

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Annual Meeting yesterday. It was like “going home” for me, even if it was virtual. I’m hoping we can have a Clubhouse Tuesday once a month from now on so we can all touch base with each other once again until we can get back to playing at our clubs. I will keep you posted.

Congratulations To The Winners Of Our Special Post-Annual Meeting Games Yesterday.

- Saturday, 1/30, Open
 - N/S: JoAnn Bowen – Arline Benzien
 - E/W: Jack Rudy – Josh Rosenbluth
- Saturday, 1/30, 499er
 - Suzanne and Barry Brenner

BBO Crash, Thursday, 1/28. For those of you that were playing in our game last Thursday, we are sorry for the inconvenience. Apparently BBO seems to have difficulties every so often. Look for your refund of \$6 for that game from BBO by clicking BB\$, select “Account activity” on the pulldown menu. Enter your BBO username and password and select the “Show recent activity” button. If you have NOT received a refund yet, I’m working on it. I’ll let you know.

Upcoming Valentine’s Day Games – Feb 13/14. Even though we aren’t able to put on a face-to-face Valentine Sectional this year, ACBL stepped up to the plate and is sponsoring Virtual Club “Valentine Weekend” games on Feb 13th and 14th. This will award double points, ½ red and ½ black. Mark your calendars for our participating “Valentine” 499er game at 12:15 pm and “Valentine” Open game at 12:30 pm on Saturday, Feb 13th. We are considering also holding Virtual Club “Valentine” games that Sunday. Stay posted. If you’d like to make your voices heard, send me an email if you’d like to have a “Valentine” game on Feb 14th.

Educational Foundation Week- Feb 22-28. ACBL is sponsoring these Virtual Club games as a fundraiser for their Educational Foundation. Games will be awarding double black masterpoints. Even though these games cost the club more, we will NOT be passing on those costs to our players. Card fees will remain at \$6.

Rose is holding her fifth **bridge class**, “Trump Magic”, Saturday, Feb 6th .9:30 to 11 am. For more information, or to register for this zoom lesson, visit our website vcbridge.org (Knowledge: Lessons) or use this link: [Lessons | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](http://Lessons|VUBC(vcbridge.org)).

Have a great week. See you at the table 😊

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To all you sports enthusiasts, HAPPY SUPERBOWL SUNDAY, TODAY! It will be exciting to see the oldest star quarterback pitted against the youngest star quarterback. Will wizened experience reign over youthful talent?

To all you bridge enthusiasts, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND NEXT WEEKEND! Double masterpoints, ½ red and ½ black. Our games will be ON both next Saturday and next Sunday. Yes, I said Sunday. On both days, we have scheduled a 499er game (12:15 pm) and an Open game (12:30). See the attached FLYER.

BUT, WAIT, there's more. **99er game?** Our own Bunny Raymond is trying to work up player interest in an *additional* Valentine's Day game on Sunday Feb 14th for you novice and beginner bridge players – a 99er game at noon.. The game would be 18 boards at 8 minutes a board. \$5 game fee. We need 12 players **to commit** to playing in that game, by Saturday Feb, 13th in order to have a game Call or email Bunny Raymond to "reserve" a place for you in the game at 805-216-1632 or 4bunnyr@gmail.com. Of course, you will still have to register for the game that Sunday. The game will be posted in the list of BBO Virtual Club games, 2 hours before its start time (noon) if it's "on".

You must be an ACBL member to participate. Why? Because ACBL has to check your masterpoints to ensure you have fewer than 100. No problems, you can sign up for a free Guest membership here: [American Contract Bridge League \(site-ym.com\)](http://American Contract Bridge League (site-ym.com)). No partner? No problem. Sign up in the game's partnership desk.

BBO Crash, Thursday, 1/28. Have you received your refund? BBO promised that the refunds would be automatic. Apparently, they had a glitch. Look for your refund of \$6 for that game from BBO by clicking BB\$, select "Account activity" on the pulldown menu. Enter your BBO username and password and select the "Show recent activity" button. If your refund it is not shown, email: accounting@bridgebase.com. Make sure to mention the club (131102), the date (1/28/21) and the time (12:30 pm PDT).

A Pet Peeve. How would you like to be at a club game and, in your turn to bid, ask your opponent what their bid means, only to hear *nothing*? The player has NO convention card and totally ignores you. It is very frustrating. Well, that's what it's like in our games on BBO when pairs don't have a convention card to view, they don't have anything in

their profile, they don't know how to Alert their bids and they don't know how to respond when asked.

Firstly, I give lots of kudos to most of our players that DO have a convention card for them and the partner they are playing with at the moment, they DO have a little info in their BBO profile telling what conventions they use and they DO alert their bids.

For the others, I'll tell you how to learn how to do it. Let's pretend you are on the "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" TV game show: You are asked a question. You have the following options:

- **Ask a friend.** *Call a friend, or your partner, and ask them how you do these things on BBO.*
- **Look it up.** *See my writeups in my past Weekly Blasts that are posted on our website here [Bridge Buzz | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](https://vcbridge.org). Specifically, the 9/7/20 edition (convention cards); the 8/17/20 edition (alerts); the 7/27/20 edition (BBO profile)*
- **Watch a video.** *BBO has help videos on this site [BBO video tutorial playlist - \(bridgebase.com\)](https://bridgebase.com) OR GOOGLE "you tube videos" and you'll see bunches of helpful videos.*
- **Here's a hint.** *Click on the "Account" tab on the right side of BBO's screen and just look around. Play with it. Click on your bid when you are bidding. Watch what happens. To get rid of the "Alert" box, click it again.*

Rose is holding her sixth **bridge class**, "The Cool Crossruff", Saturday, Feb 13th 9:30 to 11 am. For more information, or to register for this zoom lesson, visit our website vcbridge.org (Knowledge: Lessons) or use this link: [Lessons | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](https://vcbridge.org).

Have a great, safe SUPERBOWL SUNDAY. See you at the table 🍷

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER'S OF THE VALENTINE'S WEEKEND special Virtual Club Games. All masterpoint winners of these games get double masterpoints, ½ red and ½ black. And thanks to all who showed up on Sunday. We had TWO games. Here are the winners:

Saturday, Feb 13th. Open

- North/ South: Lorraine Salvatore – Judy Kupperman
- East/West: Jack Rudy – Josh Rosenbluth.

Sunday, Feb 14th. 499er: Johnnie Patton – Suzie Herman

Sunday, Feb 14th. Open: Anne Cline – Don Cline

MORE CHANCES TO WIN A WEEK FROM MONDAY, FEB 22-28th.

That week is ACBL's Educational Foundation Week. ACBL's proceeds from all games goes toward bridge education programs. DOUBLE black points will be awarded. Even though ACBL fees are higher, our club offers these games at the same low price of \$6.

NEW, REDUCED PRICES FOR OUR 499ER GAMES. We have reduced our card fees for our Tuesday and Saturday 499er game down to \$4. All you players with fewer than 500 masterpoints, join us!

Rose is holding her seventh **bridge class**, "The Excellent End Play", Saturday, Feb 20th .9:30 to 11 am. For more information, or to register for this zoom lesson, visit our website vcbridge.org (Knowledge: Lessons) or use this link: [Lessons | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](#).

Have a great, safe Valentine's Day weekend. See you at the table 😊

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE!

DOUBLE BLACK POINTS THIS WEEK IN OUR CLUB'S VIRTUAL GAMES!

MONDAY FEB 22 THROUGH SATURDAY FEB 27TH

This week is ACBL's Educational Foundation Week. ACBL's proceeds from all games goes toward bridge education programs. DOUBLE black points will be awarded. Even though ACBL fees are higher, our club offers these games at the same low price of \$6 for the open (Mon, Tue, Thu and Sat) and 1499ers (Wed and Fri) and \$4 for the 499er games on Tue and Sat. See our website for our regular game schedule at [Ventura Unit Bridge Club \(vcbridge.org\)](http://Ventura Unit Bridge Club (vcbridge.org))

Rose is holding her eighth **bridge class**, "Trump Contracts: Making a Plan", Saturday, Feb 27th .9:30 to 11 am. For more information, or to register for this zoom lesson, visit our website vcbridge.org (Knowledge: Lessons) or use this link: [Lessons | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](#).

Have fun playing bridge. See you at the table 😊

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