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D9's Players are ready to head to Providence



BLUE RIDGE *SPECTACULAR*

Two in One !

OPEN SECTIONAL & NLM REGIONAL



JULY 28-31, 2022
Blue Ridge Community College



Conference Center, E. Campus Drive, Flat Rock, NC

BRIDGE RATE: \$119

MUST be booked by June 27th
to enjoy this rate

Host Hotel

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

836 Upward Road

Flat Rock, NC 28731

direct line: 828-513-5100



Unit 171 is proud to sponsor our 7th Blue Ridge Spectacular Sectional and our first concurrent NLM Regional tournament, in the comfortable Blue Ridge Community College. We are also pleased to reprise the popular afternoon Wine & Cheese reception on Thursday and Friday. Lunch is available from our food trucks, Thursday through Saturday, and will be provided on Sunday.

For information about attractions and restaurants in this area, our Covid related policy, and a link for booking hotel, please visit blueridgespectacular.org or scan this QR. To pre-register, e-mail Steve Devico at sdev@bellsouth.net with a copy of your vaccination record as well as a picture of your driver's license.



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BLUE RIDGE *SPECTACULAR* 2022

OPEN SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 28

- 2:00 PM *Nantahala* Bracketed KO (1 of 3)
Stratified Open Pairs
- 5:30 PM W(h)ine & Cheese Reception
6:00 PM *Conestee* Dinner Bell Swiss (1 of 2, 12 boards)

FRIDAY, JULY 29

- 9:30 AM *Nantahala* Bracketed KO (2 of 3)
Stratified Open Pairs
- 2:00 PM *Nantahala* Bracketed KO (3 of 3)
Stratified Open Pairs
- 5:30 PM W(h)ine & Cheese Reception
6:00 PM *Conestee* Dinner Bell Swiss (2 of 2, 12 boards)

SATURDAY, JULY 30

- 9:30 AM *Catawba* Bracketed Compact KO (1 of 2)
Stratified Open Pairs
- 2:00 PM *Catawba* Bracketed Compact KO (2 of 2)
Stratified Open Pairs

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 10:00 AM *Oconaluftee* Bracketed Swiss
Bracketed by Attendance

Stratified Open Pairs A: 3000+ B: 1000-3000
C: 0-1000.
KO's, Dinner Bell Swiss, Sunday Swiss: Bracketed
by attendance.
Bracketing and stratification based on team/pair
average.
KO's may be handicapped at DIC's discretion

NLM REGIONAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 28

- 9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Pairs** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Bracketed
Swiss Teams** (2 sessions)
- 9:30 AM **Side Series** (1 of 6)
2:00 PM **Side Series** (2 of 6)
5:30 PM W(h)ine & Cheese Reception

FRIDAY, JULY 29

- 9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Pairs** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Bracketed Swiss
Teams** (2 sessions)
- 9:30 AM **Side Series** (3 of 6)
2:00 PM **Side Series** (4 of 6)
5:30 PM W(h)ine & Cheese Reception

SATURDAY, JULY 30

- 9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Pairs** (2 sessions)
9:30 AM & 2 PM **Gold Rush Bracketed
Swiss Teams** (2 sessions)
- 9:30 AM **Side Series** (5 of 6)
2:00 PM **Side Series** (6 of 6)

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 10:00 AM **Gold Rush Round-Robin Teams**
Bracketed by Attendance

Gold Rush Pairs A: 300-750 B: 100-300 C:0-100
Gold Rush Teams: Bracketed by attendance
Bracketing and stratification based on team/pair
average, except no player over 750 MP's and
no Life Masters

*Events in 'bold' qualify for Gold points
Must play in at least two side series
events to compete for Gold*

District Nine Calendar

JUNE

May 30-Jun 5

**BRANDON
REGIONAL**

Jun 11-13

The Villages Sectional

Jun 13-19

Unit 128 STAC

JULY

Jul 8-10

Naples Sectional

Jul 15-17

Jacksonville Sectional

Jul 21-31

**PROVIDENCE RI
NABC**

Jul 28-29

Ventura NLM Sectional

Jul 29-31

Bonita Sectional

AUGUST

Aug 3-4

Deland 299ers Sectional

Aug 8-14
District 9 STaC

Aug 15-21
**PGA
REGIONAL**

SEPTEMBER

Sep 2-5
St Petersburg Sectional

Sep 16-18
Melbourne Sectional

Sep 21-22
St Augustine NLM Sectional

Sep 23-25
NAP Finals Flight B

Sep 30-Oct 2
Clearwater NLM Sectional

Sep 30-Oct 2
McGregor Point Sectional

OCTOBER

Oct 10-16
**SANIBEL
REGIONAL**

Oct 17-23
Unit 102, 219, 240, 243
STaC

Oct 21-23
Palm Coast NLM Sectional

Oct 27-28
Jacksonville NLM
Sectional

NOVEMBER

Nov 2-4
Sarasota Sectional

Nov 3-5
Pensacola Sectional

Nov 4-6
St Petersburg NLM
Sectional

Nov 7-13
**DAYTONA
REGIONAL**

Nov 14-20
Unit 219, 240, 243 STaC

Nov 19-21
The Villages Sectional

Nov 24-Dec 4
**PHOENIX AZ
NABC**

Nov 28-30
Fort Lauderdale
Sectional

2022-2023

Nov 30-Dec 1
Deland 299er Sectional

DECEMBER

Dec 2-4
St. Augustine Sectional

Dec 2-4
Vero Beach Sectional

Dec 5-11
Unit 128 STaC

Dec 12-18
**CORAL SPRINGS
REGIONAL**

JANUARY

Jan 2-8
ORLANDO REGIONAL

Jan 6-7
NAP FINALS

Jan 13-15
Jacksonville Sectional

Jan 16-20
Unit 102, 219, 240, 243
STaC

Jan 20-22
Mandel JCC Sectional

Jan 27-29
Sarasota Sectional

Jan 27-29
Vero Beach Sectional

FEBRUARY

Feb 3-5
Palm Coast Sectional

Feb 3-5
Fort Lauderdale Sectional

Feb 10-12
St Petersburg Sectional

Feb 13-19
Unit 128 STaC

Feb 20-26
MANATEE REGIONAL

MARCH

Mar 3-5
Khatib Sectional

Mar 3-5
Sun City Sectional

Mar 9-21
**NEW ORLEANS
NABC**

Mar 17-20
St Petersburg
NLM Sectional

Mar 20-26
Unit 102, 219, 240, 243
STaC

Mar 23-26
Daytona Sectional

Mar 27-Apr 2
**SOUTHEASTERNS
REGIONAL**

APRIL

Apr 12-13
Deland
NLM Sectional

Apr 14-16
Vero Beach
Sectional

MAY

May 19-21
Sarasota Sectional

DISTRICT 9 REGIONALS

**AUG 15-21, 2022
PALM BEACH GARDENS**

**OCT 10-16, 2022
FT MYERS**

**NOV 7-13, 2022
DAYTONA BEACH**

**DEC 12-18, 2022
BOCA RATON**

**JAN 2-8, 2023
ORLANDO**

**FEB 20-26, 2023
MANATEE**

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Can you
Learn Bridge in A Day?[®]
Yes!

Come with a friend - or make new ones!

Whether you are a beginner or returning to bridge, it's the perfect place to start. See why bridge is the world's most popular card game!

Unit 128 Welcomes you to Learn Bridge in A Day[®]

Choose the Date and Location that Works for You!

August 14th - Palm Beach Gardens, FL

October 9th - Ft. Myers, FL

November 6th - Daytona Beach Shores, FL

Cost: Pre-registered \$20 - At the Door \$25

Date/Time: Sunday's, 1:00 to 6:00 PM

Instructor: Patty Tucker (Instructor Accreditation Offered)



Register Now!

www.bridgewithpatty.com

For more information contact Elizabeth Harris at
LBIAD.ELIZABETH@GMAIL.COM

Florida Unit 128



Whirlwind Bridge



NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

North American Pairs (NAP) is a grass-roots event that allows players from all levels to compete at the National level! Winners in each flight in each district earn subsidies to compete in the NAP event at the NABC in New Orleans in March 2023.



**Club qualifications run from
June 1 to August 31, 2022.**

**Qualify at any club with any partner
in any district!**

**District 9 NAP Finals will be held Jan 6-7
at the Orlando Regional
(Flight B on Friday, Flights A & C Saturday).**

**Questions? Contact John Moschella
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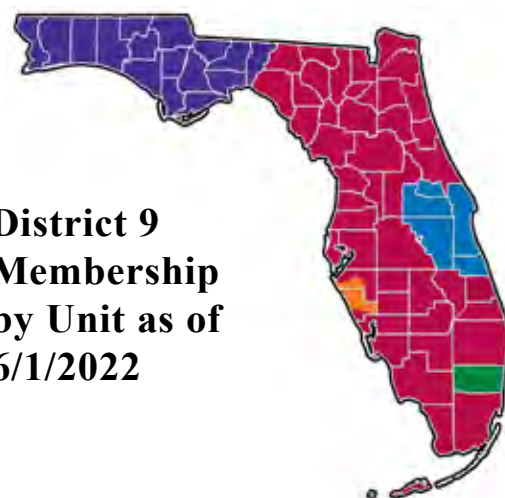
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D9 Players prepare to represent District 9 at the NABC in Providence, RI

15,849

District 9 Members!



District 9 Membership by Unit as of 6/1/2022

PALM BEACH GARDENS		12-13
SW FLORIDA		14-15
The Villages		34
Jacksonville		35
DeLand		36
Orlando		45

Unit	Name	Members
102	Sun Coast	938
128	Florida	12017
219	NW Florida	483
240	Central Florida	1740
243	Gold Coast	671
Total Members		15849



A BIG DEAL PROVIDENCE

JULY 14-24, 2022

GOOD LUCK D9 PLAYERS!

**We'd love to hear about your experiences at
the NABC and YNABC in Providence!**

**Send stories, results, hands, and pictures to
sunshinebridgenews@gmail.com**



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PALM BEACH GARDENS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

August 15-21, 2022 • PGA National Resort & Spa

400 Avenue of Champions • Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418 • (800) 863-2819

Monday, August 15 - **NEW START TIMES!**

1:00 & 6:00 Charity Stratified Swiss Teams
1:00 & 6:00 Charity A/X/Y Open Pairs
1:00 & 6:00 Charity Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
1:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 6)
6:00 Win an Entry Side Game

Tuesday, August 16

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Round-Robin Teams
10:00 & 2:30 A/X Open Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)
10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 6)

Wednesday, August 17

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 2:30 Wed-Thu Bracketed Knockouts
(continues Thursday 10 & 2:30)
10:00 & 2:30 A/X Open Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)
10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
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)

Thursday, August 18

9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Round-Robin Teams
10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 6)

PGA NATIONAL RESORT

After a \$100 million transformation, PGA National Resort has all new restaurants, bars and guest rooms. The PGA Ballroom was also renovated with new carpet and bright lighting.



Book your reservation by July 25, 2022 to enjoy the reduced rate of \$159. For reservations, please call 1-888-758-0945 and mention group code 081522ACBL. Resort fee is included.

Click [here](#) to make your reservation online.

Friday, August 19

- 9:15 - 9:45 Guest Speaker
10:00 & 2:30 Fri-Sat Bracketed Knockouts
(continues Saturday 10 & 2:30)
10:00 & 2:30 A/X Open Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)
10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
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)

Saturday, August 20

- 10:00 & 2:30 Bracketed Round Robin Teams
10:00 & 2:30 A/X/Y Open Pairs
10:00 & 2:30 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
10:00 & 2:30 Junior Pairs (FREE)
10:00 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5)
2:30 Afternoon Side Game Series (6th of 6)

Sunday, August 21

- 9:30 A/X/Y Stratified Swiss Teams
(A=6000+, X=4000-6000, Y=0-4000)
9:30 Bracketed "B" Round Robin Swiss
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)

Both events 2-session playthrough.



Sunday, August 14th

1pm to 6pm

\$20 online, \$25 at the door

Do you have family and friends that are interested in learning bridge? Unit 128 is excited to bring Patty Tucker to the PGA Regional on Sunday August 14 for her Learn Bridge in a Day (LBIAD) course. This course typically costs \$75. Unit 128 is thrilled to underwrite a generous portion! The cost for your family and friends to participate is \$25 at the door or \$20 if you pre-register at floridaunit128.org.

This course is perfect for true beginners, those returning to bridge after long absences and those wanting to "test the waters" before committing to formal classes. The concentrated course includes both class instruction and coached play. Textbooks and door prizes are included in the fee.



PALM BEACH GARDENS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

August 15-21, 2022 • PGA National Resort & Spa

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STRATS

Open Events: 3000+/1000-3000/0-1000
Gold Rush: 500-750/300-500/0-300
A/X/Y Open Pairs: 5000+/2500-5000/0-2500
A/X Open Pairs: 5000+/0-5000
B/C Mid-Flight Pairs: 1500-3000/0-1500
All events will be stratified by Masterpoint Average. Knockouts may be handicapped.

Single session entries to the Gold Rush will be available for players with less than 300 MPs. Side games as attendance warrant.

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 PGA Blvd and turn right, 1 mile, turn left into resort.

Southwest Florida Regional

October 10-16, 2022

Marriott Sanibel Harbour

Monday, October 10th - **NEW START TIMES!**

- 11:00 Free Lesson and 99er Game
- 1:00 & 6:00 Charity Stratified Swiss
- 1:00 & 6:00 Charity A/X/Y Open Pairs
- 1:00 & 6:00 Charity Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
- 1:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 6)
- 6:00 Win An Entry Side Game

Tuesday, October 11th

- 9:45-10:15 Guest Speaker
- 10:30 & 3:00 Bracketed Round Robin Teams
- 10:30 & 3:00 A/X Open Pairs
- 10:30 & 3:00 B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)
- 10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
- 10:30 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5)
- 3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 6)

Wednesday, October 12th

- 9:45-10:15 Guest Speaker
- 10:30 & 3:00 Wed-Thu Bracketed Knockouts
(continues Thursday 10:30 & 3)
- 10:30 & 3:00 A/X Open Pairs
- 10:30 & 3:00 B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)
- 10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
- 10:30 Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5)
- 3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)
- 3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 6)

Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa - 17260 Harbour Point Dr, Ft Myers FL 33908 - 239-466-4000
Bridge rate of \$163, cut off date is September 19th - Call 800-767-7777
and mention ACBL Unit 128. Resort fees and self-parking fees are included.
Click [here](#) to make your reservation online.



Thursday, October 13th

- 9:45-10:15 Guest Speaker
10:30 & 3:00 Bracketed Round Robin Teams
10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
10:30 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 6)

Friday, October 14th

- 9:45-10:15 Guest Speaker
10:30 & 3:00 Fri-Sat Bracketed Knockouts
(continues Saturday 10:30 & 3)
10:30 & 3:00 A/X Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 B/C Mid-Flight Pairs
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)
10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
10:30 Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5)
3:00 Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)
3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 6)

Saturday, October 15th

- 10:30 & 3:00 Bracketed Round Robin Teams
10:30 & 3:00 A/X/Y Open Pairs
10:30 & 3:00 Gold Rush Pairs
(Limit to players under 750 MPs)
10:30 & 3:00 Junior Pairs (FREE)
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3:00 Afternoon Side Game Series (6th of 6)

Sunday, October 16th

- 9:30 A/X/Y Stratified Swiss Teams
(A=6000+, X=4000-6000, Y=0-4000)
9:30 Bracketed "B" Round Robin Swiss
(Limit to players under 3000 MPs)



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A/X Open Pairs: 5000+/0-5000
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All events will be stratified by Masterpoint Average. Knockouts may be handicapped.

Single session entries to the Gold Rush will be available for players with less than 300 MPs. Side games as attendance warrant.

DIRECTIONS:

Follow signs for Interstate 75 to Fort Myers. If you are traveling from north of Fort Myers – Take Exit 131 towards Daniels Parkway and turn right. Travel approximately 5 miles on Daniels Parkway. Daniels Parkway will become Cypress Lake Drive once you have crossed over US-41. Turn left onto Summerlin Road (CR-869). Travel south on Summerlin Road for 8 miles to the Sanibel Causeway. Just BEFORE the Sanibel toll booth turn right onto Punta Rassa Road. Then follow the signs to the Resort.

If you are traveling from south of Fort Myers – Take Exit 128 toward Alico Rd. Keep right at the fork to stay on Exit 128 and follow signs to San Carlos Park. Travel West for 3 1/2 miles until you reach US-41 then turn right. Travel about 2 1/2 miles and turn left onto Gladiolus Dr. Travel about a mile and use the left lane to take the ramp to Summerlin Rd (CR-869) Travel south on Summerlin Road for 7 miles to the Sanibel Causeway. Just BEFORE the Sanibel toll booth turn right onto Punta Rassa Road. Then follow the signs to the Resort.



Learn Bridge
In A Day?

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1pm to 6pm
\$20 online, \$25 at the door

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District 9 President's Message

by Betty Sandifer

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Changes are happening in District 9 and all for the best of reasons.

SBN (Sunshine Bridge News):

as soon as the latest issue of the SBN is uploaded, you will receive an email from us notifying you that this edition is ready for viewing. Anytime you'd like to connect directly to the SBN site, click on this site: <https://district9acbl.org/sunshine-bridge-news/>. You may choose the latest edition of the SBN or any of the past editions listed there. Past editions go back to January 2015.

District 9 Website:

There is a project underway to upgrade our District website. Our aim is to provide you with easy and comfortable navigation with the least number of clicks to take you to any event(s) you may wish to view or plan to attend. As we make progress on this venture we will keep you updated. Meanwhile, continue to view our website: <https://district9acbl.org> and be apprised of any changes or updates we may have on existing flyers for our tournaments, or other timely events which unexpectedly may have experienced a change of date or details.

2022 D9 GNT (Grand National Teams) FINALS were conducted during the Sanibel Regional. Our warmest congrats to all winners who will be representing District 9 at the Summer Nationals in Providence, Rhode Island:

Championship Flight: Gary Cohler, Janice Seamon-Molson, Mike Cappelletti, and Allison L. Cappelletti

Flight A: Peter Jargowsky, Linda Epstein, Jakob Kristinsson, and Sveinn Eiriksson

Flight B: Nicholas Tallyn, Clive Morgan, Regina Sooey, and Bill Page.

Any questions you may have concerning the GNTs direct to the District 9 GNT and NAP Coordinator, John Moschella, at: jmoschellaunit240@outlook.com.

It is not too early to start practicing for the 2023 NAPs (North American Pairs) District 9 Finals: Jan 6-7, during the 2023 Orlando Regional. The Club Qualifying games are ongoing from June 1, 2022 thru August 31. The District 9 winners will go on to the Nationals scheduled for March 9-19, 2023 in New Orleans.

YNABC: District 9, as we have for many years, is very proud to sponsor 12 young players to compete at the YNABC in the Summer Nationals in Providence. These young players have been training and are as ready as they can be to face other young players representing multiple ACBL districts. What a life experience for all of these District 9 players and we can't wait to hear about some of their experiences while participating in this prestigious National event!

The Royal STaC week in D9 (March 28-April 3, 2022) was a highly successful event and all participating players thoroughly enjoyed playing in as many events as their schedules allowed. Chasing gold points is always challenging and rewarding and we expect to see many of these players at our future regional events in D9.

Sectionals and regional events are all back and there is an added incentive for all our players: overall awards at all in-person sectional and regional tournaments will be increased by 20%!

Let's show up and play.

May your sunny summer months be happy ones for you and yours.



D9 STaC Weeks

June 13-19, 2022

Unit 128 ST2206503

August 8-14, 2022

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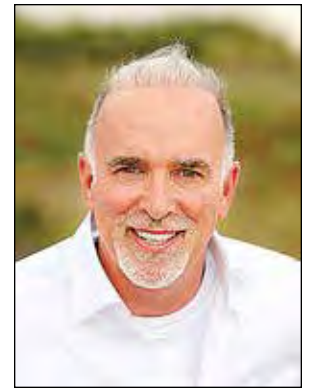
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I hope you enjoy reading my report as to what transpired at the Board meetings held before the Reno NABC in March. Since that time, much more has developed in promoting the return to face-to-face games and I would like to share that with you below.

Big News for Face-to-Face Tournaments!

Have you joined us at an in-person regional or sectional tournament lately? If not, now is the best time to start!

Jump Ahead with a 20% Overall Award Increase

That's right! Earn a 20% upgrade on overall awards when you play at face-to-face regional and sectional tournaments and we hope you'll join us!

Skip the Line with Entry Express

Have you heard about Entry Express? It's the new online portal that allows you to RSVP to face-to-face tournaments and even buy your event entries ahead of time. You will receive an email after June 3rd advising you how you can sign up in advance and skip the line.

NAP Qualifying Games

NAP qualifying games begin June 1 and run through August 31. Clubs may hold two NAP qualifiers for each sanctioned session in June, July, and August. These games will award approximately triple regular club points, half-red and half-black.

Please remember that any player from any district is welcome to play in each NAP qualifying game, and if they earn a "Q" at any game, they are deemed to have qualified for their own district's NAP final competition.

The Longest Day

Don't forget that The Longest Day will soon be here. Face-to-face clubs can participate by choosing one day during the week of June 19-26 to hold special Alzheimer's games. Funds raised in these games will support the Alzheimer's Association's research and care efforts.

"Back to the Club" Games

Four calendar weeks in 2022 have been designated as a special time when all face-to-face club games can be run as Upgraded Club Championships. Here are the dates: June 27-July 10 and November 7-20.

Royal STaCs

Due to the success of the Royal STaCs, an additional Royal STaC week has been approved and can be held between September and December 2022. District 9 has not yet set the dates for these, so check the District 9 website for more details and updated information.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as your representative to the National Board. It is an honor to do so and I appreciate your continued support. Please let me know if you have any questions and please share any suggestions you have to improve the bridge playing experience. Please see page 60 for my report from the board meetins at the Reno NABC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J'.

CONGRATULATIONS
2022 DISTRICT 9 WINNERS
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS



FLIGHT B

CLIVE MORGAN, REGINA SOOEY,
BILL PAGE, NICHOLAS TALLYN

These teams will compete against winners from other ACBL Districts this summer at the NABC in Providence. We wish them the best of luck and know they will represent us well!



FLIGHT A

LINDA EPSTEIN, SVEINN EIRIKSSON,
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Play Hard, Play Well: Horrible Trump Suit



by Robert Todd

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Sometimes we find ourselves with a seriously lacking trump suit, both in terms of length and strength. But all is not lost – we keep our focus, make a plan, and find the best way to take our tricks!

Playing IMPs, we have the following auction:

1♠ 1NT
2♥ 3♣
All Pass

Dummy hits and we see:

♠ AQT82
♥ A632
♦ T75
♣ J

♠ 5
♥ K8
♦ AQ63
♣ T76543

LHO leads the ♦4. Now we need to figure out how to “go plus” on this hand.

After a ♦ lead we have 2♦ tricks, 2♥ tricks, and 1♠ trick. That means that we need to score 4 more tricks to make our contract. The best way to do that is not to try to ruff four times. Instead, it is better to try to win 2♠ tricks and collect 3 trump tricks.

1: ♦4 5 K A (+1)
2: ♠5 3 Q 4 (+2)

With the finesse working, we now have 2♠ tricks.

3: ♠A ♠6 ♦3 ♠9 (+3)
4: ♠2 ♠7 ♣3 ♠K (+4)

We take our ♦ and ♥ winners and ruff a ♥.

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

Now we have 8 tricks in the bag. We exit with a ♦ or a trump and try to scramble one more trump trick with our ♣T or ♣7!

The complete deal was the following:

♠ AQT82
♥ A632
♦ T75
♣ J

♠ K93
♥ JT974
♦ J94
♣ A8

♠ J764
♥ Q5
♦ K82
♣ KQ92

♠ 5
♥ K8
♦ AQ63
♣ T76543

Minimizing Mistakes

by Lynn Berg

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Dorothy Truscott once said that the average bridge player makes 100 errors in an afternoon and is aware of ten of them. Her standards were high; some of those errors might be very subtle nuances, like even a brief hesitation.

What are some common mistakes, and how can you avoid them?

Forgetting your agreements. Especially if you play with several partners, or if you are playing in a new partnership, it's easy to have a memory lapse. Review the card with your partner just before the game. If the opponents use some rare agreement that you also have on your card, check with partner: would you handle the bidding the same way? Review your card every time you play.

Playing too many conventions. Sure, the top players have complex cards and rarely make mistakes, but the rest of us mortals should be more circumspect. Those pros didn't start out with a zillion agreements; they added them one at a time, waiting to master one new idea before adding on another.

Not having a method for remembering hands. Jerry Helms tells his listeners that he will use the same order for describing all hands: If he says the hand was 2353, everybody knows he has 2 Spades, 3 Hearts, 5 Diamonds,

and 3 Clubs. Get used to thinking about hands this way, and you'll find it easier to remember what was in your hand and in the dummy when it first came down. Silently vocalize the distribution to yourself.

Losing track of how many trump are still outstanding. Here's an easy way to remember. Say you started with 8 trump. That means the opponents have 5. Don't try to remember all 13 or even the 8 you can see. Just keep track of the 5 you can't see. Draw a round of trump and if both opponents follow, now you only have to remember the 3 you haven't yet seen. This method also works if you are running a suit in notrump. Vocalizing mentally can help here, too.

Telegraphing your opinion of your hand. Have a terrible hand? I was sitting there one day many years ago, not really caring about what might happen because I held ♠9742 ♥6 ♦JT87 ♣5432. There was a pass on my left and my partner opened 2♣. All of a sudden I was interested! Of course, I grumped inwardly, partner will have Hearts. Imagine my pleasure when she rebid 2♠. I happily jumped to 4♠, telling her I had support but no quick tricks. That time I got away with it, but my inattention and maybe even an unhappy expression told everyone what I thought of the hand. As we got up to move, my partner said. "You have to

quit showing your opinion of the hand. I'm not allowed to know and the opponents are." I hadn't realized what a breach of propriety I'd committed. Remember what Kipling said: we must treat those "twin imposters," triumph and disaster, just the same.

Forgetting to count or to help partner with count. This is a major element of the defense. When declarer leads a suit and you don't have to cover or try to win the trick, you should be telling partner how many you have in the suit—high-low indicates an even number, low-high, odd. The exception is in trump, where high-low can show an odd number. Sound unnecessarily complicated?

Consider this situation: You lead your doubleton. Partner wins the Ace and returns the suit. Now declarer wins and draws two rounds of trump, losing to partner on the second lead. Does your partner know if you have another trump? Should he lead the suit you started? A trump "echo," as it's called, tells partner you have another trump waiting to be used. Of course, a signal not only has to be sent, it has to be received.

Playing hastily. Even if the dummy has to play a singleton, declarer should pause and look at the whole array of cards before playing to the first trick. Everyone should take a moment to think about the bidding, the significance of the opening lead, and the content of the dummy. Dummy has raised 1♠ to 2♠.

Hand 1: ♠J92 ♥A854 ♦Q76 ♣974

Hand 2: ♠T92 ♥AJ985 ♦7 ♣9874

Both of these hands merit a raise to 2♠, but they certainly require different offensive and defensive plans.

Forgetting that your partner and the opponents are social animals, just like you. Greeting the opponents, wishing them luck as the round is called, praising good play even by an opponent - making the session more pleasant for everyone should be part of your goal when you play. This even applies to the Director and caddies. A pleasant "please" when you need to call goes a long way toward making the atmosphere light.

The Kibitzer is Shirley Wright: What's My Line?



by Jon Shuster

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Shirley: One of the wonderful things about playing in ACBL games online is that players get the opportunity to compete with the best of the best. The East player I kibbitzed had an opportunity to be a hero against Jeff Meckstroth, perhaps the finest player ever. Watch the bidding, play, and defense by clicking on the icon below. Can you find any errors in bidding or play?

Play/defense errors: Meckstroth's trump lead was an excellent choice, and declarer missed the boat in play but managed entries very well by winning the trump lead with the $\heartsuit A$ not the $\heartsuit 9$, and playing $\clubsuit s$ to get a ruff and bring the trick total to 7 with many possibilities to get to 8. The \heartsuit to the $\heartsuit K$ was correct as was the \heartsuit return. But there is no way that North leads a low \heartsuit at trick 7 holding the $\heartsuit Q$, so the only chance to make a \heartsuit trick is to play low.



Click the image for the play-by-play on BBO.

Solution:

Bidding errors: None, but I prefer a 1NT opener to $1\spadesuit$. East is not quite good enough to bid 2NT over 1NT.

The Wright line against Meckstroth: Because you trust Meckstroth, you should credit him with $\spadesuit AQxx$, and set up your hand, not dummy. Win the $\diamonds 9$ and lead the $\spadesuit T$. Who knows, Meckstroth might even play low! He will certainly ask himself why the first \diamonds was not won in dummy for a \spadesuit toward the $\spadesuit KJT$. Whoever wins the $\spadesuit Q$ attacks \clubsuit . You make 3 on any other defense. You duck the first \clubsuit , then win the $\clubsuit A$ and play the $\spadesuit J$. Meckstroth will win and force you to ruff. You will cash the $\diamonds K$ and $\spadesuit K$ for your 8th trick and lead to $\heartsuit K$ for a possible 9th.

Lessons: Bridge is a psychological game. Sometimes it is valuable to be able to place such faith in your opponents.

Imagination In Bridge

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Few bridge deals contain either a bid or a play which could be described as imaginative. Similarly, there are not many players who have imagination contained in their repertoire of plays. The following deal comes from the quarterfinal of the Bermuda Bowl between USA 2 and Norway. A few minutes before while commentating on BBO I had mentioned that Vince Demuy, originally from Canada, was a player who could on occasion find such a play.

Dealer East
All vul

♠ J743
♥ KQT65
♦ J
♣ Q64

♠ AT98
♥ A943
♦ A2
♣ J75

♠ KQ6
♥ J2
♦ KQ753
♣ AT8

♠ 52
♥ 87
♦ T9864
♣ K932

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Bakke	Demuy	Brogeland
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♦T. Declarer could count 8 top tricks and had good chances for a 9th. Diamonds or Spades could bring the 9th trick, and there may be other chances also. Demuy showed his imagination when he ducked North's ♦J!! If North continued Diamonds, they would split 4-2 at worst and Demuy could establish his 5th Diamond. If North shifted to a Club, Demuy would duck. He then would have the extra chance of the Club honors being split.

But North shifted to the ♥K, and Demuy also ducked that. His plan was to duck the ♥Q if that was the next play, forcing North to make a play favorable to him. In the event, North continued with a low heart, and declarer won the ♥J to give him the 9th trick.

In the other room, Tor Helness of Norway playing against Wolpert/North and Spector/South won the ♦A to lead a Club to the ♣8 and ♣9. South returned a Club to the ♣J, ♣Q, and ♣A. Now declarer cashed the ♦K, North pitching a Heart. Helness now exited with his third Club to South's ♣K. South cashed his Club winner with dummy and North pitching Hearts, and played a Heart. Declarer won the ♥A and crossed to the ♠K. When he took the ♦Q, Wolpert tried the effect of the ♥K as a discard. Helness was not fooled. He cashed the ♠Q and exited with his last Heart to North's ♥Q, making the last two Spade winners in dummy. This was also a well-played hand.

The same hands were played in the various championships and not all the declarers were successful in making 3NT. Demuy was the only declarer to make his imaginative play.

A WIFE IS THE HELMSMAN OF THE HOME (OKINAWAN PROVERB)

by Michelle Creel Crane

If you have been playing Duplicate Bridge for a while, you have practiced the inward ***sigh*** when as dealer you pick up yet another 5-point hand. You dutifully arrange your cards, count your points and maybe your losers just to let the appropriate amount of time lapse before you pass. Along the way, you notice that you have six Clubs. Left-hand opponent passes and your partner, bless her, opens the bidding with a 1NT call.

That means you just got promoted to Captain!

As an American living on the economy in Okinawa in 1985, I could have used a Captain's skills in navigating. The apartment we rented through an agency had a mailing address of "692 Ojana." In other words, the geographical address was "located in Ginowan City near Ojana Road on a side street with no name."

This apartment had a lot of cabinets, including a full spread of upper cabinets with bottoms about three feet above the counters. I needed a ladder ASAP, so I went to the nearby hardware store. I purchased a ladder, and also a rice cooker, curtains, and two decks of Kem cards. I inquired about a grocery store, and I was directed to a nearby four-story department store. This was no error in communication. The first two floors were food and only food: neatly-packaged pre-cooked meals, rice cakes, soba noodles, vegetables, and vats of seaweed and small fish, etc. It was by now late afternoon, and the joint was jumping with local ladies picking up dinner. This went a long way towards explaining why the kitchen had no oven and no

range – just a 2-burner gas stove and a small refrigerator.

Clearly, the Wife was the Helmsman of Dinner. And my dream of owning a microwave oven was going to come true. Also, I would need to learn how to bake a cake in a crockpot.

Okay, now back to bridge. Sid was giving a lesson on Responding to Partner's Opening of 1NT (15-17). He wanted to make it clear to us that even a hand with fewer than 8 HCP can make a bid if it has the potential to take some tricks.

Hand #1 has 5 HCP. Here it is:

♠ J84 ♥ J2 ♦ Q3 ♣ JT6432

5 HCP, 6 bad Clubs. If you transfer partner to Clubs with this hand, the opponents might cash too many side-suit winners before Clubs can be set up. Maybe your Quacks (Queens and Jacks) will be of some use to partner in 1NT, so you might choose to pass.

On the other hand, having a trump suit at all (by transferring to Clubs) might give your hand the trick-taking ability partner needs to make 9 tricks in Clubs when 7 tricks in NT were impossible. Most players will choose to transfer with this hand, but in either case, the choice is up to you as the Responder.

Hand #2 also has 5 HCP. Here it is:

♠ T84 ♥ 52 ♦ 43 ♣ AJ8642

5 points again, but your hand has no Quacks and no possible side-suit entries, making NT way too risky. If Clubs are trump, your hand can provide partner with a likely 3 or 4 tricks, so you transfer.

Hand #3 is slightly better. It holds:

♠ T84 ♥ 52 ♦ 43 ♣ AQ8642

6 HCP and a 6-card suit with two of the top three honors. According to Sid's methods, there is a bid to show exactly that: go ahead and bid 3♣. With only 15 HCP and two small Clubs, partner can pass. If, however, partner has 17 HCP and 3 Clubs - including your missing top honor in Clubs - 3NT has a good chance of making, and she can bid that with high confidence.

In more modern methods, one way you can improve upon this is by playing four-suited transfers. When you transfer to a minor, partner can show whether she has that 3-card support with a high honor or not (by superaccepting with the in-between bid or completing the transfer – worth a discussion with partner!), leaving the decision to go to 3NT to you as Responder, and revealing less about your hand to the opponents!

There is a principle here. From the moment partner opens 1NT, the (presumably) point-

poor(er) hand - Responder - is in control, and must steer partner to the right contract. In other words,

“Responder is the Helmsman of the Hand.”

This principle can be applied to much more than just this type of bidding sequence. Usually, Opener has limited her hand by her second bid. Responder should have a good idea about partner's overall strength and suit length. Responder then decides how to proceed and how high to go.

This is Duplicate Bridge, so of course this “Captain Responder” principle is only situationally true. For example, if partner opens 1♣ and you respond 1NT, you have limited YOUR hand to 6-9/10 points with no 4-card Major. In this case, OPENER is in charge from then on.

Confused? According to Sid Kalishman, my mentor years ago, the take-away point is this: Once ONE of the partners in a pair has limited his or her hand, the OTHER partner becomes Captain.

Aye, Aye, Sid.



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It's become clear that the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought long-term devastation on in-person bridge.

- A Sarasota club, once ranked in the top three busiest clubs in the country, attempted to reopen in March last year but was unable to attract enough players to keep going.
- Many Unit members who spent much of their adult lives playing bridge have not returned to local clubs or tournaments and apparently have no intention of doing so in the future. Among them are several of our top-ranked life masters who now only play on BBO.
- Teaching the game to rookies has completely lost momentum. There are now so few 499ers venturing to play in tournaments that the once-popular I/N game has all but disappeared. The only game a beginner can now play in a Florida Regional is the Gold Rush, with little hope of earning points.
- ACBL membership continues to decline while the average age of members continues to creep up.
- With tournament attendance currently running at around 50% of pre-pandemic levels, a cut back in future tournaments seems inevitable.

Now is the time for Units and Districts to devise creative ways to stop the rot and start spending their “rainy day” savings on promoting the game and supporting clubs in their jurisdictions before in-person competitive bridge goes the way of the dodo.

UNIT 102 NEWS

Unit 102 held its traditional Spring Sectional May 11-13 after a three-year pandemic-forced hiatus. Attendance was down 50% from 2019, mirroring the experience of other recent Florida tournaments.

The event was held in South Gate Community Center, a new location for the Unit but a former home of Intercity Bridge Club. Many players were delighted to meet up with acquaintances they hadn't seen in several months or years.



Jim Russell was the top points winner, playing all three days. He won the open pairs with Ed Maier Wednesday morning and was a member of the winning Swiss team on Friday with David Rogers, Gen Geiger, and Terry McHenry.



Jim Russell and Ed Maier

On Wednesday afternoon, participants were thrilled to have Jeff Meckstroth and Paul Gallizzi come to play – and win, of course.

Carol Hamilton and Charles Nemes came first in the open pairs game Thursday morning, while Irina Kislitsyna and Michel Rapoport won this event in the afternoon.



Carol Hamilton and Charles Nemes



Michel Rapoport and Irina Kislitsyna

Unit 128

President's Message

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Gold points, 20% additional master point awards, great hospitality, and assorted bridge games. April 4-10 at The Coral Springs Marriott in Coral Springs was the site for Unit 128 first regional event in 2022.

Most participating players wore bright smiles and in general rejoiced to be back and enjoying the friendly bridge ambiance and superb hospitality provided to all who participated in this regional. Our thanks to the staff and volunteers for all their efforts to make this event memorable for all participating players.

May 2-8: An anticipated spring regional in Sanibel at the beautiful Sanibel Marriott. Monday was a very special day for those attending the two-hour lecture by popularly acclaimed Bruce Greenspan, followed by a sanctioned bridge game. A taste of a regional event is super special, if you remember those days, and we certainly look forward to seeing all or some of them becoming regular regional players at our future regional.

Say Cheese! Tracy Nolan, a new Unit 128 board member, engaged the services of Michelle Reed, a professional photographer, who spent several hours capturing our players pictures which will be published in local magazines, the SBN, and perhaps the Monthly ACBL Bulletin.

And, as an added plus, the District 9 GNT Finals were played on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7. What a treat to actually see the high-caliber players in one area competing to represent District 9 at the Summer Nationals in Providence, RI.

LBIAD (Learn Bridge In A Day). What is Learn Bridge in a Day? A five-hour seminar taught by Patty Tucker who will teach those with very little knowledge of bridge, or those who need a revision of the game so they will be ready to plunge into our wonderful world of bridge. For more information, please refer to page 7.

The overall regional attendance, so far, has not been as we expected. But we are always optimistic and really look forward to see an increase in attendance as we keep traveling the regional road in 2022.

May 30-June 5 is a week of bridge at the Sheraton Tampa Brandon in Tampa. As usual, we will be providing our famous hospitality and overall friendly atmosphere for all players. Join us and share the fun playing the most fascinating game in the world.

Until next time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

by Matthew Weingarten

Reno Report

Even though it wasn't the first NABC since the pandemic, Reno definitely was a step up from Austin in terms of turnout and overall atmosphere. It was good to see almost everyone you'd expect to see at a national tournament, and unlike Austin, I played better (well, I think I did anyway). I was able to play with Floridians Sally Meckstroth in the Mixed Pairs and Jeff Edelstein in the Silodor Pairs. Here was a fun hand from the Mixed:

♠ 765
♥ 85
♦ KJT5
♣ KT84

♠ KQJ9	♠ AT82
♥ T4	♥ Q93
♦ Q9762	♦ A83
♣ A9	♣ J76

♠ 43
♥ AKJ762
♦ 4
♣ Q532

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♠	All Pass		2♥

I was sitting North and led a ♥ against 3♠. Sally won the first two rounds with the ♥J and ♥A and then played the ♥K, which declarer ruffed and I threw a ♦. Declarer then pulled three rounds of trump before playing a ♦ to the ♦A and a ♦ back to me. At this point, I had a good feel of where all the cards were on this

hand. For starters, I knew Sally didn't have the ♣A since that couldn't be possible for a 2♥ opener. Meanwhile, I knew West didn't have the ♣A-Q since they would do more than jump to 3♠ with that good of a hand. Knowing Sally's shape to be 2614, I made the crucial play of the ♣K, which establishes two ♣ tricks for us. We scored 2♦, 2♣, and 2♥ for a great score of +200 against 3♠.

All in all, I did manage to make the second day in 4 out of the 5 events I entered (including making day 2 of the Platinum Pairs, the toughest event on the ACBL calendar). While no finish was exemplary, I'll take the consistency. And at the end of the day, I'm still in the "it's great to be playing face-to-face again" phase of Bridge; being more fixated on results can come later.

I don't believe I'll be able to go to Providence this summer but do hopefully look forward to Phoenix in the fall. In the meantime, I also look forward to playing some of the local regionals out here in the Northwest. Enjoying Bridge again day by day!

There's a New Sheriff In Town

Towards the beginning of the year, Jeff Edelstein took on the job of Assistant National Recorder, a thankless task to try to crack down on the cheating cases that have proliferated throughout online Bridge. During the pandemic, online Bridge of course became the norm, and so many more ways of cheating became available as a result. While some people have been caught and disciplined accordingly, there's a long way to

go, just mainly due to how many complaints are in the system compared to the volunteers who are trying to help.

I have helped with some of the reports since Jeff took on his role, and it's pretty crazy to see some of the things people do online that you'd never see at the table. Every single lead

is perfect, they get most of their competitive auctions right, etc. Sure, you can't know for certain on one hand, but you look at 90 or so of them and you have a much better idea.

Jeff was promoted to the head National Recorder position not too long after Reno. Best of luck, Jeff. Looking forward to seeing the game in a hopefully better place.

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299er Strata 0-100/100-200/200-300

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Daily

Jacksonville School of Bridge

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DeLand Bridge Club 299er Silver Days August 3-4, 2022

WEDNESDAY

**9-9:30 Brunch
9:30 Free Lesson
10 Pair Game
1:15 Lunch
2:15 Pair Game**

THURSDAY

**9-9:30 Brunch
9:30 Free Lesson
10 Pair Game
1:15 Lunch
2:15 Team Game**

\$30 per pair per session

Must have an ACBL number to participate

Hand Records

Free Lessons

**Brunch, Lunch, and Snacks
included in entry price**

**Shot record or current
negative COVID test
required**

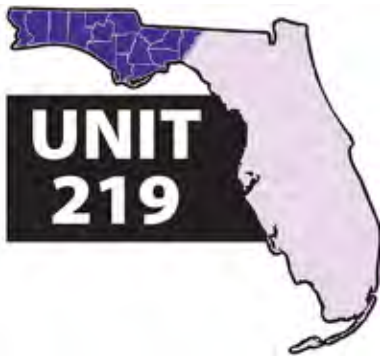
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Regular Bridge play has resumed in Fort Walton Beach, Panama City, Pensacola, and Tallahassee. Hopefully, you have been able to join in the games and support our local clubs. Presently, attendance is down while people are adjusting to the new normal. We have many special games set for your clubs this summer with North American Pairs, Unit 219 Championship games, and Unit 219 Charity games. Please come out and join in the fun. We are planning Unit 219 sectional tournaments for the fall. Stay safe during your summer travels!

Unit 219 70% Games

80.00%	Steve Whitaker / Nancy Ross	Tallahassee
75.00%	Raphael Schreiber / Theo Lichtenstein	Tallahassee
75.00%	Patrick Horton / Fernando Teson	Tallahassee
72.93%	Tom Smith / Rita Zistris	Panama City
72.92%	Raphael Schreiber / Theo Lichtenstein	Tallahassee
72.50%	Sabrina Allen / Patricia Wallace	Tallahassee
72.50%	Patrick Horton / Fernando Teson	Tallahassee
72.00%	Jan Omley / Virginia Waterfield	Fort Walton
71.53%	Pam Ramirex / Armand Grassi	Panama City
70.98%	Roy Forman / Jim Lyle	Tallahassee
70.00%	Stuart Siegel / Michelle Crane	Pensacola

Bridge in the Panhandle

by Michelle Creel Crane

Here in Pensacola, storms and clouds blocked the viewing of the Super Flower Rainbow Blood Moon Total Eclipse. Fortunately, several players in Unit 219 eclipsed their former Life Master Ranks. There are two new Sapphire LMs: Roger Reff of Pensacola and Richard Polangin of Tallahassee. Pam Ramirez (Panama City) reached the rank of Gold LM, and Philip Potter is our Unit's newest Ruby LM. Congratulations!



During our years of operation, we had wonderful support from our players, Pastor Paul Malson of Hope Church, and Sue Smith in an advisory role.”

Blackwater will remain an ACBL-sanctioned club. This allows them to remain viable, to participate in online games (Pensacola), and to hold in-person games in the future in a different location.

From Destin, Ted Gardner has a brief report. There are no plans to reopen anytime soon. Travel distance is an issue, and many players are opting to play in the Fort Walton games. While on hiatus, Ted has ordered a new computer for future games, and he directs some games at Pensacola Duplicate Bridge Club.

Jo Watford reports from Fort Walton Beach. The club has dropped their Friday games. The Tuesday and Thursday games are at 10 AM. Apparently, playing duplicate bridge in the morning makes folks hungry! Jo sent over a few pics of after-bridge lunchtime at local eateries.



Taking the clubs in alphabetical order:

Blackwater Duplicate Bridge Players are facing the demolition of their playing site and so they have suspended face-to-face games – for now. Nelda Mishoe reports on the history and future of BDBP: “We had our first game at the Moors in October 2015, and held our first ACBL-sanctioned game in February 2016. We started with 2.5 tables and grew to an average of six tables. Our annual Christmas parties were well-attended with usually 10-12 tables in play.



Blackwater Club Players





Panama City has no news to report. They play on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Pensacola Duplicate BC has seen an uptick in in-person game attendance. Volunteers have frequently brought food – from small sandwiches to honeyed goat cheese with rice crackers. The club hosted a special Derby Party game on May 7th. The lunch buffet (salads, chicken, Hot Brown, meatballs, casseroles and so much more) was so well-supplied from many volunteers that a third table was needed for the desserts. Even better, a FOURTH table was required for the preparation of Mint Juleps. Alexa Canady-Davis provided the simple syrup, Steve Buck brought a bucket of fresh mint, not sure who brought the



Steve Buck takes mint julep orders bourbon... Steve crushed the mint leaves and made the Juleps to order as people arrived before the game. The Derby Hat competition was won by Susan Chambers. Rod Fullerton



Susan Chambers

was also recognized for his participation, as he sported a pink ribbon-festooned hat throughout the game!

John Eisinger, club manager, reports on special events scheduled for June, July, and August: “EACH of these months will have 2 weeks of NAP (North American Pairs) games with half RED points. June will also have The Longest Day for Alzheimer Funds plus a Unit Championship game and four Club Championship games. July will have an Independence Day Party and a Unit Championship. August will have a STaC week, two Unit Championships, and a Club Championship.” That is a lot of opportunities for extra points!

Longtime member Sid Kalishman will be turning 95 next month (July 20), and there is a celebration planned! Sid has mentored many people through the years (including this writer) and he is definitely still a frequent winner at the bridge tables. Happy Birthday, Sid.

Tallahassee has no news to report. You can check out their schedule on their website.

That’s all, folks.



Rod and Jeri



Sid Kalishman



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The state of bridge in our unit is very similar to what's happening elsewhere around the country, except perhaps for the fact that some of our clubs see reduced attendance anyway in the summer months because of the flight of the snowbirds back up north to their other residences.

In general, attendance at face-to-face bridge games at clubs affiliated with the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), as well as table count at ACBL-sponsored tournaments, has been increasing slowly over the past few months as the world, and specifically the world of bridge, has been emerging ever-so-haltingly from the COVID pandemic.

Simultaneously, attendance at online clubs on the BBO platform has been decreasing slowly. As we can glean every month from the letters-to-the-editor column of the ACBL's monthly magazine, *The Bulletin*, some bridge players are still happy with playing online and plan to stay in that environment, while others prefer face-to-face bridge for the socialization and other reasons, and wish that more could be done to drive people away from their computer screens and back to the physical tables.

Many clubs in our Central Florida Unit 240 still have both a face-to-face and an online presence. When the pandemic started, the principal clubs in our area hurried to offer their members opportunities to keep playing in their online virtual clubs. But even as most clubs have reopened their buildings for in-person play, the online games that were started out of desperation have proven to be popular and durable and still attract significant numbers of players. Please support your local club in whatever environment best suits you. We are happy to be able to continue to accommodate you in either.

At this point, no one knows precisely what the future of bridge will look like. The ACBL is evaluating what the right future mix between both face-to-face and online bridge should be for the good of the game and for all of the organization's stakeholders, including the individual players and the clubs, many of which are still struggling to recover.

In Unit 240's Central Florida territory, we have not been able to hold a sectional tournament since we have reopened our clubs – all sectionals scheduled on the calendar were canceled. Because of expected reduced attendance, at this tenuous time most clubs have understandably not been willing to take on the financial risk of hosting a sectional with the inevitable additional costs of having ACBL staff run the events.

However, in one hopeful sign of at least a partial return to normal, the invitational Ventura Bridge Club in Orlando will be holding a Non-Life Master Sectional tournament on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29. Even though the club is an invitational club for its normal games, the sectional will be open to all eligible players. Please attend if you can and if you're still under the Life Master limit in points. Tournaments are always great fun and provide a chance to meet new people you don't normally see at club games.

As we know, we all have to try hard and recruit young people to the game, and this summer provides an excellent opportunity to give our young players a once-in-a-lifetime experience that may hook them on the game for the rest of their lives. At this year's Summer North American Bridge Championships (NABCs or "Nationals") in Providence, RI, there will be a traditional Youth NABC tournament for players under the age of 20. The event will be held from July 21 through July 23.

If anyone knows of any young players interested in attending an international event where they can rub shoulders with the famous players at the top of the game, District 9 Florida will provide a travel subsidy for any youth players from Florida, including our Central Florida Unit. (*Editor's Note: The deadline for stipends has passed, but we would still love to have more Youth players join us in Providence!)

Stay safe and hope to see you soon and often at the tables.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Marchella". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

WE GOT SOMETHING OUT OF COVID – NEW DIRECTORS AND TEACHERS

by Pieter VanBennekom

In general, the COVID pandemic has not been good to the bridge community, and Central Florida has been no exception. But in our area, one club, the Vero Beach Bridge Center, has derived at least one direct benefit from it – the club got two very active new members.

The pandemic induced George and Jan Weber to move to the area from northern New Jersey and they have immediately established a significant presence at the Vero Beach club. Both are experienced directors and teachers, and they joined at the right time when the Vero Beach club needed new directors and teachers as some had moved away or unfortunately passed away.

“I had retired from my job at an engineering firm after more than 30 years and I was basically working full-time as a bridge director,” George recalls. “I was directing every day of the week, between several games at country clubs and at the Essex Bridge Center, which at one point was the biggest bridge club in the country.

“Then COVID shut everything down in March of 2020,” George continues, “and I lost all my jobs. My wife had always wanted to move to Florida, so we said, ‘why not now?’ We checked out several communities. We looked at Naples, Ft. Myers, Tampa and others, but to us, Vero Beach won hands-down. It was just the best, both because of the bridge club and because of what else the town

has to offer, right by the ocean.”

The Webers packed up their stuff from Jersey and bought a house on their first day here in January 2021, and the rest is history, albeit recent history. Apart from playing, directing, and teaching bridge, the couple has also taken advantage of other amenities our community has to offer, and they’ve taken up pickleball like many others in our age group.

George now directs several face-to-face as



well as online bridge games per week at the Vero Beach club, including the big Monday game and the very popular 8-is-Enough team game on the second Saturday of every month. They have also filled in for other directors when needed because of illness at invitational games around town at private country clubs and gated developments.

Meanwhile, Jan has taught several courses, including Supervised Play on Mondays, an interesting new course that has found an audience, on competitive auctions and on all aspects of notrump, which, when you think about it, can be quite extensive, between the unusual notrump, various Blackwood conventions, sandwich notrump, and others.

The Webers fit right in with the congenial atmosphere at the Vero Beach Bridge Club which strives to offer pleasant experiences to players at all levels. “My philosophy as a director has always been that your Number One goal should be that you don’t want unhappy customers,” says George.

“And I really want to help budding players,” adds Jan, who has a passion for teaching bridge.

Both George and Jan are natives of West Orange, NJ, but they went to different high schools and didn’t know each other until they had a chance meeting on a ski trip to Vermont in 1989. Both were already in their 30s and had gone skiing with different groups of friends. Following a whirlwind romance, they were married soon after, and moved out to rural Sussex County in New Jersey, where they raised two boys. Both sons are grown and have their own careers now in New Jersey.

The Webers grew up and worked in the area where the hit HBO TV series, *The Sopranos*, was filmed, and Jan and George were familiar with many of the scenes. “Every day I used to drive by the nursing home where Tony put his mother,” says Jan. “I couldn’t believe it when I saw in the recent *Sopranos* sequel movie that A.J., Tony’s son, was wearing my West Orange

high school’s football jacket,” George shares.

Despite their close connections to the North Jersey area, the Webers say there is no truth to the rumor that they came to Vero Beach in the federal witness protection program (even though the Vero Beach Bridge Club might be considered a good place to hide – mobsters would never look for them there).

Far from involving anything shady, their lives prior to coming to Vero Beach were pretty much an open book. While George first plied his trade as an engineer and then as a bridge director, Jan worked for a law firm and then ran a home-based business in office services. She also started her own bridge club in New Jersey’s Morris County.

George had been exposed to “kitchen” bridge at an early age at home with his parents, but Jan had never played before they were married, although she always had good card sense and loved all card games. When she found out shortly after marriage that he knew how to play bridge, she immediately begged him to teach her.

To his great surprise, one day after he came home from work, she announced that they were going to play duplicate that evening at the Essex Bridge Center – she had already called and made the arrangements. And they started playing all the time – Saturday nights, even if he was tired from a week’s work. Once they got a call that the bridge club needed another pair to avoid a sitout, and even though they were in the middle of cooking dinner, they were told: “Dinner can wait, come on over!”

“At first we had no idea what we were doing,” George relates. “All I knew was old-style bidding from the ‘60s with strong 2-level openings so I opened 2♠ with a huge hand. Jan had no idea what to do so she passed, even though she had an opening hand, too. I played it in 2♠ and made 7, but of course we got a bottom because we were the only pair that didn’t at least bid game.”

The couple didn’t give up and kept playing, always coming in last. “Then we started coming

in next-to-last and Jan said she thought we were getting worse,” says George. “I told her ‘no.’ I pointed out that we were improving. We just hadn’t realized how bad we had been when we started out.”

They knew they were finally getting better when they left their opponents arguing with each after a round. “Suddenly our opponents weren’t getting all tops off us anymore and they didn’t like that, so they started arguing among themselves whose fault that was,” George recalls. The Webers persevered and eventually both became Gold Life Masters.

Bridge is a game that will teach everyone humility, and George remembers that the day

after he achieved his Life Master rank at a tournament with a knockout win, which had him on Cloud Nine, he next came up against a pro team headed by Mike Passell and Eddie Wold, “and naturally, we got crushed.”

Even though that was highly unusual, the Webers became club directors by passing the relevant exams when they had barely 50 masterpoints as players. “One day my wife announced to me that we were going to become directors,” George says. “I was skeptical at first, but you don’t know my wife. When she sets her sights on something, she gets it, so we did. And I must say, I have really enjoyed directing as well as playing.”

70% Club

Kathryn Barton and Jean Moseley	83.33%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-20
Jim and Judy Schorner	76.40%	Indian River Estates Club, Vero Beach
Gloria and John Stephenson	76.01%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Linda Schofield and Lynn McKinney	75.50%	North Orlando Bridge Club
Gloria and John Stephenson	75.40%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Janice Woodbury and Karolyn Smith	75.01%	The Moorings Bridge Club, Vero Beach
Ellie Lloyd and Nancy Parsons	73.81%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-299
Dewey Greger and Linda Kerr	73.75%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-299
George Bleskacheck and Boots VanNostrand	73.21%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, Open
Ted Frith and John McCord	73.18%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Reanette Frobouck and Christopher Smith	72.28%	Vero Beach Community Center
Doug Schara and Anthony Cafaro	71.78%	Sebastian Bridge Club
Reanette Frobouck and Debbie Drury	71.78%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, Open
Ann Hubbard and Joyce Miller	71.75%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-20
Gloria and John Stephenson	71.59%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
David Wheaton and Judy Ludwig	71.53%	Sebastian Bridge Club
John Brunner and Joe Davis	71.53%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Bruce Walters and Becky Kovalleski	71.50%	Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Ctr, 0-750
Doug Schara and Tony Cafaro	71.00%	Sebastian Bridge Club
Marcel Jacques and Jacqueline Garcia	70.83%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Nick Michaels and Dan Duncan	70.63%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Gloria and John Stephenson	70.63%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Freeman Bunn and Griff McClellan	70.51%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, Open
Doug Ell and Bill Poole	70.24%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, Open
Lynn McLaughlin and John Souza	70.11%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-750
Eileen Covert and Diane Dadiskos	70.00%	Vero Beach Bridge Club, 0-299



Orlando 499er Sectional



July 28th - 29th

Hosted by the Ventura Bridge Club
at the Ventura Country Club (VCC)
3333 Woodgate Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32822
407-488-2625



Schedule

Thursday, July 28, 2022, starting at 10:00 am
0-20 Newcomers Pairs Single Session
0 - 499 Pairs Single Session

Friday, July 29, 2022, starting at 10:00 am
0-20 Newcomers Pairs Single Session
0 - 499 Pairs Single Session

Gifts, Prizes & Bridge Tips

- Welcome Gift of a free video lesson.
- Expert advice on the hands played at the 19th Hole restaurant after the game
- Prizes awarded for section tops
- Bridge tips shared by some of Florida's best teachers
- Snacks provided by the Ventura Country Club

Per ACBL COVID-19 protocols, proof of vaccination is required.
Masks are optional, but will be required if the CDC rates Orange County as high risk. As of this May, the CDC classifies Orange County as low risk.

Tournament Chair: Maureen Loeb, email: maureenloeb@gmail.com
Partnership Chair: Flo Sena, email: floz9876@yahoo.com
Director In Charge: David Loeb, email: davidjloeb@gmail.com

Pre-Registration is required: The Ventura Country Club community is a gated community. Please email tournament chair, Maureen Loeb, at maureenloeb@gmail.com to be added to the gate authorization list.



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Stratification by pair average:
0-20 pairs A 10-20, B 5-10, C 0-5
499er pairs A 250-500, B 75-250, C 0-75
Conditions of Contest:
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People are starting to return for club and tournament play, albeit slowly. Please try to find one more play date per week, and encourage all your friends how great bridge is. The ACBL is considering reducing the online point award multiplier to encourage people to return to face-to-face play.

Please save 12/12-12/18/2022 for our Unit 243 Regional at the Boca Raton Embassy Suites, at \$139/night. You are unlikely to find a lower bridge room rate in Florida in season. Come for the sun, and play for the Gold!

Thanks to your help, the special national fundraising events held in March were a big success! \$108,000 was raised for the United Nations World Food Program, where the donations were earmarked to go to the Ukrainian people.

Locally, our Quick Tricks Duplicate Bridge Club donated \$10,000 on March 24th to support Ukraine's LGBT+ community.

The 2021 Unit 243 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney masterpoint winners, by category, are:

	H.S. Ace of Clubs	Mini-McKenney		
0-5	Penny Larson	19.00	Ann Mei Chang	19.52
5-20	Betty Ketner	26.84	Betty Ketner	26.84
20-50	David Geller	50.30	David Geller	52.33
50-100	Steven Fraidstern	135.12	Steven Fraidstern	139.77
100-200	Robert Gordon	33.65	Robert Gordon	33.65
200-300	Doris Chance	108.48	Doris Chance	108.48
300-500	John Darling	122.05	John Darling	122.05
500-1000	Karen Pershkov	373.29	Karen Pershkov	388.60
1000-1500	Sheila Cesarano	169.70	Sheila Cesarano	244.06
1500-2500	Diane Stern	359.13	Diane Stern	368.96
2500-3500	Harvey Hoffenberg	187.89	H. Hoffenberg	203.81
3500-5000	Ronald Weissberger	362.50	Ron Weissberger	371.80
5000-7500	Jack Jones	574.00	Jack Jones	612.39
7500-10000	Michael Wolf	588.57	Michael Wolf	622.72
10,000+	Bella Ionis-Sorren	579.89	Neil Silverman	639.59

All the best,

70% Games

75.00	Jack Jones-Lee Atkinson
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75.00	Lynne List - Clifford Schultz
74.11	Ike Golden-Mickey Levenson
72.92	Gloria Gottesfeld-Nancy Fillmore
72.60	Jo Sheraw-Al Kimbrough
72.02	Frank Cusumano-Barbara Miller
72.01	Bella Ionis-Sorren-Rosemary Boden
71.03	Debbie Branch - Jim Miller
70.83	Marcia Platnick - Margery Pecoraro
70.83	Phillip Cummins - Karen Cummins
70.83	Mel Krohn - Karen Pershkov
70.83	Frank Cusumano-Barbara Miller
70.71	Harvey Hoffenberg-Judy Burstin
70.63	Joan Friess - Victor Mayer
70.24	Rhoda Levine-Susan Parker
70.24	Eva Keyfetz-Beverly Litsky

HOLLYWOOD BRIDGE CLUB

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www.hollywoodbridgeclub.com

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WYNMOOR BRIDGE CLUB

We have Tuesday and Friday games at 12:30PM. Guests are welcome. If you would like to play in our games please call Lynne List at 954-973-1223 so she can leave your name at the gate.

POMPANO BEACH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Located at the Skolnick Community Center
800 SW 36th Ave, Pompano Beach, FL 33069
pompanobridgeclub.com 954-225-6044

Game Times:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm

Saturdays at 12 Noon

\$9 Entry Fee (includes light lunch)

\$5 annual Club membership fee

Extra Points are always awarded! Games are friendly and for all levels of play.

QUICK TRICKS BRIDGE CLUB

With over 250 members and more than 2000 tables of bridge annually, Quick Tricks is the only ACBL-sanctioned Gay Bridge Club in Florida. We celebrate our Gay Pride throughout the year with several parties including our annual holiday party, anniversary party, welcome back party, pizza parties, theatre parties, a cruise, and more. A portion of every entry fee is donated to non-profit organizations that give financial assistance or provide other help to those in the LGBT community of Broward County. Quick Tricks also supports the Alzheimer's Foundation annually. Recently, Quick Tricks responded to the situation in Ukraine with a \$10,000 gift to OutRight Action International.

OutRight Action International has launched a fundraiser to support Ukraine's LGBT+ community as Russian forces move across Ukraine. In response to the violence, OutRight Action International has started to accept financial donations to help LGBT+ people direly in need of support during the invasion. The organization said that funding will be given to LGBT+ organizations in Ukraine that are preparing to receive LGBT+ people in "search of shelter, safety, and security". To find out more about this organization, please visit: [OutRight Action International \(outrightinternational.org\)](http://OutRightActionInternational.org)

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

Regular Scheduled Club Events

Club Event / **BBO Event**

Day Time Open/Limited Stratified

Sunday	1:00pm Open Pairs
Monday	9:30am 0-750 Pairs 12:30pm Open Pairs 12:30pm 0-750 Stratified Pairs 1:05pm Limited Pairs
Tuesday	9:30am 0-750 Pairs 12:30pm Open Pairs 12:30pm 0-750 Stratified Pairs 1:05pm Limited Pairs 6:30pm Open Stratified Pairs
Wednesday	9:30am 0-750 Pairs 12:30pm Open Pairs 12:30pm 0-50 Stratified Pairs 1:05pm Limited Pairs 7:30pm Mentor Night
Thursday	9:30am 0-750 Pairs 12:30pm Open Pairs 12:30pm 0-750 Stratified Pairs 1:05pm Limited Pairs
Friday	9:30am 0-750 Pairs 12:30pm Open Pairs 12:30pm Mentor Game
Saturday	12:30pm Mentor Pairs/Chip Game 12:30pm 0-1750 Pairs

Bridge Lessons / Supervised Play / Newcomer Games

Beginner Lessons with Robin Kupperman begins Monday in June \$150 - 10:00am-12:00pm, 4-Week Series on Monday & Thursday mornings.

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Lessons with JR Sanford Monday Mornings 9:00-11:00am, \$15 p/session. Check our website www.ftlbc.com for additional details and registration.

0-20 Supervised Play – 9:00am Saturdays

0-50 Newcomer Game – 12:30pm Wednesdays Directed by Robin Kupperman

Open Mentor Game – Third Monthly Friday @ 12:30pm

Mentor Nights on Bridge Base Online

Mentor Night now in our 5th Year! Life Masters Play with Non-Life Masters Every Wednesday Evening is Mentor Night 7:30pm. Send email to Rosemary Boden to register: ladyrosbo@gmail.com

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ACBL sanctioned tournaments, Support Your Club games
Virtual Bridge Club games
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Play on website on computer and iOS/Android apps

CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL CLUB FOR VIRTUAL GAME TIMES

BBO TUTORIALS

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www.funbridge.com www.okbridge.com www.swangames.com

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Open Game - Most TCG Points

Ann Lawson - Gryphons II DBC

299er Game - Most TCG Points earned

Eileen Phillips - Stephen Bridge

Open Game - Most TCG Top Twenty Finishes Open

Thomas Levanduski and Jim Reed - Shelly Studio of Bridge

299er Game - Most TCG Top Twenty Finishes

Jeannie Davis and John Davis - Gryphons II DBC

Attendance - Most TCG Plays

Edward Margulies - Club Pelican Bay

MARCH WINNERS

Open Game - Most TCG Points

Douglas Bradley - Greater Rochester BC

299er Game - Most TCG Points earned

Robert Goergen - Lost Tree Club

Open Game - Most TCG Top Twenty Finishes Open

James Patton - Rochester Duplicate BC

299er Game - Most TCG Top Twenty Finishes

Cathy Tubb and David Tubb - Richmond Hill Bridge Club

Attendance - Most TCG Plays

Sylvia Wells - Gryphons II DBC

APRIL WINNERS

Open Game - Most TCG Points

Eileen Lee - BC of Staten Island

299er Game - Most TCG Points earned

Go Soesilowati and Ken Hynes - Stephen Bridge

Open Game - Most TCG Top Twenty Finishes Open

Guy Germer - Club Pelican Bay

299er Game - Most TCG Top Twenty Finishes

James Morin and Detra Connolly - Stephen Bridge

Attendance - Most TCG Plays

Philip Bulliard - Gryphons II DBC

What is The Common Game?

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

What does it offer to clubs and players?

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

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Website:

<https://thecommongame.com/>

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March:

Junior Master

Dory Beltson,
Atlantic Beach
Richard Beltson,
Atlantic Beach
Jean Garner, Atlantic
Beach
David Kurti, Bonita
Springs
Catherine Pangas,
Bonita Springs
Mary Scheels, Bonita
Springs
Judith Mulroy,
Bradenton
Chuck O Neal,
Daytona Beach
Monique Colwell,
Deland
June Hatfield, Delray
Beach
Alison Johnson,
Delray Beach
Lajuan Messer, Fort
Lauderdale
George Overmeyer,
Fort Lauderdale
Thomas Burchfield,
Fort Myers
Marilyn Campbell,
Hernando
Anita Saul, Hobe
Sound
Richard Wooster,
Hobe Sound
Susan Puretz,

Hollywood
Lynn Aigotti, Hudson
Laura West, Indian
Rock Bch
Florette Melton,
Lady Lake
Lucinda Hovi, Largo
Maureen Genel,
Naples
James Hovey, Naples
James Jim Matino,
Naples
Lucy Mauriello,
Naples
Katherine Siddle,
Naples
Janice Sutterlin,
Naples
Virginia Adams,
Ocean Ridge
Sarah Broward,
Orlando
Susan Fowler,
Orlando
Bruce Walters,
Orlando
Hope Jones, Palm
Beach
Mervyn Gong, Palm
Coast
Eric Lin, Palm Coast
John Atz, Tequesta
Susan Tringale, The
Villages
Kathy Woods, The
Villages

Timmy Wood, Vero
Beach

Patricia Dowling,
West Palm Beach

Club Master

Lynn Berry, Bonita
Springs

Jane Fields, Delray
Beach

Dan Saltel, Fort
Lauderdale

Phyllis Kirwan, Gulf
Stream

John Devault III,
Jacksonville

John Byrnes,
Maitland

Teresa Byrnes,
Maitland

Blair McKean,
Naples

Catherine Taylor,
Naples

Renee Tull, Naples
Michael Haram,

Palm Beach Gdns
John Byrne, Palm

City
Suzanne Olsen, Saint
Augustine

Diana Wozniak, Saint
Augustine

Susan Coleman,
Venice

Maurie Harlan, Vero
Beach

Tad Montross,
Wellington

Maureen Saab, West
Palm Beach

Carol Bresnahan,
Winter Park

Sectional Master

Marie Defrancis,
Bonita Springs

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Bunnell

Premila Shah, Cocoa
Beach

Barbara Popolizio,
Dania Beach

Katariina Anstey,
Delray Beach

Jean Gardiner,
Delray Beach

Patricia Ohara, Fort
Lauderdale

Dianne Dunn,
Hudson

Ann Petersen,
Islamorada

Hollis Petersen,
Islamorada

Jean Holman,
Kissimmee

Jeannine Bell,
Lakeland

Mary Lou Polin,
Lakeland

King Lovinger,
Miami Beach

Jonathan Hoak, N
Palm Beach

Rank Changes

Cheryl Clark, Naples
Michael Clark,
Naples
Pamela Clayson,
Naples
Carolyn Myers,
Naples
Kathy Taylor, Naples
Joseph Truitt, Naples
Christine
Strawbridge, Palm
Beach
Ben Zodikoff, Spring
Hill
Sandra Zodikoff,
Spring Hill
Elaine Bloom, St
Pete Beach
Barbara Moran,
Stuart
Cathie Brooks,
Tallahassee
Cyril Egavian, The
Villages
Marie Figueiredo,
The Villages
Patrick Milliard, The
Villages
George Paiva, The
Villages
Janet Paiva, The
Villages
Alyce Wilson, Trinity
John McNamara,
Vero Beach

Ira Hayes, W Palm
Beach
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Bonita Springs
Carol Provan, Bonita
Springs
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Casselberry
Connie Brown,
Flagler Beach
Richard McCamant,
Groveland
Karol Hitt Rowan,
Gulfport
Cathleen Fuge,
Jupiter
Clarisse Zalcman,
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William Bishop, N
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Maria DeGennaro,
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Linda Burford, New
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Chet Harmon,
Orlando
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Vedra
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Sabastian
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Sanibel
Elaine Stupp, St

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Cynthia Mazzaferro,
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Patricia Banfield, St
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City
Gabriela Slik,
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Mary Ellen Laue,
Sarasota
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Myers
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Sound
Deanne Spoor,
Osprey
Jo Sheraw, Pompano
Beach
Lynn Sandry, Ponte
Vedra Bch
David Newell, Safety
Harbor

Les Lee Roland,
Sarasota
Rosalie Murphy, Sun
City Center
**Bronze Life
Master**
Richard Cohen, Boca
Raton
Jean Paradis, Bonita
Springs
Terrance Deag,
Bradenton
Germana Olga Biele,
Jupiter
Don Fuller, Lake
Wales
Lois Werder, Naples
Frank Zeman, Naples
Stephanie Athens,
Orange Park
Deanne Spoor,
Osprey
Carolyn Leonard,
Pinellas Park
Les Lee Roland,
Sarasota
Rosalie Murphy, Sun
City Center
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Villages
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Master**
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Belleair
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Rank Changes

Raton
Dennis Levinsohn,
Boca Raton
Fred Beaudin,
Boynton Beach
Susan Brill,
Bradenton
Paul Collier,
Bradenton
Marilyn Rubinstein,
Delray Beach
Ritambhar Burman,
Miami
Elli Freihofer,
Osprey
Zena Hafetz, Palm
Bch Gdns
Patty Garvy, Palm
Beach
Gregory Liebman,
Palm Beach Gdns
Richard Rubinson,
Pinecrest
Takeko Toyama,
Pinecrest
Athena Gordon,
Tampa

Ruby Life
Master
Kathy Simpson,
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Nancy Alciatore,
Clearwater
Paul Jepson, Daytona
Beach
Rodrigo Garcia

Da Rosa, Fort
Lauderdale
Patricia Deckert,
Jensen Beach
Barbara King, Port
Orange
Bob Caudell, Riviera
Beach

Gold Life
Master
Christine Converse,
Highland Beach
Pam Ramirez,
Panama City
Elizabeth Baker,
Stuart

Sapphire Life
Master
Clifford Gordon,
Cape Coral
Dennis Bushman,
Jacksonville
Mark Crumrine,
Ocala
Newton Brightwell,
Osprey
Roger Reff,
Pensacola
Jay Moorehead, Saint
Augustine

Diamond Life
Master
Marie Anzilotti,
Naples

Platinum Life

Master
Shirley Presberg,
Boca Raton

April:
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James Goodwin,
Barndon
Penny Oudheusden,
Boca Grande
Charlotte Baldwin,
Bonita Springs
Lee Jenkins, Boynton
Beach
Joan Weiss, Boynton
Beach
Lynn Carroll, Deland
Jeanette Danford,
Deland
Richard Danford,
Deland
Marion Lang, Delray
Beach
Barry Eisenberg,
Estero
Barbara Eplett,
Estero
Cassandra Hiltwine,
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Nicole Mayer, Fort
Lauderdale
Nilufer Sumer, Fort
Lauderdale
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Jacksonville
Mahen Patel,

Jacksonville
Susan Kelly, Lady
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Cyrus Freidheim, N
Palm Beach
Mark Maxim, Naples
Julie McCarron,
Naples
Ronny Wahl, Naples
Marcie Watts, Naples
Sallie Butler, New
Smyrna
Lowell Croll, New
Smyrna
Gregory Bottom,
Ormond Beach
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Ormond Beach
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Liz Guglielmetti,
Riverview
Yvonne Addison,
Safety Harbor
Donald Kollath,
Saint Augustine
Diana Zehren, Saint
Augustine
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Sarasota
Shirley V Campbell,
Tallahassee
Charlotte Hill, The
Villages
Gloria Richardson,
The Villages
Susan Buza, Vero
Beach

Rank Changes

Pat Guggino, Vero
Beach

Pamela Morris, Vero
Beach

Daniel Stump, Vero
Beach

Lorin Teplitz, Vero
Beach

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Palm Beach

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Naples

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Beach

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Sari Wilkey, Palm
Beach

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Poinciana

William Fagan, Ponte
Vedra

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Summerfield

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Tallahassee

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Tampa

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Villages

Norman Powers,
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Wachee

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Wachee
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Palm Bch
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Antonopoulos,
Bonita Springs
Marianne Hammer,
Cape Coral
Stephanie Gilderman,
Hollywood
Diana Doering,
Jupiter
Kathleen Feikle,
Lady Lake
Frederick Jones,
Lakewood Ranch
Ann Thoke Espy,
Melbourne Beach
Richard Redfern,
Naples
Sharon Huegel, New
Smyrna
Kathleen Halberg,
Palm Coast
Lynda Knell,
Pensacola Beach
Migdalia O Leary,
Port St Lucie
Judy Webster, Saint
Augustine
Maggi Guzinsky, Sun
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Joyce Leach, Venice
Richard Allgayer,
West Palm Beach
Rosa Bachrach,

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Petersburg
Alice Rosenthal,
Tampa
Life Master
Perla Sultan,
Aventura
Debbie Katz,
Boynton Beach
Genny Esayian,
Naples
Nancy Smith, Naples
Geraldine Richard,
Sun City Center
Martha Moore, Vero
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Raton
Isabel Hevia De
Dardet, Guaynabo
PR
Margaret Geittmann,
Heathrow
Paula Fickel, Mount
Dora
Tracy Nolan, Naples

Carol Mc Carthy,
New Smyrna
Polly Norris, Palm
Beach
Palle Reddy, Ponte
Vedra
Robert Subkowsky,
Spring Hill
John Eza, Yulee
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Aventura
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Raton
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Ruth Lear, Boynton
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Denny Campbell,
Coral Gables
Linda Coppersmith,
Delray Beach
Lynn Herlihy,
Fernandina
Mary McIntyre,
Gainesville
David Tyler III,
Loxahatchee
Robert Gordon,
Miami
Joyce Jennings, N
Palm Beach
Sharon Reback, N
Palm Beach

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Naples
Donna Walter,
Naples
Alice Rumana, Palm
Coast
Kenneth Appel,
Sanibel
Rhoda Levine,
Tamarac
Debra Brunoehler,
The Villages
Lynn Patterson, The
Villages
Gail Singer, The
Villages
Douglas Smith, The
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**Ruby Life
Master**
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Clearwater
Benjamin Dickens,
Fernandina Bch
Cabot Jaffee,
Maitland
Abbie Feuer, N Palm
Beach
Janis Savitt, Naples
Virginia Allen, Ponte
Vedra
Aldo Cardia, Ponte
Vedra
Felix Curcuru,
Venice
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Rank Changes

Wimauma
Gold Life
Master
Marilyn Zaidan,
Boca Raton
Patricia Prather, Port
St Lucie
Andrew Hurley, San
Juan PR
Yvonne Tarrant, Sun
City Center
Raymond Wise,
Tampa
May Sakr, Weston

Sapphire Life
Master
Elaine Holmes, Palm
Bch Gdns
Paul Cohen, Palm
Beach Shrs
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Tamarac
Terry Oleske, The
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Master
Myriam Milgrom,
Vero Beach

May:
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Raton

Joan Stark, Boca
Raton
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Debary
Barbara Hess, Flagler
Beach
Deborah Ramsey,
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Jacksonville Bc
Farouk Tabrah,
Marco Island
Michael Belby,
Melbourne Beach
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Linda Cadogan,
Orlando
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Orlando
Mina Harkins, Palm
Harbor
Judith Stephens,
Panama City Bch
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Ponte Vedra
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Augustine
Florette Ames,
Sarasota
Renee D Amico,
Sarasota
Laura Baldwin,

Summerfield
Domenick Tufariello,
The Villages
Ralph Wilkie, The
Villages
Elizabeth Muesle,
University Park
Susan Labriola,
Wellington
Karen Lloyd,
Wellington
Roderick McRae,
Wellington
Liz Sims, Winter
Park

Club Master
Judith Mulroy,
Bradenton
Sharon Castle,
Jupiter
Beth Head,
Melbourne
Linda Fernandez,
Naples
Michael Kieli,
Naples
Wendy Evans, New
Smyrna Bch
Rhonda Deems,
Nokomis
Ginger Warren,
Orlando
Sarah Soter, Palm
Beach
William Hodges,

Tampa
Jessie Krusen, Tampa
Sherry Senseney,
Tampa
Linda Thompson,
Tampa
Mack Woods, The
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Michael Leibowitz,
Trinity
Gail Pitzenberger,
Venice
Dennis Lemke,
Wimauma
Cindy Clark, Winter
Haven

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Raton
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Cape Coral
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Jacksonville
Janet Blum, Naples
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Bruce Philipoom, St
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Tampa

Rank Changes

Regional Master

Vincent Freaney,
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Dunedin
Ed Strickler, Fort
Myers
Barbara Engelhart,
Naples
Gwen Morgan,
Naples
Colleen Hopkins,
Stuart
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Tallahassee
Linda Lane, The
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Gina Feinstein,
Venice
Mac MacBain, Vero
Beach
Deanna Sammon,
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Beth Bloom, Boca
Raton
Ellen Pollock, Boca
Raton
Robert Kay, Boston
MA
G Michael Sears,
Estero

Trevor Cha Camp,
Fort Lauderdale
Linda Easton, Fort
Myers
Jerry Harvey, Fort
Myers
Kenneth Deckert,
Jensen Beach
Stuart Schwartz,
Lakewood Ranch
Kevin Conway,
Lecanto
H. Jean Abels,
Naples
Caroline Davis,
Naples
Christina Whitman,
Palm Beach
Deborah Brown,
Parrish
Tom Schricker,
Pompano Beach
Estes Carns, Ponte
Vedra Bch
Patricia Lehmann,
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Lynn Downing,
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Karen Levy, West

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Sheri Carryl,
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Ted Callaghan,
Maitland
Jacqueline Irwin,
Miami Shores
Dale Williams,
Sanford

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Steve Sills, Diamond
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Paul Herron, Ponte
Vedra
Sandra Montgomery,
Stowe VT
Diane Landis, Tampa

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Leslie Nelson,
Bloomington MN
Gerard Rescek,
Clermont
Patricia Stacom, Fort
Lauderdale
Hannah Rabinowitz,
Manalapan
Beverly Magnuson,

The Villages
Susan Leege, Venus
Jane Zarfoss, West
Palm Beach

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Coral Gables
Nancy Davis,
Dunedin
Sheryl Richter,
Jupiter
John Kardach,
Melbourne
Sandra Constantine,
Palm Bch Gdns
Audrey Crandall,
Palm City
Elisabeth Gallagher,
Vero Beach
Sally Lusk, Ypsilanti
MI

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William McClure,
Longboat Key
Stephan Juliusburger,
Miami
Frederick Bywater,
Orlando
Michael Castagna,
Rotonda West
Philip Potter,
Tallahassee
Debbie Thomas,
Tampa

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Carole Jackson, The Villages FL
Villages

Gold Life

Master

Margaret Ferguson,
Bonita Springs

Elliott Grosh,
Burnsville NC

Edward Olmstead,
Naples

Margaret Tominosky,
North Venice

Theresa Waltz,
Riviera Beach

William Boas, Tampa

Joyce Searcy, Wesley
Chapel

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Master

Barbara McLagan,
Sarasota

Richard Polangin,
Tallahassee

Diamond Life

Master

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Emerald Life

Master

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Boca Grande

Richard Hunter,
Stuart

R Wilson Day, The

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT SPRING 2022

The ACBL Board of Directors held its spring meetings face-to-face (F2F) March 8 through 11 in Reno, NV. The ACBL Board of Directors, committees and work groups continue to meet regularly through Zoom and conference calls.

The information presented in this report has been sourced from the following:

Spring Management Report.
ACBL Board and staff members. Minutes: http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/2022/2022_March_minutes.pdf

FINANCE

As of year-end 2021, net assets totaled \$9.9M. The increase in net assets for the year was \$2.65M. This included a COVID relief item from the federal government of \$1.5M and \$450,000 of non-operating items. Therefore, the actual gain from operations was approximately \$700,000. The budgeted loss for 2022 is \$858,000 which includes depreciation of \$302,000. The Reno NABC loss has yet to be determined, but will significantly impact the actual loss for the year if all other items remain as budgeted.

AUDIT

The Audit Committee received the report of ACBL independent auditors Dixon, Hughes, Goodman (DHG). There were no significant issues reported as a result of the audit. DHG reviewed actuarial assumptions regarding post-retirement benefits and were satisfied with current calculations. DHG also reviewed

its audit procedures, focusing on payables and receivables related to BBO and clubs, as well as timing and confirmation of deferred revenues.

The 2021 audits of the ACBL Charity Foundation and the ACBL Educational Foundation are nearly complete. The IRS Form 990 returns for these entities and the ACBL are being prepared.

MEMBERSHIP

According to the latest ACBL Quarterly Unit Improvement Package (QUIP) Report issued 3/31/22, ACBL membership totals 139,108; a decline of 1.54 percent since the report was last issued on 12/31/21.

STRATEGIC

The Board has established key goals and objectives for the organization that include a robust return to F2F club and tournament play, building and retaining membership and improving technology. Management is developing action plans and implementation strategies for established goals and objectives. The Strategic Committee is developing the long range or vision and setting quantifiable targets. Plans are to be delivered in Providence.

The Board held Breakout Sessions in Reno to address the challenges facing the ACBL today and into the future. This gave Board members the opportunity to share concerns from their District(s) and knowledge acquired from serving in bridge governance. A detailed report was prepared and delivered to Management to provide additional input into the planning process.

MARKETING

ACBL Marketing develops and implements initiatives to increase membership and member value.

The Intro to Bridge program has led to over 880 new bridge players, many of whom transition to the Guest Membership program. Over 2,500 guest members have come through this program since its launch in February of 2021. The ACBL will continue to build on these programs to support its mission to promote, grow and sustain the game of bridge while serving the bridge-related interests of its members.

Marketing has refreshed the ACBL website, streamlining content and improving functionality. It has refreshed the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and rolled out new logos and a tag line: Dealing Infinite Possibilities.

The first Member Appreciation event was held in October with more than 160 prizes awarded. The event produced strong engagement through ACBL social media channels, improving the ability to identify, target and attract bridge-playing audiences. Additional events are planned for 2022.

The Speakeasy newsletter electronically delivers updates and event reminders to membership twice monthly, reducing email overload. The Speakeasy is now posted on BridgeFeed and the ACBL Facebook page.

Long term, Marketing will embark on a research program that will help the ACBL better understand and meet the needs of prospective and current members. Through this process, Marketing has created member/

prospect personas and journey maps. Both will provide a clearer picture of each touchpoint and how to improve them, which in turn will lead to greater member retention and membership growth.

Supporting Alzheimer's Research

The ACBL has raised \$7.8 million for Alzheimer's patient care and research through participation in The Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day fundraising event. During 2021, approximately 300 Units and Clubs raised \$917,000. All Virtual Club Games held the weekend of June 18 and 19 are designated Alzheimer's Association games, and the ACBL sanction fees will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Clubs that have returned to F2F play can choose any day during the week of June 19-26 to hold their events and offer upgraded games.

Marketing is working with The Alzheimer's Association to schedule informational webinars about the latest scientific research and caregiver/patient support opportunities for ACBL members.

Supporting the People of Ukraine

The United Nations World Food Program will receive net proceeds from the Hollywood Magic Online Regional held March 24-27, and additional proceeds from games held F2F and virtually March 28-31. BBO will donate \$10,000.

The ACBL Charity Foundation will donate up to \$25,000 of funds raised in virtual clubs, April 4-10, to UNICEF - Help Children in Ukraine.

COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

The Task Force Chair reported the accomplishments of improved communication within the Board, between the Board and ACBL Management, and the Board and ACBL membership. A review of the Codification as it relates to communications and communications protocols is complete along with recommendations for improvements to process and timelines. Motions will be put forth in Providence.

APPEALS AND CHARGES

In Reno, under Item C221-AC01, the Appeals & Charges Committee reported the outcome of its most recent hearing.

The Anti-Cheating Commission (not to be confused with the Anti-cheating Committee of the ACBL Advisory Council) was formally disbanded. The Commission was formed in the wake of high-level cheating scandals in 2015 and 2016, resulting from a recommendation of the Bridge Integrity Task Force. Over time, the committee made recommendations and reviewed players of concern to it. However, the committee was not in the position to do anything concrete, and the members did not feel that retaining the structure served any purpose. Discussion between the ACBL Executive Director and the National Recorder about possible reconstitution of the committee as a clearinghouse between bridge organizations resulted in action being taken in that direction apart from the committee. ACBL management believes that it is time to retire the formal committee. Many of the people who generously agreed to serve on the Anti-Cheating Commission will still be available to consult as needed.

The ACBL Board heard a confidential presentation concerning exciting new developments in detecting online cheating. Stay tuned.

Complete information about the ACBL Disciplinary Process can be found at <https://www.acbl.org/ethics/>. This includes an explanation of how the process works, Disciplinary Disposition Summary Charts, and various disciplinary committee hearing reports.

GOVERNANCE

Governance had a relatively light agenda for Reno, with three motions, a non-agenda item and two discussion items:

Motion (Item 221-GV01) eliminates the National Charity Committee and recognizes outstanding members who participate, organize and/or promote charity endeavors in their respective communities through the receipt of a Charitable Recognition Award. It proposes that District Presidents make the selections instead of the Regional or District Directors. Details regarding process and timeline will be reported. Motion carried: Unanimous in Committee/Full Board.

Motion (Item 221-GV02) reorganizes, updates and clarifies the Codification relating to a Unit's relationship to the ACBL, Unit requirements and Unit responsibilities and privileges. It eliminates the requirement for Units to hold at least one sectional every two years, and clarifies that the 11 percent of full dues payments and life master service fees paid by their members is intended to supplement Unit funds for activities related to membership building and retention. Motion carried: 19/0/0.

Motion (Item 221-GV03) addresses a discrepancy in the election procedures for Board officials, non-Board committee members and representatives to international bridge organizations. Motion carried: Unanimous in Committee/Full Board.

Motion (NA221-01) was introduced as a non-agenda item (NAI), which means that it was not submitted in time to be included as part of the formal Reno agenda. NAIs are time-sensitive and require immediate Board attention. This NAI addresses the special election procedures that are needed to fill the vacancy left by the sudden passing of Regional 6 Director, Mike Kovacich. The procedures adopted unanimously by the Board will govern the election of someone to serve the remainder of Mike's term.

Mike Kovacich had just begun his second term on the ACBL Board as the Director for Region 6, having been elected as the District 7 Director when he first ran in 2018 before the Board reorganization took effect. A long-time volunteer for his District, Mike held countless official positions both in D7 and in the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference. He brought his legal expertise, his keen insight, and his old-fashioned common sense to bear on a vast array of bridge policy discussions. He was most recently Vice-Chair of Governance, a member of the Bridge Committee, Board Liaison to the Masterpoint Committee, and an ardent supporter of finding incentives to encourage players to return to F2F bridge. He will be sorely missed.

Discussion Item (DI221-GV01) addresses a fairly complicated motion (213-GV04) having to do with the formation, transfer and dissolution of Units that had been submitted

and then tabled in Austin last fall. A thorough discussion was held, both in Committee, and then again with the Full Board, where the Governance Committee made a number of recommendations concerning Unit formation, transfer, and dissolution; geographic boundaries; how to address administrative challenges borne by Units; and the processes whereby changes to a Unit's status may be made. Based on Board input, a motion will be submitted for consideration in Providence.

Discussion Item (DI221-GV02)—addresses the more extensive changes regarding election procedures, e.g., how notifying interested parties of upcoming vacant positions should be accomplished; declaring candidacy for these positions and a date by which this must be done; allowing nominations from the floor; the election procedures that govern them; and announcing the number of votes cast for whom. The Governance Committee met virtually in advance of Reno and presented a detailed set of recommendations to the Full Board concerning these and other procedures related to elections of Board officials, non-Board Committee members, and representatives to international bridge organizations. Based on Board input, a motion will be submitted for consideration in Providence.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW

Executive Director Review (EDR) generally meets in executive session to protect the confidentiality of what is said by both the Board and the Executive Director. In Reno, there was one "public" motion (Item 221-ED01) which updated the Executive Director Succession Plan in the Codification Part 1 – Governance and Policy, Chapter II – Business Management, B. Employees and

Consultants, Section 5. The wording in this section was significantly condensed and a new detailed Succession Plan was incorporated as Appendix 2-D. Motion carried: Unanimous in Committee/Full Board.

BRIDGE

As the National Board reduces in size to 13 members, non-core related functions continue to be transferred to outside Committees and to Management. This will ensure that a smaller Board can focus on the strategic and financial goals and objectives of the ACBL. This transfer of authority is reflected in the majority of motions and a discussion item brought forth by the Bridge Committee.

Motion (Item 221-BR01) was put forth to refine the structure of the Competition and Conventions Committee and to define lengths of service. Motion carried: 19/0/0.

Motion (Item 221-BR02) to strengthen the eligibility restrictions for limited Masterpoint events was deferred to the Competition and Conventions Committee.

Motion (Item 221-BR03) to permit the use of robots to continue without over-inflating Masterpoint awards was deferred to the Masterpoint Committee.

Motion (Item 221-BR05) was put forth to streamline the process of Masterpoint modifications. Motion carried: 19/0/0.

Extended Timelines for NABC Hospitality Fundraising

The pandemic has impacted the ability for Districts to hold all allowed NABC fundraising

weeks (for hospitality) in local clubs. A motion (Item 221-BR06) clarifies the current regulation that applies to F2F clubs, allows weeks that were missed in one (or two) of the three years before the NABC to be moved into the last year and adds one week of NABC fundraising in Virtual Clubs (only those run by clubs within the District).

Due to IT constraints, NABC fundraising in virtual clubs was removed from the motion. Management will report timeline, schedule and cost to run said games during Board meetings in Providence. Motion then carried: 19/0/0.

Also, a clean up motion (Item 221-BR08) was put forth to eliminate the redundancy in NABC hospitality requirements. Motion carried: Unanimous in Committee/Full Board.

Updated Electronic Device Policy

Players rely on their electronic devices to check scores and to pre-register for events. Therefore, (Item 221-BR04) moves that electronic devices (phones, tablets and watches) be allowed to be visible in and out of the playing area. Devices must be turned off during the play of the hand, but can be used between rounds. Penalties will continue to be assessed for disruptions due to devices that “ring” during play. Motion carried: 17/2/0.

Discussion Item (DI 221-BR01), reviewing opportunities for expanding hybrid online and F2F bridge, was deferred to the Strategic Committee. Current technical constraints are impeding immediate developmental activities. The longer term vision is to optimize the combined features and benefits of both online and F2F bridge capabilities.

In 2022, the ACBL will invest heavily in Information Technology. In Reno, IT reported progress and timelines for building a reliable, streamlined and cost effective infrastructure.

IT will rely on third-party vendors and staff to continue architectural changes to the website, complete migration of the AS/400, update and finalize the Masterpoint Engine and improve ACBL Cloud. In addition, TRAX will be moved to a cloud-based application while ACBLScore will be moved to a web-based application. Progress regarding the tournament registration platform is highlighted below.

The Board liaison will to communicate progress and challenges.

Masterpoint Engine

Improvements have been made to the Masterpoint Engine special events calendar, allowing for queueing of special events months in advance. In addition, IT fixed AWS scaling rules to better handle additional load. It created new application workflows to process large games files previously restricted due to maximum file size limitations.

Report Migration

IT continues the monumental effort to migrate the reporting from the old AS400 platform. It is building the pipeline to deliver reports and graphics through email distributions as well as the triggering and scheduling elements needed to deliver these emails in a purely automated manner.

IT has made significant progress toward completing the tournament registration platform. In Reno, members had the option of pre-paying and pre-registering for various events through the ACBL Express Entry application. In the future, data analytics and reporting information will be provided to help tournament sponsors refine tournament schedules and reduce hospitality and director costs. A partnership “desk” component for those seeking partners for pair and team games will be provided.

APPOINTMENTS

Franco Baseggio, D25, Doug Doub, D25, Jeff Ford, D19, David Grainger, D2, and Jeff Meckstroth, D9, were appointed to the Competition and Conventions Committee for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2022 NABC through the end of the Spring 2025 NABC.

Kevin Bathurst, D9, Jon Brissman, D11, Bruce Ferguson, D17, Hendrik Sharples, D20, and Eddie Wold, D16, were appointed to the Ethical Oversight Committee for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2022 NABC through the end of the Spring 2025 NABC.

Chris Benson, D8, Mark Friedlander, D13, Jan Martel, D21, and Chris Moll, D7, were appointed to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2022 NABC through the end of the Spring 2025 NABC.

Appointments to the Hall of Fame Committee:

David Grainger, D2, Adam Grossack, D25, and Joe Grue, D24, were appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2022 NABC through the end of the Spring 2025 NABC.

Iftikhar Baqai, D23, was appointed to complete the remaining term of Neil Chambers, D3, through the end of the Spring 2023 NABC.

Lisa Berkowitz, D9, was appointed to complete the remaining term of David Berkowitz, D9, through the end of the Spring 2024 NABC.

Josh Donn, D17, was appointed to complete the vacant term through the end of the Spring 2024 NABC.

Appointments to the Laws Commission:

Bart Bramley, D16, Allan Falk, D12, and

Aaron Silverstein, D24, were appointed for a five-year term from the end of the Spring 2022 NABC through the end of the Spring 2027 NABC.

Oren Kriegel, D13, was appointed to complete the remaining term of Jeff Goldsmith, D23, through the end of the Spring 2024 NABC.

Doug Couchman, D17, was appointed to complete the remaining term of A.J. Stephani, D11, through the end of 2026.

ELECTIONS

Paul Cuneo, R9, and Doug Couchman, D17, were elected as North American Bridge Federation (NABF) Board members for a three-year term beginning March 9, 2022 to December 31, 2024.

David Lodge, R11, was elected as ACBL Treasurer for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023.