

DECEMBER 2021 BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Bridge Deck Club is a member-owned and managed ACBL Bridge Club
Now located at the Elks Lodge, 11250 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL

Website: www.BridgeDeckClub.org

The Bridge Deck Club is now open Monday thru Friday!

A Warm Naples Welcome to All Returning Players

We have missed you. It has been a tough year, but the good news was that vaccines were developed with amazing speed. It has been a tough year, but we have found a new home at the Elks Lodge. The club and Ellie lost Wayne Goodrich in 2021. Wayne served as our General Manager for many, many years. Often the work he did was “behind the curtain,” but it was of great importance. Wayne took on so many tasks. If the church switched the games to the Ministry Center, Wayne would stay at our normal location and direct players to the new location. If a large bulletin/chalkboard arrived and needed to be assembled, Wayne did it.

JANUARY IS JUNIOR FUND MONTH

Extra points and no extra money! 😊

Membership News

We welcome all new members and of course we rejoice in all of our returning members. We will be preparing a new membership booklet for 2022. We ask everyone to check the accuracy of the information that we have. The star after your name signifies that you have achieved your Life Master rank. Game fee for club members will continue to be \$10 in 2022; game fees for non-club members will be \$12 in 2022. Membership dues are \$25 but as a reward for your loyalty in these difficult times, we will wave membership dues from all who were listed as members in 2020. New Membership dues are only \$25 per calendar year. Bridge Deck club name badges are available for \$10. **If you are not in town**, please fill out the attached membership form and e-mail it back to marciareff@naples.net

Player Advancements

In October 2021 **Cindy Mahn** achieved the rank of Emerald Life Master! Then in November, two members achieve the rank of Silver Life Master: **Marjorie Hedinger** and our favorite Director, **Beth Stephens**. Let's congratulate them for their accomplishment

Teaching Schedule

Gary Thomas and Marcia Reff are delaying the start of their lessons due to concerns about Covid. They hope to start the teaching program during the week of January 10, 2022. 9 AM to 11:30 AM

Jan. 11 - Standard American bidding: The notrump structure and the Stayman convention. Plus opening leads.

Jan. 12 - Bridge Basics 1: Audrey Grants newest series.

Jan. 13 - Chat Game for new duplicate players.

Jan. 15 - Review of the first 3 Bridge Basics books.

Director Please!

You make a brilliant bid over the opponent's 1NT. Your partner alerts the bid. Everything is OK at this point, but then the opponent asks your partner to explain and he says you are playing Don't. Unfortunately you were using Cappelletti or just natural bids over notrump openings. First wait until the bidding ends. Then if you are the declarer, you should explain the error before the opening lead, but if you are defending you can't do that. It would provide information to your partner. Defenders have to wait until the end of play to correct any incorrect information.

Tip of the Month

from our new Head Director, Ed Alcock

What To Do?

You find yourself in a dilemma: your partner has made a forcing bid and you don't know how to respond! Or, you have a choice of bids: "Should I open this at the one level or two level (or, even the three level, it's possible!) I can't decide what to do, so I think I will pass!

This is wrong! When you're having trouble deciding on a bid - **PASS IS NOT AN OPTION!** Make a choice, right or wrong, and stick with it. A while back, one of my partners didn't know how to respond to my 4NT Gerber response ("Was that a Gerber response?") So he passed and 6D made 7 and 6NT made 6.