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**ACBL Unit 505
Sacramento**



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The Covid-19 epidemic seems to be slowly on the wane. Some bridge clubs are reopening including Foothill Bridge Club in Shingle Springs. (Check [Foothill Bridge](#) and Foothill Club page on pg. 12 for details.) I have heard rumblings that our two other brick and mortar clubs are looking to reopen in the near future.

The one thing all clubs are likely to have in common is that they will require you to be vaccinated and able to prove it before you may enter the building. Foothill already has this requirement and both Sacramento Bridge Center & Folsom Bridge Club are hinting that they will require vaccination as well. (Suggestion - if you haven't already been vaccinated then it is a good idea to do it. The odds are strongly in your favor. Only a small number of serious vaccine related complications have been reported out of almost 300,000,000 doses given vs. about 600,000 Covid-19 deaths. The vaccines may not be 100% effective but the roughly 90% efficacy seen in real life improves your odds of living dramatically.)

Note that the vaccination requirement to enter one of our brick and mortar clubs does not violate U.S. ADA laws because we do provide an accommodation of online bridge for those who can't be vaccinated for health reasons.

Foothill is also requiring masks but I don't know if the other clubs will have the same requirement. SBC and FBC are both waiting to see what the effect of the 15th of June announcement the state has promised as well as the requirements from their respective cities and county before they make their decisions. Based on the June 15 announcement from the state, Foothill may also change their safety protocol.

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President's Message Contd.

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That said, the vaccination and mask requirements are strong enough that I won't criticize Foothill for opening a little early. I seriously considered going and playing myself.

A small note on team games: The BBO algorithm isn't very good for either odd numbers of teams or smallish numbers of teams. It can't handle a round robin and has a tendency to do "play backs" (playing a second round against a team you've already played in a previous round). BBO is aware of these issues and we hope to see a fix for them soon. But in the meantime, please be patient with us poor directors!

We had some sad news this past month. Ginny Curtis passed away peacefully in her sleep on the evening of May 19th. She will be missed by Sacramento area bridge community.

Stay Well!!

Jim



Sacramento Area

Virtual Club



(All games are pairs except Sun. PM team)

Open: Daily @ 11:50 AM

Friday @ 6:20 PM

299er: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun @ 11:40*

499er: Tue, Thu @ 11:40

Open Teams: Sun @ 6:20 - 2nd & 4th

Sundays

We will also run Swiss teams on Sundays when ACBL is giving extra points - e.g. Silver Linings Week, Education Weeks, etc.

Normally, day & Swiss games cost \$6 and the Friday evening game costs \$3. (Special events may have a higher price.)

Please be on time for the game. *If you are late, the game can not start.* **People who are late for a game will be removed from the game.**

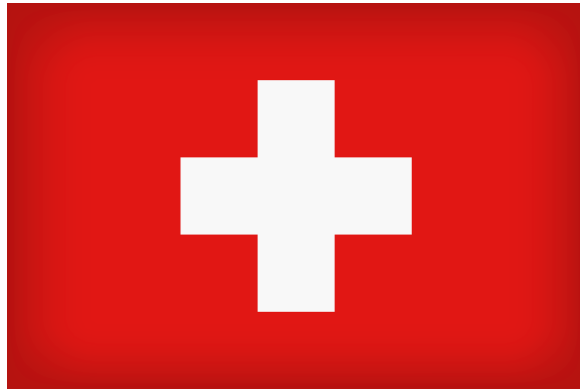
* Teri Smoot will hold a Zoom session after the Mon. & Fri. games to review hands. These sessions are targeted for 299er players but anyone is welcome. Send email to Teri Smoot <montanabridge@earthlink.net> to be invited to the sessions.



The Swiss Page

April - May Winners

Date	Team Members	Score
Apr. 11 th	Diane Strategos Miriam Steinberg Shishpal Rawat Paul Vevera	60/80
Apr. 18 th	Eileen Ojakangas Ann McClelland Diane Strategos Takwah Tsang	59/80
Apr 25 th	Ann McClelland Douglas Allan Charles Wiggins Jr Laurie Vath	51/80
May 9 th	Ann McClelland Kathryn LeGro Cynthia Douglas Susan Bogan	46/60

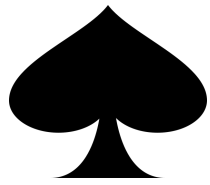


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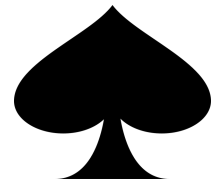
April - May Winners

Date	Team Members	Score
May 16 th	Brad Haas Barbara Somervill Ted Muller Barbara Muller	50/80
May 23 rd	Bill Taggart Diane Strategos Eileen Ojakangas Ann McClelland	67/80
May 30 th	Jim Giroud Teri Smoot Lorraine Bocks Gary Smith *	64/80

* Don't be afraid to just throw a team together. Lorraine & Gary had registered as a pair w/out teammates & Jim registered as looking for a partner. Teri was observing me because it was my first time running a team game & is good to have support for the 1st time. Teri saw the almost team situation and completed the team w/ 2 minutes to spare before game time!



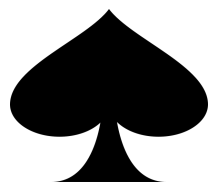
70% Games



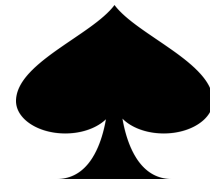
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Players	%	Game
Jerry Smith & Shellie Roy	71.67	3 April SAVC Ltd.
Toby Higgins & Bonnie Noya	73.94	8 April SAVC Ltd.
Ted Muller & Garth Gregory	74.21	15 April SAVC
Bob Otto & Jeri Leu	70.14	26 April SAVC Ltd.
Asha Desai & Page O'Connor	70.14	28 April SAVC Ltd.
Gary Soules & Gene Simpson	70.63	29 April SAVC
Garth Gregory & Judy Pede	70.24	10 May SAVC
Layne Hersh & Wil Dopkins	70.56	12 May SAVC Ltd.
Albert Chow & John Jefferson	75.56	16 May SAVC
Steve Kolodney & Phil Schiffert	73.15	20 May SAVC

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70% Games - contd



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Players

%

Game

Ed Nagy & Gary Soules

70.14

26 May SAVC

Jan Ives & Cecilia Zimmerman

70.56

28 May SAVC Ltd.

Jan Ives & Cecilia Zimmerman

78.97

31 May SAVC Ltd.

New Rank Changes

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Christine Banihashemi

Diane Mattar

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Nettie Sabelhaus

Diane Herold

Dorothy Zetterberg

Bonnie Chatfield

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Virginia Douglas

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Wil Dopkins

NEW NABC MASTERS

Jane Blum

Susan Brenden

Paul Thomas

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Bob Balluff

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New Rank Changes

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NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Alisha Hudson

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Iris Appleby

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Bonnie Landis

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Clark Muldvin

NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS

Robert Bjorge





Requirements to Play

- You must be vaccinated and present your proof of vaccination before entering the club.
- You must wear a mask while in the club.
- You must sign-up with mgeldorado@gmail.com. All games require sign up and will be cancelled if there aren't 3 full tables.
- See the [Foothill website](#) to determine if the game is being played.

The Foothill Bridge Center

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Partnership

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Regularly Scheduled Games

- **Monday Open Pairs 12 Noon**
- **Wednesday Open Pairs 11 AM**
- **Thursday NLM Pairs (0 - 500) 10AM**

Table Fees

only \$5!!

ACBL Unit 505 Unit Game



Pairs Game

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Potluck Lunch 11:30 AM — Game at
Noon

C/750-0 or by attendance

Director: Ted Muller

2035 Hurley Way

Sacramento, CA

Ph: 916-925-6322

Games Include:

Pairs

A/1500+, B/1500-750,

Location

Sacramento Bridge Center

For Partnerships Call:

David Britton-Ohl

Sacramento Unit 505 2020 Spring Sectional

Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Avenue Orangevale, CA 95662

Friday, May 1st

9:30 am

Non Life Master Seminar

Presenter: Jim Bowman

Suggested Hotels Nearby

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndam

12180 Tributary Point Drive, Rancho Cordova

Tel: 916-351-9192

Lake Natoma Inn, Old Town Folsom

Tel: 916-351-1500

**Friday & Saturday
May 1st and 2nd**

10:30 am and 3:00 pm

2 Single Session Open Pairs

Stratification

2500-2500+/1000-2500/0-1000

2 Single Session NLM Pairs

Strats: 300-500/200-300/0-200

No one over 500 mps may play

2 Single Session

Newcomer Pairs

With 3 or more tables

Strats: 50-100 / 200-500 / 200

No one over 100 MP may play

**No Reservations
Are required**

Sunday May 3rd

10:30 am Play groups

Swiss Team

4 to 6 players

(break for lunch after round 3)
Game over at 5:30 pm

2 Session A/X

Strats: 4000+/0-4000

6 rounds of 8 boards

2 Session B/C/D

1000-2000 / 500-1000 / 0-500

No one over 2000 MP may play

6 rounds of 8 boards

**Results Daily at
Playbridgesacramento.org
and at ACBL Live**

Master Points Awards
are available for
Function # 2005361

Entries \$12/Session
Lapsed Members \$16
Students \$10

Partnerships

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TBD

Lunch available Daily
Coffee, Tea and Snacks
Donations Encouraged

Tournament Chair

Bob Shiner

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Tournament Co-Chair

Dave Willmott

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All Entry Fees, Pair, Team Averages
All Seating may be adjusted
by the Director
Based upon attendance

Director in Charge
Dianne Barton Paine

American Contract Bridge League, District 21





Sacramento Bridge Center

April Calendar

April SPECIAL EVENTS

Cancelled

**SE-
HON-
DING**
with Jim Bowman

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Lessons are \$5 each, pay as you

**LES-
SON
RIES**
ING YOUR BID-
SKILLS

**Play 'n' Learn
with Jim Bowman**

Mondays at 6 p.m.
Lessons are \$5 each,
pay as you go

**FREE LECTURE -
SATURDAY MORNINGS
11 a.m.**

Before the 299er game.
Discusses hands played on the
prior Saturday, plus a topic of
Joy O'Dell's choice.



Folsom Bridge Center

Folsom Bridge Center is a Mutual
Benefit Non Profit Corporation
All Donations to your Club are warmly appreciated!

8680 Greenback LN., Suite 107
Orangevale 95662
In the California Family Fitness Center



2019 FBC Master Point Winners:

Open - Dick Wilson 115.68

299er - Jim Haynie 47.82

99er - Dave Lawson IV

Special Dates for March 2019:

Mar. 1st-7th Charity Week

Raising \$ for Sustained

(Raffle drawings - game sat.)

- Mar. 8th Mentor/Mentee Sunday*
- Mar. 13th St. Patrick's Day Club Championship
- Mar. 14th Sun. Unit Game @ FBC Open Pairs
- Mar. 15th Tues. St. Patrick's Club Championship
- Mar. 16th Coaching Sunday*
- Mar. 17th Sat. Hot Dogs & Chili Club Championship

All Wednesdays at 5:30 NLM Pairs, as usual!

Thursdays 9:30 NLM lesson &

NEW: 11 Open Stratified Fun & Friendly

Pairs Games (Last Thurs. Pot Luck Swiss)

And Now All Fridays FREE 9:45 a.m. short lesson

followed by playing the hands

NLM Side Game, ANY day of the week, just \$5!

(With 2 or more tables)

*Advanced Sign-ups required. If you sign up, show up!

Winners of January's Swiss Teams Competition - Congratulations to:

Dave Willmott, Lorena Choplin,
Blenda Schwartz & Nancy Cook

Score: 48

Charity Week March 1-8 - \$100s in Raffle Prizes!

March Club Championships:

Friday March 13th

St. Patrick's Day Tuesday March 17th &

Hot Dogs & Chili Saturday March 28th

Bridge Lessons Available:

Mondays

"Let's Play Bridge" 5:30 - 7:00 pm
a NLM class by Mary Ann & Roz
Evaluating the game, reviewing NLM boards &
helping our bidders play! \$10

Wednesday:

FREE! Evening Bridge Lessons!

Advanced Bridge Lessons!

playing the hands

(choice of topics)

Wait for the 5:30 Game!

Thursdays:

5:30 NLM Lesson by Roz, \$10

followed by a Fun & Friendly

Open Pairs Game at 11:00 a.m.

*Game \$5 if you've attended the lesson

(Note: Last Thursday of every month is also

Potluck Swiss Teams at 11.

Fridays!:

FREE! 9:45 am short lesson followed by
playing the hands

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Game Times:

Monday through Friday: 11 am

All Wednesday afternoons 5:30 pm NLM Game

NEW! All Thursdays 11 am Open Pairs Game

(Last Thursday Pot Luck Swiss also, as usual.)

Sat. (Open) and Sun. (Special Games): 12 Noon

Check the calendar for full details.

NLM Side Games available ANY day of the week
with 2 or more tables! Only \$5

Call the Center for partnerships &

See the Website for the full Calendar



BRIDGEWORKS

NEW LOCATION

Rocklin Community Center

5480 5th St Rocklin, CA

See Directions on Website

Tuesdays Game at NOON

Sign up begins at 11:45 am

Fee \$5 per player

ACBL sanctioned game

Contact Bob Shuken:

Arden Manor Bridge Club

Thursday Evenings

@ 6:30 PM

in the

Sacramento
Bridge Center

Cancelled

RACE FOR THE POINTS!

Mini-

McKinney
top 3 in each
ry Jan-20:

	McKinney	category	points
0-5	Sara Stanley		1.16
	Lee Kemper		1.05
	Joan Tonasello		.89
5-20	Robert Wright		7.19
	Larry Meyer		5.18
	Claudia Dopkins		4.61

Go to the Unit's

website to access

all clubs in

Unit 505 at

www.playbridge-sacramento.org/

District 21

Newsletter

"Diamond in the

Lincoln Hills Duplicate Bridge Club

We are an invitational club with games open to residents of Sun City and their invited guests.

We play in the Kilaga Springs Lodge every Wednesday and Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

We also have a Friday evening game starting at 5:00.

Our game table fees are \$5.00 for guests. For additional information about our club, please visit the club website: www.bridgewebs.com/lincolnhills