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The Common Game

The Common Game

*Congratulations to Our
February & March Winners!*

FEBRUARY WINNERS

Open Game - Most Points earned:

Kent Mignocchi - Cavendish Club (NY)

299er Game - Most Points earned:

Pat Rathbone - Family Friendly Bridge (MA)

Samuel Hunt - Family Friendly Bridge (MA)

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

Melih Ozdil - Cavendish Club (NY)

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

Edward Roth - Jourdans

Attendance - Most Plays:

Larry Lazarow - Boca Raton DBC

MARCH WINNERS

Open Game - Most Points earned:

William Poole - Vero Beach BC

299er Game - Most Points earned:

Michael Singer - The Bidding Box

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

David Stark - Khatib Bridge & Education Ctr

Valerie Laing - Khatib Bridge & Education Ctr

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

Natalie Weinman - North Orlando BC

Attendance - Most Plays:

Kenneth Wagner Jr. - Ft. Lauderdale BC

Sanford Robbins - Pompano Beach DBC

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.

THE JUNIOR ROAD TO JUNIOR MASTER

Apryl Ashley

Katelyn Ashley (12), Elise Bedell (12) and Nathan Bedell (10) have all recently earned the ranking of Junior Master. They all started this journey in their elementary school, Bear Lake Elementary in Apopka, FL. A youth bridge club was started as an enrichment club during the school year of 2014-2015. During their weekly Friday morning meetings the kids were taught the game of bridge by their 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Anissa Dyen and by Larry and Barb Steiner (grandparents to Elise and Nathan).

They also attended Saturday classes at the Altamonte Springs Bridge Center when they could. When school is out for summer, Elise, Katelyn, Nathan and many of their bridge club friends still meet once a week to play bridge and get further instruction from Mr. and Mrs. Steiner. As Elise and Katelyn moved on to middle school, they were able to find a school sponsor, Ms. Diana Cowan, and start up a bridge club at Teague Middle School in Apopka during the 2015-2016 school year. Barb and Larry Steiner are the instructors for the Middle School Bridge Club as well. They meet once a week on Tuesday mornings.

This is their second year of the bridge club at Teague. Many kids from Bear Lake Elementary are transitioning into the club at Teague as they make their way into middle school. This year the club has welcomed a few players new to the game as well. Once Katelyn and Elise moved up


to middle school, they continued to go back to their elementary school every Friday morning (before their school starts) and volunteer their time helping teach the younger kids how to play bridge. They've done this now for a year and a half. Outside of school, the kids have played in local bridge tournaments in the Orlando area to help build up their experience and masterpoints.

Katelyn, Elise and Nathan (along with many other bridge club friends) have traveled to two Youth North American Bridge Championships, in Chicago (2015) and Washington D.C. (2016). This year they will be traveling to Toronto, ON in July for the YNABC. All three kids have placed 1st in one or more YNABC bridge sessions. With the support of the local bridge community, their schools and their families, these kids were able to achieve the status of Junior Master early in their bridge careers.

Their next bridge goals are: Katelyn wants to continue to learn more about the game of bridge and continue to help newer bridge players. She'd also like to win another first place in Toronto this summer. Elise would like to continue to grow and reach new levels as a bridge player. She also wants to continue to work with the young players who are new to the game and help them learn the basics of bridge. Nathan wants to continue to play as much as he can and have fun.



Elise, Nathan, and Katelyn

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TOP D9 FINISHERS AT KANSAS CITY NABC

At the Kansas City Spring North American Bridge Championships, many District 9 players finished in the top five of the various NABC rated events. In more news, it was announced that Jeff Meckstroth and Zeke Jabbour will be inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame at the Toronto Summer NABCs.

Judy and Marty Greengrass of Lutz made it to Day Two of the North American Pairs (NAPs), Flight C. Jeff Edelstein and Matt Weingarten made it to Day Two of the Finals of Flight B of the NAPs, and finished 4th overall in the event.

Jeff Meckstroth was the top masterpoint winner of the entire tournament, with 400 masterpoints. Eric Rodwell was third with 320.59. *Photos Courtesy ACBL*

0-10,000 Swiss

2-**Lee Bukstel** and **Ellen Kozlove**, Boca Raton; **Michael Wolf**, Fort Lauderdale

4-**Donald Dalpe**, Fort Myers; **Michael Ranis**, Miami; **Albert Shrive**, Naples



0-10,000 Swiss: Kozlove, Letizia Jr, Bukstel, Wolf

KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

2-**Jeff Meckstroth**, Clearwater Beach

VANDERBILT KOs

1-**Jeff Meckstroth** and **Eric Rodwell**, Clearwater Beach

2-**Richard Schwartz**, Aventura

3/4-**David Berkowitz**, Boca Raton

3/4-**James Cayne**, Boca Raton

5/8-**Reese Milner**, Sarasota; **Jack Zhao**, Boca Raton

This was Meckwell's seventh win in the Vanderbilt. Schwartz has won it three times and gotten to the finals six times.

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, FLIGHT B

4-**Jeff Edelstein**, Riverview and **Matthew Weingarten**, Safety Harbor

0-10,000 KOs

2-**Lee Bukstel**, Boca Raton; **Donald Dalpe**, Fort Myers; **Michael Ranis**, Miami; **Albert Shrive**, Naples; **Michael Wolf**, Fort Lauderdale

3/4-**Jim Russell**, Sarasota



0-10,000 KO: McKeown, Bukstel, Dalpe, Shrive, Ranis, Wolf

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

3-**Luz Ortega**, Melbourne

SMITH LM WOMEN'S PAIRS

3-**Sally Meckstroth**, Clearwater Beach

MACHLIN WOMEN'S SWISS TEAMS

4-**Shannon Cappelletti**, Delray Beach; **Sally Meckstroth**, Clearwater Beach; **Ellen Kozlove** and **Joanne Weingold**, Boca Raton

JACOBY SWISS TEAMS

1-**Patricia Cayne**, Boca Raton

4-**Vincent Demuy** and **Gavin Wolpert**, Palm Beach Gardens

5-**Michael Becker** and **Aubrey Strul**, Boca Raton; **Richard Coren**, Aventura



Cayne

2nd Annual Summer Sectional Tournament

July 14 - 16 2017

Friday:	NLM & Open Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm
Saturday:	NLM & Open Pairs	10:00am & 2:30pm
Sunday:	Swiss Teams	10:00am - Play Through

Open Stratification: A: 2,500+, B: 750 - 2,500, C: 0 - 750

*NLM Stratification: Maximum 500mp's; Stratification determined by Director in charge
Swiss stratification based upon average*

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May 29- June 4, 2017

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Use DS9 Bridge/District 9 as the code for room reservations rate of \$106.

MON
MAY
29

11:00-1:00 Free Lesson by Marianne Timmons
for all interested novices
2:00 0-20 Relaxed Game (no entry fee)
2:00 Charity Open Pairs (one session event)
2:00 & 7:30 Mon-Tues Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:30 & 3:00 Tues)
7:30 Charity Open Pairs (one session event)
7:30 Compact KO (cont'd 7:30 Tuesday)

TUE
MAY
30

10:30 & 3:00 Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:30 & 3:00 Wed)
10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:30 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:30 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5)
7:30 Compact KO (2nd of 2, cont'd from Mon)
7:30 Evening Side Game Series (1st of 5) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

WED
MAY
31

9:45 - 10:15 Guest Speaker
10:30 & 3:00 Wed-Thurs Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:30 & 3:00 Thur)
10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:30 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:30 Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5)
7:30 Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 5) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

THU
JUN
1

9:45 - 10:15 Guest Speaker
10:30 & 3:00 Thurs-Fri Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:30 & 3:00 Fri)
10:30 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:30 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:30 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
7:30 Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 5) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

FRI
JUN
2

9:45 - 10:15 Guest Speaker
10:30 & 3:00 Fri-Sat Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:30 & 3:00 Sat)
10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:30 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:30 Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5)
7:30 Evening Side Game Series (4th of 5) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

SAT
JUN
3

10:30 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:30 & TBA Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
10:30 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:30 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5)
7:30 Evening Side Game Series (5th of 5) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)

SUN
JUN
4

10:30 Jayne Thomas Memorial Gold Rush Swiss
two-session playthrough
10:30 Jayne Thomas Memorial A/X/Y Swiss
two-session playthrough

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Shannon Cappelletti
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Florida Gold Strats:
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A/X/Y Strats:
A=5000+; X=2500-5000; Y=0-2500
299er Events
A=200-300; B=100-200; C=0-100
299er Strata May Be Changed at
Director's Discretion

All Pairs Games Stratified by
Masterpoint Average of the Pair
(both players must fit under upper
limit of the event). All KOs and Sat.
2-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.

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then right onto Cypress, hotel will be
on the right. From airport, take Spruce
to Westshore, turn right, turn left onto
Cypress, hotel will be on the right.

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August 21-27, 2017

PGA National Resort & Spa
400 Avenue of Champions
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
(800) 633-9150
(561) 627-2000

- MON** 11:00-1:00 Free Lecture by Bruce Lang
- AUG** 2:00 0-20 Relaxed Game (no entry fee)
- 21** 2:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 6)
2:00 & 7:30 Mon-Tues Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Tues)
2:00 & 7:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
2:00 & 7:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
7:30 Evening Side Pairs (1st of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)
7:30 Two Session Swiss Teams (cont 7:30 Tuesday)
- TUE** 10:00 & 2:30 Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Wed)
- AUG** 10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
- 22** 10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)
2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 6)
7:30 Evening Side Pairs (2nd of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)
- WED** 9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
- AUG** 10:00 & 2:30 Wed-Thurs Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Thur)
- 23** 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 I/N Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5)
2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 6)
7:30 Evening Side Pairs (3rd of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)
- THU** 7:30 Evening Side Pairs (3rd of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)
- AUG** 9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
- 24** 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)
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 6)
7:30 Evening Side Pairs (4th of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)
- FRI** 9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
- AUG** 10:00 & 2:30 Fri-Sat Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Sat)
- 25** 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 I/N Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)
2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 6)
7:30 Evening Side Pairs (5th of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)
- SAT** 10:00 & 2:30 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
- AUG** 10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
- 26** 10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (6th of 6)
7:30 Evening Side Pairs (6th of 6) (18 boards, \$10 entry fee)
- SUN** 10:00 Gold Rush Swiss - 2 session playthrough
- AUG** 10:00 A/X/Y Swiss - 2 session playthrough

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A=200-300, B=100-200, C=0-100
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Director's Discretion
All KOs and Saturday Swiss are
Bracketed (top bracket may be
handicapped). All other Swiss and
pairs are stratified by Masterpoint
Average.

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Exit 109 to Palm Beach Gardens
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into resort.

District 9

President's Message

by Betty Sandifer

bsandifer@cfl.rr.com



Spring in Florida can be breathtakingly beautiful and all of us wish we could keep it all year long; but reality tells us we will have a warm summer with, hopefully, no unfriendly hurricanes on the horizon. Also, we do not like to say it, but sadly have to say bye to our Snow Bird players and friends who will be returning to their homes up north. We will miss you and wait for your return later in the year.

District 9 is always proud to send representatives to the NABCs and we had quite an impressive group of players in Kansas City this year. Congratulations to all our Florida winners and mostly we would like to know of the great times you had in Missouri.

Unit 128 hosted our largest regional in District 9, the Sarasota-Manatee Regional at the Bradenton Area Convention Center February 13-19 totaling 2766 tables. Our players thanked us in person, via texts and emails and told us how much the unit's hospitality was greatly appreciated.

Again, we thank and appreciate all units in District 9 for donating \$1.00 per member at the beginning of this year to support our Florida Junior Bridge Scholarship Fund, administered by the CFFK (Community Foundation of the Florida Keys). This fund allows us to subsidize our District 9 Youth representing us in the upcoming Summer NABC in Toronto July 27-29. I'm sure some of our young players will be getting their very first passport in preparation for a trip that is sure to provide many lasting memories. Please show them your support when you see them playing at any of our regionals, or if you also attend the Toronto NABCs. As has been our tradition,

our D9 youth will be wearing uniform color t-shirts identifying them as D9 representatives.

Before flipping through the pages, you could not help noticing our front cover, featuring our three very impressive players from 2016. Do we have great players in Florida? Yes, we do!

Before this issue is published, Unit 128 will be hosting the Southeasterns Regional April 3-9 at the Marriott in Coral Springs. We hope all who attended enjoyed it very much. Mark your calendars for our only District 9 Regional May 29-June 4 at the Doubletree by Hilton near the Tampa Airport.

For the NAP finals in Florida: for years we have provided two different locations, on opposite coasts, to make it as available as possible in order to encourage you to participate. We have also added electronic games. District 9 would like to see more of you participating in these events. Please tell us what would motivate you to participate? The District 9 board is considering different possibilities, e.g. having these NAP/GNT finals in a centralized location, such as the Orlando area. We really would like to hear from you. Please reply no later than May 10th by emailing your suggestions to: jme317@aol.com.

See you at the next regional.

REMEMBER

June 1-30
NAP Club Qualifying

June 12-18
Unit 128 STaC

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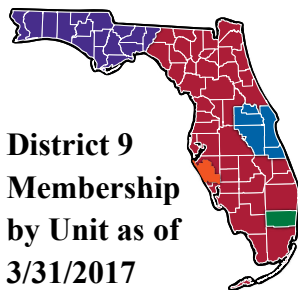


Page 15: Once again some Florida players top various masterpoint races for the entire ACBL.

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20,431

District 9 Members!
(274 more than last year)



**District 9
Membership
by Unit as of
3/31/2017**

Unit	Name	Members
102	ACBL Unit 102	1255
128	Florida	15235
219	NW Florida	682
240	Central Florida	2267
243	Gold Coast	992
Total Members		20431

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District 9 Director

by Jay N. Whipple III

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Kansas City, Kansas City here we came. The ACBL Board met for three days immediately preceding the Spring NABC in Kansas City, Mo. Amazingly, I never pulled the wrong card; or for that matter any card as there was never a dull moment meeting with luminaries from all over the world. While nominally entitled: “North American Bridge Championships”, our tournaments are world class events with the best in the world in attendance.

Rest assured we are fully engaged in the search for our next CEO. We have received a number of impressive applications and are still shooting for the Toronto Board meeting in July for a recommendation. In addition, the ACBL Board acknowledged our need to improve our own performance and effectiveness by committing the first six hours of our time to reviewing best practices and formulating procedures that will allow us to follow through. As a start, we tracked the amount of time over the course of our meetings that was devoted to strategic issues: 5%. Okay, improving our focus does not happen overnight but there is significant energy and interest in self-improvement. The next CEO deserves a competent and high performing board; our future depends on it.

Traditionally, the spring meeting is focused on the final approval of the budget for 2017 fiscal year. This year’s budget provides for a slight excess in revenue over expenses and generates over 500k in cash that will help us rebuild our reserves to a more prudent level. The revenue assumptions are conservative and reflect concern over recent trends in attendance at regionals and NABCs. Most importantly, the operating budget and capital budget are aligned with our strategic priorities: Membership Growth, Technology, and our evolving focus on Volunteerism.

Two important task forces are hard at work on critical issues for our future: Tournaments and Clubs. The Tournament Task Force, chaired by Margot Hennings (D6), is focusing on turnover, I/N participation and the recent downward trend in regional attendance. The Club initiative, chaired by Kevin Lane (D23) and mirrored by a Board of Governors Club Committee, is focused on the needs of our varied types of clubs and how to strengthen their ability to attract and retain members. These task forces are collaborative models with outside experts and stakeholders to broaden our perspective and seek out innovation and “breakout” ideas. (If you are interested in either please contact the Chairs directly.)

There were a couple of interesting developments with respect to our masterpoint system. The IT department has developed a number of approaches that will allow us to lift the self-imposed moratorium on masterpoint modifications in the near future. We raised the cap on masterpoints clubs may issue from 2.5 to 4.0 thus reducing the penalty to successful clubs. Complex issues regarding the eligibility of events for Grand Life Master status are reigniting a discussion about how to rationalize our entire masterpoint structure. Stay tuned.

These are exciting times and I remain hopeful that, with the leadership of Bob Heller as our president and the commitment of the board, we can honor the mission of the ACBL: “Promote, grow, and sustain the bridge, and serve the bridge related interests of our members.”



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Communicating



by Muriel Altus

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I have a mah jongg friend who sometimes says it's time to "press, change and rearrange" her hand. While I don't approve of extraneous chatter during a hand (probably ingrained from 43 years of serious bridge), I do love that phrase. For me, though, it has more meaning in my role as your fearless (?) editor. When we near my self-imposed deadline, trying so very hard to get all SBNs delivered to members before the 1st of the month, I sometimes rush. Of course I shouldn't do that, just as I shouldn't rush my thinking process on the third hand of the round when I think we've run out of the allotted time to play the three boards. Since, however, I am human, I did rush the final proofing of March/April and I left out an important contributor. We will publish that article in this issue and we hope you enjoy it as much as you would've, two months ago.

There is much within this issue that is fascinating, I think. One wonderful example is found in Jon Shuster's article. Check out his mention of a lead-inhibiting bid, which you'll find at the bottom of the first column and the top of the second. There's just so very much at bridge that makes it truly great exercise for the mind. Another example is that the DONT system over opponents' no-trump opening bids at the one level is featured in two other of our contributors. Wise words from Larry Cohen, followed by a happenstance with Michael Donnelly, will point out to you that no bid will be the winning one all the time. Every once in a while, a bid is the luckiest, instead. On the flip side of the luckiest bid is a pair of opponents who are on the receiving end – i.e., they will receive an undeserved bottom. This is when we practice our patience and grace, showing that despite just having received a bottom, we can still be polite and serene. I hope I've mastered that skill.

In this issue, we celebrate and congratulate the 2016 achievements of our district players. Have you gone to the ACBL web page recently to check your own progress for this year? You can go to acbl.org and click on Races. You will find all kinds of information, some of which has only started to show up fairly recently. I can look up how many masterpoints husband Phil and I have earned, total for the two of us! Why would I want to know? I'm not sure. But if I'm ever curious, there it is. I can compare myself only to other women players. Again, why would I want to know? I can't answer that question, either. All I know is that our ACBL dollars paid for us to be able to do this, so I hope somebody is enjoying reading it.

Have a great time, wherever you choose to play bridge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel". The script is cursive and elegant.

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.

DISTRICT PLAYERS WIN NATIONAL RACES

Every year, some District 9 players beat out all the competition, not just in Florida but all over the ACBL, in their categories of either the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs competition, or the Mini-McKenney masterpoint races, or in the special races. The year 2016 was no different. Congratulations to these members who won their races over all ACBL.

John Brady of Jacksonville, Silver Points (sixth year in a row!)
Chris Weyland, Naples, Shanbrom Ace of Clubs, 50-100 MP.

Bella Ionis-Sorren, Fort Lauderdale, Shanbrom Ace of Clubs over 10,000. Bella won the 7500-10,000 Shanbrom race in 2014, was second in that race in 2015, and won the 5000-7500 Shanbrom in 2013.



Brady



Weyland



Ionis-Sorren

Besides the top finishers, these players came 2nd-5th in all ACBL in their categories.

Adrian Dovell, Gainesville, 4th in Silver Points

Steven Caplan, Boca Raton, 5th in 50-100 Mini-McKenney and 3rd in 50-100 Ace of Clubs

Mark Franzoni, Jacksonville Beach, 4th in 200-300 Mini-McKenney

Junko Hemus, Windermere, 3rd in 500-1000 Mini-McKenney

Bruce Lang, West Palm Beach, 5th in 2500-3500 Mini-McKenney

Stan Tulin, Boca Raton, 2nd in 7500-10,000 Mini-McKenney

Neil Silverman, Fort Lauderdale, 4th in 7500-10,000 Mini-McKenney

Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne, 2nd in the over 10,000 Mini-McKenney

John Shuey, Naples, 4th in 0-5 Ace of Clubs

Christine Converse, Highland Beach, 2nd in 500-1000 Ace of Clubs

Helen and Brett Goldstein, Hallandale Beach, tied for 4th in 500-1000 Ace of Clubs

Jim Loffree, Naples, 4th in 1000-1500 Ace of Clubs

Edward Rauch, Fort Lauderdale, 2nd in 1500-2500 Ace of Clubs

Ricky Dashefsky, Delray Beach, 5th in 1500-2500 Ace of Clubs

Larry Lazarow, Highland Beach, 2nd in 2500-3500 Ace of Clubs

Sanford Robbins, Pompano Beach, 3rd in 2500-3500 Ace of Clubs

Michael Wolf, Fort Lauderdale, 2nd in 3500-5000 Ace of Clubs

Francine Feldman, Boca Raton, 4th in 3500-5000 Ace of Clubs

Sean Ganness, Miami, 5th in over 10,000 Ace of Clubs

James Krekorian, 4th in the Senior category (points won in Senior events only)

Remember that if you'd like to follow your own progress, ACBL updates masterpoint totals on the 6th of every month, around 11 pm. To see your own, go to acbl.org, click on My ACBL, which is way up at the top, and then either log in with your player number and password, or sign up for the first time. ACBL evidently thinks somebody could hack into your account and steal some of your masterpoints, because they require quite an intricate password.

You can also look at the races by district (ours is District 9) or by unit (we have five: the panhandle is 219; most of Sarasota is 102; Broward County is 243; Orlando, Melbourne, Vero Beach are 240; and all the rest, including the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, is 128).

Happy masterpoint accumulation to all of you in 2017.

Mini-McKenney Races D9

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Race

1	John Shuey	Naples	118.43
2	Michael Kwiatkowski	Lady Lake	72.77
3	Walter Olander	Indian Shores	62.34
4	Ann Heaton	Orlando	59.28
5	Donald Shiff	Delray Beach	55.84

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Frank Faldetta	Tallahassee	99.72
2	Patti Hawthorne	Milton	74.85
3	Ronald Roth	Naples	73.99
4	Kenneth Ronson	Boca Raton	71.47
5	Rick Fisher	West Palm Beach	64.23

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Maury Fjestad	The Villages	122.42
2	Jody Craney	Pensacola	118.70
3	Leslie Nelson	The Villages	107.50
4	Anshul Paliwal	Gainesville	88.79
5	Leslie Balis	Tampa	86.59

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Steven Caplan	Boca Raton	198.90
2	Chris Weyland	Naples	186.06
3	Jack Sieling	Pinellas Park	157.46
4	Carol Ketterer	The Villages	153.07
5	Sheila Naylor	The Villages	152.10

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Dee Kirkbride	Delray Beach	286.19
2	Lynn Chapman	Jacksonville	210.44
3	Ronald Wallace	Apollo Beach	197.64
4	Paul Michaels	Bonita Springs	195.79
5	Vicki Mace	Bonita Springs	189.58

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Mark Franzoni	Jacksonville Bc	335.17
2	Eileen Abramson	Palm Beach	241.36
3	Michael Waskew	Amelia Island	210.25
4	R J Joneja	Naples	199.45
5	Jo Goodman	Naples	174.82

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Mark Bruce	Ocala	247.94
2	Victor Lawrence	Osprey	241.90
3	Pratapray Thacker	N Palm Beach	217.18
4	Bruce Maier	Tampa	212.27
5	Brenda Kefauver	Naples	205.31

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Junko Hemus	Windermere	522.27
2	Ann Buchholz	Ponte Vedra Bch	488.72
3	Lynn Leisy	Amelia Island	454.83
4	Michael Gibson	Sarasota	395.13
5	Matthew Weingarten	Safety Harbor	314.92

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Doris Needham	Navarre	454.82
2	Jeffery Jones	Vero Beach	331.97
3	Jim Loffree	Naples	327.42
4	Russ Pearly	The Villages	314.45
5	Izrail Gorian	Port Charlotte	312.69

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Edward Rauch	Fort Lauderdale	603.99
2	Cookie Potter	Boca Grande	588.14
3	Fernando Teson	Tallahassee	543.88
4	Jeff Edelstein	Riverview	516.60
5	Paul Freiberg	Naples	451.07

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Bruce Lang	West Palm Beach	791.36
2	Jakob Kristinnsson	Deerfield Beach	700.69
3	Terry McHenry	Sarasota	657.69
4	Sanford Robbins	Pompano Beach	575.39
5	Larry Lazarow	Highland Beach	476.82

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Michael Wolf	Fort Lauderdale	772.12
2	Lee Bukstel	Boca Raton	584.41
3	John Moschella	Winter Springs	575.99
4	Roger Banks	Naples	497.46
5	Jack Bonney	Venice	488.13

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	David Rogers	Naples	609.49
2	Eileen Easterling	Casselberry	560.69
3	Alan Osofsky	Palm Beach	558.82
4	Joanne Weingold	Boca Raton	523.52
5	Jack Weingold	Boca Raton	502.10

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Stan Tulin	Boca Raton	1,541.77
2	Neil Silverman	Fort Lauderdale	1,209.56
3	Sally Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch	965.15
4	Corey Krantz	Delray Beach	821.11
5	Reese Milner	Sarasota	743.84

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Kevin Dwyer	Melbourne	3,145.22
2	Jeff Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch	2,385.91
3	Eric Rodwell	Clearwater	2,152.55
4	Vincent Demuy	Palm Bch Gdns	1,937.29
5	Michael Seamon	Boca Raton	1,886.71

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2016 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

0 to 5 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	John Shuey	Naples	94.12
2	Donald Shiff	Delray Beach	50.01
3	Bernard Carleton	The Villages	43.42
4	Sheryl Hobbs	Pinellas Park	37.71
5	Ann Heaton	Orlando	36.48

5 to 20 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Kenneth Ronson	Boca Raton	71.47
2	Frank Faldetta	Tallahassee	68.43
3	James Andrews	Ocala	55.71
4	Ronald Roth	Naples	54.53
5	Patti Hawthorne	Milton	54.15

20 to 50 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Jody Craney	Pensacola	83.86
2	Jane (Nicki) Brunner	Vero Beach	70.19
3	John Brunner	Vero Beach	69.70
4	Maury Fjestad	The Villages	67.53
5	Michael Lynch	Ft Lauderdale	64.45

50 to 100 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Chris Weyland	Naples	140.93
2	Steven Caplan	Boca Raton	120.66
3	Steve Wells	Cape Coral	97.74
4	Jack Sieling	Pinellas Park	97.61
5	Marc Gellman	Wellington	86.37

100 to 200 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Dee Kirkbride	Delray Beach	125.78
2	Frank Pietro II	Cape Coral	108.85
3	Joel Von Spreckelsen	Land O Lakes	101.47
4	Brian Block	Palm Beach Gard	96.75
5	Ronald Wallace	Apollo Beach	82.27

200 to 300 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Michael Waskew	Amelia Island	136.65
2	Nissan Carmy	Hollywood	135.18
3	Mark Franzoni	Jacksonville Bc	122.77
4	Lorie Heiberger	Vero Beach	113.53
5	George Murray	The Villages	106.57

300 to 500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Etta Sklar	Sunny Isles Bch	144.98
2	Phyllis Levy	Miami	135.59
3	Victor Lawrence	Osprey	131.20
4	Pratapray Thacker	N Palm Beach	127.04
5	Takeko Toyama	Pinecrest	120.67

500 to 1000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Helen Goldstein	Hallandale Bch	247.73
	Brett Goldstein	Hallandale Bch	247.73
3	Boots Van Nostrand	Vero Beach	211.82
4	Trixie Dorsett Germer	Naples	198.35
5	Michael Gibson	Sarasota	188.37

1000 to 1500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Jim Loffree	Naples	271.27
2	John Sullivan	Naples	235.37
3	Mina Akhnoukh	Fort Lauderdale	229.72
4	Joanne Matchette	Vero Beach	220.91
5	Thomas Santarelli	Naples	188.50

1500 to 2500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Edward Rauch	Fort Lauderdale	315.90
2	Ricky Dashesfsky	Delray Beach	308.46
3	Edward Maier	Sarasota	283.17
4	Fernando Teson	Tallahassee	280.17
5	David Schapira	Delray Beach	271.98

2500 to 3500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Larry Lazarow	Highland Beach	456.71
2	Sanford Robbins	Pompano Beach	380.70
3	Robert Ramos	Fort Lauderdale	335.60
4	Jack Jones	Lauderdale Bts	308.38
5	Donald Margolin	Delray Beach	308.11

3500 to 5000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Michael Wolf	Fort Lauderdale	436.24
2	Francine Feldman	Boca Raton	372.81
3	Roger Banks	Naples	368.67
4	Zita Lechter	Sunny Isles	332.15
5	Marc Spellman	Miami	303.97

5000 to 7500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Lee Atkinson	Hollywood	331.71
2	Raymond Depew	Naples	324.60
3	Hank Parker	Bonita Springs	319.16
4	Roger Coffman	Palm Bch Gdns	297.13
5	A. S. Weissenberg	Palm Bch Gdns	294.95

7500 to 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	James Willenborg	Fort Lauderdale	407.33
2	Carolyn Sessler	Boca Raton	367.24
3	Lita Talus	Boynton Beach	364.49
4	Bud Dean	Belleair	361.94
5	Audrey Kurland	Fort Myers	356.63

Over 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Bella Ionis-Sorren	Fort Lauderdale	617.73
2	Sean Ganness	Miami	496.03
3	Martin Robins	Delray Beach	422.98
4	Ron Fischer	Oakland Park	401.76
5	Edith Denenberg	Pompano Beach	348.27

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JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL

John Brady

When you're learning bridge, there are so many situations you've never seen before and don't know how to handle. More experienced players don't seem to have that problem. It seems impossible to ever approach their level.

Once upon a time, my team was leading a Sectional Swiss when we played the last round against a much more experienced and better player, Spike Lay from Daytona Beach. None vul, in first seat I passed, and Spike preempted 3C on a 6-card suit. This was passed back to me. With a C void and a nice 9 HCP or so, I reopened with a double. Spike and partner passed. RHO ran to another suit. After several suits were doubled, the opponents landed in 4♣, which I couldn't double. Partner couldn't double either and decided to bid Spike's suit because he had a nice seven-bagger. Spike doubled, we went for a number and lost the event on that board. After the event ended, when Spike and I were talking about the hand, he commented: "Just when you think you've seen it all...."

Fast forward more than 25 years and 11,000 masterpoints to the January Sectional. This time Spike was my partner when this hand came up.

♠ 4
♥ 1075
♦ KJ754
♣ KQ84

♠ A108653	♠ 7
♥ 3	♥ KQJ642
♦ AQ9	♦ 1083
♣ A105	♣ 932

♠ KQJ92
♥ A98
♦ 62
♣ J76

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

How many tricks can East hand take in a Spade contract? None, right? Actually North-South can make 2♠s! Should you bid 3♥? There's no guarantee 3♥ will improve the contract, and experience suggests dropping the misfit before the doubling starts. E-W were going down 200, 300, 500 or more all over the room.

At our table, North led the ♥5 against Spike's 2♠ contract. South won the ♥Ace and returned the ♠2. Spike played the ♣3 and dummy's ♠7 won the trick! Now Spike will get a pitch or two on the ♥QJ. "Who would have believed it?" Apparently, not South ... or me. "What's going on? Does South really have all the missing Spades?"

Spike cashed the ♥QJ, and pitched two Clubs when both opponents followed. How nice: two pitches on Hearts!

Spike led a fourth Heart from dummy. South pitched a Club, Spike pitched a Diamond and North ... a Diamond! So South started with 5 Spades. There's no other explanation.

Spike led a fifth Heart from Dummy. South pitched a Club, Spike the ♦Q, and North ... another Diamond!

Spike led the sixth Heart from Dummy. South pitched another Club. Spike pitched the Ace of Clubs. North pitched a Club.

Spike cashed the ♦A and the ♠A, losing only the ♥A and 3♠s. Making 140. The trickless East won six tricks! Then I remembered the "just when you think you've seen it all" hand more than 25 years ago.

Nothing was said. We scored the hand and moved for the next round. During the round, the director came over and checked my private score for something. He left mumbling "It wasn't mis-scored!"

Two morals: (1) If your opponents make a mistake, be polite. Don't say anything. Just play on. We've all been there. (2) We've all made "just when you think you've seen it all" mistakes. Just keep learning.

Eventually it will be opponents, not you, who make the mistakes.

ELECTRONIC GOLD RUSH GAME

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

On January 23, 2017, clubs across the country participated in an Electronic Gold Rush game at their local clubs in conjunction with the San Destin Regional.

Players were able to earn gold points at their club by joining the game via their electronic device (i.e. laptop, tablet, smart phones) using the Bridge Base Online platform at their local club.

Participating D9 clubs were Boca Grande DBC, Bradenton (Oneco), Ft Lauderdale, Pensacola, St Pete, and The Villages. They were joined by the following clubs outside of D9: The Bridge Studio (NS), Atlanta DBC (GA), Honors (NYC), Sagamore (NY) and LA Bridge (LA).



Players in Pensacola

First overall in the top bracket were a Louisiana pair. First in the second bracket were Michael Peleck and Jane Rowe of The Villages. First in the third bracket were Michael Kwialkowski of Lady Lake and Eric Voss of The Villages.



Players in Oneco

At the Bradenton Bridge Assoc. in Oneco, a newer player, Chris Cobb, partnered with a player in Atlanta; they only connected about two days before the event. They came in 1st in their section in the morning session and earned some gold points. It was the very first gold Chris ever won. Also in Oneco, Leo Unger who lives in Illinois saw the pop-up advertisement on BBO and traveled to visit his niece in Sarasota during that week so he could play in the event.

Chris mentioned this event when responding to District Director Jay Whipple's congratulatory email when she achieved the rank of Regional Master.

"Mine is not much of a story.... I took up bridge again after many years away with the feeling that I couldn't play tennis 5 days a week forever. Michele Golden and the In-Between Bridge Club were a great entry point, starting with lessons. The club also offered a non-threatening entry into duplicate and also helped me find partners.

"As for going over the requirements for the new status, I can only thank Teresa Noa for working tirelessly in finding me a partner for the online bridge, which is what put me over."

The goal of this event is to increase participation in regional games and give more players the opportunity to win regional rated points in a more convenient way.

More events like this are planned including one expected to have occurred on April 17th with the Gatlinburg regional. For more questions about these events, you can email Sara@TheCommonGame.com.



Players at The Villages

DONT



by Larry Cohen

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To me, it is a crime to watch the opponents open one notrump and bid unimpeded. Your opponents are great bidders after their one notrump opening. They are so expert that I'll bet they use asking bids and relays. Yes, even your lesser opponents play that 2♣ asks, and that 2♦ and 2♥ relay to the next suit. The science of bidding after a one-notrump opening is quite accurate and all of your opponents are comfortable with the methods.

They are not comfortable, however, with interference. Not only do you take away their Stayman and Jacoby, but you put them into uncomfortable territory. Even experts with well-oiled mechanisms (lebensohl, negative doubles) have a difficult time coping with interference. If your partner opened one notrump (15-17) and you held, say,

- ♠ 54
- ♥ K9832
- ♦ K76
- ♣ K92

your plan would be easy. You'd transfer to two hearts and then invite to two notrump.

But, if RHO overcalled one notrump with two spades, would you be happy? What if the overcall was two diamonds, showing diamonds and a major? What would your bids mean? Can you play from the right side? What would you bid?

It's quite obvious how the interference makes notrump auctions a challenge. Given that, we should go out of our way (way out!) to interfere. Don't worry about "having your values" -- your goal is just to disturb, it's not to convey your hand to partner so that he can bid a game or double them.

I recommend the same methods in direct or balancing seat. In balancing seat (after 1NT PP...), I can't stand to pass. I go out of my way

to balance with almost any hand that contains a 6+ card suit, or at least 5-4 in any 2 suits. HCP don't matter (what you don't have, your partner will). I don't like to defend 1NT (with partner usually leading the suit I don't want led).

Once you decide to interfere, I feel strongly that the best method is DONT. There are many methods to choose from (so many, that you can start an alphabet song such as: A is for ASTRO, B is for BROZEL, C is for CAPPELLETTI, D is for DONT...).

DONT allows you to show all one- and two-suiters at the two level. Your goal should be safety. The other methods put more emphasis on penalty doubles, and on getting to majors. Furthermore, DONT is very easy to memorize (very natural).

DONT

Opponents open strong 1NT:

In direct or balancing seat our bids mean:

Double = One-suited hand (requests 2♣ from partner)

2♣ = 2 suits, ♣ + higher

2♦ = 2 suits, ♦ + higher

2♥ = 2 suits, ♥ + higher

2♠ = Natural

(Against weak notrumps, I recommend some other system that employs double to show a good hand.)

Penalty doubles of strong notrumps are, in my opinion, horrible. Yes, horrible. It makes it easy for them to run out (often to two-of-a-minor, normally unreachable), and when they do sit, it's usually "impossible" to make an opening lead and defend (declarer's advantage).

Getting to the higher-scoring major is also not my priority; again, it's a matter of

percentages. In the long run it's better to get all one- and two-suiters into play and not worry about how big your plus score is; the focus is on how low your minus score is! Get in, get out, and you'll be a winner.

Notes:

Usually we try to have at least 5-4 in the 2 suits -- vulnerability is relevant, as is "position". (Direct seat is "never" 4-4.)

When vulnerable, you must have decent suits (not Qxxx and Jxxxx!).

Don't worry about game!

Balance with "few HCP" but with shape!

After our Double: Partner "always" removes to 2♣. If the doubler now converts to 2♠ he is showing more than a simple 2♠ overcall. [Example: 1NT X P 2♣; P 2♠]

After our 2♣ overcall: Partner should pass with 3+♣. With a doubleton club, partner will usually bid 2♦ to play in overcaller's other suit. [Example: 1NT 2♣ P -- Pass with 3♣, otherwise remove to 2♦]

After our 2♦ overcall: Partner should pass with 3+♦ unless he has both majors.

After our 2♥ overcall: With equal length in the majors, partner can pass or hog the hand if he wishes. The most sensible idea is to pick the suit/side so that the strong hand (1NT opener) will be on lead.

What if we make a DONT overcall and their responder doubles? For example: 1NT 2♣ X ??

In this case, the partner of the DONT bidder does as follows:

PASS = Willing to play in that suit (in the example auction, clubs).

REDOUBLE = Not willing to play in that suit (asks partner to remove to his other suit)

NEW SUIT = Natural--not asking for pass/correct

I advise only advanced players to bother memorizing the following (and even they probably should consider this not worth the memory strain as it "never" comes up:)

After all of the DONT overcalls, 2NT (by

"advancer") shows game interest and asks for more information.

A 2♣ overcaller then bids 3♣ with a minimum, his other suit with a maximum.

A 2♦ overcaller bids:

3♣=minimum with equal length or longer diamonds

3♦=minimum with longer major--after which 3M=pass/correct

3♥=maximum with hearts

3♠=maximum with spades

A 2♥ overcaller bids:

3♣=minimum with longer hearts or equal length in the majors

3♦=minimum with longer spades

3♥=maximum with longer hearts or equal length in the majors

3♠=maximum with longer spades

All actions discussed above are alertable.

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:

ShirleySealsFL@aol.com.

The Kibitzer is Shirley Wright:

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Pure Gold.

Shirley: This was Board 12 from the CommonGame, Tuesday 12/28/16. West dealt with NS vulnerable. Can you find any errors in bidding, play, or defense?

♠ 106543

♥ -

♦ AQ93

♣ A1087

♠ K7

♥ KJ85

♦ K106

♣ K943

♠ J82

♥ A9762

♦ J742

♣ 6

♠ AQ9

♥ Q1043

♦ 85

♣ QJ52

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

South led the ♦8, and North won the ♦Q, the ♦A, and played a third ♦, ruffed by South with the ♥3. Next South led the ♠A, followed by the ♣Q, both winning. The defense won the first five tricks, but East ruffed the next ♣, played the ♥A and when North showed out, finessed the ♥J, played the ♥K and claimed the rest (1♠, 5♥s, 1♦, 1♠ ruff) for -110 NS. This was worth 9% in the CommonGame for NS based on 877 times played.

Solution:

Bidding: With 13 HCP, it is incorrect for West to pass, and so 1♣ is 100% correct. I also agree with the next four calls. But North made a major error by passing 2♥. I prefer 2♣

which is actually lead-inhibiting, given North failed to immediately overcall 1♠. Double is also acceptable. Either call is likely to lead NS to play 2♠ or 3♠. With proper play, this should lead to +170 NS for a 70% score (a 61% improvement over the actual result).

Defense and Play:

East played perfectly. After the ruff, the only problem occurs if all three remaining trump were in one hand. If North has the three, nothing can be done. So she led her ♥A first. Had she carelessly crossed to the ♥K on the first round of trump, she goes down one. South error: South was asleep at the switch. On the third ♦, South should ruff with the ♥10. Then South should play the ♠A and the ♣9 to put declarer in dummy. This creates a two-way finessing position. Now declarer will worry the ♥-10 was a singleton (the only holding that appears to be problematic), and so she would lead the ♥K from dummy. If South shows out on the ♥K, she picks up the ♥Q on a marked finesse. Declarer, a strong player, is most unlikely to credit South with this deceptive play. But even if NS had scored +50 instead of -110, their matchpoint score would have improved from 9% to just 17%.

Lessons:

(1) North failed to “pre-balance” over 2♥, where without action the opponents are likely to be in their comfort zone. There is almost no way that South can balance. (2) The late Sam Gold, Canadian Bridge Hall of Famer and amazing mentor, pointed out to his students that clever discarding can create a potential two-way finesse when only a successful one-way finesse existed before your discard. Keep this in the back of your mind.

Hands of Time

by *Barnet Shenkin*

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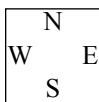


I recently found a book called the “Hands of Time”, written by Mark Horton. It featured a match that I played some 35 years ago. It brought a smile to my face, and I hope you don’t mind me sharing the story.

In the semi final of the Championship of Great Britain, The Gold Cup, my team was down by 51 imps with 8 boards to go. In the UK, they play 8 board sets. Instead of conceding, we played the final set.

Going into the last board of the match, we only trailed by 7 imps. Here is the final board. With West as dealer,

♠ 10 6 3 2
♥ A 8 6 5
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 6 4



♠ 9 7
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ Q 9 8

♠ Q
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ A K J 7 2
♣ 10 5 3

♠ AKJ854
♥ 7
♦ 6
♣ AKJ72

West	North	East	South
<i>Niblet</i>	<i>Haase</i>	<i>Elsworth</i>	<i>Cuthbertson</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
pass	3♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

*neg

3♠ showed values and South did not bother to acecheck. There was nothing to the play and NS quickly chalked up 1430 with only a combined 20 HCP.

In the other room,

West	North	East	South
<i>Shenkin</i>	<i>Cliffe</i>	<i>Coyle</i>	<i>Burn</i>
1NT*	Pass	3NT	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass

*11-14

I opened a slightly light notrump. Partner raised to 3N. South found himself in a fix. He took only one bid and when East came again with 5♦, South let it go and so did North. This was a bit of last board syndrome, when players are rushing to get the scores.

5♦ undoubled went down 4 for 200 to N/S. Our team gained 15 imps to win the match by 8 imps.

After this run of good fortune, our team went on to win the final. It seemed written.

For an account of the full 8 boards, go to Shenkinbridge.com and select Entertainment, then extraordinary tales, “Till the Fat Lady Sings”.

For me, it will certainly be remembered, as a “Hand of Time”.

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.

Daisy Don't Play DONT?

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Most everyone at the club knows that Daisy is my favorite bridge student/partner. One reason for my high regard for Daisy is her readiness to take on new challenges in life, particularly at the bridge table. Her courage is evident in her willingness to adopt new bridge conventions that might improve her game.

I usually don't encourage my students to play complicated bidding conventions and treatments that might be misused or forgotten in the heat of battle. (The sad memories of licking painful wounds still haunt me at times.) But with Daisy, I am quite willing to endure the occasional consequences of her misapplying a newly-learned approach. With her commitment to the game, she invariably applies herself to memorizing, if not mastering such new methods.

With all this in mind, I had mixed feelings when Daisy entered the bridge club the other day with a Starbucks double latte in hand and a mischievous smile on her face. The presence of her caffeinated drink was a promising sign as Daisy invariably plays her best bridge when under the influence. Any favorable benefits suggested by her impish smile was another matter. Only time would tell.

Seating herself next to me, she boldly stated that it was high time that our partnership employ a more sophisticated method when competing against the opponents' strong 1NT opening bid. Previously we had been playing a simple and natural method of only bidding a long suit, provided the hand was appropriate in other respects. Such an approach is essentially limited to describing hands that contain one long suit. That's only four opportunities to enter the auction. That is certainly better than none but not nearly as effective as a system that provides a means of bidding with two-suited hands, as well as all

one-suited hands.

There are numerous means of competing with shapely hands after an opponent opens 1NT. For reasons of simplicity and overall effectiveness, I prefer Marty Bergen's conventional method. It is commonly known by the acronym DONT, which stands for **D**isturb the **O**pponents' **N**o **T**rumph. In addition to enhancing your ability to describe shapely hands, it also improves your ability to do as its name suggests – disturb the opponents' bidding when they open one notrump.

Appreciating the challenge of both memorizing and applying new material, I asked Daisy if she felt completely comfortable with the various nuances of the convention. With a troubled look on her face she sheepishly replied, "Well, I've been studying it for what seems like forever," then took a big swig of her latte. Suddenly invigorated with a burst of new-found courage, she confidently responded, "Hey, when was I ever completely comfortable with anything in life?"

Now armed with a new piece of bidding weaponry in our arsenal, we moved to our designated table to start the game. Karma seemed to be in full play as the Bridge Gods conspired to put Daisy's mastery of the DONT Convention to the test on our very first board. Her RHO opened 1NT, which was announced as 15 to 17 HCP. Holding ♠AKQ1086, ♥872, ♦93, ♣42, Daisy paused to consider what action she might take. When specifically holding a long spade suit, DONT allows you to distinguish between weak, moderate and strong hands. (Holding a hand with extra length but light on values, such as ♠KQ108642, ♥872, ♦3, ♣42, one could jump to 3♠. Holding a hand with exceptional strength, such as ♠AKQ1086, ♥KQ2, ♦93, ♣42, one would first double, then bid some number of spades. With a hand of moderate

values, such as the one Daisy held, one could immediately overcall 2♠.)

Struggling to recall the various possibilities that were available to describe her present holding, Daisy anxiously reached for her Starbucks. In her distracted state, she accidentally knocked her cup over, spilling its contents. Flustered, she grabbed several napkins and began mopping-up her latte, then withdrew the pass card from her bidding box and placed it on the table. Her LHO briefly considered the situation before bidding 3NT. Three passes followed, placing Daisy on lead with a relatively easy choice.

This was the full deal:

♠ J92
♥ K632
♦ KJ2
♣ KQ9

(Daisy)

♠ AKQ1086	♠ 43
♥ 987	♥ J10
♦ 93	♦ 10854
♣ 42	♣ J10865

♠ 75
♥ AQ54
♦ AQ76
♣ A73

Before Daisy even finished cashing her six spade tricks, declarer faced his remaining cards and claimed, “down two.” North commented, “I guess four hearts makes, with an overtrick.” South, a wise and understanding partner, responded, “I certainly don’t blame you for your 3NT call. I would have made the same bid with your flat, 13 count.” North then noted, “I would have searched for a safer contract if there had been any bidding from the opponents.” South added, “After a spade bid by Daisy, either cue-bid Stayman or a penalty double would have worked out better.” North lamented, “It’s a shame she didn’t bid.”

There was an awkward silence as it gradually dawned upon both opponents that Daisy’s first-round pass was somewhat pusillanimous (I believe that is Latin for

spineless). While trying not to appear spiteful, South innocently asked Daisy why she passed with her excellent spade suit. Mildly embarrassed, and now lacking her usual caffeinated support, Daisy stammered and stuttered for a few moments, then shyly admitted that she forgot how she might show her hand.

North examined our convention card and commented to his partner, “It says here that they play DONT, as in, disturb the opponents’ notrump.” South quipped, “From my point of view, Daisy’s failure to bid was the most disturbing aspect of the entire hand.”

I interjected, “It is true that we just recently agreed to use the DONT Convention.” I then added, “Daisy evidently decided to go rogue and introduce her own convention... WONT.” Both opponents looked baffled and I continued, “Wimp out over the Opponents No Trump.”

While licking her latte cup clean of its now scant remains, Daisy absent-mindedly nodded her head in agreement with my absurd explanation, making it quite clear that an immediate caffeine refill was in order.

(Note: Many experienced players have come to appreciate the benefit of “sandbagging” a pass when holding a rock-solid long suit after their RHO opens INT. As in the hand discussed here, the player with the long and strong suit frequently ends up on opening lead against a notrump contract, spelling instant disaster for the unsuspecting declarer.)

IF YOU ATTEND THE TORONTO NABC

There will be a celebration of life in memory of Michael Seamon on Sunday evening, July 23rd, after the evening session of bridge. Check the daily bulletin for location.

Play Hard, Play Well: Desperation

by Robert Todd

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Desperation is the Father of Invention.

Playing in a National Pairs Championship against a pair of world champions, you have the following bidding mix up, which leads to a difficult 3NT contract.

Non-Vulnerable, you pick up (deal rotated):

♠ K 1063
♥ A J 1085
♦ A
♣ A J 5

You	RHO	Partner	LHO
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Dbl	3NT	All Pass

Now putting yourself in partner's seat, dummy hits and you see:

♠ K 1063
♥ A J 1085
♦ A
♣ A J 5

♠ Q 74
♥ K 7
♦ Q 3
♣ Q 108632

3NT is not as easy of a contract as 5♣, but this is where you are. LHO leads a low ♦. Play the play!

If the ♣K is onside and the suit is 2-2 or the ♣K is a singleton, meaning the opponents cannot duck and block the suit, then we have 6♣, 1♦, and 2♥ tricks. But it looks like that to make a lead-directing double, RHO has more than just the ♦K, including probably one or both of the ♠A and ♠K. Given that, it seems that the ♣ suit is unlikely to come in or to have a favorable lie.

Instead of playing for a legitimate make, we remember that we are playing against thoughtful players playing matchpoints. It seems from the opening lead that the ♦ suit is 5-5, but RHO does not know that, so they may think that we have 4♦ and LHO may have 3♦, as it seems reasonable that we had Qxxx instead of Qx for bidding 3NT. If we take a simple ♣ finesse (leading the ♣10 or leading to the ♣J), RHO will be forced to just return a ♦ and take their tricks.

1: ♦6 A 2 3 (+1)
2: ♥5 2 K 4 (+2)
3: ♣Q 4 5 K (-1)

Leading the ♣Q has blocked the ♣ suit. With this suit blocked, now RHO has a losing option. If they believe that we have ♦QJx left then they may not want to cash the ♦K, giving us more tricks. And this is exactly what happened!

4: ♥6 7 Q A (+3)
5: ♥J ♥3 ♣2 ♦4 (+4)
6: ♥10 ♥9 ♣3 ♣9 (+5)
7: ♥8 ♦5 ♣6 ♦8(+6)

Unfortunately, even having accomplished this trickery, we only have 5♥, 1♦, and 2♣, which is still only 8 tricks. But in a continuation of the ruse that you have ♦QJx left, you convince the opponents to discard their ♦ as you cash these winners.

8: ♠A ♦7 ♣8 ♦9 (+7)
9: ♠J ♦T ♠10 ♦J (+8)

Now that the opponents have discarded enough ♦, you can knock out the ♠A and claim your 9 tricks.

Sometimes desperate times call for desperate measures. When you are confident the cards do

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Help Us Help Yourself

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Most of us play in a lot more pair games than team games. With the advent of electronic scoring, it's gotten pretty easy for players and directors. There's an occasional score correction, but the process is familiar and comfortable. While many clubs will print game summaries for the checking of scores, we don't do that at tournaments.

Instead, we print a recap sheet for each section which shows all the scores for every pair. In addition, ACBL Live provides an almost instant copy of your scores. If you haven't yet signed up to have scores sent to your e-mail, it's easy to enroll. Just go to Live.ACBL.org to sign up. It's free to any ACBL member. Even with all this instant information and ease of correction, any Director-in-Charge (DIC) of a tournament can tell you that there will be late corrections. Don't forget, a change in your favor will require the corroboration of your opponents. You can find out who they were from Live or from the recap sheet.

Matters aren't so simple with team play. Something you may not know which may make your life more pleasant in a Knock-Out: That team number you got when you bought your entry is only useful to you or the directors until the bracket placements have been assigned and the bracket wall sheets displayed.

You may have been the 18th team to buy an entry, but now you're in Bracket Three, and your team will be known for the rest of the event by the team member's name which is printed on the sheet. Regardless of who you think the captain of your team should be, the name which will be used is the first one on the entry sheet. It astonishes me that many players have no

idea who's captain. That should be pretty easy to remember, even if you've just met at the Partnership Desk.

While you are waiting to get your KO assignment, have a quick look around the area so you know where the various sections are. Then listen to the announcements so you'll know whether you're in a head-to-head match or a three-way match. When there are a lot of sections, the directors will probably also put up a sign showing which sections are paired for head-to-heads and which are used for three-ways. It helps a lot if only one person from each team is up front for the assignments and announcements, easing congestion and noise. Keep track of your entry slip, making sure all members of your team are included. This is especially important if there are more than four players on your team. Write your original table assignment on the entry so the caddy doesn't have to do this chore while picking up entries. Then, please don't hide the entry! It's a good idea to leave it at your original table if possible.

If you are in a Round Robin -- or three way -- match, pay attention to the instructions. If you forget, call a director right away for guidance. Don't ask the caddies to move RR boards; that's your job unless the director has said otherwise. The East-West pair takes the boards they've just played to their home table before moving on to the third table in the RR.

There are fewer three way matches in Swiss Team events, though if there is an uneven number of teams, an RR will be necessary. Three way matches move the same way in Swiss as in KOs, though the scoring is different. In KOs, if each of the three teams wins a match, only two will

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POINT-COUNTERPOINT: SEMI-FORCING 1NT

Jon Shuster, Gainesville

In the March-April issue of the SBN (pages 35-36) Dar Webb advances the idea of a semi-forcing 1NT to partner's opening 1♥ or 1♠ opener. As the author noted, this is common when the 1NT responder is a passed hand, but is unusual in most partnerships when the 1♥ or 1♠ opener is in first or second position. While some of the reasons why this novel strategy can work well are cited in the article, there were no balancing comments on harms that could occur by losing the forcing nature of 1NT. This point-counterpoint assessment will explore the gains and losses of the two strategies (semi-forcing vs. forcing 1NT) when partner opens 1♥ or 1♠ in first or second seat.

Gains for Semi-Forcing 1NT: (1) Ability to play in 1NT when opener has 5-3-3-2 shape and 12-13 HCP. (2) Avoidance of awkward bidding when opener has 4♠-5♥-2♦-2♣. (3) Not mentioned, but responder can bid 1NT with a good 11 to a bad 12 HCP without the worry of missing a game. With a forcing NT, you could end up in a tenuous 2NT contract instead of a comfortable 1NT. Opener only passes 1NT with a minimum balanced hand.

Gains for a Forcing 1NT: (1) You can bid a forcing 1NT in response to 1♥ or 1♠ with an opening bid that has fewer than three card support and no five-card side suit. Thus a 2/1 in a minor (game force) either has a 5+ card suit or 3+ card support for the major. This makes further bidding simpler when 2/1 does occur. (2) It is controversial as to whether you are better off in 1NT or two of the major when you have two card support. My partnerships have done well in these major suit contracts. Over 1M-1NT, then 2♣ or 2♦, you will put partner back in the major with a doubleton support unless there is a three card differential in the lengths of partner's suits. But when you have a singleton in partner's suit, and only three cards in the minor, you should be happy to bid a 5-card red suit over 2♣ or 2♦. (3) You may lose the ability to play in three of a minor with a six-card suit or 3♥ holding six ♥ when partner opens 1♠. Most play Bergen today, and 2/1 is a game force. So there is no natural weak jump shift available. (4) An important liability, especially at matchpoints, is that the 1NT responder should be terrified of bidding a semi-forcing 1NT with limit raise strength and three card support. In general, NT will play one to three tricks worse than the suit. This is especially problematic at matchpoints.

One note of importance: If the bidding goes 1M(P)1NT(P);P opener's pass need not be alerted, but if asked, responder must fully disclose what the strength and distribution are. If the opponents balance and the opener winds up in two of the major, the defense can be almost double dummy in terms of opener's strength and shape, a big advantage to the defense over the corresponding forcing NT auction. If you are a defender, be sure to ask exactly what a pass of a semi-forcing 1NT call implies. The 1NT response is of course announced as "semi-forcing".

So in short, a Semi-Forcing 1NT response opposite a first or second seat major opener is a mix of advantages and disadvantages. Your choice should be a partnership one with knowledge of what it gains and what it loses.

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).

IRREVOCABLE DAMAGE

That is the agreement that I made with my wife Kathy after joining the ACBL in the summer of 2016. At her request, we had just started playing duplicate bridge together. I was reluctant as I simply do not enjoy playing cards as much as she does. I would fill in 3 or 4 times a year at her ladies' kitchen bridge sessions. As spouses playing a competitive game at which we were no good, we agreed that we would probably do irrevocable damage to our marriage, but that it would not be terminal. We started playing once a week in Kalamazoo, Michigan. It was an under 100 group with a 30 minute lesson by the director, Alan Bau. For better or worse, I am the more competitive partner and was soon typing out notes and flow charts on our computer. Not being a quick learner or frequent player, I studied those notes every week ... Kathy says daily! Points didn't come often and when they did, they were in the smallest of decimals. The percents, although up and down, were generally rising. Fifty percent became, and still is, a goal. Alan was an energetic patient instructor.

Wintering in Stuart, Florida, we were fortunate to have the Khatib Bridge Center where not only are there frequent games but a wealth of friendly instructors. Sally, bless her heart, always looked interested when I asked another inane question. I accepted her answers as gospel. We started Monday morning lessons with Bonnie Phillips which included tutored open play and "do overs." Bonnie was so enthusiastic over the most trivial of our accomplishments. Her former high school students were certainly fortunate to have had her! Now, close your eyes and imagine the most gracious of southern belles. That was Penn, who ran the Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning games, always so supportive of everyone. I played in the Tuesday group just twice before it closed. As a rookie, that was difficult because I went solo. Let me just say, I got lucky with my partners there.

I will not pretend that our marital partnership always worked smoothly. On the positive side, after a great day of winning two tenths of a point, we would share the victory and go out to dinner. Of course, those of you who can remember your first five points, know all did not go smoothly. After accepting a transfer, watching Kathy pass

and then receiving 3 trump instead of 5 was just another setback. I would like to pretend that the mistakes usually belonged to Kathy, but that is just a fantasy. Playing in our one and only (so far) all day 499er tournament "in the big room," I suffered a momentary brain lapse (more than one that day I am sure) when Kathy opened two clubs. I responded three diamonds and the looks on each of the 3 other players' faces quickly brought me back to my senses. With a faked seriousness, Kit (who has somewhere north of a million points I think) asked "You two live together?" "Used to" was my only reply. Smiles all around, and once again we were reminded that it is only a game.

It has been a trip with ups and downs, but we are still together and only fourteen and 3/4 points to the next level. To the rookies (anyone with a quarter point less than me) those points are precious and hard to get, but they do add up. To the pros (anyone with 5 more points than me) always remember you too were once inept. Stay tuned, we are on a roll...albeit a slow one.

Denny Hoorn

FROM A NEW LIFE MASTER

Jay:

This is a picture of my becoming a Life Master on the cruise with Larry Cohen. One of my most exciting days ever!

Linda Haft

(on left with friends and Larry)



TENTH ANNUAL ZEKE JABBOUR “PLAY WITH THE STARS” EVENT IS HUGE SUCCESS

Peter Jargowsky

On January 29th, 2017, the Tenth Annual “Play with the Stars” Bridge Luncheon in honor of Zeke Jabbour was held at the St Andrews Country Club in Boca Raton. The charity event is dedicated to raising money in support of those afflicted with Parkinson’s Disease.

Play with the Stars features the opportunity for patrons to play a session of bridge with many of the top professionals in the game today. In this year’s event 35 bridge stars volunteered their time in support of the event. Said Eric Rodwell, sponsored by event underwriter the Mary Jane Harlow Charitable Trust: “Zeke helped all of us improve our game and more importantly he [is] a consummate gentleman who set a high standard for professional conduct”

While Zeke is still very chipper and can be seen hard-walking his Boca Raton neighborhood each morning, he is passing his honoree mantle on. The event started in 2007 when Zeke walked into the local chapter of the National Parkinson foundation and said, “How can I help?” Zeke has benefited from the services and support offered by the local chapter and gives back what he can.

This year’s event included 38 tables of bridge which director Linda Green ran

smoothly despite the usual last minute changes. Alan Osofsky won the event playing with Jenny Wolpert with a 68% game. Gary Cohler, second with event chairperson yours truly, said “Zeke has always had an uncanny grasp of ‘What’s Goin’ On’, but he is so nice about it you don’t mind losing to him.”

One convention Zeke recommends is the Size Ask. After a 1 NT opener, responder bids 2♠ to inquire if opener has a minimum or a maximum. The bid is used when responder has either an invitational hand or long clubs. It avoids the need for responder to go through 2♣ when playing 4-way transfers and thus blocks a disruptive overcall by the opponents. It is typical of Zeke’s convention card, which is well thought out to work both offensively and defensively.

Zeke’s many accomplishments include amassing over 32,000 master points, national and international titles and winning the Barry Crane Top 500. District 9’s annual Sportsmanship Award is named after Zeke who presented it last year to Jeff Meckstroth. The game has greatly progressed from the point where less experienced players were intimidated by overly intense professionals. Sportsmanship is one of Zeke’s significant contributions to the game.



Zeke and Sharon

advance. The team who has the greatest negative balance, comparing the two matches, will get credit for half a win, but still does not continue in the event. Want to know what you've earned? Look all the way at the bottom of the bracket sheet and you will see the masterpoint chart for your bracket. Of course, in Swiss teams, no one is eliminated; all three will continue in the event. It's important to remember that you've played two different opponents and to turn in separate scores for each win. Losers don't have to turn in results. The winning team should confirm the outcome with their opponents and get the result in as soon as possible. Often, the matching software on the computer is stymied waiting for just one or two results.

Unfortunately, most of the time when we make announcements, not many players listen. We'll tell you how many boards per round and how many rounds (on Sunday usually six rounds these days with eight boards in the open and seven in the limited). We'll show you the clock for your group. It's likely to be set with the total time to play your hands, compare with your team and turn in the results.

As well, we'll tell you what Victory Point scale we're using. Unit 128 uses the 30 point scale, but some of the other Florida units use the 20 point scale. If you miss this information, you can figure it out for yourself when you see the first results posted. Add together the scores shown for teams one and two: they played each other on the first round.

Bridge players and bridge directors are fallible. Erroneous scores are turned in, the wrong key can be hit on a keyboard. You have to help us -- and yourself -- by knowing what your score should have been and checking it on the chart. In the scoring program there's a "worksheet" for each team, so we can easily check what was posted. If there's an error, it can be corrected. It's your responsibility to confirm that your score was entered correctly.

not lie where you need them to be to make the contract, then look for another way to convince the opponents to do something to help you.

The complete deal was the following:

♠ K1063	♠ 85
♥ AJ1085	♥ 9632
♦ A	♦ K10752
♣ AJ5	♣ K7
♠ AJ92	♠ Q74
♥ Q4	♥ K7
♦ J9864	♦ Q3
♣ 94	♣ Q108632



QUALIFYING AT YOUR CLUB WILL BEGIN SOON

In the months of June, July and August, your local bridge club will be holding qualifying games for the North American Pairs. After you qualify at a club game, you and any other qualified player of District 9 will have the opportunity to play in the District 9 Finals on October 28th and 29th. The top three or four pairs in the district events will earn the right to represent District 9 in the finals of the event to be held in Philadelphia, in March of 2018. Not only do you get to represent us, you get a financial subsidy to do it!

See pages 34-36 to hear from the two pairs who got to Day Two of the Finals of the NAPs in Kansas City in March.

District Nine

MAY	Jul 1-2 Sun City 499ers Sectional	Sep 8-10 N. Orlando Sectional	Oct 20-22 Jacksonville Sectional
May 5-7 Palm Coast Sectional	Jul 14-16 Bonita Bridge Sectional	Sep 8-10 Venice Sectional	Oct 16-22 U243, 102, 219 240 STaC
May 5-7 Sarasota Sectional	Jul 14-16 Orlando Sectional	Sep 14-17 St. Petersburg 499er Sectional	Oct 27-29 NAP Finals & Sectional
May 18-21 St. Petersburg 499er Sectional	Jul 20-30 TORONTO NABC	Sep 14-17 Daytona Sectional	NOVEMBER
May 19-21 Naples Sectional	AUGUST	Sep 22-24 Palm Coast 499er Sectional	Nov 1-30 GNT Club Qualifying
May 19-21 Orlando Sectional	Aug 1-31 NAP Club Qualifying	Sep 23-25 Melbourne Sectional	Nov 3-5 McGregor Point Sectional
May 26-28 Jacksonville Sectional	Aug 4-5 Deland 299ers Sectional	OCTOBER	Nov 3-5 Palm Beach Gardens Sectional
May 29-Jun 4 TAMPA REGIONAL	Aug 4-6 Ft Myers Sectional	Oct 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying	Nov 3-5 Pensacola Sectional
JUNE	Aug 7-13 District 9 STaC	Oct 2-8 NAPLES REGIONAL	Nov 6-12 DAYTONA BEACH REGIONAL
May 29-Jun 4 TAMPA REGIONAL	Aug 18-20 Palm Coast Sectional	Oct 13-15 Ft Walton Beach Sectional	Nov 13-19 U219, 240, 243 STaC
Jun 1-30 NAP Club Qualifying	Aug 21-27 PALM BEACH GARDENS REGIONAL	Oct 13-15 McGregor Point 499er Sectional	Nov 17-19 Sarasota Sectional
Jun 9-11 The Villages Sectional	SEPTEMBER	Oct 14-15 Sarasota NLM Sectional	Nov 17-19 The Villages 499er Sectional
Jun 12-18 Unit 128 STaC	Sep 1-30 GNT Club Qualifying	Oct 16-18 Miami Sectional	Nov 21E ACBL-Wide Charity Game
Jun 22-24 Bridge Deck Sectional	Sep 1-4 St. Petersburg Sectional	Oct 20-22 Clearwater Sectional	Nov 23 - Dec 3 SAN DIEGO NABC
JULY			
Jul 1-31 NAP Club Qualifying			

Tournament Calendar

DECEMBER

Nov 23 - Dec 3
SAN DIEGO
NABC

Nov 30-Dec 3
St Pete 499er
Sectional

Dec 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Dec 1-3
St. Augustine
Sectional

Dec 1-3
Vero Beach
Sectional

Dec 1-3
Naples Sectional

Dec 4-10
U128 STaC

Dec 11-17
**CORAL SPRINGS
REGIONAL**

Dec 21E
ACBL-Wide
International Fund
Game #3

JANUARY

Jan 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Jan 1-7
**ORLANDO
REGIONAL**

Jan 12-14
Jacksonville
Sectional

Jan 12-14
Lake Park
Sectional

Jan 12-14
St. Petersburg
Sectional

Jan 12-14
McGregor Point
499ers Sectional

Jan 18-21
Daytona Sectional

Jan 19-21
Sarasota Sectional

Jan 15-21
U240, 243, 219 STaC

Jan 26-28
North Palm Beach
Sectional

Jan 26-28
Margret Bridge
Club Sectional

Jan 26-28
Fort Walton
Beach Sectional

FEBRUARY

Feb 1-28
GNT Club
Qualifying

Feb 2-4
Fort Lauderdale
Sectional

Feb 2-4
Winter Haven SR/
NLM Sectional

Feb 5-11
Unit 128 STaC

Feb 9-11
Vero Beach
Sectional

Feb 9-11
Panama Beach
Sectional

Feb 16-18
Orlando Sectional

Feb 16-18
Venice
Sectional

Feb 19-25
**SARASOTA-
MANATEE
REGIONAL**

MARCH

Mar 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Mar 2-4
Fort Myers
Sectional

Mar 2-4
Gainesville
Sectional

Mar 2-4
Pensacola
Sectional

Mar 2-4
Rockledge
Sectional

Mar 2-4
Khatib
Sectional

Mar 8-18
PHILADELPHIA
NABC

Mar 9-11
Sun City Center
Sectional

Mar 16-18
St. Augustine
Sectional

Mar 16-18
Bradenton Sr/
NLM Sectional

Mar 16-18
Clearwater 499ers
Sectional

Mar 19-25
U102, 219, 240, 243
STaC

Mar 22-25
St. Pete 499ers
Sectional

Mar 23-25
Daytona 499er
Sectional

APRIL

Apr 2-8
**SOUTH-
EASTERNS
REGIONAL**

Apr 11-13
Bridge Deck Sr/
NLM Sectional

Apr 13-15
Ocala 499ers
Sectional

Apr 13-15
Fort Lauderdale
Sectional

Apr 19-21
Spring Hill
Sectional

Apr 20-22
Vero Beach
Sectional

Apr 27-29
**GNT Finals &
Sectional**

Even we Juniors are getting old. The first time I wrote for the SBN regarding the GNT, I was entering college. Now, I'm a college graduate and a member of the workforce. Time flies when you're having fun, doesn't it?

With the NAP qualifiers looming back in August, I was at a crossroads regarding who to play with. I've felt like my game has improved significantly in the past year or so and I knew I was in a position to do very well with the right partner. I reached out to the better players at the Clearwater Duplicate Bridge Center (my home club) and asked if they knew any strong B players who would be a great partner for me. A name that a lot of people mentioned was none other than Unit 128 Vice-President and all-around awesome guy Jeff Edelstein. I knew who he was but had never really talked to him before. I sent him an email, we talked on the phone a few times, and before you know it, we were a new partnership trying to win NAP B for Florida.

Jeff and I had only played twice before our state qualifier in late October. He's got a big list of partners for his games over at Tampa and I can only play on the weekends due to work. Initially, I was fearful that this wouldn't work out. Boy, was I wrong. Despite little partnership experience, Jeff and I have always been on very similar wavelengths with regards to our bidding. Here's an example hand from the qualifiers:

<p>♠ 108x ♥ xx ♦ K ♣ AQJxxxx</p> <p>♠ 9xx ♥ AQJx ♦ AJx ♣ xxx</p> <p>♠ AQJx ♥ KTxx ♦ QT9xx ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ Kxx ♥ xxx ♦ xxxx ♣ KT9</p>
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West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
Dbl	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Jeff did a great job of not burying me by bidding 3♣ over 2♦. He decided to introduce a fragment 3-card ♠ suit which I was more than happy to pass despite being in a Moysian. Our +140 was nearly a top.

We finished the qualifiers in 1st by a slim margin, with games of 60% and 63%. Next came the most important part: getting more practice in for the NABC. Jeff and I started practicing at least once a month and played local sectionals/regionals whenever they were available. We were dominating them. Three times in four games, we cracked 65% in a sectional open game. Not only was I confident that we'd compete, I was confident that we'd be able to win the whole thing.

Soon enough, it was time for the NABC and Jeff and I were on our way to Kansas City, MO. We arrived a few days early to practice, including playing in the 0-10K Swiss with local partner and good friend Sally Meckstroth. While the team kept going up and down to finish 12th (Bill Gates ended up winning), Jeff and I were playing amazing as a partnership. Finally, it came time for the event.

Our first session started off well, with an upper-57% game that was good enough to put us at 12th overall in the field of 97. The evening session was good too for a similar percent, even with a misunderstanding that got us to a whopping 2♣ instead of 4♥, which makes 7 on Deep Finesse play (don't ask for that auction). That put us in 5th overall, with the 52 left who qualified to the second day.



Weingarten and Edelstein

PLAYING IN THE PRESIDENT'S CUP IN KANSAS CITY

Judy and Marty Greengrass

We knew we could win if we delivered two similar sessions on the second day. Right out of the gate, that was in jeopardy, as for the first time in months, a trick was dropped on defense here or there. Here's a highlight board:

♠ Q54	♠ 9
♥ 10xx	♥ Jxx
♦ Q109xx	♦ Axxx
♣ AK	♣ QT9xx
♠ -	♠ AKJT87632
♥ AKxxx	♥ Qx
♦ KJxx	♦ -
♣ Jxxx	♣ xx

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♦*

*-Namyats

We luckily rightsided the hand and didn't get a ♥ lead, so I was able to make 6 by setting up the 13th ♦. This involved creating 5 entries to my hand, so I scored the AK of ♣ and Q54 of ♠ to set it up. Good job with fortunate conventional bidding to score more MPs.

In the end, we finished the afternoon session at 52%, which was good enough to not drop us far. At 7th place, we were about a board and a half behind the leaders. In retrospect, I think Jeff and I played too tight in this session. We weren't just having fun and going with it like we were before. That's what we agreed to do in the final session to try to come back. Turns out that was our best session of them all – 58% and would have been higher minus system fixes by the opponents. We climbed up to 4th but couldn't catch the leaders, who stitched together two big games to take the title.

Regardless of the result, I had a great time playing with Jeff. He won't be able to play in B next year because he'll be past 2500 by then (I still have a few more years before that'll happen), but we will continue being a partnership going forward. Our next goal is GNT for Florida. Wish us luck!

When the score at our local club, the Tampa Bay Bridge Club, said qualifying in A, B and C, we had no idea what it meant. Fred Tanzer, the director, explained that we had qualified to play the following month in the district finals for the North American Pairs, formerly known as the Grand National Pairs.

So, with less than 300 points between us and having no expectation whatsoever of qualifying, we set off to St. Petersburg for the district qualifiers. We were shocked to come in 3rd place in the state in C. The North American Pairs for C event is also known as the President's Cup. We had no intention to go to Kansas City until we were informed that District 9 would pay \$500 each toward our expenses. How could we say no to that?

In the months leading up to the Spring NABC, we received so much encouragement from the members of our club! This included not only good wishes but a lot of good advice. The best advice, we thought, was from our District VP, Jeff Edelstein, who said, Don't bid yourselves into a zero. Words to live by!

The experience of attending the Spring NABC was overwhelmingly positive. The hotels were beautiful, the food was great, the bridge was extremely competitive and the officiating was stellar.

We played Saturday, our first day there, in a gold rush game where we were able to win some red, and on Tuesday we were able to land some gold. But the highlight was The President's Cup on Sunday and Monday.

Sunday was the qualification round for The President's Cup. There were 89 pairs from all over the country and Canada, from San Diego to Montreal. The competition was the most rigorous either of us had ever experienced. All

ages were represented, from those in their late teens or early twenties who were embarking on their bridge career to older folks like us who had rejoined the duplicate bridge world upon our retirement. The young players appeared to us to be the future rising stars of bridge.

We knew that only 52 of the 89 would qualify. At this point, with under 200 points each, we did not expect to qualify for the second day, especially after a not so strong close in the first session. This allowed Marty to relax a bit and play somewhat better bridge in the evening session. We just enjoyed the competition and the people we met, truly enjoying the experience. We left the room after the second session, sure that we would not qualify. We were stunned and extremely excited when Jeff called to tell us that we had squeaked by and come in at #52!

Bidding was highly competitive and the players interfered whenever they could. It was rare that we were allowed to play a 2♠ or 2♥ contract. One pair found a slam using Exclusion Blackwood, a convention we had not

encountered before. When a young pair from Texas was bidding using an XYZ convention, they were very nice about explaining their bidding, since we had no idea what their bids meant.

In the end, we climbed up another eleven spots and ended up in 41st position, which we felt was quite an accomplishment given the number of points we had going in and the handicap of starting in last place. There was considerable turnover during the finals.

The pair from Montreal who won a session during the qualifying round fell apart during the finals. The young pair from the Detroit area climbed considerably to take first place. We met people from all over North America and were even invited to play Swiss Teams with a pair from New Hampshire who placed much higher than we.

All in all, we had one of the most challenging bridge experiences of our lives and neither of us regret playing in the President's cup for a minute. We would like to thank District 9 for their support and this honor. And we would very strongly encourage players of all levels to try to qualify for the North American Pairs next time the qualifying rounds come along. We sure plan to try again!



Judy and Marty Greengrass

Editor's Note: We hope you have enjoyed hearing the excitement in the voices of these players who reached the finals of their flights. Remember to qualify at your local clubs in June, July or August.

Flight A is unlimited, Flight B is for players who have fewer than 2500 masterpoints in the count generated on May 6th. Flight C is for non-life masters who have fewer than 500 masterpoints in the count generated on May 6th.

These requirements are actually subject to change, as ACBL has not yet published its 2017-2018 conditions of contest for this event. By June 1st, we expect the rules to be finalized. Line up your partners now!



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This is my first article as the incoming President of Unit 102 and I am both thrilled and a bit intimidated by the new responsibilities. (And despite my long career in Washington, DC, I am making no comments about the other president who came to power coincident with me.)

In truth, I am daunted by trying to succeed the indomitable Carol Hamilton, who served in this role for 11 years!! She was a truly great president and will be sorely missed. I am happy to say she will still be heavily involved as a volunteer and has agreed to manage the winter Sarasota-Manatee regional in 2018.

My assumption of this post comes with a major turnover in our board, as a number of long-standing members are replaced by newer people. Like the man said, "It may not be better, but it will certainly be different." Our thanks go out to Carol, Harriette Buckman, and Cynthia Murphy. And welcome to new Board members Tony Munson, Teresa Noa, and Iris Wilson.

This turnover also occurs simultaneously with changes at our largest club, the In-Between. Michelle Golden, the long-time owner, has sold the club to Jim Gordon and Izrail Gorian. It is impossible to overstate the contributions that Michelle has made to bridge over the years. Not only did she grow the In-Between into one of the largest and most successful clubs in the ACBL, she did so via a vigorous teaching program targeted directly at our most dynamic group, newly retired adults. Anyone who visits In-Between can see the results, where the new players outnumber the A players, and play with the same intensity and interest as the regulars. Well done, Michelle!!!

The new owners are well known to the bridge community. Not only are they both avid players, but Jim Gordon already owns and operates a successful club in Venice, and Izrail will be taking over some of the teaching responsibilities at the newly renamed G&G Inbetween Club. They are also moving the club to new and larger digs, with all new equipment and expanded parking. And, Jim promises, fantastic food.

Lots of changes and lots of excitement as the new year gets underway. We have a sectional May 5-7, a Members Lunch May 21, and a 499er sectional October 14-15.

Good luck to all of us in the year ahead!

UNIT 102 NEWS

New unit President Mike Gibson has asked for member input regarding ideas for improving your bridge experience in Sarasota. Please give some thought as to how your needs could be better served and send him your comments. He has also asked Teresa Noa to chair an innovations committee to look at gathering ideas for future changes.

Since Michelle Golden has retired as the owner, manager and director of The In-Between Club, a party was held March 22 to honor her and thank her for providing many years of exceptional bridge experience for hundreds, probably thousands, of us. Most players agree that her, "Let's remember Zero Tolerance. Let's have a pleasant afternoon and good luck today!" was an excellent way to start a bridge game. More than one hundred people contributed toward refreshments and gifts for Michelle. Phyllis Prager presented the gifts, which included a generous donation in Michelle's name to Earth Guardians in Boulder, Colorado. Jay Whipple, representing the ACBL, also spoke. Everyone appreciated the assistance that Jim Gordon gave to this tribute and all hope and expect to support the new G&G In-Between Club.



Michelle & Charlie Golden, Izrail Gorian

Thank you for supporting the Third Annual Pro-Am Charity Game, benefitting The Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota. Sue Lordi did a masterful job recruiting over 100 "Pros" and matching them with an equal number of enthusiastic "Ams." Great food and good fun

was enjoyed by all. Look for photos in the next issue.

You are probably reading this just before our Spring Sectional, May 5-7 at G&G In-Between Club. There's still time to grab a partner and join us.

The Annual Membership Luncheon and Swiss Team Event is May 21 at Misty Creek Country Club. Details are on the website, so do sign up if you haven't already. We are limited to twenty-six teams. Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners, listed below, will be honored.

Ace of Clubs Winners

David Weiss 0-5 MP
Peter French 5-20 MP
Paul Glosser 20-50 MP
Laverne Manno 50-100 MP
Irwin Lowenstein 100-200 MP
Barbara Mehnert 200-300 MP
Victor Lawrence 300-500 MP
Michael Gibson 500-1,000 MP
Howard Bloom 1,000-1,500 MP
Edward H Maier 1,500-2,000 MP
Alice A Wile 2500-3500 MP
Jack Bonney 3500-5000 MP
Barbara Pearlman 5000-7500 MP
Susan Gilbert 7500-10,000 MP
Les Bart 10,000 plus MP

Mini-McKenney Winners

Hasmulch Shah 0-5 MP
Jim Chapman 5-20 MP
Thomas Rogers 20-50 MP
Beth Dinney 50-100 MP
Charles Pulvino 100-200 MP
Jeffrey Nunes 200-300 MP
Barbara Mehnert 300-500 MP
Teresa Noa 500-1000 MP
Joanne Soterion 1000-1500 MP
Clay Dahl 1500-2500 MP
Edward Maier 2500-3500 MP
Arnold Malasky 3500-5000 MP
Jack Bonney 5000-7500 MP
Jim Russell 7500-10,000 MP
Gloria Bart 10,000 plus MP

Nonagenarians, Continued

Arthur Nusbaum, a 91-year old WWII veteran, has been playing bridge seriously for twenty years. A New Yorker, he spends four months in Sarasota every winter. He has three children, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and a charming English lady friend. Before retiring, he built big buildings, lots of them, mostly in New York, including Trump Tower, Grand Hyatt, and, in spite of what Trump says, he built the Wollman Skating Rink in Central Park, in four months! Looking forward to seeing you again next season, Arthur.



Please introduce yourself and welcome these new members of our Unit when you meet them at the bridge table!

Per G Ahlund

Ruth Averback

Marie Baumann

Janice L Besson

Paul Chapman

Harvey Feltquate

Nicole Gagnon

Candace Gibbons

Lois K Geller

Laurette M Grupka

Susan Levine

Christine Lusk

Melvin Marx

Brian Naini

Ruth Plant

Chandler Robbins III

Andrea Roberts

Hasmulch Shah

Laura Smith

Elisabeth C Von Bulow-Lile

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Unit 128

President's Message

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After every regional tournament hosted by Unit 128, your Board asks for your feedback about your tournament experience. There are some myths out there, so let me try to address some recurring complaints:

“Why cant there be larger/ better tables?”

The truth is no one is selling a portable card table less than 34”. Some of our tables are 30” square. These tables allow us to fit the tournament into the hotel space that there is available to us to rent. Think of it this way: If we were to throw out all the old tables and buy all new ones, we would lose one square foot of playing space for every 3 tables! Currently at most sites, we rent, from the hotels, all available space, over 10,000 square feet per tournament. If it was as easy as renting more space, we would have done that long ago. Karl Miller has resurfaced many of the smaller tables, and a couple of years ago, we were able to purchase, and did replace, over 150 tables. While many of you are used to tables that may be larger, at your local club, those tables don't travel the entire state, week after week, month after month, so they can be larger, and better made than ones that are 30” . Currently we are looking to join with another district to explore the possibility of having tables made to specifications. The last time we did that, to be quite honest, it was a disaster. So once burned twice shy. We promise that we are looking for solutions. As they occur, we promise to keep you informed.

“Why are the cards so dirty or worn?”

The simple answer - Bridge players and dirty hands. The Unit owns about 75 sets of bridge boards. About half are the old fashioned metal boards (which aren't made anymore) and the others are the newer plastic boards which allow for easier duplication of hands by a dealing machine. Many are accustomed to the old style and liked the way the vulnerability

was marked on those boards. We are looking to find a company or service organization that we can hire to refurbish all the boards and either repaint or put new vulnerability labels in the boards. If any of you know of a service organization that would like to earn some money fixing up our boards, please contact any Board member. While all the cards are replaced at regular intervals (37 sets were replaced just last month), the directors are willing, to switch out any that you deem need replacing. Just call the DIRECTOR, while you are playing a hand that you think needs replacement. In the last four years, only about a dozen of you have taken the time to call to switch out the cards.... Please help us to help you!

“The room is always too hot or too cold!”

While each of us likes the temperature we like, we suggest that each person bring with them something warm that can be removed, if you feel too warm. Most hotels have the thermostats set at a certain temperature. We have it in our contracts with the hotels, to try to insure the most comfortable playing conditions. When you bring a group of folks together it raises the temperature in the room, the thermostats kick on, and any pairs sitting near or underneath the air ducts will feel cold. And while we do pass your comments on to the hotel, it is darn near impossible to keep the room temperature at everyone's liking.

I welcome any questions you may have, and will do my best to see that you receive a reply. If we can fix it we will, but I believe you cannot please every bridge player. (We do try nonetheless).



ADRIAN DOVELL

Popular and highly successful player Adrian Dovell passed away a week before the Gainesville Bridge Club held its March sectional. Mary Ann McIntyre made this poster to display in Adrian's memory at the tournament.



Adrian Dovell

1943—2017

**Champion Bridge Player
Beloved Husband, Father,
Grandfather, Brother
And
Friend to All**

Adrian and his wife Pat were the subject of the cover story in the May/June 2016 issue of the Sunshine Bridge News. That article can be found at http://district9acbl.org/SBN/2016_05/page16.htm and http://district9acbl.org/SBN/2016_05/page17.htm.

The cover photo shows up on this page: http://district9acbl.org/SBN/2016_05/page15.htm with an introduction of why we felt they were worthy of a cover story.

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.

Mini-McKenney Races U128

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Race

1	John Shuey	Naples	118.43
2	Michael Kwiatkowski	Lady Lake	72.77
3	Walter Olander	Indian Shores	62.34
4	Donald Shiff	Delray Beach	55.84
5	Bernard Carleton	The Villages	50.63

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Ronald Roth	Naples	73.99
2	Kenneth Ronson	Boca Raton	71.47
3	Rick Fisher	West Palm Beach	64.23
4	Zulema Olander	Indian Shores	63.46
5	Safwan Shams	Palm Coast	62.91

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Maury Fjestad	The Villages	122.42
2	Leslie Nelson	The Villages	107.50
3	Anshul Paliwal	Gainesville	88.79
4	Leslie Balis	Tampa	86.59
5	Kristie Carter	The Villages	84.88

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Steven Caplan	Boca Raton	198.90
2	Chris Weyland	Naples	186.06
3	Jack Sieling	Pinellas Park	157.46
4	Carol Ketterer	The Villages	153.07
5	Sheila Naylor	The Villages	152.10

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Dee Kirkbride	Delray Beach	286.19
2	Lynn Chapman	Jacksonville	210.44
3	Ronald Wallace	Apollo Beach	197.64
4	Paul Michaels	Bonita Springs	195.79
5	Vicki Mace	Bonita Springs	189.58

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Mark Franzoni	Jacksonville Bc	335.17
2	Eileen Abramson	Palm Beach	241.36
3	Michael Waskew	Amelia Island	210.25
4	R J Joneja	Naples	199.45
5	Jo Goodman	Naples	174.82

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Mark Bruce	Ocala	247.94
2	Pratapray Thacker	N Palm Beach	217.18
3	Bruce Maier	Tampa	212.27
4	Brenda Kefauver	Naples	205.31
5	Paul Moniz	Debary	198.83

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Ann Buchholz	Ponte Vedra Bch	488.72
2	Lynn Leisy	Amelia Island	454.83
3	Matthew Weingarten	Safety Harbor	314.92
4	Nadine Sabatier	Ponte Vedra	291.41
5	Trella Bromley	Jacksonville	277.82

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Jim Loffree	Naples	327.42
2	Russ Pearly	The Villages	314.45
3	Izrail Gorian	Port Charlotte	312.69
4	Riki Tulin	Boca Raton	297.36
5	John Sullivan	Naples	276.72

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Cookie Potter	Boca Grande	588.14
2	Jeff Edelstein	Riverview	516.60
3	Paul Freiberg	Naples	451.07
4	Jim Maxwell	Venice	415.58
5	Connie Queller	Hudson	391.21

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Bruce Lang	West Palm Beach	791.36
2	Larry Lazarow	Highland Beach	476.82
3	Anthony Barre	Marco Island	441.76
4	Charles Shwalter	Lady Lake	417.10
5	Sellers McKee	Jupiter	404.64

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Lee Bukstel	Boca Raton	584.41
2	Roger Banks	Naples	497.46
3	Albert Shrive	Naples	477.45
4	Scot Smith	Ft Myers Beach	433.81
5	Kim Dean	Belleair	422.08

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Race

1	David Rogers	Naples	609.49
2	Alan Osofsky	Palm Beach	558.82
3	Joanne Weingold	Boca Raton	523.52
4	Jack Weingold	Boca Raton	502.10
5	Alexander Weiss	Jacksonville	501.69

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Stan Tulin	Boca Raton	1,541.77
2	Sally Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch	965.15
3	Corey Krantz	Delray Beach	821.11
4	Vincent Grande Jr.	Jupiter	653.69
5	Craig Hemphill	Jacksonville	577.43

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

1	Jeff Meckstroth	Clearwater Bch	2,385.91
2	Eric Rodwell	Clearwater	2,152.55
3	Vincent Demuy	Palm Bch Gdns	1,937.29
4	Michael Seamon	Boca Raton	1,886.71
5	Kevin Bathurst	Palm Bch Gdns	1,720.47

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2016 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

0 to 5 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	John Shuey	Naples	94.12
2	Donald Shiff	Delray Beach	50.01
3	Bernard Carleton	The Villages	43.42
4	Sheryl Hobbs	Pinellas Park	37.71
5	Walter Olander	Indian Shores	35.00

5 to 20 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Kenneth Ronson	Boca Raton	71.47
2	James Andrews	Ocala	55.71
3	Ronald Roth	Naples	54.53
4	Safwan Shams	Palm Coast	51.43
5	Constance Wallace	Clearwater	49.81

20 to 50 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Maury Fjestad	The Villages	67.53
2	Dale Last	Boca Raton	56.37
3	Leslie Balis	Tampa	56.07
4	Kristie Carter	The Villages	51.73
5	Sally Larrow	Palm Coast	49.27

50 to 100 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Chris Weyland	Naples	140.93
2	Steven Caplan	Boca Raton	120.66
3	Steve Wells	Cape Coral	97.74
4	Jack Sieling	Pinellas Park	97.61
5	Marc Gellman	Wellington	86.37

100 to 200 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Dee Kirkbride	Delray Beach	125.78
2	Frank Pietro II	Cape Coral	108.85
3	Joel Von Spreckelsen	Land O Lakes	101.47
4	Brian Block	Palm Beach Gard	96.75
5	Ronald Wallace	Apollo Beach	82.27

200 to 300 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Michael Waskew	Amelia Island	136.65
2	Mark Franzoni	Jacksonville Bc	122.77
3	George Murray	The Villages	106.57
4	Ruth Ann Verell	Naples	100.67
5	Donna Penny	Miami	93.84

300 to 500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Etta Sklar	Sunny Isles Bch	144.98
2	Phyllis Levy	Miami	135.59
3	Pratapray Thacker	N Palm Beach	127.04
4	Takeko Toyama	Pinecrest	120.67
5	Allan Ganem	Englewood	113.22

500 to 1000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Trixie Dorsett Germer	Naples	198.35
2	Peggy Yeager	Naples	171.66
3	Janet Matthews	The Villages	164.66
4	Vivian Reedy	Miami	163.62
5	Peter Fidor	Naples	159.84

1000 to 1500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Jim Loffree	Naples	271.27
2	John Sullivan	Naples	235.37
3	Thomas Santarelli	Naples	188.50
4	Anna Maxcine Thacker	Palm Coast	187.67
5	Barry Davis	Naples	179.26

1500 to 2500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Ricky Dashefsky	Delray Beach	308.46
2	David Schapira	Delray Beach	271.98
3	Doris Berkman	Boca Raton	267.63
	Gerald Berkman	Boca Raton	267.63
5	Paul Freiberg	Naples	261.15

2500 to 3500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Larry Lazarow	Highland Beach	456.71
2	Donald Margolin	Delray Beach	308.11
3	Sellers McKee	Jupiter	291.47
4	Charles Showalter	Lady Lake	280.87
5	Sidney Golub	West Palm Beach	279.26

3500 to 5000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Francine Feldman	Boca Raton	372.81
2	Roger Banks	Naples	368.67
3	Zita Lechter	Sunny Isles	332.15
4	Marc Spellman	Miami	303.97
5	Micki Lassiter	Palm Bch Gdns	294.21

5000 to 7500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Raymond Depew	Naples	324.60
2	Hank Parker	Bonita Springs	319.16
3	Roger Coffman	Palm Bch Gdns	297.13
4	A. S. Weissenberg	Palm Bch Gdns	294.95
5	Susan Elias	Coral Gables	291.60

7500 to 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Carolyn Sessler	Boca Raton	367.24
2	Lita Talus	Boynton Beach	364.49
3	Bud Dean	Belleair	361.94
4	Audrey Kurland	Fort Myers	356.63
5	Harry Kaufmann	N Redington Bch	344.67

Over 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race

1	Sean Ganness	Miami	496.03
2	Alan Stout	Jacksonville	302.75
3	Bernace De Young	Miami	297.46
4	Esther Bankuti	Fort Myers	281.89
5	Elaine Katzman	Boynton Beach	278.03

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72% Club

80.02%	Robert Slevan / Harvey Zeltzer	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
78.97%	Devorah Castor / Leslie Gutman	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
78.17%	Scott Berry / Dan Marshall	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
76.85%	Lorraine Konisky / Robert Manz	Tampa Bay Bridge Center
76.74%	Virginia Lindley / Jane Thompson	Bridge in the Clouds, Orange Park
75.95%	Abby Hellring / Eva Landy	Bridge with Chef Alan, Miami Shores
75.93%	Bonny Pacetti / Sandra Wirtz	The Bridge Lodge, Dunellon
75.89%	Mona Abrams / Selma LeVine	Frenchmans Creek Club, Palm Beach Gardens
75.69%	Julie Herman / Susan O'Shea	Jupiter Hills DBC, Tequesta
75.20%	Leslie Roth / Lewis Roth	Aberdeen CC, Boynton Beach
75.00%	Sandra Gebhardt / Fred Pollack	The Villages DBC
74.70%	Robert Gittings / Bob Montgomery	Jacksonville Riverside DBC
74.54%	Ned Daughdrille / John Maloney	Nature Coast BC, Spring Hill
74.11%	Bonnie Grove / Leslie Hiller	Friendly DBC, Palm Beach Gardens
74.11%	Linda Cleveland / Ginny Packard	Bay Colony Beach Club, Naples
73.93%	Roger Coffman / Jan Vandersluis	Jupiter DBC
73.81%	Stephen Bean / Jerry Robie	RH DBC, Leesburg
73.76%	Mike Dalton / Scott Weiss	Palm Coast DBC
73.67%	Carol Kayne / Susan Skidmore	Aberdeen CC, Boynton Beach
73.41%	Gail Greenberg / Ann Harte	Ballen Isles CC, Palm Beach Gardens
73.41%	Paul Pollack / Herb Teitler	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
73.36%	Angus Maciver / Brian Shiels	Bridge with Chef Alan, Miami Shores
73.21%	Harold Dobson / Jack Zhao	Boca Raton DBC
73.21%	Ricky Dashefsky / George Zimmer	Grand Slam of Lake Worth, Boynton Beach
73.15%	Linda Reeder / Hans Jacob	Nature Coast BC, Spring Hill
73.09%	Joe McHargue / Frank Santella	DBA of Sun City Center
73.06%	Annabelle Hudmon / Daniel Sellers Jr	Timuquana DBC, Jacksonville
72.99%	Sellers Mckee / Stan Schretter	Community DBC, North Palm Beach
72.96%	Shirley Weinger / Saul Horowitz	Polo Club, Boca Raton
72.95%	Susan Fuller / Richard Baron	Friendship Club, Coral Gables
72.95%	Sally Allgyer / Rose Marie Stark	Boca Grande DBC
72.92%	Helen Meshel / Leon Meshel	Boca West CC, Boca Raton
72.92%	Carol Brooks / Carol Mason	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
72.92%	Ned Daughdrille / John Maloney	Nature Coast BC, Spring Hill
72.62%	Doris Rodgers / Roger Elston	St Catherine DBC, West Palm Beach
72.62%	Carolyn Sessler / David Schapira	Boca Raton DBC
72.58%	Florence Friedland / Saul Friedland	Gleneagles BC, Delray Beach
72.49%	Deborah Bricker / Julie Walker	The Beach Duplicate, Palm Beach
72.33%	Craig Hemphill / Alexander Weiss	Linda's Bridge Club, Jacksonville
72.32%	Mariette Thibault / Claude Ouelette	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
72.32%	Tony Cioffi / William Turner	Temple Sinai, Delray Beach
72.32%	David Lack / David Merson	Aberdeen CC, Boynton Beach
72.32%	Bea Silvers / Irene Silvers	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
72.32%	Phyllis Bernstein / Peter Cleaves	Temple Sinai, Delray Beach
72.24%	Ellen Gimbel / Uky Perakos	Quail Ridge CC, Boynton Beach
72.22%	Joan Pyle / Frank Braccio	Pasadena BC, St. Petersburg
72.19%	Linda Green / Dee Kirkbride	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
72.16%	Rubin Gruber / Derek James	Mandel JCC BC, Palm Beach Gardens
72.15%	Roberta Satin / Bobbie Satz	Boca Pointe CC, Boca Raton
72.15%	Robert Freid / Mike Grathwohl	Boca Raton DBC
72.13%	Roger Coffman / Ronald Scelfo	Community DBC, North Palm Beach
72.09%	Gerda Cohen / Enid Stillman	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
72.08%	Joy Becker / Lorner Becker	East Pasco CC, San Antonio
72.07%	Linda Wynston / Steve Gittins	Temple Sinai, Delray Beach
72.02%	Suzie Kahn / Bobbie Satz	Boca Pointe CC, Boca Raton
72.02%	Bill Irvine / Tony Petronella	Boca Raton DBC

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE CELEBRATES 2016 RANKS CHANGERS AND RACE WINNERS

On Friday February 17, 2017, JSOB recognized the 102 members who achieved a new ACBL rank or who won a club or ACBL masterpoint race in 2016. The cake pictured below listed each person. The recipients could not stop smiling. Thank you to Jeanne Harlan, who recently achieved Silver Life Master status, for alerting us to this phenomenal celebration.



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May 18, 20 and 21, 2017

Thursday	May 18	10:30 AM 3:00 PM	499er Pairs 499er Pairs
Saturday	May 20	10:30 AM 3:00 PM	499er Pairs 499er Pairs
Sunday	May 21	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

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Turn north on US Highway 19. 9103 is 3/4 mile up US 19 on the right at Mainlands Plaza.

Sun City Center NLM/<500 Summer Sectional July 1-2, 2017

Saturday and Sunday @ 10am & 3pm

Stratified 0-100 Pairs &
Stratified NLM/500 Pairs

Tournament Chair & Director

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Mini-Lectures @ 9:15am

Saturday- Did My Hand Blossom or Wilt

Sue Batt

Sunday- Defense ain't sexy, but setting their contract is!

How to tell your partner what to lead without talking.

Kathy Smith

Game Fees: \$10/person

\$3 additional for non and unpaid ACBL members

Stratifications: 0-100 Flight – 0-20, 20-50, 50-100

NLM-500 – 0-200, 200-300, 300-500

Stratifications subject to change based on attendance

Limited Number of lunches available each day for \$6.

Sandwich, chips, soda

Jacksonville Spring Sectional



May 26-28, 2017

Jacksonville School of Bridge

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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.

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Marriott Courtyard at
Mayo Clinic on San Pablo
904-223-1700
When calling the Marriott ask for in-house
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The Villages

Fourth Annual Sectional Bridge Tournament

OPEN TO ALL

June 9-11, 2017

La Hacienda Recreation Center

1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL 32162

Friday and Saturday, June 9 & 10

Stratified Open Pairs - 10 AM & 3 PM

299er Pairs (0-300) - 10 AM & 3 PM

Sunday, June 11

Stratified Swiss teams - 10 AM

299er Swiss Teams (0-300) - 10 AM

A short lunch break is planned

(Lunch Provided)

All pairs events are single session

STRATIFICATION

A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)

Swiss Team Stratification based on team average

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SIZZLING SUMMER SECTIONAL

Open & 299ers

Bridge Deck Club of Naples

To be Held "OFF SITE" at Naples Bridge Center
Naples Bridge Center 5865 Golden Gate Parkway
(239) 455-4445

June 22-24 2017

THURSDAY JUNE 22 - 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Stratified Open Pairs - single session • Stratified 299er Pairs - single sessions

FRIDAY JUNE 23 - 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Stratified Open Pairs - single session • Stratified 299er Pairs - single sessions

SATURDAY JUNE 24 - 10:00 AM & Play through

Stratified Swiss Teams - Stratified by AVERAGE Masterpoints

ENTRY FEE:

\$ 11.00 per person/per session
\$ 100.00 per Team - Lunch Included
\$ 3.00 additional per person/per session
for non ACBL or unpaid ACBL members

LUNCH:

Available Thursday & Friday between sessions @ \$6.00

STRATS:

Open A=2000+ B=750-2000 C=0-750
299er Limits A=200-300 B=100-200 C=0-100

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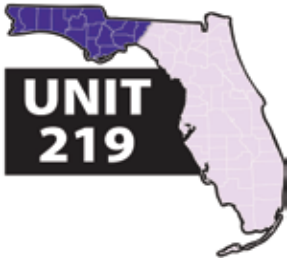
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Bridge attendance: why is it declining? As the snowbirds make their way north, our games are getting smaller and smaller each year. Is it because of BBO or other online playing sites? Is it because of the cost to play? Is it because you're too busy to help out?

When is the last time you asked a new person to play with you? When is the last time you asked a novice or social bridge player to join you at your local club? I have included a listing of your Unit 219 board representatives. Do you know them? Please call and get involved with your club to keep this great game going.

While playing online is fun, let's not forget how great a "real" game of bridge at the club can be. And so my fellow bridge players, ask not what your bridge club can do for you; ask what you can do for your bridge club! Seems like I've heard this catchy phrase before...

70% Club

74.56%	Tom Smith/Rita Xistris	Panama City
72.54%	Karen Melson/James Melson	Pensacola
72.12%	Bire Ayer/John Ayer	Destin
70.83%	Patrick Horton/ William Boynton	Tallahassee
70.83%	Jim Lyle/Richard Polangin	Tallahassee
70.81%	Stuart Siegel/Bob Dale	Pensacola
70.58%	Vicki Doolittle/Marvinette Dennis	Panama City
70.54%	Mickey Britt/Bob Soni	Tallahassee
70.37%	Richard Polangin/Patti Poppell	Tallahassee
70.14%	Sue Boyer/Ronald Fennell	Panama City

Bridge in the Panhandle

by Michelle Creel Crane

Our esteemed editor asked me to write a little something about my journey towards Life Master, a goal I recently achieved at the January Sandestin Regional. It was somehow fitting that I received the LAST five of fifty Gold points I needed at our Unit's only Regional: after all, I received my FIRST five Gold points at the first Sandestin Regional, in 2013. How's that for bridge-y bookends?!!



I started playing party bridge when I was fifteen, in the school library, with some fellow members of the math team. I will always remember the first time I said, "Double." We were all beginners, and my LHO, holding AKQJ of Hearts, had bid Four Hearts. I held a Yarborough (not even a jack), but I was also holding the 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 of Hearts.... The Okinawans have a proverb which advises, "Kind Hearts are Better Than Fair Faces." It was my understanding on that particular day that "Nine Hearts are Better Than Fair Face Cards...."

I discovered that bridge-playing was a useful skill while I was in college at Davidson when women were still scarce. It was particularly helpful to me when there was an awkward mix-up with dates. What was I to do when THREE guys showed up at the same time? I tried two-on-two volleyball, but that got a little heated. So we ended up PLAYING BRIDGE. Whew!!

I managed to play bridge for almost forty years (years that included Graduate School in Biology, working in a Cytogenetics Lab, raising three children and caring for parents), during which time no one told me about Duplicate Bridge. I was given hints along the way, though. My Uncle Bill told me that his wife, my Aunt Nell, was a "Grand Life Master." I never questioned this statement, because she really was kinda bossy... Twenty years later, that dear woman bequeathed to me two heavy hinged boxes filled with 4-slotted steel trays loaded with Kem cards. No explanation was

given to me other than "She knew you liked to play bridge." I thought those "trays" were so weird. The boxes went under the bed.

Another hint came years later, while playing in a weekly game. There was a woman there who had chronic laryngitis, making it difficult for her to speak. I was amazed at her cleverness: she had a red box which she put on the table, and from that box she could put any bid on the table from PASS to XX, from 1 Club to 7 No Trump!

Finally, I was invited to fill in at a bridge game at someone's home in Pensacola. They explained the mechanics of Duplicate Bridge, and I saw the same kind of metal trays my aunt had left to me. My new friends introduced me to Weak Two Bids and Transfers. I played with a woman named Irene, and we somehow came in first with a score of 32 out of a possible 50. One bridge game played duplicate-style and I was hooked.

Two years later, on a Tuesday afternoon at the end of April, I knocked on the door of the Pensacola Duplicate Bridge Club. I played that night, came in "First in B," whatever that was, and that hook dug in deeper. Despite my late start, I received the Ace of Clubs for the 0-5 category that first year. The Okinawans have another proverb: "You Will Become a Master by Constant Practice." For all of you still working towards achieving Life Master status, you should know that "You Will Become a Life Master by Constant Practice."

Several players in our Unit have practiced well enough to obtain notable changes in rank. Linda R. Zdenek of Shalimar is a new Life Master. I hope to have some tidbits of her story, and Lena Allen's, soon! Beth McArthur also made life Master, at the Pensacola Sectional in March. Bronze was achieved by Ron M. Deluca (Destin) and Michelle Crane (Pensacola). Marvnette Dennis (Panama City) and Audree Newman (Niceville) are our newest Ruby Life Masters. Steve Whitaker (Tallahassee) is now a Gold Life Master, and Betty Sheffield (Pensacola)



Zdenek

now holds Sapphire status. Congratulations to all!

Tallahassee DBC hosted a Charity Game on March 7, with money raised and items donated to support the Kearney Center, which helps the homeless. The event included an unusual auction: folks bid on the opportunity to play in a future game with the club's lotsa-points celebrities. The auction helped to raised almost \$1400 for the shelter! Overall winners of the game itself were Richard Polangin and Jim Lyle (1st), Cyndi Collins and Shirley Aaron (2nd), and Ken Harris and Judy Neubacher (3rd).

On March 8, Tallahassee DBC held an "8 is Enough" team game, which is a super idea. That evening was actually "souper:" A sampling of soups was served an hour before game time. Out of a field of 12 teams, the

winners were Philip Potter, Carol Towcimak, Byron Underwood and Steve Blumsack. Kenneth Harris directed.

Our Unit's January Regional had a new look, which will now grace all future Regionals. Thanks to Kay Huke, last year's Unit Treasurer, functional stanchions were designed, ordered, manufactured and in place in time for the tournament. No more wandering in search of the correct table!



DIC McKenzie Myers with new stanchions

Congratulations are also in order for our Unit's winners in the 2016 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Masterpoint races. Those winners are:

0-5 Mini McKenney Race

Virginia Shore Tallahassee 22.69

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Race

Frank Faldetta Tallahassee 99.72

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Race

Jody Craney Pensacola 118.70

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Race

Cynthia Lalas Pensacola 66.17

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Race

Kenneth Harris Tallahassee 98.75

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Race

Jean Askew Pensacola 160.66

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Race

Connie Graunke Tallahassee 185.50

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Race

Tom Mookas Tallahassee 202.24

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Race

Doris Needham Navarre 454.82

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Race

Fernando Teson Tallahassee 543.88

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Race

Amy Reznik Tallahassee 454.40

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Race

Gayle Marr Ft Walton Beach 284.39

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Race

Virginia Waterfield Destin FL 93.76

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

Robert Todd Tallahassee FL 599.20

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

James Krekorian Pensacola FL 718.19

0 to 5 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Virginia Shore Tallahassee FL 19.65

5 to 20 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Frank Faldetta Tallahassee FL 68.43

20 to 50 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Jody Craney Pensacola FL 83.86

50 to 100 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Cynthia Lalas Pensacola FL 50.32

100 to 200 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Kenneth Harris Tallahassee FL 80.21

200 to 300 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Jean Askew Pensacola FL 84.79

300 to 500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Connie Graunke Tallahassee FL 112.27

500 to 1000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Tom Mookas Tallahassee FL 167.19

1000 to 1500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Armand Grassi Lynn Haven FL 177.55

1500 to 2500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Fernando Teson Tallahassee FL 280.17

2500 to 3500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Charles Christmas Tallahassee FL 275.28

3500 to 5000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Jeannette Winters Tallahassee FL 218.47

5000 to 7500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Virginia Waterfield Destin FL 79.58

7500 to 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Lee Anderson Shalimar FL 156.72

Over 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

James Krekorian Pensacola FL 14.29



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We have several Sectionals upcoming:
May 19th – 21st - Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Center
July 14th – 16th - Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Center
September 23rd– 25th - Melbourne Senior Citizens Center
December 1st – 3rd - Vero Beach Bridge Club

STAC Week (Silver points at Clubs)
November 13 – 19th – All clubs

Orlando's next Regional will be January 1st – 7th, 2018

We are excited to announce a new location!

THE DOUBLETREE SEAWORLD

10100 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32821

Their new convention center is being finished and promises to be up and ready for our January dates! At present we are working on new times and events.....final schedule to be released soon!

I'd like to tip my Presidential hat to many people who helped me, guided me, and laughed at me during my 4 year Presidential term:

Jan Greene for never wavering in her support and duties!

Candace Griffey for ALWAYS 'being there' no-matter what!

John Moschella for standing tall and getting the job done, always!

Muriel Altus for spectacular guidance!

Millie Larkin for maintaining my sanity!

And to our entire Unit Board: not one of you stumbled when dealing with interesting and unusual situations! While stepping into new frontiers each of you were thoughtful, questioning, diligent and supportive! Thank you! I've been blessed!

CHEERS FOR THE 2016 WINNERS!

0-5 Mini McKenney Race

Ann Heaton Orlando 59.28

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Race

John Heaton Orlando 61.00

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Race

Natalie Weinman Longwood 80.55

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Race

Joel Greenberg Winter Park 97.56

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Race

Yara Barretta Celebration 153.25

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Race

Lorie Heiberger Vero Beach 161.06

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Race

Cabot Jaffee Jr. Maitland 204.94

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Race

Junko Hemus Windermere 522.27

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Race

Jeffery Jones Vero Beach 331.97

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Race

David Loeb Orlando 342.10

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Race

Dave Hoffman Merritt Island 445.07

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Race

John Moschella Winter Springs 575.99

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Race

Eileen Easterling Casselberry 560.69

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

Deborah Drury Vero Beach 407.86

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

Kevin Dwyer Melbourne 3,145.22

0 to 5 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Ann Heaton Orlando 36.48

5 to 20 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

John Heaton Orlando 38.20

20 to 50 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Jane (Nicki) Brunner Vero Beach 70.19

50 to 100 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

William Bastian Vero Beach 68.78

100 to 200 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Thomas Johnson Vero Beach 55.96

200 to 300 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Lorie Heiberger Vero Beach 113.53

300 to 500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Phyllis Englander Winter Park 84.69

500 to 1000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Boots Van Nostrand Vero Beach 211.82

1000 to 1500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Joanne Matchette Vero Beach 220.91

1500 to 2500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Gail Reams Vero Beach 217.71

2500 to 3500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Jamie Portell Vero Beach 215.99

3500 to 5000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Harold Phillips Melbourne 281.26

5000 to 7500 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

William Poole Vero Beach 273.98

7500 to 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Deborah Drury Vero Beach 271.26

Over 10,000 Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

Liane Turner Maitland 129.08

Esther Kramer and Beverly Kinnane have competed together for several years at the Wickham Park Senior Center. Both are C players, each having about 200 masterpoints. They are known for their charm and grace at the table.

They are now known for a remarkable achievement, first overall in the Saturday morning stratified pairs at the Rockledge sectional. You would never know it to look at her, but Esther will soon be 94. Congratulations to both of you.



Al Owiesny

Esther Kramer and Beverly Kinnane

70% Club

77.71%	Bob Schives/Joanne Matchette	Vero Beach Bridge Club
76.59%	Joan McIlwain/Carol Loomis	Johns Island Club
76.11%	Ned and Jill Benedict	Johns Island Club
74.80%	Bernie Murphy/Paul Pritchard	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
74.00%	David Bardes/Larry Griffey	Vero Beach Bridge Center
73.75%	Phyllis Fritts/Ann Elisa Black	Riomar Country Club
73.02%	George Bleskacnek/John Symonds	Vero Beach Bridge Center
73.00%	George Bleskacnek/Rob Colton	Vero Beach Bridge Center
72.67%	Clover Drinkwater/Lisa Randall	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
72.50%	Sandra/Ray Columbaro	Vero Beach Bridge Center 0-499
72.50%	Sandy Leahy/Nancy Aceson	Vero Beach Bridge Center 0-20
72.29%	Dave Hoffman/Thomas Allan	Wickham Park Senior Center Bridge Club
72.11%	Joanne Matchette/George Bleskacnek	Vero Beach Bridge Club
72.09%	Barb Bryant/Nancy Fette	Vero Beach Bridge Center 0-20
72.09%	Walt Brewer/Steve Schindler	Vero Beach Bridge Center 0-299
71.76%	Karen Adelman/Mary Whitehead	Vero Beach Bridge Club
71.51%	Paul Guttman/John Caban	Wickham Park Senior Center
71.50%	Joan McCormick/Joan Wright	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
71.01%	Christine Fletcher/Sandra Leary	Vero Beach Country Club
70.83%	Sandra Meyer/Eleanor Duvall	Vero Beach Bridge Center 0-20
70.63%	Janice Ward/Nancy Heim	Dogs for Life Charity Game
70.37%	Josephine/Anthony Cafaro	Sebastian Bridge Club
70.24%	Howard Mendelsohn/ Alex Hochheiser	Vero Beach Bridge Center 0-199
70.09%	Kathy and Jay Baum	Vero Beach Bridge Center

Unit 240 Managers and Directors

70% games are very special. If you have players with that percentage or higher, you can email a copy of the results to Jan Greene at jjngreene@bellsouth.net. The names of the players and their percentage will be in the Sunshine Bridge News. Include the date, your name and the name of your club. If you have a website please give that address as well.



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The February Skolnick Sectional, from 2/3-2/5/17, had 172 tables, up 10% from 2016. On Sunday we held our annual meeting, when membership approved reducing the board size from 14 to 11, effective 1/1/2018. Please vote for your new board at year end, with the slate of candidates in the Nov/Dec issue.

As of 2/6/17, the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs (most club points) and Mini-McKenney winners (all points, including tournaments) were finalized, for 2016.

Noteworthy achievements included Ace of Clubs Bella Ionis-Sorren with 617.73 points ranked first in the country.

In the 7500-10000 Mini-McKenney, Neil Silverman's 1209.56 points ranked first in Unit 243 and 4th in the country. See the rest of the results on the next page.

On a sad note, James Willenborg and Dolly Dellon passed away in January, too late for Unit 243 to remember them in the Mar/Apr edition.

I met James when I moved here 13 years ago, when he and his wife, Irma, were running a game in Miami. Jim was an accomplished bridge player (Emerald Life Master), a gracious host, and always assisting with clean up at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club.

Dolly served on the unit's board for many years as the Unit 243 Liaison to the Sunshine Bridge News and helped at all of our tournaments. She was president and founder of the Tamarac Bridge Club and she also played and was active in the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club. She was a Silver Life Master and had many friends in the bridge world who will miss her.

All the best,

OUR 2016 WINNERS

Unit 243 H.S. Ace of Clubs

0-5	David Kupperman	27.47
5-20	Joseph Bacchi	49.65
20-50	Michael Lynch	64.45
50-100	William Leh	82.70
100-200	Dale Jacobson	65.16
200-300	Nissan Carmy	135.18
300-500	Mary Kennedy	104.67
500-1000	Helen & Brett Goldstein	247.73
1000-1500	Mina Akhnoukh	229.72
1500-2500	Edward Rauch	315.90
2500-3500	Sanford Robbins	380.70
3500-5000	Michael Wolf	436.24
5000-7500	Lee Atkinson	331.71
7500-10000	James Willenborg	407.33
Over 10000	Bella Ionis-Sorren	617.73

Unit 243 Mini-McKenney

Robin Kupperman	50.02
Joseph Bacchi	54.02
Michael Lynch	79.15
Joanne Gatewood	119.74
Theresa Hernandez	116.15
Gilbert Stockton	149.54
Walter BursSENS	134.73
Helen & Brett Goldstein	275.89
Mina Akhnoukh	309.69
Edward Rauch	603.99
Jakob Kristinsson	700.69
Michael Wolf	772.12
Lee Atkinson	479.06
Neil Silverman	1209.56
Janice Seamon-Molson	739.19



The 2016 Unit 243 winners for the Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney were honored at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club on March 23rd. Shown in the photo, kneeling are Janice Seamon-Molson and Mina Akhnoukh. Standing: Walter BursSENS, Robin Kupperman, David Kupperman, Dale Jacobson, Joanne Gatewood, Lee Atkinson, Bella Ionis-Sorren, Mike Wolf, Neil Silverman, Theresa Hernandez, Gilbert Stockton, Mary Kennedy, and Michael Lynch.

Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club

Upcoming Events

Sun, May 21st at 1pm – Swiss Teams
 Mon, May 29th at 11:30am – Memorial Day BBQ and Game
 Sat, June 3 at 1:30pm – Worldwide Bridge Contest (+\$3 extra fee)
 Sunday, June 18th - Swiss Teams
 Wednesday, June 21st – The Longest Day (+\$1.50 extra fee)
 Tuesday, July 4th at 11:30am – 4th of July BBQ and Game

Hollywood Bridge Club

We have open games daily Mon thru Sat at 12:30 and we supply bagels, cream cheese, cookies, candy, coffee and tea. (We can also supply partners).

We offer Supervised Play on Tues at 1 and Fridays at 10 am. Supervised play is duplicate style play in a relaxed atmosphere and we are available to answer questions about bidding or play. Come alone or with a partner. All are welcome.

We also offer lessons for all levels. Please check our website for details.

70% Games

76.19%	Ruth Feinstein/Elayne Libman
75.00%	Bill Cohen/Walter Burssens
74.26%	Zita Lechter/Sean Ganness
73.21%	Trudy Bell/Trudy Kalen
73.15%	Richard Schwartz/Sean Ganness
72.92%	Bill Cohen/Keith Dozier
72.76%	Maris Zilant/Robert Ramos
72.55%	Andrew Rusell/Ranald Davidson
72.33%	Bella Ionis-Sorren/Helene Mathieu
72.19%	Babs Dippell/Frieda Sutton
72.10%	Terry Patton/Barry Nowling
71.79%	Claire Mendal/Flora Schnell
71.79%	Ron Fischer/Zibi Palowski
71.43%	Cindy Levin/Richard Levin
71.25%	Alan Cohen/Paul Klarreich
70.69%	Frieda Sutton/Babs Dippell
70.42%	Barbara Kadanoff/Dorothy Rotholz

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Another Bridge Club

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16690 Saddle Club Road
Weston, FL 33326

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Duplicate Bridge Club
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www.hollywoodbridgeclub.com

Lauderdale Yacht Club

(Invitational)
Club Manager: Ernie Moore

Pompano Beach Duplicate Bridge Club

180 SW Sixth Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
954-943-1733
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www.pompanobridge.com

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Pompano Beach, FL 33069
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Westside

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Sunrise, FL 33351
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Putzi De Margary, Boca Grande
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Bram Hamovitch, Boca Raton
Terry Hamovitch, Boca Raton
Gary Kiman, Boca Raton
Arnold Levine, Boca Raton
Stuart Small, Boca Raton
Marilyn Sorkin, Boca Raton
Marlene Anderson, Bonita Springs
Kathy Gaerte, Bonita Springs
Robin Brateman-Kaplan, Boynton Beach
Bardelle Offutt, Boynton Beach
James Offutt, Boynton Beach
Bette Wilson, Boynton Beach
Hasmulch Shah, Bradenton
William Thompson, Bradenton
Vincent Freaney, Cape Coral
Patricia Campagnari, Daytona Bch Sh
William Rickards, Delray Beach
Mahendra Gupta, Fort Lauderdale
Frank Dimaria, Fort Myers
Hatsui Umeda, Gainesville
Craig Huffman, Gulf Breeze
Claudia Fifer, Gulfport
Homi Patel, Hobe Sound
Hank Beiderbecke, Hypoluxo
Emmy Peters, Jacksonville

Joy Funston, Jensen Beach
Valerie Morton, Jupiter
Joan Ambrose, Key Biscayne
Hellen Dennis, Lake Mary
Christy King, Lake Mary
Terry Whittemore, Lake Worth
Anna Nadeau, Leesburg
Bob Parker, Lighthouse Pt
Alan Papernick, Longboat Key
Rosa Tavares, Miami
Jerry Ritchie, Middleburg
Jane Perkins, N Palm Beach
Paul Beard, Naples
Kathleen daSilva, Naples
Sandra Heitz, Naples
Tove McKeon, Naples
Melanie Parrack, Naples
Charles Rieger Jr, Naples
Martha Selhorst, Naples
Lynn Slabaugh, Naples
Michael Widick, Naples
Laurina Norvell, New Smyrna
Robert Kelly, Ormond Beach
Bo Ohman, Osprey
Margaret Dean, Palm Beach
Sarah Fish, Palm City
Phyllis Kordick, Palm City
Adele McKenna, Palm City
William Buck, Pensacola
Barry A Kligerman, Plantation
June Gray, Pompano Beach
Robert Wollinger, Ponte Vedra Bch
Mary Bartholomew, Port Orange
Robert Kinghorn, Punta Gorda
Howard Hammerman, Sarasota
David Landrey, Sarasota
Sandy Rollings, Sarasota
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Sandra Ferrel, Stuart
Dennis Hoorn, Stuart
A Jill Mayer, Stuart
Anne-Marie Morton, Stuart

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Mary Jane Nelson, The Villages
Rebecca Riehl, The Villages
Bob Treanor, The Villages
William Woodruff, The Villages
Martha Kamnetz, Venice
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John Asakawa, Vero Beach
Diane Karper, Vero Beach
Paulette Liebman, Vero Beach
Annie-Marie Laux, West Palm Beach
Elizabeth Faiella, Winter Park

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Mary Osborne, Boca Raton
Charles Wittlin, Boca Raton
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Cynthia Marks, Clearwater
Joy Pavone, Debary
Anne Bright, Delray Beach
Ronald Everly, Fort Myers
Mali Annibaldi, Hobe Sound
Robbie Collier, Hobe Sound
Robert Simpkins Jr, Hobe Sound
Donald Michels, Jacksonville

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Carol Chesler, Lake Worth
Candace McMahon, Lakewood Ranch
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Robert Goergen, N Palm Beach
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Diane Berlet, Naples
Claudia Hatterman, Naples
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Patricia Stratton, Naples
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Steven Zollmann, Naples
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Kathrine Palmer, Palm Beach
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Doreen Heyne, Saint Thomas VI
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E J Paris, Sun City Center
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Dale McColskey, Tallahassee
Elizabeth Ridley, Tampa
Lois Venus, The Villages
Jan Masterson, The Villages

Rank Changes

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Bronze Life

Master

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Susan Cusimano, Cooper City

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Dan Zevin, Fort Myers
Doris Fairgrieve, Jacksonville
Mary Ann Colvin, Lake Mary
Gigi Aron, Lantana
Joan Paskert, Naples
Joanne Dorey, Orchid
Mary Lou Clark, Palm Harbor
Sicy Davis, Sarasota
Hollie Fox, Sun City Center
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Jane Elliott, Tampa
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Mary Glasson, Vero Beach

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Phillip Fultz, Clearwater
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Trella Bromley, Jacksonville
Jeanne Harlan, Jacksonville
Joan Griffin, New Port Richey
Tina Ross, New Smyrna
Howard Bloom, Sarasota
Janet Matthews, The Villages
Christopher Smith, Vero Beach
Alexander Vinokurov, Winter Springs

Ruby Life

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Riki Tulin, Boca Raton
Carol Cessna, Fort Myers
Susan Gentz, Leesburg
Paula Donnarumma, Miami
Byron Hauser, Miami
Audree Newman, Niceville

Mary Woodrow, Palm Beach
Marvin Rulin, Palm Beach Gardens
Marcia Richling, Port St Lucie
Florence Mahony, Redding CT
Peter Peng, Tierra Verde

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Juliette Anderson, Eustis
Sandra Maillet, Fort Pierce
Bill Gilmore, Jacksonville
Bill Kurz, Melbourne Beach
Helena Fine, Naples
Sarah Wiley, Saint Augustine
Steve Whitaker, Tallahassee
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Virginia Hauser, Vero Beach

Sapphire Life

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Jean Prior, Ellenton
Anthony Barre, Marco Island
Michael Ranis, Miami
Jan Vandersluis, Palm Beach Gardens
Paul Knepper, Palmetto

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Master

Arnold Malasky, Longboat Key

Platinum Life

Master

Jane Wicentowski, Sarasota

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Wally Hallowes, Apopka
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Brian Rubins, Boca Raton
Dorothy Roder, Boynton Beach
Mimi Bergstedt, Clermont
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Hugo Finarelli, Estero
Susan Taylor, Estero
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Marilynn Magreta, Gulf Stream
Jane Greenawalt, Juno Beach
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James Poliquin, Kissimmee
Per Ahlund, Lakewood Ranch
Kenneth McKee, Marco Island
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Helen Alles, Naples
Kathy Bennett, Naples
Jennifer Butler, Naples
Linda Cataldi, Naples
James A Daler, Naples
Nancy Harrison, Naples
John Masters, Naples
Victoria Ray, Naples
Monica Reilly, Naples
Lindy Salvi, Naples
Annette Tiffan, Naples
Rosalind Magdelinscas, Ocala
Kenneth Robb, Ocala
Jocelyne Smith, Orlando
Jack Templeton, Orlando
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Evelyn Gutkin, Palm Bch Gdns

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Jason Lin, Palm Coast
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Donald Paulus, Sarasota
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Margaret Salmon, Vero Beach
Hope Riley, Village of Golf

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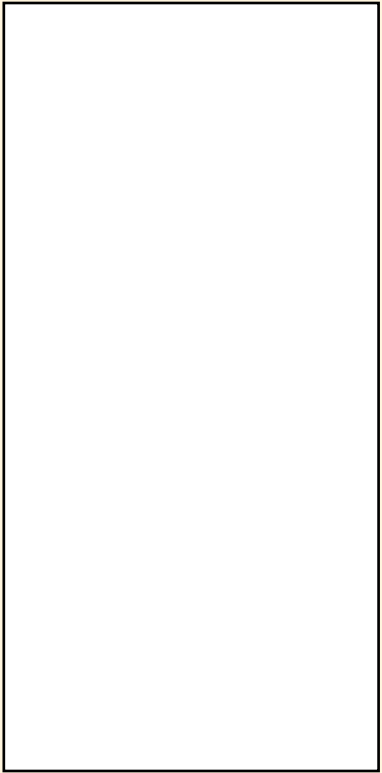
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