

## Ventura Unit Bridge Club

### BRIDGE BUZZ #49 April 2020

It's hard to believe how our lives have changed over the past few weeks. Social distancing, shutdowns, shortages, impacting us in unimaginable ways. Hopefully you and your loved ones are staying healthy. Now's the time to read that book, clean out that closet, take up that hobby, binge watch that show on Netflix or just take a walk and enjoy our natural surroundings.

We will all come through this and life will return to some new version of normal. Our bridge community is, of course, at the high end of the risk spectrum so it will take longer for us to get back to the bridge clubs. **We are not sure when our Club games will reopen. Our Strawberry Sectional has been canceled for 2020.**

**However, we are very excited to announce that we will be hosting our club games online at Bridge Base Online (BBO) as soon as next week.** Please look for another email from us with the official announcement later this week. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to join BBO to alleviate their "bridge withdrawal" and to become familiar with BBO.

Our thanks to Mark Eckhout and Parker Mann for putting together **the instructions for getting started on BBO**. If you want to play for fun and practice there are many free options for you. If you want to play for ACBL points, it will cost a minimum fee. (Some of these ACBL games allow a significant portion of the fees to come back to our Unit.) You can play as an individual, with a partner, or set up your own table of four. You can play with robots or with people, both friends from the Unit or a partner from anywhere in the world. You'll find it's a good way to pass the time.

Believe it or not, there were two weeks of bridge in March so there is some news to report.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

.....to the winners of the 2019 Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards listed here in ascending order from Junior Master (5+) to Diamond Life Master (5,000+); Barry Brenner, Murray Rosenbluth, Barbara(BJ) Fitzgerald, Helen Weeks, Joan Cathcart, Mark Eckhout, Jody Shapiro, Mimi Draves, Finn Kolesnik, Josh Rosenbluth, Anne Cline, Deborah Triolo, Ken Thompson, Joann Bowen, Charles Clarke, and Don Cline.

Congratulations also go out to the following players who placed in the top 100 (out of 2487) for total points for STaC week; Finn and Alex Kolesnik, Tim and Sally Rea, Deborah Triolo and Mark Robbins.

## 70% GAMES

71.21% Charles Clarke - Dawn Ligon 3/10

73.36% Don Cline - Anne Cline 3/2

FYI, this placed Anne and Don 1st out of 3,711 pairs in the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs game.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ginny McConnell

Ted McConnell

C J Eman

Glenn Erickson

Joseph Jones

Lauren Nicholson

## **AND FINALLY....**

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