

# SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS

ACBL - District 9 • [www.district9acbl.org](http://www.district9acbl.org)

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## Who's Playing Bridge? We Are!

These 11 clubs are in the top 50 of the ACBL  
in the number of tables played in 2016

2	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach	13,825.5
4	The Villages DBC, Lady Lake	12,888
5	The In-Between DBC, Sarasota	12,150.5
8	Vero Beach Bridge Center, Vero Beach	11,266
10	Boca Raton DBC, Boca Raton	10,865
11	Naples Bridge Center, Inc., Naples	10,807
12	Fort Lauderdale BC, Fort Lauderdale	9660
19	Temple Sinai DBC, Delray Beach	8154
21	Bonita Bridge @ Wiggins, Naples	8001
22	McGregor Point BC, Fort Myers	7746
28	Mandel JCC PBG, Palm Beach Gardens	7059



# TOP FIVE REASONS TO BE SURE YOU QUALIFY FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS DISTRICT FINALS

#5-You can win red points in qualifying club games.

#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 will 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.

Are you curious what happens after you qualify in a club game in June, July or August? You win the honor of playing in the district-wide finals on Saturday and possibly Sunday, October 28th and 29th. The two clubs holding these finals for District 9 are the St. Petersburg Bridge Club on the west coast and the Palm Coast Bridge Club on the east coast (north of Daytona). As we go to press, it hasn't been decided yet whether there will be an electronic component added to the brick and mortar finals event. Watch the District 9 web site, [district9acbl.org](http://district9acbl.org), for updates.

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](http://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 NAP Chair Shirley Seals at [ShirleySealsFL@aol.com](mailto:ShirleySealsFL@aol.com).

\*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 2017 at the Philadelphia Spring NABCs.

# SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS

## SEEKS EDITOR

The Sunshine Bridge News requests applications from individuals interested in being considered for the position of editor.

The position requires approximately 50-100 hours per two-month production period.

Attributes useful in the job:

Knowledge of organized bridge in Florida  
(could be acquired)

Attention to detail (you're probably born with it)

Job easily accomplished from the comfort of your own home

Send qualifications and salary requirements no later than September 1st to

**[bsandifer@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bsandifer@cfl.rr.com)**

# PALM BEACH GARDENS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

## August 21-27, 2017

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

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

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bridgenesse.com/D9PDskIndex

### HOSPITALITY

Coffee & Orange Juice Daily  
Monday-Friday Evenings  
Open Hospitality Room  
Everyone Welcome  
Subsidized Sunday Snacks

### STRATA

Open Events  
A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750  
Florida Gold Strats:  
500-750/200-500/0-200  
A/X/Y Strats:  
5000+/2500-5000/0-2500  
299er Events  
A=200-300, B=100-200, C=0-100  
299er Strata May Be Changed at  
Director's Discretion  
All KOs and Saturday Swiss are  
Bracketed (top bracket may be  
handicapped). All other Swiss and  
pairs are stratified by Masterpoint  
Average.

### DIRECTIONS

From I-95, take Exit 78B onto  
PGA Blvd., travel west 2  
miles then turn left onto  
Avenue of Champions.  
From Florida's Turnpike, take  
Exit 109 to Palm Beach Gardens  
and turn right, 1 mile, turn left  
into resort.

# 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 Thurs)  
**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)  
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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)  
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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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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](http://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)

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**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:**

Charles Gill 727-363-1136 [cfgill@verizon.net](mailto:cfgill@verizon.net)

St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located just off I-275. From I-275, take Exit 28 and drive west on Gandy/Park approx 11/2 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.





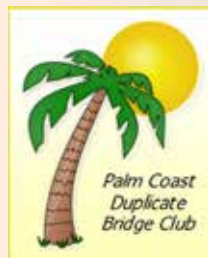
# SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT 9 NAP FINAL AT THE PALM COAST DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

**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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**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**

**(386) 585-4889 • [www.palmcoastbridge.org](http://www.palmcoastbridge.org)**

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**Partnerships: Pete Monachese • (386) 313-1623 • [petermona831@aol.com](mailto:petermona831@aol.com)**

### Local Hotels:

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

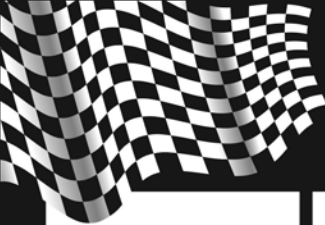
**Red Roof Inn** 10 Kingswood Drive, Palm Coast, FL 32137 • (386) 446-8180

**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  
100 N. Atlantic Ave • Daytona Beach • (386) 947-8024

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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

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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 Berg  
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)  
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**TUE  
NOV  
7**

10:00 & 2:30 Tues-Wed Bracketed KO (cont'd 10:00 & 2:30 Wed)  
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**WED  
NOV  
8**

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NOV  
9**

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2:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)  
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7:30 Evening Side Fast Pairs Series (4th of 6)

**FRI  
NOV  
10**

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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





## The Common Game

***Congratulations to Our  
April & May Winners!***

### **APRIL WINNERS**

Open Game - Most Points earned:

**Sherman Gao** - Laguna Woods DBC (CA)

299er Game - Most Points earned:

**Marc Shapiro** - Glen Rock Bridge Center (NJ)

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

**Fernando Teson** - Tallahassee DBC

**Radu Nistor** - Honors BC (NYC)

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

**Laurie Shor** - Honors BC (NYC)

Attendance - Most Plays:

**Larry Lazarow** - Boca Raton DBC

### **MAY WINNERS**

Open Game - Most Points earned:

**William Poole** - Vero Beach BC

299er Game - Most Points earned:

**Natalie Weinman** - North Orlando BC

Most Top Twenty Finishes Open:

**Iulian Rotaru** - Cavendish BC (NYC)

Most Top Twenty Finishes 299er:

**George Spencer** - North Orlando BC

Attendance - Most Plays:

**Kenneth Wagner Jr.** - Ft. Lauderdale BC

### ***What is The Common Game?***

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

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

- Players can compare their results with players in Florida and across the country.
- Pro analysis of many of the interesting hands played
- Individual play analysis (if your club uses Bridgемates/ 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](mailto:Sara@TheCommonGame.com)

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

# District 9

## President's Message

by Betty Sandifer

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While we enjoy our warm summer in Florida, we cross our fingers and hope we will not host our feared and unwanted storms and hurricanes.

How was Toronto? Many of you went to Toronto to play at the Summer NABC, and I'm sure you also enjoyed and absorbed some of the cultural sights, restaurants and other amenities the city has to offer. And while playing on July 27, 28, 29, did you see any of our 30 District 9 young players representing us in Toronto this year? I've been fortunate in sharing a bit of time with some of these young players and I can tell that they saw this trip as an adventurous bridge experience. Can you remember the first time you applied for a passport, traveling overseas and then coming back to the USA? What a feeling...ah, to be young again! And of course, our warmest congratulations to all our winners in Toronto. Very best luck to our Grand National Teams representatives in the four flights.

The Southeasterns Regional at the Marriott in Coral Springs with 1371 tables was, again, a great success. Our players enjoyed the wonderful hospitality extended to them by Unit 128. Our District 9 Regional in Tampa has taken place at the DoubleTree Hilton, after my deadline for writing this message. I hope whoever attended had a great and successful time. Save the date for our only summer regional, the Palm Beach Gardens Regional, at the PGA National Resort & Spa, August 21-27.

District 9 NAP/GNT finals: Ask and you shall receive. In the previous issue I requested your input and we did receive some very constructive suggestions. In fact, next time you compete in the NAP finals you will have two choices: Tampa on the west coast or Palm Coast on the east coast, and when you compete in the District 9 GNT finals, we will have the Conditions of Contest published so you will know how the game(s) will be run. Our goal still continues to have a centralized location in Florida to accommodate our special sectional and the NAP or GNT finals for District 9, and when we have something concrete to share, we will. Remember, we do read and listen to you and try to make changes to help all players in District 9. We do not always succeed, but we definitely keep trying.

Featuring our top clubs in Florida is certainly worth reading about and if your club did not make the list, certainly in your heart, your club is at the top of your personal list.

Have a great summer, but mostly enjoy and appreciate the time you spend playing bridge with relatives, friends and new friends.

See you at the next tournament.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

## REMEMBER

**July 1-31 NAP Club Qualifying**

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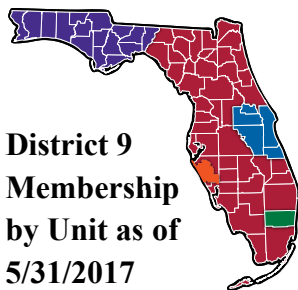
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Page 14: Clubs across Florida continue to be among the largest in the country...and growing!

**18,658**  
District 9 Members!  
(210 more than last year)



Unit	Name	Members
102	ACBL Unit 102	1125
128	Florida	13826
219	NW Florida	674
240	Central Florida	2099
243	Gold Coast	934
<b>Total Members</b>		<b>18658</b>

# Communicating



by Muriel Altus

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Dear Readers,

It's the time of year when a few of you (well, almost two thousand of you) leave the heat of Florida for the summer. If you gave your address change to the ACBL and asked them to keep you in District 9, then you are reading this issue with no problem. If, however, you asked them to change your address but didn't say anything about remaining loyal to District 9 despite a non-Florida/PR/US VI address, then ACBL probably moved you to your up-north unit and district and therefore you are NOT reading this message. Would those of you who ARE reading this please tell your friends and bridge partners how to keep getting the SBN up north, all summer long?

Also, for anybody who fails to receive the printed copy of the SBN, or who has thrown out an issue they suddenly wish to consult, we post all SBNs to the district web site. You can find them by going to [district9acbl.org](http://district9acbl.org), clicking on SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS, then on SBN On-Line. If ever you should look for an issue and you don't find it, or any of the pages seem to be "broken", please let us know.

I love the time when the bridge table count is reported for the previous year by ACBL. We have so much bridge going on in Florida! Of course, remember, we are over 10% of the membership of ACBL. Still, we have many successful bridge clubs and I hope you will enjoy reading about some of them in this issue's cover story. If you think we should include your own local club, by all means send me an email and I'll see what I can do about including your club, next time.

Speaking about next time: You may or may

not have noticed that I will soon be stepping down from the position of editor of the SBN. I have thoroughly enjoyed bringing you the news from District 9 and I hope you have enjoyed reading it. I certainly hope you find continued success at the bridge table and that you find it easy to plan your tournament playing by using the middle two pages of the SBN, as well as the back cover, as well as the ads for tournaments, included in our pages. I may still be here next time, as a search for my replacement has just begun. Please help District 9 by getting the word out to anybody you know who would like to do my job. It's fun!

Wishing you much fun!

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

## 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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# TABLES OF BRIDGE! ALL OVER FLORIDA

Congratulations to the eleven bridge clubs in District 9 that hosted enough tables of bridge in 2016 to be included in the Top 50 of ACBL bridge clubs by table count. Here they are, listed with their rank within ACBL and their total number of tables.

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\*denotes clubs whose table count increased from 2015 to 2016

Four of these clubs are in Palm Beach County, where a whopping 70,000 tables of bridge were played at sanctioned club games in 2016.

Special congratulations to The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club, whose table count increased from 2015 by over 1600 tables! The Villages is an invitational club, mandated by its location, so only residents of The Villages, a community of over 100,000 active seniors, plus invited guests, are allowed to play there. There were other big increases, led by one of those Palm Beach County clubs. Temple Sinai DBC in Delray Beach increased its number of tables by 1481 tables, or 22%! Other clubs with increases of over 10% include Mandel JCC in Palm Beach Gardens; Duplicate Bridge Club of Sun City Center, in Sun City Center; and North Orlando BC in Altamonte Springs.

If you're curious to see how your own club compares to clubs around ACBL or around District 9 or your own unit, you can find this info, for the current year as well as for past years, by going online to [acbl.org](http://acbl.org), then choosing CLUBS from the far left, then Club Table Counts, the third choice down on the left.

We reached out to successful clubs around Florida, not just the eleven that were in the top 50, but others who also have continued to provide sanctioned games for local players for decades. We asked if they'd care to comment on what might have worked for them recently, or what they think contributes to their success.

Jim Geary of the Daytona Metropolitan BC, where there were almost 200 more tables in '16 than in '15, told us:

"The most exciting and rewarding change we did at Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club this year was to offer 0-50 members half price game fees in our 0-799 game. Our Friday Open game was struggling holding three tables; so in deciding to offer an additional 0-799 game we added the special half price enticement for 0-50 players. We quickly increased our table count to fourteen! Open players benefited and were pleased by scoring more points because of the concurrent games.

"Another exciting change we made is taking full advantage of ACBL charity games. [This] allow[s] us to [contribute to] many local charities throughout the year [while the games] award considerably more points. Receiving more points is particularly thrilling to members in our limited games who receive less points for their limited games."

Sometimes bridge clubs get great publicity in local newspapers and magazines. The Vero



Beach Bridge Club, a member-owned club with plenty of helpful volunteers to assist the club manager, was featured in Vero Beach Magazine in February. Certainly a membership of 1000 is something of which they are very proud! One volunteer, Martha Glassmeyer, told us how to find the article, and you might enjoy reading it. It's short but pithy and has a lovely photo. Go to [verobeachmagazine.com](http://verobeachmagazine.com) and scroll down to Articles. In the Archives, you're looking for February, and the name of the article is Grand Slam. If you like to copy addresses into the window of your browser, here it is:

<http://www.verobeachmagazine.com/Vero-Beach-Magazine/February-2017/Grand-Slam/>

The Villages BC has been growing in leaps and bounds in the past several years, and the current Head Director, Paul Matheson, tells us why.

*The growth of The Villages Bridge Club has been phenomenal. In 2011 the club hosted 7,037 tables, the 27th most in the ACBL. In 2016, growth had elevated its standing to the 4th most tables in the ACBL with 12,888 tables! An increase of almost 80%! There are three main reasons for the growth:*

*1. Demographics: We are located in one of the fastest growing over-55 developments in the United States. At this time there are approximately 110,000 residents in The Villages and the end is not in sight. The developer has just announced the purchase of land allowing for an additional 14,000 new homes to be built. These new residents will be retired, usually well-educated, and looking for new challenges and activities such as bridge.*

*Our club has created new opportunities for these residents to learn the game and keep them interested. We offer many basic, intermediate and advanced bridge seminars to get people into the game. We also offer 20, 50, 100, 299, 399 and 750 limited master point games so the members can compete at their own levels.*

*2. Villages support: The Villages Recreation Department has provided us with many of the tools necessary to maintain a successful program such as equipment, supplies, and venues. A downside to our program is the lack of a single venue to play. We play our games in seven different venues. This creates its own problems but they are surmountable.*

*3. A cadre of enthusiastic volunteers: Like any successful organization, success is based on the support of volunteers. We have been fortunate to have so many interested and active volunteers.*

*The reasons for our past success are still present and we expect the growth to continue. It is our hope that we will have the most tables in the ACBL by 2020!*

Another club blessed with wonderful volunteers is St. Augustine Bridge Club, and JoAnn Vergnolle is one of them. She chose to honor two players from the Vero Beach Bridge Club, for something that didn't happen in Florida, but half-way 'round the world. JoAnn and many other bridge players were on a Holland America cruise in the far east. A few cruise lines still offer daily duplicate with ACBL masterpoint games on every cruise, but Holland America isn't one of them any more.

JoAnn says: "On our ship, we had two directors from Vero Beach who volunteered to run duplicate games each sea day for all the players on board. It was a true labor of love and for the love of the game. We had 15-16 tables each day and eventually our sheer determination to play brought the ship around to providing beverages and snacks. These two directors did all the hands, posted scores, made a little competitive journey for us. The wonder of it all is that we got no masterpoints and they got no money or benefit, and yet we all played each day for the love of the game and made many new friends."

Jack Brawner is the club manager at the Naples Bridge Center, in a town that has two clubs in the top 50 of ACBL as well as two other successful clubs. Jack sent us a wonderful set of thoughts on running a successful bridge club. Here they are!

*Greetings! We are experiencing nice growth here at our member-owned club in Naples, and expect to keep doing so.*

*This is a business. It may not be a “typical” business, but it is a business. There are some unique aspects, though. An important question to ask ourselves: “What is our competition for the recreational dollar?”*

*Very few businesses have the ability to create their own customers, but we do! By offering lessons constantly, we want to create new bridge players – new customers – on a regular and ongoing basis. Here in Florida, \*some\* of the new residents (usually retirees) may be bridge players, but a great many of them are newly retired, and looking for a hobby (even if they don’t know it yet). We can be that hobby. We are competing with everything from golf to Mah Jongg for these potential new players.*

*Obviously, some people already play bridge, and we want them to choose OUR club to play in. Geography is of vital importance (we have all heard “location, location, location”), but there are more controllable factors as well.*

*How is the customer’s experience from the moment they pull into the lot?*

*Is the parking plentiful and safe?*

*Is the entrance clean, well lit, well marked, etc?*

*When they enter, is it obvious where to go and what to do? Are they greeted?*

*Is the hospitality (food & drink) a good, neutral, or poor experience?*

*Is the game a well-run game that starts and ends on time?*

*Is the director well-versed in the laws, and does he/she apply them fairly?*

*Are director calls a pleasant or unpleasant experience?*

*Do we thank them for coming?*

*Is scoring done promptly, and accurately? Is it posted online?*

*Not only do most bridge clubs have a competing bridge club somewhere, let’s not ignore the games at city halls or community centers. Why should a resident of the Shady Rest Condo Super-Conglomerate drive to our club? We must offer something that the local clubhouse does not – better competition, a more professionally-run game, a larger game, more masterpoints, a lesson schedule, parties, special events, and anything else you can think of.*

*Many of these things could be summed up in one word: atmosphere. How is the atmosphere at your club?*

*And, if you want to ensure the retardation of your growth (or go into a downward spiral), here are some great ideas:*

*Tolerate rude behavior, as long as he/ she is a regular customer.*

*Have grouchy or condescending directors. The players need to be whipped into shape.*

*Make sure there is lots of drama and feuding going on – it keeps things interesting.*

*Do the minimum as far as cleanliness, supplies, equipment, and hospitality – after all, these things cost money, right?*

*Don’t ever be available to answer questions from new players. Sell them a book instead.*

*Ok, I could expand on almost anything I have already said, but I am sure Muriel has space considerations. I am grateful that I inherited a good situation and am working with (for) a good Board of Governors here in Naples.*

*Cheers,*

*Jack (a director who tries to follow the four “F”s – Friendly, Firm, Fair, and Funny)*

Feel free to congratulate your club managers, owners, volunteers on all the tables of bridge they hosted in 2016 and wish them well as 2017 hurtles through the summer and into the fall and then the holiday season. Be proud of your contribution to their number of tables, your masterpoints earned, your time well-spent, the friendships you’ve made. And just keep enjoying!

# Counting To Avoid A Guess

by Richard Pavlicek

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Today's deal from a local club game provides a good lesson in declarer-play technique. The bidding shown was common at many tables: After West's preemptive opening, North made a takeout double (a little light perhaps, but it's difficult to pass) and South could not resist jumping to Blackwood and bidding six notrump.

The final contract is sound, and in fact superior to a slam in clubs. Why? Because in notrump declarer can postpone his guess for the queen of clubs, whereas in clubs declarer must make this decision immediately for fear of a ruff. With none vulnerable,

♠ KQ10  
♥ 82  
♦ A97  
♣ A10965

♠ 72  
♥ KQJ10754  
♦ 63  
♣ Q2

♠ 96543  
♥ 6  
♦ 108542  
♣ 43

♠ AJ8  
♥ A93  
♦ KQJ  
♣ KJ87

West	North	East	South
3♥	Dbl	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Let's consider the play as it might have occurred at three different tables.

"Average Joe" was declarer at table one. After winning the second heart lead, he considered the play of the club suit. He had a combined holding of nine cards and, because of the bridge maxim, "eight ever; nine never,"

he knew never to finesse for the queen. Therefore, Joe cashed the top clubs and made his contract. Well done.

"Thoughtful Tom" was at the wheel at table two. He also won the second heart lead and considered the play of the club suit. He knew the normal percentage play holding nine cards, but this was not a normal situation. With hearts breaking seven-one, the odds greatly favored East to hold longer clubs. Therefore, Tom led a club to dummy's ace and finessed the jack on the way back. Oops! Down six.

"Expert Ernie" held the South cards at table three. He too won the second heart lead; but he was in no hurry to tackle the club suit. To find out more about the enemy distribution, he cashed all his winners in the other suits. Ernie learned that West began with exactly two spades and two diamonds. Combining this with the known seven-card heart suit, left West with two clubs — no more, and no less. Consequently, cashing the clubs from the top was a 100-percent guarantee.

It should be apparent that Joe's success was lucky. Tom, of course, was unlucky. And Ernie? He didn't need any luck.

*Photo Courtesy Jonathan Steinberg*

## 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).

# Am I Getting Older, or Wiser?

by Larry Cohen

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*Editor's Note: This article is a blast from the past by Larry, written before he retired from actually playing bridge! We hope you enjoy it.*



I get a chuckle when people complain about getting old. "The alternative," I tell them, "is much worse." We are all getting older, of course, but with that is supposed to come wisdom.

In bridge, we also get wiser with age. Youthfulness is usually equated with wildness in the bidding. I used to be a reckless preempter. Now, I am more disciplined. When it comes to opening the bidding, I am also moderating my ways. No, I'm not going into one of those ultra-sound shells (a la the "Roth-Stone school"). I still believe that striking the first blow is the way to go -- I hope I never become a stodgy opening bidder. Still, there is room to learn. Recently, I dealt with this hand:

♠ 5  
♥ QJ42  
♦ AK10  
♣ J10765

In the past, I wouldn't have asked "Am I vulnerable?" I wouldn't have cared if it was matchpoints or IMPs. I would have just opened the bidding 1♣, and gone on with my life. I have 11 HCP plus 1 for this, 1 for that--good enough. Alternatively, the Rule of 20 would dictate opening this hand (11 HCP, 5-4 in the longest suits).

However, a new and more mature guideline has entered my brain. I look ahead to the future. I ask myself, "What



wouldn't be so good. Even worse, it might be our hand. What do you think partner will respond? You know how partners are. Surely, you can look forward to the pleasure of his 1♠ response. Now what? The death rebid. You can't rebid notrump with a singleton, can't rebid your 5-card suit, and can't reverse into 2♥. You can't pass, so you have to make one of those lovely rebids. Yuk! So, why not show a little maturity and not open? I gave it a try. (It hurt a little, but I got over it).

What happened next? I actually got to have a good auction. LHO opened the bidding 1♠, and my partner overcalled 2♥. RHO passed, and I got to make a splinter bid of 3♠. The hand was off my chest. I had painted a nice picture of my shape and strength, and I managed this all without opening the bidding. Had the opponents bid and raised spades, I could have entered the auction with a takeout double, again providing a good description.

Anyway, I'm still opening light, but when awkward hands arise, I have become emotionally capable of passing. I hope it doesn't ruin my reputation.

Another facet of maturity (age?) is the development of a sane preemptive philosophy.

will happen if I open 1♣ with this borderline hand?"

The answers are mostly negative. For one, partner might lead a club (from, say, Kxx, or Axx). That



The younger they are, the more they bid. This philosophy isn't restricted only to the young -- I see many tournament players that bid every time it is their turn. They preempt with 5-card suits, and they don't care about suit quality.

Why?

Having played such a style (in my Marty-Bergen days), I feel well qualified to comment. Opening 2♥ with, say:

♠ 52  
♥ J87642  
♦ A32  
♣ 75

is what I'm talking about. Such actions certainly can work. You might preempt the opponents (especially if partner can raise) and force them into a ridiculous position. Opening 2♥ could easily hit a homerun. But, there is the flip side. It can often strike out. It is a real swingy, "top-bottom" action.

I prefer to go more down the middle. I wouldn't open 2♥ with that hand, but would do so, with:

♠ 52  
♥ QJ9842  
♦ A32  
♣ 75

This is still not a good-enough suit/hand for the really stodgy crowd, but I think they need to loosen up a little. They would probably need at least the ♥10, and maybe even that wouldn't be sufficient. They hardly ever get dealt a hand on which they can preempt.

So, what qualifies me to recommend this middle ground? Having played all 3 styles (sound, medium, and aggressive) I can tell you that I've seen it all. I am 100% convinced that "medium" is the long-run winner. If I had to give up "medium," the next-best would be "aggressive." I don't like the pain of enduring the strikeouts, but there are almost as many homeruns and fun to make up for it. In a weak field, especially, aggressive is not a bad way to go.



## SOUND -- RED LIGHT

As far as "sound," count me out. I have seen first hand how this is clearly a losing preemptive strategy. Yes, on the few deals where it comes up (i.e. you actually get to preempt) you are usually a winner (partner gauges the auction, opening lead, and/or defense quite well). However, the sound preempters are losing out big time by not setting enough problems for their opponents. I love to play against such (non)preempters. They never get in my way; life is good when the opponents are in love with passing.

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# Play Hard, Play Well: A Strong Line of Play

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You reach a good 6♦ contract. See if you can find the best line of play to win your Swiss team match. Dummy hits and you see:

♠ AKJ10xx  
♥ Qxx  
♦ Q9  
♣ 10x

♠ x  
♥ x  
♦ AK10xxx  
♣ AKQxx

LHO finds the best lead of the ♥A and continues with a low ♥. Plan your play!

There are many play options on this hand. Assuming the ♦ split, we have 6♦, 2♠, and 3♣ for 11 tricks. We can obtain a 12th trick a variety of different ways – in ♠, ♣, or even with the ♥Q.

We cannot ruff a ♠ to try to set that suit up, because we do not have an entry to the ♠ outside the trump and we cannot draw trump ending on the dummy. In ♠ we must either play for the drop of the ♠Q or take a finesse. But there is no rush to make this decision.

Should we ruff a ♣? What is the danger in trying to ruff a ♣? If we carefully study the situation we will see that most of the layouts where ruffing a ♣ would help us we can cover with a squeeze (when ♣ split 4-2), and thus risking the overruff of 4-2 ♣ is not worth it. (If ♣ are 3-3 we will make it for sure!) If we draw trump and run all our trump we can come to the end position at the top of the next column.

Now, no one player can guard the ♣ and ♠ (6-card ending with someone needing ♠Qxx and 4-card ♣), so if someone had both of those holdings, they were already squeezed. Additionally, if East has 4-card ♣ and no ♠Q, then we can squeeze them in ♥ and ♣ by

♠ AKJ10  
♥ Q  
♦ –  
♣ 10

♠ x  
♥ –  
♦ –  
♣ AKQxx

cashing two ♠ now. The only layout of the cards where the squeeze does not work is if East has the protected ♠Q and West has 4-card ♣, but if this was the lay of the cards, then East may have been overruffing our previous plan to ruff a ♣ (if they have the ♦J).

So we cash the ♠A and ♠K and see what good things happen! And we will make on all 3-3 ♣ splits and most 4-2 ♣ splits (and even some 6-1 ♣ splits).

One other note about playing for a squeeze in these positions instead of banking on ruffing a ♣ or playing for a ♠ finesse is that you also give the opponents an opportunity to make a mistake – something that happens more often than they would like!

The complete deal was the following, so many lines would have been successful!

♠ AKJ10xx  
♥ Qxx  
♦ Q9  
♣ 10x

♠ xxxxx  
♥ Axxxx  
♦ xx  
♣ Jx

♠ Qx  
♥ KJxx  
♦ Jxx  
♣ 9xxx

♠ x  
♥ x  
♦ AK10xxx  
♣ AKQxx



# Flair and Technique

by *Barnet Shenkin*

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One of the world's best ever players was Giorgio Belladonna of Italy. A many time World Champion, Giorgio was a great character, with both a sense of humour and a warm personality. He visited Glasgow, Scotland, came to our house and told me many stories, including from when he was a professional soccer player.

In 1974, Michael Rosenberg and I had the privilege of playing against Belladonna and Garozzo for the UK vs. Italy in Vittel, France. This was possibly the world's best ever two players in partnership. Belladonna was one of the few players to display both wonderful flair and also strong technique.

I watched him lead against 3N holding AK108xx. He led the 10, dummy had the singleton 9 and declarer QJxx. Nice shot! Here is a hand where he displayed his technique.

Contract: 4♠ by South

♠ A954  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ J765  
♣ 43

♠ KJ763  
♥ 32  
♦ A109  
♣ AKQ

Belladonna had opened 1♠ and was raised to 4♠. West led the ♣J. How would you play?

His first move was to guard against four spades in either hand by leading the ♠K. When both defenders followed suit, he played a low spade to the Ace on which East pitched the ♥5.

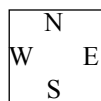
The danger is, you may lose two diamonds, a heart and a spade if all cards lay badly. A diamond finesse can lose as can a heart finesse and a second diamond. Can you see the solution?

He cashed the ♣AKQ pitching a heart from dummy. Now, he led the ♥A and the ♥Q. East won, played a diamond and West won, but was now endplayed. Had West won the first heart, he would have had to play a diamond from the KQ. Thus the contract was guaranteed in this fashion.

The full hand:

♠ A954  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ J765  
♣ 43

♠ Q108  
♥ 864  
♦ K Q 8  
♣ J1095



♠ 2  
♥ KJ975  
♦ 432  
♣ 8762

♠ KJ763  
♥ 32  
♦ A109  
♣ AKQ

## 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.

# FAB Responses to Strong 2♣ Openings

by Michael Donnelly

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Warning: The opportunity to use this convention is rare, which greatly increases the probability that at least one member of the partnership will succumb to the memory coup and forget that it is the agreement.

Many players use an artificial 2♦ bid on virtually all occasions when responding to partner's strong and artificial 2♣ opening. Since the opening 2♣-bidder frequently responds 2NT to a 2♦ response, the partnership's tools over notrump will often come into play. This in turn ensures that the stronger hand will declare more contracts, thus satisfying an important partnership objective.

An increasing number of partnerships now supplement the 2♦ bid with an artificial 2♥ bid by responder to show hands that are exceptionally weak, those with neither an ace nor king, for example. The bid has strong merit, yet it is marred with one noticeable flaw. All the good intentions of "right-siding" the hand in favor of the stronger holding will often be sacrificed when the final contract is hearts. The partnership will have successfully "wrong-sided" the contract, with responder's pathetic holding being concealed while the opening lead cuts into a tenace-rich dummy. The two hands below demonstrate the problem.

North  
♠ 74  
♥ QJ64  
♦ 10732  
♣ 863

South  
♠ AQ108  
♥ AK52  
♦ AJ  
♣ AQ9

North  
♠ 65  
♥ Q109754  
♦ 642  
♣ 107

South  
♠ AQJ7  
♥ KJ  
♦ KQ107  
♣ AQ4

In each situation, South opens 2♣ and partner responds 2♥ showing a weak hand. A 2NT rebid by opener follows, which in turn elicits responder's Stayman probe with the first hand, and a Texas Transfer with the second. In both cases the optimum contract of 4♥ is reached, yet declared by the wrong hand.

Within the framework of the above approach, no response to an artificial 2♣ opening presently exists aside from the artificial waiting bid of 2♦, or the weakness-showing 2♥. Consequently, partnerships may assign any meaning they wish to other bids without compromising their bidding structure. Allowing an additional artificial bid of 2♠, in lieu of 2♥, to show weak hands, which also happen to contain four or more hearts, will occasionally provide a partnership advantage. If the 2♣ opener subsequently responds 2NT, then bids hearts following either a Stayman or a transfer bid, an eventual heart contract will be successfully "right-sided." The challenge of assuring that the strong opener declares the contract when responder holds a weak hand, along with length in both majors, can be resolved by employing the following methods:

1) Holding a weak hand with six-four in the majors, responder initially bids 2NT. Opener may inquire about partner's exact shape with a rebid of 3♣. In a manner, similar to the Smolen convention, responder subsequently bids his four-card suit (i.e. 3♥ shows additional length in spades while 3♠ shows extra length in hearts).

2) Holding a weak hand with exactly five-four shape in the majors, responder initially bids 3♣. Opener may inquire about partner's shape with a rebid of 3♦. As in the previous example, responder rebids his shorter major.

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# Find Your Place

by Lynn Berg

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A few decades ago (well, maybe more than a few) all Pair games were Open. There was no stratification and everyone played everyone else. The occasional larger club had a novice game, but at most clubs and all tournaments Open was just that—no nuances or variation to speak of. Sometimes there was a “Masters” game which you had to have (gasp!) 50 points to participate. All team games were Open and win-lose. Lose by even one point and you were out. Not surprisingly, team games weren’t very popular.

Anyone looking at today’s tournament schedules sees many changes, most brought about by bracketing and stratifying.

**Bracketed KOs:** Divide the field by masterpoints into separate competitive groups. The number of brackets, their range of points and the masterpoints awarded are all determined by who shows up. Not until all the entries have been sold can the Directors determine the makeup of the brackets. The bigger the field, the more brackets and the narrower the point range will be in each bracket. When the turnout is small and the brackets consequently broad, sometimes the conditions of contest allow handicapping. This is not up to the directors, nor do we determine what the handicaps will be. Conditions are set by the sponsoring organization (Club, Unit, District) and handicapping is a function of the ACBL scoring program.

Even with handicapping, KOs are still a “lose and snooze” affair. Bracketed Swiss and Swiss teams allow everyone to play for the entire session or event.

**Bracketed Swiss:** As in KOs, the brackets are determined by who shows up, but then all teams in the bracket participate in a round robin with each team playing all the others. Again, the field may be small which can lead to broad ranges in the brackets.

**Swiss Teams:** This is a stratified event, with players of all levels competing together in one large field. During the event, matches are determined not by strata but by Victory Point totals. Then at the end A players must beat everyone to get points, B players must beat B and C players, and C players can get some points just by prevailing over other Cs.

Limited Games, like Seniors (limited by age) or Gold Rush (limited by masterpoint holdings) don’t pay as well as Open games because the players are protected from some of the competition. ACBL regulations require that the ceiling of the highest stratum be at least 750 in order for Gold points to be awarded.

**Flighted (Strati-Flighted)** events divide the field into separate groups and may also have stratification within the Flight. You’ll see a schedule with A/X and B/C pairs, for instance, where the two groups are separate flights and then have stratification within the flight. If there are 20 tables in the A/X and 20 more in the B/C, the A/X game masterpoints are calculated as if there were 40 tables in their event, but the B/C gets credit only for their 20.

What color will your points be? All points at Sectionals are Silver. Most points at Regionals are Red, with Gold being awarded for Section Tops, and overall winners. Even at NABCs, most events are Regionally rated and offer mainly Red points. In addition, at Regional and National events, all single session events pay in red points, whether or not they are limited. A single session Swiss, for instance, is a Red point event. Even two session events which have a lower top value than 750 will offer only Red points. If you see a Sectional which offers a Regionally-rated event, the awards will still be Silver. Such special games must be benefits for one of ACBL’s charities or educational endeavors.

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# Defending DONT

## And Natural Overcalls

by Jon Shuster

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Larry Cohen wrote an excellent article on DONT, "Disturb Opponents (One) No Trump", SBN May-June 2017, pages 20-21. Here, we shall discuss three topics: (1) How to defend against DONT (2) How to defend against natural suit overcalls of 1NT, and (3) Making sure that if you use DONT, you do not violate the spirit of the ACBL convention chart. Stolen bids, transfers (including Texas Transfers), and Lebensohl are the fundamental tools in defending against any form of interference over your 1NT. For an excellent discussion of Lebensohl, see <https://www.bridgehands.com/L/Lebensohl.htm>

### Recommended Defense vs. DONT

In what follows, we define a "Good Hand" opposite an opening 1NT as at least a good 8 high card points (HCP), for example two aces or a five card suit headed by the KQ and an outside K. Hands with 9+ HCP are also good.

Despite your opponents' proper explanation, when you inquire about their alert of their two-suited bids, still it is vital to ask DONT's (or other systems') partner what shapes and strengths the bidder can have. They are obligated to fully disclose this. To avoid giving your partner unauthorized information, always ask this whether or not you intend to bid.

Play **STOLEN Bids**. (i) Almost half of two-suited DONT bids are 2♣ (♣ and a higher suit), so Double is Stayman, and all other calls are basically unchanged from 1NT(P). But see (iv). (ii) One third are 2♦. Here Double is a transfer to ♥, ♥ is a transfer to ♠, 2♠ is a transfer to 3♣ with a good hand, 2NT is Lebensohl (see link above), 3♦ is Stayman without a ♦ stopper. If you bid 2NT (Lebensohl) then 3♦ over partner's forced 3♣ is Stayman with a ♦ stopper. DONT worry about the undisclosed suit. (iii) Only one in six bid 2♥ (majors): Double is negative for the minors, 2♠ is a transfer to ♣ with a good hand, 3♣ is a transfer

to ♦ with a good hand. You can immediately, or after partner responds to a negative double, or after transferring, bid 3♥ (with ♥ stop not ♠ stop) or 3♠ (♠ stop not ♥ stop). Slow: 2NT then 3NT over 3♣ has both majors stopped. A direct 3NT has neither major stopped, with no 5-card minor. With weak hands, competing for a part score in a minor, use Lebensohl 2NT, and you can play 3♣ (pass partner's 3♣) or convert to ♦ (bid 3♦ over 3♣, to play). Note: Do not make a negative double with both majors stopped and game-going values.

If they show a one-suited hand by doubling, you have all of your bids available. But if they bid 2♠ (one suiter), ask them what the difference between direct 2♠ and double then 2♠ is. We cover defenses to natural overcalls in (2) below.

(iv) DONT opponents give you excellent chances to collect big penalties. Say the opponent bids 2♦ and you have a 4 card ♦ stack and a good hand. You have the safe option of passing. Remember double by you would be a transfer to ♥. My partners will not let 2♦ die if it goes 2♦-P -P(3 card♦ support). Partner, with a doubleton ♦ will always balance, usually with a takeout double. Now the opponents are in trouble. You can have 10 HCP or even more. Remember your LHO will always pull with a doubleton ♦, so you are in no danger of getting this passed out. If they run, usually double and usually lead trump.

### Defending against natural two-level overcalls over 1NT

Over 2♣ and 2♦ overcalls, defend exactly per DONT. No extra memory is involved here.

Over 2♥ and 2♠, think Transfer+Lebensohl. (i) Over 1NT(2♥), double is a stolen bid (transfer to ♠), 2♠ is a transfer to ♣ with a good hand, 2NT is Lebensohl, 3♣ is a transfer to 3♦ with a good hand, 3♥ is Stayman (good hand) without a ♥ stopper. Immediate 3NT denies a ♥ stopper. If

you transfer to ♠ and then bid 3♥ (slow: you have a ♥ stopper), if you bid 3NT over partner's 2♠ response (fast, you deny a ♥ stopper). Likewise, if you bid 2NT then 3♥ over partner's forced 3♣ bid, this is Stayman with a ♥ stopper. Note that once you bid 2NT, there are no more transfers after partner's 3♣. (ii) Over 1NT(2♠), there is less room, so I recommend double as a transfer to ♣ with a good hand, 2NT=Lebensohl, 3♣ and 3♦ as transfers to ♦ and ♥, with good hands respectively. After transferring, you can bid 3♠ (spade stopper) or 3NT (no spade stopper). Stayman is bid by 3♠ over 2♠ (no ♠ stopper), or 2NT followed by 3♠ (with ♠ stopper). Again, there are no transfers after partner responds 3♣ to your Lebensohl 2NT.

### Advice to DONT users.

If the opponents ask, reveal your complete partnership understanding. It is inappropriate to just answer "DONT". Your card already tells them what suits you could have. What is the point count range and what suit lengths in both suits (not just one) do you promise? Larry Cohen recommends 5-4 or more shapelier, but a large number will use it with 4-4, especially when not vulnerable. DONT zealots place no point count requirements on their bids, with for example, ♠-Jxxx ♥-xx ♦-Jxxx ♣-xxx qualifying as a 2♦ bid.

If you play DONT, you are ethically obligated to know and explain your exact agreement.

The ACBL convention chart specifically states under Disallowed: "Conventions and/or agreements whose primary purpose is to destroy the opponents' methods." Larry Cohen does not endorse such DONT zealotry, but many pairs do use it with a near Yarborough and any 4-4 shape. For these players, many DONT bids violate the spirit if not the letter of this regulation. There is a fine line between being purely destructive and ethically obstructive. In addition, there are many other commonly used conventions that can be viewed in the same light as DONT. The ACBL needs to clarify exactly what this chart prohibition means.

This is a major issue for our District 9 club games, where inexperienced players, the lifeblood of our clubs, are intimidated by destructive bidding, which has a discouraging impact on these players' enjoyment of duplicate bridge.

The Gainesville Bridge Clubs have recently defined what destructive bidding is for a variety of situations. For DONT, hands with fewer than 7 Goren points including distribution are off limits. This is actually both liberal and objective. Violations will be recorded. There will be no penalties involved in recording, but patterns cannot be detected without such evidence.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN TORONTO

It is with pleasure that we announce the teams who will be representing District 9 at the ACBL Grand National Teams events in Toronto. Flights A, B and C receive financial subsidies to attend.



*Champ Flight: Russell Ekeblad, Portsmouth, RI; Richard Coren, Aventura; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne; Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gdns*



From the evening Common Game, November 17, 2016 (board 15). With NS Vul,

♠ J93	♠ AKQ1052
♥ QJ32	♥ A975
♦ 109	♦ 63
♣ K1054	♣ J

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	2NT (minors)
3♠	4♦	4♠	All Pass

On the opening lead of the ♦5, North won with the ♦A and continued with the ♦2. South won with the ♦J and switched to a low ♣. You guess correctly, playing low, North wins with the ♣A and switches to the ♥4. Plan the play.

It would have helped to be able to draw trumps first and learn something about the ♥ split by revealing the ♠ distribution. North's play forces you to make the decision right away. The primary guiding light is to use all of the information from what has happened so far. But that is not sufficient. You also have to base your play on what would have happened under various scenarios, that did not materialize.

The right play is to go up with the ♥A! North has shown two aces already, and if he had the ♦K, he would have played the ♦AK on the first two rounds so South has it. But S did not lead the ♦K,

so she cannot have both the ♦KQ! Ergo, North holds the ♦Q, which adds up to 10 HCP, and the failure to open the bidding means he cannot have the ♥K. So you go up with the ♥A, triumphantly dropping the ♥K singleton, and make your contract. Seventy-three pairs took nine tricks, 30 pairs ten tricks, and six pairs somehow managed to take 11 tricks. Of course not all pairs could take advantage of the information provided when their opponents decided to interfere on the second round. Sometimes it pays to stay quiet. Note that the vulnerability makes a sacrifice unprofitable. Here is the full board:

♠ 64  
♥ 10864  
♦ AQ72  
♣ A92

♠ J93  
♥ QJ32  
♦ 109  
♣ K1054

♠ AKQ1052  
♥ A975  
♦ 63  
♣ J

♠ 87  
♥ K  
♦ KJ854  
♣ Q8763

EW 4♠; EW 3♥; NS 3♦; EW 1N; NS 2♣; Par result: -420 NS



Flight A: James Scott, Wellington; David Treitel, Miami; Edward Schusler, Lady Lake; Steven Barcus, Altamonte Springs



# TWO OVER ONE (ALMOST) GAME FORCING, MIKE LAWRENCE STYLE

Lester McCracken

The last two issues (March/April) and (May/June) have discussed 1NT forcing vs. semi-forcing by an unpassed hand. To give a partnership a much more flexible way to set the final contract, here is an additional argument for making 1NT 100% forcing by an unpassed hand. Would you like to bid a non-forcing 1NT over partner's 1♥ opener with the following?

♠32  
♥5  
♦KQ10983  
♣J832

Our discussion is limited to first or second seat openings of one of a major.

Today, most players play two over one as a game force, 1NT response to 1♥/1♠ as forcing, and many play Bergen raises. There is much to recommend Mike Lawrence's style where 2/1 is forcing to game, unless the suit is repeated. This gives you another tier of showing strength with a six-card suit ranked below partner's opener.

Lawrence wrote: If responder bids a suit at the two level and opener makes a minimum rebid in a suit and responder then rebids his suit at the three level, he is

showing an invitational hand with a good six or seven-card suit.

Using this approach:

(1) A rebid of opener's suit at the two level may show six.

(2) If NT is bid [at the second opportunity by either partner], a game force is established.

(3) A rebid at the three level establishes a game force.

One more caution: You should not bid 2/1 with a five card suit, unless you plan it as game forcing. [Otherwise, to put on the brakes, you are likely to have to rebid an unsupported five-card suit.]

For a more complete discussion of this 2/1 treatment, see Lawrence: "Workbook on the Two Over One System", available from Amazon.com.

*Editor's Note: We thank Lester McCracken for the very important comment about why we might shudder in our shoes to be passed in a 1nt semi-forcing bid by partner with a 5332 minimum. Some of our readers have been fortunate enough to have learned from Mike Lawrence in person, as well as from his extremely popular bridge writings.*



Flight B: Bill Page, Regina Sooy, Clive Morgan, all of Jacksonville; Mark Kessler, Ponte Vedra

3) Holding a weak hand with four-four in the majors, responder's first bid is 3♦.

4) An initial bid of 3NT by responder shows a weak hand and five-five in the majors.

5) An initial bid of 4♣ by responder shows a weak hand with six or more hearts and exactly five spades.

6) An initial bid of 4♦ by responder shows a weak hand with exactly five hearts along with six or more spades.

Below is a complete summary of the artificial bids that responder has available when responding to partner's strong and artificial opening of 2♣:

2♦-Artificial, with game-going values.

2♥-Weak hand containing fewer than four hearts. May hold four or more spades.

2♠-Weak hand containing four or more hearts and fewer than four spades.

2NT-Weak hand, 6-4 in the majors. Opener may inquire with a 3♣ rebid.

3♣-Weak hand, 5-4 in the majors. Opener may inquire with a 3♦ rebid.

3♦-Weak hand, exactly 4-4 in the majors.

3NT-Weak hand, exactly 5-5 in the majors.

4♣-Weak hand, 6+ hearts and exactly 5 spades.

4♦-Weak hand, 6+ spades and exactly 5 hearts.

Allow me to make a plea for playing above your usual point level from time to time. While I don't have any fond nostalgia for what it was like when I started in duplicate in 1961 (no strats, no brackets much of anywhere—not even handicapping), I do know that playing in a game with much superior competition was good for my bridge skills. If you are winning a lot in a limited event, try dipping your toes in tougher competition. Leave the 299ers and play in the Gold Rush. Leave the Gold Rush and play in a stratified Open or in the B/C of a flighted event. You may be pleasantly surprised when you win a lot more points for the same effort!

## IF YOU ATTEND THE TORONTO NABC

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



Flight C: Michael Scher, Athena Gordon, Tricia Muniz, Bruce Maier, all from Tampa

## Five More Rules

*Randy Baron*

My first 15 rules are discussed in the January/February and March/April, 2017 Sunshine Bridge News. The last advice given in the first article bears repeating: "When One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game." -Grantland Rice

### **16. Play against good players as often as possible.**

When I first started playing in college many years ago, there weren't all the levels of stratified events. So most of the time, we learned the game in the same field as many of the top experts of the era. Of course, it's a terrific feeling to do well and add to your masterpoint total. However, if you want to improve, one of the best ways is to compete against better players. Sometimes this is not easy to do, because the events are limited by the number of points you have. But when you have a chance, enter the open game instead of the limited one at your club or in a tournament. Sure, you'll learn some humility (which is great to keep your ego in check) and you'll improve your game if you study and work on building a solid partnership. Some clubs have mentor programs where you can have the opportunity for a game with a more experienced player.

### **17. "The harder you practice, the luckier you get."**

This true quote has been uttered by a number of top athletes including Gary Player and Michael Jordan. You have seen countless players who come to the club or tournament week after week (and there's certainly nothing wrong with the social aspect of our fantastic game) without attempting to learn anything new. They simply do the best they can and are usually satisfied with the results. Whatever you are devoting your time to, why not strive to be the best you can be; it doesn't matter whether it's your family, occupation or playing a game. Try to balance your bridge hours between playing, reading books and articles, improving your partnership(s), and evaluating your past results with your partner.

### **18. Stay in shape by finding activities that give you more stamina.**

Although it might surprise you, many of the best bridge players in the world spend much of

their spare time improving their physical and mental capabilities away from the table. They schedule time at the gym regularly or have a normal routine of walking, jogging or running. No matter what level player you are, the benefits can be tremendous. And research has shown that meditation, yoga, tai chi and other similar activities improve every part of your life. I learned to meditate almost 50 years ago; I practice it twice a day and having some quiet time by yourself away from all the distractions of life is priceless. Choose activities that stimulate you, because everyone has a different perspective on what is fun to do or at least tolerable in your daily life.

### **19. Learn the Law of Restricted Choice**

In its simplest form: If you are missing four cards in a suit including the queen and the jack, and you are in a position to take a finesse after one of these honors appears on the first trick, you should do so. This may seem to contradict "Eight ever, nine never", but the odds are about 2 to 1 that the finesse is the winning play. One example:

A 10 6 5 2

4

K 8 7 3

Q

When you lead the K from the South hand, West plays the 4 and you play the 2 from North (the dummy), the Q appears from East. When you lead the second round of the suit from South (the 3) and West plays the 9, the best play is to finesse against the J in West hand, playing the 10 from North. You are hoping West started with J94 and East with the singleton Q.

### **20. Avoid any unilateral decision on the 1st round of bidding.**

I learned this sound advice from Gavin Wolpert on his Bridge Winners site. If you haven't been there: [bridgewinners.com](http://bridgewinners.com), you should definitely give it a try. It's free and there are worthwhile articles for every level player. My favorite is a brilliant video by Gavin, detailing how the expert mind works as he shares his thoughts from all 52 final hands from his 2011 NABC Open Pairs win in "Road to Victory." His point is that if you make an unusual action on your first bid of the hand, it is usually impossible to show your partner what you really have. If you want to "take a view", wait until later in the bidding to take control or use your impeccable judgment.

# WONDERLAND BRIDGE

Jim Logan

This was the Annual Bridge Championship and two conditions would apply. The Knave of Spades, who was the director, gave the rules of the contest.

## Barometer Scoring

Every player was allowed to ask one question to the Cheshire Cat.

The tournament was just about to start. This was 19 year old Alice's Tournament debut. Her partner, the March Hare, was nowhere to be found. It was one of his faults to be late for important dates.

So the Mad Hatter, the loose cannon, who never had a partner, was pressed into service.

With many strokes of good luck, and one hand to play, Alice and the Mad Hatter were barely ahead of the 5 time defending champions, the King and Queen of Hearts.

It came down to this hand:

The Mad Hatter

♠ QJ1098

♥ AJ10

♦ A76

♣ A3

Tweedledee

Tweedledum

Alice

♠ AK764

♥ K76

♦ K54

♣ 84

The Mad Hatter made a slam try and Alice was in a 5♠ contract. Tweedledee led the ♦Q and Alice was in deep thought. Alice, being a novice, had the fewest WCBA masterpoints (Wonderland Contract Bridge Association).

Suddenly the Mad Hatter blurted out "Alice, Alice you haven't used your question."

So soliciting the wisdom of the Cheshire Cat, Alice asked, "Where does the Queen of Hearts live?" Rotating his head 180 degrees, the Cheshire Cat said "She has a palace in the East and a palace in the West. Make her squirm and you'll pass the test."

After the Queen of Diamonds lead, Alice played low from dummy. Tweedledum followed and Alice inadvertently dropped the 4 of diamonds on the table. Alice stated, "I didn't mean that." The twins in unison called the Director. The Knave of Spades ruled against Alice, determining it a played card.

After another diamond was played, Alice, being totally rattled, started cashing tricks. Trumps were 3-0. She drew trumps and cashed her Ace of Diamonds. Then she cashed the Ace of Clubs and exited with her last club, producing this end of play.

The Mad Hatter

♠ Q9

♥ AJ10

♦ —

♣ —

Tweedledee

Tweedledum

Alice

♠ 64

♥ K76

♦ —

♣ —

Thus with the end play: The Queen of Hearts was trapped and Alice and the Mad Hatter were the improbable upset winners of the event!

*All successful bridge clubs have some sort of teaching program, often a free short lesson before or after a duplicate session. At Nature Coast Bridge Club in Spring Hill, Jim Logan gives a lesson on Thursdays before the 299er game. This is one he used recently.*

# RANK CHANGERS RESPOND TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S CONGRATULATORY EMAIL

Thanks for the nice message.

I achieved this new status by playing with several partners from whom I learned some of the nuances of the game. I was in the hospital last summer with a broken hip. Several people from my bridge club (actually, the two Tallahassee clubs) visited me, sent me get well cards and email messages, and phoned me.

When I returned home, I received a welcome announcement from the director and rides to enable me to return to play. These experiences and the friendly atmosphere encouraged me to play more frequently. This was especially important since my main partner was hospitalized for six months before he died. Having a supportive group of people was very important during that difficult period. Moreover, our club started a mentorship program where experienced players help people at my level, and now I will become a mentor for one of the new members.

Finally our club encourages some of the newer players by having a variety of games -- Pro-Am where newer players are paired with more experienced players, 8-is-enough team game where newer players learn about team games with a team consisting of players covering the spectrum of achievement.

*Steven Blumsack  
Emeritus Professor, Mathematics  
Assistant in-Research, LSI  
Florida State University*

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Thank you for your recognition.

I am a "snow bird" and retired high school teacher from an hour SW of Chicago to Fort Myers Beach. I had played only social bridge in a women's group that played once a month if everyone could get together. Seeing an ad for bridge lessons in the Naples paper, I enrolled in a class taught by Guy Germer of the "Bridge Club of Naples" and realized that I had been playing "Go Fish".

After a couple of years of lessons I mustered up the courage to play in the afternoon games and made the usual beginner's mistakes. Having been a teacher, I always arrived early and helped set things up. Guy talked me into being a hostess for the games two days a week. During the lessons Guy overheard me helping others at my table and, after much convincing, got me to agree to teach a beginners class.

Currently my beginners class lasts 10 weeks and they are given the tools necessary to play in our "Chat Games" that are limited to under 20 masterpoints. The highlight of my season was the opportunity to meet and talk with Audrey Grant about her Bridge Basics I book.

*Charlene M. Ebeling  
Bridge Club of Naples*



# District Nine

## JULY

Jul 1-31  
NAP Club  
Qualifying  
Jul 1-2  
Sun City 499ers  
Sectional  
Jul 14-16  
Bonita Bridge  
Sectional  
Jul 14-16  
Orlando  
Sectional  
Jul 20-30  
TORONTO  
NABC

## AUGUST

Aug 1-31  
NAP Club  
Qualifying  
Aug 2-3  
Deland 299ers  
Sectional  
Aug 4-6  
Ft Myers  
Sectional  
Aug 7-13  
District STaC  
Aug 18-20  
Palm Coast  
Sectional  
Aug 21-27  
**PALM BEACH  
GARDENS  
REGIONAL**

## SEPTEMBER

Sep 1-30  
GNT Club  
Qualifying

Sep 1-4  
St. Petersburg  
Sectional

Sep 8-10  
Venice  
Sectional

Sep 14-17  
St. Petersburg 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 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  
Jacksonville  
Sectional

Jan 12-14  
Lake Park  
Sectional

Jan 12-14  
St. Petersburg  
Sectional



# Tournament Calendar

Jan 12-14 McGregor Point 499ers Sectional	Feb 16-18 Venice Sectional	Mar 19-25 U102, 219, 240, 243 STaC	May 11-13 Jacksonville Sectional
Jan 18-21 Daytona Sectional	Feb 19-25 <b>SARASOTA- MANATEE REGIONAL</b>	Mar 22-25 St. Pete 499ers Sectional	May 11-13 Sun City Center 499er Sectional
Jan 19-21 Sarasota Sectional	<b>MARCH</b>	Mar 23-25 Daytona 499er Sectional	May 18-20 Naples Sectional
Jan 15-21 U240, 243, 219 STaC	Mar 1-31 GNT Club Qualifying	Mar 26-28 Miami Sectional	May 18-20 Orlando Sectional
Jan 26-28 Margret Bridge Club Sectional	Mar 2-4 Fort Myers Sectional	<b>APRIL</b>	May 28-Jun 3 <b>SANIBEL HARBOUR REGIONAL</b>
Jan 26-28 Fort Walton Beach Sectional	Mar 2-4 Gainesville Sectional	Apr 2-8 <b>SOUTH- EASTERNS REGIONAL</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Mar 2-4 Pensacola Sectional	Apr 11-13 Bridge Deck Sr/ NLM Sectional	May 28-Jun 3 <b>SANIBEL HARBOUR REGIONAL</b>
Feb 1-28 GNT Club Qualifying	Mar 2-4 Rockledge Sectional	Apr 13-15 Ocala 499ers Sectional	Jun 1-30 NAP Club Qualifying
Feb 2-4 Fort Lauderdale Sectional	Mar 2-4 Khatib Sectional	Apr 13-15 Fort Lauderdale Sectional	Jun 8-10 The Villages Sectional
Feb 2-4 Winter Haven SR/ NLM Sectional	Mar 8-18 PHILADELPHIA NABC	Apr 19-21 Spring Hill Sectional	Jun 11-17 Unit 128 STaC
Feb 5-11 Unit 128 STaC	Mar 9-11 Sun City Center Sectional	Apr 20-22 Vero Beach Sectional	Jun 20-23 St. Pete 499ers Sectional
Feb 9-11 Panama Beach Sectional	Mar 16-18 St. Augustine Sectional	Apr 27-29 <b>GNT Finals &amp; Sectional</b>	Jun 21-23 Bridge Deck Sectional
Feb 10-11 Vero Beach Sectional	Mar 16-18 Bradenton Sr/ NLM Sectional	<b>MAY</b>	Jun 25-Jul 1 <b>WORLD GOLF VILLAGE REGIONAL</b>
Feb 16-18 North Palm Beach Sectional	Mar 16-18 Clearwater 499ers Sectional	May 3-5 Palm Coast Sectional	
Feb 16-18 Orlando Sectional		May 4-6 Sarasota Sectional	



# President's Message

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Well, the heat has arrived and the tourists and snowbirds have departed. The games are a bit smaller now but there is still a lot going on. By the time this article goes to press, we will have held our annual Membership Luncheon, where we recognize the Unit winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races. We also thank our volunteers, the absolute key to a successful organization. I continue to visit our member clubs with the goal of playing in all of them before the end of the year. The Unit Board of Directors has been busy on two fronts: innovation and youth bridge.

On the innovation front, we have been gathering input from our members; some we have put into practice and some we are still discussing. I want to highlight a few examples:

- For our January 2018 Sectional, the Board has agreed to incur a budget deficit by holding the tournament in a very nice location: the Devyn, which many of you know is frequently used for weddings and proms and such. We will see how it goes, but the key to our evaluation will be additional feedback from the membership.
- We continue to aggressively support on-line bridge, allowing our members to play in various regional tournaments while staying here in the Sarasota area. We have done this for two Gold Rush events in conjunction with Florida regionals, and in April, our Bradenton club hosted players who went on-line in a two-session one day Open Fast Pairs at the Gatlinburg Regional. We expect to have repeated that for the Cincinnati Regional in June. Teresa Noa is spearheading this.
- We are discussing moving our sectionals from Fri-Sat-Sun to Thu-Fri-Sat, which would reduce rents paid by allowing us to book local churches. We are also exploring changing session times, to start earlier and finish earlier.
- We are going to restore the seeding committee, headed by Les Bart, to balance our fields more evenly.
- We are discussing having mentors and possibly a Mentors Month, capped by another program type game.

Our youth bridge also continues to grow. We now have two programs, one at Gocio Elementary and another at the Boys and Girls Club. Both groups sent players to our May sectional, where they got pizza (and the adults didn't). Iris Wilson, who leads this effort, is also organizing our first ever bridge camp, a one week session for youth, that will be held at the G&G In-Between Club. We are planning for several dozen young people and have already lined up the appropriate number of teachers.

Good luck to everyone traveling to Toronto!!

# UNIT 102 NEWS

The Charity Pro-Am Game was a huge success. Winners were Robert D'Avanzo and Allan Wolf and Marilyn Kay and Ashraf Nour. One thousand dollars was raised for All Faiths Food Bank.



*D'Avanzo and Wolf*



*Kay and Nour*

Everyone enjoyed the Spring Sectional. Some of the happy event winners are pictured below. Marci Weisgold received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Iris Wilson and her team of volunteers organized the Youth Tournament, held Saturday morning. Eight children from Gocio Elementary School and Boys and Girls Club competed and enjoyed bridge, prizes, and pizza, along with their proud and very appreciative parents.



*Weisgold and Gibson*



*Friday AM Open Pairs  
Winners Carol Hamilton  
and Bette Cohn*



*Friday PM NLM  
Pairs Winners Karen  
and Paul Miller*



*Friday-Saturday Knockout Winners Allan Wolf, John  
Klayman, Barbara Pearlman, and Richard Cobin*



*Saturday PM Open Pairs  
Winners Ron Ashbacher  
and Larry Auerbach*



*Saturday PM NLM Pairs  
Winners Yoon Jhee and  
Jeannette Paladino*



*Sunday Open Swiss Winners (left) Larry  
Auerbach and Harriet Buchman; (right) Ron  
Ashbacher; not pictured George Wood*



On May 10th, playing at the G&G In-Between Club, Barbara Pearlman and Mike Gibson posted a 72.55% game. Great Job!

## Please welcome these new members of Unit 102:

**Marianne Diczok  
Lillian Katz  
Jerry Kaye  
Jacqueline Middleton  
Rickard Ovin  
Nancy Peverley  
Anne Robinson  
Terry Seymour  
Ed Simays  
Amanda Stiff  
Meryl Taback  
Henry Van Gieson  
Jacqueline Vlaming**

# UNIT HOLDS ANNUAL LUNCHEON



*Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs winners honored and pictured here: Les Bart, Ed Maier, Jack Bonney, Vic Lawrence, Barbara Pearlman, Laverne Manno, Susan Gilbert, David Weiss and Mike Gibson. Absent from photo but also honored were Peter French, Paul Glosser, Irwin Lowentstein, Barbara Mehnert, Howard Bloom and Alice A Wile.*

The Annual Membership Luncheon and Swiss Team event was held on May 21st. The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners were recognized. These are the actual Mini-McKenney winners:

<b>David Weiss</b>	0-5 MP	<b>Virginia Bright</b>	1000-1500 MP
<b>Peter French</b>	5-20 MP	<b>Edward Maier</b>	1500-2500 MP
<b>Marcia Rabb</b>	20-50 MP	<b>Terry McHenry</b>	2500-3500 MP
<b>Patricia Schroeder</b>	50-100 MP	<b>Jack Bonney</b>	3500-5000 MP
<b>Jeffrey Nunes</b>	100-200 MP	<b>Barbara Pearlman</b>	5000-7500 MP
<b>Barbara Mehnert</b>	200-300 MP	<b>Reese Milner</b>	7500-10,000 MP
<b>Victor Lawrence</b>	300-500 MP	<b>Les Bart</b>	10,000+ MP
<b>Michael Gibson</b>	500-1000 MP		



*Mini-McKenney winners honored and pictured here were: Les Bart, Jack Bonney, Jeffrey Nunes, Barbara Pearlman, Vic Lawrence, David Weiss, Mike Gibson and Ed Maier. Absent from photo but also honored were Peter French, Marcia Rabb, Patricia Schroeder, Barbara Mehnert, Virginia Bright, Terry McHenry and Reese Milner.*



The editor apologizes for the erroneous list of Mini-McKenney winners published in the previous issue.

Victorious in the Open Swiss were Bette Cohn, Carol Hamilton, Jack and Dianne Bonney. In the 499er Swiss, winners were Jan Lazar, Susan Gaynor, Ann Friedman, and Patricia Franklin.



*Cohn, Hamilton, Bonney and Bonney*



*Franklin, Lazar, Friedman and Gaynor*



*New Life Masters: Betty Goldman, Vic Lawrence and Teresa Noa. Not pictured were Sicy Davis, Jim Ferry, Kathie Keiderling, Judith Kersun, Mayer Kersun, Polly Webb, Joe Welch, Mary Welch and John Zappala.*

New Life Masters were also honored. Past President Carol Hamilton was recognized for her many years of service by President Mike Gibson.



*Carol Hamilton, outgoing Unit 102 President, was recognized for her many years of service by Mike Gibson.*

ACBL and Unit 102 are sponsoring a free Bridge Summer Camp, August 7-11, 9 am-noon, to be held at G&G In-Between Club. Any child aged 7-19 years old is eligible. Iris has gathered twelve teachers, so various levels of skill among the children can be accommodated.

Local Elementary, Middle and High Schools have been given information packets to distribute to the students. If you have a grandchild or a friend visiting at that time, or if you know someone who might be interested, please refer them to Iris Wilson, who can be reached at:

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# Unit 128

## President's Message

by Jeff Overby

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Congratulations to all of the incredible clubs in Unit 128. They are the lifeblood of bridge. Even the one in Key West made the top 1,000 clubs in total tables for 2016!

It's already the middle of summer, the Summer NABC and youth program is coming up at the end of July, with Florida sending over 30 youth to compete and experience youth bridge in the lovely city of Toronto. I would like to thank Nancy Hagerty and her husband Paul who, for years now, have been supporting these youth and being the District 9 representative. Their tireless efforts should inspire us all.

Other changes are ahead. Our long term editor of the Sunshine Bridge News, Muriel Altus, who has been with us for more years than I can report, both as a Unit 128 board member and the liaison to the publications and webmaster, and now the Editor in Chief of the Sunshine Bridge News, which you all receive six times a year, has announced her retirement. If any of you are interested in heading or assisting with this beautiful publication, please let me or Betty Sandifer, District 9 President, know...no later than September 1.

Filling Muriel's shoes will be a darn near impossible act to follow, but the Boards will be considering all the options to continue this amazing full color magazine. Our unit contributes one dollar per member, per year, to the publication budget, as do each of the other units in District 9 as well; but the real sources of financial stability are that a small portion of the entry fees that are paid at each sectional and regional tournament hosted in District 9, also fund this worthwhile project.

Unit 128 just hosted the District Regional in Tampa, the first week of June, and will next be hosting the regional tournament at the PGA Resort and Spa, in Palm Beach Gardens, August 21-27. Try to attend this beautiful regional.

October brings us the Naples Regional. This will be the last year we are contracted to be at the Naples Grand, so check the dates and make your reservation today!

AND WHEN YOU CHECK THE DATES, BE SURE YOU NOTICE THE BRAND NEW DATES FOR NAPLES, WHICH ARE OCTOBER 9TH TO THE 15TH.

Unit 128 closes out its regional hosting duties with the ever popular Daytona Beach Regional. This year it will be held November 6-12 and I am happy to advise you that we are returning to the Hilton at the beach. This hotel always sells out, so make your reservations as soon as you read this or you may be disappointed.

Unit 128 is always looking for help at the information desks, hospitality, prize desks and other volunteer positions. If you have the time and would like to help, please reach out to me, or any of your elected board members and advise them of your area(s) of interest...We always need help with the daily bulletin, filling in for folks without a partner, etc.

Our board's goal is to keep improving the bridge tournaments for you. Please share with us any schedule changes you might want us to try or any constructive suggestions to make bridge better for all of us. BRIDGE IS GREAT IN UNIT 128! Let's keep it that way.

Jeff





# TOP 15 CLUBS IN 2016

ACBL Rank	U128 Rank	Club	City	Tables
2	1	Jourdans Bridge Club	Delray Beach	13825.5
4	2	The Villages DBC	Lady Lake	12888
10	3	Boca Raton DBC	Boca Raton	10865
11	4	Naples Bridge Center Inc	Naples	10807
19	5	Temple Sinai DBC	Delray Beach	8154
21	6	Bonita Bridge at Wiggins	Naples	8001
22	7	McGregor Point BC	Fort Myers	7746
28	8	Mandel JCC PBG	Palm Bch Gdns	7059
52	9	DBC of Sun City Center	Sun City Center	5710.5
53	10	St Catherine DBC	West Palm Beach	5700.5
63	11	St Petersburg Bridge Club	St Petersburg	5189.5
72	12	Clearwater Bridge Center	Clearwater	4778
87	13	Bridge Club of Naples	Naples	4373
91	14	Tampa Bay Bridge Center	Tampa	4301
99	15	Venice Nokomis DBC	Venice	4160.5

Some clubs went through changes in 2016. Palm Coast (not listed here, because they were #21) moved into exciting new playing space so they can hold sectionals “at home”. One club has a new owner – who doesn’t play bridge! Some clubs have their own “publicity person”, which for a member-owned club of course means a volunteer. One such person is Nancy Heston who proudly tells us about the Sun City Center DBA. In 2014, tables of bridge at SCCDBA increased by 5%; in 2015, by 17%; in 2016 by another 10%. See page 40 to see what Nancy tells us.

## REMEMBERING ADRIAN

In our last issue, we remembered Adrian Dovell. After Adrian passed away, Jon Shuster wrote to tell us about a hand he played with Adrian.

“Many years ago, he and I were partners in a sectional SWISS team (Pat was in the other pair). In the last round, the bidding went

North	Adrian	South	Jon
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Dummy came down with 4♥ and 3 small ♣. This was Drury, not alerted. After the hand was over, I called the director, as Adrian had ♣AKx. The director asked him if he would have doubled 2♣. Had he done so, the hand would be set, whereas it made on my opening lead.

Adrian said he would not have doubled, so the result was allowed to stand, and we lost a close match, but enhanced my admiration for him in the process.”

## CYNTHIA MORAN

Cynthia Helene Moran was a beloved member of the Miami bridge community. Cindy was new to bridge but dedicated to learning. She had great passion and potential, but alas, she died at a young age. She is missed very much at the Bidding Box and Riviera bridge clubs.



# SCCDBA SETS FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR THIS YEAR'S LONGEST DAY

The Sun City Center Duplicate Bridge Association (SCCDBA) is comprised of an exceptional group of people - to include several extraordinary people - who decided to embrace the ACBL's new Easybridge! program. Most established bridge players had parent(s) who were bridge players - in that same group of players most do not have children who are bridge players. There is a simple graph that shows where those numbers are headed.

So it was that five years ago two club members - and fairly new bridge players - Sue Batt and Kathy Smith, headed to Atlanta to take the classes that would turn them into directors and teachers. Soon after that the two women decamped to Washington, D.C., for more training with the American Bridge Teachers Association. Soon enough: Easybridge! lessons arrived in Sun City! That was the quick and simple part; next came years of recruiting new players, teaching classes, hosting parties, directing 0 to 15 point games and answering (with humor and patience) a gazillion questions. Hours ---- hourshourshours over weeks, months and years, Kathy and Sue worked to transform the club - some have said to save the club for the long term. It would be difficult to overstate the benefits of their tireless dedication.

For over half a century the SCCDBA has been making duplicate bridge possible for thousands of players. Having an active and involved membership, proactive board members, dedicated presidents, excellent club managers, great directors and a talented webmaster enabled the club to welcome an influx of players recently when a nearby club needed to reorganize. Just like our nation's storied "melting pot", this has created an even more talented and vital bridge club

2017- the SCCDBA is a vibrant and viable entity: new blood, new visions, new energy, new players!! Over 70% of the club's players are more or less new to the game. They believe that bridge should be fun so more activities have been added: happy hours, off site gatherings, cruises even! The "newbies" work with our experienced members and volunteer for everything from serving on the board to baking cookies for our

sectional tournament. And it must be noted: the majority of the club's advanced players have been welcoming and supportive of this transition.

Of course, Florida is uniquely poised to support new players with a plethora of clubs plus sectionals, regionals and even North American Bridge Championships. As Kathy Smith states, "Our players are greatly appreciative of the lower points games offered at many tournaments."

By the time you read this, we'll have completed our third year of participating in the ACBL's fundraising program for Alzheimer's research. Last year's total raised was just over \$8,000; see if we meet this year's goal of an even ten thousand!

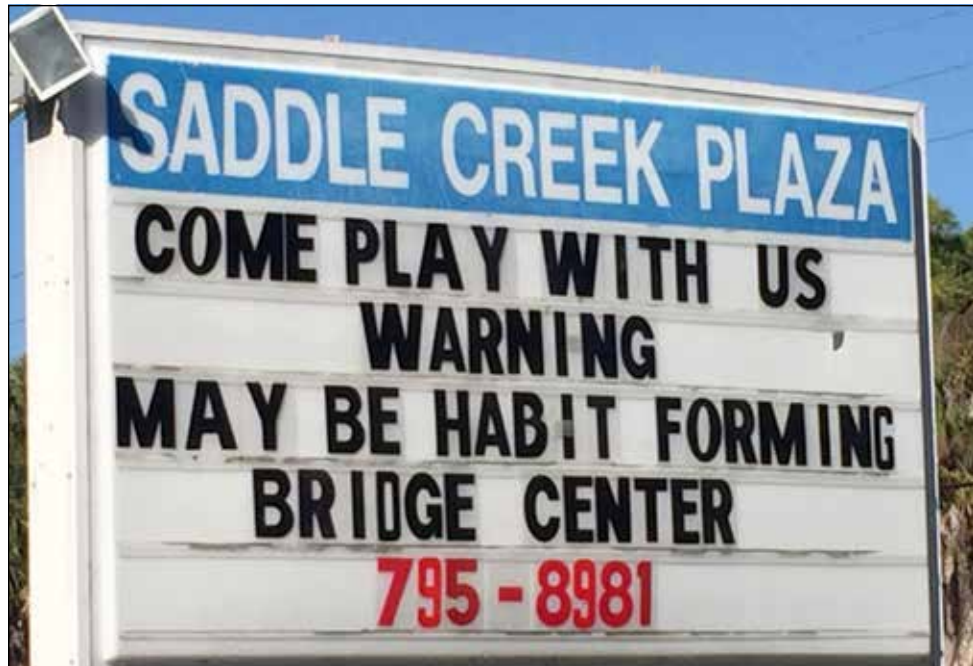
Stop by: the Sun City Center Duplicate Bridge Association has a warm welcome for you!



*This was a scene at last year's Longest Day, raising over \$8000.*



*This was the committee from the Longest Day in 2015, raising over \$5000.*



*Brian Howard of the Bridge Center of Bradenton sent us a photo of the sign he has outside of the club facility. We thought it would bring a smile to many of our readers.*

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# 72% Club

80.30%	Michael Ranis / David Rosenblatt	The Bidding Box DBC, Pinecrest
78.57%	Trudy Bernsten / Charles Hemm	Boca Grande DBC
77.00%	Elizabeth Novak / Anna Stupak	Polo Club, Boca Raton
76.65%	Toni Riefler / Roger Riefler	Jonathan's Landing CC, Jupiter
76.46%	Rhoda Kratenstein / Corey Krantz	Boca Raton DBC
76.16%	Marcella Chilcote / Bess Economos	Temple Sinai, Delray Beach
75.59%	Cecile Rothaus / Joan Schepps	Boca West CC, Boca Raton
75.56%	Elaine Katzman / Sudhakar Bhatt	Boca Raton DBC
75.03%	Jeff Koltenuk / Ed Schusler	The Villages DBC, The Villages
75.00%	Justin Coniglio / Jeff Edelstein	Tampa Bay Bridge Center
74.62%	Jeff Koltenuk / Ed Schusler	The Villages DBC, The Villages
74.44%	Kamal Rabbat / John Vega	Naples BC
74.40%	Martine Gagnon / William Bedard	Pelican Bay DBC, Naples
74.40%	Susan Kett / Dale Freeman	Boca Grande DBC
74.22%	Sue Pope / Barry Pope	Daytona Metropolitan BC, Daytona Beach
74.04%	Kim Dean / Bud Dean	St. Petersburg BC, Pinellas Park
73.94%	Rita Botwin / Jay Schwartz	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
73.81%	Ellie Hanlon / Mary Savko	Khatib BC, Stuart
73.81%	Barbara Mendelsohn / Arthur Hoffman	Boca Raton DBC
73.72%	Jeff Koltenuk / Ed Schusler	The Villages DBC, The Villages
73.61%	Susan Gersony / Welton Gersony	Jonathan's Landing CC, Jupiter
73.60%	Anita Hoffer / Gerald Hoffer	Polo Club, Boca Raton
73.51%	Martin Braun / Doug Markovic	Boca Raton DBC
73.51%	Ruth Binder / Bunny Rosenzweig	Boca West CC, Boca Raton
73.38%	Patricia Dovell / John Brady	Gainesville DBC
73.18%	Jennie Albertson / Barbara Henningson	Boca Grande DBC
73.17%	Bonnie Gregge / Susan Katz	Frenchmans Creek CC, Palm Beach Gardens
73.15%	Evelyn Brodtkin / Helaine Miller	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
73.02%	Gail Brickel / Joan Ingersoll	Daytona Metropolitan BC, Daytona Beach
72.98%	Rhoda Prager / Carolyn Sessler	Boca Raton DBC
72.92%	Patricia Shine / Anthony Cipolla	Naples BC
72.92%	Joan Altman / Romelle Schwartz	Jourdan's BC, Delray Beach
72.92%	Ivy Benson / Carolyn Johnson	Daytona Metropolitan BC, Daytona Beach
72.80%	Bev Nelson / Frank Hacker	Lee County BA, Fort Meyers
72.79%	Arleen Rosenthal / Laura Wolin	Boca Raton DBC
72.77%	Susan Konig / Lynn Patterson	The Villages DBC, The Villages
72.75%	Bev Nelson / Frank Hacker	Lee County BA, Fort Meyers
72.62%	Don Marsh / Larry Sachs	Temple Shaarei Shalom, Boynton Beach
72.58%	Roger Elston / William Greenspan	St Catherine DBC, West Palm Beach
72.55%	Dennis Cerkenik / Scott Hiller	Naples BC
72.46%	Sandra Jacobs / Jean Seward	Boca Grande DBC
72.37%	Wendy Cohn / Shelley Friedland	Admirals Cove CC, Jupiter
72.22%	Judy Schwarz / Phil Schwarz	Naples BC
72.02%	Judith Fine / Mimi Kunofsky	Boca West CC, Boca Raton

## SUBMIT 72% CLUB GAMES

by email to: [unit128sbn@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## DeLand Summer 299er Tournament

August 2-3, 2017

### Wednesday August 2

Doors open at 9:15 Free Lecture and Brunch

Pairs at 10 and 2:15 Free Lunch between sessions

### Thursday August 3

Doors open at 9:15 Free Lecture and Brunch

Pairs at 10 and 2:15 Free Lunch between sessions;

Afternoon session is Regional-Rated Silver Points  
to benefit ACBL Education Foundation

Strats (by Average) 0-100, 100-200, 200-300

(May be adjusted if warranted)

\$28 per pair\* per session includes all food.

Free coffee and juice...Prizes for overall winners

DeLand Bridge Club 165 Deerfoot Rd

DeLand FL 32720 (386)734-7170

Visit our website at [Delandbridge.com](http://Delandbridge.com) or e-mail us at

[delandbridge@cfl.rr.com](mailto:delandbridge@cfl.rr.com)

\*\$3 surcharge for non-ACBL members

# St. Petersburg Bridge Club 499er Tourney



St. Petersburg

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



## September 14, 16 and 17, 2017

**Thursday September 14**

10:30 AM 499er Pairs  
3:00 PM 499er Pairs

**Saturday September 16**

10:30 AM 499er Pairs  
3:00 PM 499er Pairs

**Sunday September 17**

10:30 AM 499er Swiss Teams



Strata: A=300-500 (not including Life Masters); B=100-300; C=0-100

Strata are based on averages and may vary to accommodate the field

Free coffee, orange juice and snacks at all sessions

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



**For more information or Partnership requests**

Charles Gill – 727-363-1136: [cfgill@verizon.net](mailto:cfgill@verizon.net)

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

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



# 2nd Annual Summer Sectional Tournament

July 14 - 16 2017

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

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

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

*Lunch available for purchase Friday & Saturday at*

*The Palate Restaurant.*

*Lunch included on Sunday*

## Hotel

La Quinta Inn & Suites Bonita Springs

28600 Trails Edge Blvd.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

239 - 495 - 9255

Ask for the *Special* Bonita Bridge Rate!

## Dining Specials

Cafe Figaro

*Special* Bridge dinner menu!

Located immediately next to the club.

Reservations recommended

239 - 594 - 2000



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# August 4-6

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(BPA)

#### Tournament site

15675-1 McGregor Blvd. • Fort Myers • 33908

Directions: [www.thebridgeplace.com](http://www.thebridgeplace.com)

Partnerships: 239-433-4422

# PALM COAST SUMMER SECTIONAL

386.585.4889

[www.palmcoastbridge.org](http://www.palmcoastbridge.org)

**NEW  
LOCATION**

**Directions  
below**

**August 18, 19, 20, 2017**

**1 Corporate Drive, Palm Coast**

**Free Lessons**  
New/Intermediate  
Friday & Saturday  
9:15 AM

## Friday, August 18

### Single Sessions

10:00 AM Open Pairs  
499er Pairs

2:30 PM Open Pairs  
499er Pairs

## Saturday, August 19

### Single Sessions

10:00 AM Open Pairs  
499er Pairs

2:30 PM Open Pairs  
499er Pairs

## Sunday, August 20

### Bracketed Swiss Teams

10:00 AM Play Through  
(Lunch Provided)



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## Strata

Masterpoints Averaged  
For all Games

## Open

A: 4000+, B: 1500-4000, C: 0-1500

## 499er

A: 300-500, B: 100-300, C: 0-100  
(May be adjusted at the  
discretion of the Director)

Complimentary breakfast,  
snacks, coffee, iced tea, and  
lemonade daily.

Lunch available on site  
Friday and Saturday.

Lunch included Sunday.

## Lodging

**DAYS INN — 120 Garden St. N. , Palm Coast**  
**386.627.7734 Tournament Rates will Apply \$72+**  
**Mention Bridge Rate when Calling for Reservations**



## Directions to Bridge Club

**I-95 to Exit 289: Go West off Ramp on Palm Coast Pkwy. Proceed through lights at Belle Terre Pkwy. At next light, take left on to Corporate Drive.**  
**From Rte. 1: Turn East on to Palm Coast Pkwy, at 2nd light, turn left on to Corporate Dr.**

# St. Petersburg Bridge Club Labor Day Sectional



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



## September 1 to September 4, 2017

- Friday Sept 1**      10:30 AM      Stratified Open Pairs  
Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- 3:00 PM      Stratified Open Pairs  
Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- Saturday Sept 2**      10:30 AM      Bracketed KO (Round 1 of 3)  
Stratified Open Pairs  
Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
-       3:00 PM      Bracketed KO (Round 2 of 3)  
Stratified Open Pairs  
Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- Sunday Sept 3**      10:30 AM      Bracketed KO (Round 3 of 3)  
Stratified Open Pairs  
Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- 3:00 PM      Stratified Open Pairs  
Intermediate Pairs (NLM)
- Monday Sept. 4**      10:30 AM      Stratified Swiss – play through  
NLM Swiss – play through

Strata: A=2000+; B=750-2000; C=0-750

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

**KO Events May Be Handicapped**

Free coffee, orange juice and snacks at all sessions

Lunch during Monday's Swiss Teams game.

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

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# Daytona Beach Fall Festival SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT September 14-17, 2017

Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club  
600 Driftwood Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32118

[www.daytonabridgeclub.org](http://www.daytonabridgeclub.org)

(386) 255-7744

## Thursday, September 14

Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified Pairs (0-300)

(Lunch available at the club) ♥

10 AM. & 2:15 PM  
10 AM & 2:15 PM

## Friday, September 15

Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified Pairs (0-300)

(Lunch available at the club) ♥

10 AM & 2:15 PM  
10 AM & 2:15 PM

## Saturday, September 16

Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified Pairs (0-300)

(Lunch available at the club) ♥

10 AM & 2:15 PM  
10 AM & 2:15 PM

## Sunday, September 17

Stratified Open Swiss Teams  
(Strata A and B only)  
0-500 Swiss Teams

10 AM Play thru *Lunch  
Included*  
10 AM Play thru *Lunch  
Included*

Strats for Open Pairs: A = 3000+ B = 1000-3000 C = 0-1000

Strats for 0-300: Discretion of Director

All pair games are single session. Swiss strata averaged.

### SPECIAL TOURNAMENT FEATURES:

- ♣ Free continental breakfast served every day
- ♦ Free refreshments served during every session
- ♥ Lunch available Thursday thru Saturday
- ♠ Sunday lunch included

**Free Lessons**  
New & Intermediate  
Thursday 9:15 AM  
Friday 9:15 AM  
Saturday 9:15 AM

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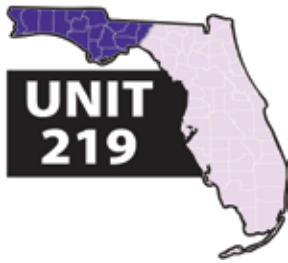
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Check our website at [daytonabridgeclub.org](http://daytonabridgeclub.org) for a list of local hotels.





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The heat is on...and things are slowing down. Folks are enjoying vacations, and you now have the phone numbers and email addresses of your Unit 219 reps, listed on this page, so you can use them and stay involved with your clubs.

Our next unit sectional is in Ft Walton Beach at the Elks Lodge, 1335 Highway 98E, Fort Walton Beach, FL, 32548. The tournament chairperson is Audree Newman, (850) 729-0924, newman@cox.net. I hope to see you there!

Below are the current leaders in the 2017 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Races, as of 6 May 17.

Category	Player	Location	Points
0 to 5	Craig Huffman	Gulf Breeze	7.04
5 to 20	Raymond Flischel	Tallahassee	17.59
20 to 50	Steven Blumsack	Tallahassee	40.83
50 to 100	G James Bock	Tallahassee	23.62
100 to 200	Richard Broughton	Pace	22.73
200 to 300	Kenneth Harris	Tallahassee	28.50
300 to 500	Jean Askew	Pensacola	40.21
500 to 1000	Tom Mookas	Tallahassee	56.20
1000 to 1500	Stuart Siegel	Pensacola	45.54
1500 to 2500	William Boynton	Tallahassee	59.26
2500 to 3500	Charles Christmas	Tallahassee	83.62
3500 to 5000	Jim Lyle	Tallahassee	61.48
5000 to 7500	Jeanette Winters	Tallahassee	51.73
7500 to 10,000	Lee Anderson	Shalimar	48.96

Recent 70% games included the following:

75.00%	Ed Boddy/Linda Telatovich (99er)	Pensacola
74.16%	Lee Anderson/Virginia Waterfield	Fort Walton
72.99%	Fernando Teson/Amy Peterson-Reznik	Tallahassee
72.50%	Marcie Jenkins/Margaret Thomas	Pensacola
72.22%	Donna Moore/Kathy Walker	Fort Walton
71.31%	Amy Peterson Reznik/Fernando Teson	Tallahassee
70.37%	Patrick Horton/William Boynton	Tallahassee
70.00%	Jeanne Turner/Jean Askew	Pensacola

# Bridge in the Panhandle

by Michelle Creel Crane

As I write, it is late May and the outside temperatures are straddling 85 degrees. That means most of our snowbirds have flown the coop for cooler climes. That means there is plenty of room to invite your party bridge friends to convert to duplicate. Air-conditioning is included.

If you really miss playing for points with your perennial snowbird pals, you might want to look into the new “tablet” games offered at some regionals. As long as your club is participating in these collaborative regional-club events, one of your members can invite a distant snowbird to partner in these games, as long as that partner’s club is also participating.

Thanks to Sue Smith, Pensacola DBC has participated in each of these “online-only” two-session Gold Point games. The first was a Gold Rush event, limited to players with fewer than 750 masterpoints. Others have been Open games. The latest one (as of this writing) was via the Gatlinburg Regional held in April of this year. Sixty-two pairs competed, so there were lots of points available. Participating clubs in Florida included Jacksonville, The Villages and Oneco (Sarasota-Bradenton area) in addition to Pensacola. Other clubs playing in this game were in Ohio, Arkansas, New York, Missouri, Indiana and Nova Scotia. Twenty five pairs earned gold points – all without travel or hotel expenses!

Pensacola competed well, with three of four pairs earning gold! Those winners were Michelle Crane and Alexa Canady-Davis in



Canady-Davis

4th place overall (first reported as winning 7.57 gold but later adjusted to 8.32! (Too bad they did not adjust our percentage for the first session: 69.99%.) Randy Plummer and Dolores Vest finished in 6th place overall, good for 5.13 gold points; and Norma Mishoe and Judith Watson were 1st in C for one session, which was good for 3.06 gold points.



Plummer

If you want to try this, ask your club’s manager or administrator. If your club already participates in “The Common Game,” then your club should receive an invitation to participate in these Regional Online-Only games. To get involved, you can send an email to [Sara@TheCommonGame.com](mailto:Sara@TheCommonGame.com). Please note that pre-registration and payment are required, as is being signed up to play on BBO (Bridge Base Online). You’ll have to fill out a convention card on BBO and attend a practice session a few days ahead of the game itself. If you have not played on BBO before, there are BBO “primers” and “crash courses” available. The day of the game, you simply go to your club (or any pre-registered and tested place with internet and enough space and an assigned monitor) 20-30 minutes early, sign in with the log-in instructions made available to the game monitor, have one player from each pair invite his or her partner to the table via the BBO game site, and then play.

Yes, that sounds like a lot of little steps. And yes, you have to be mindful of your time zone (for Pensacola in the Gatlinburg E-game, that meant a start-time of 7:30 AM). But there’s Gold Without Going Anywhere!

And now the news:

Our unit will have STaC week August 7-13 at the Pensacola and the Tallahassee DBCs.





*Norma, Bette and Judy at Blackwater DBC*

Cheryl Walker (Pensacola) is our newest Silver Life Master. Congratulations.

Hilda Cox offered the following: In April, Blackwater DB players offered bridge lessons using Audrey Grant's "cards on the table" method of teaching. In the photo, Norma Mishoe, certified instructor, is teaching how to open and respond to a major suit with students Bette Boddy and Judy Vandenburg. The next step in their journey will involve coached play of the basics for the next three weeks before learning more complicated concepts. After five weeks of instruction, it is gratifying to hear a new bridge player say, "I love bridge!"

Tallahassee DBC is continuing its mentoring program. The mentoring chair, Patti Wallace, reports that mentees have been matched with mentors, and the fun will continue through October 12th. Also continuing are the second Wednesday "8 is Enough" or "Pro-Am" games, plus team games on 4th Thursday evenings, Pat Horton directing. Mark your calendars: Tallahassee will host its Winter Sectional February 23-25, 2018.

Lena Allen (Tallahassee), who recently became a Life Master, has shared some perspectives on her journey. She first discovered the game after she retired from teaching English for over 25 years. She and some girlfriends went on vacation to St. George's Island, and bridge was on the activity list. At the time, Lena knew nothing about the game, but after one of her friends introduced her to Bridge 101, she "got it" and has loved the game ever since. She

says her fellow bridge club members are like family. I guess that makes Carriemae Marquess Lena's "sister." Carriemae was the driving force for Lena making Life Master as the two of them were regular partners and traveled to tournaments together. Lena also helped to found the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute FSU. A variety of classes are offered, including Italian Cooking and Nature Photography. Maybe they'll add Bridge 101!

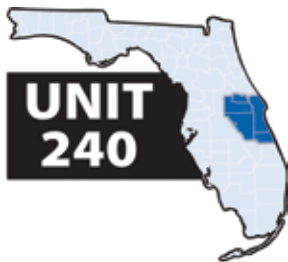
Beth McArthur (Panama City) also had a comment about making Life Master. She was inspired by a woman, age 102, who routinely bested all those younger players (um, wasn't that just about everybody?) at the bridge table when Beth was first learning to play. Now Beth has a new goal: figuring out what the opponents have in their hands long before the end of play.

That's all for now, folks. Remember: as soon as you receive your latest issue of



*McArthur*

Sunshine Bridge News, it is time to gather up your club's news and stories and photos to forward to me. My copy for the following issue is due to the editor in a couple of weeks!

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**Congratulations to Bob Sprick,  
our new president.**

**Candy Griffey continues as vice  
president.**

**Please give them your support  
and suggestions.**

NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

# Bring The Family and Come Play with US



**ORLANDO**  
**WINTER REGIONAL**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## NEW IN 2018

### **HOTEL & PLAYING AREA**

**Doubletree Seaworld**

10100 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32821

\$119/Night • Reservations: 407-352-1100

### **GAME SCHEDULE**

**10am • 2:30pm • 7:30pm**

NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

## 70% Club

79.17%	Joan McCormick & Joan Wright	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
76.37%	Carol Davidson & Nancy Paul	Quail Valley Bridge Club
75.97%	Karen Doddridge & Ron Boyers	Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Club 0-750
75.00%	Pat & Jack Bingleman	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
74.40%	Lyle Holloway & Mike Heins	Martin Andersen Senior Center
73.64%	Paul Guttman & Martha Pehlke	Wickham Park Senior Center
73.21%	Lynn Potter & Laurie Stewart	Quail Valley Bridge Club
73.01%	Huguette Jacques & Michel Allard	Vero Beach Bridge Club
72.92%	Deborah Peniston & Lyn Buford	Riomar Bridge Club
72.82%	Paul Pritchard & David Kreidler	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
72.63%	Richard Kohs & Susan Woodman	Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Club
71.92%	Diane & Ray DuShane	Vero Beach Community Center
71.80%	Bill Poole & Steve Hayskar	Vero Beach Bridge Club
71.01%	Ann Bottelli & Nancy Paul	Quail Valley Bridge Club
71.00%	Dan Newcomb & Martha McGhee	Martha McGhees Bridge Studio
70.91%	Peter Orr & Robert Whorf	Orange Blossom Bridge Club 0-100
70.83%	Kathy McGinnis & Lisa Mendelson	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
70.71%	Julia Bomalaski & Marie Lachance	Wickham Park Senior Center
70.63%	Kitty Kirby & Gloria Pappalardo	Windsor Bridge Club
70.56%	Lynn Long & Dianne Schupak	Martha McGhees Bridge Studio
70.24%	John Hargraves & Nancy Newcomb	Vero Beach Bridge Club 0-20
70.24%	Frank McGowan & Dave Willis	Quail Valley Bridge Club
70.10%	Lorraine Harris & Faye Cont	Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Club
70.00%	Carolyn Harvey & Diane Pastor	Windsor 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 [jnjgreene@bellsouth.net](mailto:jnjgreene@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.





# Orlando July Sectional

**July 14-16, 2017**

**0-20, 0-499ers & OPEN**

## **Friday July 14, 10am & 2:30pm**

0-20 Pairs - Single Session	0-20
499ers Pairs - Single Session	0-100/100-300/300-500
OPEN Pairs - Single Session	0-750/750-2500/2500+

## **Saturday July 15, 10am & 2:30pm**

0-20 Pairs - Single Session	0-20
499ers Pairs - Single Session	0-100/100-300/300-500
OPEN Pairs - Single Session	0-750/750-2500/2500+

## **Sunday July 16, 10am**

### **Team Game**

Lunch and snacks included in daily entry fee

Entry Fee for Team game: \$104.00 per team

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

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In the last issue we reported the 2016 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Club winners. I asked David Kupperman, Sanford Robbins, and Bella Ionis-Sorren, in the 0-5, 2500-3500, and over 10,000 points categories, respectively, to answer the same three questions.

Their answers, for the first question, follow unedited. Space does not permit for my second and third questions. (Stay tuned!)

1) What makes for a good partnership?

### **David's response:**

1) Reliability, honesty, and communication. Understanding my partner's bids and trusting my partner to make good decisions based on the available information. Being honest when bidding and admitting mistakes. Knowing when and how to discuss a bidding/playing problem and knowing when to be silent, especially since my spouse is my regular partner.

### **Sanford's response:**

1a) Mutual trust and respect; b) Ability of both players to concentrate and stay focused at all times; c) Styles are compatible or at least complimentary; d) Constructive discussions about mistakes, errors, and misunderstandings between rounds or after the game rather than playing the blame game in front of opponents; e) Like a cornerback in football, be able to, and allow partner to, move on after disasters; f) Make bids and defensive plays that make things as easy as possible for partner, and keep your partner in the picture at all times; g) Frequent review and updating of your convention card; h) Your combined styles make opponents guess last

### **Bella's response:**

1) I think that a good partnership is one formed by respect, trust, and a mutual goal to have fun, compete and do well. You should not forget that your partner is your best friend at the table and has your best interest at heart. It does not help to argue or pick on partner when things go wrong, as that seems to make matters much worse. I enjoy playing most with the people that forgive my mistakes, make me laugh and do not make me nervous. Those sessions seem to bring out the best results.

Say hi to David, Sanford, & Bella when you see them at the club. Lastly, at year end, please cast your vote for your next board, and see me ASAP if you're interested in running. Our board needs hard workers who want to make our tournaments better.

# UNIT 243 NEWS

## Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club

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

299ers - Friday Mornings at 9:30am

Mentor Night - every other Wednesday Evening at 6:30pm. July 12th is the next Mentor game. Please pre-register with Rosemary Boden (mentornight@ftlbc.com)

### Upcoming Events

July 1-9 - Red Points (NAP +\$1 additional card fee)

Tuesday, July 4th at 11:30am – 4th of July BBQ and Game

Sunday, July 9th at 1pm - Swiss Teams

July 13-14 - Unit Games

Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30pm - 8 is Enough Swiss Teams

Monday, August 7th at 11:30am - Summer Luau

August 7-13 - Silver Points (STaC +\$1 additional card fee)

Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30pm - 8 is Enough Swiss Teams

August 31 - Sept 4 - Annual Labor Day Tournament

## Hollywood Bridge Club

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

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

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

Join us on July 10th when we celebrate BIG birthdays of Roz Gollin and Dan Bady.



*Roz Gollin will turn 99 on July 6th. She was the comptroller at Miami Rug for 38 years before she retired in 1988. She started playing duplicate almost 30 years ago and plays at least three times a week at the Hollywood Bridge Club.*



*Daniel Bady will turn 100 on July 10th. He spent his career as an engineer for Dupont, retiring about 50 years ago. He has been playing bridge for over 80 years, and he plays at the Hollywood Bridge Club 6 days a week.*

# 70% Games

79.08%	Jay Shahani - Zeke Lorber	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
74.83%	Charles Privalsky - Jack Jensen	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
73.34%	Jerome Sherer - Joan Procter	Westside DBC
73.18%	Helene Feingold - Gloria Ezrin	Bonaventure DBC
72.64%	Barbara LaBelle - Cindy Levin	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
72.53%	Wendell Abern - Joyce Klein	Westside DBC
72.16%	Tom Fitzsimmons - Sandy Weinger	Bonaventure DBC
71.94%	Marie-Alice Fombrun - Mary Kennedy	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
71.86%	Marise Hambrick - Sarko Kassabian	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
71.49%	Jack Jones - Robert Ramos	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
71.44%	John Koeman - Yolande Koeman	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
71.40%	Joni Azari - Diane Shaffer	Hollywood DBC
71.30%	Gary Higbee - Mary Duffy	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
71.21%	August Antaki - Jean Boulos	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
71.14%	Brett & Helen Goldstein	Hollywood DBC
70.91%	Eva Rubach - Babs Dippel	Hollywood DBC
70.75%	Bev Candlish - Ulla Woolheiser	Bonaventure DBC
70.56%	Jeanne Forsberg - Mary Helen Merchant	Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club
70.04%	Lilliane Levy - Esther De Perczek	Hollywood DBC
70.00%	Karen Chera - Norma Cohen	Hollywood DBC

## UNIT 243 CLUBS

### Another Bridge Club

@ Posnack JCC in Davie  
5850 S Pine Island Road  
Davie, FL 33328

Duplicate Games Tuesday & Thursday  
@ 7 pm.

TJ Singer • (954) 399-1222  
email: [jcc@anotherbridgeclub.com](mailto:jcc@anotherbridgeclub.com)  
[www.anotherbridgeclub.com](http://www.anotherbridgeclub.com)

### Bonaventure Town Center

16690 Saddle Club Road  
Weston, FL 33326

Jim Walker • 954-593-3741  
email: [hcp07@comcast.net](mailto:hcp07@comcast.net)  
[www.walkersdbc.com](http://www.walkersdbc.com)

### Century Village Pembroke Pines

Duplicate Bridge Club  
(CVPP Duplicate Bridge Club)  
Invitational, 13300 SW 10 St.  
Pembroke Pines 33027  
Merwyn Levin  
[merv@bellsouth.net](mailto:merv@bellsouth.net)

### CVE Duplicate Bridge Club

(Invitational)  
2400 Century Blvd.  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Frank Cusumano, Club Manager  
[frankcus@comcast.net](mailto:frankcus@comcast.net), 954-598-5856

### Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club

620 NE 8th Street  
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304  
Jesse Laird • 954-761-1577  
email: [info@ftlbc.com](mailto:info@ftlbc.com)  
website: [www.ftlbc.com](http://www.ftlbc.com)

### Hollywood Bridge Club

Fred Lippman Center  
2030 Polk St., Hollywood, FL 33020  
Sedat Nassi 954 790-3010 or  
David Reiter 954 600-1899  
[www.hollywoodbridgeclub.com](http://www.hollywoodbridgeclub.com)

### Lauderdale Yacht Club

(Invitational)  
Club Manager: Ernie Moore

### Pompano Beach Duplicate Bridge Club

180 SW Sixth Street  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
954-943-1733  
Rich Waugh, Club Manager  
[www.pompanobridge.com](http://www.pompanobridge.com)

### Quick Tricks Gay Friendly

Duplicate Bridge  
Games held at Fort Lauderdale BC  
700 NE 6th Terrace  
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304  
Jack De Crescente  
954-636-2050  
[jackdecescente@comcast.net](mailto:jackdecescente@comcast.net)  
[www.quicktricksbridge.com](http://www.quicktricksbridge.com)

### Skolnick Duplicate Bridge Club

800 SW 36th Avenue  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069  
Bill Howe 954-257-5260  
TUESDAY games resumed in  
NOVEMBER.

### Westside

The Lincoln Park Center  
7766 NW 44th Street  
Sunrise, FL 33351  
954-749-9570  
[www.westsidedbc.com](http://www.westsidedbc.com)

### Wynmoor Bridge Club

(Invitational)  
Anita Aiello  
[anita31@bellsouth.net](mailto:anita31@bellsouth.net)

# Rank Changes

## May:

### Junior Master

Bonnie Webb, Apopka  
 Carole Levitz, Aventura  
 Kathy Davi, Bonita Springs  
 Arlene Ritholtz, Boynton Beach  
 Warren Cohen, Bradenton  
 Etha Bailey, Clearwater  
 Archie Berberian, Davenport  
 Jack Isreal, Delray Beach  
 Edward Marlowe, Delray Beach  
 Susan Agnew, Estero  
 James McMichael, Havana  
 Mary Carpenter, Hobe Sound  
 William Gleeson, Holly Hill  
 Jerry Shea, Hudson  
 Joseph Golomboski, Jacksonville  
 Patterson Rogers, Jacksonville  
 Marge Ryan, Jupiter  
 Anthony Denigro, Key Biscayne  
 Peter Orr, Maitland  
 Mary Keeling, Marathon  
 Michael Anthony, Naples  
 Cynthia Haas, Naples  
 Elaine Johnson, Naples  
 Sarah Kelly, Naples  
 Laurie Owens, Naples  
 Margaret Poirier, Naples  
 Christina Rynne, Naples  
 Emily Smeraldo, Naples  
 Nilda Conrad, Ocala  
 Brad Bole, Orlando

Carole Caruso, Orlando  
 Diane Templeton, Orlando  
 Sandra Christmas, Ormond Beach  
 Penny Wender, Palm Bch Gdns  
 Nancy Milliken, Palm Beach  
 Neil Goodman, Palm Beach Gar  
 Susan Dessing, Palm Coast  
 Carol Elson, Palm Coast  
 Chuck Lisner, Pensacola  
 Nancy Noyes, Ponte Vedra  
 Karen Jezewski, Port Orange  
 Michael Dubois, Saint Thomas VI  
 Janet Hurley, Sanibel  
 Susan Lewis, Sarasota  
 Stephen Weitman, Sarasota  
 Ineke Garofalo, Sebring  
 Sandra Quarles, Sebring  
 Marcia Farkas, Singer Island  
 Sondra Harvison, Stuart  
 Robbie Chaplin, Sun City Center  
 John Mitchell, Sun City Center  
 Paula Warren, Sun City Center  
 Patsy Dunk, Tampa  
 Diane Landis, Tampa  
 Candy Olson, Tampa  
 Dixie Bourke, The Villages  
 Patricia Carpenter, The Villages  
 Gale Carroll, The Villages  
 Timothy Pederson, The Villages  
 James Strazzere, The Villages  
 Henry Richardson, Venice  
 Marsha Braun, Vero Beach  
 Joyce Cleeland, Vero Beach  
 Kate Koman, Vero Beach  
 Gloria Miller, Vero Beach  
 Susan Mortimer, Vero Beach  
 Nancy Spalding, Vero Beach  
 Julie Whiting, Village of Golf  
 Susan Gore, West Melbourne

### Club Master

Ron Duell, Alford  
 Janet Sourbeer, Belleair  
 Helene Hendricks, Boca Raton  
 Marvin Schwartzbard, Boca Raton  
 Meredith Richmond, Bonita Springs  
 Poursan Samii, Bonita Springs  
 Connie Walker, Bonita Springs  
 Marlene Robinson, Dade City  
 Gene Rizzo, Deland  
 Janie Prescott, Hernando  
 CJ Schroeffer, Highland Beach  
 Tina Rose, Homosassa  
 Stuart Katz, Juno Beach  
 Evan Feist, Jupiter  
 Bessie Connelly, Key Largo  
 Joseph Bornstein, Lakewood Ranch

Jane Kofender, Lakewood Ranch  
 Gail Goldrath, Longboat Key  
 Sandra Baer, Miami  
 Cynthia Richards, N Palm Beach  
 Mary Jo Kallergis, Naples  
 Joyce Lempert, Naples  
 Robert Lempert, Naples  
 Patricia MacDonald, Naples  
 Karen McGlynn, Naples  
 Marilyn Trichon, Naples  
 David Laffrey, Ocala  
 Sydney Prevost, Orlando  
 Elaine Lowenthal, Ormond Beach  
 Joan Kripke, Palm Bch Gdns  
 Sharada Shankar-Alducin, Palm Beach  
 Gene Holmes, Pinellas Park  
 Arne Langsetmo, Stuart  
 Therese O'Rourke, Stuart  
 Janet Sampson, Stuart  
 Jacqueline Benter, Sun City Center  
 Shelley Frankel, Sun City Center  
 Lawrence Samaha, Tampa  
 George Mast, The Villages  
 Susan Mast, The Villages  
 Judy Moulton, The Villages  
 Mary Nadeau, The Villages  
 John Schwarzmann, The Villages  
 Carol Newnam, Venice

# Rank Changes

K Suzanne Caltwin,  
Vero Beach  
Penelope Kelly, Vero  
Beach  
Nancy Knapp, Vero  
Beach  
Diane Pastor, Vero  
Beach  
Martha Ann Sloan, Vero  
Beach  
Nancy Sharigan, West  
Palm Beach  
Michael Davis, Winter  
Park

## Sectional Master

Lynn Esko, Altamonte  
Spg  
Maurice Dwek,  
Aventura  
Pamela Knous, Bonita  
Springs  
Harold Zorlen, Fort  
Pierce  
Mary Jane Zorlen, Fort  
Pierce  
Gayle Michalak,  
Gainesville  
Edward Schiller,  
Homosassa  
Pamela McEwen,  
Hudson  
Charles Schubiger,  
Jacksonville  
Sherry Pies, Lakewood  
Ranch  
Pat Svec, Lecanto  
Mary Gibson,  
Longwood  
Charles Katz,  
Longwood  
Larry Richert, Mount  
Dora  
Peter Bronstein, N  
Miami Beach

Joan Fortune, Naples  
Joyce Gilzow, Naples  
Barbara Levine, Naples  
Marjorie Lewis, Naples  
Jim Schoenwetter,  
Naples  
Joyce Bates, Orlando  
Joan Ingersoll, Ormond  
Beach  
Nancy Caras, Osprey  
Harriet Hersch, Palm  
Bch Gdns  
Warren Kroeker, Palm  
Coast  
Barry Schneider,  
Palmetto  
Arlene Mavko, Parrish  
Dina Oertli, Pinellas  
Park  
James O'Bannon, Punta  
Gorda  
Fred Bates, Sanford  
Sheppard Speer, Stuart  
James Rottman, Sun  
City Center  
Harriet Wollmers, Sun  
City Center  
Shirley Taylor, Tequesta  
Ruth Edith Fleigh, Vero  
Beach  
Derek James, Vero  
Beach  
Barbara Sexton, Vero  
Beach  
Esta Parrish, Winter  
Park

## Regional Master

James Rackley, Boca  
Raton  
Veronica Poelsma,  
Bradenton  
David Sartwell,  
Bradenton  
Mary Sartwell,  
Bradenton

Stephen Curry,  
Celebration  
Joan Nardi Tanner,  
Crystal River  
Beverly Loebenber,  
Delray Beach  
Zulema Olander, Indian  
Shores  
Ashok Hargunani,  
Marco Island  
Carole Underwood,  
Poinciana  
Kathleen Keller, Port  
Orange  
Michael McDermott,  
Saint Augustine  
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Sarasota  
Beth Dinney, Sarasota  
Greg Dinney, Sarasota  
Anastasia Tsavaris, St  
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Tallahassee  
Stanley Goodman,  
Winter Springs

## NABC Master

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Raton  
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Raton  
Richard Plummer, Gulf  
Breeze  
Marci Swatt, Hollywood  
William Straith, Jupiter  
Dorothy Kemp, Key  
Largo  
Marty Greengrass, Lutz  
Hannah Rabinowitz,  
Manalapan  
Judith Farber, Miami  
Antonio Mora, Miami

Joyce Jennings, N Palm  
Beach  
Nancy Muller, Orlando  
Polly Norris, Palm  
Beach  
Dolores Vest, Pensacola  
Etta Sklar, Sunny Isles  
Bch  
Lawrence Adams, The  
Villages  
Victoria Adams, The  
Villages  
Maury Fjestad, The  
Villages  
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Springs  
Deborah Bricker, Palm  
Beach  
Richard Rubinson,  
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Paul Lutzker, Boca  
Raton  
Joan Piolet, Boca Raton  
Paul Michaels, Bonita  
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Joann Teresi, Deerfield  
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Nancy McCrory, Estero  
Cynthia Levin, Fort  
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Karen Kurzer, Lake  
Worth  
Stephen Saker,  
Longwood  
Kay Seybold,  
Longwood



Robert Bachand, North Miami  
 Samuel Crigler, Oviedo  
 C Guy Merskin, Sun City Center  
 John Quinn, The Villages

## Bronze Life Master

Mitchell Heide, Boca Raton  
 Carole Bondi, Bonita Springs  
 Cynthia Levin, Fort Lauderdale  
 Barbara Jaffee, Maitland  
 Sharon Reback, N Palm Beach  
 Robert Bachand, North Miami  
 Marlene Flament, Oldsmar  
 Mary McLeish, Ormond Beach  
 Samuel Crigler, Oviedo  
 Sharon Hildebrandt, Palm Coast  
 William Cobb, Pompano Beach  
 Steven Frank, Ponte Vedra Bch  
 Robin Turba, Summerfield  
 Andrew Altman, Tampa

## Silver Life Master

Frances Tomlinson, Belleair  
 Paul Lutzker, Boca Raton  
 Sandy Sherman, Boynton Beach  
 Linda Jackson, Bradenton  
 Dev Pathak, Bradenton

Claire Buete, Marco Island  
 Abbie Feuer, N Palm Beach  
 Gloria Glassman, Palm Bch Gdns  
 Virginia Allen, Ponte Vedra  
 Jane Philip, Ponte Vedra  
 Steven Jackson, Vero Beach

## Ruby Life Master

Joseph Katri, Coral Gables  
 Mindy Aiken, Fort Lauderdale  
 James Bard, N Fort Myers  
 Jim Loffree, Naples  
 Monty Page, Palm Bay  
 Dale Rowett, Palm City  
 Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota  
 Junko Hemus, Windermere

## Gold Life Master

Jeff Edelstein, Riverview  
 Joe Angermeier, St Petersburg  
 Rachel Kaufman, Wellington

## Sapphire Life Master

David Treitel, Miami

## Diamond Life Master

Michael Pearson, Saint Augustine

## Emerald Life Master

Jack Weingold, Boca Raton  
 Donna Rodwell, Clearwater

## June: Junior Master

Beatrice Allis, Boca Raton  
 Fran Friedman, Boca Raton  
 Charlette Jaffe, Boca Raton  
 Willard Bernstein, Boynton Beach  
 Samantha Goldberg, Boynton Beach  
 Arthur Newfield, Bradenton  
 Gail Atherton, Debary  
 Vickie Grimes, Delray Beach  
 Deborah Bunner, Fernandina  
 Nora Dyke, Fort Lauderdale  
 Miriam Hershenson, Fort Lauderdale  
 Nancy Messing, Fort Lauderdale  
 Gregory Magreta, Gulf Stream  
 Victoria Budd, Homosassa  
 Joseph Sachs, Islamorada  
 Margaret Fulton, Jacksonville  
 Lynne Gheen, Jacksonville  
 Dedee Ratiner, Jupiter  
 Ronni Taccetta, Jupiter  
 Irene Newman, Lakewood Ranch

Mary Ross, Lutz  
 Joan Wieser, Miami  
 Susan Nehmen, Miami Beach  
 Linda Esrov, Naples  
 Darlene Kostner, Naples  
 Ralph Perron, Naples  
 Heidi Stock, Naples  
 Lou Zellner, Naples  
 Kathleen Hodgson, Niceville  
 Charlie Lu, Orlando  
 Sunny Lu, Orlando  
 Richard Weerts, Osprey  
 Beverly Ittleman, Palm Bch Gdns  
 Joan Marsh, Palm City  
 Andrew Dance, Palm Coast  
 Jack Diem, Palm Coast  
 Lois Overbaugh, Pensacola  
 Diane Holtz, Plantation  
 Nancy Brooks, Ponte Vedra  
 Norva Lynn, Ponte Vedra Bch  
 Jeri Rogers, Ponte Vedra Bch  
 Tanya Rosen, Singer Island  
 Kirk Hunerlach, St Petersburg  
 Garry Patterson, Sun City Center  
 Jennifer Bradford, Tampa  
 Kim Koletic, Tampa  
 Jane Melamed, Tampa  
 Varsha Laheri, Tavares  
 Patricia Eston, Tequesta  
 Karla Millsap, The Viages  
 Linda Briggs, The Villages  
 Steve Burgfechtel, The Villages

# Rank Changes

Carolyn Collins, The Villages  
Jean Gaull, The Villages  
Jeff Hirsch, The Villages  
Pankaj Mehta, The Villages  
Marie Nappi, The Villages  
Roberta Pepper, Venice  
Lynne Schaeffer, Venice  
Catherine Zelaskowski, Venice  
James Stollenwerck, Vero Beach  
Kathleen Voorhees, Vero Beach  
Elizabeth Maloney, West Palm Beach  
Patricia Maher, Winter Park  
**Club Master**  
Ronnie Marshall, Altamonte Spg  
Rosalind Hensor, Apollo Beach  
Ann Lerner, Bal Harbour  
Laurie Ducharme, Boca Grande  
Linda Raskin, Boca Raton  
Allan Sheres, Boca Raton  
Maria Latina, Bonita Springs  
Vincent Freaney, Cape Coral  
Diane Falla, Deland  
Eleanor Jaffe, Delray Beach  
Donna Mitchell, Fort Pierce  
Karla Shopoff, Gainesville  
Jeffrey Feibelman, Hollywood  
Catherine Holden, Homosassa  
Amy Norcross, Jacksonville  
Ronald Dammon, Lady Lake  
Nancy Nash, Lynn Haven  
Ann Kerley, N Palm Beach  
Catherine Brown, Naples  
Gay Anne Connell, Naples  
Sharon Davidian, Naples  
Wesley Powell, Naples  
Bettirae Woodruff, Ocala  
Chet Harmon, Orlando  
Trudi Williams, Osprey  
Stephanie Growick, Palm Bch Gdns  
Linda Jones, Palm City  
Margaret Guerriere, Palm Coast  
Linda Stone, Palm Coast  
Nancy Holmes, Pinellas Park  
James Ladd, Pinellas Park  
Alicia Hutton, Ponte Vedra  
Sarah Borns, Ponte Vedra Bch  
Giles Lauren, Saint Augustine  
Constance Dowd, Stuart  
Claire Bonekamp, The Villages  
Susan Coffey, Vero Beach  
Susan Sheridan, Vero Beach  
Ann Hokanson, West Palm Beach

## Sectional Master

Judy Kavanagh, Alachua  
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Barry Mayer, Daytona Beach  
Charlie Smith, Flager Beach  
Kurt Merrill, Fort Myers  
D E Gene Manning, Fruitland Park  
Stratford May, Gainesville  
Vicky Vallecillo, Guaynabo PR  
Maureen Morrissey, Holly Hill  
Judith Allen Staver, Jacksonville  
Marjorie Phillips, Jacksonville  
Anna Piner, Jacksonville Bc  
Laura Selling, Kissimmee  
Bobbi Jennison, Longboat Key  
Janet Spatz, Longwood  
Cindy Moran, Miami  
Hilda Cox, Milton  
Nelda Mishoe, Milton  
Carole Bailey, Naples  
Jeanne Baniewicz, Naples  
Philip Brady, Naples  
Carolyn Mills, Naples  
Francine Pfohl, Naples  
Patricia Sugiuchi, Naples  
Paul Sparks, Ocala  
Steve Conover, Orlando  
Paul Geary, Orlando

Alice Schultz, Orlando  
Julie Johnson, Oviedo  
Alan Jones, Palm Beach Gdns  
Robin Webster, Ponte Vedra  
Beverly Hopson, Port Orange  
Bill Zimmer, Saint Augustine  
Patrica Grubb, Sarasota  
Patricia Peters, Sarasota  
William Henderson, Tampa  
Lisbeth Wagner, Tampa  
Bruce Neri, The Villages  
Nancy Turner, The Villages  
Trent Smith, Vero Beach  
Donna Evans, Weeki Wachee  
Betsy Golub, West Palm Beach  
Wilma Hanson, West Palm Beach

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Charles Roberts, Cape Coral  
Beth Frazee, Casselberry  
Jill Sugarman, Delray Beach  
Nancy Bell, Dunedin  
Christine Powers, Grosse Pointe MI  
Walter Olander, Indian Shores  
Lizbeth Adams, Jupiter  
Bernadette Meisenheimer, Lakewood Ranch  
Lynn Gaine, Naples  
Richard Price, Naples

Jerry Cundiff, North  
Port  
Robert Moss, Orlando  
Judith Hanrahan, Palm  
Bch Gdns  
Maureen Atwood, Palm  
Coast  
Robert McClendon,  
Ponte Vedra  
Mardell Dietz, Sarasota  
Anita Marcus, Sarasota  
Patricia Banfield, St  
Petersburg  
Yvonne Cobb, Winter  
Park  
Michael Johnson,  
Winter Springs

## **NABC Master**

Wayland Barber,  
Belleair  
David Tutak, Clearwater  
Shirley Anne,  
Crawfordville  
Judy Hanson, Dade City  
Jean Irwin, Delray  
Beach  
Nancy Baer, Fort Myers  
Yoon Jhee, Longboat  
Key  
Jon Mercurio, Naples  
Kathleen Muniz, Naples  
Thomas Mason, Ponte  
Vedra  
Ann Friedman, Sarasota  
Judith Gilman, Sun City  
Center  
Vicki Wagner, Tampa

## **Adv NABC**

### **Master**

Janis Wallbrown, Bonita  
Springs  
Linda Gargrave,  
Ormond Beach  
Bruce Burns, Palm  
Harbor

Martha Core, Palm  
Harbor  
Ann Turner, Tampa  
Nicholas Pund, The  
Villages  
Robert Vicars Jr, The  
Villages

## **Life Master**

Judith Hartshorn, Fort  
Lauderdale  
Katharine Plum, Hobe  
Sound  
Roy Plum, Hobe Sound  
Lynn Long, Orlando  
Patty Gavy, Palm  
Beach  
Joe Zaksas, Sarasota  
Connie Graunke,  
Tallahassee  
Martin Fleischman,  
Tampa  
Trisha Muniz, Tampa  
Kathy Brick, The  
Villages  
Patricia Wallace,  
Wakulla Springs

## **Bronze Life**

### **Master**

Betsy Slone, Altamonte  
Spg  
Michele Chazen, Coral  
Springs  
Joanne Kunz, Flagler  
Beach  
Judith Hartshorn, Fort  
Lauderdale  
Judy Kushner, Lake  
Worth  
Patricia Black,  
Lakeland  
Patricia Brown, Port  
Orange  
Valerie Hodson,  
Sarasota  
Robert Irish, Sebring

Kathleen Smith, Sun  
City Center  
Michael Kiernan, The  
Villages  
Patricia Wallace,  
Wakulla Springs

## **Silver Life Master**

Herbert Cohen, Boca  
Raton  
Paul Urban, Bonita  
Springs  
Ann Harris, Boynton  
Beach  
Gilda Reynolds, Cape  
Coral  
Rick Schneider, Delray  
Beach  
Charlene Sexton, Estero  
Bunny George,  
Jacksonville  
Al Seidner, Lake Worth  
Sandra Carney,  
Niceville  
Bea McLaughlin,  
Pensacola  
Richard Kime, Tampa  
Beverly Carr, Treasure  
Island

## **Ruby Life**

### **Master**

Marvin Teperow, Boca  
Raton  
Frederick Scott, Bonita  
Springs  
Doris Cohen, Boynton  
Beach  
Susan Ruskin, Boynton  
Beach  
Judite Katri, Coral  
Gables  
Edward Stanley, Fort  
Myers

Lorraine Carrier,  
Lecanto  
Joyce Natter, Miami  
Gail Grant, Port St  
Lucie  
Michael Gibson,  
Sarasota  
Sigmund Brody, Tampa  
Clare Kromar, The  
Villages  
J Pamela Cooney,  
Venice

## **Gold Life Master**

Lori Jacobs, Boca Raton  
Fran Smith, Estero  
Bess Eastin, Ft Myers  
Beach  
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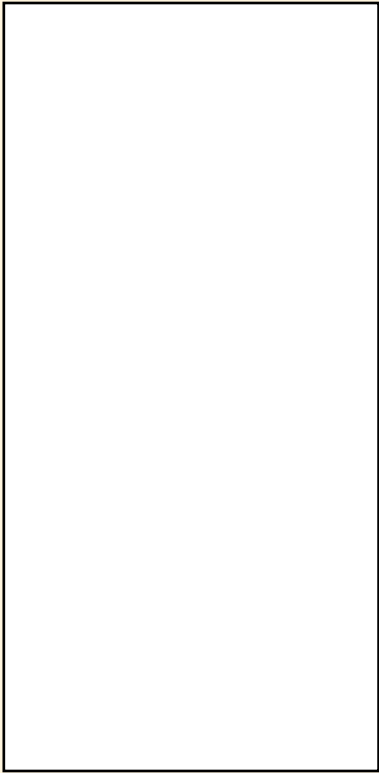
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