

WELCOME 2021!

The new year starts out with a bang in January. Lots of events scheduled, as well as our regular games.

ANNUAL MEETING. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 30th, 11:15 to noon**. ACBL UNIT 547 will be holding its annual business meeting and election of new directors to the Unit 547 board. Our Unit Nominating Committee nominated Doug Hahn and Margie Butler for the board term of 2021 – 2022. If there are any other members who would like to serve on our Unit board please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Mark Eckhout at mmeckhout@gmail.com.

Of course, due to COVID-19, our meeting will be held on ZOOM this year. Look for the invitation in my Sunday, January 24th newsletter. All members of Unit 547, and their guests, are invited. Traditionally, we had Stone Fire Grill cater our lunch. But we won't let that discourage us this year! All members who attend our meeting will receive a free Stone Fire Grill gift card for \$20. I've attached a copy of the flyer to this email.

Who is a member of our Unit? If you are a member of ACBL and live in our geographical area, you are normally a member of our Unit. To verify which ACBL Unit you "belong" to, logon to MYACBL. It will show the District and Unit with which you are associated.

This meeting will be followed by our regular 1/30/21 Saturday Open and 499er games BUT for the rock-bottom price of \$3. ALL of our players are invited to play, whether you are a member, or not.

HEADS UP! ACBL Virtual Clubs are hosting another Silver Linings Week from January 18-24. A chance to win DOUBLE, not black, but SILVER points at every virtual game that week.

"STEP UP" YOUR BRIDGE! Rose's second class, "The Sassy Side Suit", in her on-line Play of the Hand series, is this Saturday, Jan 9th, 9:30 to 11 am. 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)).

PLAYER'S TIP CORNER. Joanne Bowen, one of our players, has a great tip for all of you who have achieved the age of 70 or older. During these troubling COVID-19 time, you can renew your Driver's License in the comfort of your home – no waiting in lines at DMV. Here's the link for more information: Senior Drivers - California DMV.

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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. Click [Zoom How Tos](#) to learn more about Zoom ... in picture form.

Topic: VUBC CLUBHOUSE TUESDAY

Time: Jan 5, 2021 11:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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See you Tuesday 😊

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A COUPLE OF REMINDERS.

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Eckhout at mmeckhout@gmail.com. Look for the invitation in the Sunday, January 24th newsletter.

“STEP UP” YOUR BRIDGE! Rose’s third class, “NT: Making a Plan”, in her on-line Play of the Hand series, is this Saturday, Jan 16th, 9:30 to 11 am. 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)).

ACBL HAS ISSUED NEW GUIDANCE ON ALERTS effective 1/1/21. View the full writeup: [AlertProcedures2.pdf \(acbl.org\)](http://AlertProcedures2.pdf(acbl.org)). **REMEMBER THAT BBO VIRTUAL GAME PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO ALERT THEIR OWN BIDS.** Some pertinent highlights:

- You no longer announce “transfer”. Instead, you say the suit to which you are transferring. Example, you say “hearts”.
- If you play the natural short club, you must announce (ALERT on BBO) the bid of 1C, “may be as short as X”. For many players, X =2.
- If you use minor suit transfers after NT, for example 2S as a relay to clubs and can be corrected by responder to diamonds, the 2S bidder says “ALERT”. In BBO they can add the explanation “relay to 3C showing either clubs or diamonds”.
- Support doubles and redoubles are no longer alerted.
- All (strong, invitational or weak) natural jump shifts by responder, IN OR OUT OF COMPETITION, are not alerted.
- A new suit by an unpassed responder on the 1 level after opponent doubles must be alerted if it is NOT forcing. A new suit on the 2-level remains not an alert, whether or not it is forcing.

BBO CONVENTION CARDS. Every pair registered in our Virtual Games should have a Convention Card filled out with you and your BBO partner’s name on it. I described how you can do that in my September newsletter (see our vcbridge.org website).

BBO PROFILE: Everyone should also have an abbreviation of their systems in their BBO PROFILE. However, if you are ever a sub or plan to be a sub, and don’t know what partner you will be paired with, this is a REQUIREMENT. Your sub partner will have NO IDEA about the system you play as they can neither ask you during bidding or play AND there will be no convention card for your partner to review. Speaking for myself as a director, I will no longer allow a player to sub with a “human” sub unless they have something in their profile describing their system. I’ve had too many issues with their sub partner complaining about being totally in the dark. I described how to do this in my 7/27/20 newsletter (blast). Here’s a brief synopsis:

In the ACCOUNT tab, select PROFILE. In the “Other” entry area, enter abbreviation for how you bid / play that you think will be helpful to an unknown partner. Careful, you only have six lines. Don’t forget to hit the blue “Save Changes” button when you are done. Here is an example of what would go into a more beginning player’s profile. *Std*

Am., 15-17 NT, Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Strong 2C, Weak 2s, Blackwood. Std Carding.

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Topic: VUBC Clubhouse Tuesday

Time: Jan 12, 2021 11:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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See you Tuesday 😊

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During these difficult times, I hope you are safe and healthy. Soon we will have a vaccine to get us through. In the meantime, please wear a mask and socially distance. It's even more important with this new extra-contagious strain of COVID-19 emerging.

ARE YOU AN ACBL MEMBER? Are you assigned to UNIT 547? If so, you should have already received a Zoom invitation to attend our ANNUAL MEETING on **Saturday, January 30th, 11:15 to noon**. We hope you plan to join us. We need your vote and feedback on various issues presented there.

If you are a little unsure of how to use Zoom, come to our VUBC Clubhouse Tuesday (see below). We have folks that can help you find your way around the Zoom screen. I will be including a reminder invitation to our Annual Meeting in my next Sunday's January 24th) newsletter.

Rose is holding her fourth bridge class, "The Dummy Ruff", Saturday, Jan 23th, 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 \(vcbridge.org\)](#).

A NEW BBO TIP. Did you know BBO lets you replay hands you have already played? You can even make a "movie" of them and send it to your bridge buddies.

Use BBO's HISTORY tab to find hands you have played. Once you see a hand of interest, select it to get the hand view displayed. In the corner of the view, you'll see the blue "hamburger" (i.e. menu). Click on the menu and select "Export". You will see various options listed. Here are a few of my favorites.

Send to member: This is a way you can share your hand with another player on BBO, perhaps to review. Enter your friend's BBO name in the User Name line (let's say it's SuzieQ) and hit OK. The hand will appear in SuzieQ's BBO mailbox. She can see it when she hits the MESSAGE tab and selects the Mail option.

Save deal as: A pop-up will list the BBO folders you have set up via the ACCOUNT tab, Deal Archive Option. These folders are places where you can store hands to play later. I think everyone is automatically set up with a folder called "My favorite hands". Enter a name for the hand, and then select the folder in which you'd like it stored. The hand will be copied there. If you later set up a BBO Teaching Table, you can bring the hand in to play again.

Handviewer link: This creates an animated hand record (e.g. you can interact with it) and displays a link to it. By clicking on the link, it will create a new tab in your browser which holds that link. That link can be sent to others via a normal email. When you click on the link, you'll see the "movie" as some call it, which has lots of options. You can animate the play that was actually done or you can replay the hand by selecting cards to play in the hand diagrams. Pretty snazzy!

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Topic: VUBC Clubhouse Tuesday

Time: Jan 19, 2021 11:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR ACBL UNIT ANNUAL MEETING! NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 11:15 TO NOON. On Saturday, just click the link shown under “Join Zoom Meeting”. Click [ZOOM apps | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82001689319) to learn more, in picture form, about how to get zoom on your mobile device.

Topic: VUBC ANNUAL MEETING ZOOM INVITE
Time: Jan 30, 2021 11:15 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 820 0168 9319

We hope you plan to join us. We look forward to your feedback on how we can improve things for our players going forward. If you are an ACBL Member assigned to Unit 547, we will appreciate your vote on our election of new board of directors and a change to our Bylaws AND you will receive a \$20 gift card to Stone Fire Grill.

Click [ZOOM apps | VUBC \(vcbridge.org\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82001689319) to learn more, in picture form, about how to get zoom on your mobile device. You do NOT need to have a camera or microphone on your PC to use Zoom. If you wish to communicate with us, you can use the Zoom “chat” feature instead.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR “SILVER LININGS WEEK”!

- Monday, 1/18, Open
 - Larry Pelletier – Raeann Koerner

- Tuesday, 1/19, Open
 - N/S: Dolores Silverstein – Jody Shapiro
 - E/W: Don Cline – Josh Rosenbluth
- Wednesday, 1/20, 1499er
 - N/S: Jacqueline Stultz – Bob Becker
 - E/W: Darlene Yeowell – Arlene Broslow
- Thursday, 1/21, Open
 - N/S: Judy Kupperman – John Anderson
 - E/W: Teryl Burke – Lorraine Salvatore
- Friday, 1/22, 1499er
 - N/S: Rose Buckley – Sean Gallagher
 - E/W: Ann Conn – Marilyn Waples
- Saturday, 1/23, Open
 - Jack Rudy – Josh Rosenbluth

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Topic: VUBC Clubhouse Tuesday

Time: Jan 26, 2021 11:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82128187605>

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