



Our Bridge World

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Still listening. Let me know what you want to see here.

Youth Bridge We are moving forward with the Youth Bridge project. All the Modesto High Schools have been contacted. Nan Hornberger is working on the junior high schools. The program revolves around the Quick Start bridge seminar on June 13th, where we hope to give teachers and anyone from the general public the skills to play basic bridge in 6 hours.

Need Help

We need as much publicity and participation as possible so if anyone has any ideas please contact me. Lloyd Rotherham is posting flyers in the local libraries. I have handed out some flyers and will hand out more. We will have an ad in the Modesto Bee starting the first week in May.

The key to continuing as a successful club is to bring in new members. This is the only way to keep this great game alive.

Modestobridgecenter.org I hope everyone has had a chance to see the new site. It is growing daily. The old site is gone completely and you shouldn't find anything if you go to the old bridgecenterofmodesto.org site.

- Ray Adams is posting an excellent blog that is entertaining and VERY useful. It centers on the adventures of Poor Frank and Lucky Archie. Of course, Lucky Archie's luck is the lesson from Ray. This blog contains beautiful watercolor illustrations by an anonymous artist. I already offered to buy her work, but she is resisting.
- We have a library page with handouts and power point presentations on helpful bridge tips. This is growing steadily. I also added some links to sites that have great bridge presentations, tips and puzzles.
- Food There has been so much interest in sharing recipes and what we eat, that I added a "What we eat" page.
- I am thinking about a pet page. Let me know what you think. I know my biases are showing that is why I need to hear from all of you.

Club News

It probably seems strange to social bridge players that we duplicate people talk so much about bad behavior. It isn't because social players are nicer (**Truly**). It is because social bridge is social. If someone is offensive, he isn't invited back and, because it is social, generally party manners are in effect. Duplicate players are fun at parties but sometimes get confused about the lack of invitations at duplicate games, so we have rules.



Jeff Gaudio and Jeanne Sunday

Last Saturday, I spoke to the group of players about a new policy regarding bad behavior. The new policy is that any bad behavior that comes to the attention of the director (for social bridge players, this the bridge referee) will be penalized by losing 1/4 of the match points of the board currently in play. A second offense in the same game merits losing a 1/2 board. The director's decisions are final and cannot be overturned on appeal.

The new policy was voted on and won enthusiastic support. A list of examples of bad and good behavior along with this policy are on the bulletin board and I will post them on the web site in the unit pages.

In fact, behavior has become remarkably cordial in recent months. Once players understood how to make it more pleasant for everyone, there has been a big improvement. Not perfect yet. Unfortunately, we are still just people. Which brings us to . . .

This Month's Pet News

Sunny and Savannah, Bichon Frises adored by Ralph Jungwirth and Trel Uhl. Life is easy for these pets. Ralph and Trel have had Bichons since 1987. They are comfortable in their role of adoring and caring for these beautiful dogs.

Local Bridge News

A very exciting win against stiff competition was attained by Ralph Jungwirth and Trel Uhl who won open morning pairs at the Burlingame regional.

The new **Wednesday Duplicate** time of 6:30 seems to be helping. This is a nice quiet game and a great learning experience.

Unit Game May 4 (probably the day you are seeing this) Dee Alexander is in charge and plans a taco salad bar. Vicky MacClyment is helping along with Chris Barkley and Lee Striplin. Last month, Ralph and Trel did a great job. These events only work if everyone helps out. If you can't physically help, maybe you can bring something to add to the festivities.

I hate to put sad news in this, but Roy Carnahan died this week. He was very kind and helpful to me. He lived in Stockton, but he was one of us in all the important ways. I miss him already.

Mentoring The beginning players from Monday are very interested and many experienced veterans have offered to participate so it is shaping up to be an exciting program. If you are interested and don't run into Chris Barkley on you own, email her at cbarkley@palomar.edu or call 209-596-1431.

