

# Unit 128

## President's Message

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We are going places!

Unit 128 hosted their first regional for 2023 at the Palmetto-Sarasota-Manatee regional during the week of February 20-26 and it was indeed, a very successful and enjoyable regional, totaling 1171 tables for the week. Our thanks to the excellent and loyal volunteers, who made this event a special one for all who attended it.

In person or face-to-face bridge is back and we hope to see all of those happy players in a few weeks at the Southeasterns Regional on March 27-April 2nd. Note that the location this year for this tournament is at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Boca Raton. Make your reservations and while you stay at the Embassy Suites, enjoy a breakfast made to order and cocktails after all afternoon games.

Note: A day prior to the start of this regional event, Sunday, March 26th, we are hosting an LBIAD (Learn Bridge in a Day) session from 1-6pm taught by the incomparable Patty Tucker. Tell your friends and invite them to

sign in to have a peek at the fascinating world of bridge. For detailed information go to page 14, or contact the Unit 128 LBIAD Coordinator Elizabeth Harris at [LBIAD.ELIZABETH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LBIAD.ELIZABETH@GMAIL.COM).

On April 1-2, the last two days of the Southeasterns Regional, we shall host a variety of players competing at the D9 GNT (Grand National Team) Finals and remember, there is no required prequalification. Bring a team, come over, and your team may be one of the winners who will continue their spirited competition in Chicago during the Summer NABC: July 13-23. If you have any questions on the GNT Finals, go to page 8 or contract the District 9 GNT Coordinator John Moschella at [JMoschellaUnit240@Outlook.com](mailto:JMoschellaUnit240@Outlook.com).

Save the date for August 14-20 and join us at the Palm Beach Gardens Regional at a new location, the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott. Make your reservations before July 24th and avail yourselves of the bridge rate of \$165/night.

LBIAD: Mark your calendar for August 13 from 1-6 at Palm Beach Garden Marriott. It will be the second Unit 128 LBIAD scheduled session for 2023 with Patty Tucker, leading those signed up for this unique opportunity to have a preview of the extraordinary game of bridge.

99ers and 199ers: This nightly program continues to provide this unique service for all 0-199 players. From Monday-Thursday, Lynn Berg offers a short lesson before the game. Her lessons are informative and they capture the attention of those trying to learn more aspects of bridge conventions or detailed explanations on bidding, declaring, or defending.

Changes in Unit 128: Shirley Seals is retiring from the last two positions she held with Unit 128 - Treasurer and Secretary. It would take a full page to list Shirley's accomplishments, so we thought an article on Shirley was more appropriate (see page 19). We will miss Shirley's professional and personal approach to all matters concerning the Unit.

Note the new elected officers for these positions:

Unit 128 Secretary: Tracy Nolan at [thnolan@Floridaunit128.org](mailto:thnolan@Floridaunit128.org)

Unit 128 Treasurer: David Rogers at [d.r.bridge@hotmail.com](mailto:d.r.bridge@hotmail.com)

Also, Sherry Potter, our Unit 128 Comptroller, is retiring. Throughout all the years I've dealt with Sherry, her impeccable, accurate, and professional demeanor shone when dealing with all accounting issues concerning Unit 128. Thank you for all the dedicated years of service Sherry, we will miss you.

Jim Hendry is the new Accountant for Unit 128 and he can be reached at [unit128books@yahoo.com](mailto:unit128books@yahoo.com).

Once more I'd like to invite you to visit the Unit 128 website ([floridaunit128.org](http://floridaunit128.org)) for the most updated information on what's going on with the Unit, changes on scheduled events, last minute add ons, etc.

See you at the tables in a few weeks.

