

Diamond in the Ruff: East Bay Unit 502, January 2021

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Happy New Year. I hope and pray that the vaccines are safe, effective and available. I am writing this column in the middle of December. Pfizer and Moderna have been given Emergency Use Authorization for their vaccines AND Mother Nature has sent an early major snowstorm to the Northeastern states which will disrupt the delivery and distribution of the vaccines. Why not?

In March, most of us will 'celebrate' the one-year anniversary of the last time we played face-to-face bridge with bidding boxes, boards and cards. Some opponents were discussing the upcoming National in Columbus, Ohio; they weren't concerned about some virus; the ACBL would have hand sanitizers available. Then the Governor asked us to stay home. I remember rushing to the store to buy enough food and supplies to last a few weeks, thinking I could even last a few months. Now it's almost a year! Hopefully, the 'new normal' will be soon.

Many thanks to Betty Kael, Tom Pajak, and Sandi Davis for creating the EBCBC weekly newsletter emails. Their efforts in keeping us updated are appreciated.

Congratulations to the following members on their recent rank advancement: Cynthia Hull to Club Master, Lois Flock, Philip Leung, and Tom Pajak to Ruby Life Master and Ravi Bhalla to Emerald Life Master.

Stay healthy. Practice the 3 w's:

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Wear a face mask.

Watch your distance.

Larry Bowerman is writing the April column, so please contact him at (lmjtbow@pacbell.net) if you have anything to report.