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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Just For Fun

I am fascinated with a deck of playing cards (and the games). My Master's Thesis focused on the best play in Blackjack (I played professionally for about three years until I was banned from many casinos in Las Vegas).

There is something about a deck of cards that is more than fascinating. Here are some observations for a deck of cards – just for fun.

52 cards in the deck = 52 weeks in a year

12 court cards = 12 months in the year

4 suits = 4 seasons

13 cards in a suit = the lunar cycle

Sum of the pips (Ace = 1 and King = 13) = 364 (now count the 2 jokers in a fresh pack for 365 and 366 for a leap year).

Now, for lots of fun - F2F bridge at your favorite club.

Remember our Unit's upcoming events:

Fall Sectional, Sat/Sun, 9/24-25. Watch for news from Anne Hollingsworth.

Tunnel Tournament, 10/23, more news from Jackie Zayac.

Have fun, play nice, bid and make all your 7NTs.

Sam Earnhardt

...from the Editor

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Good communication is important. Currently, our best tool is our Unit 499 Google Group. Ideally, every person in the Unit should be a member so that we can all have the latest information relating to our game schedule, location changes, tournaments, and anything else relating to bridge in our unit.

On the following page is information on our Unit 499 Google Group, and our Partnership Group.

Judy Keilin
Editor



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Mary Krouse, Publisher

To submit a letter to the editor, send it to Judy Keilin at jkeilin@gmail.com

Be sure to visit the unit website for more information on our clubs and events, as well as archives of our newsletters.

diablovalleybridge.com/ccbc

UNIT 499 GOOGLE GROUPS What are they? How do I use them?

Unit 499 has two Google Groups (GGs) that are used to communicate with interested bridge players via email:

- diablo-valley-unit-499 – This group is used for unit news – special games, lessons, tournaments, and miscellaneous news. Generally, these emails will come from clubs, directors, teachers, or the Unit 499 Board.
- bridgepartner499 – This group is used by bridge players to find a partner - at club games, sectionals, or other tournaments.

To use one of the groups, you must be a member of the GG. If you play bridge in ACBL Unit 499 and would like to join one of our GGs, please email the appropriate GG manager below:

Judy Keilin, jkeilin@pacbell.net (Unit 499 GG) or Marion Renvall, renvallm@gmail.com (Partnership Group)

Please make sure to send your name, email address, ACBL number, and how you want to receive GG email (see below) to the appropriate GG manager. They will register you with the requested GG group.

After you are registered, please make sure you go in and update "My Display Name" in your GG profile so that when you send emails people will know who you are.

You have four options to receive your GG emails:

- Receive no GG emails: which means you will have web-only participation (You must have a Google account to access the group on the web – see below *)
- Abridged Email: Receive one summary email of new email activity per day
- Digest Email: Receive up to 25 full new messages in a single email
- All Email: Receive each message as it arrives (We recommend this. Most days, there will be no email. It is very unusual to receive more than one in a day.)

Note: If you choose any option other than All Email, you may not receive the information in a timely manner!

To use the GG service, send an email the appropriate GG:

- - for news
- - to find a partner

Your email will be reach everyone who is a member of aforementioned GG (if you are not a member of the GG, the email will "bounce").

When using the bridgepartner499 GG, it is helpful to describe

- your level of play.
- which systems that you play.
- when and where you are interested in playing.

Make sure to include a phone number and/or email so that potential partners can contact you directly.

Simply compose an email to one of the following:

diablo-valley-unit-499@googlegroups.com

Or

bridgepartner499@googlegroups.com

When replying to bridgepartner499 emails looking for a partner, please send email directly to the person looking for a partner. Please do not hit "reply all" to original email or it will go to bridgepartner499 (in other words, your email goes to everyone in the GG)!

If you have any questions about either GG, contact Judy for the News GG and Marian for the Partnership GG. If you think you are in a GG and never receive email, they can check your membership settings. If you are receiving emails and don't want them, they can discontinue your membership!

* If you choose the No Email option, you will not receive emails that are sent out to the Group. To access GG emails, you will need to have a Google account. You can set this up at <https://accounts.google.com/Signup>. Then you will be able to view GG messages by signing into your account and viewing the Google Group:

News GG: <http://groups.google.com/group/diablo-valley-unit-499>

Partnership GG: <http://groups.google.com/group/bridgepartner499>

Keep in mind that you will not receive information in a timely manner unless you are checking the GGs daily.

Club personnel are encouraging participation. Talk it up with your friends, in case they haven't heard about it.

Let's all be informed!



Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

New Junior Masters (5)

Marguerite Birkenfeld

New Club Masters (20)

Philippa Erlank

Suresh Klamath

New Sectional Master (50)

Katie Pittman

New Silver Life Master (1000)

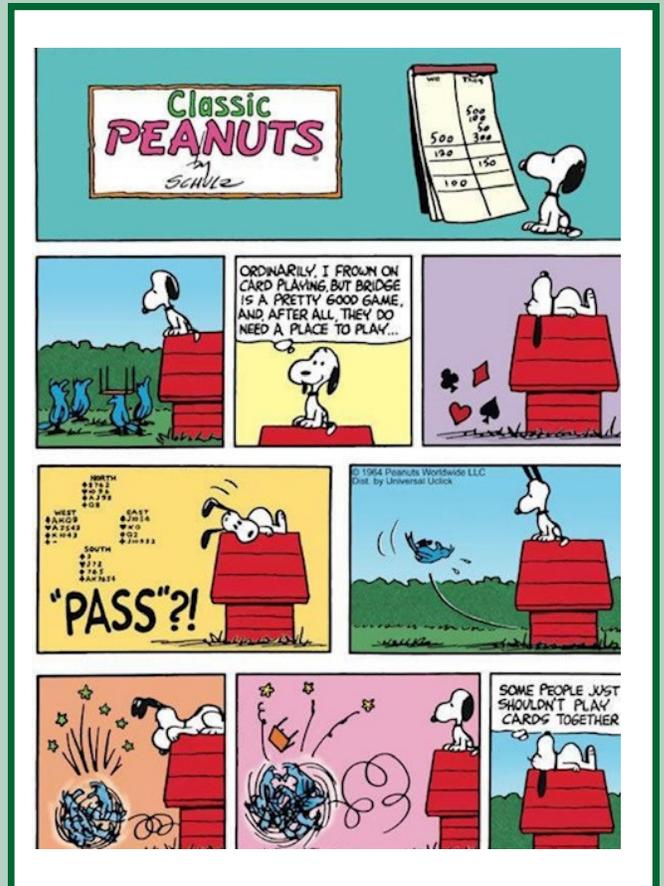
Lilah Newton

New Ruby Life Master (1500)

Addie Mattox

New Diamond Life Master (5000)

Ron Olswang



NEW MEMBERS

Mack Riddle

Edwin Rosenberg

Susan Rosenberg

Jane Kuka

Cecilia Muaddi

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

IN MEMORIAM

Last month we lost two players, Marilyn Horan and Eldonna Dayton. Below are a few remembrances of these two lovely women.



Marilyn Horan

Marilyn June Horan passed away peacefully June 19th at the age of 82. She touched so many lives with her loving, giving spirit and acceptance of others. A visitation and vigil will be held for her at Oak Park Hills Chapel, Tuesday July 12th from 5:00-8:00 pm (vigil at 6:30 pm). A funeral mass will be Wednesday July 13, 10:30am, at St John Vianney Catholic Church in Walnut Creek with a celebration of life to follow in Mullen Commons, the church hall.

Born in Hawaii to Marie Martin and Seitoku "Cente" Kiyabu, Marilyn was the only girl and the youngest of four. Moving to San Francisco as a young girl, she returned to Hawaii many times to visit family. While attending St Vincent, Marilyn met Richard, an attractive star football player from Riordan at a school dance. The rest as they say is history, and they married in 1957. Within five short years the family had grown to include Richard, Barbara and Bobby. They moved to Walnut Creek in the early 70s and Marilyn has enjoyed being an entrepreneur, daughter, sister, aunt, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to all ever since.

Marilyn's favorite things were her family, bridge, travel and all things Disney. A year wasn't complete unless it included a family trip to one of the theme parks and Disney mementoes were found throughout her house. She was a Life Master in Bridge with over 2000 points and certified as a Bridge Club Director. She enjoyed mentoring both beginning and intermediate players and making new friends. Travel and reading were other favorite pastimes, but above all Marilyn treasured time with her family. Her loving, giving heart made each person feel special. Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband Richard and brother Harry Kiyabu. She is survived by her loving family: brothers Wally and Bobby Kiyabu (Jenny); children - Richard (Barbara), Barbara Schneider-Mergens (Jim), and Robert (Patrice); 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Marilyn lives on in our hearts, and her generous, loving spirit will be missed by all who knew her.



Remembrances from Liz Rutter:

Eldonna: Coming to Eldonna and Joyce's table every week was like visiting your two favorite aunties. They were going to be incredibly warm and welcoming. Maybe they would give you a good board or two...at least you hoped so. Then they would sharpen up and beat you badly, but with the friendliest of smiles. There's nothing that can replace the kind sweetness of landing at Eldonna's table. Another great lady who will be missed.

Marilyn: When I first started playing, Marilyn had a game (at Harrison's I think) and you could raise your hand, she'd come over and give you advice. Loved that game. She played with Bill George in Ron's Saturday night Wine 'n Cheese game and they always beat you with a friendly smile. She'd even give you advice afterwards...always friendly and so very accurate. She was a great all-around bridge player, teacher, mentor. She'll be greatly missed.

What's Cookin'

It's August, and a fine time to celebrate with barbecues, gatherings with friends, and playing our favorite game of bridge..

We're moving on-- to Orinda. Yes, it's finally happening, and lots of people are happy about the change, especially folks living in nearby neighborhoods. Yes, some may have to drive a bit further, but please check it out. Try it, I'll bet you'll like it!

When it comes to playing our favorite game, I noticed that "back to the tables" has been uplifting. At least we can see others' faces, enjoy some laughter, and remove our fears. We do need each other and attitude is important. When I first began playing bridge, I was quite surprised that some opponents were downright rude. Now that I've been playing awhile, only very occasional do I encounter mean players. Some tell you how should have played the hand, and that could be your partner too. Suggestions: wait to say anything derogatory until the game is finished. Go to another table and review . I feel terrible when I've misplayed the hand. Since the pandemic, bridge took a hit! So take it easy, breath deeply, and ask your Fairy Cardmother to give you aid and assistance when needed.

Our Board has been working diligently to bring you the latest and greatest opportunity to stay connected. As you know we have a new Board President, Sam Earnhardt, who is doing a grand job at keeping up with all

that encompasses bridge. Our team is dedicated to helping all of Unit 499 to be tip-top players. Hours and hours are dedicated by each board member. Of course, you can also belong to this caring team by volunteering to help. We need YOU, and also-- Directors. Mark Marty is my Director for Thursday mornings. He's a very kind, and gentle guy who cares about all of his players. We need more Mark Marty's.

Also, I don't want to forget our three wise men who've help us move onward and upward. Special thanks to Mike Bandler, Mark Humphrey, and Bruce Johnsonbaugh. You're at the top of your game!

Ciao Bella,

Lisa Assoni

The Shortcut Cook



****Save the Date****

The Unit 499/unit 502 **Tunnel**

Tourney

is being held on

October 23, 2022

at the East Bay Community

Bridge Center

9520 Mountain Blvd., Oakland

More details and a flyer are coming soon!

Contact Jackie Zayac, your Unit 499 Tunnel
Tourney Chair at jackiezayac@gmail.com

Play a Hand with Me

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August, 2022

North

S 103

H AQ5

D AK542

C 1064

West

S Q985

H K64

D J106

C 975

East

S AJ7642

H 107

D 87

C A83

South

S K

H J9832

D Q93

C KQJ2

1H P 2D 2S

X P 4H all pass

This deal shows a card combination that comes up a few times per year and it is important to be able to visualize how it is played.

As you can see, you have 2 losers off the top and in order to make your contract you must hold your trump losers to 1.

The double in the auction given is a support double showing 3 card support for diamonds.

At our table the lead was a spade to the A followed by East cashing the A clubs and continuing clubs, your K winning. The normal play in hearts is to lead low to the dummy's Q and if that wins you hope the K drops doubleton under the A and then you make 5.

However, when East plays any heart spot other than the 4, you must worry about West holding the K 10 and 2 others and if that is the case you would lose 2 trump tricks. In order to protect against that you should come back to your hand and lead the 9 and play low if West follows guaranteeing losing only 1 heart trick. It is tempting to lead the J instead but a very good East player might not win the K holding K1074. You should write this out and see what could happen.

Some players did lead the J early and the 10 did drop on this hand and for doing that and making 5 they got 68%. For making the safety play in this suit and making 4 we only got 32%. Some times playing correctly doesn't pay off.

In addition, this doesn't have to be the trump suit, it could be a side suit that you are trying to set up.

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BRIDGE CONVENTIONS & GADGETS



ROMAN KEYCARD BLACKWOOD

By Mel Chaplin

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Eddie Kantar originally referred to this useful convention as Roman Keycard Blackwood but that name has been mostly re-placed in popularity by 1430. Not only has the name changed from Kantar's original but the meaning of the bids have significantly evolved from the way Kantar wrote the convention. Kantar's original version of RKC 1430 REQUIRED agreement on a suit, either directly or implicitly (such as via a Jacoby 2NT bid), before an inquiry into the number of Key Cards could be launched. Secondly, Kantar advocated ALWAYS using RKC 1430 when Opener was the Key Card "asker" but he advocated the use of RKC 3014 when Responder was the Key Card "asker" AND Opener had shown extra values during the bidding (a strong Club opening, a strong 1NT opening, a jump shift, a jump raise, a splinter raise or a reverse). These major points of Kantar's original writing of Roman Keycard Blackwood are ignored by many partnerships today. Marty Bergen polled players of all levels in 2015 (Bridge Bulletin, pg 56, November 2015) & 67% of the partnerships employed RKC 1430 after the LAST SUIT BID as well as after a suit agreement had been reached. In another survey (Bridge Bulletin, pg 50, June 2014) Bergen asked 60 players if their preference was traditional Blackwood, RKC 3014 or RKC 1430. The numbers were 8, 8 & 44, respectively. So RKC 1430 is the major Key Card-asking bid in use today. Accordingly, I'll use 1430, the commonly accepted term, in this article.

(An aside: I began writing this article just before Christmas 2021 & I became interested in looking at Eddie Kantar's book. The 5th Edition is reasonably priced on Amazon at about \$25. But beside the 5th Edition was one copy of Kantar's 1st Edition. Would you believe the price? \$803, plus tax & shipping! Someone must have bought the book because it was off the Amazon website in early January). Did you enjoy the book, Sam?

THE 1430 KEY CARD ASKING BID

4NT is the 1430 Key Card-asking bid. The 4NT bidder usually holds at least two Key Cards. There are five Key Cards, four Aces & the trump King.

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF 1430 RESPONSES

- The trump King is the fifth Ace.
- Finding the trump Queen is often critical.
- Don't bid slam missing two Key Cards.
- Don't bid slam missing one Key Card & the trump Queen unless you're certain the Partnership holds at least 10 trumps.

RESPONSES TO THE 1430 KEY CARD-ASKING BID

- 5C.....1 or 4 Key Cards.
- 5D.....0 or 3 Key Cards.
- 5H.....2 Key Cards but NO trump Queen.
- 5S... 2 Key Cards WITH the trump Queen.

(The meanings of the 5C & 5D bids are reversed in RKC 3014. 5C showing 1 or 4 Key Cards is generally recommended because the 5C response (one Ace) comes up much more frequently than 5D (no Aces). It's better to have more room for follow-ups.

WHEN RESPONDER ANSWERS 5D

After a 4NT Key Card-asking bid, Partner's answer is sometimes 5D, showing 0 or 3 Key Cards. If the 4NT "asker" is not certain how many Key Cards Responder has when the answer is 5D, the 4NT "asker" MUST sign-off at the 5-level of the agreed suit. If Responder's 5D bid was indeed showing no Key Cards the sign-off would be honored. But if Responder holds 3 Key Cards Responder would continue with slam bidding.

CONTROL BIDDING BEFORE USING 1430

1430 is an overused convention. Often, control bidding should occur before launching into a 4NT Key Card asking bid. Control bidding often reveals deficiencies in one or both hands that serve as a stop signal so a partnership can cease bidding safely at the 5-level when the answer to a 4NT asking bid could put them into an un-makeable contract. If lack of control is discovered in any of the un-bid suits 1430 should not be used.

Opener's Hand: ♠K10xxx ♥QJxx ♦AKx ♣Q (15 HCP).
 Responder's Hand: ♠A10xx ♥xx ♦Qx ♣AKxxx (13 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1S	2NT!	Jacoby 2NT!
3C!		Shortage.
	4C	1 st /2 nd round Club control.
4D		1 st /2 nd round Diamond control.
	4S	Sign-off.

Once Spades are agreed to be the trump suit & Opener has shown his shortage Responder should start control bidding. Control bids are executed "up-the-line". The cheapest control bid Responder can make in this problem is 4C showing 1st/2nd round Club control (Italian Style). Opener now should bid 4D, a control bid showing 1st/2nd round Diamond control. Lacking 1st/2nd round Heart control Responder signs off in 4S. Opener honors the sign-off because he doesn't have 1st/2nd round Heart control either.

THE QUEEN-ASKING BID

After a 1430 Key Card-asking bid, Partner's answer is often 5C (showing 1 or 4 Key Cards) or 5D (showing 0 or 3 Key Cards). If the 4NT bidder lacks the trump Queen she can ask her Partner if she has it by simply bidding the CHEAPEST SUIT after her answer to the 4NT Key Card-asking bid. Thus, if Partner's answer was 5C, the Queen-asking bid is 5D & if Partner's answer was 5D the Queen-asking bid is 5H.

#1) <u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	#2) <u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>
1S	3S	1S	3S
4NT	5C	4NT	5D
5D		5H	

5D is the Queen-asking bid.

5H is the Queen-asking bid.

HOLDING THE TRUMP QUEEN OR EXTRA TRUMP LENGTH

Extra trump are valuable. Holding a 9-card trump suit including the AK the Queen will drop doubleton 40% of the time. Holding a 10-card trump suit the Queen will drop 80% of the time. Accordingly, when Responder holds five trumps she should bid as though she holds the trump Queen.

RESPONDER'S CONTINUING BIDS

#1) The Queen-asking bid is 5D (Spades are trump):

- 5S.....Sign-off. DENIES the trump Queen OR extra trump length.
- 5NT.....YES the trump Queen but NO side suit King.
- 5H.....YES the trump Queen & the Heart King.
- 6C.....YES the trump Queen & the Club King. DENIES the Heart King.
- 6D.....YES the trump Queen & the Diamond King. DENIES the Heart & Club Kings.

#2) The Queen-asking bid is 5H (Spades are trump):

- 5S.....Sign-off. DENIES the trump Queen OR extra trump length.
- 5NT.....YES the trump Queen but NO side suit King.
- 6H.....YES the trump Queen & the Heart King.
- 6C.....YES the trump Queen & the Club King. DENIES the Heart King.
- 6D.....YES the trump Queen & the Diamond King. DENIES the Heart & Club Kings.

THE KING-ASKING BID

The King-asking bid of 5NT is used only when the partnership holds all five Key Cards AND the trump Queen & there is interest in grand slam. Responder's answer should be a specific King (that is, the cheapest King) rather than the number of Kings outside the trump suit because a particular King is often more critical to reach a grand slam than the number of Kings. If Responder holds more than one King outside the trump suit she should show the cheapest King.

RESPONDER'S ANSWERS TO A 5NT KING-ASKING BID

♠AQ10xx ♥KQx ♦KJxx ♣A (19 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1S	2NT!	Jacoby 2NT!
3C!		Shortage.
	4NT!	1430 for Spades.
5H		Two Key Cards but NO Trump Queen OR extra Trump length.
	5NT	King-Asking Bid.
6S		Sign-off. NO King outside the trump suit.
6C		Club King.
6D		Diamond King but DENIES the Club King.
6H		Heart King but DENIES the Club & Diamond Kings.

RESPONDER HOLDS A VOID

Assume Spades are trump & after a straight-forward bidding sequence Opener bids 1430, 4NT.

Responder's Possible Answers When She Holds a Useful Void:

- 5NT Shows an EVEN number of Key Cards AND a USEFUL void.
- 6C.....Shows an ODD number of Key Cards AND a Club void.
- 6D.... Shows an ODD number of Key Cards AND a Diamond void.
- 6H.....Shows an ODD number of Key Cards AND a Heart void.

A void is NOT useful if it is a suit bid naturally by Partner. If Responder holds no Key Cards & she has a void in Partner's suit, Responder should ignore the void & simply make the response that shows no Key Cards (5D).

Opener's Hand: ♠J10xx ♥AKJ10x ♦_____ ♣Qxxx (11 HCP).

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>
1H	2D
2S	4S
4NT	???

???Responder should bid 5C showing only one Key Card & ignoring her Diamond void. Holding a void in Partner's suit is NOT a favorable holding so Responder should not include the void in her answer to Opener's 1430 bid.

And, finally I bet you didn't know:

"Blackwood may be responsible for more bidding disasters than any other convention".

"While Blackwood is the world's most popular bridge convention it is also unquestionably the most overused."

"A bridge player's skill is inversely proportional to the frequency in which she uses Blackwood".

FURTHER READING

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Next Time: Puppet Stayman.



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

Blackhawk Duplicate Bridge

Blackhawk Country Club

Contact Lilah Newton at

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The Blackhawk Ladies' 1st and 4th Wednesday bridge group has been playing F2F bridge now for a year and we are finally getting close to our pre-COVID attendance numbers. On July 6 we had five tables for an Upgraded Club Championship. Big winners were:

N/S

1st. Judy Slinger and Melanie Pereira	2.25 Black
2nd. Sharon Tarpinian and Lilah Newton	1.48 Black

E/W

1st. Kate Hare and Ann Braden	1.48 Black
2nd. Carole Burgess and Jeanne Cochran.	0.95 Black



We are having a special game on August 24. it is a STAC game and we are inviting our gentlemen friends. We will play in the main dining room and begin at 9:30 with coffee and pastries/muffins served. We will take a break for lunch around 12. There will be a choice of 3 entrees for lunch followed by a cookie tray. After lunch we will finish our bridge game and be ready to leave 2:30-3:00. If you would like to play please contact:

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We welcome all duplicate bridge players. Reservations are required. If you want to play but need a partner we can often find a partner for you. For additional info contact Lilah Newton at 925-648-3154 or lilahnewton@yahoo.com.

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August News

Big changes for CCBC - beginning August 15, CCBC will be hosting games on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Orinda Masonic Hall, 9 Altarinda Road. Until that time, CCBC will continue hosting F2F games in Concord at the First Christian Church and on-line (BBO). So, please follow our regular schedule for games through August 13.

We will continue to offer extra MPs for all in-person games, including a special "Welcome Back to the Club" one - week stretch from August 15-18 when all in person games will be Upgraded Club Championships (double MPs). In-person games during the week of August 22-25 will be STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) games, including silver MPs and a chance to win big MPs as the tournament includes 4 Districts in the West. An extra \$1 for the STaC games.

North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying games. 2x regular club points, 50% red, 50% black. Extra \$1 for BBO games only – the club will absorb the cost for in person games. The following games will be NAP qualifying games in August – Monday (open, all flights) - August 1 and 29, Tuesday (499er flight C) – August 30, Wednesday (open, all flights) August 10 and 24, Friday (open all flights) August 5 and 26, Saturday (499er, flight C) August 6 and 13. August is the last month to qualify for NAPs.

Schedule changes: – Friday afternoon 749er game – limit restored. Continuing in August, the MP limit of the BBO 12:30 game on Friday is 749. Thank you for your support of CCBC!

CCBC Game Schedule

Effective August 1-13, 2022

Monday	10:00	Open	In person	\$9
Tuesday	10:00	749er	Online	\$5
Wednesday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Thursday	10:00	999er	In person	\$9
Friday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Friday	12:30	749er	Online	\$5
Saturday	10:00	499er	In person	\$8

Effective August 15, 2022 (changes in red)

Monday	11:30	Open	In person	\$9
Tuesday	10:00	499er	In person	\$8
Wednesday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Thursday	10:00	999er	In person	\$9
Friday	10:00	Open	Online	\$5
Friday	12:30	749er	Online	\$5
Saturday	10:00	499er	Online	\$5



Lamorinda Bridge Club



SUMMER STaC WEEK (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs)

(all games have a \$10 table fee)

Tuesday, August 23: 7pm **Open Game**

Wednesday, August 24: 10am **Open Game**

Friday, August 26: 10am **Limited (499) Game.**

Saturday, August 27: 10am **Open Game**; 10am **Limited (499) Game**

(if sufficient sign-ups to run two sections)

Sunday, August 28: 10am **Open Game**

Regular Opportunities to play: (As in the past, reservations will be required for all duplicate games.) We are set up to hold day games outside when the weather permits. The Tuesday night game will be held inside. Wearing masks will be optional.

Tuesdays:

3pm - 5:15pm: Supervised Play; 14-16 boards with Master Points Awarded; three questions allowed per player. This is **Limited 499** master points. \$8/ person table fee.

7:00pm - 9:45pm: Open Game; \$8/person table fee (18-21 boards)

Wednesdays:

10am - 1:30pm: **Open Game;** \$10/person table fee.

Fridays: (2nd & 4th weeks of the month)

10am - 1:15pm: **Limited 499 Game;** \$10/person table fee

Beginning August 19 this will become a weekly game.

Saturdays: Beginning August 20 the following games will be offered subject to interest

10am-1:30pm: **Limited 499 Game;** \$10/person table fee

Open Game; \$10/person table fee

If there are sufficient sign-ups we may have tables both inside and outside for one or both sections.

*** **Strata-Flighted Open Swiss Team Game:** usually held 3rd week of the month are temporarily canceled.

In August we will continue offering the following **Virtual Games**

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

Mondays:

Ongoing Beginning Bridge Classes 10am-12noon [ACBL Textbooks Bidding in the 21st Century and Play of the Hand]

Ongoing Intermediate Bridge Class 1pm-3pm [ACBL Textbooks] Topics available upon request. \$20/class.

Winnie & Jerry

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