

Ventura Unit Bridge Club
BRIDGE BUZZ #53, AUGUST 2020

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our amazing young player, Finn Kolesnik was part of a team competing in the North American Online Bridge Championships (NAOBC) Knock Outs. Finn's team (Finn, Jacob Freeman, Kit Woolsey, Bart Bramley, Bob Hamman, and Peter Weichsel) and the Levine team (Mike Levine, Eddie Wold, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Geir Helgemo, and Tor Helness) ended in a tie after 56 Boards. If some of those names seem familiar it's because they are some of the top players in the world. Each of the team members accumulated 144 Master points throughout the NABC online tournament. Finn is really in the major leagues now. We are so proud.....



Also, we are happy to report that Jody Shapiro is our newest Director and will begin directing some of our online games. Thank you Jody, for taking this on.

ADVANCING RANKS

Nita Whaley, Sectional Master (50+)

Barbara (BJ) Fitzgerald, Regional Master (100+)

Iris Acutt, NABC Master (200+)

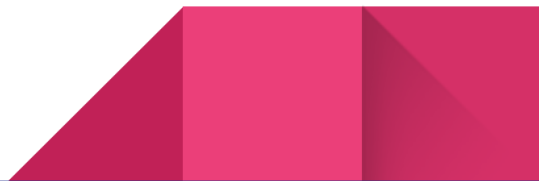
Jody Shapiro, NABC Master (200+)

Raeann Koerner, Bronze Life Master (750+)


WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Leslie Bellmore

WHAT'S GOING ON?



Our Virtual Club games continue every day except Sunday. (Check the website for the full schedule) Now we can host friends and family members who are not members of the Unit. Is there someone in San Diego or Chicago, or Toronto you'd like to invite to play? It's easy to add them to our list. Just send the game Director a message (in BBO chat) when you sign in and provide your guest's name, BBO User ID, and ACBL number if you have it. Want to find an early morning, late afternoon, or evening game? Now you can do that through the ACBL/BBO expanded access program. If you're looking for an open or limited game that fits your schedule we suggest you check out the [Santa Barbara Bridge Center's virtual schedule](#) for more options. Play bridge at home in your PJs whenever and with whomever you like. Of course we hope you will continue to support the Unit by playing in our Virtual Club games, but the most important thing is that you just keep playing.




UPCOMING SPECIAL GAMES

Last month's online Sectional Tournament provided silver points to many of our members. Now, mark your calendars for your chance to win red and gold points during the ACBL online "Virtual Vacation" event August 27-30. There will be 4 sessions each day and there will be games for every level of player. [Click here](#) for the complete schedule.

AND FINALLY....

Thank you to Rose Buckley for her weekly Virtual Bridge Newsletter. Keep up with all the current online news and lots of BBO tips that will help make playing online easy and fun. Check your email every Sunday! And look for access to current and past issues on our website soon.

Also thank you to BJ Fitzgerald who has volunteered to become the Unit's Membership Chair as well as being our Historian. If



you have any interesting bridge related photos you can share, please forward them on to BJ for posting to the website.

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