

November 2021 BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWSLETTER

The BDC is a member-owned and managed ACBL Bridge Club

Website: BridgeDeckClub.org

Our New Home

After the church officials informed the Board that they were not going to renew our lease there was a frantic search for a new home. The choices were quite limited. Luckily we were familiar with the Elk Lodge number 2010. A Board committee was able to negotiate a reasonable contract with the Lodge officials. It is working out well and we have room to expand when our table count increases in January.

Nancy Driscoll, your Board President has been working diligently for the club. She substitutes for Fay Myers when Fay can't be here to handle hospitality. We store our supplies in a closet in the next room. Every game day the coffee machine, cups, sugars and creamers have to be brought into our room and set up. Water has to be put into the machine. At the end of the day the remaining water has to be thrown out and the machine boxed and returned to storage. The only problem is the weight of the coffee machine. The hospitality worker could use the help of a strong man to lift the machine into the box and carry it into the storeroom.

The game supplies and some of the director's equipment are kept on a wheeled cart. The director has to bring this into the game room each day and return the equipment to storage after each game. The boards are stored in a large cabinet in the store room; the Bridge Mates are in a very heavy case. Our move from the church to the Elk Lodge has not made the work any harder. In fact our supplies are now closer to the game room.

BRIDGE DECK CLUB DIRECTORS

We are currently using three Directors: Beth Stevens, Tony Cipolla, and Ed Alcott. Ed is our newest ACBL Director

Ed first qualified to be a Club Director in 1989, and has been Directing at club games, Sectionals and on BBO since 2017. Ed is a regular tournament player with more than 4,000 mps and has enjoyed multiple high finishes in National events. A certified teacher, with both TAP (Teacher Accreditation Program) and On-Line teacher qualifications, Ed believes that his role as a Director is not only to ensure club games run smoothly, but also to be a resource for the club players. Ed sailed his own boat around the world for more than four years (1998 - 2002) and has played bridge in more than 100 bridge clubs worldwide.

Club Games

Our games will continue to be held at 1:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We will add Tuesday and Thursday games when the table count increases.

Partnerships

Joan Marion continues to be our hardworking partnership chairman. If you need a partner and haven't been able to find one on your own, she may know who might be available. We do have a place on our Bridge Deck Club website where you can say that you are available for a particular day, but it does not work for last minute arrangements. If your regular partner has to cancel your game at 9 AM, Joan may be able to suggest someone. 314 757 6838

Telephone Numbers & Email Address

I have been attempting to keep a list of players who are currently in the area and who are interested in playing. This list keeps changing as people return to Collier County. I make new copies of the list and leave them at the club each week or if you want me to email you the current copy, just send me an email request. If your contact information is not on my list, please let me know.

This list is helpful to Joan Marion.

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