

Club Appreciation Month continues and all the Games with that distinction have been included in the by-date section below. You'll recall those games yield more-than-usual Masterpoints and **Team** Games bestow **5% Gold points**.

Reminder: The Terra Linda **Fuldek** venue is **Closed** this Wednesday evening only.

Friday Hoppe Flash: Beginning a week from today, on October 19th, the **Friday "Hoppe" Game** at Belvedere will have a **revised start time:** It will begin at **11 AM**, which is 30 minutes earlier than before and the new start time is permanent.

Minor Penalty Cards & Enlightenment: Peggy Tatro and I were chatting about Rules-related topics for this "Blast", and she told me she had never heard of a **Minor Penalty Card** until she became a director and studied the laws. Peggy is our very own Terra Linda Director, a Bridge Teacher Supreme, and a coast-to-coast celebrity (as Jim Oser pointed out, see Customer Service, Page 8 of the October 2018 Bridge Bulletin), so I really value her input, so here goes.

A **Minor Penalty Card** is different than the **Major Penalty Card** kind that frequently appear when someone doesn't follow suit or leads out of turn. A **Minor Penalty Card** is one that is not an Honor and simply drops out of your hand or comes out with another card -- i.e. it's a card not deliberately played. As long as it's a card below the rank of a 10 and you weren't playing it (but it fell on the table) it's a **Minor**.

Knowing the difference between a **Major Penalty Card** and **Minor Penalty Card** is solely the role of the Director, which is why **the Director should be called whenever there is an irregularity**. The repercussions are different for **Minor** and **Major** Penalty Cards, so please get a ruling from the Director rule. (NOTE: A Declarer cannot have a penalty card, but the Director can tell you that, too!)

Here comes the enlightenment bit: **Minor Penalty Cards** sit, exposed on the table, until the player that owns it **wants** to play it, or is going to play a small card in that suit. There are no lead penalties attached to **Minor Penalty Cards**, so if that player or their partner obtains the lead, **they are NOT required to lead that card or suit**. Plus, if the suit is played and the player with the exposed **Minor Penalty Card** has an honor card, **they are entitled to play that honor card if they wish!** If, instead, they wish to play or lead a non-honor card in that suit, the **Minor Penalty Card** is the one that should first be played.

*So always get the Director to determine what kind of Penalty Card it is and tell you how it can be played - I think many of us have been playing thinking **Minor Penalty Cards** needed to be played like they were **Major Penalty Cards!** Thanks, for bringing this up, Peggy.*

Remember, all our regular games, etc. can be found through our site:
<http://marinbridge.com/>

Here are links to our Unit and District Facebook pages:
<https://facebook.com/ACBL-Unit-508-249516438506646/>
<https://facebook.com/d21acbl/>

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COMING UP (Remember: the regular games in our Unit are not shown - only special games, irregular games or outages are called out below). The **contacts** for additional info, partnership, or to register Teams are shown at the bottom by Club.

The following shows the things I know that are coming up in the near future; if you want to know everything I have been told, check out the "**News**" link at the top of our Website, as it has it all (http://marinbridge.com/pdf_Files/MBNE.pdf).

Monday, October 15th:

The **Noon** Game at **Terra Linda** will be the 3rd **Limited** (2100), **Stratified, Club Appreciation Team Game**, with extra MP and a touch-of-**Gold** thrown in! Look for **Team** Registration sign-ups at Terra Linda or contact Peggy.

Tuesday, October 16th:

The **11 AM** Game at **Belvedere Community Center** will be their **Limited (2100), Stratified Club Appreciation** Pairs game with extra MP and overall awards!

Wednesday, October 17th:

1-Night Facility Closure: NO 6:30 PM Fuldek Game at **Terra Linda** tonight!

Friday, October 19th:

Permanent New Start Time: David's **11 AM Hoppe** Game at the **Belvedere Rec Center** will be a **Limited (1500), Stratified Pairs** Game.

Saturday, October 20th:

The 20th is the 3rd Saturday in the month so the B & P duo will be in action at the **Tiburon/Belvedere Community Center @ 10:30 AM** (Contact at the bottom):

Barbara Prior will be directing a **Limited Game** (0 – 750 MP's).

Peggy Tatro will be directing a **Novice Game** (0 – 20 MP's).

Sunday, October 21st:

The **1 PM** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified, Unit Pairs** game with extra MP awarded! **Plus**, beginning at **10:30 AM**, two of our very own experts are going to teach a **free** class before the game: **Bob Thomson** will teach a class on "When to Cover and When to Duck", and **Michael Hartnett** will teach "Improving Your Game". See the flyer here: <http://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Two-Marin-Experts.pdf>. Volunteer for refreshments and receive 7 vouchers for upcoming Unit games or \$70 (your preference). **Please let Henry know if you can help with refreshments.**

Monday & Tuesday, October 22nd & 23rd:

The **11:45 AM** Games at **Pickleweed** will be **Open, Stratified, Annual Club Appreciation Team Games**, with extra MP awarded! The sign-up sheet will be posted there soon so you can Register your **Teams**.

Sunday, October 28th:

The **1 PM** Game at **Terra Linda** will be the 4th **Open, Stratified, Club Appreciation Team Game**, with extra MP and a touch-of-**Gold** thrown in! Look for **Team** Registration sign-ups at Terra Linda or contact Peggy.

Wednesday, October 31st:

The **Noon** Game at **Terra Linda** will be Peggy's final-of-the-season, **Open, Stratified, Club Appreciation Team Game**, with extra MP and a touch-of-**Gold** thrown in! Look for **Team** Registration sign-ups at Terra Linda or contact Peggy.

Tuesday, November 6th:

Belvedere Closed Today, so **NO 11 AM** Game there today only – Pickleweed will be Open for everyone!

Sunday, November 11th:

The **1 PM** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified NAP Unit Final** Game (\$11 Card Fees for the **NAP** Games only).

NOTE: STaC week runs from **Monday, December 3rd** through **Sunday, the 9th**.

Sunday, December 9th:

Our **Unit's Annual Holiday Party, STaC event and Benefit for Homeward Bound** of Marin. It will be at **Terra Linda** with the usual trilogy: **Bar, Pot Luck Lunch**, and a **1 PM Unit STaC Stratified Pairs Game**.

UNIT 508 CLUB CONTACTS -

For More Info, Partnership and to [Register your Teams for Team Games](#):

"BELVEDERE" - Barbara Prior at cardscases@aol.com or 415-892-1856

"FULDEK" -

Wednesday Evening Game at Terra Linda:

Hannah Kishi at [415-897-7664](tel:415-897-7664) or hrdhrtd@aol.com

Thursday Novice Game at Belvedere:

Henry Kingdon [415-572-9458](tel:415-572-9458) or h_kingdon@yahoo.com

"HOPPE" (Thursday & Friday at Belvedere)

David Blohm at david_blohm@hotmail.com or 415-332-9548

"PICKLEWEED" - Ellen Weingart at grammyellen@comcast.net or 415-461-5905

"TERRA LINDA" -

Non Unit Games: **Peggy Tatro** at peggytatro@sonic.net or 415-299-7511

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