

Ventura Unit Bridge Club

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CONGRATULATIONS!

To the two newest members of the Unit's Board of Directors, Margie Butler and Doug Hahn.

Although born in Detroit, Margie has spent most of her life in southern California. After retiring from her job as a computer programmer, she and her husband moved to Austin, Texas where she took up the game of bridge. After nine years in Austin, they returned to California to be near family. Last year she became a Director and now, a board member.



Doug Hahn is a native Californian who was first introduced to bridge on a cruise ship. A civil engineer, who worked on pipelines and anything having to do with “fluids”, Doug caught the bridge bug after retiring. Always willing to help out setting up the room for our games and volunteering in other ways, Doug agreed to join the Board this year.

We thank them both for stepping up to these new positions.

70% GAMES

None

ADVANCING RANKS

Bunny Raymond, Club Master (20+)

Ken Richardson, Regional Master (100+)




WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Teryl Burke has officially joined our Unit. Teryl has played in many of our games over the years in Camarillo, Ventura, and now online. We are happy to have her as part of our bridge family.

WHAT'S GOING ON?


In this extraordinary time, forty members of Unit 547 managed to attend the annual meeting via Zoom on Saturday, January 30. President Rose Buckley presented the “state of the unit”, chronicling our successful transition to online bridge. She acknowledged acting manager Barry Brenner’s work at getting our unit games successfully up and running early in the first few weeks of the lockdown.



Parker Mann was thanked for his elegant work at developing our Unit's new website with the help of his committee, Larry Pelletier, Josh Rosenbluth, Lorraine Salvatore and Barry Brenner. On a shared screen, Parker walked us through the many features of the website which is serving the unit well, particularly now while we cannot meet face to face.

Larry Pelletier talked about the mentoring program and reached out to the membership to consider offering guidance to our newer players on improving their game. A commitment of even an hour a week would help players who are seeking mentors. Please contact Larry at larry@pelfam.net for more information.


Our treasurer, Charles Clarke reported our treasury is healthy as the unit continues to collect game fees while



experiencing lower operating costs than in normal face to face time.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members we lost this past year, Dick Daskais, Yvonne Farris, Carolyn Berenson, Jackie Rago.

Mark Eckhout Chair of the Nominating Committee with the support of Kay Mendel and Tim Rea, presented the names of Doug Hahn and Margie Butler for consideration for the Board of Directors. They along with two members who agreed to serve another two-year term, Lorraine Salvatore, Publicity Vice-President and Bridge Buzz author, and BJ Fitzgerald, Membership Chair were voted into office by unanimous consent of the membership.



Both outgoing members, Josh Rosenbluth and Dennis Charles, were thanked by President Buckley for their years of excellent board service in support of the Unit.

Along with the delight at seeing our bridge friends on our Zoom screens, all attending members were rewarded with twenty-dollar gift certificates to Stonefire Grill for attending this unique Pandemic version of our Unit 547 Annual Meeting.

At the first meeting of the new Board, on 2/12/21, the following officers were elected:

Lorraine Salvatore, President

Margie Butler, Vice President

Doug Hahn , Secretary

Charles Clarke, Treasurer (non voting member)




Also at this meeting, a motion was passed to lower the online card fees for all limited games (ie. 99er and 499er) to \$4.00 effective immediately. We strongly encourage our novices and intermediate players to join us online!

Soon you will be receiving an email with the Unit roster attached. Please double check your personal information for accuracy and report any necessary corrections to Bob Gruber at robertmgruber@aol.com. The info has been lifted from ACBL's database so if you find an error you should also correct it at ACBL.org.

UPCOMING SPECIAL GAMES

ACBL is holding an online Regional Tournament February 18 - 21 offering the opportunity to win red and gold points. Check the schedule at ACBL.org and remember, all start times are Eastern Standard Time.



AND FINALLY....

Any jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts out there in need of a new challenge? Mike Gaddis has some puzzles he's looking to give away. (And he promises there are no missing pieces). Contact Mike at ventura.mike@hotmail.com.

Let us know if any of your contact information has changed, if you wish to unsubscribe to Bridge Buzz, or would like us to add a fellow bridge player to our mailing list by contacting Parker Mann, mpmann80@gmail.com

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