

## **Attendance and Change to Thursday Limited Game**

The games last week were 9 tables on Monday night and 11 tables on Thursday. Due to low turnout, the 299er on Thursday afternoon didn't run for the third Thursday in a row. As an experiment, that game will now be a 499er to see if we can build attendance. As usual, thanks to all of you who continue to enjoy our games.

## **Thanksgiving**

We will not have a game on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 25th.

## **Corvallis Covid Closure**

Unfortunately, one of the players who played in last Sunday's unit game in Corvallis has tested positive for Covid. To be cautious, Corvallis has cancelled all their games out through and including November 30.

## **Birthday Charity Game Dec 16th**

To celebrate my birthday on Thursday December 16th, Mid-Valley will be having a charity game that day to benefit the Oregon Food Bank. Game fees will be \$5 instead of the usual \$4, and I will donate all net proceeds and director fees. Unfortunately, I can't offer extra points but look forward to contributing to this vital service.

## **New Visitor Policy**

ACBL has changed their visitor policy for online clubs. If you are a member of the club, that is if you have played in any of the pooled clubs, you can invite a guest without that guest counting against the club visitor limit. It is important in that case that you invite the guest.

## **Other Online Games in the Valley**

**McMinnville** -- Oak Valley-Salem plays online Tuesdays at 6:30. Anyone who played in a game in Salem or McMinnville in 2019 or after is already included in the

Oak Valley player list. All Mid-Valley players are welcome to play. Please contact Steve Drew ([stevedrew111@frontier.com](mailto:stevedrew111@frontier.com) or phone 503-560-3738) to be added to the list.

**Eugene** -- Emerald Bridge Club in Eugene offers a 9:35 am Friday open game in conjunction with their 299er game. Eugene also has games on Monday morning at 9:30 and Wednesday night at 6:30. If you have not played in any online Eugene games, you will need to be added to their player list. Please contact Don Marsh ([donmarsh45@comcast.net](mailto:donmarsh45@comcast.net)) or Sherri Morgan ([sherri\\_morgan@comcast.net](mailto:sherri_morgan@comcast.net)).

### **Area Clubs Open for Face-to-Face**

**Albany-Corvallis** -- Both Albany and Corvallis clubs are open with their regular in-person games. Check out the schedule at [Albany-Corvallis Bridge Game Schedules \(acbridge.org\)](http://Albany-Corvallis Bridge Game Schedules (acbridge.org)). Both clubs require proof of vaccination and masks. The Albany club has team games on every 5<sup>th</sup> Monday and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday. For more information, contact Bob Peery ([rapid35@comcast.net](mailto:rapid35@comcast.net)) about the Albany games and Mavis Tuten ([kmtuten@comcast.net](mailto:kmtuten@comcast.net)) for the Corvallis games.

**Eugene** – The Emerald Bridge Club has in-person open games on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30. In addition, EBC holds a Swiss team game on the first Sunday of the month at 12:30. Masks and proof of vaccination are required.

**McMinnville** – The Oak Valley Club holds a face-to-face open game on Mondays at 12:30. Proof of vaccination and masks are required. Contact Steve Drew ([stevedrew111@frontier.com](mailto:stevedrew111@frontier.com) or phone 503-560-3738) for more information.

**Salem** -- The Salem Duplicate Bridge Club is now open for face-to-face games. Games are at the Keizer / Salem Area Senior Center (KSAS). All games require masks and proof of vaccination at least 2 weeks earlier. Their schedule is as follows:

KSAS 499er Wed 11:00 am PDT

KSAS 299er Thur 6:30 pm PDT

KSAS Open Fri 12:30 pm PDT

### **This Week's Games**

vacb277004 Mid-Valley Open Mon 6:30 PDT

vacb277004 Mid-Valley Open Thu 1:00 PDT

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You and your partner can register for a game up to 2 hours before game time, but please do so at least 15 minutes beforehand so the director can set up the game for the correct number of tables. If you haven't played in one of the Mid-Valley games before, register early to make sure you are set to play. You may log off after you register but be logged on and ready to play 10 minutes before game time. NOTE: If you are playing in the Casual Area, BBO will consider you off line and you will not be notified when the game begins.

Please put your real name in your profile. It makes the game more friendly. Also, please make sure your convention card(s) are filled in as completely as possible to save you and your opponents' time.

See you at the games! Any issues or suggestions for improvement call me at 541-602-0316 or email me at [dennis.w.harms@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.w.harms@gmail.com).