

## Special Guest Speaker at the 2024 Southeasterns Regional Bridge Tournament



### **Robert Buchner**

**Well-known Florida Bridge Teacher and Mentor**

**Speaks on:**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

**9:15am to 9:45am**

Bob has been playing this amazing game of bridge for 60 years and teaching for about 14 years. He is a Sapphire Life Master with about 6,300 master points. Bob worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida and retired about 19 years ago.

He teaches and plays at the Pompano Beach Duplicate Bridge Club located at the Skolnick Center in Pompano Beach. His classes are on Wednesday mornings and students are welcome to stay after class, have a light lunch, chat about all things bridge, and play in the "Open" game for free.

He speaks about the process of teaching and helping people learn, so he begins his classes by putting two hands on a "white board" for the students to solve. He talks about his goals for students, such as the need to graduate from playing trick-to-trick to making an overall plan for making the contract and over tricks. After the class has been shown an understanding of both hands, he discusses a single topic each week. For example: take-out doubles and overcalls, Stayman and transfers of partner's opening NT bid, pre-empts at the 2, 3 and 4 levels, negative doubles, Two-Over-One bidding with forcing NT, opening leads against suit and NT contracts, balancing, Jacoby raises of partner's opening major suit bid, and more. He teaches each class for about 45 minutes with the balance being supervised bridge play. He finds immense satisfaction that several of his students have progressed and are now playing in either the "Open" game or Intermediate games.

Bob has written several articles that can be requested by emailing him. One of his favorite articles is entitled "*I Love This Game*" and showcases his passion for teaching and helping others learn the game!

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## Special Guest Speaker at the 2024 Southeasterns Regional Bridge Tournament



### **Bruce Lang**

**is a Professional Bridge Player, Teacher and Mentor**

#### **Speaks on:**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**9:15am to 9:45am**

Mr. Lang is a Platinum Life Master and attained the needed 10,000 points in November 2023 and his achievement was recognized by the ACBL in December 2023. Bruce began his bridge career in 2012 and shares his bridge story hoping others find inspiration to try the world's most fascinating game.

#### **Bruce's Bridge Journey:**

*I never played bridge until 2012. After sitting in for an aunt as dummy who needed to take a phone call, I was hooked. When I got home, I downloaded bridge base and started to practice. When just learning the game, I didn't understand why others were able to garner more tricks than I did in a particular contract. Being a person who likes to be successful, this issue motivated me to study, learn, and forge special bridge partnerships that helped me attain my bridge goals. My proudest accomplishment has been coming in second place at two NABC+ events. These events demanded playing 3 days of platinum pairs against some of the best players in the world. I've been playing professional bridge for the last 5 years and love this game as it enriches my life immeasurably.*

In addition, Mr. Lang is part owner of Jourdan's bridge club in West Palm Beach and provides mentorship and lessons to many of the club's membership. Bruce also serves on the District 9 Board of Directors as Vice President, the Unit 128 Board of Governors as the Education Liaison, and frequently speaks at Florida Regional Tournament. If you would like to connect with Bruce Lang, he welcomes you to email him.

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## Special Guest Speaker at the 2024 Southeasterns Regional Bridge Tournament



### **Linda J. Green**

**is a World Class Player, Bridge Teacher, and Director**

**Speaks on:**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

**9:15am to 9:45am**

In 1980 at the World Bridge Olympics in Valkenburg, Holland, Linda represented South Africa. At that point, bridge became a passion that has encompassed and enriched her life. Prior to this event, she was a Chief Medical Technologist in Clinical Pathology running a laboratory for a children's hospital in Johannesburg.

Shortly thereafter and for 42 years and counting, she teaches bridge classes to all levels of players. Once again in 1992 and 1993, she represented South Africa in world level competitions. After relocating to America in 1998, and being a World Olympic and International bridge player, she decided to become a bridge director and professional teacher.

In the 1980's, she wrote *Bridge-Wise*, a book on conventions and defense and in 2005, she co-authored a book with Kathie Wei-Sender entitled *Solid Gold Tips to Winning Bridge*. As an international player, Linda plays many different bridge systems, including Acol, Precision and Standard American.

She now resides in Florida, is a bridge teacher, lecturer, director, and professional player. She teaches on cruise ships, at country clubs, bridge clubs and community centers in Boca Raton, Delray Beach, and Palm Beach. At present, she has been appointed as a zoom teacher for the ACBL Community Games, which take place twice a week on BBO.

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