

**Virtual is the new Reality – Herein lies the latest goodies and tidbits available to us in Marin**

**Revised ACBL Alert Procedure:** The ACBL Board of Directors unanimously approved a comprehensive update to the ACBL **Alert** Procedure which went into effect the beginning of this year. In addition to being discussed in the January **Bulletin** (page 35), here are 2 documents available for you to read all about it – click on the one you are interested in:

- **Changes Only**
- **Full Alert Procedures with Updates** (dated 11/8/2020)

**Silver Linings Week – Monday through next Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>):** Another **Silver Linings Week**, where all **Virtual Club Games** on BBO will be awarding **Silver Masterpoints** and **the awards will be double the size of awards at regular club games!** This is not a **STaC** (Sectional Tournament at the Club), so there will be no overalls or combining of scores. Think of it as your regular **Virtual Club game** with new, temporary benefits. You can read more about it by clicking [here](#).

**Sales Tax on BB\$ Purchases:** Until December 2020, only BBO players living in a few US States were required to pay sales taxes at the time they purchased **BB\$**. But:

In order to better align with State tax code requirements, **starting in January 2021 purchases made by all US residents will be subjected to sales taxes.** Sales taxes will be calculated and added to your purchase accordingly to the local tax rate. You will see the appropriate notification on the purchase form.

Please contact [accounting@bridgebase.com](mailto:accounting@bridgebase.com) if you need any additional clarification.

One of our valued members, **Enid Rubin**, reached out to BBO about this issue and the following is what she received:

Thank you for your interest! The new sales tax policy follows guidance from our CPA consultants and is based on the latest economic nexus rules. Sales taxes codes vary per US State. To know more, we recommend visiting <https://blog.taxjar.com/economic-nexus-laws/>

**The District 21 President and the District Director are not in agreement with BBO's interpretation and have contacted them to dispute the decision. Stay tuned...**

**Rank Advancement:** We've a new **Sectional Master** in our ranks – **Susie McCormick** - her Username is **thesuze** on BBO, so **please congratulate her when you "see" her there.**

**All-Western 99er NiteClub** – As covered here last October ([click here to read](#)), multiple ACBL Districts have banded together to offer an All-Western **99er "NiteClub"** that is playing on BBO **Monday through Thursday** evenings from **6:30 ~ 8 PM** (normally **12 boards for BB\$6**, a portion of which is remitted back to our local Virtual Club Managers). It even has a **Partnership Desk**, so every **99er** can participate, and a **Zoom** Postmortem session led by some of the participating Districts best teachers to help you learn from missed opportunities or mistakes made!

It appears the games are doing well, with a rough average of about 30 tables per night and are awarding some nice sized Masterpoints! Here are a couple of useful links:

- **[A new flyer describing the All-Western 99er NiteClub](#)**
- **[Common Game Results for the 99er NiteClub](#)**

**NOTE:** During Silver Linings Week (1/18-24), they will be playing 18 boards/night for **BB\$ 7.50**, so **next week would be an excellent time to get your feet wet!"**

**[marinbridge.bbo@sonic.net](mailto:marinbridge.bbo@sonic.net)** - This email may be used by anyone who plays in one of our Marin **Virtual Club Games** to ask for help with any and all issues related to being able to play on BBO ([www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com)). We'll help you "connect" your CCs with your partners and/or spin off a CC for another partner by using one you already have. Even if you can't figure out how to get onto BBO, just send us an email and we'll try to help you! To get help, just send an email to us and be sure to include:

- Your ACBL #
- Your name
- A complete description of the problem you are having, including how we might replicate the problem, if appropriate/possible.

We will attempt to get back to you within 24 hours, providing you have given us all the requisite info.

**NOTE:** This email is not to be used to get you Registered for any ACBL **Virtual Club Games**, Terra Linda or Fuldek – you still need to contact the appropriate Director for help with those (all contact info is at the bottom).

## Useful Links

## Ron Klinger's Weekly Article

- **2021 ACBL BBO Event Schedule**, click [here](#)
- **New => All-Western 99er NiteClub**, click [here](#)
- **Our Website:** <https://marinbridge.com/>
- **Unit 508 Facebook** page, click [here](#)
- **District 21 Facebook** page, click [here](#)
- **District 21 Newsletter, Diamond in the Ruff**, click [here](#)
- **Unit 508 BBO Game Schedule**, click [here](#)
- **Unit 508 BBO Quick Reference Guide**, click [here](#).

Remember, you can always get the most recent edition of this "Blast" by clicking the "News" link at the top of our Website (or by clicking [here](#)).

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**COMING UP:**

**Monday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>:** All **Virtual Club Games** on BBO will be awarding **Silver Masterpoints** and **the awards will be double the size of awards at regular club games!** Registration fees are normally **BB\$1** higher for these games.

**Ongoing Virtual Club Games** - please look under **Virtual Games** on **BBO**. All times shown are Pacific time (PT), so add 3 hours to get BBO Time.

- **Fri: FULDEK <750 Pairs 11:40 AM**, 18 boards, BB\$6.
- **Sat: TERRA LINDA <2000 Pairs 10:40 AM**, 18 boards, BB\$6.
- **Sat: TERRA LINDA 99er Pairs 10:45 AM**, 18 boards, BB\$6.
- **Mon: TERRA LINDA <2000 Pairs 11:40 AM**, 18 boards, BB\$6.
- **Tue: TERRA LINDA OPEN Pairs 6:45 PM**, 18 boards, BB\$6.
- **Wed: FULDEK OPEN Pairs 11:40 AM**, 18 boards, BB\$6.
- **Thu: TERRA LINDA OPEN Pairs 11:40 AM**, 18 boards, BB\$6.

Remember, **Game times are shown above, but you need to Register for the game on BBO in advance and can do so 2 hours before Game Time.**

**NOTE:** Terra Linda and Fuldek have “pooled” with the Santa Rosa Bridge Gallery. This enables our players and theirs to play in each other’s **Virtual Club Games (VCG)**. Here are links to schedules of games on BBO:

- Our pooled **VCGs** plus **all pairs games on BBO** (excludes special, one-off games), click [here](#).
- The Bridge Gallery’s **VCG** schedule (includes special, one-off games), click [here](#).

**UNIT 508 BBO VIRTUAL CLUB GAME CONTACTS:**

**“TERRA LINDA” – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday** Games:

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**“FULDEK” – Wednesday & Friday** Games:

**Henry Kingdon** [h\\_kingdon@yahoo.com](mailto:h_kingdon@yahoo.com) or 415-572-9458