

**WEBSITE MAINTENANCE:** Our site, [www.marinbridge.com](http://www.marinbridge.com), will be undergoing maintenance this Saturday, and may be unavailable for an unspecified period. Please check your Thursday and Friday results sometime before then.

**LC Rides Again:** On **Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, **Larry Cohen**, who many believe is America's premier bridge teacher, is returning to Marin to give a Seminar. Not only is he a great teacher, but he is among the top, most influential bridge players, having won 25 National Championships. Larry is the author of several best-selling bridge books and hundreds of articles; his specialty is teaching people logic and how to think, rather than memorize.

The Seminar will be held at the Strawberry Recreation Center in Mill Valley (ample free parking) from **9:30 AM – 3:30 PM**. The cost is **\$90**, including coffee/tea & nibbles in the AM (not breakfast) and a light lunch. Larry will provide attendees with learning materials and will be using state-of-the-art Vu-graph technology in his presentation; pre-made boards will be used that illustrate each lesson, so that the students may better understand the material.

In the morning session, Larry will be focusing on **Defensive Strategy**: Deciding on defense and whether to be aggressive (attacking) or passive (safe). In the afternoon session, Larry's focus will be on **Finding the Error**: Covering common mistakes (and how to avoid them) in bidding, declarer play and defense.

**Advance Registration is required & requested by April 5, 2020.**

Flyer: <http://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-06-Larry-Cohen-Flyer.pdf>

Register: <http://marinbridge.com/larry-cohen>  
(The eRegistration Page may not be up until next week)

**NOTE: You are going to need your ACBL # and your partner's if registering for a pair.** If you don't have them yet, no problem, but if you have them and don't provide them, your registration may be put on hold.

**BRING IT:** Hannah Kishi suggested that if you are a person that drinks a lot of Joe (coffee), tea, or water and are concerned about our planet's resources, **why don't you bring your own coffee cup or mug and stop using the disposable vessels provided?** Earth thanks you!

**REMINDERS:** Ok, a few more things that we all need to remember **and remind others of:**

- There's lots of things starting to bloom out there and those with allergies are suffering their normal springtime nightmares. Please do not add to their pain – **Please do not to wear cologne, perfume or scented lotions** when playing in any of our clubs. Thank you!
- The flu and spring colds are still running around, so please practice good hygiene, and don't be selfish - **stay home with a cold or if you are starting to get one** (I have been told by our Dr. Players that is one of the most contagious times).
- A female player told me this week that she witnessed another not washing her hands after "using the facilities." So, it's not just a male problem after all, and all I can say/request is to **Please wash your hands and encourage those that forget**, probably because their head was stuck in the last board.

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> is Cesar Chavez Day: San Rafael is closing Pickleweed on that day to celebrate Cesar Chavez Day**, but there will be an **Open Stratified Game at Belvedere** that day. The details are still being worked, so I don't know if sign-ups will be required; and I'll have the details for you here next week.

**IN MEMORORIAM:** Steven Boyle let me know that **Bart Rhoades died Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. Steve talked on the phone with his son, Andrew, and during that conversation, found out that Bart was very modest person with everyone, despite having quite a successful career as an important magazine publisher. No plans about a funeral or memorial service were mentioned.

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:

**Unit 508** – <https://www.facebook.com/marinbridge/>

**District 21** – <https://facebook.com/d21acbl/>

For the latest edition of the District D21 Newsletter, **Diamond in the Ruff**, can be found at <http://d21acbl.com/programs/newsletter/v02/n10/>

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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 (click [here](#)).

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:**

The first **2020 Unit Team Game** will be **Open, Stratified** and held at **Terra Linda** (Fuldek) and will start at **1 PM**. **Sign-ups will be required**, so get your **Teams** together and use the sign-up sheet that is posted at Terra Linda.

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**NO 11 AM Game at Belvedere Community Center this day** as the primary election for both the democratic and republican parties takes place on this day and Belvedere is a polling place. The **11:45 AM Open, Stratified Pairs Game at Pickleweed** will be an **"Upgraded Club Championship & Election Extravaganza!"**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:**

The **Noon** Game at **Terra Linda** will be an **Open, Stratified Club Championship Pairs** Game with higher Masterpoint Awards.

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:**

The **1 PM** Game at **Terra Linda** (Fuldek) will be an **Open, Stratified Club Championship Pairs** Game with higher Masterpoint Awards.

**Monday & Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>:**

The **11:45 AM** Games at **Pickleweed** these days will be **Open, Stratified Club Championship Pairs** Games with higher Masterpoint Awards.

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:**

The **6:15 PM** Game at **Terra Linda** (Fuldek) will be an **Open, Stratified Club Championship Pairs** Game with higher Masterpoint Awards.

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>:**

The **10:30 AM** Game (Fuldek) at **Belvedere Community Center** will be a **Limited (0-20), Stratified Pairs Club Championship** with extra MP and overall awards!

**Saturday & Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**D21 Non-Life Master (NLM < 750MP) REGIONAL in Mountain View**; Saturday (Pairs) & Sunday (Teams and Pairs). See all the info by going to <http://tournaments.acbl.org/schedule.php?sanction=2003109>.

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:**

The **1 PM Open, Stratified** game at **Terra Linda** (Fuldek) will be a **Unit Game**, with extra masterpoints awarded.

**Thursday - Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>: Spring NABC in Columbus, OH.**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>:**

The 21<sup>st</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:**

The **11 AM** Game at **Belvedere Community Center** will be a **Limited (2500), Stratified Pairs Club Championship** with extra MP and overall awards!

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:**

The **10:45 AM** Game (Hoppe) at **Belvedere Community Center** will be a **Limited (1000), Stratified Pairs Club Championship** with extra MP and overall awards!

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

The **11 AM** Game (Hoppe) at **Belvedere Rec Center** will be a **Limited (2000), Stratified Pairs Club Championship** with extra MP and overall awards!

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

- **Pickleweed is Closed this day only for Cesar Chavez Day**
- The **11 AM** Game at **Belvedere Community Center** will be an **Open, Stratified Pairs** game. More details to follow.

**Saturday and Sunday, Apr 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Our **Marin Sectional** - see the flyer by viewing <http://marinbridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-508-sectional-flyer-final.pdf>

**UNIT 508 CLUB CONTACTS -**

For More Info, Partnership and to **Register your Teams for Team Games:**

"BELVEDERE" - Barbara Prior at [cardscases@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:h_kingdon@yahoo.com)

Wednesday Evening Game at Terra Linda:

**Hannah Kishi** at 415-897-7664 or [hrdhtrtd@aol.com](mailto:hrdhtrtd@aol.com)

Thursday Novice Game at Belvedere

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

"HOPPE" (Thursday & Friday at Belvedere)

**David Blohm** at [david\\_blohm@hotmail.com](mailto:david_blohm@hotmail.com) or 415-332-9548

"PICKLEWEED" - **Ellen Weingart** at [grammyellen@comcast.net](mailto:grammyellen@comcast.net) or 415-461-5905

"TERRA LINDA" – **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday** Games:

**Peggy Tatro** at [peggytatro@sonic.net](mailto:peggytatro@sonic.net) or 415-299-7511