

President's Message



Several years ago, at a Regional event, I picked up a partner at the partnership desk, a Mr. Lamb. He seemed to be a good player.

Mr. Lamb was playing a 4H contract with five hearts missing: K 10 9 3 2. Mr. Lamb had the QH and JH on the board along with the AH and was going to finesse the KH.

After winning in his hand on Trick 1 (T1), Mr. Lamb led the 4H through West, a Mr. Fox. Mr. Fox studied his cards, then studied his cards again, and finally after a third study, played the 2H. The JH was played from the board and East, Mr. Owl, in tempo, followed suit with the 3H.

Mr. Lamb, the declarer, considered the hesitation by Mr. Fox. Why was he hesitating, playing out of tempo?

Returning to his hand with an outside ace on T3, Mr. Lamb led the 5H. Mr. Fox again studied his hand; once, twice and after reviewing his hand a third time, played the 9H. The QH was played from the board and won when Mr. Owl, in tempo, played the 10H.

On T5, Mr. Lamb confidently played the AH and captured the KH from East, Mr. Owl!?!?

Mr. Fox scowled at his partner and said 'Why didn't you take the KH earlier?'

The East player, Mr. Owl, patiently and quietly responded 'Oh, but partner, I thought you had the KH.'

There is an ethical-moral to story about Mr. Fox and Mr. Owl. Holdups to deceive the opponent(s) are unethical. Plan finessing possibilities in advance and play in tempo.

We all have 'drifting moments' or 'Senior moments', but playing in tempo is still the goal.

A second observation, when there is unethical behavior that might be damaging, requires calling the director. Usually, the director will provide adjustments, if appropriate, and/or admonish the unethical player, if appropriate.

Be ethical and play nice. Bid and make all your Grands.

Sam Earnhardt

...from the Editor

Thanks to Lilah Newton and Jackie Zayac for their touching tributes to Judy Lowe in this issue. Judy had been Club Manager of the Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club before moving to Palm Desert and later to North Carolina. She was a great bridge teacher and all-around fun person. If any of you would like to share your remembrances, please send them to me and we'll include them in next month's eDeclarer.

Looks like we'll be back at the tables in clubs soon. Both Rossmoor and CCBC are going to have some f2f games. Won't it be nice to see our bridge friends again?

Stay healthy, and keep on playing bridge!

Judy Keilin

Editor



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Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS (5)

Sid Greenbaum

Michael McGrath

NEW CLUB MASTER (20)

Mark Seidemann

NEW NABC MASTERS (200)

Dean Ruddell

Skip Seroy

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500/750)

Forrest Bottomley

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500)

Anne Hollingsworth

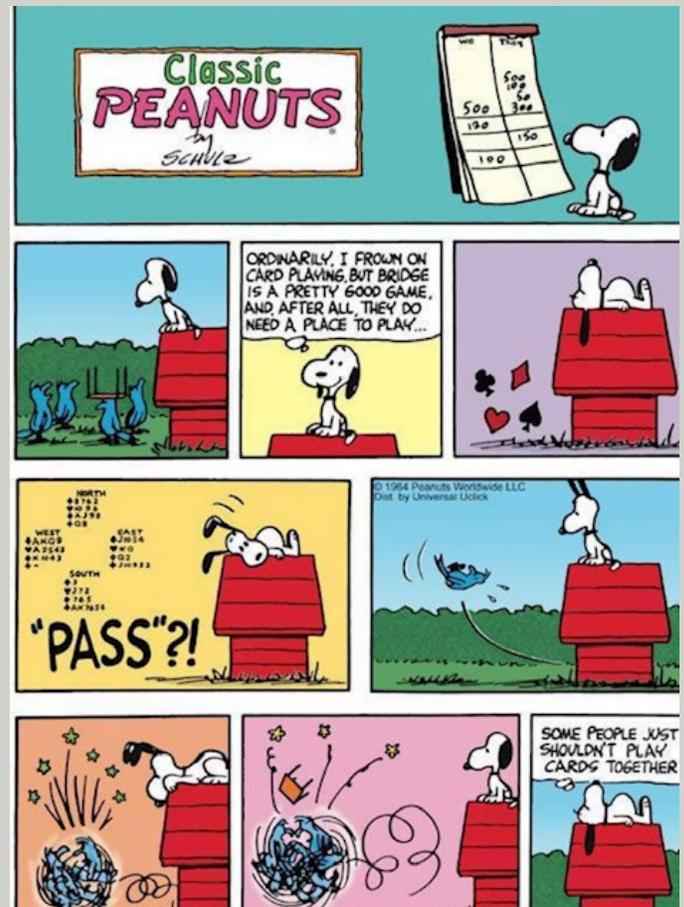
NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Johnston

Richard Lin

Barbara Yost

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



IN MEMORIAM

Julia Lowe, 83, died February 19, 2022, at her home in Greensboro, NC after a six-month battle with stomach cancer. Mrs. Lowe was born August 17, 1938, in Searcy, Arkansas. She spent most her life in Northern California prior to moving to North Carolina to be close to her family. Over the course of 25 years, Julia travelled to over 50 countries and attained the rank of Life Master in Bridge, sharing her love of the game and teaching thousands of players. Mrs. Lowe also was an avid dog lover, caring for seven dogs throughout her lifetime.



She is predeceased by her husband, Robert E. Collins, and is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kerri and Rolando Buted and by her son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Teres Chandler and 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will take place at The Grande Clubhouse on March 9th from 2-4 pm. This open house will be an opportunity to share memories of Julia's joyous life. In lieu

of flowers, a donation can be made to The Gastric Cancer Foundation at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E341934&id=6>

Address:

The Grande Master Association Clubhouse
4905 Towne Ridge Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27455



In the wee hours of February 19, 2022, the bridge world lost one of its premier ambassadors of the game. Julia (Judy) Lowe lost her courageous battle with cancer.

Judy was an excellent bridge teacher. She could take a seemingly impossible bridge problem and explain its solution in a way that made it seem so simple. She especially enjoyed teaching novice and intermediate players. She was fiercely defensive of her newer players. If someone was rude or condescending to one of her novice players, woe be unto him/her. She was also a knowledgeable and fair director. She always made the game fun, usually having a joke to start the game off.

I was fortunate to be in a group of women whom Judy took under her wing about thirty odd years ago. After playing duplicate for a number of months, she decided it was time for us to dive into tournament play. She rented a bus to take us to a Regional tournament in Santa Rosa for the day. Most of us won points and so we thought this tournament thing was a piece of cake. It was a rude awakening when some of us got up the courage to go on our own to another tournament and came home winless.

Next up was a National tournament in San Francisco. We had sweatshirts made for the occasion. They were black with gold letters and they said "Judy's Girls". Judy's said "I'm Judy". They put a photo of Judy and two of our girls in their shirts in the daily newsletter of the tournament.

She even started a class in the evenings to teach our husbands to play. I think initially some of them came reluctantly but when they found out she always started the evening off with a joke, often a somewhat risqué one, they couldn't wait for "bridge night". We told our husbands that Judy was the ultimate bridge authority. They teased us often because we constantly said, "Well, Judy says..."

Judy was so much fun. She loved to dance and she found her perfect match in Bob Collins. They discovered each other late in life but tied the knot and spent many hours dancing the night away.

She touched so many people and will be sorely missed by all. At some later date Judy will be laid to rest next to her beloved Bob in the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, CA.



Judy and two of her girls: Sharon Tarpinian and Bee Sturmer

Julia "Judy" Lowe

August 17, 1938 – February 19, 2022

I lost a good friend on Saturday. Although we didn't meet until I had been playing bridge for a while, I remember the first time I played in one of her "high level" 499er games. She told a joke before we started to play and I felt so comfortable in her presence. Over the years, the game built up to a large 999er game as all of her loyal followers asked her to make the game limit higher and higher to keep from leaving her game.

At one point, Judy asked Kathy Fernbacher, Anne Hollingsworth and me to alternate playing a game with her each week. She wanted to help us all improve our games. I felt so honored to be one of the three in the rotation and I looked forward to our game each month or twice in one month if the fourth week was mine!

When she moved to Palm Desert, I kept in touch with her. I stayed with her a few times and we played in the Palm Springs Regional together. She was always the life of the party and we entertained or were entertained by other Unit 499 players visiting the desert for the regional.

When Judy moved to Greensboro, North Carolina to live near her daughter, Kerri, she changed her name to Julia. I didn't expect to see her again, but, fortunately I did when I attended the Atlanta NABC. Judy got a ride from a local player and we spent three days visiting at the Atlanta NABC. She also made a trip to California to attend her high school reunion and she stayed with me for a couple of days during that trip.

When her beloved Bob Collins passed away, he was buried in the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery near Pea Soup Andersen's on I5 near Santa Nella. I asked her where he was buried and she told me in Section C5. I was stunned because that is where my dad is buried. They added a row of graves along the side of the section and Bob was laid to rest there. I used to send Judy a photo from the cemetery when I visited my dad and Bob. Soon, my friend, Judy, will be there too and I look forward to visiting with her again. May she rest in peace.

Jackie Zayac

Ed. Note: If you would like to express your own personal thoughts about Judy, please send them to Jkeilin@pacbell.net for inclusion in next month's eDeclarer.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Spring has sprung. It's a wonderful time of the year to come out of hibernation. Oh baby, it's been cold outside, but now it's time to fling into spring, and what better way to gain master points. "Rev up your engines"/ computer and "Get Ready To Rumble."

March 20th is the first day of spring. It is also called the spring equinox, as it's one of the four temperate seasons. That being said, I can feel my partner's temperature rise, as I bid four spades, and didn't use RKC. Yikes, we made six spades. I didn't know what her reaction would be, but later we talked. She did a super job of not getting upset with me. As you all know, playing online has been a 'Rocky Road.'

Well, Mark Humphrey did it again! Late January, Mark hosted our wonderful Pro-Am game. This was quite a memorable day! "Taking the Bull by the Horns" and coming in first went to Richard Lutz, Bill Sederowitz, Luz Argyriou and Katherine Loh, who were the "Table Toppers". I played with Winnie Jasper. We tried our best, to no avail, but I had a great learning experience. Winnie is "At Top of her Game".

Remember, prior to starting the Pro-Am games, we'd scarfed down pizza? "Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end" Gone for now, maybe they'll come back- Jack!

So, "Don't Pass the Buck," but learn to "Roll with the Punches". Crab season is over, but with online bridges,, there can sometimes be a "Bone to pick." It surely doesn't help your partner to "Jump The Gun".

Yes, you can be of Choleric, Phlegmatic, Sanguine, or Melancholy temperament as mentioned above, so try and "Play like a Pro".

Ciao Bella
Lisa
The ShortCut Cook



To Bid or Not To Bid

Hand

Hand editor

D 9

N torbob 6
♠A98
♥1087
♦A
♣J98765

W shafersss 6+
♠KQ72
♥A95
♦K10973
♣3

W N E S

E riddleroad 4+
♠J5
♥KQJ432
♦854
♣K4

S Darene 6+
♠10643
♥6
♦QJ62
♣AQ102

Dealer: Bob: torbob; Partner: Darene

Opponents: East, West

Bid Sequence

N: Pass

E: 2H

S: Pass

W: Pass

N: bid or not bid

Thoughts:

- 1 Do I bid or not bid?
- 2 My hand not enough points – should pass
- 3 I remember 1 hand that I held and opened 2S with 6S and couple of honors (played in Walnut Creek). The left-hand opponent held 7S and was going to bid 1S.
- 4 If 2Hs made, then that is 110.
- 5 If I bid 3C and make, then that is 110 also
- 6 If I bid: Down 2 is 100, down 3 is 150
- 7 Down 2 in 3C is a better score than make 2Hs

- 8 Opponents must take 6 tricks to put me down 2
- 9 2Hs has less than 10 HCP probably K/Q Hs plus 4 other HCPs.
- 10 I have 9 HCP plus E makes 18, other 22 assume split evenly
- 11 Darene should have a couple of Cs and probably some honor
- 12 If opponents bid 3H, then I pass
- 13 So, I shrugged my shoulders, hoped for the best and bid 3Cs.
- 14 We passed
- 15 Darene bid 5C,
- 16 I almost fell off my chair!!! Both of us had passed initially. I guess she maybe had 4/5C with 2/3 honors. Then I prayed that I would not go down more than what I was calculating.
- 17 Lo and behold Darene held close to my guess.

Play

- KH, 6H, AH, 7H
- KS, AS, 5S, 3S – lucky me
- JC, KC, A, 3C – luck again - hope for C split and KC onside
- 2D, 10D, AD, 4D
- 8H, 2H, 10C, 5H
- QD, KD, 5C, 5D
- 6C, 4C, QC, 3D,
- JD, 7D, 8S, 8D,
- then loose 1S trick – made 5

I breathed a big sigh of relief. Afterwards I asked Darene why the 5C bid as I indicated that we had both passed initially. Darene had missed the initial pass.

Bob Barnes



Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me

March, 2022

North

S KJ72

H 8

D AK92

C Q754

West

S _____

H AK62

D J6543

C KJ98

East

S Q95

H J109754

D 107

C A10

South

S A108643

H Q3

D Q8

C 632



The bidding started with South opening 2S and it proceeded with double, 4S by North all pass.

At my table, the defense started with a high heart and then shifted to a low diamond. I think the East hand should play a low heart telling West that he wants a club shift in which case the defense takes 2 clubs, 1 heart and a club ruff for down one which would result in a below average score because it does make 5 hearts.

However, the declarer won the diamond shift with the Q and then quickly played the A of spades and had to lose a spade, a heart and 2 clubs for the same down one.

I would not normally consider this hand worth writing about except for the fact that there was a hand from the prior week where a contract of 6S was played with the exact same trump suit and it was played the same way resulting in down 1 when the suit again split 3-0 so I feel compelled to try to explain how this combination should be played.

When an opponent makes a take-out double they are normally short in the suit that was opened and when you see that a 3-0 split could create a loser in that suit, you have to consider which defender is more likely to be void and play accordingly.

After you win the Q diamonds, you should lead a low spade towards dummy and low and behold West shows out and now you lead back to your hand thus making the contract which would result in a very high score.

A very prolific writer says as declarer, when dummy comes down, you should look carefully and ask yourself "What can go wrong?" He uses that phrase many times and it is very worthwhile.

Jerry Weitzner

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BRIDGE CONVENTIONS & GADGETS



INTRODUCTION TO LEBENSOHL.....IT'S USE AFTER INTERFERENCE WITH OUR STRONG 1NT

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The Lebensohl Convention is a powerful bidding tool that uses a 2NT! artificial puppet bid as a relay for Partner to bid an artificial 3C! After the relay to 3C! is completed many different hand types can be described by the 2NT! originator. The three main opportunities to use Lebensohl arise when (a) the opponents interfere with our strong 1NT bid, (b) the opponents open the bidding with a preemptive two-bid & your Partner calls a Take-Out Double & (c) after Partner calls a reverse. In all three of these bidding situations Lebensohl can be used by Responder to distinguish between a sign-off hand, an invitational hand & a game-forcing hand.

We will first examine the use of Lebensohl after the opponents interfere with our opening 1NT bid. Responder can use Lebensohl when Intervener's bid is any 2-level overcall whether natural or artificial. Responder then bids the artificial 2NT! puppet bid asking Opener to bid 3C! Responder then clarifies her hand with her second bid. This 2NT! bid by Responder is the heart of the Lebensohl Convention.

The Bidding Looks Like This:

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advance</u>
1NT	2 _{any}	2NT	P
3C!			

Partner's 3C! bid usually says nothing about the quality of her Club suit but it creates an auction where you, the Responder, can further describe your hand in several different ways:

- Distinguishing between non-forcing, invitational & forcing auctions.
- Affirming or denying stoppers in the opponent's suit when we have game values for a No Trump game.
- Affirming or denying stoppers in the opponent's suit when we bid STAYMAN & have values for a game.
- A weak sign-off bid that is lower in rank than Intervener's suit.
- An invitational hand with a long suit that is higher in rank than Intervener's suit.
- A hand with game values but with no 4-card major & no stopper in the opponent's suit.

A) RESPONDER'S 2NT! IS AN ARTIFICIAL PUPPET BID ASKING OPENER TO BID AN ARTIFICIAL 3C!

Responder's 2NT! bid shows one of the following hand types:

- One-suited hand that wants to sign-off at the 3-level.
- One-suited hand that wants to invite game.
- STAYMAN-type hand AND a solid stopper in the opponent's suit.
- A hand that has a stopper in the opponent's suit & wants to play in 3NT.

- When Responder FIRST bids the artificial 2NT! puppet bid asking Opener to bid an artificial 3C! & THEN bids 3NT, Responder is telling Opener that she has a solid stopper in the opponent's suit ("SLOW SHOWS" or "SAGS" (Slow Auction Guarantees Stopper)).

1) Your Hand: ♠Kxx ♥AJx ♦Qxx ♣xxxx (10 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2S	2NT!	P
3C!	P	3NT	

When you FIRST go through the Lebensohl 2NT! bidding sequence & THEN bid 3NT you are showing a Spade stopper.

2) Your Hand: ♠xxx ♥KJ ♦KQJxx ♣QJx (13 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>
1NT	2S	3NT

Your DIRECT 3NT bid shows the hand values required for a 3NT game but it also DENIES a Spade stopper. ("DIRECT DENIES" or "DADS" (Direct Auction Denies Stopper)). If your Partner also has no Spade stopper she should bid her cheapest 4+ card minor suit to begin the search for a suitable part-score contract.

- B) WHEN PARTNER OPENS 1NT & AN OPPONENT MAKES AN OVERCALL AT THE 2-LEVEL IN ANY SUIT STAYMAN & TRANSFERS ARE "OFF"

1)

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>
1NT	2D	2H/2S

In this bidding sequence your 2H & 2S are sign-off bids. Transfers are not in effect.

- C) WHEN AN OPPONENT BIDS AN ARTIFICIAL 2C! DOUBLE BECOMES STAYMAN & TRANSFERS ARE STILL IN EFFECT

1) Your Hand: ♠KQxx ♥Kxx ♦xx ♣Jxxx (9 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2C!	Dbl	P
2S			

Intervener's 2C! is Cappelletti. Your Double is STAYMAN & your Partner's 2S bid shows four Spades but denies four Hearts.

2) Your Hand: ♠xx ♥Kxx ♦xx ♣KQJxxx (9 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2C!	2S!	P
3C!	P	P	

Intervener's 2C! bid is Cappelletti. Transfers are still "ON" in this bidding sequence. Your 2S! bid is a relay to 3C!

3) Your Hand: ♠Ax ♥KJxxx ♦xx ♠xxxx (8 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2S	2NT!	P
3C!	P	3H	

Your best FIRST bid here is 2NT! (Lebensohl) asking Partner to bid an artificial 3C! After the relay has been completed you should then bid 3H, invitational. Your hand is not strong enough to bid 3H at your first bidding opportunity.

4) Your Hand: ♠KQJxxx ♥J ♦AJx ♠10xx (12 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>
1NT	2H	3S

You should call the forcing bid of 3S showing 5+ Spades & 10+ HCP.

D) WHEN THE OPPONENT'S INTERFERENCE IS A DOUBLE RESPONDER'S 2C BID IS STILL STAYMAN & TRANSFERS ARE STILL IN EFFECT

1) Your Hand: ♠KJxx ♥Jxxx ♦AJ ♣xxx (10 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>
1NT	Dbl	2C!

You should bid 2C!, STAYMAN, because you hold two four-card majors, a doubleton & 10 HCP.

2) Your Hand: ♠xx ♥KQxxx ♦K10xx ♠10x (8 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2S	2NT!	P
3C!	P	3H	

Your best FIRST bid here is 2NT! the artificial puppet bid asking Partner to bid an artificial 3C! After the relay has been completed you should then bid 3H, invitational. Your hand is not strong enough to bid 3H on your first bid.

RESPONDER HOLDS GAME VALUES IN NO TRUMP

Another use of the 2NT! artificial puppet relay occurs when Responder has hand values for 3NT AND has a stopper in the opponent's suit. Responder FIRST bids 2NT! asking for an artificial 3C! bid from Opener. Once Opener completes the relay to 3C! Responder's 3NT bid shows game values for 3NT AND a Heart stopper.

1) Responder's Hand: ♠xx ♥QJx ♦K10xx ♣A10xx (10 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2H	2NT!	P
3C!	P	3NT	

2) Your Hand: ♠xxx ♥Axx ♦AQxx ♣KJx (14 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>
1NT	2S	3NT

Your 3NT bid shows hand values for a 3NT game but DENIES a Spade stopper.

A THIRD USE OF THE 2NT! ARTIFICIAL PUPPET RELAY OCCURS IN A STAYMAN AUCTION

- If opponent's interference is a natural bid Responder now uses that suit as STAYMAN.
- If opponent's interference is an artificial bid showing a known suit a CUE BID of the known suit is STAYMAN.
- When Responder makes this CUE BID directly as STAYMAN a stopper in the suit bid is DENIED. To show a stopper Responder first bids 2NT! then after Opener bids 3C! Responder calls the CUE BID.

1) Your Hand: ♠Axx ♥QJxx ♦xx ♣K10xx (10 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2S	2NT!	P
3C!	P	3S	All Pass

Your 3S bid is STAYMAN showing four Hearts & a solid Spade stopper.

2) Your Hand: ♠K10xx ♥QJxx ♦Axx ♣xx (10 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>
1NT	2C!	Dbl

Responder's Double of Intervener's artificial 2C bid is STAYMAN.

3) Your Hand: ♠K10xx ♥QJxx ♦xx ♣Axx (10 HCP).

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Intervener</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Advancer</u>
1NT	2C	2NT!	P
3C!	P	3S	All Pass

Your 3S bid is STAYMAN & it also promises a Club stopper.

TAKE-AWAY POINTS

- Responder's 2NT! is an artificial puppet bid asking Opener to bid an artificial 3C!
- 2-level bids are natural & to play.
- 3-levels bids are natural & game-forcing.
- CUE BID of an opponent's suit is STAYMAN.

FURTHER READING

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Next Time: INTRODUCTION TO LEBENSOHL.....LEBENSOHL OVER OPPONENT'S PREEMPTIVE TWO-BID

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. [Dia-blovalleybridge.com](http://blovalleybridge.com)

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club, Rossmoor



ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE REOPENING IN-PERSON GAMES

The Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club is resuming in-person games on Monday, February 28. There will be both in-person and online games available. The schedule will be as follows:

In-person games Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

Online games Wednesday and Thursday

All games are at 1pm, except the Friday morning 0-100 point game at 9am. All games in-person and online are \$5 for club members.

In-person games will be held in the Oak Room at Gateway. Masks are optional, but all players are required to be fully vaccinated.

Kit Miller

Blackhawk Duplicate Bridge

Blackhawk Country Club

Contact Lilah Newton at

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The Blackhawk Bridge Club has been holding in person games since July. The games are the first and fourth Wednesdays at 9:30 am. They are open to women only since the game is held in the women's locker room. They are hoping to increase their table count to pre-covid numbers.

Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Lilah Newton.

Contra Costa Bridge Center

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March News ☑ In-Person Games. Starting March 21, the following games will take place in person at CCBC in Concord:

Monday mornings at CCBC, 10:00, Open, \$9 or ticket, starting March 21.

Thursday mornings at CCBC, 10:00, 999er, \$9 or ticket, starting March 24.

Saturday mornings at CCBC, 10:00, 299er (\$8) and Open (\$9 or ticket), starting March 26.

Online games at those times will stop after March 19. CCBC will continue to hold online games on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. See the full schedule below.

Royal STAC, March 21, 24 and 26. This is an upgrade that awards 25% Gold, 25% Silver, and 25% Red masterpoints. In-person games only. Put on by Districts 21, 22 and 23, you have the chance to score big, pigmented points when CCBC games are combined with clubs across three districts. No extra charge for the inaugural week of CCBC in-person games.

Thank you for your support of CCBC.

Grant Robinson

Game Schedule

Changes effective March 21, 2022

Monday	10:00	Open	In person	\$9
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	In person	\$9
Thursday	10:00	999er	In person	\$5
Friday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Friday	12:30	749er	Online	\$5
Saturday	10:00	299er	In person	\$8
Saturday	10:00	Open	In person	\$9
Saturday	10:00	299er	Online	\$5



Grant Robinson

Club Manager

Lamorinda Bridge Club



March 2022 Newsletter In March we will continue offering the following Virtual Games:

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

Beginning April 4 we plan to reopen Face-to-Face lessons and games:

Mondays: Beginning Bridge Classes 10am-12noon and 7pm-9pm Intermediate Bridge Class 1pm-3pm Class sizes are limited, so signing up in advance is necessary. Opportunities to play: (As in the past, reservations will be required for all duplicate games.)

Tuesdays: Supervised Play 3pm - 5:15pm; 18 boards with Master Points Awarded; three questions allowed per player. This is limited to players with less than 499 master points. \$8/ person table fee

Wednesdays: Open Game 10am - 1:15pm; \$10/person table fee

Fridays: (2nd & 4th weeks of the month) Limited (499) Game 10am - 12:30pm; \$10/person table fee

Saturdays: (3rd week of the month); Strati-Flighted Team Game 10am-1:15pm; \$10/person table fee

If Covid-19 spikes badly during our travels, we may have to alter the start date for our LBC reopening of Face-to-Face activities from the first week in April to comply with safety protocols. If this happens we will keep you informed of any changes.

Winnie Jasper and Jerry Chamberlain

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The Diablo game is up and running for in person games. Games are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30. The cost is \$32 and includes lunch. The game is open to all, but reservations are required. Please contact Mary Krouse by the Thursday previous to the game if you would like to play.