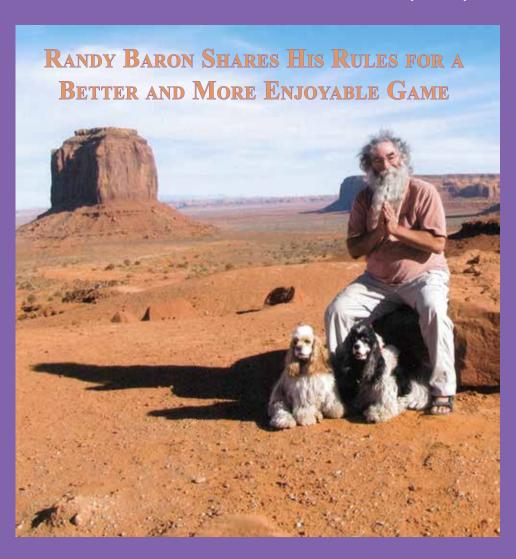
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### SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT 9 CHAMPIONSHIP AND FLIGHT B GNT FINAL

### AT THE MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS

5221 Hood Road • Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

### **April 28 - 30, 2017**

### **SECTIONAL**

Friday April 28	10:00 AM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 NLM Pairs
	2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 NLM Pairs
Saturday April 29	10:00 AM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 NLM Pairs
	2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs & 0-500 NLM Pairs
Sunday April 30	10:00 AM	Stratified Swiss – 2 session play through
		NLM Swiss – Play through

Sectional Strata: A=3000+, B=1000-3000, C=0-1000 (by pair or team average)
0-500 NLM Strata: At the discretion of the director.

### DISTRICT 9 GNT FINALS

Saturday April 29	11:00 AM	Round 1 – Championship and Flight B Only
	3:30 PM	Round 2 – Championship and Flight B
Sunday April 30	10:00 AM	Round 3 – Champ and Flight B (if necessary)
	TBA	Round 4 – Champ and Flight B (if necessary)

### **CLUB QUALIFICATION IS REQUIRED**

You must be a paid-up ACBL member, and a member of District 9 on September 1st, 2016 to participate in the District Finals. Flight B for players with fewer than 2500 masterpoints on the August 6, 2016 cycle.

Free coffee, orange juice, and snacks. Lunch included Sunday

Chairperson: J.R. Sanford Partnerships: Carole Lazarou • (561) 712-5276 • bridge@jcconline.com

#### **Local Hotels:**

DoubleTree by Hilton • 4431 PGA Blvd • Palm Beach Gardens (561) 622-2260 • (561) 776-2828 Embassy Suites • 4350 PGA Blvd • Palm Beach Gardens (561) 622-1000 • (561) 691-3165 Hampton Inn • 4001 RCA Blvd • Palm Beach Gardens (561) 625-8880 • (844) 742-0073 Hilton Gardens Inn • 3505 Kyoto Gardens Drive, Palm Beach Gardens • (561) 694-5833

#### **Directions:**

Take I-95 to PGA Blvd west (Exit 79B) and go west ½ mile to Military Trail and turn right (north). Go approx 1 ¾ miles to Hood Road and make a left. Go through the next light at Central Blvd and the JCC will be on your right just before the bridge.









## SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT 9 FLIGHTS A AND C GNT FINAL

AT ST. PETERSBURG BRIDGE CLUB APRIL 28-30, 2017

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Sectional		
Fri April 28	10:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
	3:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
Sat April 29	10:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
	3:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
Sun April 30	10:30 AM	Stratified Swiss – play through
_		NLM Swiss – Play through

**Sectional Strata:** A=2000+; B=750-2000; C-0-750 **NLM Strata:** A=200-NLM; B=100-200; C=0-100

Strat based on average of the pair or team.

### **DISTRICT 9 GNT FINALS**

Sat April 29	1:00 PM	Round 1 – Flights A and C
•	7:00 PM	Round 2 – Flights A and C
Sun April 30	10:30 AM	Final – Flights A and C

### **CLUB OUALIFICATION IS REOUIRED**

You must be a paid-up ACBL member, and a member of District 9 on September 1st, 2016 to participate in the District Finals.

GNT Strata: Flight A: 0-6000; Flight C: 0-500 (NLM only) Point verification from the August 6th, 2016 cycle.

Free coffee, orange juice and snacks at all sessions
Lunch during Sunday's Swiss Teams game.

La Quinta Hotel, 5000 Lake Blvd., Clearwater 727-299-9800 (\$69)
For more information or Partnership requests
Charles Gill 727-363-1136 cfgill@verizon.net

St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located at

9103 US Highway 19 N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782 727-544-5040

St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located just off I-275 From I-275, take Exit 28 and drive west on Gandy/Park approx 1-1/4 miles to US Highway 19 N.

Turn north (right) on US Highway 19 N. 9103 is approximately 1 mile up on the right in Mainlands Plaza.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN KANSAS CITY!

The North American Pairs District 9 Finals were held on October 29th. Flights A and B played at either the St. Petersburg Bridge Club or the Mandel JCC in Palm Beach Gardens. Flight C played at either of those locations or remotely from five different locations.

### Flight A

- 1-Robert Dennard, Orlando and Bruce Ohmann, Flagler Beach
- 2-Lee Bukstel, Boca Raton and Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale
- 3-Gary Cohler, Miami and Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood

### Flight B

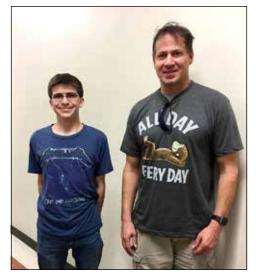
- 1-Jeff Edelstein, Tampa and Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor
- 2-Geoff Jones III, Orlando and Donald Richards, Kissimmee
- 3-Steven Andrews, Fort Lauderdale and John Isaacks, Oakland Park
- 4-Cabot Jaffee Jr, Maitland and Robert Sprick, Orlando

### Flight C

- 1-Michael Kwiatkowski, Lady Lake and Eric Voss, The Villages
- 2-Danny Clark and David Harris, The Villages
- 3-Judy Greengrass and Marty Greengrass, Lutz
- 4-Donald Leary, Fernandina Beach and Michael Waskew, Amelia Island

All of these players will be enjoying financial subsidies to attend the finals of their events. Each person of the winning pairs will receive \$900 per person; each second place player will receive \$600 per person; each third place player will receive \$500 per person; and each fourth place player (only Flights B and C earn the right to go to the finals) will receive \$400 per person. Of this funding, \$6000 comes from ACBL while \$7600 comes from District 9.

In June, July and August, when your clubs are holding qualifying games, we hope you will be participating, trying to earn a spot at the District finals, and then playing in the district finals, trying to earn a spot to travel, with a financial subsidy, to the next North American Pairs Finals in Philadelphia, in March, 2018.



Weingarten and Edelstein

### THE NEW DISTRICT 9 GOODWILL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017 ARE:

Unit 102 - Tom Lordi & Margaret Tominosky
Unit 128 - Per Berg & Bruce Lang
Unit 219 - Mary Buff & Kay Huke
Unit 240 - Jay Prillaman & Marsha Wicks
Unit 243 - Edward Rauch & Sanford Robbins
At Large - Patti Chambliss

Janet Matthews, one of the certified directors at The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club, proudly recounts the success of two of the pairs in the Flight C District Finals of the North American Pairs. The other clubs participating remotely were Amelia Island, Boca Grande, Capital City (Tallahassee), Lake City and Pensacola. To read more about it and see a few additional photos, go to https://sites.google.com/site/tabletbridgepilot/home/d9-16-nap---flight-cresults

On October 29th, we held a remote game in conjunction with pairs in St Pete and other remote clubs via BBO. We had eight pairs compete over two sessions.

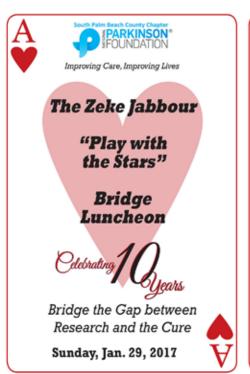
Mike Kwiatkowski and Eric Voss were 1st overall and Danny Clark and Dave Harris were 2nd overall. Both will receive a stipend to get them to Kansas for the event finals at the Spring North American Bridge Championships (NABC).

Well done to all four of these players and of course everyone else who competed.

These players received 10 and 7.5 gold points respectively for their first and second overall finishes.



Seated, Clark and Voss; standing, Kwiatkowski and Harris





### SanDestin, FL Regional

January 23 - 29, 2017

### At the Linkside Center Exhibition Hall

Bayside on the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort 9300 Emerald Coast Pkwy West Destin, Florida 32550

Monday, January 23		Thursday, January 26	
Charity Stratified Open Pairs (benefiting a local charity)	1 pm	Morning Compact KO 3	9 am
Charity 299er Pairs (benefiting a local charity)	1 pm	Two 12 board matches, conclude 9 am Frida	ay
Kick-Off Stratified Open Pairs	7 pm	Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)	9 am
Kick-Off 299er Pairs	7 pm	0 - 50 Stratified Pairs (single session event)	9 am
Bracketed Open Knock-Out (KO) 1	7 pm	Stratified Senior Pairs (two session event)	10am / 2:30pm
Continues Tuesday - 9 am, 1 pm & 7 pm		Side Game Series 1 (5th of 5)	1 pm
		Bracketed Open KO 4	1 / 7 pm
Tuesday, January 24		Continues 1 pm and 7 pm Friday	
Morning Compact KO 1	9 am	Stratified Open Pairs (two session event)	1 / 7 pm
Two 12 board matches, conclude 9 am Wed		Florida Gold Pairs (0 - 750, two session event)	1 / 7 pm
Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)	9 am	299er Pairs (single session event)	1 / 7 pm
0 - 50 Stratified Pairs (single session event)	9 am	Side Game Series 2 (1st of 5)	7 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs (two session event)	0am / 2:30pm	Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7 pm
Bracketed Open KO 2	1 / 7 pm		
Continues 1 pm and 7 pm Wednesday		Friday, January 27	
Stratified Open Pairs (two session event)	1 / 7 pm	Morning Compact KO 4	9 am
Florida Gold Pairs ( 0-750, two session event )	1 / 7 pm	Two 12 board matches, conclude 9 am Sat	
299er Pairs (single session event)	1 / 7 pm	Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)	9 am
Side Game Series 1 (1st and 2nd of 5)	1 / 7 pm	0 - 50 Stratified Pairs (single session event)	9 am
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7 pm	Stratified Senior Pairs (two session event)	10am / 2:30pm
		Bracketed Open KO 5	1 / 7 pm
Wednesday, January 25		Continues 1 pm and 7 pm Saturday	
Morning Compact KO 2	9 am	Stratified Open Pairs (two session event)	1 / 7 pm
Two 12 board matches, conclude 9 am Thurs		299er Pairs (single session event)	1/7 pm
Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5)	9 am	Side Game Series 2 (2nd and 3rd of 5)	1/7 pm
0 - 50 Stratified Pairs (single session event)	9 am	Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs (two session event)	0am / 2:30pm	Constitution (congression)	
Bracketed Open KO 3	1 / 7 pm	Saturday, January 28	
Continues 1 pm and 7 pm Thursday		Morning Side Series (5th of 5)	9 am
Stratified Open Pairs (two session event)	1 / 7 pm	0 - 50 Stratified Pairs (single session event)	9 am
299er Pairs (single session event)	1 / 7 pm	Mini-KO (single session event)	9 am
Side Game Series 1 (3rd and 4th of 5)	1 / 7 pm	Saturday Compact KO	1 / 7 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (two session event)	1 / 7 pm
Tournament Chair: Partnership Chair:		Florida Gold Pairs ( 0 - 750, two session event )	1 / 7 pm
Audree Newman 850-729-0924 Marilyn Gusky 850-51	15-1005	299er Pairs (single session event)	1 / 7 pm
,		Side Game Series 2 (4th and 5th of 5)	1 / 7 pm
newman@cox.net guskytrail@yahoo.com	m	Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7 pm
Partnership Desk Online: bridgefinesse.com/D9PDe:	ckinder	Sunday, January 29	
i di dici sinp beak Offilire. Drogemesse.com bar be	JANIE A	A/X/Y Stratified Swiss Teams	10 am - TBA
Entry fees \$13.00 (\$17.00 for unpaid/non ACBL me	embers)	5000+, 2500 - 5000, 0 - 2500	
Sunday Swiss \$112 per team		Flight B Bracketed Swiss Teams	10 am - TBA
Morning/Evening Hospitality and cash lunches o	n eita	No player over 2000 MPs	
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### Please visit:

http://tournaments.acbl.org/

for more information

Resort Accomodations call 800-320-8115 or online www.sandestin.com

Reservation Code: 23C5NA

Bayside \$99/night plus 12% resort fee Bayside Villas 1 Bdrm \$129 2 Bdrm \$149

3 Bdrm \$189 1 Bdrm Suite \$140.00

\*\*Prices do not include a daily 12% resort fee\*\*

### SARASOTA-MANATEE 7 REGIONAL



### FEBRUARY 13-19

### Bradenton Area Convention Center One Haben Boulevard Palmetto, FL

### **Guest Speakers**

Wednesday through Saturday at 9:15-9:45

#### HOSPITALITY

Complimentary... coffee and orange juice and various assorted snacks Lunches available including

some complimentary All Compliments of Unit 128

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Visit the District 9 Online Partnership Desk bridgefinesse. com/D9PDeskIndex

#### STRATIFICATION

Open & Senior Events: A=2500+ B=750-2500 C=0-750

A/X/Y Events: A=5000+ X=2500-5000, Y=0-2500

Gold Rush Events: A=500-750 B=200-500 C=0-200 Pairs and Teams are stratified by

masterpoint average. 299 games stratified at director's discretion.

All KOs are bracketed; top KO bracket may be handicapped. Saturday two-session Swiss is bracketed.

#### Find a Hotel:

www.

sarasotamanateeregionalhotels.com

for a full list of local hotels

12:00 Free Lesson for those with fewer than 20 MP

2:30 0-20 Relaxed Game (no entry fee)
MON 2:30 & 7:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)

FEB 13 2:30 & 7:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP) FCB 13 2:30 & 7:30 Mon-Tues Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Tues) 7:30 Two Session Swiss Teams (cont 7:30 Tuesday)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (1st of 6)

10:00 & 2:30 Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Wed)

10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)(Lim to 750 MP)

10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)

TUE 10:00 & 2:30 Senior Pairs (2 Sessions) 10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games)

FEB 14 10:00 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5) 2:30 & 7:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5) 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (2nd of 2)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 6)

10:00 & 2:30 Wed-Thurs Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Thur)

10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)(Lim to 750 MP)

10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 10:00 & 2:30 Senior Pairs (2 Sessions)

WED 10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games)

FEB 15 10:00 Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5) 2:30 & 7:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5)

7:30 Wed-Thursday Compact KO (1st of 2, contd Thursday)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 6)

10:00 & 2:30 Thurs-Fri Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Fri)

10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions )(Lim to 750 MP)

10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
THU 10:00 & 2:30 Senior Pairs (2 Sessions)

FEB 16 10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games) FEB 16 10:00 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5) 2:30 & 7:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5)

7:30 Wed-Thursday Compact KO (2nd of 2 sessions - cont)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (4th of 6)

10:00 & 2:30 Fri-Sat Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Sat)

10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions )(Lim to 750 MP)

10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 10:00 & 2:30 Senior Pairs (2 Sessions) FRI

FEB 17 10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games) 10:00 Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)

2:30 & 7:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) 2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)

2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5) 7:30 Evening Side Game Series (5th of 6)

10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions )(Lim to 750 MP)

Visit www.floridaunit128.org FEB 18 10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)

Visit www.floridaunit128.org FEB 18 10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games) 10:00 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)

2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) 2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5)

7:30 Zip Swiss Teams

SUN 7:30 Evening Side Game Series (6th of 6)

FEB 19 10:00 Gold Rush Swiss - 2 session playthrough 10:00 "A/X/Y" Swiss - 2 session playthrough 10:00 Senior Swiss - 2 Session Playthrough

Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel, Golf Club and Convention Center • 11775 Heron Bay Blvd. • Coral Springs, FL 33065 At Exit 14 of the Sawgrass Expwy. FL 869 • 1-800-311-8018 • \$165 Room Rate until March 7th or when block is filled

2:00 & 7:30 A/X/Y Pairs (two sessions) 2:00 & 7:30 Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions) MON 2:00 & 7:30 Knockouts I (continues Tuesday) APR 2:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 6) 3

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (1 of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

7:30 Two-session Swiss Teams (1 of 2, continues Tuesday)

10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions) 10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts I continued

10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts II (continues Wednesday) TUE 10:30 & 3:00 I/N Pairs (single sessions)

APR 10:30 Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5) 3:00 Single Session Swiss Teams

3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 6)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (2 of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

7:30 Two-session Swiss Teams (2 of 2)

10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts II continued WED 10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts III (continues Thursday)

APR 10:30 & 3:00 I/N Pairs (single sessions)

10:30 Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5) 3:00 Single Session Swiss Teams

3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 6)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (3 of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

7:30 Two-session Swiss Teams (1 of 2, continues Thursday)

10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts III continued THU

10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts IV (continues Friday) APR 10:30 & 3:00 I/N Pairs (single sessions)

10:30 Morning Side a Game Series (3 of 5)

3:00 Single Session Swiss Teams

3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 6)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (4 of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

7:30 Two-session Swiss Teams (2 of 2)

10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts IV continued FRI

10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts V (continues Saturday) APR

10:30 & 3:00 I/N Pairs (single sessions) 10:30 Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)

3:00 Single Session Swiss Teams

3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 6)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (5 of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

7:30 Fri-Sat Evening Compact KO (1 of 2)

10:30 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs (two sessions)

10:30 & 3:00 Knockouts V continued

SAT 10:30 & 3:00 I/N Pairs (single sessions)

APR 10:30 & TBA Bracketed Swiss Teams

10:30 Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5) 8

3:00 Single Session Swiss Teams

3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (6 of 6)

7:30 Evening Side Game Series (6 of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

7:30 Fri-Sat Evening Compact KO (2 of 2)

10:30 A/X/Y Swiss Teams (playthrough) SUN

10:30 Gold Rush Swiss Teams (playthrough) APR

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HOSPITALITY

Coffee; Tea; Orange Juice; Apples; Snacks; Subsidized Sunday

snacks

STRATA

Open Events

A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750 Florida Gold Events: 0-200/200-500/500-750

A/X/Y Events:

0-2500/2500-5000/5000+

I/N Events (if attendance

warrants) A=200-300, B=100-200, C=0-100

I/N Strata May Be Changed at Director's Discretion

All Pairs Games Stratified by Masterpoint Average of the Pair (both players must be under upper limit of the event); All KOs and Sat. two-session Swiss are Bracketed; Other Swiss Stratified by Masterpoint Average (all players must fit under upper limit of the event); Top Bracket of KOs May Be Handicapped.

DIRECTIONS

From I-95: Take exit 41, SR 869/ SW 10th St. (Sawgrass Expwy -- toll) Go to exit 14; follow signs toward Parkland, right onto Coral Ridge Rd., then left onto Heron Bay Blvd.

From Florida's Turnpike (toll): Take exit 71, Sawgrass Expwy (toll) toward Coral Springs/Key West. Exit 14, toward Parkland, right onto Coral Ridge Rd., then left onto Heron Bay Blvd.

From airport: Take I-595 west about 14 miles. Take SR 869 (Sawgrass Expwy) north towards Coral Springs (toll). Take exit 14; follow signs for Coral Ridge Rd. Go left onto Coral Ridge, then left onto Heron Bay Blvd.



### The Common Game

Congratulations to Our October & November Winners!

### **OCTOBER WINNERS**

Open Game - Most Points earned:

Janice Seamon-Molson - Ft. Lauderdale BC
299er Game - Most Points earned:
Cindy Cox - Tampa Bay BC
Ron Cox - Tampa Bay BC
Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:
Ted Stein - Unit 374 (Albuquerque)
Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:
Adrienne Lynch - Ft. Lauderdale BC
Michael Lynch - Ft. Lauderdale
Attendance - Most Plays:
Diane Lapat - Bridge Alert (PA)

### **NOVEMBER WINNERS**

Open Game - Most Points earned:

Charles Musgrove - Saint Catherine DBC
299er Game - Most Points earned:

Todd Schiffer - The Bridge Deck (NY)
Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:
Honey Ellis - Boca Raton DBC
Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:
Brenda Isbell - Columbia BC (SC)
Attendance - Most Plays:
Kenneth Wagner Jr. - Lauderdale BC

### What is The Common Game?

The Common Game is a service offered through local clubs that provides bridge players the opportunity to compare their results with players at other clubs, playing the same hands, in Florida and across the country.\*

### What does it offer to clubs and players?

- Players can compare their results with players in Florida and across the country.
- Pro analysis of many of the interesting hands played
- Individual play analysis (if your club uses Bridgemates/ BridgePads)

## How can you participate in the Common Game?

Enrolling in the Common Game is simple! Ask your club manager to contact us at (941) 404-6600 or email us at Sara@TheCommonGame.com

\*Participation in the Common Game does not affect a player's score or masterpoint award at the local club. The ACBL masterpoints continue to be scored and reported as always Common Game awards are based on match-pointed results across the larger field.

# District 9 President's Message

by Betty Sandifer

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How did you bring in 2017? I'm sure many of you have great stories to share and you'll probably do so while playing in any of our upcoming nine regionals, or our sectionals, special games or club games in our beautiful Sunshine State of Florida.

We had elections in November, and District 9 re-elected yours truly as District 9 President, for two more years. Our sincere and profound thanks to Bruce Greenspan, past District 9 Vice President, who will remain on the board in a different capacity, and please welcome our newly elected Vice-President, Jeff Edelstein and re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, Shirley Seals.

In the last two years, as your president, I've learned that District 9 is not only the largest district in ACBL but also has the most innovative approaches to the game we love: BRIDGE! District 9 works constantly to provide you, the player, with the best playing sites, variety of games and hospitality we can extend. We have a team of volunteers that know of no holidays, weekends, family time or vacation time. We are constantly in contact with each other to answer your questions, concerns you may have about a particular event, and how to improve them. We have such an unselfish and dedicated team of volunteers, that you wish them to be your blood relatives. Behind the scenes we work for you and when we ask for your help, and you can give some of your time, we truly appreciate it.

The Naples Regional at the Naples Grande (Sept 26-Oct 2), finished the week with 1741 tables and players enjoyed Unit 128's great hospitality.

The Daytona Beach Regional held at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort (Nov 7-13) has become a favorite of many of our players who just love the Hilton in Daytona Beach, and we made sure all of you felt welcomed; we worked diligently to provide an enjoyable atmosphere for all of you who attended this regional, which ended with 1408 tables and Unit 128's volunteers strived to meet your needs.

With one more regional in December (12-18) at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott, hosted by Unit 243, we expect to close out our nine Regionals for 2016.

Please go to pages two and three to gather all the information you need to compete in our GNT finals. What a pleasure it will be to send our winners to the 2017 Summer NABC in Toronto, Ontario, July 20-30. Finals for all four flights start on Wednesday, July 19th. Other than the Championship Flight, the other three teams that will represent us will receive financial subsidies to attend and participate.

Unfortunately, we are making our submissions before the Orlando NABC started, but having worked with the team, I feel certain it will be the best yet in Florida and I'm sure we'll be hearing from you about your experiences in the Magical Kingdom (Nov 24- Dec4).

Wishing you the best of times when playing bridge; see you at the play sites wherever and whenever.

Beth

### REMEMBER

January 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying

January 16-22 Units 219, 240 and 243 STaC February 1-28 GNT Club Qualifying

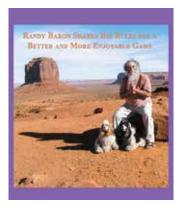
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128	Florida	15714
219	NW Florida	692
240	Central Florida	2293
243	Gold Coast	1031
Total Members		21059

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### District 9 Director

by Jay N. Whipple III

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Live from the 2016 fall North American Bridge Championships hosted in Orlando, Florida. There are really four World Championships held each year; one hosted by the World Bridge Federation, and the ACBL sponsored Spring, Summer and Fall NABCs. While the attendance and table count appear to be significantly below expectation, the Florida hospitality has been over the top. Tournament Chairs Jane Formet and Barbara Jones, and their "A" team of volunteers, treated our visitors to a magical experience in the heart of Disney World. Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who demonstrated at every turn that "Bridge is Fine" in District 9.

Fall. national board meetings traditionally a marathon event including extensive budget planning and discussion for the coming year; this year was no exception. The first order of business was to elect Bob Heller (D7) as our ACBL President for 2017. Bob is an unwavering champion of the average club player and is determined to improve the ACBL Board's effectiveness and commitment to Strategic Issues. His predecessor, Ken Monzingo (D22), has set us squarely on the right path with the "Committee of 9" governance work and leaves behind a more productive legacy. Building on that legacy, the Board has significantly reduced costs by rescheduling meetings. President Heller expects the reduction of committees from over 30 to under 10 standing committees to refocus the board on critical issues. Two new task forces will be formed to address potential strategic opportunities for clubs and tournaments

The ACBL finances are improving with the addition of new revenues from our partner Bridge Base Online and aggressive cost controls at headquarters. Operating revenue over expenses for 2016 is tracking at a \$500,000 figure which would allow us to increase the depleted reserves significantly. The budget for next year is targeting an additional \$500K to reserves and a strategic increase in technology to accelerate our transition from old legacy systems such as ACBLScore to new more scalable and maintainable solutions. Music to many ears will be the rollback of the \$1 surcharge to STaCs which was inadvertently caught up in an initiative to reprice "special games".

The ACBL Educational Foundation has been set free to form its own board with a vision to provide major funding and support for bridge education and youth programs in North America. The blue-ribbon nominating committee is hard at work identifying candidates for this newly energized 501c3 organization. Additionally, the ACBL has extended the experimental collaboration of online regionals at clubs for two years allowing for inter-district participation. Stay tuned for What's Next on that front.

At the Goodwill dinner in Orlando, it was my honor to recognize a player in Florida for their significant contributions to the game of bridge. I chose Maggy Simony who even at age 96 was a forceful champion of social bridge -- the kind where friends come together and have FUN. Remember? Unfortunately, she passed away shortly before the ceremony but we were regaled with stories of her passion and devotion. I know she is up there somewhere playing this game we love and it is now up to us to take up the mantle. How have you made the game of bridge fun for someone else?



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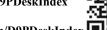
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### Communicating

by Muriel Altus

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I've heard from several of you in the past few months and I'm always delighted to report on the various comments, suggestions and offers. Thank you to the reader who pointed out that, while I commented on the word "accoutrements" becoming, acceptably, "accouterments", I used a phrase that was grammatically incorrect. Hot dogs were to be cooked on the grill and all the accouterments. I made it sound as though the cooking was happening in two places! In actuality, the club in question was planning to serve grilled hot dogs as well as all the accoutrements. I'm guessing the players enjoyed the hot dog banquet, regardless of how I described it.

Congratulations to our own contributor, Mike Donnelly, for being published in the Bridge Bulletin. Mike had the special honor of finding his article on a page facing a Larry Cohen piece, in the very same ACBL Bulletin where Larry graced the cover! Larry and Mike weren't the only two District 9 players in your November Bulletin. Larry shared the cover and cover story with Marty Bergen, and the cover and cover story, as well as a great photo from 1984, reminded me how long I've been enjoying this great game of bridge. In the late 70s, I remember being totally starstruck when my partner and I got to play a few boards against Marty Bergen (and presumably Larry!) at an NABC. Bridge has taken me on many adventures, and my first trip out of the United States, to attend the Toronto Summer NABC, ranks right up there with so many cherished memories.

Speaking of Larry Cohen, besides his article in this issue, you can read a few words by him in memory of a very special woman. We don't often comment on our members who pass away, but in the Unit 102 pages, you will find some of what Larry said about Sandi Murray. Those of you who miss her now will

perhaps feel a special comfort, to read what Larry wrote. See page 25.

Noteworthy congratulations we didn't manage to include in the report of the Washington, DC, Summer NABCs: James Orleans of Boca Raton won the Red Ribbon Pairs in both 2015 and 2016! That's quite impressive, I think. I'm quite sure the other 143 pairs who entered the event were trying for a different ending. James's dad taught James and his friend, Paul Hattis, to play when they were growing up in the Chicago area. Paul lives in Newton, MA.

Sincere apologies to Anissa Dyen and Barb Steiner for some incorrect facts we published about their involvement with the District 9 Youth who attended the 2016 Youth NABC. We look forward to publishing updates about our youth from both ladies in the next issue of the SBN.

Lastly, when you get to the rank changes, you will find a new set-up. Rather than alphabetically within each new rank, we are trying to list players who live in the same area together within their new ranks. This won't be a perfect system, because players with Boca Raton addresses won't be right next to people with Delray Beach addresses, but we think you might enjoy this new way. Please let me know what you think, by writing to me at sunshinebridgenews@gmail.com.

I hope your 2017 is getting off to a great start, as you read this or in the next few days.



### PLAYERS RESPOND TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S CONGRATULATIONS

District Director Jay Whipple wrote to congratulate Evan Berman on achieving the rank of Advanced NABC Master. Evan's mom answered Jay.



Hi Mr. Whipple!

I am responding on Evan's behalf as he is very busy preparing to return to high school on Wednesday. He is very excited about his new bridge status and the fact that Team Berman placed second in the YNABC Swiss Teams in DC. I have been in contact with our local paper (The Sarasota Observer) regarding a story on the boys.

I mentioned to the reporter how supportive the In-Between Club and players have been to Evan. She most likely will interview Michelle Golden as well. The article will run August 18. I will be sure to send you the link. I am hoping that this will be a small token of thanks for all of the help Evan has been given as a developing player. My husband and I do not play, so the kindness of strangers has meant so much to us! Bridge has been very, very good to our boy!

Sincerely yours-Celene Berman

Editor's Note: If you'd like to read the article published in the Sarasota Observer, it's at this web address: http://www.yourobserver.com/article/cardinal-mooney-senior-finds-success-card-game-bridge

Jay Whipple congratulated Barry Wilson on achieving NABC Master status.

Barry, however, had higher aspirations, and was planning to be achieving Bronze LM status soon. Here was his message:

I joined ACBL and took up duplicate bridge when I moved to Costa Rica in 1992. Unfortunately we can only earn black points here so in April of this year, though I had over 500 mps, I still needed 12 gold and 50 silver to be a Life Master.

With my partner Glynford Hatfield, who earned Life Master fifty years ago and then stopped playing, we showed up at your St. Petersburg sectional April 29th. We scraped up 12 silver and then came back to the Tampa Regional June 7th where we won 17 gold. Then at the St. Pete's Labor Day sectional, another 19 silver.

Finally, this past week, we did a

sectional cruise out of Canaveral and came away overall winners with 27.69 silver.

I am happy now to be a Bronze Life Master [said Barry until a further study of new rules may have actually made that announcement premature].

About bridge, I love it. I've played in 13 different countries and have plans for many more. In April 2017 we will represent Costa Rica in the World Bridge Federation Zonal Championship (Seniors) that includes Central America and the Caribbean.

As an aside, I would like to meet a Gold Rush partner (under 750) to be able to attend more Florida events. I'm looking for someone with the stamina to play twice a day for six days straight, who plays simple Standard American. I'm aiming now for Silver LM status so I need another 80 colored points.

## TEN RULES GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU A BETTER PLAYER (and You'll Have More Fun, Too)

by Randy Baron

### 1. Play only with partners you like and enjoy playing with.

Of course, this is very simple advice, but if you look around your club or tournament, there are many people who ignore this at their peril. Who needs the aggravation when you play with someone who isn't compatible with you? I realize we all want to win as much as possible, but choose someone to sit across from you who allows you to be yourself.

### 2. Consent to play only conventions you are totally comfortable with.

Stayman and Blackwood are the only conventions that are absolutely necessary for most players (I'll add in Jacoby Transfers and Negative Doubles as close behind). The important point is that if you place a new convention on your card, make sure you understand it and have discussed it at length with your partner. Many players think it makes them look "cool" or experienced to have all the new bids as part of their arsenal. Sure, many of the top players use a complex bidding system, but they study and practice constantly. If you don't play often or have various partners, KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid).

### 3. Use specific opening preemptive bids.

When you open the bidding on the 2 or 3 level, make sure you and your partner have discussed the quality of your suit and the limits to your outside cards. For example, I play that I don't open on the 3 level with an outside ace. This makes it much easier for my partner to evaluate their hand and decide whether to bid or defend. Occasionally, the opponents will know more about your hand than you would like, but it's a small price to pay for accuracy and partnership cooperation.

### 4. Do not underlead an ace on opening lead against a suit contract.

There aren't many rules that are ironclad, those you should follow 100% of the time. I think this is one of them. You have seen hands in the newspaper or magazine when an expert



underleads an ace on opening lead and it leads to a brilliant result. But if you make this play, there are many negative possibilities, especially your partner having no idea what to play on the first trick. It can destroy partnership trust and ruin the defense on the hand. A good plan: If you are defending against a suit contract, with a suit headed by an ace, in most cases it makes sense to lead another suit on opening lead (of course, there are exceptions such as when your partner has bid the suit or you decide to make an aggressive lead such as Ax).

### 5. Play structured takeout doubles.

Here is another rule I never violate, as long as I have about 12-17 high card points when I make a takeout double. This means that I have tolerance for all three unbid suits. If you have 18 or more HCP, you don't need to have tolerance for all three unbid suits, because you can double and then bid again to show a huge hand. If you decide to violate this rule, it's a great way to get into trouble on the hand since frequently your partner will bid the suit you don't have support

for. You usually cannot resolve the problem, because when you have a normal takeout double (12-17 HCP), you shouldn't bid again.

### 6. Think before you play at trick one, especially as declarer.

A great habit for any level player is to take a while to play once dummy is spread. If you always take at least 10 or 15 extra seconds before calling for a card from dummy, you have given the opponents less information than if you simply play quickly when it's an easy hand and you hesitate when the hand is more difficult. Of course, there are some hands that take extra planning and that's perfectly fine. Just try to be as consistent as possible. If you have ever watched some of the top hold em' poker players on TV, almost all of them are very consistent in their initial action after they see their first two cards. You can certainly learn from these experts even though it's a different game.

### 7. Relax and keep your wits when things aren't going well.

It's so easy to lose your cool and concentration when the bridge gods frown upon you, whether for one deal or for a longer period. One of the differences between the top experts and someone who is a good player: the experts can usually put the bad results behind them more easily than the good player. They have learned that some poor results are inevitable and you just have to go on to the next hand. At golf, Tiger Woods is the classic example of someone who was called a "grinder", a term of praise for someone who continues to do his best regardless of what happened recently. If you grind out your best result board after board, you will improve your results and accomplish as much as possible every time you play.

## 8. Open 1NT with 15-17HCP when you have a 5 card major (assuming that is the range of your opening no trump bid).

This makes rebidding much easier most of the time. If you open 1 of a minor and then rebid 1NT after your partner's bid of 1♥ or 1♠, it shows about 12-14 HCP; 1 of a minor and then a rebid of 2NT after your partner's bid of 1♥ or 1♠ shows about 18-19 HCP. So if you don't open 1NT with 15-17 HCP with a 5 card major, it is difficult or

impossible to show your hand properly in many auctions. There are also many conventions available to show your partner you have a 5 card major after a 1NT opening and a Stayman bid by your partner.

Even if you miss an 8 or 9 card fit in a major because you opened 1NT with a 5 card major, you might still achieve an average or better result.

## 9. Practice counting as much as possible (how many points each player has during the hand and also how many cards they have in each suit).

It certainly takes constant practice, but counting definitely pays huge dividends in the long run. The more you do this, the better you become at it and after a while, counting becomes a treasured habit. When you watch a top player who seems to know where every card is located, counting is the reason their play is so impressive. Avoid being lazy and just throwing cards on the table as the hand proceeds. This will help you eliminate those zero per cent plays and embarrassing moments when you aren't sure which card to discard at trick 11 or 12 (which can hand declarer an impossible contract or an undeserved overtrick).

### 10. Make sure you are an ethical player. It's MUCH more important than winning.

This is expressed perfectly by the profound quote from Grantland Rice, a brilliant early 20th century sportswriter: "When One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game."

Randy Baron founded Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies in 1974 and was the president of the company for over 30 years, before selling it to his partner, Jim Maier. Randy is a well-known expert, author of over 20 books on the game, as well as a respected teacher, publisher and tour leader who treasures those early memories in Florida.

If you would like to learn more about his three groups that are playing bridge at clubs and sightseeing in Ireland and Northern Ireland in July and August, 2017, see his ad in the November/December, 2016 Sunshine Bridge News or go to his website: www.baronbridgetravel.com.

## World Championship

## Coup

by Larry Cohen

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- **♦** 5
- ♥AKJ87
- ♦ A Q 4
- ♣AKQ3

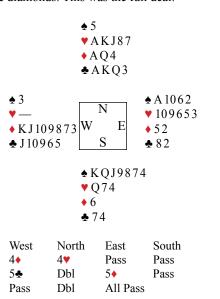
This is a hand from the 1999 world championship. With neither side vulnerable, after RHO opens 4♦, if you bid only 4♥, that's quite an underbid with your 23 HCP. If you double, you know that your dumb 'ol partner is going to bid spades. Then what?

When my partner held this hand he contented himself with 4♥ and much to his surprise, the auction continued: Pass, Pass, 5♣ on his right!! Yes, the 4♦ preemptor now was showing that he had clubs as well. My partner doubled (a fairly safe gamble!) and then doubled again when the opponents retreated to five diamonds. This was the full deal:

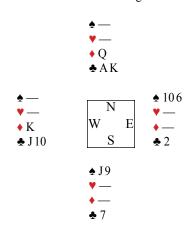
won and continued hearts at every opportunity. Eventually declarer was defeated three tricks, plus 500 for North-South.

We were lucky to stay out of 6 N-S, because the bad trump break would doom that contract (we have to lose a heart and a spade). However, picture the play in six spades by South!

A diamond is led and declarer wins in dummy and leads a spade. If declarer could see all the cards he'd finesse the nine. However, he goes up with the king and continues with the queen. West shows out and it looks as if there are two spade losers, but a trump coup will come to the rescue. East wins the spade ace and exits with a heart. Declarer wins in dummy and ruffs a diamond and then cashes two more rounds of hearts and ruffs the fourth round of hearts in hand. Next he plays a club to the dummy and ruffs another heart. The ending is:



In 5 doubled, declarer ruffed the opening heart lead and played a low club. My partner



Another club is led to dummy and a minor suit is played. East's trumps are captured and declarer scores up 980 for his slam. So, if you doubled the 4• opening you might have ended up in spades. Would you have reached six? Would your partner have found the trump coup? My partner will never know.

## The Kibitzer is Shirley Wright

by Jon Shuster

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Shirley: This was Board 17 from the Common Game, Tuesday 10/18/16. Hands are rotated to make East the declarer.

West	East
<b>♠</b> —	<b>♦</b> AK10753
♥ KJ109	<b>♥</b> A764
<b>♦</b> 107	♦ AK
♣ AQJ10762	<b>♣</b> 9

South led the ◆Q against East's 6♥. There was no adverse bidding.

Actual Play: East won the ◆A and ran the ◆9 to North's ◆K, and a ◆ was returned to East's ◆K. East led the ♥5 to the ♥9 and ♥Q. Declarer took the rest for down 1 (-50 EW). Can you spot any errors in the play?

Solution: Error #1: Declarer was on the right track to set up dummy's ♣s rather than ♠s in hand, but went about it incorrectly. There are no 4 losers if they split normally. Declarer should have won the ♣A and if the ♣K does not appear, play the ♣Q ruffing with the ♥6. If the &K appears on the second round and both follow, lead a ♥ to the 9, and you make 6♥ or 7♥ depending on the lie of the ♥s, unless ♥s are 5-0. If the ♣K has not appeared and ♣s are 3-2, lead a v to the 9, and if this holds, ruff a ♣ with the ♥A and lead your last trump to the 10, making 7 if  $\forall$ s are also 3-2. If the ♥ finesse loses, you need a 3-2 ♥ split. There are also good chances if sa are 4-1, but I will let the readers work this out. Error summary: The declarer created a 4 loser when there was none.

Error #2: Declarer clearly finessed vs the wrong way. This is not double dummy. First, the v play, whether the ace then finesse, or immediate finesse against South, cannot 100% guarantee the contract when there is a 4-1v split with South holding 4; but leading a v to the king and running the vJ caters to

all 4-1 splits with North holding 4♥s. It is a complete 50-50 toss-up when ♥s are 3-2. More importantly, however, the loss to the ♣K should have been a jolt to declarer. Declarer is now behind. Let us see how to work this out. Other contracts could be 6NT (you obviously lose), 6♣s, or games (you win or lose depending upon whether you make the contract or not.) So against contracts other than 6♥s and 6NT, the contest is won or lost simply on whether the contract makes or goes down. Both lines are basically equivalent against these alternate contracts.

The key is how the lines fare against the others reaching 6♥s. This ♣K was a trick that the field playing 6♥s would almost certainly not lose. They would play as was recommended to correct Error #1. If the ♥Q is onside they will likely make +1010 EW, beating your +980. So you must lead a ♥ to the ♥K, and run the ♥J. Even if North started with ♥Qxxx, you are in great shape. North cannot cover, or dummy is high after pulling the rest of the trump. Next play the ♥10. Again North cannot cover. Now run the ♣s until North ruffs with the last defensive trump (the ♥Q), which you overruff. Dummy still has the ♥9. Your only loser is the ♣K.

Results: Both ▼s and ♣s split 3-2. To illustrate the power of the second error, playing the ▼ as recommended would have elevated declarer's score from 18% to 80%, based on 933 tables. But if you trade the ▼Q for a small ▼ between NS, the elevation would have been from 18% to only 58%. Declarer's actual line was an insurance policy for the other pairs successfully playing 6♥s to stay ahead of this player.

The matchpoint lesson here is that if you are behind, do what you need to do to catch up. But if you are ahead of the field, do not go against it for the rest of the hand.

# Play Hard, Play Well: Use All Available Info

by Robert Todd

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At a recent regional, I played this hand in a strong A/X pairs field. See if you can find the winning line of play by making use of information from the opponents' bidding and defense.

None vulnerable, you pick up:

- **♦** J973
- **♥** Q6
- ♦ J105
- ♣ A972

RHO opens the bidding with  $1 \blacklozenge$ , you pass, LHO responds  $1 \blacktriangledown$ , and partner makes a takeout double. Opener raises to  $2 \blacktriangledown$ , you bid  $2 \spadesuit$ , and responder competes to  $3 \blacktriangledown$ , pushing you to bid  $3 \spadesuit$  when the auction passes around to you.

Dummy hits and here is what you have gotten yourself into:

- **♦** K1085
- **v** 104
- ♦ A64
- ♣ KJ84
- **♦** J973
- **♥** O6
- ♦ J105
- ♣ A972

You have at least three red suit losers and the trump ace to worry about. You must find a way to lose no other tricks.

The opening lead is the ◆3 to your 3♠ contract. Plan the play!

You play low from the dummy at trick 1 and RHO wins the ◆K. He continues a ◆.

1: •3 4 K 5 (-1) 2: •2 J O A (+1)

You want to be in your hand to take a ♠ finesse. You know that ♦ are breaking 4-3, since RHO opened 1♦ and LHO appears to have led from Qxx, so you can safely return to your hand

with the  $\bullet 10$ .

3: •6 8 10 9 (+2)

4: **♦**9 4 5 A (-2)

Now that the finesse against the ♠Q has worked, by forcing the ♠A with the ♠9, RHO returns a heart, and the opponents take their two heart tricks and exit passively with a trump. You win by repeating the finesse and draw the last trump.

5: ♥3 6 J 4 (-3)

6: **♥**A 10 8 Q (-4)

7: **4**6 8 2 3 (+3)

8: **♠**K **♥**7 **♠**7 **♠**Q (+4)

Note: It could be important to play low on the first round of ♥ to help discover which player has the ♥J. This will allow you to more precisely count the opponents' HCP.

You have now reached the moment of truth: how to play the ♣ suit from here.

**♦** 10

**Y** --

**•** --

♣ KJ84

٨J

**Y** --

**•** --

♣ A972

It is time to count the shape and HCP of each of the opponents' hands.

Opener showed up with 2♠, 4♥ (since hearts were known to be 5-4), and 4♦, leaving them with 3♠

LHO then started with 3-5-3-2.

Looking at HCP, opener has shown up with Please see page 23

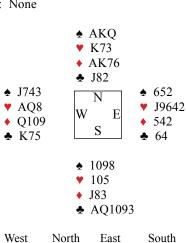
## Defensive Play

### by Michael Donnelly

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Board 1 Dealer: North Vul: None



Contract: 3 NT by North

2NT

Opening lead: 4 🔻

All Pass

BIDDING COMMENTARY: North's 2NT opening shows a balanced hand with 20-21 high-card points. With seven HCP, South bids game.

Pass

3NT

DEFENSIVE COMMENTARY: East's lead is standard, fourth from his longest and strongest suit. When the dummy comes down, West does some calculating. He holds 12 HCP and there are 7 HCP points in the dummy. In conjunction with North's opening bid, West realizes that partner's values are limited to at most a jack. If that jack happens to be the VJ, the defense may have a chance of defeating what appears to be an ironclad contract. Employing a bit of deception, West plays his VQ at trick one and declarer plays ...?

PLAY COMMENTARY: Believing that the 

A is located to his left, declarer wins the first trick with his 

K and rides his 

K West cashes his 

A (to declarer's dismay) and returns his remaining 

8 to partner's now established suit. In all, the defense collects one club and four heart tricks to defeat the contract

THE BOTTOM LINE: There are occasions when it is not only permissible, but absolutely essential for a defender to deceive his partner. If West woodenly plays the ♥A at trick one, declarer will have no trouble holding up his ♥K until the third round of play. This severs the opponents' communication and allows declarer to make his contract with an overtrick

### ATTENTION DISTRICT 9 PLAYERS

If you serve on an Appeals Committee at any District 9 Regional, you will get scrip for a free play, good for one year from the date you serve on the committee.

### **Tournament Attendees**

Please summon a director should you encounter a deck of cards which is very far past its prime. Every once in a while we miss replacing a really icky deck, but we are happy to do it if we know about it at the time.

Please also call about bidding box cards that need to be replaced

## Zero Tolerance Not Working?

by Lynn Berg

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Why Isn't Zero Tolerance Working as Well as It Should?

The answer is YOU!

Take a look at the list of unacceptable behaviors if we are adopting Zero Tolerance:

- 1. Rudeness to opponents. Many players continue with their private conversation/battle even after they meet new opponents. They don't greet or welcome newcomers.
- 2. Giving lessons at the table. It's bad enough to lecture your partner, but even opponents aren't free from unsolicited comments on their bidding and play.
- 3. Gloating. It's one thing to say warmly, "Well done," but such praise should also go to opponents when they've done a great job. And going on and on about your side's superior play is just tiresome.
- 4. Whining. Of course, the whiners never blame themselves for their poor results. It's always bad luck. Or worse, it's the stated reason that you couldn't play well because you "never know what the opponents are doing!" I've heard players say in front of their opponents that their result would have been better if their opponents weren't novices. Ugh.
- 5. Foul language. There are still some of us who think there should be a higher standard for language in public places. Cursing and blasphemy are deeply offensive

to many even in the 21st century.

Do you remember the movie Newsroom? It had an angry announcer who kept yelling, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more!" He was frustrated by the lack of change when change clearly was necessary. All I can say is that most bridge players have not reached his stage—they are willing to put up with inexcusable behavior. When the principle of Zero Tolerance for Unacceptable Behavior was first promulgated, many of us looked forward to a new day of civility and peace at the bridge table.

I think we all agree that conditions are often better than they were decades ago, but too many of us still tolerate behavior clearly detrimental to peace and pleasant playing conditions. I think one big reason is the fear that complaining will escalate the level of hostility and make matters even worse. Confrontation isn't always easy. Maybe you're unwilling even to say, "Please stop," or "Let's go on to the next hand." In that case, the sooner you call the Director the sooner the problem will be resolved. Few players continue with such actions when a Director is at the table.

It's hard for Tournament Directors to do their jobs without your help. You don't have to accuse the opponent of anything.

Please see page 23

Lynn Berg has been an ACBL member for over 50 years, a club director for 40 and a tournament director for over 10. She's also done quite a bit of directing on cruise ships and is a teacher trainer for ACBL and for EasyBridge. Lynn says: "I am of the firm opinion that we can adhere to the rules, be completely ethical and still have a great time (and even win!). Civility and good humor go a long way at the table."

### Berg

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It's enough just to say something like, "The opponents were having a discussion which made me very uncomfortable." To paraphrase Buber, if you make an "I" statement rather than a "Thou" accusation, you can make your point without raising the heat level.

I was once called to a table in a KO final to have a player complain about her partner's bad behavior. I pointed out that the ZT penalty I would impose would affect the whole team and not just the culprit. "It's worth it," said she. The penalty was three IMPs, and they lost the match by one. Afterwards, the loudmouth complained that the penalty had cost them the win, to which his partner replied coldly, "No, it was your big mouth which did it!"

### **Todd**

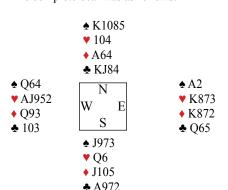
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♠A, ♥K (since LHO would have led a ♥ if they had started with ♥AK), and ♦K. That is only 10 HCP. So, it appears opener must have the ♣Q and thus started with ♣Oxx.

If opener started with ♣Q10x then there is nothing we can do, but if LHO started with ♣10x, we can smother the ♣10 by taking a "backwards" finesse. Take the ♣K and then lead the ♣J - when opener covers with the ♣Q, you see LHO's ♣10 fall under your ♣A, allowing the contract to make.

This hand rewarded us nicely for carefully counting both distribution and points.

The complete deal was as follows:



### NOTICE

From the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations

Whenever a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club game's playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games).

### IF YOU RUN A SECTIONAL!

All changes to sanctioned sectionals require approval from the District 9 Tournament Committee as well as our District Coordinator, Patty Johnson.

If you change anything, whether it be your dates or the type of sectional or the location, or if you decide to cancel an already-sanctioned tournament, please let Patty Johnson know immediately by emailing her at pattyjohnson@centurylink.net. Information should also be sent to Shirley Seals, Chair of the Tournament Committee, at:

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## President's Message

As we move into another new year, we all need to remember to live each day to the fullest because we don't know how many more we will have. We have lost a very dear member of Unit 102 very suddenly. Please read the article about Sandi Murray on the following pages. She will be missed by all who knew her.

I hope you all had wonderful holidays with family and friends

Our Winter Sectional is coming up on January 20 - 22 at Sahib Shrine. Please make plans to be there. Results of the Board election will be announced at our Annual Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:15.

I would like to congratulate the two new members of the District 9 Goodwill Committee from Unit 102. They are Tom Lordi and Margaret Tominosky. They are both fine examples of members giving service to the bridge community and exhibiting friendly, welcoming behavior at the table.

I hope that many of you took advantage of the nearby NABC's in Orlando at the end of November. I'm sure you really enjoyed it if you attended.

Our Charity Pairs game and luncheon to benefit the Boys & Girls Club was a huge success. Toojay's supplied a great meal, the bridge was fun, and the donations collected will be very well used.



### SANDI MURRAY

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Sandi Murray on November 7, 2016. She died after a very brief illness from an aggressive form of leukemia. Sandi had been active in the administration of Unit 102, having served on the Board of Directors as Site Chair and Vice-President, and as Co-Chair of the Biennial Sarasota-Manatee Regional. She was a very deserving member of the District 9 Goodwill Committee. She was a very efficient and hardworking volunteer, and always was pleasant to everyone she met.

The following is a tribute from Larry Cohen, with whom Sandi had worked over the past few years:

"Never have I seen a staff member at bridge events who was so well-liked by all. It would take only a minute of conversation with her to discover her easy-going and gentle personality. Any question or problem and Sandi would graciously have an answer or solution. If you needed her, she was there. Always with a smile. Always polite. Always efficient."

"She lived a beautiful bridge-filled and people-filled life. She constantly gave back to the game and the bridge world was better for it. She will be sorely missed."

The NLM Tournament October 15-16 was great fun. A total of 159.98 masterpoints was earned by 126 players, with 71 tables in play. First place winners were: Jim Baker, Richard Krotseng, Barbara and Richard Bailey, Anna Bianchi, Sherry Pies, Jane Jackson, Mary Jane Zorzit, Al Cardona and Barbara Cardona, Janet Proudfoot, and Rick Lamanna.



Barbara and Richard Bailey

The Fall Sectional Tournament in November and the Charity Pairs Game benefitting the local area Boys and Girls Clubs in December were also hugely successful. Look for photos in the next issue. There is still time to line up partners and teams for our Winter Sectional, which will be held January 20-22, at Sahib Shrine. Please plan to support it.



NLM Swiss winners Al and Barbara Cardona, Rick Lamanna and Janet Proudfoot

The secret to our success in these events is the wonderful volunteers who make it all happen; namely, Peter Cleaves, Bette Cohn, Judith Flack, Mike Gibson, Merle Greenwald, Carol Hamilton, Jane Huerta, Marietta Huggard, Tom Lordi, Ann Munson, Tony Munson, Teresa Noa, Jim Russell, Marci Weisgold, Mary Welch, and Iris Wilson.

Without all the help they provide, our tournaments would leave a lot to be desired. Please give them a big THANK YOU the next time you see them.

### More Super Seniors

We are gaining in numbers, thanks to this wonderful game we all love. This issue we honor Lenore Bumstead, who recently joined



Nonagenarian the ranks. Lenore was born in Brooklyn and spent most of her adult life in Albany. She learned to play bridge when her children were babies. and the neighbors gathered locally in evening for games

of bridge at each others' homes. From there she ventured to duplicate, and took lessons from Sybil Barnet, who ran a bridge club in Albany.

Lenore remembers being so honored to be invited by the Director to play as her partner. When she retired she planned to become a bridge expert, but reality sunk in when she found she was no longer as sharp as she once was. Nevertheless, bridge has been a wonderful way to make lasting friendships and keep her mind active. She and her friends are so grateful to have this pastime that gives them so much pleasure. She plays at least three times a week; no longer able to drive, a friend brings her to the game at In-Between and one bridge playing friend or another who still drives is always available to take her home.

Another Nonagenarian being recognized this month is Dan Rubinstein, a fixture at local club games and tournaments since 1998, when he and his wife, Joan, moved to Sarasota. Dan was a swimming champion in high school, and at NYU he took up fencing, which he continued

for several years.

He was nationally ranked fencer and came in second in a national competition. was а decorated veteran of WWII. serving in the European and the Pacific theatres of action as a medical



corpsman. He and Joan lived in Syracuse; Silver Spring, MD; and Philadelphia, she playing more bridge than he; Dan was busy earning a living as a furniture manufacturer's representative. When they retired 25 years ago, Dan became more serious about the game, and he and Joan traveled extensively as cruise ship directors. She was the teacher and he ran the games. During at least twenty cruises, they met wonderful people and saw fascinating places. Nowadays, they stay closer to the barn, still enjoying bridge games at local clubs several times a week.

## PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS OF UNIT 102 WHEN YOU MEET THEM AT THE BRIDGE TABLE:

Clara Claeys
Warren Cohen
John Ertl
Victor Garofalo
Hugh Henig
Robert McKean
Sara Masciopinto
Miriam Moreno
Audrey Robbins
Marilyn Sylvestre

### 72% Games

73.64%	Mary Ruggles – Laura Denenholz	Field Club Invitational Game
73.21%	Vic Lawrence - Kathleen McCarthy	Field Club Invitational Game
72.92%	Betty Tilton – Jay Richman	In-Between STaC Open Game.
	They were first overall and earned 12.19 m	nasterpoints!
72.59%	Arnold Malasky – Ed Spear	InterCity Monday Open Game
72.15%	Libby Kaufman – Mike Cafferata	Club Champ In-Between Game
72.05%	Joan Mendell – Joyce Steele	Field Club Invitational Game

# Unit 128 President's Message

by Jeff Overby

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From the surveys submitted, the Daytona Beach Regional was enjoyed by most if not all those that attended. We all owe Betty Sandifer, tournament chair, a big thank you for all her hard work and that of the many volunteers.

Congratulations to Unit 128's Betty Sandifer upon her re-election as president of District 9. Also congratulations to Jeff Meckstroth upon being named District 9 Sportsman of the Year, an award named in honor of Zeke Jabbour, the first recipient of the award.

Congratulations to Shirley Seals who was reelected as the Board of Governors representative for area three. An insufficient number of members of Unit 128 attended the annual members' meeting, so there was no action taken due to lack of quorum.

Your unit board elected the following as officers for the next two years: Jeff Overby -President, Jeff Edelstein -Vice President, Shirley Seals- Secretary, and Marshall Hall - Treasurer.

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our snowbirds. The first regional tournament our unit will host this year will be held at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, February 13-19. This regional offers daily Gold Rush events and the largest number of total tables in Florida, so join in the fun and win lots of master points!

Unit 128's next regional will return to the Marriott in Coral Springs April 3-9, for the Southeastern Regional. This Hotel always

sells out so we suggest you reserve early so you are able to avail yourself of the special bridge rate. Once the room block is sold out, you will be out of luck, as the hotel room rate will increase significantly, if they are available at all.

A special congratulations to Bob Heller who was elected the new president of ACBL. Bob is a frequent supporter of bridge in Florida, and I wish him great success.

We look forward to seeing you at our fine regional tournaments!



### 2017 Regionals

Sarasota-Manatee–Feb 13-19 Southeasterns–Apr 3-9 Tampa–May 29-June 4 Naples–Oct 2-8 Daytona Beach–Nov 6-12

### A RANK CHANGE LETTER FROM A RUBY LIFE MASTER

When my partner in a church bridge group suggested that I should take up duplicate bridge, my reaction was "No way; I have no interest in playing with those sharks."

How wrong I was.

She persisted and we started playing in the beginner room in a Detroit area game. Points came grudgingly. Racking up points .05 at a time is not the way to become a star bridge player. I was ready to pack it in when I was invited to play in a local Pro-Am. Thanks to my very skilled pro, I more than double my 6 master points in that event. I was hooked.

Like most beginners, I loved hitting each milestone on the way to Life Master. I hit the all too familiar bump in the road with needing only one gold point to reach Life Master status. I spent six months going to every tournament I could in Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin. But the six months also pushed me way past the 300 points needed for Life Master, so getting to Bronze was a breeze. The jump to Silver was accelerated when I moved to Gainesville and found plenty of sectionals and regionals within easy driving distance.

I figured Silver was my last milestone. The 2500 needed for Gold Life Master was seemingly out of reach. When ACBL added the Ruby Life Master category, I suddenly had a reachable goal. There were plenty of humorous stories along the way. One night I was playing for the first time with a partner who had very few master points. She confused Michaels and Unusual No Trump, and I ended up in a sacrifice bid of 6 spades doubled. I had six spades and six points. She sheepishly put down the dummy with a single spade and apologized profusely. We should have been in diamonds. I was down 1400 but still had a top board because opponentswere in a 6-heart vulnerable slam.

Lessons learned as I honed my skill as the duplicate bridge table:

- Pick partners who smile and realize that it is a game and we are not pros making a living at the bridge table.
- Do not be afraid of the superstars. I have yet to meet one who did not willingly give me a

lesson when I messed up a hand or a bid.

- Always congratulate opponents on a hand they did well. Zero Tolerance is more than just not being nasty.
- Play occasionally or regularly with a newcomer. Strong players mentored me as I learned and I need to do the same. There is a huge plus in doing this. If newcomers feel included they stick around and help grow the game.

Bill Connellan works in the academic vice president's office at the University of Florida. He handles academic labor relations with a faculty appointment in the College of Journalism and Communication. When he lived in Michigan, he was on the steering committee that hosted the 2008 Spring NABC. In Gainesville, he is co-chairing the Kleinsasser sectional tournament, scheduled for March 3-5, 2017, at the Gainesville Country Club. He became a Ruby Life Master in September.

### **ELECTION REPORT**

In the one contested area for a seat on the Unit 128 Board of Governors, incumbent Shirley Seals defeated challenger Jon Shuster in a vote of 129-61. There were approximately 2050 eligible voters. Twenty-two absentee ballots did not comply with the submission rules in the Unit 128 by-laws, adding up to a total number of attempted votes by approximately 10% of the electorate (212).

### Unit Championship Games For The First Half of 2017

10-Jan Tuesday Afternoon
30-Jan Monday Afternoon
2-Feb Thursday Afternoon
27-Feb Monday Afternoon
6-Mar Monday Evening
15-Mar Wednesday Afternoon
2-Apr Sunday Afternoon Swiss
10-Apr Monday Afternoon
26-Apr Wednesday Afternoon
16-May Tuesday Afternoon
6-Jun Tuesday Afternoon
25-Jun Sunday Afternoon Swiss

See floridaunit128.org for sanction numbers and the schedule for the rest of the year.

### News From the Sun City Center DBA CLUB SUCCESS LAUNCHING OF NLM SECTIONAL

From 2013-2015, the Duplicate Bridge Association of Sun City Center has grown 23.6% in table count and has moved up from the rank of 92nd to 60th among all ACBL clubs. The club is growing even more in 2016.

We attribute much of the growth to the Easybridge! program. We've found that many people in our community want to learn to play bridge for the first time. Others want to improve their game or to learn the more recent bidding methods.

Easybridge! has helped us meet these goals in a variety of ways. The most important is that people are able to play the game immediately. A short lesson and then play begins. Players like the relaxed atmosphere during which questions can be asked and answered. Equally important is the social aspect. We supplement the bridge lessons/ games with activities such as a monthly Happy Hour, regular pot lucks and dinners out, and an occasional Mentor/Mentee game in additional to Sunday Funday. Sunday Funday games are regular games with appetizers before the game, social time after and we do crazy things like give a prize for winning a trick with the \$2. Many players have met and kept new friends. We believe that bridge should be both fun and mentally challenging - works for us!

As of July this year, the club has grown to 460 members. Beginning in August, two new directors, Maggi Guzinsky and Anne Skinner, were added to help direct the many games that are offered.



New directors Guzinsky and Skinner

The Sun City Center DBA was also proud to announce the first annual, two day 0-499 point,

NLM bridge tournament in June. Free continental breakfast was served and lunch was also available. Shown with their trophies, are Deb May & Tom Goselin, who won two events, and K.C. Chilton & Heather Trivus



May and Goselin

Many thanks to director, Mike Molinari, who did an outstanding job of organizing and running this first time tournament Thanks also to partnership chair Kathy Smith and the helpers who pitched in. Because of its success the club has agreed to



Chilton and Trivus

conduct another NLM tournament in 2017.



Molinari and Smith

### CINDERELLA STORY

At the 2016 Tampa Regional Tournament, four of the club members (Ron Wallace, John Eza, Gil Todd, and Jacob Orlofsky) had a very special knock out game. Since there was only one bracket, the teams with fewer master points received handicaps. Our team had a total of 580 master points. This team won the first three rounds making it to the final round. Here they met the Jeff Meckstroth team. No, they didn't win. But, having made it to the final round, they each won 22.4 gold points. Now that's what you call a good knockout game result!

### **72% Club**

81.09%	Patricia Dovell / Adrian Dovell	Gainesville DBC
77.08%		Catherines DBC, West Palm Beach
76.67%	Malay Ghosh / Calvin Rowe	Gainesville DBC
76.14%	Rick Blume / Al Seidner	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
75.60%	Robert Fried / Mike Grathwohl	Boca Raton DBC
75.60%	Jean Simons / Greg Bardes	Tampa Bay Bridge Center
75.55%	Esther Bankuti / Audrey Kurland	McGregor Point DBC, Ft. Myers
75.33%	Ruthann McCarty / Sally Schrader	The Club Pelican Bay, Naples
75.32%	Anna Sheldon / Morris Futernick	The Bidding Box DBC, Pinecrest
75.29%	Rosalyn Pincus / Marilyn Rich	Addison Reserve CC, Delray Beach
75.00%	Bella Ionis-Sorren / Henry Meyer	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
75.00%	Susan Elliott / Tommy Solberg	Citrus BC, Hernando
74.88%	Shirley Carle / Corrine Southard	Citrus Bridge Club, Hernando
74.77%	Justin Coniglio / Jeff Edelstein	Tampa Bay Bridge Center
74.70%	Florie Goldman / Esther Van Der Horst	Polo CC, Boca Raton
74.54%	Linda Green / Jared Lilienstein	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
74.41%	Joan Bayley-Pyle / Frank Braccio	Pasadena BC, St. Petersburg
74.14%	Stanley Jacobson / Isador Mitzner	Mandel JCC BC, Palm Beach Gardens
74.01%	Clifford Gordon / Frank Hacker	Lee County BA, Fort Meyers
73.98%	Sylvia Moss / Michael Seamon	Boca Raton DBC
73.88%	Dee Donaldson / Wayne Mathews	Deland DBC
73.78%	Jane Goldberg / Karin Strickland	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
73.46%	Kenneth Balch / Kevin Senn	Tomoka DBC, Ormand Beach
73.44%	Sarah Robin / Goran Hanson	PGI DBC, Punta Gorda
73.33%	Myrna Keisman / Anita Kessler	St Andrews CC, Boca Raton
73.21%	Ellen Kozlove / Sylvia Moss	Boca Raton DBC
73.07%	Gene Calden / Aaron Simon	Temple Sinai, Delray Beach
72.69%	Terri Coley / Whit Campbell	Nature Coast BC, Spring Hill
72.67%	Shirley Braverman / Shirley Kravitz	Temple Sinai, Delray Beach
72.62%	Betty Morgan / Sarah(Pat) Riley	St Augustine DBC
72.57%	Allice Emmett / Pay McCloskey	Everglades Club, Palm Beach
72.45%	Jim Burt / Ed Tranovich	McGregor Point BC, Fort Myers
72.05%	Albert Sequin / Arlene Sequin	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
72.00%	Sharon Jabbour / June Nathanson	WINthebridgeclub, Boca Raton

### **SUBMIT 72% CLUB GAMES**

by email to: unit128sbn@gmail.com

All submissions must contain THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. the club's full name

2. the town in which the club is located

3. the director's name

4. the names of both partners

5. an electronic link to the club results for the day of the big game

No Club Name, No Club Location, No Listing, So Sorry.

No 72% games in a field smaller than six tables will be published. Please do not send us any.

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### St. Pete Player Responds to Change of Rank Letter

Hi Jay,

I am a Canadian from Montreal. I moved to Florida last September with my husband on a 3-year work visa. After we were settled I called St Petersburg Bridge Club to ask about lessons. It was late October and Charles Gill suggested I go on line and have a look at some web sites he suggested. I showed up at the club only to find out I had missed four classes. Charlie had me playing bridge that day. I took lessons from everyone who was teaching.

There are 3-4 beginner classes every week. I then started attending supervised play. For \$5 you play hands while a senior bridge player helps you with bidding and playing. My next step was to play in a 0-20 game. At this point I started kibitzing in the open game. Some of the senior bridge players also invited me to play with them. I then took advantage of the mentor program and continued with a competitive bridge class.

My mentor would play with me in a 299 game and give me tips and pointers along the way. When my mentor, a fellow Canadian, went home for the summer, Charlie paired me with a new mentor. I play with a mentor once a week and with other partners 2-3 times per week. I still take classes 1-2 times per week.

One of my favorites is a class where we play boards that were played in the open game that day. We play the board, then discuss how to bid it and play it better. We also compare how we did against people who played them in the open game. St. Petersburg Bridge Club is a very welcoming place.

The senior players are very generous with their knowledge and love of the game. The programs to help new players are great. I have been playing for almost one year and I am at 28 points.

I hope this will help new players get started.

Regards, Sheryl

### District Nine

### JANUARY

Jan 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying

Jan 2-8 ORLANDO REGIONAL

Jan 12-15 St. Petersburg Sectional Jan 13-15 Palm Beach Gardens Sectional

Jan 20-22 Sarasota Sectional Jan 16-22 U240, 243, 219 STaC

> Jan 23-29 SAN DESTIN REGIONAL

Jan 26-29 Daytona Sectional Jan 27-29

North Palm Beach Sectional

Jan 27-29 Margret Bridge

### Club Sectional FEBRUARY

Feb 1-28 GNT Club Qualifying

Feb 3-5 Fort Lauderdale Sectional

> Feb 3-5 Jacksonville Sectional

Feb 3-5 Winter Haven SR/ NLM Sectional Feb 3-5 McGregor Point 499er Sectional

Feb 6-12 Unit 128 STaC

Feb 10-12 Vero Beach Sectional

Feb 13-19 SARASOTA-MANATEE REGIONAL

Feb 15-16 St. Augustine 499ers Sectional

Feb 24-26 Sun City Center Sectional

Feb 24-26 Orlando Sectional

> Feb 24-26 Tallahassee Sectional

Feb 25-26 Khatib 499ers Sectional

### MARCH

Mar 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying

Mar 3-5 Gainesville Sectional

Mar 9-12 St. Petersburg 499er Sectional

Mar 9-19 KANSAS CITY NABC Mar 10-12 Rockledge Sectional

Mar 17-19 Pensacola Sectional

Mar 17-19 St. Augustine Sectional

Mar 17-19 Venice Sectional

Mar 20-26 U102, 219, 240, 243 STaC

> Mar 24-26 Ocala 499er Sectional

Mar 24-26 Clearwater 499ers Sectional

Mar 27-29 Miami Sectional

Mar 30-Apr 1 Daytona 499ers Sectional

Mar 31-Apr 2 Khatib Sectional

Mar 31-Apr 2 Fort Myers Sectional

### APRIL

Apr 3-9 SOUTH-EASTERNS REGIONAL

Apr 12-13 Deland 299ers Sectional

Apr 12-14 McGregor Point 199ers Sectional Apr 14-16 Fort Lauderdale Sectional

Apr 14-16 Bradenton Sr/ NLM Sectional

Apr 19-21 Bridge Deck Sr/ NLM Sectional

> Apr 21-23 Spring Hill Sectional

Apr 21-23 Vero Beach Sectional

Apr 28 - 30 GNT Finals & Sectional

### MAY

May 4-6 Palm Coast Sectional

May 5-7 Sarasota Sectional

May 18-21 St. Petersburg 499er

Sectional
May 19-21

Naples Sectional
May 19-21
Orlando Sectional

Orlando Sectional May 26-28

Jacksonville Sectional

May 29-Jun 4
TAMPA
REGIONAL

### JUNE

May 29-Jun 4
TAMPA
REGIONAL

### Tournament Calendar

Jun 1-30 NAP Club Qualifying	Aug 25-27 Deland 299ers Sectional	Oct 16-18 Miami Sectional	Nov 17-19 The Villages 499er Sectional
Jun 9-11 The Villages Sectional Jun 12-18 Unit 128 SToC	SEPTEMBER Sep 1-30 GNT Club Qualifying	Oct 20-22 Clearwater Sectional Oct 20-22	Nov 21E ACBL-Wide Charity Game Nov 30 - Dec 3
Unit 128 STaC Jun 22-24 Bridge Deck Sectional	Sep 1-4 St. Petersburg Sectional	Jacksonville Sectional Oct 16-22 U243, 102, 219 240	SAN DIEGO NABC DECEMBER
JULY Jul 1-31	Sep 8-10 N. Orlando Sectional	STaC Oct 27-29 NAP Finals &	Nov 30 - Dec 3 SAN DIEGO NABC
NAP Club Qualifying Jul 1-2	Sep 8-10 Venice Sectional	Sectional NOVEMBER	Nov 30-Dec 3 St Pete 499er Sectional
Sun City 499ers Sectional Jul 14-16 Popits Pridge	Sep 14-17 St. Petersburg 499er Sectional	Nov 1-30 GNT Club Qualifying Nov 3-5	Dec 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying Dec 1-3
Bonita Bridge Sectional Jul 21-23 Orlando	Sep 14-17 Daytona Sectional Sep 21-23	McGregor Point Sectional Nov 3-5	St. Augustine Sectional Dec 1-3
Sectional AUGUST		Palm Beach Gardens Sectional Nov 3-5	Vero Beach Sectional Dec 1-3
Aug 1-31 NAP Club Qualifying	Melbourne Sectional OCTOBER		Naples Sectional Dec 4-10 U128 STaC
Aug 4-6 Tallahassee Sectional Aug 7-13	Oct 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying Oct 2-8	Deland 299er Sectional Nov 6-12	Dec 11-17 CORAL SPRINGS REGIONAL
District 9 STaC Aug 17-19	NAPLES REGIONAL Oct 13-15	DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL	Dec 21E ACBL-Wide International Fund
Palm Coast Sectional Aug 25-27	st Ft Walton Beach Il Sectional	Nov 13-19 U219, 240, 243 STaC	Game #3
Ft Myers Sectional	McGregor Point 499er Sectional	Nov 17-19 Sarasota Sectional	

# Fort Myers, Florida **February 3-5 2017**

Silver Point Sectional Bridge Tournament

McGregor Point Bridge Club

Pair games at 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM Friday & Saturday: Sunday: Two session swiss teams 10:00 AM

A • 300-500 B • 200-300 C • 0-200

Stratification may be adjusted based on attendance

Partnerships: Rick Covalciuc 239-433-4422

Directions: www.thebridgeplace.com

Tournament Site: 15675-1 McGregor Blvd. • Fort Myers • 33908



**Tournament Chair:** 

JoAnn Vergnolle (904) 327-8952 joannvergnolle@gmail.com

Partnerships: Go to the Online Partnership Desk: finess.com/D9PDeskIndex

Directions:

Exit I-95 at SR 16 (Exit 318). Go east to US Hwy 1. Take US Hwy 1 north (2 blocks) to Fairbanks Street; turn LEFT (between Red Carpet Inn and Depot Plaza).

> St. Augustine Duplicate Bridge Club Tel: (904) 824-3930 • 10 Fairbanks Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084

### Non-Life Master Silver Point Tournament

Saturday, Feb 25-Sunday, Feb 26 2017

### Saturday Schedule

Mini-Lesson 9:30 am Non-Life Master Pairs 10:00 am & 2:00 pm

### **Sunday Schedule**

Non-Life Master Swiss Teams 10:00 am (2 Sessions)

Complimentary Lunch Served Daily

Tournament Chair: Audrey Crandall (772) 336-3363 acranman@comcast.net

### **Khatib Bridge Center**

500 SE Palm Beach Rd, Stuart, FL (772) 287-5885

Just 45 minutes from Palm Beach & Vero Beach

### St. Petersburg Bridge Club 499er Tourney

SILVER POINTS! 9103 US Highway 19

Pinellas Park, FL 33782

727-544-5040

March 9, 11 and 12, 2017

Thursday March 9 10:30 AM 499er Pairs 3:00 PM 499er Pairs

Saturday March 11 10:30 AM 499er Pairs 3:00 PM 499er Pairs

Sunday March 12 10:30 AM 499er Swiss Teams

Strata: A=300-500 (not including Life Masters); B= 100-300; C= 0-100
Strata are based on averages and may vary to accommodate the field
Free coffee, orange juice and snacks at all sessions

If you need a hotel: La Quinta, 5000 Lake Blvd., Clearwater 727-299-9800

For more information or Partnership requests
Charles Gill - 727-363-1136 or Email: cfgill@verizon.net

ST. PETERSBURG BRIDGE CLUB is located just off I-275

From I-275, take Exit 28 and drive west on Gandy/Park approx 11/4 miles to US Highway 19 Turn north on US Highway 19, 9103 is 3/4 mile up US 19 on the right at Mainlands Plaza.

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### Clearwater NLM Tournament March 24 - 26, 2016

Friday March 24 Stratified 0-500/NLM Pairs 10:30am and 3:00pm

(single sessions)

Saturday March 25 Stratified 0-500/NLM Pairs 10:30am and 3:00pm

(single sessions)

Sunday March 26 Swiss 0-500/NLM Teams 10:30am

Play through with lunch provided

Tournament is for Non-Life Masters with 0-500 points Stratification will be determined by the Director in Charge Master points averaged for Swiss Teams

Tournament Chair Nancy Alciatore

727-251-6643 n.alciatore@gmail.com

Partnership Chair Kate Willet

727-365-9640 kwillet.kw@gmail.com

Lodging

La Quinta Inn 727-799-1565

#### SILVER POINTS

RESULTS: http://www.bridgewebs.com/clearwater Mini lessons 9:30 AM Fri & Sat

#### Location

Clearwater Duplicate Bridge Club 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Regions Bank Building 2551 Sunset Point Road Clearwater FL 33765 727-726-0796 South side of Sunset Point Road Just west of US Highway 19



### DAYTONA BEACH 0-499 (NLM) SECTIONAL March 30 - April 1, 2017



#### DAYTONA METROPOLITAN BRIDGE CLUB

600 Driftwood Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118 (386) 255-7744 · daytonabridgeclub.org

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10:00 am - STRATIFIED PAIRS

2:15 pm - STRATIFIED PAIRS

SATURDAY: 10:00 am - STRATIFIED PAIRS

2:15 pm - TEAM GAME

STRATIFICATION: A: 300-500 (NLM) · B: 100-300 · C: 0-100

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Jim Geary (386) 235-6420 bridgeinmyheart@aol.com
PARTNERSHIP CHAIR: Barry Pope (386) 281-5141 pope\_barry@hotmail.com
DIRECTOR IN CHARGE: Jim Geary (386) 235-6420 bridgeinmyheart@aol.com

HOTEL: Hampton Inn (386) 944-2570 1024 N. Atlantic Ave.,

Daytona Beach, FL 32118

(Across the street from the bridge club.)

JOIN US FOR A FEW FUN DAYS OF BRIDGE!

# **Wildstein Fam**

# Sectional Tournament

January 13-15, 2017

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday, January 13 | 10:00 am and 2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs Non-Life Master Pairs

Saturday, January 14 | 10:00 am and 2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs Non-Life Master Pairs

\*Sunday, January 15, 10:00 am play thru Stratified Swiss Teams Open & NLM (Team MP average)

\$11 per person per session \$3.00 extra for non and unpaid ACBL members

\* \$25 per person includes entry and lunch on Sunday

# STRATS

Open Games: A = 3000+, B = 1000-3000, C = 0-1000 0-NLM<500 Games: Stratified at the discretion of the director



#### Enjoy our hospitality

- Snacks, coffee and tea daily
- Orange juice and bagels in the am
- Lunch included in entry on Sunday



# DIRECTIONS

Mandel JCC, 5221 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

I-95 to PGA Blvd West (Exit 79B). Go West ½ mile to Military Trail and turn right (north). Make a left (west) onto Hood Road and the JCC will be ½ mile on your right.

For more information contact 561-712-5276 or email Bridge@JCConline.com Tournament Chair: J.R. Sanford • Partnerships: Carole Lazarou



The mission of the Mandel JCC is to build community and enhance connection to Jewish life.

5221 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens • JCConline.com







# CC NORTH Pal

# **sectional tournal**

January 27-29, 2017

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 27 | 10:00 am and 2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs Non-Life Master Pairs

Saturday, January 28 | 10:00 am and 2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs Non-Life Master Pairs

\*Sunday, January 29, 10:00 am play thru Stratified Swiss Teams Open & NLM (Team MP average)

\$11 per person per session \$3.00 extra for non and unpaid ACBL members

\* \$25 per person includes entry and lunch on Sunday

# STRATS

Open Games: A = 3000+, B = 1000-3000, C = 0-1000

0-NLM<500 Games: Stratified at the discretion of the director

DIRECTIONS

#### Mandel JCC, 5221 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

I-95 to PGA Blvd West (Exit 79B). Go West ½ mile to Military Trail and turn right (north). Make a left (west) onto Hood Road and the JCC will be 1/2 mile on your right.

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# MARGRET SECTIONAL

at St. Petersburg Bridge Club 9103 US Highway 19 N. ♠ Pinellas Park, FL 33782 ♠ 727-544-5040 January 27-29, 2017

Friday Jan 27 10:30 AM Stratified Open Pairs

Intermediate Pairs (NLM)

3:00 PM Bracketed Knockouts (Round 1 of 3)

Stratified Open Pairs Intermediate Pairs (NLM)

Saturday Jan 38 10:30 AM Bracketed Knockouts (Round 2 of 3)

Stratified Open Pairs

Intermediate Pairs (NLM)

3:00 PM Bracketed Knockouts (Round 3 of 3)

Stratified Open Pairs Intermediate Pairs (NLM)

Sunday Jan 29 10:30 AM Stratified Swiss – play through

NLM Swiss – play through

Strata: A=2000+; B=750-2000; C-0-750 NLM Strata: A=200-NLM; B=100-200; C=0-100 (Top Bracket may be handicapped)

Free coffee, orange juice and snacks at all sessions Lunch during Sunday's Swiss Teams game

Hotel: La Quinta Hotel, 5000 Lake Blvd., Clearwater 727-299-9800

For more information

Marianne Timmons 727-725-3006 Mtimm34695@aol.com Partnership requests

Gretchen Funk

gretchen34695@aol.com

St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located just off I-275.

From I-275, take Exit 28 and drive west on Gandy/Park approx. 1-1/4 miles to US Highway 19.
Turn north on US 19. 9103 is 3/4 mile up US 19 on the right at Mainlands Plaza

### SENIOR & NON-LIFE MASTER

### SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT



February 3-5, 2017

Winter Haven Bridge Club 1805 9th Street SE Winter Haven, FL 33881 (863) 293-8785

# Friday

10:00 am SR and NLM Pairs 3:00 pm SR and NLM Pairs Saturday 10:00 am SR and NLM Pairs 3:00 pm SR and NLM Pairs



Sunday 9:00 am Swiss Teams (Play through) Lunch Provided

OPEN STRATS: A = 1500+ B = 500-1500 C = 0-500NLM STRATS: To be determined by TD at game time

#### CHAIRMAN

Sally Bonkoski sally.bonkoski@gmail.com (863) 307-4333

#### CO-CHAIRMAN

Anne Lambdin ahduke@tampabay.rr.com (863) 662-4760

#### PARTNERSHIPS

Jean Faulkner lfaulkner7@tampabay.rr.com (863) 324-2282

#### Directions:

From the South, take US 27 North to SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Blvd.) From the North take US 27 South to SR 540. Go West on SR 540 approximately 6 miles; turn left at 9<sup>th</sup> Street (at traffic light with McDonalds on left. Bridge Center is the first building on the right, past McDonalds.

# **Jacksonville Winter Sectional**



3353 Washburn Road, Jacksonville FL 32250 904-223-3837 ◆ jsbsectional@gmail.com

Chairperson Trella Bromley 904-859-8381
Partnerships Julie Bradley 904-220-2299



# Friday & Saturday 10:30 and 2:30

- Stratified Open Pairs, Single Session
- 299er NLM Pairs, Single Session (No single player may have more than 300 points)

# Sunday 10:30, 2 Session playthrough

- Open Swiss Team
- 499er NLM Swiss Team

(No single player may have more than 500 points)

Open Strata 0-750 / 750-2000 / 2000+ 299er Strata 0-100 / 100-200 / 200-300 499er Strata 0-100 / 100-300 / 300-500

Stratification is based on the average points per pair or team. Stratification may be modified at Director's discretion.

# **Continental Breakfast & Lunch Served Daily**

#### Directions

1-95 East on J. Turner Butler Blvd (FL202). Approx. 10 miles to San Pablo exit, then North to Beach Blvd Left on Beach to Washburn, take left at the Sunoco Station.

#### Hotel Info

Marriott Courtyard at Mayo Clinic on San Pablo 904-223-1700

When calling the Marriott ask for in-house reservations. Be sure to ask for the bridge rate.



# **Sun City Center Sectional** February 24-26, 2017

## **Great bridge AND Florida sunshine**

Friday Schedule

Stratified Open Pairs NLM/499er Pairs 0-20 Pairs (\$5/person) 10am and 3pm 10am and 3pm 10am only

**Saturday Schedule** 

Stratified Open Pairs NLM/499er Pairs 0-20 Pairs (\$5/person) 10am only

10am and 3pm 10am and 3pm

Sunday Schedule

Swiss teams 2 session Open and NLM/499

10am

Team points will be averaged. 30 pt Victory Scale NLM/499 Swiss team-5 table minimum.

Homemade Cookies Continental Breakfast Daily Great Hospitality Lots of fun!

**Community Hall** 1910 Pebble Beach Blvd. S. Sun City Center, FL 33573

#### Mini-Lectures

Friday, 9:15am

Marian Howarth-Preempts

Saturday, 9:15am

Leslie Cox—Bidding over

Preempts

Sunday, 9:15am

Sue Batt-Preserving Entries

Game Fees: Open and 499ers: \$10/person Swiss:-\$25/person, lunch included \$3 additional for non and unpaid ACBL members

Strats: 499ers-0-100,100-300, 300-500 Open-0-750, 750-2000, 2000+

Tournament Chair Mike Molinari, 813 633-5651 Partnership Open Dorothy Eveleigh, 813 642-9005 499er Kathy Smith, 813 480-3368 Director Patty Johnson

Directions to Sectional: I-75 to Sun City Center exit 240A, east on 674 to Pebble Beach Blvd. S. (2.3 miles), turn right on Pebble Beach Blvd. S. and drive to 1910, a large building on the left.

Comfort Inn has rooms. Call 813 633-3318. Comfort Inn is located at 718 Cypress Village Blvd. Turn left at the first light after exiting I-75. Ask for the Bridge Rate. Visit us at www.sunccbridge.com



# Gainesville Bridge Club Presents The Evelyn Kleinsasser Sectional Tournament

March 3-5, 2017

# Gainesville Country Club 7300 S.W. 35th Way, Gainesville, FL 32608

Directions: I-75 Exit 382. Turn west on Williston Road for .3 mi. Turn south on SW 35th Way until you reach the Country Club about 2 miles.

Friday - March 3, 2017

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM 299er Pairs 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM Novice (0-20) As attendance warrants

Saturday - March 4, 2017

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM 299er Pairs Novice (0-20) As attendance warrants

Stratified Open Pairs: A 2000+; B 750-2000; C 0-750 299er Stratification Determined by Director in Charge

Sunday - March 5, 2016 (Lunch Included)

Stratified Open Swiss Team (Play Through) 10:00 am 0-300 Swiss Team (As attendance warrants) 10:00 am

Stratified Swiss Teams: Stratification determined by Director in Charge

TOURNAMENT HOTEL: Quality Inn and Rodeway Inn 3455 SW Williston Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608 (352) 378-2405 I-75 Exit 382

Chairmen: Eric Taylor ericgtaylor@comcast.net

Bill Connellan connellan@comcast.net
Partnerships: Carolyn Brown nana16thtee@yahoo.com

For More Information: bridgewebs.com/gainesville



#### March 17-19, 2017

10 Fairbanks St. . St. Augustine, FL (904) 824-3930

#### MASTERPOINTS AVERAGED ALL GAMES

Friday, March 17th

Stratified Open Pairs - Single Session Stratified Open Pairs - Single Session

Stratified Pairs 0-500 NLM - Single Session Stratified Pairs 0-500 NLM - Single Session

10:00 am 2:30 pm 10:00 am

2:30 pm

Saturday, March 18th

0-20 Every AM Session if enough

0-20 Every

AM Session

if enough

Stratified Open Pairs - Single Session Stratified Open Pairs - Single Session Stratified Pairs 0-500 NLM - Single Session

Stratified Pairs 0-500 NLM - Single Session

10:00 am 2:30 pm

10:00 am 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 19th

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play Through)

10:00 am

Open Strata: A: 2500+ B:1000-2500 C:0-1000 0-499 Strata: A: 300-500 B: 200-300 C: 0-200

#### Free Lunch Daily • Home Baked Goods • Signature Sunday Brunch

Chair:

Jo Ann Vergnolle

(904) 327-8952

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Edwina Gere

Partnership: Barb McCallon

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barbaramccallon@gmail.com

Or visit District Online Partnership Desk: bridgefinesse.com/D9PDeskIndex

Directions: Exit I-95 at SR16 (Exit 318). Go east to Hwy 1. Take US Hwy 1 north (2 blocks) to Fairbanks Street; Turn LEFT (between Red Carpet Inn and Depot Plaza).













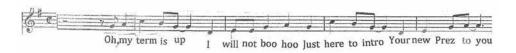




# President's Message

Fellow Bridge Players,

Please join Sylvia (who has so generously allowed me to publish excerpts from her books) and me in a short sing-along.



#### ARMAND GRASSI

Armand, a Lynn Haven resident, is married to the former Paula J. Greiner, and they have three (3) daughters.

After retiring from the United States Air Force in April of 2006, Armand took the Audrey Grant Bridge Course. In less than three (3) years of ACBL play, he became a Life Master. Having achieved this, he went on to become a Club Director in August of 2008, and in October of the same year he was certified to be an Easybridge! Instructor. These accomplishments led to his teaching and directing bridge around the world (literally). Over the years he has worked with several cruise lines including Carnival, Cunard, Holland America, Princess, and Royal Caribbean. On 9 November 2016, he completed his sixtieth cruise on Holland America's Zaandam (yes, it's another one of those "dam" ships) liner in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Armand, now a Silver Life Master, is Manager of the Panama City Duplicate Bridge Club.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the Officers and Board Members who supported me throughout my Presidency.

My best wishes to Armand and the 2017 Officers and Board of Directors as they take the Unit forward.

Geri

# Bridge in the Panhandle by Michelle Crane

"Partner" is defined as "a person associated... in a joint venture...sharing risks and profits." For the purposes of duplicate bridge, the joint venture is the game itself, the risk is making the wrong bid or not making the contract,



and the profit is earning masterpoints.

In five years of playing Duplicate, I have played with 62 different partners, so I can honestly say the following: Some partners are calm and sedate. Others are seriously studious. Some are sharp – in good ways and in bad ways. Some let you know exactly how they feel...

At the November Sectional tournament

in Pensacola, one of our own, Lorna Bultman, was ecstatic when she saw that she and her partner, Patty Kattner, had come in first overall in the



Kattner and Bultman

Friday afternoon 0-300 game. Her whoops of joy were heard throughout the playing area! I am glad to report that the Open players graciously accepted her celebration of Silver. Winners

of the Saturday 0-300 game were Belle Welk and Brenda Sanchez. Congratulations.

I am sorry I missed Lorna's reaction to earning 0.68 Gold in the late October Online NAP



Welk and Sanchez

when she partnered with Richard Broughton. Also playing in the Online NAP were Richard Osborn and Dolores Vest, who earned 1.88 Red/Gold points with their partnership. Good going!

I reported in the last issue the achievement of Gold Life Master status by Fernando Teson. He has acknowledged with thanks his regular partners: Amy Reznik, Bhavik Soni, Pat Horton, Raphael Screiber, Ted Bain, Theo Lichtenstein, Spencer Hurd and Patti Poppell.

Brenda Starnes (Navarre) made Gold Life Master at the November Sectional in Pensacola. She credits her many wins to her partnerships with Carolyn Wolf, Sid Kalishman, JoAnn Coulter, Doris Needham and Gail Marr.

Marlys Rooney, of Port St. Joe, is now a Bronze Life Master.

Parties can be more fun when you attend with a partner. Pensacola DBC held a Milestone Party on October 15, and 17 pairs showed up to play and to celebrate significant rank achievements. Also celebrated was the 31st anniversary of the purchase of PDBC's current club home at 1200 N. 12th Avenue. The 108-year old building has had a few face-lifts since its prior existence as a dress shop. The Unit Championship game held after the party was won by married partners Sid and Betty Sue Kalishman.

Longtime bridge partners Nicola Spears and Peggy Mellies rarely miss the opportunity to attend Halloween bridge parties in fantastic

costumes. This year was no exception! The previous day, J. Jody Craney and Patti Hawthorne were partners in bling.

Amy Reznik of Tallahassee reports on a charity game at their club to benefit Refuge House, whose mission is to serve all people affected by domestic



Mellies and Spears

abuse, violence or sexual assault across the 8 counties of the big bend. Including the silent auction, gift card raffle and other donations, TDBC members raised \$1104! BIG THANKS to all the TDBC members who helped in, donated to, and played in this event!!! Thanks to Pamela E. Flory for her assistance with refreshments, the auction, the set up and the clean up. Thanks to Mary Gilbertson for obtaining gift cards from Crepevine, Bonefish Grille and Brick Haus Pizza

First overall in the 11-table open game were Fernado Teson and Amy Reznik. Winners in the

3-table 199-er section were Lynda Barnum and Shirley Driscoll. One more note about Refuge House: Although it is no longer a thrift store



Charity game raffle winners Shirley Driscoll, Earl Lines and Lynda Barnum

itself, it PARTNERS with nearby Lucky Duck Resale for Autism Thrift Store.

As reported in the last issue, Jeannette Winters (Tallahassee) is now a Diamond Life Master. In case you are wondering how she got there, here are a few highlights from her life:

Jeannette was born and raised in London, England, where her family played chess, not cards. After moving to Ft. Lauderdale, she was introduced to duplicate bridge by her mother-in-law. After a few lessons, Jeannette joined the local club and in her first game, she came in second, followed by a first place win in her second game. A natural, she became a Life Master within 5 years, under the old system of "pink mail-in slips" and no strats of A, B and C.

Her next bridge journey took place aboard ship on an extended trip to Italy after her husband retired. The captain was a "bridge fiend," and

Jeannette agreed to play party bridge (for the first and last time in her life) with him and two other officers every day – in exchange for being allowed to keep her 3 dogs in her cabin at night instead of in the kennels.

After a long sojourn in Italy, Jeannette's family moved back to the States. Jeanette had no time for bridge for quite a while as she traveled back and forth between Ft. Lauderdale and Toronto, where she had accepted a position as director of a TV program. Following the death of her husband, Jeannette moved to Tallahassee to be near her daughter. Twelve years later, she was reintroduced to duplicate bridge. She quickly became a Bronze Life Master, then earned Silver and Gold status. And now, she has risen to the rank of Diamond Life Master. Jeannette credits TDBC as having a family atmosphere. As to the game itself, she notes, "It keeps the neurons firing and brings me a lot of joy!"

Some partnerships last a game or two, while others last for years. Despite a hiatus of many years – due to living in different cities – Wilbur

Bate and Carrie Mae Marquess reunited as bridge partners in Tallahassee. They admit to having over 190 years of living between them. Now THAT's an enduring partnership!!!

The Sandestin Regional is this month. Got a partner lined up?



Bate and Marquess

# **70% Club**

78.18%	Fernando Teson/Amy Reznik	Tallahassee DBC
77.50%	Amy Reznik/Spencer Hurd	Capital City DBC
74.31%	Rod Fullerton/Reggie Kneiding	Pensacola DBC
72.92%	Jim La Force/Elizabeth Poor	Fort Walton DBC
72.92%	Jane Stark/Bob Stark	Panama City DB
71.43%	Richard Polangin/Patti Poppell	Tallahassee DBC
71.43%	Spencer Hurd/Fernando Teson	Capital City DBC
71.31%	Larry Simon/ Lyn Stevens	Panama City DB
70.37%	Lee Anderson/ Gail Werth	Fort Walton DBC
70.37%	Fernando Teson/Amy Reznik	Capital City DBC
70.00%	Patrick Horton/Charles Christmas	Capital City DBC



### TALLAHASSEE WINTER SECTIONAL

Sponsored by the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club www.tdbc.info



# February 24-26, 2017

# **Tallahassee Senior Center**

1400 North Monroe Street (at 7th Avenue), Tallahassee FL

FRIDAY

1:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Open Pairs (single sessions)

Dinner between sessions

299er Pairs

\*\*\* Special 0-50 Novice Section if warranted \*\*\*

SATURDAY

10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

Open Pairs (single sessions)

299er Pairs

\*\*\* Special 0-50 Novice Section if warranted \*\*\*

SUNDAY

10:00 AM (Play through) Swiss Teams (Lunch Provided)

All Events Stratified (by pair or team average):

A: 2500+

B: 750 - 2500

C: 0-750

Novice: 0 - 299

Karl Miller, Tournament Director

#### BEST OF SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Beverages and snacks provided throughout the tournament Entry Fees: \$20 per pair, per session - \$100 per Swiss Team (\$3 more, per session, per player for non-paid or unpaid ACBL members)

Chair:

Patti Wallace

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# Pensacola Spring Sectional

\*\*Quality Inn\*\*
51 Gulf Breeze Parkway
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561
March 17-19, 2017

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Stratified Open & 299er\* Pairs 1:00pm & 6:00pm SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Stratified Open & 299er\* Pairs 10:00am & 3:00pm SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Stratified Open & 299er\* Swiss Team 10:00am & TBA

\*Attendance Permitting & Trophies Awarded

Meals Served On Friday & Sunday

Pair Games are Single Session

#### STRATIFICATION

OPEN PAIRS & TEAMS: A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750 0-299er PAIRS & TEAMS: A=200-300, B=100-200, C=0-100 Masterpoints Averaged for Open Pairs and Teams

#### FEES

\$11.00 for ACBL Members \$14.00 for Non & Unpaid Members \$112.00 Swiss Team, \$6.00 Extra Person

#### TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Sue Smith (850) 995-7125

Sue.Smith@mchsi.com

#### PARTNERSHIP CHAIR

Jean Askew (850) 432-5363 JeancAskew14@gmail.com

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Quality Inn
51 Gulf Breeze Parkway
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561
(850) 932-2214
Ask for Rate Code LFade2
ON-SITE PLAYING AREA
OVERLOOKING BAY

#### **DIRECTIONS TO PLAYING SITE**

From the East or West on I-10, take exit 12 to 1-110 toward Pensacola Beach, the Quality Inn will be at the south end of the Bay Bridge on the right.

A FUN AND FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT WITH NEVER-ENDING HOSPITALITY
SPECIAL 299er GAMES WITH TROPHIES
LOTS OF HOMEMADE COOKIES, TOO!

\*\*NOTE BIG CHANGES\*\*

VENUE CHANGE TO QUALITY INN

IN GULF BREEZE ON THE BAY

TEMPERATURE WILL BE CONTROLLED





# President's Message

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#### **Board Members:**

Karen Adelman John Caban Debbie Drury Jane Formet Martha Glassmeyer Linda James Millie Larkin Maureen Loeb Robert Sprick Becoming a life master is a tough and sometimes brutal journey! I have been keeping my eye on a pair that I've come to admire for their tenacity as they trek down this pothole-filled road. It's made me think about what it takes to cross this milestone. I've seen these two at almost every single Regional Tournament in Central Florida working at their joint endeavor. I chatted with them in Daytona (they'd just been knocked out) and reminded them of the old movie Galaxy Quest....the movie's basic theme was NEVER GIVE UP! This is the trait that every Life Master must have! NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP! These two will become Life Masters soon and I hope I'm close by to help celebrate!

If you're not a LM but still forging ahead, we're proud of you! If you've given-up, we urge you to try again. We've all heard countless excuses but they are just that -- excuses! We've all been there! We know the frustration! We've suffered the losses; we too, were just 1 IMP away! Believe me, we ALL understand your pain!

Those who finally cross the LM barrier have been determined. The elation and pride, once accomplished, is redeeming; however, it will be short-lived as you've proven you are goal oriented....your next goal is just ahead -- Bronze Life Master!

Here comes another brand new, clean, fresh year! Let's make the best of it!

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### JANE GARR

Jane Garr's road to becoming a bridge player in Vero Beach doesn't sound all that unusual. She retired from her job as a professor of nursing at a community college in a cold northern city in late 1992. Her husband had sold his industrial cleaning supplies business earlier, so they started coming to Vero, at first just for the winters. They joined a country club (the Vero Beach), but when a bad back wouldn't let her play golf anymore, she heard about bridge, took it up and become quite good at it. They finally moved to Vero full-time 11 years ago.

Jane was a full professor of nursing at Monroe Community College in Rochester and served as president of the faculty senate, helping write the college's bylaws. She received a commendation for excellence for her teaching and wrote a book, "Care of Wounds." That seems ironic because Jane recently caught a serious infection after a procedure for cellulitis, which has kept her away from her beloved Vero Beach Bridge Center. She vows to be back soon. "The infection was a bit of rotten luck, but at least I know how to take care of wounds," Jane says.

Her family has been a big help standing by her as she gets well. The Garrs have four children; the oldest, a son, lives not too far away in Lake Worth. They also have twins, a boy and a girl, one of whom stayed in the Rochester area while the other settled in Massachusetts. The youngest, a girl, also lives in Massachusetts, and between the several families, there are seven grandchildren and some of them are now starting to get engaged – "that's very exciting."

Jane has become very involved in the local classical music scene, which is also ironic, because at first "I had no ear for music." But her husband had been a board member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the couple's first neighbor in Vero Beach was the conductor of the local Atlantic Classic Orchestra, so she got dragged along to concerts.

"Then I took a course taught by the just-retired Stewart Robertson, 'Behind the Baton,' and I got really interested," Jane recalls. "I learned



to appreciate classical music." Eventually, she became vice president of a women's fundraising group for the orchestra, the Vero Beach Friends of the ACO.

Like many others, Jane played bridge in college but almost forgot about it during her teaching career. At the VBCC she entered a duplicate bridge game with a pickup partner, and — to her own surprise — won! She immediately joined the American Contract Bridge League so she wouldn't lose the sliver of a point she'd just won. She took classes from different teachers — some were good, others not so much — and attended celebrity lectures at the Bridge Center, but mostly she just played.

"We went to Bermuda two years in a row, and won enough gold the first year to get my Life Master rank and enough again the next year to make Bronze Life Master," she recalls. Jane also became Certified Director. She enjoys playing as well teaching and directing bridge, but she has a slight preference for directing and teaching now. Those first points she got as a player were nice, and making the Life Master ranks was fun, but she doesn't live for the points anymore.

"I play with people I like and the points don't matter that much," says Jane. "If we're first we're first, and if we're last, we're last. It's just a game and it should be fun."

### SALLY CORCORAN

Sally Corcoran is the complete definition of 'volunteer' and one of the most loyal and dedicated members of Vero Beach Bridge Center. Sally used to teach bridge to many generations and her pupils still attest to the fact that she was great. Physical limitations forced her to give up teaching a few years ago but she found other ways to contribute by creating the monthly birthday cake designs and taking care of our bulletin boards.

Sally loved to teach, especially to beginners. She taught classes of all sizes, always finding time to give individual attention to each student. She used bridge books as a guide, and still believes in the wisdom of books. Having taught all levels she compared notes with another teacher who said she'd had a student who'd never played bridge before. "That's nothing," Sally scoffed. "I had one who'd never even held a playing card in her hand – I had to start from scratch explaining that an Ace beats a King, etc."

Many years ago when she was in her 20s, she taught aerobics in Roanoke, VA, when that discipline was just coming into vogue. She has taught tennis and swimming at various points along the way in her rich life and she especially loved teaching infants to swim.

After moving to Vero Beach, she taught swimming at St. Ed's, the private school on the island, helping the school's swim team coach. Her classes were as large as 60 children of all ages. Now she's looking forward to working with her own greatgranddaughter who's just a year old.

"I always liked teaching the little ones," Sally says, "because they listen so well."

She's also taught golden agers. "I taught a lady who was 72 to swim," Sally recalls. "First swimming, then bridge."

Sally was born in Harrisburg, PA, went to Penn State, married Bill Corcoran, a pilot who began flying at 18. They are still together playing bridge as husband and wife. After digging out from a Pennsylvania 31" snowstorm they vacationed in Treasure Coast. "We realized they had everything



here that we wanted," Sally recalls, "blue skies, warm weather, good bridge – and no more shoveling snow."

Sally started playing bridge at age 10. Her mother was a very good player, and her father and brother also played, so she became the fourth. Back in those days there was no TV and little else in the way of entertainment, so bridge was a way of life for many families. "We would discuss every hand and go over what you did wrong," she remembers. She began playing duplicate at 16, and continued with bridge all her life.

"It's become a lifetime passion for Bill and I," says Sally. "I like the challenge, and of course we all like to win."

But in the Corcoran family, intellectual pursuits like bridge go hand-in-hand with physical challenges in sports like swimming, tennis and others. She has a daughter and two grandsons in Atlanta and the boys, both 6'6", play college basketball. Another son coached a student who won the American trials for this summer's Olympic team in Rio de Janeiro.

"He swam the 10-kilometer open ocean race, the longest endurance event in Olympic swimming," Sally says. "He didn't do very well and didn't win a medal but the whole family was still pretty excited about his making the team."

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STRATIFIED PAIRS (0-500 NLM) 10 A.M. AND 2:30 P.M. SINGLE SESSIONS

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 10 A.M. AND 2:30 P.M. SINGLE SESSIONS
STRATIFIED PAIRS (0-500 NLM) 10 A.M. AND 2:30 P.M. SINGLE SESSIONS

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

STRATIFIED OPEN SWISS TEAMS PLAY-THROUGH 10 A.M.
STRATIFICATION DETERMINED BY AVERAGE MASTERPOINTS
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS 0-500(NLM) PLAY-THROUGH 10 A.M.

STRATS: OPEN A = 2000+ B = 750—2000 C = 0 - 750 0-500 A = 300 -500 B = 200—300 C = 0 - 200

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FEBRUARY 24 - 26, 2017

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#### Friday, February 24

499er Pairs - Single Session 10am & 2:30pm (0-100/100-300/300-500) OPEN Pairs - Single Session 10am & 2:30pm (0-750/750-2500/2500+)

#### Saturday, February 25

499er Pairs - Single Session 10am & 2:30pm (0-100/100-300/300-500)

OPEN Pairs - Single Session 10am & 2:30pm (0-750/750-2500/2500+)

#### Sunday, February 26

Single Session Side Games 10am & 2:30pm OPEN Swiss Teams (Playthrough) 10am

# (\$3 extra per person per session for unpaid and non-ACBL members)

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# Rockledge Unit 240 Sectional March 10 - 12, 2017

Martin Andersen Senior Center 1025 S Florida Ave Rockledge, FL 32955 321-631-7549

Complimentary orange juice, coffee, refreshments

#### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

#### Friday, March 10

- 10:00 & 2:30 Stratified Pairs (single sessions) 0-750/750-2000/2000+
- 10:00 & 2:30 299er Pairs (single sessions) 0-50/200/300

#### Saturday, March 11

- 10:00 & 2:30 Stratified Pairs (single sessions) 0-750/750-2000/2000+
- 10:00 & 2:30 299er Pairs (single sessions) 0-50/200/300

#### Sunday, March 12

> 10:00 Swiss Teams – play through Stratification 0-500/500-1500/1500+ based on team average masterpoints

Entry Fee; \$10 per session for paid ACBL members; \$13 for others

Swiss Team \$88 for paid ACBL members; plus \$6 for others, includes lunch

Lunch available for purchase Friday and Saturday

#### DIRECTIONS

From I-95, take exit #201 (SR 520 Cocoa) East to US Hwy 1; turn right (South) on US 1 ~ 1 mile to Hardee Lane. Turn left (East) on Hardee Lane for 1 block. Martin Andersen Senior Center parking is on right.

#### LOCAL LODGING

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# President's Message

Keith Gellman

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Sunday, October 30th, at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club (FTLBC), started out, for me, as a celebratory Swiss teams (30) game in honor of Janice Seamon-Molson's 2016 Women's Team World Champion win in Poland in September.

My mood changed when someone approached me to share



the obituary of Bob Kast. His immediate retirement had been announced five days before at the Pompano Duplicate Bridge Club (PDBC).

I met Bob in 2004 when he was directing at the FTLBC. I saw him to be a very good director, and player, and when I got to play with him, learned how kind, as he never criticized my mistakes.

Bob Kast

His last years were directing at the PDBC. There, Bob always greeted me with "Hello, Buddy!" He will be sorely missed. The new club manager for the Wynmoor Club is Anita Aiello, and she can be contacted at anita31@bellsouth.net.

Come for the sun and play for the silver in our Unit Sectional at the Skolnick Community Center in Pompano Beach, February 3rd to the 5th. See the flier in this magazine for more information.

All the best,



### **CLUB NEWS**

#### HOLLYWOOD BRIDGE CLUB

Our classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced continue in Jan and Feb, taught by our staff of experienced teachers. They are guaranteed to improve your game from whatever level you are at now.

Join any class at any time to see if it is appropriate for you. Cost \$20 for a 2 hour class.

#### Class schedules:

Beginners Thurs & Sat morning with Barry (954) 214 6400

Intermediates Thurs at 1pm with David (954) 600 1899

Advanced Mon at 10am with Sedat (954) 790 3010

Advanced beginners-Wed aft with Gail (248) 882 4165

Supervised play or intermediate class with Gail-Fri mornings

Our popular supervised play continues every Tues at 1pm with David. Supervised play is duplicate style play in a relaxed atmosphere and I am available to answer questions about bidding and play. Come with or without a partner.

Our open games are Mon-Sat at 12:30. We arrange partners and participate in the Common Game where the same hands are played by clubs all over the world.

We serve fresh bagels, cream cheese, cookies and coffee daily in a warm friendly atmosphere.

#### POMPANO BEACH DBC

Barbara Warburton teaches Intermediate Lessons at 10:00 am Mondays. Eric Strickoff teaches Beginner Lessons at 9:00 am Wednesdays. Supervised Play continues each week with Rich Waugh Monday afternoons at 12:45 and Bob Buchner Friday mornings at 10:00.

Eight Is Enough Swiss teams on the first Friday evening (7:00 pm) of each month.

You asked for these games — please come out and support them.

Lunch is served every day featuring homemade tuna and egg salads.

We were delighted to welcome retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens back to the club recently. Justice Stevens had not played with us in a while, but he came to play with Bob Buchner and promptly rejoined the club for next year. We hope to see much more of him in 2017!



Diane Simpson, John Paul Stevens, Dottie Cohn, and Bob Buchner at a recent club game.

#### Green Games (0-750)

- Friday afternoons at 12:30 pm.
- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 am.

# **70% Club**

75.42% Rose Harris – Muriel Meisler
73.81% Joyce Klein – Millie Oster
73.75% Roger Maurer – Shelly Salvi
73.73% Rose Harris – Muriel Meisler
73.00% Robert Cloutier – Bella Ionis-Sorren
73.00% Jorge Franco – Bob Buchner
72.16% Shelly Salvi – Gloria Gottesfeld
71.78% Brett & Helen Goldstein
71.68% Jim Hicks – Sudhakar Bhatt
70.39% Zita Lechter - Esther De Perczek
70.30% Irina Kislitsyna – Michel Rapoport



# February 3-5, 2017

# Herb Skolnick Civic Center

800 SW 36 Avenue Pompano Beach, FL (954) 786-4590 www.acblunit243.org

### Schedule of Events

#### FRIDAY

9:00a Free Breakfast

10:00a One-Session charity open pairs 10:00a One-session charity NLM<500 pairs

3:00p One-session open pairs

3:00p One-session open pairs
3:00p One-session NLM<500 pairs

#### <u>SATURDAY</u>

9:00a Free Breakfast

10:00a One-session open pairs 10:00a One-session NLM<500 pairs

3:00p One session open pairs

3:00p One-session NLM<500 pairs

#### SUNDAY (2-session Swiss play through)

8:45a Free Breakfast

9:30a Open Super Bowl Swiss Teams

9:30a NLM<500 Super Bowl Swiss Teams

12:30p Free Lunch

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2017 Super Bowl Sunday start time of 9:30am

\$11.00 per person per session. \$3.00 extra for unpaid & non-ACBL members

(Swiss stratified by team masterpoint average)

STRATS

Open Games: C = 0 - 750 B = 750 - 2000 A = 2000+

NLM<500 Pairs: C = 0 - 100 B = 100 - 300 A = 300 - 500

<u>Directions: From the south:</u> Exit I-95 at exit 33B W. Cypress Creek Road. Go 1.8 miles west and make a right (north) onto NW 21st Avenue. Civic Center is north of Publix on the right. From the north: Exit I-95 at Atlantic Blvd. west. Turn left (south) on Powerline Road. Turn right (west) on McNab Road. Turn right (north) on SW 36st Avenue. Civic Center is north of Publix on the right. From University Drive: East on McNab Rd to NW 21st Ave. and turn left (north). Civic Center is north of Publix on the right.

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