

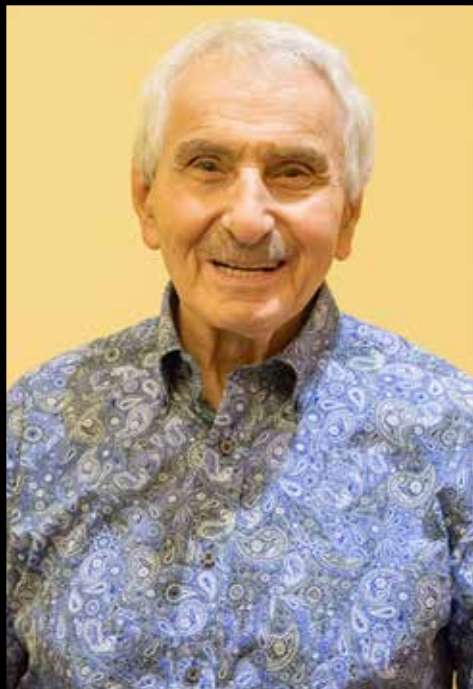
SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS

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Jabbour, Meckstroth Honored in Toronto



**Zeke Jabbour wins
Blackwood Award;
Jeff Meckstroth
elected to ACBL
Hall of Fame**

Read about other D9 Success at NABC, page 15



TOP FIVE REASONS TO BE SURE YOU PLAY IN THE NAP DISTRICT FINALS

#5 You can have fun!

#4 You can earn a Red or a Blue Ribbon Qualification by winning the district finals in your flight.

#3 You can win red AND GOLD points at the district finals.

#2 You can win double digit point awards by winning the district finals.*

#1 You can earn a financial subsidy to attend the National Finals of the event.**

To be sure you know which flight is yours, think or look back to your May 6th computer cycle (the points that showed up on the back of your June ACBL Bulletin). If you were a Non-Life Master with fewer than 500 masterpoints at that time, you can play in Flight C. If you had fewer than 2500 masterpoints at that time, then you can play in Flight B. All others are in Flight A.

YOU MUST HAVE QUALIFIED AT A CLUB QUALIFYING GAME DURING JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE DISTRICT FINALS. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

There is still, at press time, the chance that some of you will have the opportunity to play in the district finals at your local club, in an Electronic Devices Only section. Urge your club to participate, if you'd prefer playing there rather than driving to one of the two Finals sites (see ads, pp. 4-5). Check the District 9 web site (district9acbl.org) or watch promotional emails to know for sure.

One last note: you are expected to be a resident of District 9 on June 1st, in order to be eligible to play in the District 9 NAP Finals. If you have any questions about your eligibility, start by reading the Conditions of Contest posted at ACBL.org. Two full pages address how to determine if you are eligible to play in the district you wish. Then continue by verifying your eligibility by writing to D9 NAP Co-Chair Jeff Edelstein at jme317@aol.com or calling him at (347) 331-2200.

*Awards depend on several things, which are based on the number of pairs who enter the event. The winners of Flight C might win 10 or 12.50 or even 15 masterpoints (25% gold). The winners of Flight B might win 16 or 20 or 24 masterpoints, all gold. The winners of Flight A might win 24, 30 or 36 masterpoints, all gold.

**The Finals are scheduled for March of 2018 at the Philadelphia Spring NABCs.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Naples Grande Beach Resort • 475 Seagate Dr, Naples, FL • 844-210-5931

NEW DATES: October 9-15, 2017

**MON
OCT
9**

11:00-1:00 Free Lesson for all players with Bruce Greenspan
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 10:00 & 3:00 Tues)
7:30 Charity Open Pairs (one session event)
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)

**TUE
OCT
10**

10:00 & 3:00 Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Wed)
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:00 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 / 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 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 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (1st of 5) **(18 Bds; \$10 entry)**

**WED
OCT
11**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 3:00 Wed-Thurs Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Thur)
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:00 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 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 Fast Pairs Series (2nd of 5) **(18 Bds; \$10 entry)**

**THU
OCT
12**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 3:00 Thurs-Fri Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Fri)
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:00 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 / 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 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 Fast Pairs Series (3rd of 5) **(18 Bds; \$10 entry)**

**FRI
OCT
13**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 3:00 Fri-Sat Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 3:00 Sat)
10:00 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
10:00 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 / 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 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 Fast Pairs Series (4th of 5) **(18 Bds; \$10 entry)**

**SAT
OCT
14**

10:00 & 3:00 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 3:00 299er Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (5th of 5) **(18 Bds; \$10 entry)**

**SUN
OCT
15**

10:00 Gold Rush Swiss - 2 session playthrough
10:00 A/X/Y Swiss - 2 session playthrough

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HOSPITALITY

Coffee & Orange Juice Daily
Monday-Friday Evenings
Open Hospitality Room
Everyone Welcome
Ice Cream and/or Desserts
Post-Game Snacks
Subsidized Sunday Snacks

STRATA

Open Events
A=2500+; B=1000-2500; C=0-1000
Florida Gold Strats:
A=300-750; B=100-300; C=0-100
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
B Swiss are Bracketed. Other Swiss
Stratified by Masterpoint Average (all
players must fit under upper limit of
the event). Top Bracket of KOs May
Be Handicapped.

DIRECTIONS

I-75 to exit 107, go west on CR 896/
Pine Ridge Road about 4 miles. Pine
Ridge Road becomes Seagate Drive;
go less than half mile into resort on
the right.

RESERVATIONS

(844) 207-8544
Ask for the ACBL group rate.
See listing in calendar at www.FloridaUnit128.org for link to make
hotel reservations. Our rate is not
subject to the \$30/night Daily Resort
Charge. Our discounted room rate is
\$149 until the room block is filled or
until the cut-off date, whichever comes
sooner.



SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT 9 NAP FINAL

AT ST. PETERSBURG BRIDGE CLUB

9103 US Highway 19 N. • Pinellas Park, FL 33782

October 27-29, 2017

SECTIONAL

Friday Oct. 27	10:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
	3:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
Saturday Oct. 28	10:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
	3:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs
		Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
Sunday Oct. 29	10:30 AM	Stratified Swiss – 2 session play through
		NLM Swiss – Play through



DISTRICT 9 NAP FINALS

Saturday Oct. 28	1:30 PM	Round 1 – All Flights
	7:00 PM	Round 2 – All Flights
Sunday Oct. 29	10:00 AM	Round 3 – All Flights (if necessary)
	2:30 PM	Round 4 – All Flights (if necessary)

NAP Finals may also be played on Electronic Devices. Check District9ACBL.org for further details.

CLUB QUALIFICATION IS REQUIRED

You must be a paid-up ACBL member, and a member of District 9 on the May 6th cycle, to participate in the District Finals.

NAP Flights: A=unlimited; B=through 2500 MPs; C=NLM through 500 MPs

Sectional Strata: A=2000+; B=750-2000; C=0-750 All by average

NLM Strata: A=200-500; B=100-200; C=0-100

Lunch during Sunday's Swiss Teams game.

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

For more information or Partnership requests:

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St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located just off I-275. From I-275, take Exit 28 and drive west on Gandy/Park approx 11/2 miles to US Highway 19 N. (34th Street). Turn north (right) on US Highway 19 N. 9103 is 3/4 mile up on the right in Mainlands Plaza.



SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT 9 NAP FINAL AT THE PALM COAST DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

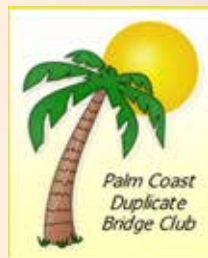
NEW LOCATION, DIRECTIONS BELOW:

1 Corporate Drive, Palm Coast

October 27-29, 2017

SECTIONAL

Friday Oct. 27	10:00 AM	Stratified Open Pairs 0-500 Pairs
	2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs 0-500 Pairs
Saturday Oct. 28	10:00 AM	Stratified Open Pairs 0-500 Pairs
	2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs 0-500 Pairs
Sunday Oct. 29	10:00 AM	Bracketed Swiss – 2 session play through



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Saturday Oct. 28	1:30 PM	Round 1 – All Flights
	7:00 PM	Round 2 – All Flights
Sunday Oct. 29	10:00 AM	Round 3 – All Flights (if necessary)
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CLUB QUALIFICATION IS REQUIRED

You must be a paid-up ACBL member, and a member of District 9 on the May 6th cycle, to participate in the District Finals.

NAP Flights: A=unlimited; B=through 2500 MPs; C=NLM through 500 MPs

Sectional Strata: A=4000+, B=1500-4000, C=0-1500; All by average

0-500 Strata: A=300-500, B=100-300, C=0-100; Discretion of Director

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

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Chairperson: Sylvia Diane Caviggia • (386) 793-6809 • sylviadiane1@icloud.com

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Local Hotels:

Days Inn 120 Garden Street North, Palm Coast, FL 32137 • (386) 627-7745 • (ask for bridge rates)

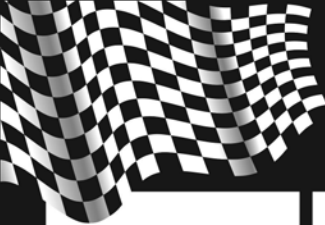
Red Roof Inn 10 Kingswood Drive, Palm Coast, FL 32137 • (386) 446-8180

Fairfield Inn and Suites 400 Old Kings Road, Palm Coast, FL 32137 • (386) 445-3450

Directions to Bridge Club:

From I-95: Take exit 289; go west off ramp onto Palm Coast Pkwy. Proceed through lights at Belle Terre Pkwy. At next light take a left onto Corporate Drive.

From Rte. 1: Turn east onto Palm Coast Pkwy. At second light, turn left onto Corporate Drive.



DAYTONA REGIONAL

November 6-12, 2017

Hilton Daytona Beach Resort/Ocean Walk Village
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HOSPITALITY

Every day: Coffee, Orange Juice,
Tea, and Treats

STRATA

Open Events

A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750

Florida Gold Strats:

300-750/100-300/0-100

A/X/Y Strats:

5000+/2000-5000/0-2000

I/N Events

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

299er Strata May Be Changed at
Director's Discretion.

Top KO Bracket May Be
Handicapped. All Pairs Games
Stratified by Masterpoint Average of
the Pair (both players must fit under
the upper limit of the strat or event).
All KOs and Sat. 2-Session Swiss
are Bracketed; All Other Swiss are
Stratified By Team Masterpoint
Average

DIRECTIONS

From I-95 Northbound or
Southbound: Take exit 261 to
eastbound US 92, east through
business district to A1A. Turn left
(north) and hotel will be
approximately 1.2 miles on the right.

RESERVATIONS

Group Name: American Contract
Bridge League
Group Code: ACBL17

**MON
NOV
6**

11:00-1:00 Free Novice Lesson by Lynn Brown
11:00-1:00 Free Intermediate Lesson by Spike Lay
2:00 0-20 Relaxed Game (no entry fee)
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 Florida Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (1st of 6)
7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)

**TUE
NOV
7**

10:00 & 2:30 Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Wed)
10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 2:30 Florida Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
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 Fast Pairs Series (2nd of 6)

**WED
NOV
8**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 2:30 Wed-Thurs Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Thur)
10:00 & 2:30 Florida 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 Fast Pairs Series (3rd of 6)

**THU
NOV
9**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 2:30 Thurs-Fri Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Fri)
10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 2:30 Florida Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) (Lim to 750 MP)
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 Fast Pairs Series (4th of 6)

**FRI
NOV
10**

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 2:30 Fri-Sat Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Sat)
10:00 & 2:30 Florida 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 Fast Pairs Series (5th of 6)

**SAT
NOV
11**

10:00 & 2:30 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
10:00 & 2:30 I/N Pairs (Single session games)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)
2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (6th of 6)
7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (6th of 6)

**SUN
NOV
12**

10:00 Gold Rush Swiss - 2 session playthrough
10:00 A/X/Y Swiss - 2 session playthrough

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BRIDGE ROOM RATE \$161 (through mid-November)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th

2:00PM & 7:00PM - A/X PAIRS
2:00PM & 7:00PM - B/C PAIRS
2:00PM & 7:00PM - GOLD RUSH PAIRS
2:00PM & 7:00PM - MON-TUE KNOCKOUTS (continues Tuesday)
2:00PM - AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (1 of 6)
7:00PM - EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (1 of 6)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th

10:00AM & 2:30PM - A/X PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - B/C PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - GOLD RUSH PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - MON-TUE KNOCKOUTS CONTINUED
10:00AM & TBD - BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS
2:30PM - AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (2 of 6)
7:00PM - EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (2 of 6)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th

10:00AM & 2:30PM - A/X PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - B/C PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - GOLD RUSH PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - WED-THU KNOCKOUTS (continues Thursday)
2:30PM - SINGLE SESSION SWISS TEAMS
2:30PM - AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (3 of 6)
7:00PM - EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (3 of 6)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th

10:00AM & 2:30PM - A/X PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - B/C PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - GOLD RUSH PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - WED-THU KNOCKOUTS CONTINUED
10:00AM & TBD - BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS
2:30PM - AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (4 of 6)
7:00PM - EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (4 of 6)

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GUEST SPEAKERS

DAILY (WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY MORNINGS)
FROM 9:15AM TO 9:45AM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th

10:00AM & 2:30PM - A/X PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - B/C PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - GOLD RUSH PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - FRI-SAT KNOCKOUTS (continues Saturday)
2:30PM - SINGLE SESSION SWISS TEAMS
2:30PM - AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (5 of 6)
7:00PM - EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (5 of 6)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th

10:00AM & 2:30PM - STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS
10:00AM & 2:30PM - FRI-SAT KNOCKOUTS CONTINUED
10:00AM & TBA - BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS
2:30PM - AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (6 of 6)
7:00PM - EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (6 of 6)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th

10:00AM - A/X SWISS (Playthrough)
10:00AM - B/C SWISS (Playthrough)
10:00AM - GOLD RUSH SWISS (Playthrough)

HOSPITALITY

ALL DAY: Orange juice and coffee
LUNCH: Tuesday through Saturday, after morning session, in hallway
M-F 5:45-6:45PM, Light Refreshments, in Flamingo Room

STRATIFICATION: BY MASTERPOINT AVERAGE FOR ALL EVENTS

PAIR GAMES:

A/X PAIRS: A=UNLIMITED, X=0-6000
B/C PAIRS: B=1500-3000, C=0-1500
GOLD RUSH PAIRS: A=300-750, B=0-300
OPEN/SIDE PAIRS: A=2500+, B=750-2500, C=0-750

TEAM GAMES (except as noted on schedule):

SINGLE SESSION: A=2500+, B=750-2500, C=0-750
SUNDAY PLAYTHROUGHS: A=UNLIMITED, X=0-6000,
B=1500-3000, C=0-1500,
GOLD RUSH: A=300-750, B=0-300

KNOCKOUT EVENTS MAY BE HANDICAPPED



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ORLANDO WINTER REGIONAL

**JAN 1 - 7
2018**

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RESERVATIONS

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ask for in-house reservations or reserve online

at www.doubletrees3.hilton.com

\$119/night (Code: ACB)

NO RESORT FEES ♦ FREE PARKING

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STRATIFICATION

Open: A=2500+; B=750-2500; C=0-750

A/X/Y: A=5000+; X=2500-5000; C=0-2500

Gold Rush Events

A=500-750; B=200-500; C=0-250

Pairs and Teams are stratified by masterpoint average

299'er games stratified at Director's discretion

ALL KO's are bracketed; Top bracket may be handicapped. Stauday two-session Swiss is bracketed.

COMPLIMENTARY

COFFEE AND ORANGE JUICE EACH DAY

Lunches will be available to purchase after morning games

MONDAY - JANUARY 1

FREE NOVICE LESSON (LESS THAN 20 MP)	12:00	
RELAXED GAME (0-20 MP) NO ENTRY FEE	2:30	
A/X/Y OPEN PAIRS (2 SESSIONS)	2:30	7:30
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750) (2 SESSIONS)	2:30	7:30
MON-TUES BRACKETED KO (CONTD TUES 10 & 2:30)	2:30	7:30
TWO SESSION SWISS TEAMS (CONTD 7:30 TUES)	7:30	
EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (SESSION 1 OF 6)	7:30	

TUESDAY - JANUARY 2

TUES-WED BRACKETED KO (CONTD 10 & 2:30 WED)	10:00	2:30
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750 MP)	10:00	2:30
A/X/Y OPEN PAIRS (2 SESSIONS)	10:00	2:30
1N PAIRS (SINGLE SESSION GAMES)	10:00	2:30
MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (1 OF 5)	10:00	
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (2 SESSIONS)	2:30	7:30
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (SINGLE SESSION)	2:30	
AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (1 OF 5)	2:30	
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (2 OF 2)	7:30	
EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (2 OF 6)	7:30	

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 3

WED-THUR BRACKETED KO (CONTD 10 & 2:30 THUR)	10:00	2:30
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750 MP)	10:00	2:30
A/X/Y OPEN PAIRS (2 SESSIONS)	10:00	2:30
1N PAIRS (SINGLE SESSION GAMES)	10:00	2:30
MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (2 OF 5)	10:00	
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (2 SESSIONS)	2:30	7:30
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (SINGLE SESSION)	2:30	
AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (2 OF 5)	2:30	
WED-THUR COMPACT KO (1 OF 2, CONTD THURS)	7:30	
EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (3 OF 6)	7:30	

THURSDAY - JANUARY 4

THUR-FRI BRACKETED KO (CONTD 10 & 2:30 FRI)	10:00	2:30
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750 MP)	10:00	2:30
A/X/Y OPEN PAIRS (2 SESSIONS)	10:00	2:30
1N PAIRS (SINGLE SESSION GAMES)	10:00	2:30
MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (2 OF 5)	10:00	
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (2 SESSIONS)	2:30	7:30
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (SINGLE SESSION)	2:30	
AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (2 OF 5)	2:30	
WED-THUR COMPACT KO (1 OF 2, CONTD THURS)	7:30	
EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (4 OF 6)	7:30	

FRIDAY - JANUARY 5

FRI-SAT BRACKETED KO (CONTD 10 & 2:30 SAT)	10:00	2:30
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750 MP)	10:00	2:30
A/X/Y OPEN PAIRS (2 SESSIONS)	10:00	2:30
1N PAIRS (SINGLE SESSION GAMES)	10:00	2:30
MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (4 OF 5)	10:00	
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (2 SESSIONS)	2:30	7:30
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (SINGLE SESSION)	2:30	
AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (4 OF 5)	2:30	
EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (5 OF 6)	7:30	

SATURDAY - JANUARY 6

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (2 SESSIONS)	10:00	2:30
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750 MP)	10:00	2:30
A/X/Y OPEN PAIRS (2 SESSIONS)	10:00	2:30
1N PAIRS (SINGLE SESSION GAMES)	10:00	2:30
MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES (5 OF 5)	10:00	
STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS (SINGLE SESSION)	2:30	
AFTERNOON SIDE GAME SERIES (5 OF 5)	2:30	
ZIP SWISS TEAMS	7:30	
EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES (6 OF 6)	7:30	

SUNDAY - JANUARY 7

GOLD RUSH SWISS - 2 SESSION PLAYTHROUGH	10:00	
A/X/Y SWISS - 2 SESSION PLAYTHROUGH	10:00	



The Common Game

Congratulations to Our June & July Winners!

JUNE WINNERS

Open Game - Most Points earned:

Albert Vaccaro - Venice DBC

299er Game - Most Points earned:

Christopher Nowak - In-Between DBC

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

Richard Schwartz - Rockland BC of Pearl River (NY)

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

Natalie Weinman - North Orlando BC

Attendance - Most Plays:

Diane Lapat - Bridge Alert (Warminster, PA)

JULY WINNERS

Open Game - Most Points earned:

Martin Nathan - BC of Atlanta (GA)

299er Game - Most Points earned:

Camellia Gurley - North Orlando BC

William Dupont - North Orlando BC

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

Lee Atkinson - Ft. Lauderdale BC

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

John Foley - BC of Austin (TX)

Attendance - Most Plays:

Edith Denenberg - 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 Bridgemes/ 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

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District 9

President's Message

by Betty Sandifer

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Though we have warmer months during the Summer, we enjoyed these months and considered them to be part of the Florida charm. Summer is a time to stay indoors, or traveling to see other bridge sites or just visit with relatives and friends. Personally, I have many sweet memories after spending time with family members we had not seen in years.

Toronto may seem only an adventurous and unforgettable memory for those who went there but what you saw and experienced, hopefully, was more than just a memory. As usual, our congratulations to our winners and our young players representing District 9.

And now that you're back, ready yourselves to compete in the upcoming District 9 NAP finals, October 27-29, and choose a site, either Tampa or Palm Coast. The top three or four pairs of the NAP in all three flights will be representing District 9 and will compete in 2018 at the Philadelphia Spring NABC. District 9 supplements the financial stipend given by ACBL for most or all pairs representing us.

The end of May and beginning of June took us to Tampa and our Tampa Regional was certainly a success, ending with 1073 tables. Our Tampa players thoroughly enjoyed their time at the tables and the hospitality provided for them.

August 21-27, a time to visit Palm Beach Gardens at the PGA National Resort & Spa, and what a beautiful playing site it is. Submission for this article was on July 15th. Therefore, I'll report on Palm Beach Gardens in our Nov-Dec issue.

In October, we'll be at the Naples Grande Beach Resort and please notice the new date: October 9-15, instead of October 2-8. This change will allow us to hold most of our games in the main ballroom, as it was last year, which would have not been the case if we had adhered to the previous week

in October. We expect the customary great attendance we have seen for the last several years.

And in November, the Daytona Beach Regional, 6-12, will again be hosted at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort, a favorite of many. Please come and enjoy our beautiful beaches and warm hospitality.

Our last regional for 2017 will be at the Ft. Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs, December, 11-17, hosted by Unit 243 and well known for their welcoming hospitality.

Club qualifying begins this month for the Grand National Teams. Please go to our District web page (district9acbl.org) and check the District 9 Rules of Contest. We hope these rules will help you to understand how the GNT will be handled in 2018.

SBN Editor: On a very sad note we have to say farewell to Muriel Altus, who retires as the Sunshine Bridge Editor. Muriel has been a past President, Officer, Board Member, and mostly one of the most dedicated persons in our District 9 bridge world. I've known Muriel for many years and she is such a fountain of information, always willing to share and help all of us. On the positive note, we will see Muriel at the tables more often, no longer burdened by her responsibilities of reminders and deadlines. ENJOY RETIREMENT, FRIEND!

As usual, we welcome your opinions and suggestions but we also want to hear that you appreciate our efforts. Keep playing and enjoy doing it, life is nothing, but making a 6NT contract, missing two Aces.

See you at the tables.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "B" and a cursive "y".

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Jabbour, Meckstroth Honored in Toronto

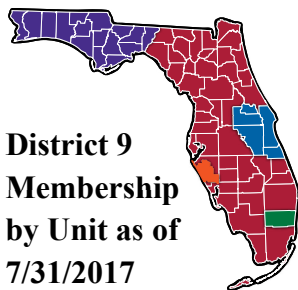


Zeke Jabbour wins Blackwood Award; Jeff Meckstroth elected to ACBL Hall of Fame

Page 16: Not just one, but TWO of our Florida players were honored in Toronto at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

18,562

District 9 Members!
(122 more than last year)



District 9 Membership by Unit as of 7/31/2017

Unit	Name	Members
102	ACBL Unit 102	1125
128	Florida	13737
219	NW Florida	674
240	Central Florida	2097
243	Gold Coast	929
Total Members		18562

District 9 Director

by Jay N. Whipple III

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Hot off the presses from Toronto Summer NABC transitions abound!

Our new ACBL CEO, Bahar Gidwani, has a steady hand on the tiller (he is an avid sailor). The CEO Search Committee identified and recruited an incredibly talented and seasoned professional from a strong pool of candidates. He hit the ground running in early June and officially started July 1. The Toronto NABC was his first appearance at our board meetings and provided an opportunity to extend his “listening” sessions with the diverse groups of stakeholders in attendance. His “State of Union” address at the Board of Governors meeting demonstrated his command of the complexity of our organization and gave a sneak preview into the future. He also graciously acknowledged the strong foundation left by his predecessor, Robert Hartman, who received a standing ovation. It is a must watch for anyone interested in our situation analysis of the future of bridge, under CEO report at <http://www.acbl.org/bog-toronto-meeting/>.

Under the leadership of our Board President, Bob Heller, the board has committed to transforming our behavior and decision-making process from a traditionally reactive “motion driven” to more strategic forward thinking process. This summer meeting had one of the fewest number of motions which allowed for more thoughtful and deliberate consideration. Most importantly, we spent significant energy on future opportunities and threats. Our partnership with our new CEO is paramount as we sort through the over 300 items on his wish list.

As you may be aware, the ACBL Educational Foundation has been spun off from the ACBL and has been reconstituted

with a blue-ribbon board of bridge enthusiasts. The AEF and the ACBL have committed to working together and aligning their efforts. Funding of innovative educational programs, particularly youth programs, will continue. In addition, the collegiate market has been targeted as a focus area for new projects. Overall, the expectation is that we will significantly increase our investment in efforts to attract and engage young players in our game. If you are aware of any collegiate initiatives or college contacts, please do not hesitate to share those with me.

I continue to be deeply appreciative of your support, comments and suggestions. The letters from our players achieving new rank are amazing, heart-stopping, and incredible testimonies to the life transforming potential of this game we love so much.



P.S. I have submitted my candidacy for President of ACBL for 2018.

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This may or may not be my final SBN, and therefore, it may or may not be my final message to you as editor of the SBN. It has been my pleasure to be editor. I look forward to serving as an advisor to the new editor for the first issue after the handover, which will either be for Nov/Dec or for Jan/Feb. As I write this, the deadline is still many weeks in the future for applications to be received by Betty Sandifer, bsandifer@cfl.rr.com. As you read this, there are probably a few days left before the September 1st deadline. If you missed seeing the ad, to help you decide if you'd like to apply, go to district9acbl.org, click on Sunshine Bridge News, choose SBN On-Line, and choose the July/August issue. See page 3.

While I look forward to seeing where the SBN will be going, I also happen to enjoy seeing where it's been. I access the old issues exactly as I recommended to you in the previous paragraph. The issues go back to Nov/Dec of 2005, which was Volume 1 Number 2. I don't know how we missed posting the very first color version of the SBN, but I'm glad we have all the rest. If you would like to look at some past issues, I hope you will enjoy them in the same spirit as we presented them.

During the 12 years that I've been doing this job, I've had help and support from many people. Some of you remember Jayne Thomas, who gave feedback in the gentlest of ways, reminding me (and our graphic designer at that time) of the major purpose of this publication. Another person who gave me a wonderful piece of advice was Maureen Moriarty. She urged me to keep the calendar in the very middle of the book. I had to agree with her; it's somewhat comforting to know you can find a whole year's worth of scheduling, just by opening the book to the

middle page. Both Maureen and Jayne have been gone now for many years, but we all have benefited from their wisdom.

At the ACBL (which I often call Memphis or, lately, Horn Lake), all the editors of the Daily Bulletins at NABCs have been helpful to us in sharing their photos for us to use. Another non-District 9 member who sometimes has photos he lends us is Jonathan Steinberg of Toronto. If you like looking at photos of bridge players from tournaments all over ACBL, ask Jonathan to include you in his emails full of photos – or write to me and I'll get you connected with him.

The unit presidents and liaisons, the district presidents and District Directors, all our contributors, and Patty Johnson have all been a pleasure to have on the team producing the SBN. I've worked with three unique graphic designers and they've been fascinating to know. I've enjoyed hearing from readers and I've enjoyed hearing from advertisers. With every ad we publish, I hope that a number of our readers will support our advertisers. This would be such a win-win-win situation. You would get to enjoy a great bridge product; the advertiser would be selling the product; and the SBN would be likely to receive more support from this same advertiser in the future.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your flattering and generous comments to me, upon learning that I am stepping down. Some of you were eloquently complimentary. Words can barely express how appreciated you make me feel. Seriously -- thank you from the bottom of my heart.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel".

SUMMER NABCs ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL, AND TORONTO...

Your District 9 News reporter loves North American Bridge Championships, and of the three each year, often the summer is most exciting. For many years, it has been the time of the Youth North American Bridge Championships as well as the Hall of Fame Banquet. The cover story of this issue features the Hall of Fame, because it's so super special for District 9. Watch for a report on the Youth NABC in the Nov/Dec SBN.

The Summer NABCs always start with the Grand National Team events, all four flights, and this year was no different. District 9's Flight B team, **Bill Page, Clive Morgan, Regina Soocy**, all of Jacksonville, and **Mark Kessler** of Ponte Vedra, finished 5th-8th. **Kevin Bathurst, Richard Coren, Kevin Dwyer, Russ Ekeblad, Jeff Meckstroth**, and **Eric Rodwel**, squeaked out a 1-imp win in the semi-finals, only to lose to District 21 in the finals. Good luck to all in next year's event, which will start with club qualifying games beginning September 1st.



Front row: npc Jodi Coren, Richie Coren. Back row: Rodwell, Meckstroth, Bathurst, Dwyer and Ekeblad

VON ZEDWITZ LIFE MASTER PAIRS: 5th-**Michael Becker** and **Aubrey Strul**, Boca Raton

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NABC Pairs: 3rd-**Larry Kozlove**, Boca Raton

W a g a r
Women's Pairs:
2 n d - L i n d a
Perlman, Milan, MI;
4th-Luz
Ortega, Melbourne



Linda, who maintains her District 9 membership while enjoying milder climes in the summer, and her partner, Debra Eaves

FREEMAN MIXED BAM TEAMS: 4th/5th-**Gloria and Les Bart**, Bradenton

0-6000 Mini-Spangold KO: 3rd/4th-**Anthony Barre**, Marco Island; **Donald Dolpe**, Fort Myers; **Saul Gross**, Miami Beach; **Michael Ranis**, Miami; **Albert Shrive**, Naples; **Michael Wolf**, Fort Lauderdale

0-2500 MINI-SPINGOLD KO: 5th-8th-**Connie Queller**, Hudson

Spingold KO: 1st-**John Diamond**, Boca Raton; 3rd/4th-**Richard Schwartz**, Lords Valley, PA; 5th/8th-**Stan Tulin**, Boca Raton; 5th/8th-**David Berkowitz**, Boca Raton



Spingold Champions front row: Boye Brogeland, captain John Diamond, ACBL President Bob Heller; Back Row: Brian Platnick, Espen Lindqvist

Sunday, July 23rd, was **Michael Seamon Day**, with photos of Michael throughout the lobby of the Convention Centre. A memorial was held at the Intercontinental Hotel after the evening session.



Niece Jennifer Molson, son Kevin Seamon, and sister Janice Seamon-Molson display one of the photos of Michael.

TWO DISTRICT 9 PLAYERS INDUCTED INTO ACBL HALL OF FAME

At the Bridge Hall of Fame induction ceremony in July at the Toronto North American Bridge Championships, two of the three inductees are very well-known District 9 players. Jeff Meckstroth was the only player being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year based on his superstar status, while Zeke Jabbour was honored with the Blackwood Award, which recognizes long and outstanding contributions to bridge.

Zeke has been both loved by his partners and respected by his opponents. Others have thoroughly enjoyed reading his articles, for many decades. We hope you remember his Bridge Bulletin articles, but what you might not know is that he wrote a cover story for the Nov/Dec 2009 Sunshine Bridge News. Here's a truly great quote from that article, which Zeke entitled, Florida's Braggin' Rights. It talked about many of the famous and accomplished bridge players in Florida. When Zeke talks about Mike Becker, who comes from a famous bridge-playing family, Zeke reported this exchange: *Now add a little humor to the crucible....A few years ago, I was interviewing Mike about his famous bridge family. At one point I inquired, "Could I ask a dumb question?" "Better than anyone else, I'm sure," he shot back.* Notice

how the master at humor (Zeke) stepped aside to let another superstar (Mike Becker) have the limelight. If you'd like to read the entire article, it's on page 26 of the Nov/Dec 2009 SBN. And if you'd like to read about Michael Becker, he was featured on the cover of our Nov/Dec 2007 SBN, on the occasion of his own induction into the Bridge Hall of Fame. That cover story is a particularly great one.

Zeke has been dealing with Parkinson's Disease for over 20 years, which has curtailed his bridge playing, and which caused him to depart from his Winsome and Loathsome column in the Bulletin. Over a decade ago, Zeke began to partner with the South Palm Beach County chapter of the National Parkinson Foundation in a special fundraising effort that has taken place now for ten years. Bridge players turn out as volunteers and attendees to a gala luncheon and bridge game. Fundraising efforts have contributed over \$700,000 during the ten-year history of the event. Over 50 professional bridge players volunteered to participate this past January, including Zeke and his wife Sharon.

In 2007, ACBL named Zeke the Honorary Member of the Year. This prompted us to

Jabbour and his wife Sharon at the Hall of Fame banquet



choose Zeke as the subject of the cover story in the Jan/Feb 2007 SBN. Zeke, a Grand LM, won the Barry Crane 500 in 1989 and was Senior Player of the Year in 1995. He has won eight NABC Championships and earned a bronze and a silver in two world bridge competitions. Most importantly, Zeke has always been a charming partner and opponent with a great sense of humor.

Zeke was honored as the first recipient of the District 9 Sportsmanship Award, after which the award was named after Zeke. Zeke's wife Sharon tells us how pleased they both were to be able to travel to Toronto for Zeke to accept the award. "It was a whirlwind trip, and Zeke's only regret was that we returned home without his having played any bridge." We are delighted to congratulate Zeke on earning the distinct honor of the Blackwood Award.

As ACBL pointed out in announcing Jeff Meckstroth's entry into the Bridge Hall of Fame, his induction was a "first ballot slam dunk." When a player reaches the age of 60, he or she first becomes eligible for consideration. The honor is bestowed on players who have achieved prominence in the game of bridge and have an outstanding tournament record. Jeff fulfills those requirements! He has won nine World Championships and is fifth overall on the all-time World Grand Master list. In ACBL, he has won more masterpoints than anybody else, with his total over 84,500 at the time we write this article. Jeff graced the cover of the SBN for the May/June 2015 issue, although the cover story article only mentions him as winning his masterpoint category, ACBL-wide. Jeff has also been included in many composite cover photos, some when he was winning an NABC event, especially the GNTs, and some when he was winning most masterpoints for the year.

Jeff and his partner, Eric Rodwell (you certainly may know them as Meckwell, for short) were on the winning team of the Championship Flight of the Grand National Teams five years in a row, ending in 2015. Since this is a competition amongst the 25 districts, these wins were wins for District 9. Jeff won seven other times for District 9 and once for a district other than ours. Add to all those GNT wins Jeff's other NABC wins, in all



Meckstroth accepts his award at the Hall of Fame banquet.

the three prestigious team games many times as well as some pairs games, and you have a true champion, over and over and over again.

Jeff's wife Sally tells us about the awards ceremony: "It was such a memorable evening with four generations of Meckstroths attending, including Jeff's 90 year old dad and 3 year old grandson, Hunter. My family was also there, a true family affair. David (Berkowitz) and Eric (Rodwell) were very entertaining as they introduced Jeff and then Jeff at the podium recanted 43 years of his illustrious bridge career in 15 minutes!" We congratulate Jeff on his accomplishments, internationally as well as ACBL-wide.

Past District 9 inductees into the Bridge Hall of Fame are Russ Arnold, Mike Becker, David Berkowitz, Billy Eisenberg, Edith Freilich, Fred Hamilton, William Root, Kerri Sanborn, and Katherine Wei-Sender

If you'd like to read about any of these, or any other, members of the Bridge Hall of Fame, the list of members with biographical info on each of them is available at:

acbl.org/about-acbl/hall-of-fame/members

Trick 1 Thinking

by Larry Cohen

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“Think at Trick One!” This is a theme I constantly try to drill into students. I am still drilling.

So many hands are lost at trick one due to failure to think. Usually, this is associated with declarer play, but defenders, too, must think at trick one. Here is an example from a deal I played long ago in a knockout teams. As West, you hold:

♠ A 7 2
♥ K 10
♦ K 7 2
♣ 8 6 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

* Fourth suit forcing

It sounds like they are prepared for all four suits. You try a ♣, selecting the 6. You don’t want to lead low, because that will encourage partner to continue the suit. When he sees your highish spot, maybe he can read it as from a bunch of low cards, and switch if appropriate. Down comes the dummy:

♠ K Q 10
♥ A J 9 7
♦ Q 10 9 8 2
♣ 10

♠ A 7 2
♥ K 10
♦ K 7 2
♣ 8 6 5 4 3

Declarer thinks about the hand for maybe 10 seconds, then tries dummy’s ♠10.

Your partner plays the ♣ J and declarer thinks some more.

What are you thinking? Are you thinking? Are you daydreaming? Is this hand too difficult (they made all those bids, alerted, etc.)? Should I just wade through this deal and hope I don’t have to do anything important and just wait for the next deal which might be simpler and more fun? What was the bidding again? Why are you bothering me with this?

Here are the many things to consider:

What is the club situation? Declarer was maybe hoping dummy’s 10 would hold. Partner’s jack is making him think. Declarer won’t have ace-king-nine--he would take partner’s jack without being too troubled. Partner would have played the king with king-jack (third-hand high), so the most likely scenario is that partner has queen-jack (if he had only the jack, declarer wouldn’t be thinking). Also, partner rates to have the 9. (Again, declarer would not be thinking so long with ace-king-nine). So, it looks as if you might have hit partner with the QJ9 of clubs -- a good lead for a change.

Did your thinking end there? I hope not. Are you ready for trick two? What if declarer wins the club and plays a spade? In general, it is never good to play second-hand high. Grabbing your ace will almost always help declarer in these situations. Not only will it help his timing and entries, but he might be missing the ♠J, and face a guess in this suit. You don’t know enough about the full deal yet, so the best policy would be to duck and to do so smoothly! If you think about it at trick 2, you will be telling declarer where the ace is. So, you should be getting yourself ready for a spade play at trick 2 (smooth duck).

Is that all? No. What if declarer leads a low diamond from hand at trick 2? Again, you should follow general principles. Be prepared to duck, and to duck smoothly. Don’t give away the location of the king.

Are you still thinking? Are you ready for a heart at trick two? This is a (rare) situation where

A RANK CHANGER FROM A WELL-KNOWN BRIDGE FAMILY

Dear Jay,

Thank you for your nice note congratulating me on becoming a Ruby Life Master. I have an interesting story regarding becoming a Life Master.

My mother was Bee Gale Schenken and my step father was Howard Schenken. (Original member of 4 Aces, Life Master #3, member of Bridge Hall of Fame, and he standardized the weak two bid, etc.). My sister, Sandra Bandler, and I grew up hearing about bridge and bridge hands so often that we both rebelled when it came to learning bridge.

My mother used to try to get us to learn bridge – she thought we would love it as she did. But we were too busy (raising our families and working) to get involved. However, after we retired and moved to Florida in 1993, my husband Bob and I decided to take bridge lessons, and we became quite addicted to duplicate bridge. It's been an important part of our lives. We live in a large community with 2 duplicate bridge games a week, and we live near at least 5 other bridge clubs.

Now when I wake up and if it's a bridge day, I'm very happy – wish I could tell my mom that “Mother knows best”. I sure wish I had listened to her sooner!

Anyway, thank you again for your nice note.

*Sincerely,
Susan Ruskin*



you should actually play second hand high! If declarer has the queen, he is always entitled to four heart tricks--your play won't matter. But, if your partner has the queen, and you play the 10, dummy's jack will go to partner's queen. This will simplify the suit and the entries for declarer. Meanwhile, if you hop with the king, he will have more difficulty. He might duck (playing you for king-queen). Even if he does win the ace, he will have to come back to his hand in some other suit to lead hearts again (he doesn't know your ten is falling). Lastly, if he happens to have ♥Q83, he might win the ace and finesse into your ♥10 on the next round of hearts.

Do you play Smith Echo? This is a wonderful defensive signalling method. When declarer starts his suit (for the first time), you don't give count. Instead, you tell partner if you are happy with the opening-lead suit. Playing high-low says “I like the opening lead.” Playing low-high says “try some other suit--not the suit our partnership led at trick 1.” This methods applies to either defender (opening leader or third hand). Almost all experts use this method. If you are playing Smith Echo, it is a good (ethical) idea to try to make your signal without lots of thought. So, in addition to all the above thinking, you should be ready to play the right Smith card. On a heart play, your king won't mean anything (honors are honors). BUT--if declarer plays a spade or a diamond, you plan to duck. Which spot you duck with will send a message. Are you happy with clubs? Do you want partner to continue? If so, you will follow (smoothly) with the ♠7 or ♦7. If not, you will play the deuce of that suit.

In fact, declarer does cross in spades. When dummy's king wins, he plays the ♦10 and lets it run. And you? Were you ready for a smooth duck of your ♦K?

I'll leave you here. The full deal is not important. I just wanted to illustrate how many things there are to think about. The time to do this thinking is at trick one. Part of good defense is not only knowing what to do, but being able to do it in tempo when the time comes. The way to become a good defender is to think through all of these matters at trick one. You must give every deal your full concentration. And, yes, I suppose some of you are wondering about slow play. You can't sit there forever at trick one--sometimes you can't prepare for everything.

Transfer Trouble

by Richard Pavlicek

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Jacoby and Texas transfer bids have become the system of choice for the great majority of tournament players. Besides making the stronger hand declarer, these bids provide a superior follow-up structure. The Texas transfer (unlike Jacoby by normal agreements) can also be used in competition, as illustrated by this deal from a recent team match.

East-West Vulnerable,

♠ 84
♥ AKQ109
♦ 43
♣ 10976

♠ KQJ962
♥ 5
♦ Q109
♣ K32

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10
♥ 8763
♦ K7652
♣ 854

♠ A753
♥ J42
♦ AJ8
♣ AQJ

West	North	East	South
2♠	4♦	Pass	1NT
All Pass			4♥

Opening Lead: ♠K

North's jump to 4♦ forced South to become declarer in 4♥. Normally, the Texas transfer shows at least six cards, but North took exception with his powerful five-carder — good judgment in my view.

So far, so good, but the trauma arose in the play. Declarer won the spade lead and drew two rounds of trumps, discovering

the 4-1 break. Next came a club finesse, losing to the king. West cashed the ♠Q and continued spades, forcing dummy to ruff as East discarded his remaining clubs. Declarer was now history. If he drew trumps, he could never enjoy North's long club; and if he tried to unblock the clubs first, East would get a ruff. Too bad.

Careful play could have ensured success. Declarer should draw all of East's trumps (South discarding a spade) then play the ♣A and another club, taken by the king. West does best to continue leading spades, but declarer does not ruff the third spade, instead pitching a diamond from dummy. On the fourth spade, dummy ruffs, and declarer jettisons his blocking club on the same trick. The ♠10-9 are then clear to cash, and the ♦A takes the last trick.

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.

What Would You Lead?

by *Barnet Shenkin*

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The biggest money bridge tournament is the Cavendish Invitational, which takes place in Monte Carlo. It has an imp pairs event, and a teams. The hand below is from the final of the teams.

You (East) hold:

- ♠ 105
- ♥ A Q J 106
- ♦ 9532
- ♣ 85

Your team is leading and you hear the bidding go:

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠**
Pass	4♥	Dbl	Rdbl
All Pass			

You have three sure heart tricks. The King is likely in dummy with the redouble. What is your best chance of making a fourth heart trick? The answer is blocking declarer's communications, from drawing trumps at a late stage. Dummy has four spades and he may need these entries to draw your ♥6.

I think the right lead is to attack the entries with a spade. Here is the hand:

♠ K Q 3
♥ 932
♦ A K 104
♣ A J 6

♠ 8762
♥ —
♦ Q J 876
♣ Q 1073

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 105
♥ A Q J 106
♦ 9532
♣ 85

♠ A J 94
♥ K 8754
♦ —
♣ K 942

East led a club. Declarer won in hand, and played a heart. East split with 10, and declarer won and played a second heart. East won the Jack and tried a diamond. Declarer now played a third heart. East won the Queen. Declarer still had three entries in dummy and could force out the Ace of trumps and draw the 6 before claiming.

Try the effect of a spade lead. Now declarer wins in hand, and plays two hearts as before. You win the Jack and play a second spade. Declarer plays a third heart and you win the Queen. Now you play a club or diamond, it does not matter. You still have the Ace and 6 of hearts. Declarer has only a single entry to dummy, the ♣K. He uses it to play the ♥8 to your ace, but cannot get back to dummy, except by shortening his own trump length to draw your ♥6 which becomes the setting trick.

Your thoughtful lead envisaged this kind of end position.

This would obviously have been a huge swing. However, luckily for E/W, they survived this bad result and their team Zia held on to win the event.

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).

Shirley Wright

Interviews Cy Kick

by Jon Shuster

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Shirley: I have kibitzed you for three years now, and you have made an amazing transition from consistently scoring below average to nearly always coming in first or second. What are the secrets to your success?

Cy: Probably the most important change is the way I hold my cards. In the early days, week after week, players told me to hold my hands up. It would sink in for a board or two, but I would immediately return to my old habits. Believe it or not, the director told me it is perfectly ethical for a player to use the information I so gratuitously provided, as long as s/he does not go out of his or her way to peek. The cure is to sit as far back from the table as possible and to hold your cards vertically as opposed to slanted forward, which is a recipe for disaster. Take a selfie to check yourself out!

Shirley: I now see the opponents making a lot more errors against you than against most other players. What is your secret?

Cy: I try to wear my opponents' shoes and give them as many chances as possible to go wrong. Here are two examples.

Example 1: In a ♠ contract with ♥Q743 in dummy (never bid) and ♥82 in my hand, I need a ♥ trick. Since ♥ were not led, there is no way lefty has the ♥AK. The best chance is ♥AKx on my right. But wait, I lead a low ♥ at trick 2 from dummy. If righty has the ♥A and not the ♥K, am I trying to sneak through my singleton ♥K? If righty rises with the ♥A, I can later lead up to the ♥Q. I still will make a ♥ trick, if righty has ♥AKx, since the first ♥ would have been won by the ♥K.

Example 2: In a ♥ contract, I hold ♦J10 opposite ♦K7653 in dummy. I will make the hand if and only if I can hold my ♦ losers to one. At the second trick, before trump are drawn, I lead the ♦10 toward dummy. Lefty will nearly always go up with the ♦A if s/he has

it, fearing I am trying to score the ♦K opposite my singleton. If lefty plays low, I play low and hope lefty has the ♦Q. In the old days, I would try this later in the hand, when the opponents know a lot more.

Shirley: In a recent STAC game you were playing a 4♥ contract with ♠Q7 in dummy and ♠K8 in your hand. You won the first trick in dummy, crossed to your hand in trump, and led the ♠8. When the ♠Q won in dummy, you claimed 12 tricks, as you could dispose of the other ♠ on a ♦. Why did you play the ♠ in that direction as opposed to leading a ♠ from dummy?

Cy: There are two reasons. First, doing it the way I did makes it appear I am going for a ♠ ruff in dummy, and the location of the ♠K is a mystery. If I lead low from dummy, there is no reason for righty to duck. Second, I considered the two opponents. It was a certainty to me that if righty had the ♠A, she would take it if I led a ♠ from dummy. You cannot pull that sort of wool over this player's eyes. On the other hand, based on experience, the odds were good to pull this off against lefty. But had the players' seats been reversed, I would indeed have led the ♠ from dummy. Some chance is better than none!

Shirley: I saw you pass righty's 1♦ opener, non-vulnerable, with ♠83 ♥AJ943 ♦1096 ♣KQ10. Can you explain why you failed to overcall 1♥?

Cy: My left-hand opponent, Jack, is a much weaker player than my right-hand opponent, Mack. If I overcall 1♥ and the opponents are as expected 4-4 in ♠, Jack makes a negative double and Mack gets to play this. When I passed, Jack bid the expected 1♠, and went down in 3♠, whereas Mack would have made it. Another consideration is that for lead directing purposes, I had no preference

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Play Hard, Play Well: All of the Information

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At a recent regional we had the following auction against a Precision pair.

Partner	RHO	You	LHO
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
2NT	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Dummy hits and we wish that we had given partner a chance to double 3♠. But now we must try to make 4♥:

♠ KQ1054
♥ —
♦ J873
♣ A762

♠ —
♥ QJ87632
♦ A Q
♣ K1083

LHO leads the ♠2. Plan your play!

It appears that we could lose 3 trump tricks and a ♣ and/or a ♦, so we have a lot of work to do.

When you are in a bad contract, it pays to be optimistic. The best situation is for one opponent to have AK doubleton of trump (RHO most likely).

We start by ruffing the first trick and then leading a low ♥. RHO wins the ♥K, just as we hoped.

1: ♠2 ♠K ♠A ♥2 (+1)

2: ♥3 ♥4 ♠4 ♥K (-1)

RHO returns a ♠ and we discard a ♣ on it as LHO ruffs. LHO then returns a ♠, which we win in hand.

3: ♠9 ♠3 ♥5 ♠4 (-2)

4: ♠4 2 Q K (+2)

Now we play another low ♥, which forces out the Ace. It appears RHO had AK and LHO 109xx, as we hoped.

5: ♥6 ♥9 ♦3 ♥A (-3)

We must not lose any more tricks, so when RHO returns another ♠, we ruff high and draw the last outstanding trump.

6: ♠8 ♥Q ♦5 ♠5 (+3)

7: ♥J ♥10 ♦7 ♠7 (+4)

At this point we have 2 trumps, 2♦, and 2♣ left in our hand and we must take all of the remaining tricks. We have 2 potential losers, a ♣ and/or a ♦, and we have the ♠Q on the dummy to use for a discard.

Let's take a minute and count. RHO had 5 points in ♠, 7 points in ♥, and at least 2 points in ♣ - for a total of 14 points. Remember that the opponents play a system where RHO's 1♠ opening bid is limited to about 15 points, so that means that the ♦K must be with West (where we didn't want it to be), and the ♦ finesse won't work. Instead of taking the ♦ finesse, we must play for the squeeze. We run all our trumps, playing LHO to have the long (3-card holding) ♣ and the ♦K. In this case, to protect their long ♣, LHO will have to discard down to stiff ♦K - and we will drop it offside!

After we cash the trump we get to this position:

♠ Q
♥ —
♦ J
♣ A7

♠ —
♥ —
♦ K10
♣ J9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J
♥ —
♦ 62
♣ 5

♠ —
♥ —
♦ A Q
♣ 108

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Reverse Drury

by Michael Donnelly

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Board 1: North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4
♥ Q J 10 7 4
♦ K 7 3
♣ 6 4

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♣ K Q 10 9	♣ A J 7 2										

♠ A Q J 10 3
♥ 9 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 5 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Contract: 3NT by West
Opening lead: ♠4

BIDDING COMMENTARY: South opened 1♠ in third seat with a hand that was very “light” in high-card values. South’s primary objective was to guide his partner’s opening lead in the likely event that West became the declarer. The effect of South’s bid was devastating for the opponents as it prompted his partner to make an otherwise unlikely opening lead of a small spade. If North had made his normal opening lead of the ♥Q, West would have easily fulfilled his 3 NT contract.

PLAY COMMENTARY: South correctly plays the ♠10 at trick one, compelling West to win his ♠K. Declarer then cashes his four club winners, ending in dummy to

finesse in diamonds. It’s not a lucky hand for West as North wins his ♦K and plays a spade, allowing partner to cash his four remaining winners in that suit.

THE BOTTOM LINE: Opening “light” in third seat for lead direction can generate excellent results. However, such a bid is dangerous if a partnership does not have the protection that is provided by the Drury Convention.

Board 2: East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A K Q 5 4
♥ A J 10 9
♦ 6 3
♣ A 4

♠ 9	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ 8 7 6 2
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♥ 5 4 2		♥ 7 6									
♦ K Q 10 9	♦ J 8 5 2										
♣ 9 8 7 6 5	♣ K Q J										

♠ J 10 3
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ A 7 4
♣ 10 3 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Contract: 6♥ by North
Opening lead: ♠K

BIDDING COMMENTARY: Having passed originally, South’s 2♣ bid is Two-Way

Reverse Drury, showing exactly three-card support for North's spade suit and limit raise values. North's 2♥ rebid shows full opening bid values coupled with four or more hearts. South's 3♥ rebid also shows four or more hearts and a willingness to play in that suit instead of spades.

North's 4♣ bid and South's 4♦ call are both control bids, showing first or second round control in those respective suits. North uses Key Card Blackwood to further investigate for slam. When South bids 5♠ to show two key cards (there are five key cards, the four aces and the king of trump, with the ♥K being a key card in this case), along with the queen of trump (♥Q in this case), North bids the slam in hearts. (Whew!)

PLAY COMMENTARY: This hand represents a classic situation in which a four-four fit produces more tricks than a five-three, or even a five-four fit. Whereas a spade contract would be limited to 11 tricks, 12 tricks are easily available in a heart contract. After pulling trump in three rounds, declarer discards two small clubs on his spade winners, then ruffs his remaining small club with dummy's remaining trump, thereby generating an additional trick.

THE BOTTOM LINE: In addition to facilitating the bidding of major-suit games, Drury can be very useful in the exploration of viable slam contracts.

Board 3: South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 7 6 4
♥ K 7 4
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ A 8 2

♠ J 8 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A K 6 3
♣ K 5 3



♠ K Q 10 9 5
♥ A J 10
♦ J 5
♣ 7 6 4

♠ A 3
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10 9

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

Contract: 2♠ by East
Opening lead: ♣Q

BIDDING COMMENTARY: After East opens in fourth seat, West responds 2♣. Using Two-Way Reverse Drury, this bid shows game-invitational values and precisely three-card support for his partner's major. East holds less than normal opening-bid values and shows his "light" hand by rebidding his suit at the two level, which his partner passes. NOTE: Without the use of the Drury Convention, West would have a challenging call after his partner's 1♠ opening. He does hold game-invitational values and adequate support for his partner's suit. Showing his assets with a jump to the three level may get the partnership too high when partner has opened on shaded values. However, bidding only 2♠ would understate his values and may result in the partnership missing game contracts on those occasions when partner has bid with full opening values.

PLAY COMMENTARY: After the defenders take the first three club tricks, South cashes the ♠A and exits with another trump. Declarer has four winning trumps, the ♥A along with the ♦A and ♦K, for a total of seven winners. Declarer must look to the heart suit for the one additional trick needed to fulfill his contract. He pulls the opponent's remaining trump, then enters the dummy with the ♦A to take a finesse in hearts. The finesse fails, with East's ♥10 losing to South's ♥Q. South then plays his remaining club, which declarer ruffs. He then returns to the dummy with the ♦K to play another heart. When North plays low, East finesses with his ♥J, winning the trick and securing his contract.

THE BOTTOM LINE: Drury provides your partnership with many benefits of opening with shaded values by allowing partner to show invitational values at a low level. Also, it frequently facilitates your partnership's ability to investigate both games and slams when you have opened a hand with average or above average values in third or fourth seat.

So People Can Bid Whatever They Please?

by Lynn Berg

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Recently I was called to a table where the opponents were aggrieved because North (third seat) had opened 3♣ with a five card suit. They asked his partner what he had, and they were accurately given the agreement that it could be six or seven. Another time, a player opened 2NT with only 18 HCP, but his partner, when asked, said it promised 20-21. Yet another time, it turned out that opener had only two clubs and had opened 1♣ even though she had three diamonds in her hand. This was not their agreement: their card said that either minor opening promised three or more. Her diamonds were the 753 and her clubs the AK.

Each time, the opponents properly gave their agreement, which happened to be at odds with the actual hand partner had. The Law is clear: as long as partner is as surprised as anyone else, you may vary from your agreement without reprisal (at least from the Director; I'm not saying that partner might not get after you). Another way to put this is that you're entitled to know their agreement, but not what's in his hand. It's the luck of the draw whether you'll benefit or suffer from the variation. I once had a partner decide to open 3♦ with his diamond void and seven clubs. He figured I'd lead a diamond on defense and he'd get a quick ruff. The only flaw in this logic was that I had five diamonds and was unwilling to defend! He ended up in 5♦ doubled for a nasty zero—and an unhappy partner.

Sure, he didn't have what he promised, but the opponents didn't call the Director because they were pleased with the outcome. It's rare that we get a call unless the variation has been a disadvantage to the opponents. In the case of the 1♣ opener on two cards: how can partner alert what he doesn't know? Making the judgment to bid a suit with two quick tricks instead of three small cards is hardly a major sin.

The problem arises when a variation has been used so often that it's no longer a surprise to partner. That is a concealed agreement and is both unethical and illegal. Change your card—and your explanations—to reflect your practice and there should be no problem.

But the answer to the question at the top of this page is Yes, on any given hand a player may vary from his partnership agreement. Even psychic bids are part of our game and are legal in ACBL play.

This is not to say that you can play any home-grown system or convention and just alert it because it's unfamiliar to your opponents. Take a look at ACBL's Alert Chart. If what you want to do is not covered there or on the General Convention Chart, you must submit your agreement to ACBL and have it approved. Even then, your local club has the right to permit or disallow conventions and systems in club games, though they must follow ACBL guidelines for Unit, District and National games played at the club (like STaCs and Instant Matchpoint games). Some conventions and systems are permissible only in extended team matches or high-level tournament events. They are defined on the Mid-Chart and the Super-Chart—both also available on the ACBL website.

In addition to the General Convention Chart and the Alert Chart, take a look at the pamphlet on Alert Procedures. All three are available on the ACBL website under Helpful Documents. Not only are Alerts and Announcements thoroughly described, there are great examples of the situations in which they occur in Alert Procedures. It's not written in "legalese," and is easy to understand.

When in doubt, ask a Director. If your club has no stated policy on what is allowed or disallowed, it should adopt clear guidelines for the benefit and protection of the players.

MARINA KOTCH ATTAINS LIFE MASTER STATUS

By Carolyn Jensen

The Journey to Life Master can take a lifetime for some; others accomplish the quest early in their bridge life. The Journey can be a story of tedious tournaments in hotels, clubs, and on ships. However, Marina Kotch's story takes a fifty-two year journey playing in stately European villas and chalets, bidding strictly in French, playing at tables where the players were addressed as Your Grace, Excellency, My Lords, and Madame.

When Marina's husband Mike's Battalion prepared for Viet Nam in 1965, Marina gathered the other Lieutenants' wives and suggested they learn to play bridge to fill the lonesome time of being left behind. The group acquired a book on the subject and began practicing at Marina's house, sitting around her coffee table.

All visitor/guests coming to the Pennsylvania's Tobyhanna's Army Depot found themselves questioned on their knowledge of bridge and if they played, they were guaranteed dinner and a game with Marina's group. In the next few years she joined the ACBL, read and played the game whenever and wherever she could. Her first bridge clan (Lieutenants' wives) had scattered across the world on assignment, but the ladies continued to play competitive bridge.

By 1968 Mike was assigned to NATO's Supreme Headquarters in Belgium and would spend several years assigned to various NATO posts in Europe. Marina began playing bridge during the day, but the best games were in the evening. This international play was a "partner draw", no usual partners in these games.

Men dominated the bridge scene, which was fraught with men and women of rank and privilege making the entrance to the bridge activities hard for anyone, much less a young military wife. Hard because she was serving in diplomatic posts with its own mandatory etiquette, language, and protocol – her actions reflected on her country and her husband. She worked on her defense skills, new bidding protocol with its French language requirement, and the differences between American and European bridge rules.

Marina received no master points for the duplicate play abroad, but began adding to her original points upon her return to the states in 1983, primarily playing in the greater DC area. She received her last qualifying point for Life Master in May 2017 at the Fort Myers McGregor Point Bridge Club with her regular partner Nancy Baer.

We asked Marina to tell us who her favorite partner was and she said without hesitation, "Major General Spadaccini, Italian Air Force" who was very tolerant of her beginner play rank. Her favorite bridge game was at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington, Virginia where three-time world champion Steve Robinson doubled her bid of 4 Spades, she redoubled and made the bid! She still looks forward to reading Robinson's weekly email broadcast.

Marina encourages new duplicate players and hosts a regular open Tuesday night game. She underscores that she does not teach, but invites new players to the table to play the game and discuss the hands. She is available for bidding questions during the play. Marina is not a believer in using a lot of conventions during bidding, but rather bid along and play defensively. She repeats what she learned from Steve Robinson, "make every card count". This Italian born woman is tough and determined, but is also a gentle, kind, and forgiving mentor to those who want to learn.



New Life Master Marina Kotch

between ♣ and ♥, the likely unbid suits. Of course if Jack had 5♠, he plays the hand regardless. Taking account of the relative skills of the opponents at your table is vital to play at bridge clubs, where, over time, you play a significant number of boards against the same players.

Shirley: Lessons from this interview: (1) When someone tells you to keep your cards up, listen. It is the most important bridge tip you can receive. Many players will just enjoy the view, and not tell you. (2) Be creative in thinking about giving your opponents problems. Give them as many opportunities to err as possible. A mistake by them is as important as great defense or declarer play. (3) “Different strokes for different folks”. In clubs, we get to know our opponents very well. This helps you tailor your game to your opponents.

Disclaimer: Although all incidents are real, Cy is a composite character and Jack and Mack are not real people.

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.

We cross to the ♣A and cash the ♠Q, discarding our last ♣. This leaves us with a ♣ threat in the dummy and a ♦ threat in our hand – squeezing LHO.

Remember when the opponents tell you a lot about their HCP from the bidding, counting points can be very helpful in placing the honors late in the hand!

The complete deal:

♠ K Q 10 5 4



◆ J873

♣ A762

♠ 2

♥ 10954

◆ K 10954

♣ J94

♠AJ98763

♥ AK

◆ 62

♣ 05

♠ —

♥ QJ87632

♦ A Q

♣ K 1083

Note that RHO could have beaten us by shifting to a \heartsuit or \clubsuit , instead of returning a second \spadesuit , but I'm sure they hoped to beat the contract by promoting a spot card in the trump suit for their partner.

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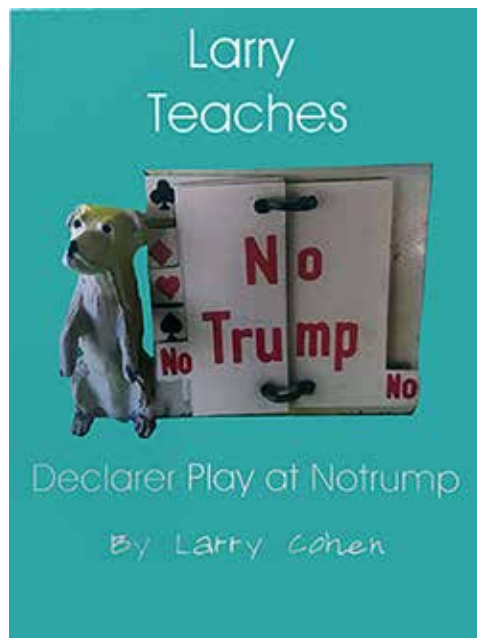
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NAP District Finals

TRUMP INDICATORS MADE THE COVER!

By Joan Schepps

Larry Cohen, well known international bridge pro and author, wrote one more recently-published bridge book, and on the cover? a Trump Indicator! The book discusses how to handle no trump bidding and play and there it is ... the Trump Indicator prominently displaying the words NO TRUMP.



This indicator is from the collection of Dawn Ligon who is Larry's Marketing Director and an addicted collector of Trump Indicators. From the forward of the book: "The cover photo is of an original 1920's Trump Indicator or Bridge Marker which is from Dawn's private collection. It was made in Germany and is painted metal with paper tabs to help remind the players of trump. Notice the No Trump (American) vs. No Trumps (European). Whist and Bridge Markers were frequently used up until the 1950's and are highly collectible."

Joan tells us that her absolute favorite in this category, which is now in the American Contract Bridge League museum, is a cross-collection piece of a Disney character, Felix the Cat. Disney collectors are often reluctant to share their Disney Memorabilia with Trump

Indicator collectors even if it is a trump indicator. They are very protective of their Disney turf.



In 2008, Joan Schepps donated her private collection of Bridge Markers (over 600 pieces), including the Felix the Cat, to the ACBL Museum for permanent display at ACBL headquarters at Horn Lake, MS.

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.



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Temperatures rise as summer is in spate. The snowbirds are long gone, replaced now by the European visitors who are here for their summer "hols." (I was surprised recently while playing in Berlin to learn that virtually everyone in the room [except me] knew we had a German grocery store in Sarasota!)

Summer also signals our first effort at a bridge camp for youth, hosted at our G&G In-Between Bridge Club. We have 30 kids signed up, as well as the requisite number of teachers. Amusingly, a number of parents indicated their desire to accompany their children, so we will be offering them an adult class at the same time.

We are continuing with efforts to emphasize activities and events for our non-Life Masters. We will soon be rolling out a mentors program, whereby we pair each NLM with a LM sponsor/mentor whom they can call with questions. CJ Pascoe (better known as Caroline in Ohio) is heading this up. We are discussing whether to hold a special game for mentors sometime in the future. Our I/N Tourney is coming up soon, and we are looking for additional opportunities for this group down the road. Do you have your partners for Saturday, October 7th and your partner and teammates for Sunday, October 8th?

We are enjoying the economic recovery here in Florida, but are forced to confront the fact that it has pushed up rents across the board, posing new challenges to manage the costs of our tournaments. We are discussing various approaches to mitigate this, but have recently bowed to the inevitable and raised our fees by \$2/person/session. This new structure will come into effect in our November sectional and we are hopeful it will not affect attendance too much.

UNIT 102 NEWS

Hope you've all enjoyed a pleasant summer. Unit 102's youth Bridge Camp happened after we went to press. Look for a report in next issue. We are now gearing up for a busy season. Intermediate/Newcomer players, take your game to the next level at the 0-500 Silver Point Sectional October 7-8 (see flyer, p. 34). The November Sectional is Nov 17-19 (see flyer, p. 35).

Exciting changes in local bridge playing opportunities await our returning snowbirds. Club directory has been updated, see p. 34 for contact information for all our Open Clubs.

Bradenton Bridge Assn., "the friendly club," continues games every Monday evening and Friday afternoon. Call the club to make reservations and request partners; and to find out when the next party is. They have them regularly, and only charge \$5 per person to play.

G&G In-Between Club has relocated to a gorgeous venue. Space is huge, bright, and sparkling clean. Chairs are new and comfortable; they even have a shelf below the seat for storing notebooks, small purses, etc. Ninety new tables feature drink holders strategically placed to minimize spills, and clean bidding boxes designed to stay in place and out of the way. Each bidding box includes a tray for a pencil (which should stay at the table, by the way) with sturdy, clean bidding cards. There is a living room for spouses or drivers to wait in comfort, plenty of new bathrooms and a big kitchen. There are private offices/meeting

rooms along one wall (read, dealing machine is mercifully quiet during the game!!), and a separate classroom along another wall that can accommodate 16 teaching tables while a game is in progress. An online reservation system has been implemented; it is very easy to use. Call-in reservations and walk-ins will be accommodated in all games, although you should call ahead if you need a partner. The coffee is even good!! The website remains the same: Inbetweenbridge.com; check out the schedule of open and limited games, and classes.

InterCity Bridge Club has added a Monday Game, and both Monday and Tuesday games have separate, masterpoint-limited sections, in addition to the open game. Free lessons are offered before each game. Phone or email reservations are appreciated, essential if you need a partner, or if you and your partner require a North-South seat assignment. A new website has been implemented: intercitybridge.com.

Longboat Key and Merrill Clubs will resume November 1st and continue through May. Susan Brill, manager of both clubs, reports that they have games Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 PM. The Wednesday game is invitational (members and guests of LKC); all others are open games; reservations required. Results for these games are now available online.

Players who are eligible can enjoy sanctioned bridge in a country club atmosphere at Field Club, Laurel Oak, and The Oaks. Make friends with someone who is a member so you can be invited to these lovely venues. Check out the Local Clubs link on Unit 102 website for contact information about all our clubs.



IBBC in their great new venue

Please welcome these new members of Unit 102:

Karin S Billings
Marlene Culligan
Cheryl Finger
Daniel White

Richard K Caldwell
Marti Eidam
Denise Harris

72% Games

74.58% Christopher Nowak and Judy Cole
74.28% Arthur Howard and David Weiss
77.46% Gen Geiger and Jim Russell

InterCity 199er Game, June 27
G&G In-Between 199er Game, June 29
G&G In-Between Open Game, July 15

District Nine

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1-30
GNT Club
Qualifying

Sep 1-4
St. Petersburg
Sectional

Sep 8-10
Venice
Sectional

Sep 14-17
St. Pete 499er
Sectional

Sep 14-17
Daytona
Sectional

Sep 22-24
Palm Coast 499er
Sectional

Sep 23-25
Melbourne
Sectional

OCTOBER

Oct 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Oct 6-8
McGregor Point
499er Sectional

Oct 7-8
Sarasota NLM
Sectional

Oct 9-15
**NAPLES
REGIONAL**

Oct 13-15
Ft Walton Beach
Sectional

Oct 20-22
Clearwater
Sectional

Oct 20-22
Jacksonville
Sectional

Oct 16-22
U243, 102, 219 240
STaC

Oct 27-29
**NAP Finals &
Sectional**

NOVEMBER

Nov 1-30
GNT Club
Qualifying

Nov 3-5
McGregor Point
Sectional

Nov 3-5
Palm Beach
Gardens Sectional

Nov 6-12
**DAYTONA
BEACH
REGIONAL**

Nov 13-19
U219, 240, 243
STaC

Nov 17-19
Sarasota Sectional

Nov 17-19
The Villages
499er Sectional

Nov 17-19
Bonita Bridge
499er Sectional

Nov 21E
ACBL-Wide
Charity Game

Nov 23 - Dec 3
SAN DIEGO
NABC

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 2-3
Vero Beach
Sectional

Dec 1-3
Naples Sectional

Dec 4-10
U128 STaC

Dec 11-17
**CORAL SPRINGS
REGIONAL**

District-Wide
Charity Games:
Dec 18 afternoon
Dec 20 morning
Dec 21 morning
Dec 22 afternoon

Dec 21E
ACBL-Wide
International Fund

JANUARY

Jan 1-31
GNT Club
Qualifying

Jan 1-7
**ORLANDO
REGIONAL**

Jan 12-14
St. Pete Sectional

Jan 12-14
Jacksonville
Sectional

Jan 12-14
Lake Park
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
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
Panama Beach
Sectional

Feb 10-11
Vero Beach
Sectional

Tournament Calendar

Feb 16-18 North Palm Beach Sectional	Mar 16-18 St. Augustine Sectional	Apr 27-29 GNT Finals & Sectional	Jun 21-23 Bridge Deck Sectional
Feb 16-18 Orlando Sectional	Mar 16-18 Bradenton Sr/ NLM Sectional	MAY	Jun 25-Jul 1 WORLD GOLF VILLAGE REGIONAL
Feb 16-18 Venice Sectional	Mar 16-18 Clearwater 499ers Sectional	May 3-5 Palm Coast Sectional	JULY
Feb 19-25 SARASOTA- MANATEE REGIONAL	Mar 19-25 U102, 219, 240, 243 STaC	May 4-6 Sarasota Sectional	Jul 1-31 NAP Club Qualifying
Feb 23-25 Tallahassee Sectional	Mar 22-25 St. Pete 499ers Sectional	May 11-13 Sun City Center 499er Sectional	Jul 13-15 Bonita Bridge Sectional
MARCH	Mar 23-25 Daytona 499er Sectional	May 18-20 Naples Sectional	Jul 20-22 Orlando Sectional
Mar 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying	Mar 26-28 Miami Sectional	May 18-20 Orlando Sectional	Jul 26-Aug 5 ATLANTA NABC
Mar 2-4 Ft Myers Sectional	APRIL	May 25-27 Jacksonville Sectional	AUGUST
Mar 2-4 Gainesville Sectional	Apr 2-8 SOUTH- EASTERNS REGIONAL	May 28-Jun 3 SANIBEL HARBOUR REGIONAL	Jul 26-Aug 5 ATLANTA NABC
Mar 2-4 Pensacola Sectional	Apr 11-13 Bridge Deck Sr/ NLM Sectional	JUNE	Aug 1-31 NAP Club Qualifying
Mar 2-4 Rockledge Sectional	Apr 13-15 Ocala 499ers Sectional	May 28-Jun 3 SANIBEL HARBOUR REGIONAL	Aug 10-12 Ft Myers Sectional
Mar 2-4 Khatib Sectional	Apr 13-15 Fort Lauderdale Sectional	Jun 1-30 NAP Club Qualifying	Aug 10-12 Palm Coast Sectional
Mar 8-18 PHILADELPHIA NABC	Apr 19-21 Spring Hill Sectional	Jun 8-10 The Villages Sectional	Aug 13-19 District STaC
Mar 9-11 Sun City Center Sectional	Apr 20-22 Vero Beach Sectional	Jun 11-17 Unit 128 STaC	Aug 20-26 PALM BEACH GARDENS REGIONAL
Mar 9-11 Bonita Bridge 499er Sectional		Jun 20-23 St. Pete 499ers Sectional	Aug 31-Sep 3 St. Pete Sectional

CLUBS IN THE UNIT 102 AREA (see also www.Unit102.com)

Bradenton Bridge Assn.

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G & G In-Between DBC

Palm Plaza Shopping Center, 4414 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233

(southeast corner of intersection of Bee Ridge and McIntosh;

club is in the elbow of the plaza, behind Habitat Restore)

Jim Gordon and Izrail Gorian, Managers, 941-365-7875

email: jgordon6342@verizon.net; izgor222@gmail.com

Club Website: www.inbetweenbridge.com

InterCity DBC

Temple Sinai of Sarasota, 4631 South Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34231

Monday and Tuesday Open and 199er games

Director: Marilyn Snodell, marilynsnodell@gmail.com, 941-780-1605

Results posted on www.intercitybridge.com

Longboat Key BC and Merrill Bridge Club

Bayfront Park Rec. Ctr. of LBK, 4052 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key, FL 34228

Director: Larry Auerbach; Manager: Susan Brill, 941-216-9600

Club results at acbl.org



499er NLM SILVER SECTIONAL

October 7-8, 2017

Sponsored by G & G In-Between Bridge Club & Unit 102

Palm Plaza Shopping Center, 4414 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 7	9:30 am	Stratified 0-49 Pairs*; Stratified NLM 0-499 Pairs**
	1:45 pm	Q & A on the morning session
	2:30 pm	Stratified 0-49 Pairs*; Stratified NLM 0-499 Pairs**
Sunday, October 8	12:00 pm	NLM 0-499 Swiss Teams

* If attendance warrants

**Stratification may be adjusted at director's discretion

ALL GAMES WILL BE SINGLE SESSIONS

Coffee and snacks will be provided at all sessions

FOR INFORMATION OR PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS:

Henry Corwin, 941-228-3932

D9 PartnershiDesk, www.bridgefinesse.com/D9PDskindex

ENTRY FEES: Single Sessions-\$10 per person; Swiss Teams-\$40 per team

(\$3 additional for non or unpaid ACBL members)

0-5 Saturday 9:30 AM Session— ONLY \$5 per person

HOST HOTEL: Hampton Inn Sarasota (I-75, Bee Ridge), 5995 Catterlidg Road, Sarasota.

Call 941-371-1900 and mention Duplicate Bridge rate of \$109 plus tax.

RESULTS: www.inbetweenbridge.com



Sarasota's Fall Sectional

November 17 to 19, 2017

G&G In-Between Bridge Club

Palm Plaza Shopping Center, 4414 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233

Directions: From I-75 take exit 207 West onto Bee Ridge Road. After 2 miles, turn left onto McIntosh Road, then another left into shopping center. The club is in the "elbow" of the two strips.

Friday, November 17

10:00 am

Bracketed & Handicapped KO's—1st of 3 Sessions
Stratified Open & 0-500 NLM—Single Session
Newcomer Pairs (0 to 50 Points)—Single Session

2:30 pm

Bracketed & Handicapped KO's—2nd of 3 Sessions
Stratified Open & 0-500 NLM—Single Session

Saturday, November 18

10:00 am

Compact Knock-Out—1st & 2nd Matches
Bracketed & Handicapped KO's—Final Session
Stratified Open & 0-500 NLM—Single Session

10:30 am

Youth Stratified Game—Single Session

2:30 pm

Compact Knock-Out—3rd & 4th Matches
Stratified Open & 0-500 NLM—Single Session

Sunday, November 19, 10:00 am

Stratified Open Swiss Teams—Playthrough*
Stratified 0-500 NLM Swiss Teams—Playthrough (20 VP Scale)

Mini-Lessons: 1:45 to 2:15 pm, Friday & Saturday (bring lunch)

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Host Hotel:

Hampton Inn Sarasota (I-75, Bee Ridge)
5995 Cattleridge Road, Sarasota
Call 941-371-1900 & mention duplicate bridge
rate of \$109 plus tax

Entry Fees:

Single Sessions: \$12 per person**
Swiss Teams: \$100 per team (lunch included)

Strata:

Open—A: 3000+; B: 1000-3000; C: 0-1000
0-500 NLM—A: 300-500; B: 100-300; C: 0-100

*Stratification based on average number of masterpoints per team.

**\$3 extra per session for non- or unpaid ACBL members.

Unit 128

President's Message

by Jeff Overby

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I would like to congratulate Jeff Meckstroth and Zeke Jabbour for their recent induction into the ACBL Hall of Fame. Both are well deserving of this honor. Jeff is the number 1 ACBL master point holder, multiple world champion, and my dear friend. Zeke hosts an annual pro-am bridge game that raises money for Parkinson's research. Both are professional Bridge players who live in Unit 128.

I would like to recognize and thank, from the bottom of my heart, Muriel Altus. She has been a president and officer of Unit 128, served tirelessly on the District 9 Board, and most importantly (to most of you) has served as Editor in Chief of the Sunshine Bridge News and electronic liaison to District 9. She has donated more time to the improvement of bridge and the publication than most of us know. Her husband Phil and one or two close friends truly know how much time she has invested in the game of bridge. Muriel has announced her retirement from the SBN, but truly none of us (except perhaps Phil and Muriel herself) want her to step down. There is not enough room in my page to list her accomplishments. Let it suffice that I will miss you and all you have done to promote bridge throughout the Unit and the District.

I hope that each of you plans to attend the next two Unit 128 sponsored regional tournaments: Naples - October 9-15 (NEW DATES), at the Naples Grande Beach Resort (Gold Rush Pairs offered Tuesday thru Friday and a Gold Rush Swiss on Sunday) and the ever popular Daytona Beach Regional, November 6-12 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort/Ocean Walk Village. Both hotels have a limited room block offering the discounted Bridge Rate. In order to get this rate you must mention

it at the time you book your rooms. See the schedules posted on line or in the current issue of the Sunshine Bridge News.

Your Unit is always looking for new tournament sites for its Regionals, so if any one of you knows of a prospective Regional site, please contact me, or any Board member and share with us that information. Likewise, your Board of Governors likes to hear from you. Please let us know what we are doing right, and what changes you would like to see implemented. While we are on a tight budget, we do appreciate your input.

BRIDGE IS GREAT IN UNIT 128!
Your participation will keep it that way.



**It's Never Too Early
to Plan for 2018**

**April 2-8
Coral Springs**

**May 28-June 3
Sanibel Harbor**

**June 25-July 1
St. Augustine**

**August 20-26
Palm Beach Gardens**

**November 5-11
Daytona Beach**

AN INFORMAL TEACHING PROGRAM

One of the eight Unit 128 clubs that was in the top 50 clubs in ACBL in total table count in 2016 is Bonita Bridge @ Wiggins in Naples. Owner Phil Josberger wrote to tell us of a special player at the club. Here's what Phil says:

For the past four years Ray Depew has led a Chalk Talk at our club. He has committed to providing regular and complimentary bridge lessons before our Wednesday afternoon game. These 30-minute lessons often review the most interesting and difficult hands played within the past week.

He takes the time to review different ways a hand could have been bid, the best opening lead, and how it could be defended. Additionally, he will review the nuances of popular conventions, and introduce the players to new ones. On top of all of this he makes

himself available after EVERY afternoon game to review the day's hands with anyone who would like to join him -- often reviewing every single board in play that afternoon. He has single handedly improved the level of play at this club! His passion for the game fuels and drives him to give so much to the members of Bonita Bridge @Wiggins.



Ray (with his hand up) gives one of his many lectures

UNIT 128 CONGRATULATES JEFF AND ZEKE



Jeff with Eric Rodwell, his partner for 43 years. Eric told stories about hands that showed off Jeff's declarer skills.



Don Rumelhart, left, and Glenn Eisenstein were two of the players who presented Zeke with his award.



Jeff and his wife Sally enjoy the festivities.



Sharon and Zeke Jabbour with Glenn Eisenstein.

CLUBS HAVE GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE LONGEST DAY

You may recall that the Sun City Center Duplicate Bridge Association set an ambitious goal for this year's The Longest Day fundraising. They hoped to raise \$10,000 this year. Mission accomplished! Publicity Chair Carol Glover tells us all about it.

"The Sun City Center Duplicate Bridge Association (SCCDBA) sponsored another amazingly successful Longest Day to raise funds for Alzheimer's. This year, thanks to overwhelming community support, the club raised \$13,220.

"SCCDBA's Longest Day Committee, chaired by Ronda O'Farrell for the 3rd year, started planning in early May. The \$20 entry ticket bought bridge games for all levels offered from 8:30am to 9pm. Also included were breakfast, lunch, happy hour and raffles. The club paid for all expenses. The funds raised were donated to Good Samaritan's Alzheimer's Auxiliary (a local charity) and The Alzheimer's Association.

"Nancy and Jim Heston co-chaired the raffle committee. They spent many hours collecting items donated by residents and gift cards donated by area merchants. Nancy designed the themed baskets and displays. The Hestons' talents raised \$4,000 in raffled items.

"Volunteers sold tickets, welcomed the ticket holders, set up and directed the bridge games, worked in the kitchen, prepared and cleaned the venue, and were available to guide attendees to the proper areas. Cheryl Macphee donated the use of a condo during the Orlando regional to be raffled off.



Donor of condo for Orlando Regional Cheryl Macphee

"SCCDBA is pleased to support the efforts of the Good Samaritans and the Alzheimer's Association, which provide help to caregivers and research efforts. The Sun City Center Community has supported the Longest Day for three years and its residents and area bridge players look forward every June 21st to a day of bridge, fun, community connections and good works. Information about SCCDBA can be found on its website sccbridge.com."

Frank Hacker sent a report from the Lee County Bridge Association. Frank tells us, "Our club has two games a week, Wednesday at noon and Friday at noon at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Myers. Our attendance is pretty strong. We had over 2,400 tables last year and have had over 1,100 tables for the first five months of this year. This should be well up in the standings for a club with just two sessions a week.



Raffle co-chair Nancy Heston

"The delicious lunch for the Longest Day attendees was purchased from Metropolitan Ministries, an area non-profit which feeds the homeless. SCCDBA was happy to support both causes.

"We are a membership club and charge \$5 to play. The Longest Day fell on Wednesday, one of our normal days to play, so we thought we would give it a shot. We voted to send all proceeds to Alzheimer's research, retaining nothing for expenses. Our treasury is fairly strong and we could stand the loss of revenue and the extra expense.

"We scheduled three sessions of bridge at 18 boards a session. The sessions started at 9:30, 1, and 3:45, with a buffet lunch at noon. We made it a day long party with refreshments throughout the day. We also gave away a number of free entries as door prizes. Our members provided a lot of the food, but we supplemented it with wraps and other items from Costco. We had lots of leftovers, so we had a bit of a party on Friday as well.

"Organizing something like this takes a lot of effort. Our board outdid themselves as did many civilian members. I regret that we didn't take any pictures, but I would like to give a tip of the hat to Steve Pilzer, Charlene Collins, Rita Artwohl, Rich Green, Marilyn Barker, Al Kimbrough, Jo Sheraw, Sharon Pierce, Gilda Reynolds, Robin Spriggle and our director Richard Blandford.

"Our revenues came from a number of sources. First were the card fees. We also had many additional donations from participants and from people unable to actually come on the day of the game. We had a small bake sale and a silent auction of gift certificates to local spas, restaurants, etc. The bidding was very strong on these items and many went for substantially more than face value. Bev Nelson and I (the local pros) donated sessions of bridge. These were very popular as well.

"The results were stunning and exhilarating. We had 50 tables in total for the three sessions of bridge. The revenue there was \$1,000. We had over \$1,900 in additional donations, over \$800 from the silent auction and a bit more from the bake sale.

"The grand total was \$3,913. This was a cooperative effort by the entire membership. Everybody was charged up by the results which greatly exceeded everybody's expectations. I had hoped for \$1,000. We'll all be on an emotional high for quite a while."

Another smaller club with great results was Gainesville. Thanks to Jon Shuster for the report.

"The Gainesville Bridge Club, with just 70 dues paying members, raised over \$4,000 for three Longest Day sessions to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Ron Schoenau and Mary Ann McIntyre did amazing jobs organizing the event, and a good time was had by all. The Night Session had an innovation in the Pro-Am concept, that other clubs may want to try in the future.

"We recruited Pros who were not only very seasoned tournament players, but were delightful to play with. Instead of auctioning off individual Pros, we asked for blind pledges, and the highest seven each drew a Pro out of the hat, in order of the size of the pledge. The

"Ams" had a great night taking three of the top four finishes. Beth Paul and Pro Josh Feldstein came in first overall, earning 2.77 masterpoints each, by far the biggest haul to date for Paul."

By the time you read this article, we'll have been able to read how the ACBL-wide effort did, and with just these three Unit 128 clubs

contributing \$21,000, it's a good guess that a truly significant amount will be in the hands of the Alzheimer's Association. We expect them to use those funds wisely and perhaps we'll actually hear of a breakthrough towards treatment or prevention, in our lifetimes.



"Am" Beth Paul



"Pro" Josh Feldstein

72% Club

77.65%	Susan Ginzler / Sylvia Shifrin	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
76.59%	Cliff Herbstman / Alan L Postman	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
76.01%	Debra Sacks / Freda Salaman	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
75.89%	Michael Donnelly / Roger Maurer	Boca Raton DBC
75.53%	Rawy Shediak / Al Vaccaro	Venice Nokomis DBC, Venice
75.20%	David Rosenblatt / Mark Spellman	The Bidding Box DBC, Pinecrest
74.70%	Lonnie Lenox / Harry Parkin	Naples BC
74.65%	Burton Birnbaum / Richard Gerstein	Valencia Shores BC, Lake Worth
74.60%	Maxine Miller / Sylvia Shifrin	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
74.40%	Gloria Milder / Milly Sturman	Temple Sinai, Delray Beach
74.38%	Marilyn Cohen / Johnny Raimondi	Ballen Isles BC, Palm Beach Gardens
74.36%	Eleanor Goodrich / Robert Parlin	Bridge Deck, Naples
74.32%	Sheila Polansky / Judy Tracton	Coral Lakes BC, Boynton Beach
74.31%	Anne Skinner / Marianne Strehar	Sun City Center DBA
74.11%	Pat Foster / Jim Somma	Nature Coast BC, Spring Hill
74.09%	Melanie Hurwitz / Arlene Penner	Boca Pointe CC, Boca Raton
74.02%	Bill Brushwood / Russ King	Sun City Center DBA
73.81%	Sharon Jabbour / Shirley Presberg	Boca Raton DBC
73.66%	Thomas Clark / John Herrmann	Venice Nokomis DBC, Venice
73.61%	Helen Bossman / Carolyn Fryar	Community DBC, North Palm Beach
73.47%	Carolyn Sessler / David Schapira	Boca Raton DBC
73.43%	Frank K Pietro / Steve Wells	Fort Myers BC
73.33%	Lori Blackwell / Betty Walsh	Delray Beach DBC
72.92%	Janet Laudenslager / Jean Seward	Venice-Nakomis DBC
72.69%	Connie Kirk / Pauly Gillis	Community DB #2, North Palm Beach
72.62%	Gloria Glassman / Gwen Richman	Ballen Isles CC, Palm Beach Gardens
72.56%	Norma Moskowitz / Elaine Zukerman	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
72.45%	John Brady / Craig Hemphill	Jacksonville School of Bridge
72.32%	Annette Katarincic / Nell Stedham	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
72.32%	Roger Coffman / Jan Vandersluis	Jupiter DBC
72.08%	Randy Baron / Lee Bukstel	Naples BC
72.02%	Annette Johns / Kathy Simpson	Pelican Bay DBC, Naples

SUBMIT 72% CLUB GAMES

by email to: unit128sbn@gmail.com

All submissions must contain THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. the club's full name
2. the town in which the club is located
3. the director's name
4. the names of both partners
5. an electronic link to the club results for the day of the big game

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

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

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Friday & Saturday

Single Session Pairs—10 AM and 2:30 PM
Complimentary breakfast & snacks
Lunch available

Strata

Masterpoints Averaged

A=300-500 NLM
B=100-300 C=0-100
Discretion of
Director, based
on attendance

PALM COAST 499er SECTIONAL

Free Lessons
Friday-Saturday
9:15 AM

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Directions

I-95 to Exit 289
Go West off Ramp
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Proceed thru lights
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Tournament Rates will Apply \$72+ (Mention Bridge Rate when calling)

Fort Myers, Florida

October 6-8 2017

NLM/499er!

Silver Point Sectional Bridge Tournament

McGregor Point Bridge Club

Friday & Saturday: Pair games at 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Sunday: Two session swiss teams 10:00 AM

A • 300-500 B • 200-300 C • 0-200

Stratification may be adjusted based on attendance

Partnerships: Rick Covalciuc 239-433-4422

Directions: www.thebridgeplace.com

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

The Villages November 17-19, 2017

'500 NLM' SECTIONAL @ Savannah Recreation Center

1545 Buena Vista Blvd, The Villages, FL 32162

NEW THIS YEAR: * 0-20 NEWCOMER STRATA AT EVERY PAIRS
SESSION (FREE! 9:45AM FRIDAY SESSION)

* BRACKETED SUNDAY SWISS

Friday and Saturday, November 17 & 18 Sunday, November 19

Stratified '500 NLM' Pairs – 9:45AM & 2PM

All pair events single session

\$26 per pair per session

NEW THIS YEAR: LUNCH INCLUDED BETWEEN SESSIONS

Bracketed Swiss Teams: 9:45

play through, lunch included,

\$100 per team \$100 per team

\$3 additional all sessions for non/unpaid ACBL members

FREE Continental Breakfast daily & Snacks

Stratification: A (300-500) B (100-300) C (0-100) Newcomer (0-20)

Stratification & Brackets based on Director's Discretion

Swiss Team Stratification based on team average

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The Venice-Nokomis Duplicate Bridge Club

the Friendly Place to Play Bridge



Friday, September 8

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

Saturday, September 9

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions

Sunday, September 10

10:00 am Swiss Team Event Play through - Lunch Served

10:00 am NLM Swiss Team Event Play through - Lunch Served

Open Strata: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 Novice 0-300

0-300 strats determined by Director-in-Charge depending on turnout
Swiss Team Stratification based on Average Number of Points per Team - 30 VP Scale

Lunch Served - Hot Lunch

Limited 50 Tables - Reservations Requested - \$3.00 Surcharge for Non or Unpaid ACBL Members

Tournament Chairpersons

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Partnership Chairpersons

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Directions:

Traveling north on I-75, take exit 193, turn LEFT onto Jacaranda Blvd.

Continue ¾ mile to Venice Ave - turn right and proceed 1½ miles to US 41 Bypass. Turn left and in a ¼ mile turn left into Gulf Coast Strip Center - make left - Club is in the RATTAN WICKER BUILDING

Traveling south on I-75, take exit 193, turn RIGHT onto Jacaranda Blvd.

Continue ¾ mile to Venice Ave - turn right and proceed 1½ miles to US 41 Bypass. Turn left and in a ¼ mile turn left into Gulf Coast Strip Center - make left - Club is in the RATTAN WICKER BUILDING

From US 41 South or North, the Club is located between Venice Avenue and Center Road on US 41 Bypass, less than a ¼ mile from Venice Avenue.



Venice Nokomis Duplicate Bridge Club

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Clearwater Sectional

Open and 0-500 / NLM
October 20 - 22, 2017



Friday October 20

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00am and 2:30pm	Single sessions
0-500/ NLM Pairs	10:00am and 2:30pm	Single sessions
Mini lessons 9 AM		

Saturday October 21

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00am and 2:30pm	Single sessions
0-500 / NLM Pairs	10:00am and 2:30pm	Single sessions
Mini lesson 9 AM		

Sunday October 22

Open Swiss Teams	10:00am
0-500 / NLM Swiss Teams	10:00am
Play through with lunch provided	

SILVER POINTS

Stratification for Open Pairs is A:2000+ B:750-2000 C:0-750
Stratification for 0-500 / NLM Pairs will be determined by Director in Charge
Averaged master points for Swiss Teams

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South side of Sunset Point Road
Just west of US HWY 19



Jacksonville Remlinger Sectional

Oct 20-22, 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 2:45

♦ Stratified Open Pairs, Single Session

♦ 299er NLM Pairs, Single Session

(No single player may have more than 300 points)



Sunday 10:30, 2 Session playthrough

♦ Open Swiss Team

♦ 499er NLM Swiss Team

(No single player may have more than 500 points)

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



Stratification is based on the average points per pair or team.

Stratification may be modified at Director's discretion.

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Served Daily

Directions

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

Hotel Info

Marriott Courtyard at
Mayo Clinic on San Pablo
904-223-1700
When calling the Marriott ask for in-house
reservations. Be sure to ask for the bridge rate.

November 3-5

McGregor Point Bridge Club

Fort Myers

presents a

Silver Point Sectional Bridge Tournament

Come for the bridge, stay for the hospitality

Friday	NLM & Open pairs	10:00
	NLM & Open pairs	2:30
Saturday	NLM & Open pairs	10:00
	NLM & Open pairs	2:30
Sunday	NLM & Open	10:00
	Swiss teams 2 sessions	TBA

Open Stratification: A-2500+, B-1000-2500, C-0-1000

Swiss teams stratification by average masterpoints

Accommodations

Hampton Inn, 11281 Summerlin Square Rd. 239-437-8888

Special Bridge rate \$99.00 use code(BPN)

Tournament site

15675-1 McGregor Blvd. • Fort Myers • 33908

Directions: www.thebridgeplace.com

Partnerships: 239-433-4422



1ST ANNUAL

JOHN SOLODAR MEMORIAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

November 3-5, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 3 | 10:00 am and 2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

Non-Life Master Pairs

SINGLE SESSION GAMES

Saturday, November 4 | 10:00 am and 2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

Non-Life Master Pairs

SINGLE SESSION GAMES

*Sunday, November 5, 10:00 am play thru

Stratified Swiss Teams

Open & NLM (Team MP average)

2-SESSION EVENT

Single Session Game Times • \$12 per person per Session

\$3.00 extra for non and unpaid ACBL members

* \$26 per person includes entry and lunch on Sunday

STRATS

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

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

DIRECTIONS

Mandel JCC, 5221 Hood Road

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

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

SPONSORS: Janet Dresden & Paul Swanson

ENJOY OUR HOSPITALITY

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

Proceeds to benefit Youth Bridge at the JCC.

For more information contact 561-712-5276 or email Bridge@JCCOnline.com

Tournament Chair: J.R. Sanford • Partnerships: Carole Lazarou

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As I make my way to the summer NABCs in Toronto, I've made several stops visiting bridge friends around the northeast. I hope you are enjoying your summer, and have made your reservations for the Ft Walton Beach sectional 13-15 October 2017.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

70% CLUB

74.40%	Douglas Farver/Thomas Marr	Ft Walton Beach
72.50%	Marcie Jensen/ Margaret Thomas	Pensacola
72.35%	Rod Fullerton/Reggie Kneiding	Pensacola
71.79%	Tom Mookas/Jeanette Winters	Tallahassee
71.30%	Steve Blumstack/Paul Boisvert	Tallahassee
71.21%	Fernando Teson/Amy Peterson-Reznik	Tallahassee
70.83%	Marvinette Dennis/Ronald Fennell	Panama City
70.83%	Patti Poppell/ Patricia Wallace	Capital City
70.83%	Lee Anderson/Audree Newman	Ft Walton Beach
70.33%	Fernando Teson/ Theo Lichtenstein	Capital City
70.14%	Lee Anderson/June Bunn	Fort Walton

Bridge in the Panhandle

by Michelle Creel Crane

It may take mettle to get metal, at least when that metal is in the form of advancing status as a Life Master. Our Unit has had a good showing of metal-mettle over the last few months:

Connie W. Graunke (Tallahassee) and Patricia J. Wallace (Wakulla Springs) have both become Life Masters (stories below). Patti achieved Bronze at the same time, and is joined by Myrl Eisinger (Pensacola) in the Bronze category. Meanwhile, Sarah B. Carney (Niceville), Bea B. McLaughlin (Pensacola) and Tom Mookas (Tallahassee) achieved Silver. Gold Life Master was garnered by Rowland F. Kneiding ("Reggie" of Pensacola). Congratulations to all!



Gold Life Master Reggie Kneiding

I have the following news from each of our Unit's Clubs, from West to East:

Pensacola: Pensacola DBC is now on Facebook. Thanks once again to Sue Smith for setting this up. Also, thanks to Sue for getting our Club involved in some more All-Electronic

Regional games. On June 6, four pairs from Pensacola competed in comfortable quarters in the home of fellow member Joyce Gardner in the Cincinnati Regional. John Mitchell and Dolores Vest picked up 1.09 Red points, while Norma Mishoe and Judith Watson picked up some Gold (.55 points) along with Red (2.09 points).

A few weeks later, six pairs from our area competed against a field of 32 pairs, this time in closer quarters in my house, with the game hosted by the Valley Forge Regional. In that game, EVERYONE from our area got points! Norma Mishoe and Vicki Schell received 1.09 Red; Patti Hawthorne and Jody Craney earned 3.79 Gold; Lorna Bultman and Dolores Vest got 0.34 Red; Judith Watson and Richard Broughton got 1.33 Red; Holly Adams and Carla Burke received 3.41 Gold/Red; David Walker and Richard Plummer got 0.59 Red.

(I won't always report the details of these games; I have done so for two issues just to encourage you all to look into this easy way to get Red and Gold Points...)

Future All-Electronic games will be held either at the Club or in a room at the downtown Public Library. Sue will, as ever, update the PDBC website to show up-coming E-Games. Meanwhile, she makes flyers for special events and provides help with club computer issues and player queries, to name but a few of the many tasks she handles and for which we are most grateful!

Blackwater: Blackwater Duplicate Bridge Players received approval of its 501C application as a social organization, and the Board of Directors held its first meeting. Officers are Hilda Cox (President), Norma Mishe (Secretary), and Nelda Mishoe (Business Manager).

Fort Walton and Destin and Panama City: no news received in time for publication

Tallahassee: According to DeVerle Little, the mentoring program is in good shape. Many newcomers to bridge have been assigned mentors, and they have their own private games as well as their own section when they join an open game. They also participate in the Pro-Am games, with each Newplicate player partnered with an experienced member for an evening. To further advance the confidence and skills of all players, especially the newer ones, TDBC often has guest speakers who give talks on their areas

of expertise. Thanks to Spencer Hurd for his July lessons on “Modern Pre-empts.”

Connie Graunke shared some highlights of her Life Master journey. She and her brother were fortunate as children to play “family bridge” with their parents. This family foursome played whenever they were together. Connie stopped playing after her parents’ passing, until – after a 10-year hiatus – she was befriended by a couple from whom she bought a house. That couple invited her to play bridge in a local church group once a month. Connie was hesitant, but the couple was so nice, so she went anyway and SURPRISE had a great time. Connie met Richard and Glenda Todd (yes, Robert Todd’s parents), who invited her to attend a class at TDBC based on the book 25 Bridge Conventions You should Know. OH! REAL bridge!



Connie Graunke and partner Mike Neff

Connie retired after 23 years with the State of Florida. She walked into the Senior Center, was matched with a partner and began to play in earnest. In 2014, she was elected to the Novice Board; in 2017 she became President of the Club and made Life Master. She is thankful to good friends and fellow bridge players for help along the way, and especially to Mike Neff, her partner when she received the final 0.80 Gold points she needed. Finally, she states, “I know there is a lot more to come and I am looking forward to all of it!”

Patti Wallace also made Life Master recently, and since she had joined ACBL in 2008, she needed only 300 points. However, she was still working, so (unable to attend many tournaments) she passed 500 points before her Gold goal was met. Therefore her Life Master rank turned into instant Bronze.

Patti’s bridge journey is rather different

from Connie’s. Patti also grew up in a game-playing family, but bridge was never on the table. Along life’s way, she spent time in Monterey, CA in 1979 for a Korean language course. There, she met Kelvin, who apparently had her at “Ahn yong hah say yoh.” They were married that same year.

Fast forward to about ten years ago. Patti’s mother, Shirley Anne, had recently retired and had taken up bridge. Mom kept telling Patti about the game, tempting her with statements such as “You can bid Two Clubs and not have a club in your hand.” Patti and Kelvin finally caved, and took a free lesson one evening. They were happy to find a challenging game where luck was not the biggest factor to winning. Patti now plays regularly twice a week: once with her mom, once with her husband. Patti and Kelvin have both served on the board, and Patti was President for two years. She was involved in the Mentoring program and fortunate enough to work with Dr. Bob Soni. Patti is now the Tournament Chair.

Patti recounted her memories of a Regional at Sea, where she and Kelvin met Rose Patout and Berth Knight from Lafayette, LA. Their team play earned them four Gold points and a lasting friendship: the four of them have played together at Regionals in Tunica, Callaway and Biloxi as well as in each others’ Sectionals. Patti earned her final needed Gold recently at the Tampa Regional, playing with her mom, her husband and Emerald Life Master Carl Dahl. Patti’s next bridge goal is to help her mom and Kelvin (and Beth, since Rose is already there) make Life Master!



Patti Wallace and her mother Shirley Anne

Miracle Strip Sectional

October 13 - 15, 2017
Elks Lodge # 1795
1335 Highway 98 E
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
(850) 244-5361



GAMES:

Stratified Open Pairs (pair average)	Friday	1:00 & 6:00
(299er games if attendance permits)	Saturday	10:00 & 3:00
Stratified Swiss Teams (team average)	Sunday	10:00 – play through

Stratification: Open Games 2000+ "A" 750-2000 "B" 0-750 "C"

ENTRY FEES:

\$11.00 entry fee for Open Pairs
(unpaid & non ACBL members pay \$14.00)

\$100.00 entry fee for Swiss Teams
(unpaid & non ACBL members pay \$28, ACBL members \$25)

DIRECTOR: Douglas Parker

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HOSPITALITY:

Coffee & Iced Tea all sessions	Dinner Served Friday Evening
Morning refreshments	Lunch Served on Saturday and Sunday

Directions to the Tournament

FWB Elks Lodge 1795 is located on Okaloosa Island. The Lodge is located @ 1.5 miles from the foot of Brooks Bridge of Fort Walton Beach traveling East on Highway 98. For further information contact the Lodge at 850-244-5632 or E-mail dune607@elkslodge.qccoxmail.com or fwb1795elk@aol.com

Hotel Convenient to Tournament (and Reasonably Priced):

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It's funny at the end of the day how much our lives resemble the lives of our parents. My father was a ham radio enthusiast. He served in World War II as a radio technician in Pearl Harbor. When I was growing up he had his ham radio set in the basement of our home and I remember him spending hours on the radio with people from all over the world. He died in 1988 at the age of 66.

Here I am at age 62 and I spend several hours a week on BBO playing bridge against people from all over the world. Turkey, Iran, China, Canada. Countries near and far. Bridge cuts across all political and cultural spectrums.

I always love to hear how people came to play bridge. Many players had parents who played social bridge and cut their teeth as children against adults. In my house our family played pinochle for hours and hours each week in the 50's and 60's. My father's best friend introduced him to bridge in the early 70's and my dad taught my mother and me. None of my four brothers or sister showed interest in the game. Mom, Dad, my dad's friend Jerry and I played together once a week. It was quite a contrast – a 19 year old with hair down to his belt with his mom and two World War II Navy vets. I remember my father would actually pace around the house in anticipation of going over to Jerry's house to play bridge. Once there we would play until midnight sipping wine. It's the best memory of my parents in my life and it lasted for several years.

In 1981 I moved to Raleigh, NC and started playing duplicate and tournament bridge. I remember early on psyching a one spade bid with a void. My partner promptly raised me to four with five spades which was quickly doubled and down for a zillion. At least I kept them out of their 4-4 spade fit. I also played against much younger versions of Jerry Helms, Kay and Randy Joyce and Nick Nickell. Unfortunately when I returned to my parents' game in New Jersey things were different. I remember a crucial deal when I cue bid my opponents' suit. A literal explosion followed the conclusion of the bidding with accusations of bidding a suit I did not hold. The end of our cherished family game soon followed. The memories of the earlier games are gold.

As your new president of Unit 240 I look forward to serving you and meeting you!

Bob Sprick

THREE UNUSUAL HANDS

By Melody Gabriel

During my 25 years of playing bridge, I have held three very unusual hands. TWICE, while playing with my partner Lyn Giuffrida at the Vero Beach Bridge Center, we held 13 spades between us. Once was unbelievable. A few months later it happened again. Some professional players, who play a lot more than I do, have told me they have never had a hand like that.

But, the hand I want to write about today, took my breath away. It's been several years since I encountered it in a pairs game at a Gatlinburg Regional. East was the dealer, N/S were vulnerable and I was sitting West. My partner passed and South quickly bid 3 spades as I was trying to believe what I was holding.

Here was my hand:

♠ J
♥ A K Q J 10 9 8 6 5 3
♦ A 3
♣ —

So, I thought....I see two losers in my hand, South has a fairly weak hand, North must want to bid, I need to shut her out, and finally, my partner, hopefully, has ONE trick for me. I took a deep breath and bid 6♥. North passed.

My partner, having no hearts, but thankfully, having faith in me, passed. When my partner's hand came down, and I saw the ♦K, and knew I had it made. North could not lead a spade because she didn't have any! Surprisingly, only three other pairs in our section bid 6♥. And, one managed to make 7 by putting the squeeze on North who foolishly discarded the ♦Q to keep her ♠K, forgetting that the declarer had trumped her ♠A on the opening lead.

Here is the full deal:

♠ J	♠ —	♠ K 10 6 4
♥ A K Q J 10 9 8 6 5 3	♥ 7 2	♥ —
♦ A 3	♦ Q 8 6 4	♦ K J 10 9 7
♣ —	♣ A K Q 7 6 3	♣ J 10 8 5
	♠ A Q 9 8 7 5 3 2	
	♥ 4	
	♦ 5 2	
	♣ 4 2	

70% Club

75.40%	Betsy & Tim Schwerin	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
73.35%	Jamie Portell & Bill Poole	Vero Beach Bridge Club
73.32%	Bill Poole & Reanette Frobouck	Vero Beach Bridge Club
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72.64%	Joyce Cleeland & Ann Hubbard	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
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71.27%	Bill Poole & Steve Hayskar	Vero Beach Bridge Club
71.25%	Ken Farrar & Pam Reiner	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
70.83%	Lorraine Smith & Mike Johannsen	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
70.63%	Christopher Smith & Stephen Osiecke	Vero Beach Bridge Club
70.17%	Lindy Greening & Betsy Mark	Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Center
70.11%	Rita Gillililang & Alan Owiesny	Satellite Beach Bridge Club

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 jnlgreene@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.

Eleanor Betty Baum *October 18, 1915 –* *June 27, 2017*

Eleanor's passion for bridge began when she and her husband, Otto Edward Baum, had little money and would have friends over to learn bridge from Charles Goren's book. When they moved to Vero Beach, she helped establish the Vero Beach Duplicate Bridge Club. She became a Life Master in 1988. She taught and directed bridge games at the Vero Beach Club as well as on numerous cruises she took with her husband. She continued to play bridge after she was 100.

Eleanor's sons, Richard and Robert, hosted birthday celebrations at the club thanks to some loyal ladies who would organize the food. She loved the parties with all her friends and family members. Her 101st birthday party was at Indian River Estates where she lived for 17 years.



Eleanor at her 100th birthday party



MELBOURNE SECTIONAL

September 23RD - 25TH

Presented by Wickham Park Senior Center

[2785 Leisure Way, Melbourne FL 32935]

Saturday: Sept 23rd, 10:00 am & 2:30 pm, Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday: Sept 24th, 10:00 am & 2:30 pm, Stratified Open Pairs

Monday: Sept 25th, 10:00 am, Swiss Teams, 2 Session Play Through

Entry Fees

\$12 single session (\$15 non or unpaid ACBL members)

"C" 0-750, "B" 750-2000, "A" 2000 (pairs/teams averaged)

Swiss Team - \$100, includes box lunch

Directions from I-95

Exit 188 Pineda Causeway, turn **East** onto Pineda Causeway and go 2.5 miles.

Turn right onto Wickham Rd and go 2.8 miles. **Turn left** into Wickham Park after the college. 2nd building on your right.

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It particularly saddens me this is Muriel Altus' swan-song as editor of the Sunshine Bridge News (SBN). Muriel has been editor longer than the 13 years I've lived here. The first time I read the SBN, I was bowled over by the quality of Florida's little newsmagazine, and it became the only bridge publication I carry with me on a daily basis. I particularly depend on the SBN's pin-up, that is, the tournament calendar comprising the middle of each issue.

Here are my two Public Service Announcements: 1) The schedule and hotel reservation numbers for our Dec. 2017 Regional can be found on the flyer in the Tournaments section of the ACBL website, or page 9 of this issue. 2) Please see Keith Gellman no later than Sep. 8th if you wish to run for the Unit 243 board from 2018 through 2020.

Here are the answers to my second and third questions from 2016 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners in the 0-5, 2500-3500, and over 10,000 points categories. Question #2: What is your best tip for your favorite partner? and their answers are as follows:

David Kupperman (0-5): Whether declarer or defender, taking a moment to think about the bidding sequence to determine possible lines of play. Always return your partner's leads and watch for signals. Remember that your partner may also have a source of defensive tricks and think about possible ways to reach your partner to cash those winners.

Sanford Robbins (2500-3500): As I "mature", I notice that I am making more mistakes and errors. I find that [receiving] negative comments in front of opponents breaks my concentration and leads to additional errors on the next board or two.

Bella Ionis-Sorren (10,000+): Not to dwell on mistakes. There are plenty more boards and one can overcome bad ones if you concentrate on the new hands. Also to lighten up and enjoy the session.

Question #3: What would you have the clubs and tournaments do differently to improve duplicate bridge?

David: I think the clubs need to do more to recruit new players to the game to keep the game growing, such as coordinating a youth program with local schools. Encourage I/N players to attend events and tournaments by having limited games designed to attract them. At tournaments, it would be great if there were signs on elevated stands that identify where sections are, especially in a Swiss team event where it's always difficult to find the next table.

Sanford: I would suggest that there be stricter enforcement of the zero tolerance policies since I have seen many pleasant, enjoyable afternoons and evenings ruined by misbehavior.

Bella: I think that clubs have to be more conscious of zero tolerance and help players behave better. Clubs should have more mentor sessions to bring newer players into the game and make them comfortable. Also, they should enforce some actions against slow players that deliberately slow things down by sitting and discussing the hands when it is over. It makes the game unpleasant, especially for the east-wests who have to follow them. Also, north-south should be aware that they have to pass the boards in a timely fashion, and not make the next table wait. Also, I do not think that the bridge mates should show all the results. People tend to read them aloud and it gives other players a heads up on the board. The clubs might also add a small question and answer period after each game with volunteer "A" players to help the beginners.

Keith

CLUB NEWS

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Games daily (Monday thru Saturday) at 12:30pm with Lunch at 11:30am

299ers - Friday Mornings at 9:30am

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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).

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Mort Kraus, a past President, Vice President, and Regional Chairman of Unit 243, died on June 22, 2017. He served on the Unit #243 Board for over 15 years. He was a Gold Life Master and an avid Bridge player. He had many good partners and will be missed by all of them.



70% Games

76.16%	Tauba Wrobel – Stephen Marcus	Hollywood DBC
75.50%	Gerald & Susan Parker	Skolnick DBC
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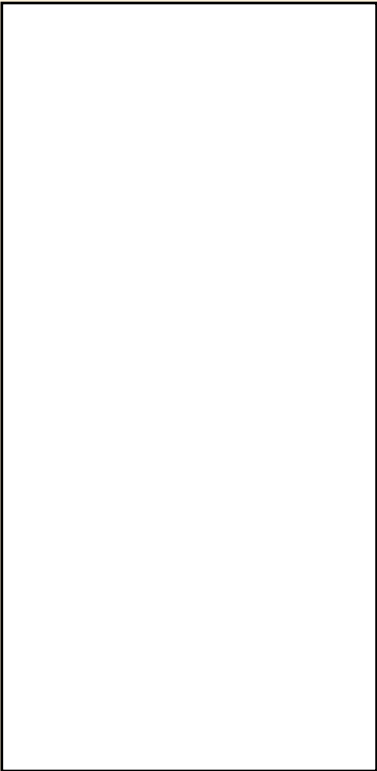
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