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<< Test First Name >>,

As a long time board member of the Connecticut Bridge Association I would like to invite you to the three-day tournament that we are holding October 14-16. The site is a spacious room at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT, a very short drive from either I-95 or the Parkway.



Half of the games at this tournament will be limited to "499ers", players with less than 500 masterpoints. We realize that a significant percentage of those people may have never played in a tournament. Indeed, many may never have even played face-to-face bridge on real tables with real playing cards. So, we are making a concerted effort to prepare those people so that they can take full advantage of the richly enjoyable and exciting experience that is tournament bridge.

**We plan to help new players adjust to face-to-face tournament play.** At 9:30 on Friday and Saturday an experienced player will give a short presentation on some mechanical differences between face-to-face bridge and online games. Areas that will be covered will include director calls, convention cards, the Bridgemates, bidding boxes, and movements between tables. They will also discuss table etiquette and provide tips on how to avoid errors at the table such as revokes, leading out of turn, and pulling the wrong card from the bidding box.





Friday and Saturday will feature two sessions of pairs games that start at 10:00 and 2:00. Free coffee and snacks will be available, and salads and sandwich can be purchased.

However, I contend that team competition is bridge at its finest and most fun. I never miss the team games on Sunday. At 9:30 a free continental breakfast will be available, and pizza will be served for lunch. If you play in the 499er Swiss team game in the morning, you can play in the continuation of the open

game **for free** in the afternoon. The flyer for this event contains all the details. You can view it at <https://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2022/10/2210385.pdf/>

All games are **sectionally rated**, which means that players can earn considerably more masterpoints than in club or regular online games. In addition, all points are **silver**, the kind required for some ACBL ranks.

I sincerely hope that you can make it to Orange in October. Tournament bridge is a spectacular game. Not only do you experience all the dimensions of the greatest card game ever devised in the format for which it was designed; you also have a **great opportunity to make connections with others who share your interests.**

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