

ALL MARIN BRIDGE GAMES ARE CANCELLED THRU APRIL 7th OUR SECTIONAL & ALL D21 SECTIONALS THRU APRIL ARE CANCELLED

April 7th seems to be the next big evaluation date, so everyone has gotten quiet while hunkering down. The ACBL **HAS NOT** sent out any special messages since these last week:

- **To Clubs** - you can read it at: <http://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/ACBL-eMail-Club-20200318.pdf>
- **To Members** - you can read it at: <http://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/ACBL-eMail-Member-20200318.pdf>.

BBO Experience: Our Unit Board President, Gail Haar, had not entered the "BBO Waters" prior to being sheltered-in-place, and has shared some of her experiences - read what she wrote at: https://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/2020-03-25_BBO_Letter.pdf

Sheltering in place? You still have chances to play bridge, win black masterpoints and Support Your Local Club! The ACBL has partnered with [Bridge Base Online \(BBO\)](#) and The Common Game to offer exclusive online events every day, whether you play solo or as a pair.

- The newest chances to win are the **Special Daylong Tournament** (one each day). Every day you'll have until midnight Eastern to play 18 boards with BBO's robots. **You can pause and restart anytime – even in the middle of a hand.** Read about it at: <https://blog.bridgebase.com/2020/03/25/new-acbl-syc-black-point-daylong-tournament/>
- In addition, more time slots have been added for the already popular **Support Your Club** Pairs Games (now at **10 a.m., 5 p.m.** and **7:30 p.m. Eastern**). Registration opens two hours before game time. You can play with any other ACBL member who has a BBO account. Read about it at: <https://www.acbl.org/clubsupportonlinegames/>

From Jennifer Jones: "*Bridge Tips When Stuck at Home, Part II* contains a fun slam hand from a session I played with Tracey Bauer in one of the Daily **Support Your Club** ACBL Black Point Games at www.bridgebase.com." Check out Jennifer's Blog at <http://jennbridge.blogspot.com/>.

District 21 is offering a grant to students under the age of 20 who are planning travel to the 2020 Summer Youth NABC in Montreal on July 23-25, 2020. If you know of any young players who would enjoy this exciting experience, please reach out to them to make them aware of this opportunity. **The deadline for applying is May**

18, 2020. To view the 2020 Youth Grant Package, which includes info and the forms you need (which are really quick and easy to complete), visit <http://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/2020%20Youth%20Grant%20Package.pdf>. If you have any questions, please e-mail Sandi Davis, our D21 Secretary, at sandi.david21@gmail.com and mention you're coming from Unit 508.

**[THE REST IS A REPEAT FROM THE S.E. BLAST
SENT EARLIER IN THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE]**

As we head into another week of "Shelter-in-place," new needs may arise, so this part bears repeating. I received the **green** part below from Tracey Bauer, the youngest Member of our Unit 508 Board - in it are these 2 important parts:

1. A very generous offer to assist those that do not have family or friends to help them get out and purchase essentials, and
2. An appeal for able bodied, younger, healthy people to assist with #1 above.

Bridge community

I'm Tracey Bauer, local bridge player, board member, and social media chair for our unit and District 21.

As a member of our community under 50, I wanted to help those who are house bound with no relatives in the county to help them. **Please only reach out if you do not have a relative or neighbor to help you as we don't want you to go out of your house unnecessarily.**

Please reach out to me at **415-828-0655** or by email at tlcinsf@hotmail.com

I'm willing to do your shopping then bring it to you and you can pay me by check, PayPal, or Venmo. I will sanitize my hands before shopping and after paying and then drop it off at your door.

I have many local friends in the 30-40 year-old (or younger) category to enlist to help to go to the grocery store.

If you are under 50, able bodied, healthy, and also want to assist in the effort to help out fellow bridge players, let me know.

Also if you are bored and at home and would like to play bridge online with our MARIN friends on BridgeBase.com. I'm also willing to set up some fun team games online. Get four friends together and email me the names and their BBO name and I will put together a team tournament later this week. My BBO name is marintlc. We all need our bridge fix!

We are a strong community and are here for each other, be safe, and remember you are not alone during this time.

Tracey Clifford Bauer

Here are links to our Website, plus our Unit and District **Facebook** pages:

Our Website: <https://marinbridge.com/>

Unit 508 – click [here](#) | <https://www.facebook.com/marinbridge/>

District 21 – click [here](#) | <https://facebook.com/d21acbl/>.

For the latest edition of the District D21 Newsletter, **Diamond in the Ruff**, visit <http://d21acbl.com/programs/newsletter/v02/n11/>.

Bill Yeast (On vacation until April 6, 2020)

Membership

Marin Unit 508, ACBL

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 (click [here](#) | <https://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/MBNE.pdf>).

Friday, June 5th:

Larry Cohen is giving a Seminar at the Strawberry Recreation Center in Mill

Valley from **9:30 AM – 3:30 PM**. The cost is **\$90** and **Advance**

Registration will be required & will open in early April. To view the

flyer, click [here](#) | visit <http://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-06-Larry-Cohen-Flyer.pdf>.

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" -

ALL Sunday Games at Terra Linda (including Sunday Unit Games):

Henry Kingdon 415-572-9458 or h_kingdon@yahoo.com

Wednesday Evening Game at Terra Linda:

Hannah Kishi at 415-897-7664 or hrdhrtd@aol.com

Thursday Novice Game at Belvedere

Henry Kingdon 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" – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Games:

Peggy Tatro at peggytatro@sonic.net or 415-299-7511