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Breaking News

Folsom Bridge Center is Shutting Down!!

Susan Haynie announced that the club's landlord was evicting the club at the end of November. A valiant effort was made to find a new location but sky high rents made that difficult. The only possibility had two significant problems: the rent was high enough that the club would lose money every month and the parking situation was problematic. We counted parking spots, current usage, added our expected usage and found that we would have some of our members parking in other lots and walking to the club. This was not a tenable location.

In the meantime, Folsom BC is going out of their to make the last days of the club be fun including waiving table fees and using all 7 Unit Games allocated to the club to send members off with a good feeling.

U505 December Sectional is Canceled!!

Normally, December is our smallest sectional and we expect this year would be no different. The September Sectional was just large enough to be financially successful but if we factor in the expected falloff in table count then the December Sectional does not produce sufficient revenue to be worth running. Our hope is that as the Covid situation stabilizes, we may reach a higher level of play that would enable December Sectionals.

Breaking News - contd.

SAVC Online Games Are Reduced to 3/Week!!

The attendance at the Sacramento Area Virtual Clubs is also steadily declining. We have started to have games that did not have enough players to stage the game so the best solution is to reduce the number of games to the point where it is more likely that the games will be held. See the SAVC page for details.

U505 Clubs Are In Bad Shape

All 3 Sacramento area brick & mortar bridge clubs are in bad shape— none of them are in the black. Folsom BC losing their lease w/ CalFit was due to the fact they could only pay part of the rent. CalFit offered leniency on the rent for some time but they could not continue to make the offer indefinitely. Unfortunately, there is no viable alternative location for Folsom BC. Sacramento BC and Foothill BC are in a little better shape financially but they are both losing money every month. The virtual club is now a small fraction of what it was.

There are many reasons for not playing bridge but the clubs need players now. If you want to play at clubs in the future, then it is vital that you play now to keep the clubs alive. I realize that there are many good reasons for not playing bridge on a particular day but **please make an effort to play on the days you can to keep our clubs alive.**

Katherine Ewing, President

Unit 505 Board of Directors

Another month has passed us by and COVID19 is still a worry. Here in California, we have had a wonderful turnout of people who have volunteered to receive their vaccinations and our state and counties are beginning to ease up on restrictions. Many of us have had family/friends contract covid19, some with few problems others with not so lucky. Those who have been inoculated seem to have much less reaction and younger folks as well. As I mentioned in another article my 7-year-old grandson tested positive and we all were in isolation to make sure not to spread the virus. I hope all of you and your loved ones have been this fortunate.

Our last Unit game was cancelled as the weather was so bad that not enough folks showed up to play. Even our Unit Board meeting did not have a quorum. We were going to use Zoom and the WiFi connection would not recognize the laptop so there is not too much to report about it. Our Tournament Chair presented an accountability of expenses and income from the September Sectional. We broke even and are now considering the December Sectional and waiting for the 15th of November to see if the ACBL will approve it. California is one of the better states, as mentioned earlier, with fewer outbreaks of COVID19 and high number of people vaccinated.

November 7th will be the Mentor/Mentee game at SBC. Folks attending should arrive at 11:30 to work out convention cards with their partner and the game starts at Noon. It is so nice of all those who volunteer to Mentor and continue to keep this program on going. Thank you and thanks to Miriam Steinberg for her continued efforts in running this program. It seems when one plays with a better player it can improve their game.

Soon the slate will close for those interested in running for the Unit Board. Please let a Board member know if you are interested. We need all the Board positions filled as many hands makes light work for all.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!! See you at the bridge table, I'm the one with the China coffee mug.



Sacramento Bridge Center

November Calendar

ALL PLAYERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION BEFORE ENTERING SACRAMENTO BRIDGE CENTER. (QR Code will not be accepted!)

A SIGNED WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND WEARING A MASK WHILE INSIDE SBC WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED.

GAMES:

OPEN: Mon., Wed., Fri. @ 11:30 AM

Limited: Tues., Sat. @ 11:30 AM

All games cost \$10.

Coffee & tea are provided. Sodas cost \$1.

Players should bring their own lunch.

October Club Appreciation: 4th-9th & 18th-23rd

October Club Championships: 11th-16th & 25th-30th

Please see the [SBC website](#) and click on the box “What You Need to Know” for all the details.



Folsom Bridge Center is a Mutual
Benefit Non Profit Corporation

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In the California Family Fitness Center

We are saddened to announce the closing of Folsom BC with the last game being played on the 26th of November. Last game on the 26th will be a potluck!

Game Schedule:

Open: Tuesday & Friday @ 12:00 PM

NLM: Wed. @ 5:30 PM & Thurs. @ 11:30 AM

Cost: All games normally cost ~~\$10~~ **Free!!**

Lessons: By Roz. Thurs. 9:30 - 11:00 AM.

By Susan Wed. 2:30 PM

The landlord has graciously given permission for the last lessons to be held at FBC even though these lessons will not be finished until early December.

Please see the [Folsom BC website](#) for more information.



Requirements to Play

- You must be vaccinated and present your proof of vaccination before entering the club.
- Face masks are optional.
- 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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Regularly Scheduled Games

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

Table Fees

only \$5!!



Sacramento Area Virtual Club



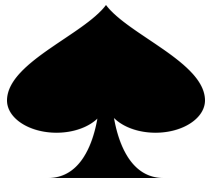
We regret to announce that the SAVC schedule has been pared back to 3 games due to declining table counts at the games.

Open: **Saturday @ Noon**

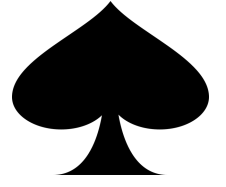
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Normally, games cost \$6 but special events may have a higher price.

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.**



70% Games



Players

%

Game

Gyula Kovacs & Mike Shafer

71.53

27 August SAVC Ltd.

Xiaomin Misenti & David Britten-Ohl

75.13

31 August SAVC Ltd.

Ted Muller & Garth Gregory

70.11

23 September SAVC

New Rank Changes



NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Judith Shively

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Dorothy Dean



NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Linda Scott

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Don Nelson

Mary Rock

NEW NABC MASTERS

Bob Dorian

Thomas Rosen

Cecelia Zimmerling

Charles Schrader

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Andrew Steinheimer

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Jane Kennedy

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