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San Mateo Unit 498

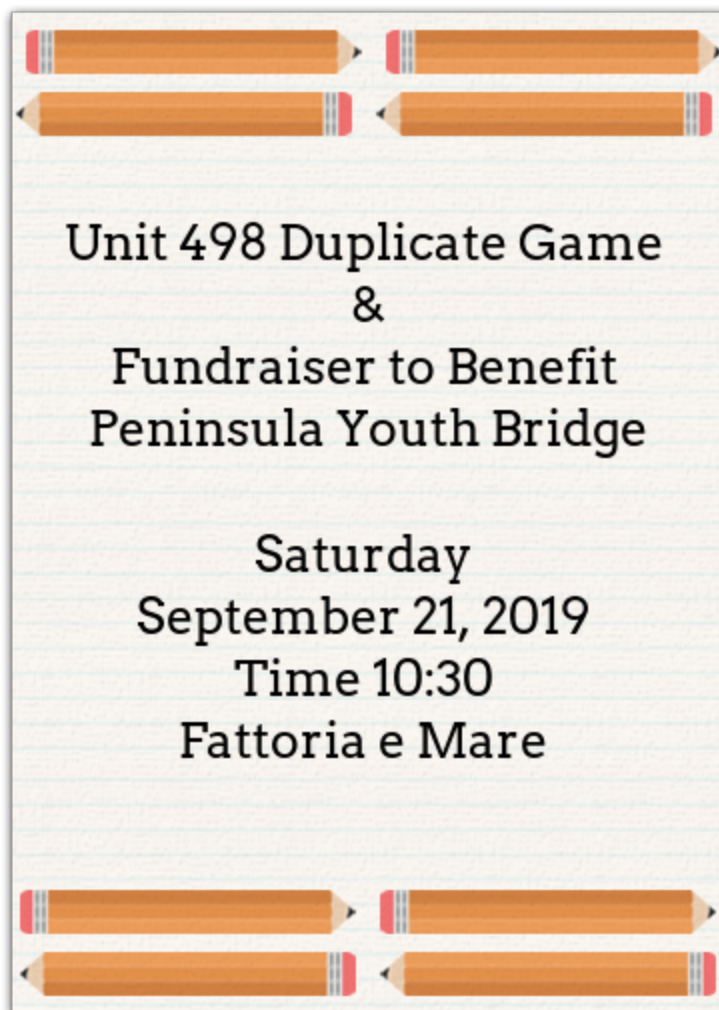
September 2019

The Unitizer

NAP Unit Qualifying Game

Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 AM

Fattoria e Mare



Registration 10:30

Lunch 11:00

Game 11:45

Open, 499er and Limited (99er) Sections

Table Fees, including Lunch, \$20.00

Director: Raad Bunni, Sanction 1909498A



Break into your Piggy Banks to help fund Peninsula Youth Bridge. Cash or Check contributions welcome. Make checks payable to

Center for Bridge Education



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Message from the President...
Janelle Van Rensselaer

September 2019

Labor Day is over and we are Back-to-School this month!! Our unit game on September 21st is a fundraiser for Peninsula Youth Bridge (PYB)!! We have a program that introduces bridge to students at Bowditch Middle School and Mills, Hillsdale and San Mateo High Schools. This program was initiated in 2015 and is coordinated by Jeanie Kwong. Please let us know if you have some time and would like to help out in the program or make a tax deductible donation at this event.

Back-to-School at the bridge tables means our unit 498 Mentor/Mentee program is getting started this month!! There will be a mentor training camp on September 11th at 5:00. The first game will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 6:30. If you would like to participate please contact Jenny Kuhn - jkuhn@peninsuladbc.com for more information.

Congratulations to all our winners from the Unit 498 Summer Sectional and the All Western Regional in Santa Clara!! There were many familiar faces and names on the leader boards!! Well done!! Just around the corner; mark your calendar – Unit 498 NLM Sectional will be held on October 5 – 6.

Congratulations to our newest Life Master – Scott Maa!!

We need VOLUNTEERS!! The fall NABC will be held in San Francisco this year from November 28 – December 8th. Unit 498 has been asked to fill the volunteer spots for 12/8. You can sign up on-line at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b45a8af2fa7f49-nabc> or contact Vaughn Patterson - vaughnkpatterson@gmail.com to reserve a spot. If you would like to volunteer on a different day – just sign up!!

Events in September –

9/7 – NAP Unit Qualifier – 9:30 am

9/11 – Unit 498 Mentor Training Camp – 5:00 pm

9/21 – Unit 498 Game Fundraiser for PYB – 10:30 am

9/26 – Unit Mentor/Mentee game 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events in October –

10/5 & 10/6 – Unit 498 NLM Sectional

10/26 – Unit 498 Game

Unit 498
Intermediate/Newcomer
For Non-Life Masters (NLM)



October 5 and 6, 2019
At Fattoria e Mare, 1095 Rollins Road
Burlingame, CA 94010, (650) 342-4923

Sanction 1910095

| Saturday October 5, 2019 | Sunday October 6, 2019 |
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| 9:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session (a 99er section and a NLM section) | 9:00 AM Swiss Teams Single Session 9:00 AM Stratified Pairs Single Session (one NLM section) |
| 12:30 PM Lunch | No Lunch or Afternoon Sessions on Sunday |
| 1:30 PM Stratified Pairs Single Session (one NLM section) | |

Saturday morning pair game will be flighted:

* 99er (0-19, 20-49, 50-99)

* NLM (0-99, 100-199, 200+)

Stratifications will be determined by average MPs for the pair.

Directors: Doug Handler dough0918@aol.com , Jennifer Kuhn
Tournament Chair & Partnerships: Bob Gleason bob.gleason@comcast.net

NOTE: We request all pairs and teams to sign-up in advance by logging onto www.unit498.com and submitting the reservation form, which you will find near the top of the home page. The form has spaces for the names of all pair and team members, so one person can complete the entry for each pair or team. This will allow us to plan the tables and other accommodations in advance. If you cannot access www.unit498.com, please contact the tournament chair.

Please share rides so that we will have adequate parking in the restaurant lot.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED

Entry Fees (per session): ACBL Members \$12, Lapsed prior members \$16, Students under 22 \$7

SATURDAY LUNCH OPTION

Fattoria e Mare will provide a buffet lunch on Saturday for \$15. It will include vegetarian items.

San Mateo Sectional At Canada College

August 3 and 4





As always, thanks to Jackie Lowenberg for the pictures.

Learning Opportunities



The Coastside Women's Club

Bridge Lessons: Learn to Defend

What: Bridge players spend 25% of their time as declarer, 25% of their time as "dummy," and 50% of their time as a defender. Because we spend twice as much time defending as we do playing a hand, strong defensive skills are essential to success.

Cheryl Haines and Maria Grigorieff will teach a series of nine lessons using the ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) book, "Defense in the 21st Century," second edition. Nine topics will be covered in nine weekly lessons. Topics include:

- o Opening leads against notrump contracts
- o Opening leads against suit contracts
- o Third hand play
- o Second hand play
- o Defensive signals
- o Developing defensive tricks
- o Interfering with declarer
- o Making a plan
- o Preemptive bidding and responses

When: Wednesdays, from September 11 through November 6, 2019, 10:00-12:30 PM, Ted Adcock Center, 535 Kelly Avenue, HMB.

Cost: The cost for nine lessons is \$135 including the ACBL book. If you provide your own book, the cost is \$120. You may pay through our website (www.coastsidewomensclub.org) or send a check to the Coastside Women's Club, P.O. Box 3242, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

Questions? Please email Maria at mariagrigorieff@gmail.com.

The Coastside Women's Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All proceeds will go to our Scholarships and Charities Fund.





A Better Mousetrap

This is a series of lessons designed to enhance your competitive edge, whether playing at a club or tournaments. All classes are hands-on with relevant practice deals.

1. Review of Basic Competitive Bidding

This is the “bread and butter” issue. You have to get this right and have a clear understanding with your partner.

Two 2½-hour sessions: Mondays, October 14, October 21, 2019

2. Competitive Doubles

Doubles are economical bids, conveying clear messages without taking up bidding room. Negative Double and Support Double are essential tools in your bidding toolkit.

Two 2½-hour sessions: Thursdays, October 17, October 24, 2019

3. Useful Conventions

a. Two-Way Checkback

This is an improved version of New Minor Forcing. It shows more clarity and definition in the responses.

One 2½-hour session: Monday, October 28, 2019

b. Four-Suit Transfers

We have been taught to always try to play 3NT rather than a game in a minor suit. This makes it difficult to get to a minor suit slam. Four-Suit Transfers help you find your slam in a minor.

Two 2½-hour sessions: Thursdays, October 31, November 7, 2019

Where: Bayshore Bridge Center, 1300 Bayshore Hwy, Ste 168, Burlingame, CA 94010

Cost: \$ 20.00 per session

Instructor: Agnes W. Lee, ACBL certified Best Practices teacher, club director

To Register: bridgeuandme@gmail.com URL: bridgeuandme.com

News from Unit 498's Clubs

Unit 498's Newest Club

Facebook Menlo Park Bridge Club

1 Hacker Way, Building 15

Menlo Park 94025

Wesley May, Director

All games are on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

You are invited to join us, but reservations are required.

For reservations and more information, email

wjomlex@gmail.com

- **Tuesday night Club games start at 6:00pm**
- **Casual games aren't sanctioned and are drop-in /drop-out (reservations also required).**
- **Dinner is available; please arrive by 5:30**
- **Various snacks and drinks provided**
- **Games are Open and Stratified**
- **No table fees**

Upcoming Schedule

Sep 3: Casual Game
Sep 10: **Individual** Game (International Fund)
Sep 17: Casual Game
Sep 24: Club Game (International Fund)

Patti Frederick
Bayshore Bridge Club
1300 Bayshore, Suite 168
Burlingame
(650) 344-4919

Open Games

Monday thru Friday at Noon
Light lunch every day

**Chinese American Bridge Club
at Bayshore Bridge Center**

Upcoming Games

Saturday, September 7 at 10 a.m.
Monday Evening, September 30

Jennifer Kuhn
Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club
www.peninsuladbc.com
(650) 690-2582

Fattoria e Mare
1095 Rollins Road

Burlingame

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. EasyBridge lessons
12:30 Open Pairs
6:30 Open Pairs

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. EasyBridge lessons
12:30 49er Game
12:30 Open Pairs

**Raad Bunni's
San Mateo Bridge Center**

Fattoria e Mare Restaurant
1095 Rollins Road
Burlingame 94010

Tuesday and Friday Mornings
Stratified 499'er Game
Lesson at 9:00
Game at 9:30

New Open Section
Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

No Reservations Required
Plenty of Parking
You Can Play and Avoid the Commute!

For more information, visit www.sanmateobridgecenter.us
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