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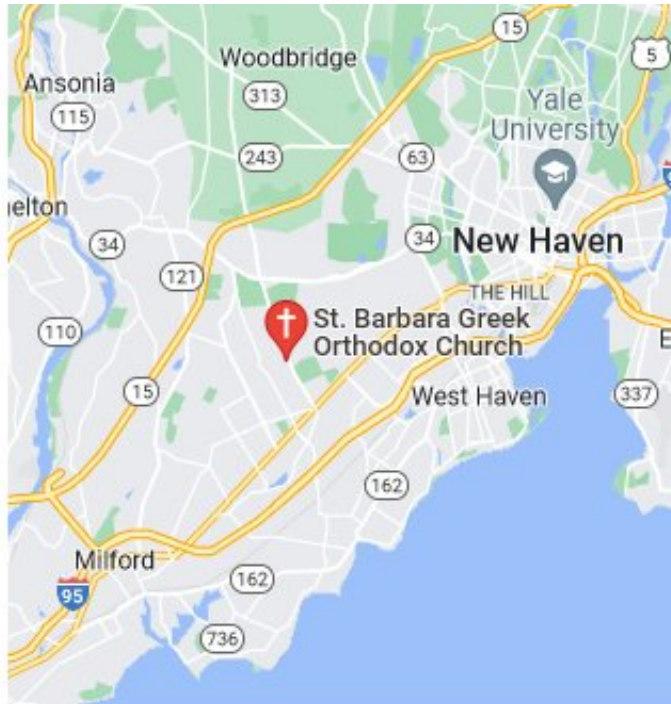
Two weeks ago I sent out invitations to a three-day tournament that the Connecticut Bridge Association is hosting beginning on October 14. The site is a spacious room at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT, a very short drive from either I-95 or the Parkway. The address is 480 Racebrook Rd.

Half of the games at this tournament will be limited to "499ers", players with less than 500 masterpoints. Friday and Saturday will feature two sessions of pairs games that start at 10:00 and 2:00. You can play in either or both. Free coffee and snacks will be available, and salads and sandwiches can be purchased for lunch.

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 free 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.

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

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



The people who can help if you need a partner are John Farwell (203-401-1592), Susan Rodricks (203-521-2075 srodricks@optonline.net), and Cornelia Guest (corneliaguest@gmail.com).

Knowing that a significant portion of the 499ers may have never attended a tournament or even, for that matter, played face-to-face bridge at all, we want to make the experience as free from anxiety as possible. Finding the game should not be difficult. After you turn your vehicle into the grounds of the church keep to the left (south) to go down to the parking area. The door to enter is the one shown in the photo at the right. After you enter the building the room for bridge is through some doors on the left. Plan to come a few minutes early.



The director(s) will be in the playing room seated behind a wide table selling entries. There may be a separate line for the 499er games. **If you have less than five points, be sure to mention this to them. Your first session will be free!**

If you are playing in a pairs game, your entry will tell you the letter associated with your section, the table number, and which direction you will be sitting. The section letter and the table number will be on the mat in the middle of each table that is in use. You must fill in your name and ACBL number on the entry.



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.

I sincerely hope that you can join my friends and me in Orange. I think that you will find that tournament bridge is a spectacular game. Not only do you experience all the dimensions of the greatest card game ever in the format for which it was designed; you also have a **great opportunity to make lasting connections with others who share your interests.**

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