WE HAD A GREAT WEEK LAST WEEK. Lots of silver points. Our inaugural Newcomer / 49er game took off with 4 tables! And our inaugural 499er game had a great showing of 6 tables. All of our other games were also very well attended. On Wednesday we had 13 tables for our 1499er – a new RECORD! Thank you all for supporting our club and even more, being there playing side-by-side with your bridge buddies at our games.

Our regular game schedule is always posted on our web site www.vcbridge.org. If you haven't visited our site recently, it has a NEW LOOK. Check it out. If you've never used BBO, you can find directions from our website's home page by clicking "How to Play in Our BBO Games".

As a reminder here are the Virtual Club games we are holding regularly.

Tuesdays	Open	12:30
Tuesdays	49er	12:15
Wednesdays	1499er	12:30
Thursdays	Open	12:30
Fridays	1499er	12:30
Saturdays	Open	12:30
Saturdays	499er	12:15

BBO TIPS OF THE WEEK: To chat with a friend, click on their name. A pop-up window appears. Enter your message and hit CHAT. To chat with the game director, the BBO name is VACB131102. Remember, you can't chat with your partner DURING the round. Only between rounds.

Lastly, ICON #1 – hit a colon followed by a right parenthesis and you'll create a "happy face".

Warm regards,

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Once again, a nice turnout at ALL our games last week. We love our players at our Ventura Unit Club games. But we miss our Monday games.

Remember back when we would all show up in Ojai, not only for a fun game but plentiful popcorn, homemade treats and always, the ½ gallon of ice cream. We can't do anything 'virtually" to simulate the wonderful treats but we can ADD a **regular** Monday Open game to our Virtual Club game schedule. And that's just what we are going to do.

Ojai players! Let's all share cards again in **our new Virtual Club Open game every Monday, starting June 8th, at 11:55 am.**

Go to Bridgebase.com and look for it listed under Virtual Club games, North America. You can search the long list of games for "Ventura". Our game(s) will appear on the list 2 hours before it starts. If you've never used BBO, you can find directions from our website's home page, www.vcbridge.org by clicking "How to Play in Our BBO Games".

Here are the Virtual Club games we are now holding regularly.

Mondays	Open	11:55 am
Tuesdays	49er	12:15 pm
Tuesdays	Open	12:30 pm
Wednesdays	1499er	12:30 pm
Thursdays	Open	12:30 pm
Fridays	1499er	12:30 pm
Saturdays	499er	12:15 pm
Saturdays	Open	12:30 pm

BBO TIP OF THE WEEK: To clear the white "chat" box that shows under your displayed hands, left click in the white area. Select "Clear Chat" on the window that pops up.

Lastly, ICON #2. In your chat line, hit a colon followed by a left parenthesis and you'll create a "sad face". ICON #3. Hit a semi-colon followed by a right parenthesis and you'll create a "wink" face.

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You guys did it AGAIN! You showed not only great support for all of our games but our inaugural Monday open game at 11:55 as well. Nice to see so many Ojai players there.

SPECIAL NEWS! THIS WEEK AND THIS WEEK ONLY – Our games on Saturday (6/20) and a specially added game on Sunday (6/21) is ACBL's Longest Day event for virtual club games. Our club will donate $4 per table to Alzheimer's Association. Extra points, no extra cost to you. We will keep the card fee at the same $6.

And speaking of virtual game card fees. Your financial support for our club by playing in our games has been overwhelming. These are disquieting times for bridge clubs. We don't yet know when we will resume games at our club and what the financial impact of that will be. The revenue we are receiving from these games helps "buffer" us financially. Thank you all.

For new BBO players, you can find directions from our website's home page, www.vcbridge.org by clicking "How to Play in Our BBO Games".

Here is our Virtual Club game schedule this week. Starting this week, in Open and 1499er games only, at your request, we will be playing from 20 to 24 boards. In our 49er and 499er games we will play from 18 to 21 boards.

Monday	Open	11:55 am	
Tuesday	49er	12:15 pm	
Tuesday	Open	12:30 pm	
Wednesday	1499er	12:30 pm	
Thursday	Open	12:30 pm	
Fridays	1499er	12:30 pm	
Saturday	**499er**	**12:15 pm**	**ACBL's LONGEST DAY Club game**
Saturday	**Open**	**12:30 pm**	**ACBL's LONGEST DAY Club game**

AND
Sunday (6/21 ONLY) Open 12:30 pm ACBL's LONGEST DAY Club game

BBO TIP OF THE WEEK: The "People" tab along the right side. Click on it. To add a BBO "friend", click on "Friends" menu item at the top and enter their BBO name at the bottom. Push the ADD button.

To see your BBO friends that are on-line, click on the Friends menu item. To see ALL your BBO friends, move the "Show Offline" lever on the bottom to the right. Green dots mean "on-line and available". Yellow dots mean "on-line and playing" and Red dots mean they are not logged in. Always make VACB131102 your "friend". That's the director for our games [and directors love having friends].

Lastly, did I say ICON? It's really called an Emoticon. Emoticon #4. In your chat line, hit a colon followed by a $ to get an "embarrassed face". I use that when I really mess up the play of a hand.

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WINNERS: LONGEST DAY VENTURA VIRTUAL CLUB GAMES!

Sat. 6/20 499ers N/S: Jody Shapiro – Patty Richardson, 0.96 mps
E/W: Sally and Tim Read, 0.96 mps.
Sat. 6/20 Open. N/S: Irene Petroff – Marilyn Waples, 1.20 mps
E/W: Dennis Charles – Floyd Richards, 1.20 mps
Sun. 6/21 Open, N/S: Gary Ansok – Larry Pelletier, 1.00 mps
E/W: Usha and Pradeep Garg, 1.00 mps

Congratulations to you all!

ACBL just notified us that ALL ACBL face-to-face tournaments will be cancelled for the rest of this year. We all miss our in-person club games, too. Although it isn't the same, at least we have our virtual club bridge get-togethers on BBO until …

Some of our players have not participated because of their concerns about potential cheating. Yes, that is a problem with on-line bridge games. Players inadvertently, or on purpose, talk to their partners during the bidding / play over cell phones or in the other room on their separate computers. But, to help assure our players, there are computer algorithms established to catch this and your game director watches carefully. The first infraction may be a

warning. After that, consequences may include the loss of ACBL Membership and/or removal of all their points. In extreme cases, players can be banned for life from the clubs.

Our club / unit is a terrific and ethical group of players. Rest easy. They know the rules and there has not been one incident of cheating on our watch.

So, for you new BBO players, you can find directions from our website's home page, www.vcbridge.org by clicking "How to Play in Our BBO Games".

We are returning to our Virtual Club game schedule. Note: you DON'T need to be an ACBL member to play in our 49er / Newcomer game.

Monday	Open	**11:55! (careful)**
Tuesday	49er / Newcomers	12:15 pm
Tuesday	Open	12:30 pm
Wednesday	1499er	12:30 pm
Thursday	Open	12:30 pm
Fridays	1499er	12:30 pm
Saturday	499er	12:15 pm
Saturday	Open	12:30 pm

BBO TIP OF THE WEEK: Some players like to know how they are doing, compared with others, during the play. Others HATE it. If you want to know, click on the HISTORY tab when you are playing the game. You can not only see your own and opponent's score on the same hands but you can go through it trick-by-trick to see how the play unfolds.

Lastly, Emoticon #5. In your chat line, hit a colon followed by a P to get a "face sticking out it's tongue. This is when I make an impossible contract before my partner tells me I bid wrong. "I told you I could make it!"

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It was a quiet, yet exciting week of bridge. ONLY in bridge can we have both things at once.

Thank you all for supporting our virtual club games.

Just a reminder, if you are new to Bridge Base Online (BBO), you can find directions on our website's home page, www.vcbridge.org.

Here again is our Virtual Club game schedule. Note: you DON'T need to be an ACBL member to play in our 49er / Newcomer game OR any Open game (although you will be placed in the highest stratification).

Monday	Open	**11:55! (careful)**
Tuesday	**49er / Newcomers**	**12:15 pm**
Tuesday	Open	12:30 pm
Wednesday	1499er	12:30 pm
Thursday	Open	12:30 pm
Fridays	1499er	12:30 pm
Saturday	499er	12:15 pm
Saturday	Open	12:30 pm

BBO TIP OF THE WEEK: What happens when your game registration fails? Bummer. We all found out about that this week. Here are some things you can check.

YOU:

- **Make sure your partner is on-line on BBO when you invite them. I just encountered that, when BOTH of us are inviting each other, it doesn't work. Somebody has to capitulate.**
- **Make sure each of you, or whomever is paying, has money in their BB$$ account.**
- **Make sure, especially if you are playing in a Restricted* game (like 1499er) your ACBL # is registered with BBO. To check this, on BBO Home Page, click ACBL World. Then click on the blue button that says "Add Your ACBL Number". If it does not display, enter it. You might have to log off and then on BBO for BBO to "see" it.**
- **If all above if good, then you should notify the game director via BBO Chat (VACB131102 should always be in your BBO friends list). Make sure you provide both you and your partner's BBO names and real names.**

*** We have defined the 49er/Newcomer game differently to allow non-ACBL members.**

DIRECTOR: The director will search our club games "friends" list. If you, or partner, are not on it, the director will add your name(s) to it, modify the tournament to "pick it up" and notify you to try to register again. You may need to log off / on.

If you expect something unforeseen, please try to register 30 minutes early. It is a courtesy to the director to always register within 10 minutes of tournament start and always be on-line at that time.

Lastly, Emoticon #6. In your chat line, hit a colon followed by a D to get a "very happy face". This can be used when your partner bid and played "extraordinaire" or … when your opponents told you a joke. Remember though, Zero Tolerance applies. Very happy faces must be used with caution.

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