
Ventura Unit Bridge Club

BRIDGE BUZZ #55, OCT-NOV, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rosemary Reitz and Charles Clark had an astonishing 77.73% game on 10/29. Always a tough pair, this is one for the record books. Look for their names in the next edition of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin.

70% GAMES

70% Josh Rosenbluth - Don Cline, 10/01

70.91% Josh Rosenbluth - Don Cline, 10/08

70.63% Jack Rudy - Josh Rosenbluth, 10/31

71.25% Kay Mendel - Robert (RC) Carrier, 11/14, 499er



ADVANCING RANKS

Kay Mendel, Sectional Master (50+)

Marilyn Waples, NABC Master (200+)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

John Sheel - John is a long-time resident of Camarillo who has been playing social bridge for about 8 years. He's recently joined ACBL and has started playing online. Pre Covid, he also played golf.

Welcome back, Snowbirds, Nancy Lander and Mark Robinson from Alaska, and Ken and Patty Richardson from Montana.

WHAT'S GOING ON?




Our online games continue 6 days a week and provide an opportunity to stay in touch (if only remotely) with bridge friends. Effective December 1, we will no longer host the 499er games on Monday or Thursday, the 299er game on Friday or the 99er game on Wednesday. Check the website or Rose's weekly online bridge newsletter to keep up with schedule changes.

In keeping with our goal to satisfy the needs of bridge players at every level, we would like to remind our newer players that the CAL 99er NITE CLUB is up and running. All the clubs in Southern California have pooled together to hold 99er games at 6:30pm every Monday thru Thursday. You should have received an invitation to join this group. If not, contact Mark Eckhout at mmeckhout@gmail.com.

Our Mentoring Program has been re-launched. Larry Pelletier has successfully matched up 4 mentors/mentees to date and is ready to add to the list. Each matched pair commits to 1 hour of online play per week for 4 weeks. Larry still needs a few experienced players to act as mentors. Can you find time in your busy schedule (wink, wink) to coach someone? Contact Larry at larry@pelfam.net for more information.

Have you binge watched all your shows on Netflix and Amazon Prime? Are you looking for something new? Check out "THE KIDS TABLE". It can be found on Amazon Prime or reached through YouTube. This 1 hour documentary follows 4 Millennials who train and compete



on the National Bridge Circuit for a year. Their goal is to study and understand how the most popular game in the country 50 years ago is now on the brink of extinction. Part of it is set at our very own Ventura Halloween Regional in 2017! Look for Mike Gaddis on screen. Then watch for Raeann Koerner at the San Diego Nationals. Can I have an autograph, please.....?

The Board Nominating Committee, Mark Eckhout(Chair), Kay Mendel, and Tim Rea have recruited two wonderful volunteers willing to serve on the Board. Their nominations will be presented to the membership at our Annual Meeting which will be held (remotely) in January. We are still finalizing the date and working out how the

actual vote will take place. Look for more details next month.

Covid has caused many changes in our bridge lives. We are sad to say that Ruth Tracy has decided not to continue her Tuesday game in Camarillo once we return to face to face play. Ruth's game has provided a great option for our members, especially in Camarillo, for years and will be missed. We will look for other opportunities in that community and keep you informed. A big THANK YOU to Ruth for her years of dedication to the game!

UPCOMING SPECIAL GAMES




Get ready! ACBL is once again hosting Stardust Week where you will be able to earn Gold points at all Virtual Club games on BBO. The week of November 23 - 29, any points you earn in the Virtual Club games will be doubled, and will be 25% gold. As usual, the Unit will absorb the extra ACBL fees so there will be no extra charge for the Ventura Unit games. Get your partners lined up and play, play, play....

Since we cannot celebrate the Holidays in person at our usual luncheon, we're going to try something new.....a ZOOM Gathering! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 15, at 11:45am. You will receive an invitation via email to join a Zoom call hosted by Rose Buckley, Board President. We will capture some video and screen shots of

participants sending non-verbal Holiday Greetings to our bridge family. So wear your Holiday sweater and decorate your table top. The photo shoot will take about 15 minutes and will be followed by our normal games at 12:15 (499er) and 12:30 (Open) with a special fee of only \$3.00. (This is required by BBO and ACBL) The video/photos will be posted to the Unit website, so don't do anything naughty.....

AND FINALLY....

It's been a tough year. Let's all take time to reflect and take stock of the many things we have to be thankful for: gratitude for family, friends, health, home; memories of good times past; and optimism about the future. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Stay safe.



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