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ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



My good friends Ms. Cocker Spaniel and Mr. Great Dane sat down, playing East/West. On the second board at the table, Ms. Spaniel bid diamonds twice while Mr. Dane bid the majors. Mr. Dane then jumped to 3N while Ms. Spaniel exhibited surprise. Mr. Dane went on to make 3N for a near top (other pairs played in 2D). My partner exclaimed 'Ya gotta trust your partner!!!'

On the next board, a similar auction: Ms. Spaniel bidding minors and Mr. Dane bidding majors. Mr. Dane ended the auction with 3N. I looked at my partner; we were both thinking 'Trust your partner'. This time, Mr. Dane went down 3 giving us a solid top.

Yes, sometimes partners get it right and sometimes they get it wrong.

But, always trust your partner and chuckle about misbids over coffee or a glass of wine.

Good for Nothing Awards

Anne Hollingsworth

Bruce Johnsonbaugh

Judy Keilin

Lisa Assoni

Mark Humphrey

Mr Multipoo

Chuck Silva

Lynne Humphrey

Recall that the 'Good for Nothing' award is not for someone who does nothing but for someone who does tasks without expectation of award or recognition.

Future events

The Unit's Board of Directors (BoD) has started planning for an active collection of events. Watch for the flyers and announcements.

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Mary Krouse, Publisher

...from the Editor

We recently lost two of our long-time bridge players. Pete Boss and Jerry Waitrovich will be missed. Condolences to Rosemary Boss and Barbara Waitrovich and their families.

Livermore Unit 501 is having their Sectional on February 1 & 2. This has always been a great Sectional, with great snacks! Check out the flyer in this issue, and make plans to attend.

By popular demand, we have included the recipe for Lace Cookies, made by Dori Dolgin for the Unit 499 Holiday Party. Trust me, they were yummy!

Happy New Year to all!

Judy Keilin

Editor



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.

<https://www.unit499.com/>

Milestones and New Members

MILESTONES

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS (5)

Jawad Abidi
Steve Chiles
Bonnie Glatzer
Phyllis Jacob's
Linda Knight
Valerie Robertson

NEW CLUB MASTERS (20)

Ramona Cresci
Rosalie Devin
Danny Yang

NEW REGIONAL MASTER (100)

Craig Lewis

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER (300)

Dave Tong

NEW MEMBERS

Vicki Nagy
Gail Strack
Archana Kapur

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



In Memoriam

Surrounded by his family, we lost a dear bridge player, Pete Boss. He and his wife, Rosemary, are both Life Masters. They often traveled to different states, that included a bridge tournament and vacation. They also helped others. He will be missed!

Below is his obituary.

Lisa Assoni

Peter M. Boss

Dec 12, 1941 - Nov 18, 2024



Peter M. Boss passed away peacefully Monday at his home in Benicia. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts and has called Benicia his home for the past 34 years. He was a graduate of San Diego State University, and later achieved his MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Pete served in the United States Army from 1966-1969 and achieved the rank of Captain. He had a successful career in marketing at Exxon/Mobil & Valero before retiring in 2006.

Pete enjoyed traveling the world with his wife. He also loved working in the yard, was an avid fan of the Warriors and the 49ers and was also an accomplished bridge player. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren - the joys of his life.

He is survived by Rosemary, his wife of 42 years; son Christopher (Kathryn) Boss and daughter Ashley (Patrick) Blower; brother Wayne (Jeanne) Boss; sister Mary Lynne (Pat Hanson) Boss; and his grandchildren Zoe & Hazel Blower and Elizabeth & William Boss.

Family prefers any donations be made to American Forests <https://www.americanforests>.

We have also lost another long time bridge player who many of you know from CCBC and Overtricks by the Bay (Brentwood). Jerry Waitrovich passed away recently. Condolences to his partner in life and bridge, Barbara.



Jerry F. Waitrovich

Aug 20, 1936 - Dec 6, 2024

Jerry F. Waitrovich, 88, of Clayton, CA, passed away Friday, December 6, 2024 at the John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, CA.

Jerry was born August 20, 1936, in Niagara, WI, son of the late Edward and Florence (Kadulski) Waitrovich. He graduated from Niagara High School in 1954 and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin - Madison, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering. Jerry married Barbara Andrieni on July 5, 1958, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. He worked for many years as a general manager for various building material companies across the United States. Jerry loved sports and helping youth. He was a Little League coach, manager and umpire as well as being involved with Boy Scouts of America for several years. He enjoyed playing cards and Bridge was his passion. He was proud to achieve the rank of "Life Master" through the American Contract Bridge League.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 66 years, Barbara; a son, David (Maria) Waitrovich of Alamo, CA; a brother, Terry (Mary Fran) Waitrovich of Portland, OR; a sister, Peggy (Tom) Fahl of Brookfield, WI; a brother-in-law, Kent Gregorius; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was also preceded in death by a daughter, Diane Tillotson, and a sister, Susan Gregorius.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jerry Waitrovich online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

DORI DOLGIN'S LACE COOKIES

Pre-heat oven to 350

1 cup quick oats oatmeal

1 cup sugar

3 tablespoons flour

Pinch of baking POWDER (not soda)

Pinch of salt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 egg

1 stick butter melted

Mix dry ingredients, then mix wet ingredients separately and add to dry ingredients. Mix well.

Line baking sheets with non-stick foilj, dull side up. You can re-use until you are done.

Drop about a tblsp of mix spaced far apart and bake for 7-9 minutes or until golden brown. *Let cool completely.*

It depends on what type of baking sheet how many minutes to bake.

You can add cinnamon or chocolate milk mix or melt chocolate wafers over the cookies when cool, and make little sandwiches.



Livermore Valley Sectional

Saturday, February 1 &
Sunday, February 2, 2025



Christensen Middle School
5757 Haggin Oaks Avenue, Livermore, CA

Saturday February 1

Cure Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME/CFS)

Two Session Open Stratified Pairs
(single-session buy-in allowed)

Strats (0-1000, 1000-2500, 2500+)

Two Session Silver Rush Pairs
(single-session buy-in allowed)

Strats (0-200, 200-400, 400-750)

Morning Novice Pairs
Strats (0-20, 20-50, 50-100)

Sessions are at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

Come without a partner if you wish;
we will arrange a partner (for single
session events)

Sunday February 2

Larry Smith Memorial
Bracketed Teams*

Sessions are at 10:00 AM and TBA

Players must play both sessions

Pairs are welcome; we will
arrange a teammate pair

Sunday lunch available for purchase (short break
between sessions). Coffee and snacks gratis.

NO SMOKING on school premises

Entry Fees

\$15.00 per session for ACBL members
Under 25 half price

\$19.00 per session for unpaid
ACBL members
(non-members must join ACBL to
play; free for 120 days)

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Directions

Interstate 580 to Vasco Road (North)
Proceed 1.3 miles north to Dalton
Avenue
Left on Dalton Avenue, to Pasatiempo
Street
Left on Pasatiempo Street
One short block to Haggin Oaks
Avenue
Right on Haggin Oaks Avenue

Holiday Celebration at Contra Costa Bridge Center

On Saturday, December 14 the Contra Costa Bridge Center hosted twenty tables of often boisterous holiday bridge celebrants.

The event was organized and coordinated by our hard-working team of Mark and Lynne Humphrey. Food and beverages were plentiful with contributions of tasty homemade treats from many of the participants. In addition to celebrating the holidays, the event was intended to thank CCBC players whose ongoing support is very much appreciated by Board members Mike Bandler, Bruce Johnsonbaugh, and Mark. The Board also thanked Mike Krulley, Chris Pisarra, Wayne Rechnitz and Dori Dolgin for their great work in 2024.

In honor of the occasion, Joel White read the following poem he composed.

**A special thank you to Mark and Lynne,
Our host and hostess,
The couple with the mostess
Always kind and smiling, lose or win.**

**And to our board and executive manager,
Two Mikes, Bruce and Mark,
Heroes in the background dark,
Though not always visibly around
Keeping the Contra Costa Bridge Club on a footing so sound.**

**It would be very seriously remiss
Not also to thank our directors, Wayne and Chris
For a thankless job always well done
Even when they play and beat everyone.**

**Now, reflecting on this holiday bridge game theme,
I've been thinking about those among you for a team
To fulfill a fantastical national championship dream.**

**All of that just having been said
It's now past time for me to go to bed.
I will not be awaiting the arrival of St Nick,
Just dreaming of winning the very last of the bid 7NT trick;
The dream, one of great excitement, not being troubled,
Because I made it, though vulnerable and doubled.**

**Happy holidays to all, wishing you very good luck,
Except at our table, please run amuck.
And wishing all lots of good cheer
For a happy and very healthy new year.**

The overall winners in a tight contest were Roberta Polson and Maddy Klein with 62.5% followed closely by Bonnie Macbride and Bradley Komsthoeft with 62.2% and Marj Russell and Carroll Brooks with 61.9%. Special mention of one of the day's more interesting boards, #3. Pat Rolandelli and Winnie Smith failed to heed our request and gave us our only absolute zero of the day by being the only ones to bid and make 6NT on a hand well-played.

Finally a special thanks to Dori Dolgin who helped organize and run the kitchen and food tables while the rest of us enjoyed the day.

Joel E White December 14, 2024





GUESS THE CELEBRITY!

Thanks to Lilah Newton for submitting this photo of her and Bee Sturmer at the recent Las Vegas Nationals. The other photo is your editor with the same celebrity at the San Francisco Nationals in 2019.



LET'S START OVER

It's here-Bring Out The Cheer-It's a new beginning for this year. Make your promises and try to keep them. So leap forward, bury the past, and make a better future.

Happy New Year! Hope this note will find you well. I know we all want to do our best, even at the bridge table. Some of you are seasoned players and have over a thousand points. It's a great game that challenges our brains to work overtime.

Party-Hardy and they did on December 14th. Once again, Mark and Lynne Humphrey hosted a Christmas holiday party with food, fun and joy. Numerous times, this duo have given up their time and talent to make us happy. Sign-ups were gobbled within thirty-six hours after posting. Thanks to this great couple, folks had a blast. Who cared how well they did, as long as the snacks were delicious. It lessens the disappointment. I'm Italian and if we argue before the meal, with fabulous food, we say "What argument?"

Please continue to be involved. This game grows better with age!

Ciao Bella,

Lisa Assoni-ShortCut Cook (TM)



Play a Hand with Me

Play A Hand With Me

January, 2025

North

S AJ3

H A10652

D A107

C 85

West

S K10962

H Q43

D 92

C Q106

East

S Q85

H K987

D 6

C AK742



South

S 74

H J

D KQJ8543

C J93

1H 2C P P

X P 3D P

P P

This deal shows how to create an extra trick and see the reward for finding it. The opening lead was the 6C to the K and then East cashed the A before shifting to his diamond.

My partner won the 7 diamonds in dummy and decided that the only play for an extra trick was

setting up the 5th heart in dummy so she played the A hearts and trumped a heart. Back to the A diamonds and trumped another heart with a high diamond and led a club to the A and trumped another heart high. Now she led a spade to the A and cashed the 13th heart throwing away her losing spade, making 5.

To me it was not easy to see that far in advance and recognize that if hearts split 4-3 (about a 52% chance) the last heart will be good. Making +150 was good for 85% while making +130 was only 49%. It sure pays off when you notice this and see that you have the entries (actually you have many of them) to accomplish your goal.

Jerry Weitzner

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Bridge Classes with Carol Griffin



At the Orinda Community Center: 925.254.2445
(26 Orinda Way)

RUSTY BRIDGE Part II Tuesdays, January 13-
March 18 10am-Noon

This course is specially designed for those who want to update their bidding skills, improve their communication with their partners, and/or revive their "college days" playing skills. **Rusty Bridge Part I** begins with a **thorough** basic bidding review. **Rusty Bridge II** continues with the Stayman convention, Leads against NT vs. Suit Contracts, Preemptive and Slam bidding, Bidding in the "balancing seat", and knowing the distinction between forcing and non-forcing bids. Each session will consist of 1/2-hour lecture and 1 1/2 hours of supervised play with pre-dealt hands that illustrate the subject of the day. A workbook is available from the instructor at a cost of \$15

BEGINNER BRIDGE/ THE CLUB SERIES Tuesdays, January 14-
March 1 1-3 pm

The Club Series is the official ACBL beginner's bridge course on the basics of bidding and play and is also useful for rusty players to update their game. It's a ten-week course that includes hand evaluation, opening 1NT, opening bids, and responses, rebids by opener and responder, overcalls, takeout doubles and responses, and basic play concepts. Each class includes "hands-on" practice in bidding and play. Audrey Grant's Bidding in the 21 century is available for purchase online.

THE DIAMOND SERIES/PLAY OF THE HAND Tuesdays 10 am-
noon March 25-May 27

The Diamond course is the ACBL intermediate course (8 - 10 weeks) which focuses on "Play of the Hand". The main objective is to develop a "Plan by Declarer" including the counting of winners or losers, developing tricks, finessing, eliminating losers, managing the trump suit, considering entries, and avoiding the "dangerous" opponent. Each class will start with a overview lecture, followed by exercises and then play and analysis of four pre-dealt hands. Audrey Grants textbook Play of the Hand is available online.

RUSTY BRIDGE PART I Tuesdays, March 25-May 27
1 pm-3 pm

This course is specially designed for those who want to update their bidding skills, improve their communication with their partners, and/or revive their "college days" playing skills. It begins with a **thorough** basic bidding review, followed by an introduction to, the Stayman convention, leads against NT vs. Suit Contracts. Most likely Preemptive and Slam bidding, bidding in the "balancing seat", and knowing the distinction between forcing and non-forcing bids will be covered in **Rusty Bridge II**. Each session will consist of 1/2-hour lecture and 1 1/2 hours of supervised play with pre-dealt hands that illustrate the subject of the day. A workbook is available from the instructor at a cost of \$15

At the Lafayette Community Center: 925.284.2232
(500 St. Mary's Road)

THE DIAMOND SERIES/PLAY OF THE HAND
Thursdays, January 16-March 20 10 am-noon

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THE HEART COURSE/DEFENSE Part I - Thursdays, January 16 -
March 20 1-3 pm

This defensive course **Part I** is a 10-week course that concentrates on defensive bidding and play. It encompasses Leads against NT, Leads against Suit contracts, Second-Hand play and Third-Hand play, and Signals. There will be an additional 8 pre-dealt hands every other week to bid and play demonstrating the lessons. The course book is available online.

(Part II in April-May will cover Defensive Signals, How to Develop Defensive Tricks, How to interfere with Declarer's Plan, and Making a

Defensive Plan.)

THE DIAMOND SUPERVISED PLAY
May 29 10 am-noon

Thursdays, April 10 -

This is a series of 10 weeks designed to provide reinforcement of one's bridge skills learned in the Diamond course/Play of the Hand.. Each week 8 pre-dealt hands are played while Carol is available for advice on bidding, declarer's plan, or defensive strategy. Time permitting, there will also be randomly dealt hands for further exploration and fun. All hands will be discussed.

THE HEART SERIES/DEFENSE Part II
Thursdays, April 10 - May 29 1-3 pm

Part II covers Defensive Signals, How to Develop Defensive Tricks, How to interfere with Declarer's Plan, and Making a Defensive Plan. Again, there will be an additional 8 pre-dealt hands every other week to bid and play demonstrating the lessons. The course book is available online

Summer classes in Orinda

Cue Bidding. Thursdays, 10 - noon. June 5 - 26
An introduction to the idea of using cue bidding to show a limit raise, or a control cue bid, or a western cue bid, or a Micheals cue bid, and more....

Slam Bidding Thursdays 1 - 3 pm June 5 - 26
This is an introduction to several ways to bid a slam, quantitative, using conventions like Blackwood and Gerber, cue bidding and generally what to look for when considering slam bidding.

Conventions I Thursdays 10 am - noon July 10 - 31
This course will cover 4 or 5 of my favorite conventions from a selection of Stayman and Jacoby Transfers, Negative doubles, Micheals Cue bid coupled with Unusual NT, or New Minor Forcing coupled with 4th Suit Forcing, or even DONT. After each lecture on one convention, there will be at least 4 hands to play that demonstrate the subject of the day. No textbook is required.

Signals Thursdays 1 pm - 3 pm July 10 - 31

This 4-week course covers the 3 types of signals (attitude, count

and suit preference) we can legitimately use when playing bridge. The 4th type of sign is one's first discard. We will have at least 4 hands each week to help us practice using these wonderful aids.

Conventions II **Thursdays 10-noon** **August 7 -28**
This is a 4-week course that will cover some of the most popular conventions that are used today in duplicate. The class will make the selection from 4 to 6 conventions such as Roman Keycard Blackwood, Negative doubles, Splinter bids, Jacoby 2NT, Forcing 1NT, Support Double, Fourth Suit forcing and New Minor Forcing. There will be at least 4 hands to play each week that demonstrate the convention learned.

Competitive Bidding **Thursdays 1 pm - 3 pm** **August 7 - 28**
We will have a thorough review of how to complete (Overcall, Take-out Double, NT overcall, Cue Bidding and even passing!) We will also discuss how to handle competitive bidding and even taking advantage of it at times. There will be 4 hands to play each week that demonstrate the lessons learned from the lecture and exercises.

All year-round there is **Drop-In Bridge** which runs every **Wednesday from 10am-Noon** at the **Lafayette Community Center**. It's a social bridge game to meet new people, practice what you have learned in a class or just get help whenever you need it while you are playing by asking Carol or Debbie. There is always a mini lesson before playing hands

If there are any questions, please call the community centers for more information.

If you need more info, please don't hesitate to visit Carol's website or call her.

<https://carolgriffinsbridge.wordpress.com> or 925.933.3535.

She is also available for private lessons.

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. <https://www.unit499.com/>

Blackhawk Duplicate Bridge Blackhawk Country Club



Blackhawk Ladies Bridge is held the 1st and 4th Wednesdays at the Blackhawk Country club. Starting time is at 9:30. For reservations contact:

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925 963-0452

Lilah Newton

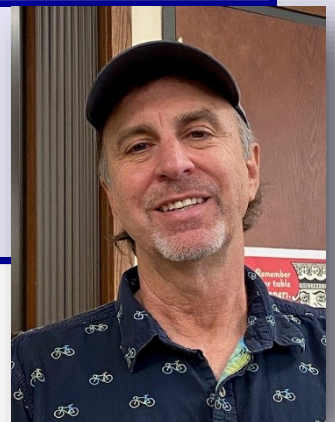
Danville Duplicate Bridge Club

Veteran's Hall
Hartz Ave, Danville

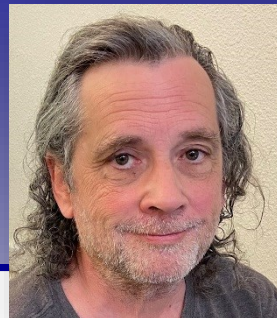
Our 2499er game is held at the Veteran's Hall and starts at 9:30 on Fridays. The cost is \$9 for Danville residents and \$10 for non-residents. 2025 games resume on January 10.

I hope to see you there.

Michael Gosnell



Overtricks by the Bay
193 Griffith Lane
Brentwood



Overtricks is thriving at its new location at the Brentwood Senior Center. Table fees have been reduced to \$4, and there is a minilession before every game. Mark Marty (thatsafire@gmail.com) or 925-487-7832)

Diablo Bridge
Diablo Country Club
1 Country Club Drive
Diablo



The Diablo Bridge game is held at Diablo Country Club on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The game . It begins at 9:30 and runs until about 2:30. Lunch is included.

The game is open to all, but reservations are required.

Mary Krouse
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ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club, Rossmoor



ROSSMOOR NEWS

January 20-25 will be JUNIOR FUND WEEK. An extra dollar will be charged to everyone.

Kit Miller

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January News

Happy New Year!

CCBC continues its efforts in 2025 to provide the maximum number of games offering extra MPs to our players. We are providing 2 more weeks of special games in January. Chances to win extra MPs.

January 1 (Wed) – No game

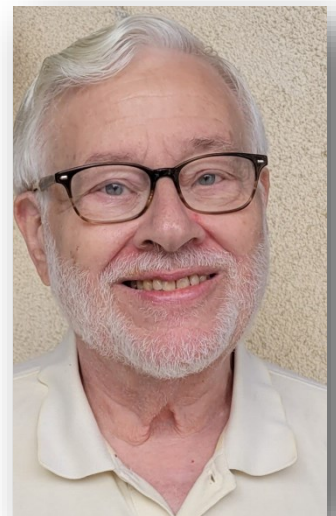
Week of January 13 – Club Championships – extra MPs, no extra charge

Week of January 20 – Jr Fund Games, extra MPs, Extra \$1.

CCBC continues its schedule with bridge games in person in Orinda. **CCBC is hosting games on Mondays & Wednesdays (open at 11:00), and Thursdays (999er at 10:30) at the Orinda Masonic Hall, 9 Altarinda Road.**

Thank you for your support of CCBC!

Michael Kruley



Lamorinda Bridge Club



Lamorinda Bridge Club (LBC)

Reminder of Schedule Changes for Tuesdays:

GAME SCHEDULE:

· Tuesdays:

Game: 2:00-4:40pm, Supervised Play; 16-20+ boards with Master Points awarded; three

questions allowed per player. This is a **Limited 699** Game; \$10 table fee

Optional Potluck Supper: 5:00-5:45pm, \$5

Game: 6-8:45pm **Open** Game; 18-21 boards; \$10 table fee.

· **Fridays:** 10am - 1:15pm, **Limited 699** Game; 18-21 boards; \$10 table fee.

We plan to continue offering Swiss Team Games on the third Saturday of each month:

Swiss Teams 10am – 1:15pm

January 18, No Team event in February, March 15

These games will be Strati- Flighted whenever possible. If you wish to participate please either organize a team of 4 players and register with Winnie ASAP, or if you wish to play but do not have a complete team please let Winnie know and she can suggest several possibilities to forming a team. Game time is at 10am, so please arrive earlier. Table Fee: \$10/ person.

Our next two series of Bridge Classes will be on Mondays from 9:30 – 11:30am:

Play of the Hand (March 3 through April 29 , 9weeks)

Defense (May 5, 12, 19; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 9 weeks)

We use the ACBL textbooks to teach bridge from beginning to intermediate and advanced. All Series are nine weeks long and meet once per week for two hours. The Cost is \$200 which includes the Textbook. Any student wishing to repeat a series can do so for \$100. Attending single sessions for a specific chapter is \$20 per session cost. It is possible to attend a class specifically for review of a specific chapter. If you would like the topic for a specific concept, please request information from Winnie.

Please sign up in advance for any future classes with Winnie by phone or email or text (see contact information at the end).

There will be no further afternoon seminar sessions until March 3 as Jerry and Winnie are hosting an ACBL Sectional at Sea aboard the Coral Princess departing January 20, 2025 out of San Francisco through the Panama Canal (16 days with 9 sea days) and then returning to Los Angeles departing February 5 (16 days) also through the Panama Canal with different ports of call each direction (only 1 duplicate). This is an excellent way to earn silver points. See attached 2025 Panama Canal Cruise Flyer for details.

IMPORTANT - Advance Notice

While we are on the cruises in January and February our Tuesday afternoon games and our Friday morning games will still be held as usual. The Tuesday evening Open Games and the February Swiss Team game will not be held.

As in the past, reservations will be required for all Face-to-Face duplicate games. Wearing masks will be optional. (All games are awarded Master Points and Pair Games have hand records available and posted on the results page at [www.https://my.acbl.org/club-results/271973](https://my.acbl.org/club-results/271973).)

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Please make your Class and Game Reservations with Winnie

LAMORINDA BRIDGE CLUB SECTIONALS AT SEA

Coral Princess Panama Canal January 20-February 5, 2025 (16 nights)

San Francisco CA to Ft. Lauderdale FL. Ports of Call: Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Fuerte Amador, Panama; Cartagena, Colombia.

LAMORINDA BRIDGE SECTIONAL; Voyage 6503; Group Code TN9

6503 will have 10 games- 9 sea days plus a game while in transit between the Pacific and Atlantic.

Coral Princess Panama Canal February 5-21, 2025 (16 nights)

Ft. Lauderdale FL to San Pedro CA. Ports of Call: Oranjestad, Aruba; Fuerte Amador, Panama; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua; Huatulco, Mexico; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

LAMORINDA BRIDGE SECTIONAL; Voyage 6505; Group Code TPL

6505 will have 9 games- 8 sea days plus the transit between oceans.

Co-sponsored by ACBL and the Lamorinda Bridge Club, Jerry Chamberlain, Director. For general information, please contact Jerry at jerry@wjasper.com; 925-766-5228 or Winnie Jasper at winnie@wjasper.com; 925-683-1908. Please copy all cruise inquiries to Tournament Director, Jerry Chamberlain.

Master Point Awards: These will be non-championship level games awarding silver points at 65% normal sectional values.

TABLE FEES:

Table fees will be paid directly to the Venmo, PayPal or Zelle account of Gerald Chamberlain two weeks prior to sailing. Account information will be forwarded to the registered group participants.

Fees for Voyage 6503 = \$180

Fees for Voyage 6505 = \$162

No refunds if you elect to miss a game.

If enough players wish to play an afternoon session, we will add this and payment will be made onboard.

We have to commit to ensure the cruise ship will guarantee space to play bridge. You can join our group by registering through **MELISSA MESKER** or any other of the Princess Group Coordinators into the group with our GROUP CODE.



MELISSA MESKER, Group Reservation Specialist
1-800-901-1172 Ext 21678
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Booking will be directly with Melissa Mesker at Princess Cruises. If you are working through your own travel agent, please ask to have Melissa contacted for the booking. Be certain to refer to the Group CODE. **Bridge space may be limited, and only guaranteed for players registered with the group.**

It is easiest for you to book directly with Melissa at the above contact. She will assist you with the pricing and cabin location, extra perks, Wi-Fi, etc. Playing space is limited but it will be in one of the dining rooms. Game time will be 9:30 AM. Your names, contact email, cabin number, etc will be forwarded to me prior to sailing and they will be the only bridge players allowed to play.

We will host a cocktail party one night and also included is a \$25/person shipboard credit.

We recognize that many ACBL members have cruised often and have relationships with the cruise lines as well as a travel agent they have confidence in. We at Lamorinda Bridge Club do not wish to in any way interfere with those relationships. Make your best deal with whomever, but you will have to make certain you are included in the group codes above. That will require that either you or your agent contact Melissa as part of the booking process.

You will not be included in the group/game if you book the cruise elsewhere and then attempt to be included after the fact. Initial booking deposit must be through Melissa Mesker.