

# December 2022 Bridge Deck Club Newsletter

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## Bridge Deck Club's Annual Meeting to be held in January

Regrettably the Elks Lodge was unable to provide space for our Annual Meeting and holiday luncheon in December, therefore it has been moved to January. The new date will be Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in the Elks main dining room. The luncheon menu will be boneless chicken breast with a lemon sauce, green beans, and a pasta salad. Dessert is included and also coffee or tea. The price will be a very reasonable \$20 per person.

The Annual Membership meeting will be held after the luncheon for the purpose of electing our 9 member Board of Governors. All members of the Board have to be elected or reelected each year. (The Club's manager attends meetings and serves on the board ex officio.) The Board holds a one-hour meeting nearly every month. The 2023 Board will meet after the election and then the new board appoints the four officers for the year. The Board is always looking for new members. If you are interested in serving on the board please contact Tricia Bernstein, Christy Coupland or Joe Truitt, this year's nominating committee members.

Marcia Reff has been preparing the BDC Newsletter for the past 7 years (2016 through 2022). If you have writing and computer skills and would enjoy writing the newsletter, please offer to replace her.

## 2023 New Memberships and Renewals

The yearly Bridge Deck Club Membership has been raised \$5 and is now \$30 per year. New members pay only \$10 for magnetic badges. The badges cost more than that but the club underwrites the additional cost. Lifetime membership is still only \$250. Game fees for 2023 remain at \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Chairman Richard Price is accepting membership payments in December and in January. Please make sure that he has your correct information for the 2023 directory. Your friends need to be able to reach you by email or telephone number when they want you for a partner.

## December Special Games

**STaC games: Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.** Silver points are available that week. The price will be \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members.

**Education Fund Games: December 12, 14, 16, 20 and 22.** Win extra black points.

**Unit 128 Championship games: Dec. 15 and Dec. 21, 2022.** Win extra black points.

## Meet Pat Johnson a member of your Board of Governors

I started playing bridge in my early 20's. I was married and we had moved into our first home, in the suburbs of Chicago, and the neighbor ladies wanted to start a group. We learned using a Goren book and for me I was hooked from the start!! From there I started to play in some other social groups and eventually did a competitive group when I was asked to be a partner of a person from a local high school that had an evening group. This met my needs as I was then working full time and had a husband and three children to look after.

In June of 2005 I retired to Knoxville, Tennessee and became interested in sanctioned duplicate bridge and was welcomed with open arms into games in the area. At that time I also met some of the women who would become partners for tournaments and we happily traveled to area events and even one time to Naples, Florida for a tournament. The game of bridge has always held my interest since I found it challenging and over time became more proficient at it. At the same time I became involved in helping out at local tournaments in District 7, Unit 165 in the Knoxville area. Of course my forte, being food, had me in charge of hospitality for the Sectional Tournament held in Pigeon Forge. I cooked, served and over saw three days of lunch for 250 plus people, plus two hospitality hours per day. My good friends from my area ran the Gatlinburg Regional Tournament, the largest in the country, and I was always a willing helper for them too.

About 7 years ago we started to winter in Naples and I gradually met bridge players here by playing at the Bridge Deck and Naples Bridge Center. The Bridge Deck was the most welcoming and I have secured several bridge partners over time. Since moving to Naples full time in 2021 I have enjoyed becoming more involved in the bridge community here and have found I can get my fill of bridge with the wonderful new people who are part of the ACBL bridge community. I cannot remember when I became a Life Master but have achieved Bronze Life Master and will soon be a Silver Life Master. What a wonderful game to keep my mind alert, fulfill socializing needs and keep me in touch with other individuals who love the game as much as I do!! Am so happy to be able to serve the Bridge Deck as a Board Member.

### Our Excellent Directors

**Beth Stephens** directs on Tuesdays and Fridays. **Ed Alcott** directs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are grateful to have such pleasant and knowledgeable directors. They help make coming to our games a pleasure

### Education and Chat Games

Gary Thomas and Donna Lyons will resume the Chat game on Thursday morning, Jan. 12 and then the Chat games will continue on Thursday mornings during "season." This is a sanctioned game for new players. During the bidding and play Gary and Donna circulate and answer questions to help guide the players so eventually they will be able to be comfortable in a regular ACBL game setting. The game fee is \$15.00

Marcia Reff is teaching a small group on Friday mornings in December. The class will continue in the new year, but probably not on Friday mornings. The topics in December will be responses to minor suit openings, limit responses to major suit openings, and then 2 lessons on the Jacoby 2NT response to a major suit opening and openers 5 possible second bids. If you are interested in any of these topics you are welcome to attend, but please let her know so she prepares enough handouts.

### **Reminders**

We are entering the busy season both for Elks Lodge members and for Bridge players. Bridge players are asked to park in the spaces nearer the motel unless they must use the handicap parking spaces. Our game start time was moved to 12:30 in order to avoid parking problems with bingo players and Elk members gathering for drinks, dinners, and dances.