

## **Welcome to the Green Valley Recreation Duplicate Bridge Club!**

Thank you for joining the Green Valley Recreation Duplicate Bridge Club (GVRDBC)! We hope that you have many enjoyable hours playing at the Club. Below is some information that we hope will make your initial experience easier and more fun.

### Membership

The Club is a Green Valley Recreation, Inc. sanctioned club. To play at the Club, one must be a member of GVR, and show proof of membership when joining. Annual Club dues are currently \$2. American Contract Bridge League membership is encouraged but is not required for play.

Non-GVR members may play at the Club consistent with GVR Guest policy and by paying a \$2 registration fee.

### Type of Play

The GVRDBC holds American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) sanctioned bridge sessions. All games are played to ACBL rules. Depending on the day, the Club may host regular games, charity games, special team games, pro/am games, club championships, Unit games, and District games. All hands are pre-dealt, and hand results are electronically scored using Bridgemates. Directors are on hand for all sessions, and they are available to aid players in interpretation and application of ACBL rules of play. The Club actively supports ACBL's Zero Tolerance Policy. Bridge is a game and should be fun! We ask that all do their part to maintain a respectful and enjoyable environment.

### Session Schedule and Play

Duplicate bridge games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) are currently being held at the East Recreation Center, 7 S Abrego Dr, Green Valley. Scheduled games occur every Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons beginning at 1:00 p.m. If the time or location needs to change it will be announced at the previous game and will be posted on the Club's website calendar.

Entries should be purchased no later than 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time to allow timely final game setup and session start. The fee charged depends on the type of game being played (e.g. \$2/pair for regular games, \$4/pair for charity games, \$6/pair for StaC games – the Club website show when these types of games occur and their prices). Please pay with paper currency only, no coins or checks please. Sessions finish at about 4:00 p.m. To meet facility time commitments, it is important that players adhere to the time limits assigned for each group of boards. Please limit "table talk" and hand discussion with partner to periods before a round of play, or after all hands in a round have been played. Keep conversations subdued so as not to disturb play in process at other tables.

North is responsible for ensuring that the correct boards are available, that dealer and vulnerability is announced for each board, and that scores are correctly entered in the Bridgemate. Opponents (E/W) should verify all scores. Note that at the end of the day's play, E/W are responsible for bringing the bidding boxes, pencils, Bridgemate, and table card from their last table of play to the designated collection point.

## Club Website and Organization

Please visit and use the Club's website for calendar information, game results, hand records, and other useful Club information and notices. The website is located at <http://www.gvbridge.com>. Game results and hand records are usually posted on the site a few hours after the end of play. Note that the Club Bylaws are posted on the site. Please take time to read them to become familiar with the organization of the Club. The current members of the Board of Directors are:

President – David Bowen  
First Vice-President – Patty Coker  
Second Vice-President – Rollie Armacost  
Secretary – JoAnn Tsohonis  
Treasurer – Ray Austin  
Club Manager – Brenda Sonderegger

Here are other useful websites: ACBL at <https://www.acbl.org/>, District17 (our geographically local ACBL district) at <https://www.acbl.org/>, and Unit 356 (Tucson unit) at <https://playsouthernazbridge.com/>.

## Partnership Assistance

If you need a partner for a day, the Club offers the service of a Partnership Desk. The partnership desk can be accessed on the Club website. You will be put in contact with others who may be looking for a partner the same day as you are.

## Assistance

The Club is fortunate to have many experienced and capable bridge players. They will offer advice on your play, but only if you ask. Unsolicited critique of another player's play is highly discouraged. If you make it known that you would like feedback and tips, most of the expert players will respond positively and offer their help.

## Social Events

In past years the Club has had potluck lunches. By member agreement, these have been eliminated since the COVID-19 pandemic. No other Club social events are currently scheduled.

## Bridge Classes and Instruction

There is no doubt that bridge is a challenging game. Thus, there is the opportunity for life-long learning and improvement. If you are a novice, beginner lessons can be extremely valuable for a positive start to our bridge play. Over time, all of us can benefit from coaching, guidance, and instruction to improve our play. The Club currently does not offer instruction, but classes have been offered in the past, and may be offered in the fall. The web site will keep you informed should classes resume. In addition, there are many credible on-line sources for instruction.