

# January 2023 Bridge Deck Club Newsletter

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## Bridge Deck Club's Holiday Party & Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited to our holiday luncheon on January 11, 2023. Cost of this luncheon is \$20. It will start promptly at 11:30 AM so plan to arrive by 11:20. Board President, Nancy Driscoll is collecting the money. The luncheon will be held in the Elk's dining room, not in our game room. At 12:15 we will hold a short membership meeting for the purpose of electing the members of our Board of Governors. Even if you decide not to attend the luncheon, please attend the meeting. Please contact one of the members of our nominating committee (Joe Truitt, Christy Coupland or Tricia Bernstein) if you wish to run for a seat on the Board..

## Extra Point Games in January

The ACBL raises money in January by charging the clubs an extra fee. They use this money to assist young Bridge students & players. The Bridge Deck Club is participating in these Junior Fund Games every day in January and then on Friday, Jan. 27 there will be a special ACBL-wide Junior Fund Game.

## Reminder to Returning Players

Game start time is 12:30. **Please arrive by 12:20.** The Director needs to know how many pairs are participating. We try to avoid having half tables and sit-outs. If there is a half table we call people and try to find someone to drive over to play with the director. But if we call someone and then another pair arrives at 12:33 we have a problem! The Bridge Mates cannot be started until the director knows how many tables will be in play.

## Memberships

Rich Price has been collecting membership dues for calendar year 2023. Dues are \$30. A Life Membership is \$250 and then you never have to worry about yearly membership dues! Life Members are listed on the inside cover page of our member's directory. Our new 2023 Membership Directories will be published in February so please make sure we have your correct information: house address, email address, and phone number. Everyone uses their directories when they are looking for a partner.

## Congratulations

**Pat Johnson** and **Tricia Bernstein** have become Silver Life Masters (1,000 masterpoints that include 200 silver, red, gold or platinum points).

**Brenda Kefauver** has become a Ruby Life Master (1,500 mp that include a combination of 300 colored points).

### **Chat Game for Newbies**

Gary Thomas and Donna Lyons will resume the Chat games on Thursday mornings, starting January 12. The price has been reduced to \$10 so encourage any Bridge playing friends who are not yet comfortable with the use of bidding boxes or Bridge Mate machines to attend. This is an ACBL sanctioned game, so winners will start to accumulate their first master points!

### **Bridge Education Brush-up Class**

Marcia Reff will be continuing her lessons on basic Bridge Conventions on Tuesday mornings starting January 10, 2023. The first lesson will be on the Weak Two Bid and responder's standard 2NT response. This lesson will be followed on Jan.17 by the Strong 2 Club bid with a review of Stayman and Transfer bids after Opener's follow-up bid of 2NT showing 22 to 24 HCP. On Jan. 24 we will work on the Michaels Cuebid. Then the Unusual 2NT Overcall on Jan. 31. Classes 9:30 to noon. New students receive their first lesson for free, subsequent lessons are \$12.

### **Parking at the Elks Lodge**

Remember we have to share the parking lot with our Elk hosts. Leave the spaces closest to the doors available to those who need them. Elk activities and attendance increase just like ours during "season."