with great friends, reading, gardening, going to movies, museums and cultural events, and being a devoted mother and friend (she never forgot a birthday). She also loved watching tennis matches. Nancy was fiercely independent and persevered through many difficulties and obstacles in her life—including divorce, mental illness and health challenges—and she showed amazing strength and resilience. In 2020 she moved into the Carnelian Assisted Living in Walnut Creek, where she received assistance and loving care until she passed away in December, 2021.



A New Year With No Tears!



It may be wishful thinking, but this past year has been very difficult. Lots of sadness, missing gladness. We recall old traditions that can stir-up found memories. I know if we all look back, there are surely some good things that can brighten your day.

Do you remember the resolutions of the past years? Most folks stayed home for New Year's Eve and began to take an inventory about their lives. We try and focus on new changes for the better, and look back on the past and say farewell. Savor your past blessings.

So what sprouts up for American's? We make 1.8 million New Year's resolutions each year. If you take into account the whole world, the number of people making resolutions skyrockets to hundreds of millions. And, the number one resolution is-- drum roll please-- losing weight, exercising more, and making good, healthy food choices. For us bridge folks, we can be sanitary group. OMG, especially now with the new Virus. Even my dog has gained weight. Yes, we all try to eat well. However, sometimes our food choices fall flat as a pancake. So let the sun and bread rise, as we hope to lighten our load. This can be done, even when playing from home. Walking is a good thing, so if you can, exercise too. Try to eat light and think right!

New Business: Lyn Sacco has been our President of Unit 499. Lyn has a long history with serving us very well. She was awarded the D21 Goodwill award. As President of our Unit, Lyn has been doing an exemplary job for the unit. She has served as the unit's Secretary for seven years and two years as the Vice President of our unit in 2017 and 2018. In 2019, Lyn Sacco became the President and she is strongly leading us through the Covid19 pandemic through 2020 and 2021. Thanks Lyn for a job extremely well **Done!**

Introducing our newly-elected Board who willingly volunteered to serve our unit, giving freely of their precious time and attention:

Please welcome: President/: Sam Earnhardt, Vice President/: Anne Hollingsworth, Secretary/ :Marian Renvall, Treasurer/: Suresh Gadad, Mike Kruley/:Webmaster, Pat Torres/:Membership/ Neil Libroch, Member at Large, Ed Lichtag/: Unit Game Scheduler, Mike Kruley/: Web-Master, Rich Ahlf/: Publicity, Clare Smith/: Hospitality, Lisa Assoni/: Forum, Bruce Johnsonbaugh/: Youth Bridge, Jackie Zayac/:Member at large

Congratulations, and we're grateful to those who stepped up to the plate. Thank you.

We aren't saying goodbye to our current board members. They served diligently for many years. They have worked tirelessly, and we're grateful for their perseverance in keeping us on track. Andy Fine spent weeks and months scheduling our Unit Games. Andy did a Fine job in making tournaments happen. Andy Shockley has been our Super Secretary and was proficient and professional. You're terrific! Your all Terrific!

Well wishes to all!

Lisa/Short Cut Cook

Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me

January, 2022

North

S 2

H A1053

D AJ74

C AK32

West

S A743

H J62

D 9832

C 95

East

S K8

H Q97

D Q1065

C Q764

South

S QJ10965

H K84

D K

C J108



The bidding started with North:

1D P 1S P

2H P 2S P

2N P 4S P

P P

With the bidding as shown, South placed the contract in 4S, knowing North would not have many spades and therefore the South hand would not take many tricks.

West chose to lead the 9 clubs. This South, attempted to draw the trumps by winning the A clubs and leading the 2 spades to the 8, 9 and A. Back came the 5 clubs and declarer can tell it is a doubleton. He won the K clubs, crossed to the K diamonds and led a heart to the A and discarded his losing club on the A diamonds. He then ruffed a diamond low and led the Q spades which East won with the K and led a high club which now promotes a trump trick for West. If South trumps high, West discards and gets the 7 later or if South ruffs low, West over trumps. The defense ends up with 3 spade tricks and 1 heart for down 1.

South might have reasoned that when East played the 8 of spades, it was from K 8 because most players do not play high spots in trumps if they don't have to so he could have led a little spade instead of an honor, but there was a better line anyway.

After winning the opening lead, you unblock the diamond K, cross back to dummy with either a high heart or high club and throw away the remaining club and trump a diamond low. Now, back to dummy with the other high card and trump the last diamond low leaving you with QJ109 of spades and a losing heart. Now, the most you can lose is the two high spades and a heart, making 4. You have taken 4 spades, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs. This is one of those times where it is important to use your low trumps.

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BRIDGE CONVENTIONS & GADGETS



NEW MINOR FORCING AND ITS COUSINS

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NEW MINOR FORCING

NEW MINOR FORCING is an artificial conventional bid used only by Responder after Opener starts the bidding 1-of-a-minor (usually), Responder answers 1-of-a-major & Opener re-bids 1NT. **NEW MINOR FORCING** necessarily is a conventional forcing bid because normally a new suit bid by an unpassed hand is NOT forcing after Opener has bid 1NT. Responder promises 10+ HCP after she uses **NEW MINOR FORCING**.

Max Hardy pointed out that for many years before **NEW MINOR FORCING** became available as a bidding tool Responder was severely limited in bidding options when he had an invitational hand. His only bid was usually 2NT. This created a problem when Responder's major suit contained five cards because the contract of 2NT was often inferior to a 5-3 major suit fit if Opener had three cards in Responder's major suit. Responder would like to show her 5-card major suit but she should have six cards to do so. **NEW MINOR FORCING** is a mechanism whereby Responder can ask Opener if she has three cards in Responder's major suit.

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1D	P	1S	P
1NT	P	2C!	

Responder's 2C! bid is **NEW MINOR FORCING**. It requires an ALERT. Responder often will use **NEW MINOR FORCING** holding a 5-card major suit (or four cards in both majors.....we'll get to that later) & an invitational hand (9-11 HCP).

NEW MINOR FORCING can also be used after Opener starts the bidding 1H, Responder bid 1S & Opener re-bids 1NT. Either minor suit can be used as the **NEW MINOR FORCING** bid but generally the most natural suit is used.

Responder's Hand: ♠AKJxx ♥xx ♦KQ10 ♣xxx (13 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1H	P	1S	P
1NT	P	2D!	

New Minor Forcing is "OFF" if the opponents bid.

New Minor Forcing is "ON" by a passed hand.

Opener's 1NT re-bid typically shows 12-14 HCP. Responder often has 10-12 HCP. Responder may hold a 5-card major & wants to learn if Opener has 3-card support for her major. Alternatively, Responder may hold 4-4 in the major suits & wants to uncover a possible 4-4 major suit fit in the "other" major. Holding three cards in Opener's major & four cards in the "other" major Opener's first priority usually is to bid Opener's major (requires partnership agreement). Responder is then in a better position to decide if the hand should be played in a major suit or No Trump.

Lynn Berg states that once a partnership has agreed to use NEW MINOR FORCING the failure to use the convention in a bidding sequence is an excellent way to limit the value of one's hand. This negative inference is a key to properly using NEW MINOR FORCING. A weaker hand can be bid more easily.

♠KJxxx ♥Qxxxx ♦x ♣xx (6 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1C	P	1S	P
1NT	P	2H	

Responder did NOT use NEW MINOR FORCING so her 2H bid shows a weak hand with Hearts & Spades. Partner can now pass 2H or show preference for Responder's Spades.

RESPONDER'S REQUIREMENTS TO USE NEW MINOR FORCING.

A 5-card major OR two 4-card majors.
10+ HCP.

OPENER'S RE-BIDS.

- Show 3-card support for Opener's major (partnership agreement).
- Show 4-card support for the "other" major (partnership agreement).
- Re-bid her minor suit at the 2-level holding a minimum hand.
- Re-bid 2NT holding a maximum hand.
- Re-bid 3D holding five Diamonds & a maximum hand. Denies three Spades, denies four Hearts.
- Stop bidding if Responder bids the "other" minor suit at the 3-level.

RESPONDER'S CONTINUATIONS.

- If Opener shows a minimum hand any 2-level bid can be passed.
- If Opener shows a maximum hand game must be found in some strain.

Opener's Hand: ♠AQx ♥Jx ♦K10xx ♣Qxxx (12 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1D	P	1H	P
1NT	P	2C!	P
2NT!			

Opener's 2NT! denies three Hearts & five Diamonds & shows a minimum hand with a Spade stopper.

Opener's Hand: ♠10xx ♥Qx ♦KJ10xx ♣AQx (12 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1D	P	1H	P
1NT	P	2C!	P
2D			

Opener's 2D promises 5+ Diamonds but denies three Hearts.

Responder's Hand: ♠KQ10xx ♥QJxx ♦AJ ♣Kx (16 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1D	P	1S	P
1NT	P	2C!	P
2H			

When Responder holds five Spades & four Hearts it's best if a 4-4 Heart fit can be found as the trump suit. The

reasoning is that with the 4-4 fit a ruff in either hand will produce an extra trick whereas with a 5-3 fit an extra trick can be made only in the hand with the 3-card holding. On the other hand, a 5-3 fit can be used to discard a loser from another suit, a benefit which cannot be obtained with a 4-4 fit.

Therefore, when Responder first bids 1S, Opener re-bids 1NT & Responder now bids NEW MINOR FORCING Opener has a different order of priority. Opener should first show a 4-card Heart suit if she has one rather than show 3-card support for Responder's Spade suit.

Opener's Hand: ♠Axx ♥Q10xx ♦xx ♣KQJx (12 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1C	P	1S	P
1NT	P	2D!	P
2H			

Holding four Hearts & three Spades Opener should first show her 4-card Heart suit. This takes precedence over showing her three Spade support for Responder's Spade suit.

Now if Responder had initially bid Spades & Responder used NEW MINOR FORCING but Opener had no interest in Hearts Responder can now bid 2S holding only five Spades when she also holds invitational values.

Responder's Hand: ♠AK10xx ♥xx ♦KQJ ♣Kxx (16 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1C	P	1S	P
1NT	P	2D!	P
2H	P	2S	

WHEN NEW MINOR FORCING SHOULD NOT BE USED

Certain hand types should not be considered candidates for using NEW MINOR FORCING.

Responder's Hand: ♠KQ10xxx ♥A ♦xxx ♣AKJ (17 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1D	P	1S	P
1NT	P	3S	

Responder's 3S re-bid shows 6+ Spades with invitational values. Responder does not use NEW MINOR FORCING.

TWO-WAY NEW MINOR FORCING

We've seen that NEW MINOR FORCING usually does an adequate job when Responder needs a forcing bid after Opener's 1NT re-bid. But a limitation of NEW MINOR FORCING is that it does not have a game-forcing bid & therefore a "maybe" bidding situation sometimes ensues. A better bidding sequence exists. It's called TWO-WAY NEW MINOR FORCING which has advantages in sign-off, invitational & forcing sequences.

TWO-WAY NEW MINOR FORCING is "OFF" if the opponents bid.

TWO-WAY NEW MINOR FORCING is "OFF" by a passed hand.

TWO-WAY NEW MINOR FORCING is characterized by three important factors.

Responder's 2C! bid is an invitational puppet bid & forces Opener to bid 2D! This relay bid is unconditional.

Responder's 2D! bid is artificial & game-forcing.

Responder's JUMP RE-BID in Opener's hand, his own suit or any lower-ranking suit (except 3C) is game-forcing.

CONTINUATIONS AFTER RESPONDER BIDS 2C!

Responder's Hand: ♠x ♥xx ♦Q10xxxx ♣QJxx (5 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>
1C	1H
1NT	2C!
2D!	???

Responder can sign-off in 2D by first bidding the invitational 2C! & when Opener bids the forced 2D! Responder can pass. Responder could have bid 1D immediately after Opener's 1C bid but the 1D bid would be forcing & Opener would have to bid again. The final contract may then become too high.

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>
1C	1S
1NT	2C!
2D!	???
2H	5 Spades & 4 Hearts, 6-10 HCP.
2S	5+ Spades, 6-10 HCP.
2NT	Invitational.
3C	5+ Clubs, 6-10 HCP.
3D	6+ Diamonds, 6-10 HCP.
3H	5 Spades & 5 Hearts, invitational.
3S	6 Spades, invitational.
3NT	Choice of games (5-3-3-2).

Note that most of Responder's bids are invitational because she first bid 2C!

CONTINUATIONS AFTER RESPONDER BIDS 2D!

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>
1D	1S
1NT	2D!

Responder's 2D! bid is game-forcing (12+ HCP). Bidding proceeds as if the partnership were in a 2/1 game-forcing auction.

OPENER'S PRIORITIES FOR REPLYING

- Show 3-card support for Responder's suit (partnership agreement).
- Show 4 cards in the "other" major (partnership agreement).
- Show a 5-card minor.
- Bid No Trump with nothing else to say.

EXTENDED NEW MINOR FORCING

EXTENDED NEW MINOR FORCING is a conventional tool used by Responder when Opener has re-bid her suit at the 2-level. It's an alertable game-forcing bid asking Opener to further describe her hand beyond the fact she has a 6+ card suit.

Opener's Hand: ♠AKx ♥Kx ♦QJ10xxx ♣xx (13 HCP).
 Responder's Hand: ♠Qxxx ♥AQxx ♦xx ♣KQ10 (13 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1D	1S	Shows 4+ Spades & 6+ Total Points (FORCING).
2D		Shows 6+ Diamonds & 12-14 HCP (NOT FORCING)
	3C!	EXTENDED NEW MINOR FORCING (GAME-FORCING).

Responder's 3C! bid asks Opener to further describe her hand beyond the fact she has six Diamonds.

FURTHER READING

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 Robert Todd. "2-Way New Minor Forcing" www. advinbridge.com.

Next Time: Lebensohl Over Opponents Interference of Our 1NT.



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. Diallovalleybridge.com

Until further notice all bridge clubs in Unit 499 are closed due to the coronavirus. Stay home, stay safe! Visit our website for information.

Also visit ACBL.org to find information about on line classes and places to play.

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club, Rossmoor



Rossmoor

Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club closed in-person games the last two weeks of 2021. We're monitoring Covid developments and hope to reopen in-person games again soon.

Kit Miller

January News

NO GAMES on Christmas Day, December 25, and New Years Day, January 1. Otherwise normal schedule (see below) through the holidays and the Monterey Regional tournament, January 3–9. Wishing you all a happy new year!

In-person games were suspended on December 14. The CCBC online games on those days have been reinstated. Full schedule below. We are watching the health situation closely, and will provide an update the first week of January.

Junior Fund Games, January 6–9. All CCBC online games will award twice the regular club masterpoints, all Black. Extra \$1 fee to help cover the higher sanction fee.

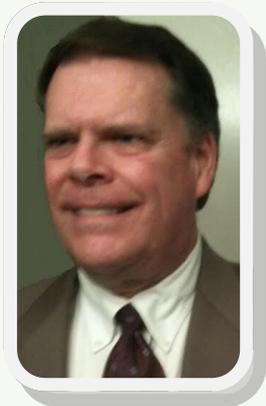
Silver Linings Week, January 17–23. All CCBC online games will award twice the regular club masterpoints, all ! Extra \$1 fee to help cover the higher sanction fee.

Online multiplier being reduced. As you many know, online club games currently receive a 25% upgrade to masterpoint awards. ACBL is eliminating this upgrade starting January 3 such that online and in-person regular club games will award the same masterpoints. We suspect this is to not further disadvantage in-person games.

Thank you for your support of CCBC!

Game Schedule

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



Grant Robinson
 Club Manager

Lamorinda Bridge Club



Alas - we are still only offering virtual bridge games online until it appears to be safer to return to Face-to-Face bridge.

ACBL has announced a series of special events online with BBO where extra points will be awarded:

January 6 - 9 **Junior Fund** double regular club points, 100% black, extra \$1/player.

January 17 - 23 **Silver Linings Week** double regular club points, 100% silver, extra \$1/player.

February 12 - 13 **Valentine's Weekend** double regular club points, 50% red, 50% black, no extra charge.

February 21 - 27 **Educational Foundation Week** double regular club points, 100% black, extra \$1/player.

Continuing through January, 2022:

Virtual Online Game Schedule:

Saturday 9:50am Limited Game (499) \$5

Saturday 10am Open Game \$5

Sunday 9:50am Limited Game (499) \$5

Sunday 10:00am Open Game \$5

You are welcome to partner with a Robot in any of our games.

Please note that the 499er games on Saturday and Sunday mornings both begin promptly at 9:50am. The Open games on Saturday and Sunday will begin on the hour at 10am.

We are scheduled to run sectional tournaments on three Princess back-to-back Cruises beginning Feb 10 which will likely be our first F2F bridge in 2022. There will be a fourth Cruise to Alaska in September. If you are interested in learning about the cruises please call or email and we can share the information with you.

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