

Remember! Our Holiday Zoom “party” is coming up a week from this Tuesday, Dec 15, 11:45 am to 12 noon. Pop in for a few minutes and say hello to your fellow players. Did you forget what they looked like? Susan will introduce our new Unit 547 friend “George MaskKot Jr.” You’ll get your zoom invite and more info in next Sunday’s email.



Speaking of forgetting what each other looks like. Let’s have some fun! Take a selfie of yourself, or select a photo, and send it to our webmaster, Parker Mann, to put into our “About Us” photo gallery on our website. Parker’s email is mpmann80@gmail.com,

Contacting your game director. If you can’t get onto BBO or need assistance prior to a game, and time is of the essence, you can always call the “director of the day”. If you call me, and I’m not directing it will take longer. Here’s our normal director schedules:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday games – Chris Gillman (805-512-6746)
- Thursdays – Margie Butler (805-293-9552) or Jody Shapiro (805-901-1945)
- Saturdays – Rose Buckley (805-659-9223) or Sean Gallagher (1-301-275-1976)

You can find a complete December director game schedule with contact info on our club web site at [director schedules](#).

Happy Holidays! See you at the table 😊

Warm regards,

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12/06/20

HOLIDAY ZOOM GATHERING IS HERE! COME JOIN US TUESDAY DECEMBER 15 AT 11:45 – 12 NOON PST TO SAY A HOLIDAY HELLO TO YOUR BRIDGE FRIENDS.

Susan and BJ will be your zany co-hosts (along with our new Unit 547 friend “George Maskot Jr.”) Join the holiday spirit! Wear your favorite holiday cap, sweater, T or socks! Or just come wearing your smile (plus clothes of course).

AND --- OUR 499er AND OPEN TUESDAY GAMES FOLLOWING THE ZOOM WILL ONLY COST \$3 – the lowest that ACBL / BBO will allow.

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Once you join the meeting double check that your computer audio button is on. It’s usually the little speaker icon in the bottom ribbon of your PC.

HERE’S THE ZOOM INVITE BELOW:

“Rose Buckley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rose Buckley's Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 15, 2020 11:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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12/13/20

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY HANUKKAH! HAPPY GEETA JAYANTI!

The Holiday Zoom Hello on Tuesday 12/16/20 was a lot of fun. It was nice actually seeing you. Made even more special with your holiday smiles and clothes. I've attached one photo below and there are more photos on our website at [Photo Gallery | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](http://Photo Gallery | VUBC (vcbridge.org))

In fact, we've decided to do this weekly. We'll call it **VUBC Clubhouse**. **Every Tuesday, 11:45 to 12:15** players can meet each other on Zoom. No need to dress up – wear your bridge clothes (sure, pajamas too). Just pop in anytime and leave anytime. It will be almost like going to the club. We'll have virtual “tables” where you can discuss your convention card, bridge hands or just chat with your partner and/or friend(s). Or stay in the main room and just say hello. Your zoom invite for this coming Tuesday, 12/22 is at the end of this email.

HEADS UP! There will be no game on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec 25th but we **WILL** have a game on New Years day, Friday, Jan 1st.

NEW! CLASSES! Rose is starting up her “A Step Up” bridge classes again but in a whole new way – online! It will be every Saturday, 9:30 to 11am on Zoom. The first lesson will be “A Little Finesse” on January 2nd, 2021. For more information and to register for the class, visit our website vcbridge.org or use this link: [Lessons | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](#).

ONE OF OUR OWN, Dr. Gary Feldman, just released the second edition (updated as of Dec. 10th) of his informative book [The COVID-19 Solutions Guide: Health, Wealth, Technology, and the Human Spirit](#) . Look for it on Amazon. Well done, Gary!

IS YOUR PARTNER GETTING OUR EMAILS? We’ve discovered many of our players are NOT getting our emails. That’s because earlier this year we switched to ACBL’s third party emailing service to email our ACBL members. This service uses the email address on file for you at ACBL.

Some of our members may have changed their email address and not notified ACBL or they have told ACBL they don’t want any emails, which means they won’t get ours either. Since we have no way of knowing who these folks are, we ask for your help. **Ask your partner / bridge friend if they are getting our club emails.** If they aren’t, they are really missing out on the fun. Let them know to update their official ACBL email address and/or security preferences by logging onto the MyACBL web site at <https://api.acbl.org/login>. If they need extra help, have them contact Josh Rosenbluth at joshua.rosenbluth@gmail.com.

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Coming soon. Instructions on how to navigate the Zoom screen will be posted on our website. Just remember, you need to “activate” (by touch or moving your mouse) to see the little icons once on a Zoom screen.

TUESDAY VUBC CLUBHOUSE ZOOM INVITE 11:45 am (see below): Make sure to save this email as you will use it to join our Zoom meeting. If you have a partner you’ve played with at our club and they’re not on our email list, go ahead and forward this Zoom invite to them and they can join us.

Rose Buckley is inviting you to a VUBC Clubhouse Zoom meeting.
Time: Dec 22, 2020 12:45 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Happy Holidays! See you Tuesday 😊

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12/21/20

I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR ... REALLY!

2020 has not been a very good year, to say the least. This insidious COVID-19 virus has taken its toll. My heart goes out to those of you in our community who were struck particularly hard ... loss of loved ones, sickness, or financial distress. 2021 gives us hope that we can return to normalcy soon. In the meantime, we are hanging in there together.

Let's wish each other a Happy New Year at our VUBC Clubhouse. This Tuesday, 11:45 to 12:15, on Zoom. We'll have "breakout rooms" where you can discuss your convention card,

bridge hands or just chat with your partner and/or friend(s). Or stay in the main room and just say hello. Your zoom invite for this Tuesday, 12/29, is at the end of this email.

REMINDER: We WILL have a game on New Year's Day, Friday, Jan 1st.

"STEP UP" YOUR BRIDGE! Rose's first class in her on-line Play of the Hand series starts this Saturday, Jan 2nd, 2021. The first lesson will be "A Little Finesse". For more information, or to register now for this zoom lesson, visit our website vcbridge.org (Knowledge: Lessons) or use this link: [Lessons | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](http://Lessons|VUBC(vcbridge.org)). New topics will be offered every Saturday, 9:30 to 11am.

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Topic: VUBC Clubhouse Tuesday

Time: Dec 29, 2020 11:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Happy New Year! See you Tuesday 😊

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12/28/20