MONDAY January 1
Win-an-Entry Kickoff Pairs 1:00
Bracketed Senior KOs 7:30
Bracketed Open KOs 7:30
Charity Pairs 7:30

TUESDAY January 2
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Morning Fast Pairs Series 9:30
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50/100/200 I/N Pairs 1:00 7:30
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Side Game Series I 1:00 7:30
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THURSDAY January 4
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Bracketed Senior Pairs 10:00 3:00
Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 7:30
Easybridge! Pairs 1:00
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FRIDAY January 5
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Morning Fast Pairs Series 9:30
Bracketed Senior Pairs 10:00 3:00
Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 7:30
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Morning KOs (continued) 9:00
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Side Game Series II 1:00 7:30
Stratified Board-A-Match 7:30

SUNDAY January 7
Stratified Open Swiss 10:00 lunch provided
Stratified Senior Swiss 10:00 lunch provided
Stratified I/N Swiss 10:00 lunch provided

Knockouts - BAM - Swiss
Senior Pairs & Senior Swiss
Side Pairs - Fast Pairs
Newcomers & Intermediate Program

The most up-to-date version of this flyer is on the Unit 240 Website: www.acblunit240.com

December 2006
Directions: From Sunshine Skyway Bridge, I-275, take US 19 S about 2-1/2 miles to merge with US 41 S (NOT business route) about 2-1/2 miles to left turn onto Haben Blvd. From I-75, take exit 224, US 301 S towards Palmetto, also to a left turn onto Haben Blvd.
It’s that time of year when we welcome all our good friends up north to another beautiful season in paradise. We have really missed you.

I have to miss the Daytona Regional going on as I write this because tomorrow I leave for Hawaii and a pre-tournament cruise. This is probably the first Daytona Regional I’ve missed. It is one of my favorites.

I went to the Naples tournament which replaced the Marco Island site. Anyone who thinks the site doesn’t make a difference better look at these results. By Friday night we had only one table less than we had had in Marco for the entire week. Poor Patty Johnson was desperately trying to find another table. The final result was up 37 percent. Pretty good.

Jayne has signed the Naples Grand Hotel and Spa again for the next few years. Aren’t we lucky?

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season and this finds all of you anticipating the New Year with pleasure.

Sincerely, 

Bette Cohn, District 9 President • BetteCohn@verizon.net
FALL 2006 NABC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

It is with pleasure that I can report that I was elected as the representative for the Eastern Zone on the Executive Committee for a three year term beginning the first of the year. The Executive Committee is called upon to deal with urgent matters that come up between regular board meetings. I hope this is an indication of good things to come... the election for President of ACBL for the year 2008 takes place in July at the Nashville NABC 2007 board meeting.

The Trustees of Charity Foundation met and I was again elected as the Treasurer for a one year term. Each year the Charity Foundation gives $20,000 to five (5) Districts on a rotating basis. District 9 receives these charity grants in the year 2007. This sum can be divided into no more than five (5) separate grants, each of which must be made to a qualified 501© (3) organization. If you would like to recommend an organization that meets these qualifications, please let me know.

We are so proud of our Florida players: *Zeke Jabbour was voted as the ACBL Honorary Member of the Year for 2007. Zeke is a frequent player in our Regional tournaments and is the popular author of the “Winsome and Loathsome” column in the Bridge Bulletin magazine.*

*Steve Garner and Howard Weinstein won the prestigious Life Master Open Pairs event at the Hawaii NABC.*

Jay Baum, CEO of ACBL, reported that membership in ACBL is predicted to increase 1,375 new members by year end. Also, table count in Regional, Sectional and STaC games show increases in 2006.

With the sale of the Product Store, office space required by management has diminished greatly. The headquarters building and warehouse are up for sale and an offer to purchase has been made. There is nothing concrete to report since the sale has not been finalized.

The ACBL Board of Directors will engage in an educational program at the March 2007 board meeting in St. Louis. The program will last one day and be conducted by Board Source, a consulting organization, with topics determined by the President and Management.

A motion was made to designate a specific month as Educational Foundation Month. This decision was deferred to the Spring 2007 board meeting.

The board voted against a motion to allow full time or part time ACBL Tournament Directors to serve as elected or appointed Unit or District Board members was defeated. This would be in direct conflict with employment policies within ACBL.

A motion to approve the origination of an ACBL Foundation to fund educational, charitable, social, scientific and historic endeavors that either promote bridge or for the benefit of bridge players or bridge entities was defeated. This was a very close vote. I voted against forming another foundation since we have in place an ACBL Educational Foundation and ACBL Charity Foundation.

The Finance Committee worked long and hard hours to complete budget projections for 2007. The 2006 budget figures show a loss of approximately $120,000, but the projections for 2007 are favorable.

I was pleased to see so many Floridians at the Nationals in Honolulu. Many of our players won or placed in National events. It is not too early to start planning a trip to St. Louis for the Spring NABC. All NABC events in 2007 will be at Marriott Hotels.
A calendar year passes. Some of us reflect. Since I’m writing this note to you right before Thanksgiving, I can tell you how thankful I am for so many things, not the least of which is that I continue to enjoy the great game of bridge, after over thirty years as an ACBL member.

Have I ever told you that my son, Steve, met his wife, TC, at a bridge tournament? That is surely a bonus facet of my love of the game.

ACBL CEO Jay Baum mentioned at the November ACBL Board of Governors meeting that he is impressed with the vast network of volunteers around ACBL Land. I must say I totally agree with him. I get to notice more than most of you, probably, because I hear from the various clubs and units around District 9. Many of you show up at the door of the club or tournament, pay your entry fees, sit down and play bridge. Luckily for that group, others of you give of your time and energy to be sure these games, clubs and tournaments run smoothly. Sometimes it’s a daunting task. Kudos to all workers, volunteer and otherwise, who take pride in a job well done.

Many of you are aware of the make-up of our district, but you might not be aware of how it relates to the organization of our Sunshine Bridge News. Each unit (we have five) gets its own pages to do with as it wishes, with very little guidance from the district. The units happen to be listed numerically, so Unit 102’s information appears first and Unit 243’s information appears last. Sectionals within each unit have their ads published following the unit news pages. Regionals are advertised near the front of the book. The calendar, thanks to the excellent recommendation of member Maureen Moriarty, of Sarasota, is always in the middle of the book, and the back cover lists pertinent information for sectionals and regionals during the two months covered by that particular issue. I hope you find the SBN user-friendly. Comments are always welcome. If you are interested in helping the SBN by selling advertising, please contact me or President Bette Cohn. Our contact information may be found on page 11.

Thanks for the opportunity to visit with you here.
CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN ST. LOUIS

District 9’s winners in the North American Pairs contests, decided in the finals of the event in Vero Beach November 4th and 5th, have the opportunity to represent us at the finals of the entire event at the St. Louis NABCs in March.

**Flight A:**
- Joseph Godfrin Sarasota
- Ed Schulte Tampa
- Ellie Hanlon Tequesta
- Mary Savko Iowa City
- John Brady Jacksonville
- Brian Gunnel Jacksonville

**Flight B:**
- Kevin Dwyer Lehigh Acres
- John Zaleskie Estero
- Bijoy Anand Jacksonville
- Earl Brown Jr St. Augustine
- Geoff Jones III Orlando
- Kay Jones The Villages

**Flight C:**
- Jaime Dornbusch Aventura
- Herbert Jordan Miami
- Frank Page Palm Bay
- Pamela Page Palm Bay
- E. Harmon-Hanna Palm Bay
- Peter Sheiman W. Melbourne

Schulte has just surpassed the 15,000 masterpoint level, and Hanlon is a new Platinum Life Master (10,000). Anand, Brown and Jones also earned the right to represent us in last year’s NAPs, as did Sheiman. An unsubstantiated report tells us that Jones and Jones are father and son. Sheiman and Harmon-Hanna also were representatives from District 9 to the Grand National Teams finals in Chicago last July.

Some of the contestants who go to the finals receive financial assistance for their travels. Mark your calendars for the next North American Pairs competition. Club qualifying games are held during the months of June, July and August, and the district finals, to earn the right to represent District 9 at the Spring NABC in Detroit March 5-16th, 2008, will be held in Vero Beach on October 25-26 of this year.

There is still time for teams to qualify for the district finals of the Grand National Teams. Clubs may hold qualifying games during January, February and March, in addition to the ones they held in November and December. District Finals for the GN Ts will be held in Vero Beach May 4-6.

GARNER AND WEINSTEIN WINNERS AGAIN

At the Fall NABCs in Hawaii, Sarasota resident Howard Weinstein, and sometimes Sarasota resident Steve Garner, won the Life Master Open Pairs.

In the four major National events completed before our deadline for this issue of the SBN, all these District 9 players had placed in the overalls:

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DIRECTOR’S CORNER

RESOLUTIONS!!
By Harry Falk

Any time there is a bid or play out of turn, the director should be at the table. And, any time that the opposing side says that you don’t need the director, the director should be at the table.

Protect your rights, don’t be afraid to call the director.

Learn to play in an expeditious manner.

One of the most frequent complaints that directors get is that of slow play. It’s ok to take the time you need to play a hand, but there is no excuse for not completing play and moving on to the next hand quickly and without discussion. In club games, when travelers are used, it is very discourteous to other players to sit and discuss the other seven scores on the same board and how Maxie and Minnie could possibly have had the nerve to bid 3NT on this board.

Also, be sure if you’re sitting North-South to pass boards to the next table promptly. When the round is called, if you’re still playing the final board, pass at least one board to the next table so they can get started. That’s the price you pay for sitting North-South, with the privilege goes the responsibility.

Here’s a resolution for all of our club directors. Take steps to make yourself a better director and help your players enjoy themselves more.

There are lots of ways to do this. (And I don’t mean by trying out a new cake recipe.) When you’re sitting around during the game, use your time wisely. Pick up the law book and review some of the laws. Go to your computer and look at the various commands available in ACBLSCOR (I bet there are more than a few you’ve never used that could make your life easier). Set up some test games with some of the many movements available. Yes, it’s still ok to do the crossword or Sudoku, but remember to call the rounds on time and keep the game moving.

Ok, I know resolutions are made in good faith and are almost always broken shortly after the start of the year. But I hope that some of you will try to implement some of my suggestions for the New Year. I hope you have a great year at the table and that you win lots of masterpoints!!

“Decide what you want to do before you touch the bidding cards. Don’t place your partner in a difficult situation.”
Our Own
Zeke Jabbour Honored

It is with distinct pride that we announce to you that Zeke Jabbour has been named 2007 Member of the Year for ACBL. We’ll read all about him when the ACBL Bulletin announces this very special appointment. In the mean time, here is what the ACBL website said, immediately following the announcement:

Jabbour Wins Some
Zeke Jabbour has been named ACBL Honorary Member of the Year for 2007. Jabbour is the popular author of the “Winsome & Loathsome” column in the Bridge Bulletin Magazine. He is a Grand Life Master and winner of the Barry Crane Top 500 award in 1989.

Here is what the ACBL website said, immediately following the announcement:

“Seriously, though, I am profoundly grateful. When the people in the game you love bestow a signal honor such as this upon you, it has to move you. For that alone, I’m glad they didn’t wait to do it posthumously. Indeed, I wonder if they might have thought they did. I do love bridge and I love the people who play it. I thank all of you, not only for this honor, but for enriching my life.”

Please join the Sunshine Bridge News staff in congratulating Zeke. In the remaining five issues this year, we’d like to publish comments from members about Zeke. You may email Joseph Clark at jca@sunshinebridge-news.com or Muriel Altus at msa@sunshinebridge-news.com.

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“Adjunct to the Board

Happy and Healthy New Year’s wishes to you all! I can’t believe how fast this year has gone by. We have had many great bridge events here in Unit 102, and are looking forward to more in 2007. By the time you read this, our Unit Holiday Party will have come and gone, and hopefully you all had a wonderful time.

There will be a Unit Championship Charity Game on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at the In-Between Club, so make your reservations and come to support the ACBL National Charity and win those extra points.

Our January Sectional is at the Chelsea Center from January 18 – 21, with our Annual Meeting and Election to be held on Saturday, January 20th. Make sure to read about voting times elsewhere in this issue, and exercise your right to vote!

I would like to direct your attention to a request from your Board of Directors for help in selecting local charities to be the beneficiaries of our charitable donations. Part of our mission, as specified in our bylaws, is to contribute to various humanitarian causes, both in cooperation with the ACBL nationally, and also at the local level. Please visit our Unit 102 website to make your preferences known, or send them to Michael Kassay, our webmaster, by snail mail, at 3301 Riviera Dr., Sarasota, FL 34232. We would like to have two or three suggestions, and then we will prepare a list of the most popular choices and have the membership vote on our charities for the year.

Your Board of Directors is investigating various ways to give back to our members, as well as to charitable causes. We would welcome any suggestions that you, the members, might have. Please feel free to communicate either electronically on the website, or personally, with the Board members. Your input is very important, as we want to be in touch with and responsive to our constituents!!
HANDICAPPED BRACKETED KNOCKOUTS—TRY ‘EM

During our November Sectional, the top bracket of our Handicapped Knockout Teams was won by the Herrygers team, consisting of Ron Herrygers, Shirley Ramspeck, Rudi Kastelic, and Carol Rowland. This team has a combined total of approximately 8500 masterpoints, and during the event they drew as opponents a team having 43,000 masterpoints. They were able to emerge victorious with the benefit of a 14 imp handicap. The playing field becomes a little more level as a result of the handicap system, so keep this in mind when you are considering whether or not to play in this event. Everyone has a chance to win on any given day.

“ADVENTURES IN DUPLICATE BRIDGE” AVAILABLE COMPLIMENTS OF UNIT 102

The Suncoast Bridge Association (Unit 102) has purchased copies of “Adventures in Duplicate Bridge” for distribution free of charge to new duplicate players in our unit. This helpful booklet is a guide for beginning duplicate players and was written by Edith McMullin. She has been involved for many years with the ACBL Intermediate/Novice Program and has brought the joy of playing duplicate to many new players. If you are a teacher or a player and know someone who would like to have a copy, please contact Carol Hamilton at 941-371-0949, or jimandcarolh@comcast.net.

NEW TO UNIT 102

Unit 102 welcomes new ACBL members to the Suncoast Bridge Association. We wish each of you a rewarding bridge career.

72% CLUB

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DON’T FORGET OUR JANUARY SECTIONAL

JANUARY 18-21, 2007 AT THE CHELSEA CENTER

Annual Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 9:30 a.m.
**CLUBS IN THE UNIT 102 AREA** *(see also www.Unit102.com)*

East Side DBC, 1720 53rd Ave. E., Oneco, Kiwanis Community Center, Bradenton, 34203; 941-739-1100, Nan Meyer, n3nt@verizon.net.

In-Between DBC, Town & Country Plaza, 501 N. Beneva Rd. Sarasota, 34232; 941-365-7875, Michelle Golden, Club Website: bridgescore.com/inbetween

InterCity DBC, Southgate Community Center, 3145 South Gate Circle, Sarasota, 34239; 941-746-4999, Ruth Howard, Ruth_Bridge@msn.com

Longboat Key BC, Longboat Island Chapel, 6200 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key, 34228; 941-758-2017, Larry Auerbach

Meadows DBC, Dickens Inn, Meadows Country Club, 3101 Longmeadow, Sarasota, FL 34235: 941-923-3684, Duane Rancourt, DuaneRancourt@comcast.net

Merrill Bridge Club, Longboat Island Chapel (Thursday), 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive & Bayfront Park Rec.Cnt. of LBK (Wed. & Sat.), 4052 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key, FL 34228; 941-758-2017, Larry Auerbach

*MClub Website: www.District9acbl.org. Scroll down to District 9 Club Game Results.*

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