

February 2023 Bridge Deck Club Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS

The ACBL recognizes Bridge achievements in various ways. You can achieve Life Membership rank with 500 mp, Silver rank with 1,000, Ruby with 1,500, Gold with 2,500, Sapphire with 3,500, and Diamond with 5,000. The Bridge Deck Club has members in each of these ranks.

Christy Coupland achieved her ACBL Ruby rank in January 2023 !

There are also lists of those that achieve the most masterpoints in their districts each year. We are in District 9 which includes all of Florida.

District 9 Mini-McKinney Leaders

The mini-McKinney recognizes those players who earn the most points by attending club games, sectionals, regionals & national tournaments. Players are ranked in master point brackets by how many points they had on the first day of the year and how many they earned during that calendar year.

In the 100 to 200 mp bracket, **Joe Truitt** came in first winning 141.29 masterpoints. This first place in Florida earned him a rank of 22nd in the entire USA!

In the 300 to 500 mp bracket, **Cindy Mazzaferro** earned first place winning 289.39 masterpoints during 2022, Cindy's first place win in Florida also earned her an 11th place rank in the entire USA!
Richard Price came in 25th in this same bracket by winning 127.57mp.

In the 500 to 1,000 mp bracket **Pat Johnson** ranked 35th with 149.41 mp and **Trish Bernstein** was 39th with 141.04 mp.

In the 1000 to 1500 mp bracket **Beth Stephens** was 7th with 233.27 mp and Brenda Kefauver was 15th with 186.90.

In the 1500 to 2500 mp bracket **Nancy Driscoll** was 30th with 179.06 mp.

In the 3,500 to 5,000 bracket **Bob Beckwith** ranked 31st with 220.89 mp. **Ed Alcott** was 49th with 179.02 mp.

District 9's Ace of Clubs Leaders

The Ace of Clubs award recognizes and honors those players who earn their points only in local clubs. This award counts only black points. Some of us no longer are young enough to travel to Regionals & Nationals; we limit our game playing to our local clubs. Here are District 9 rankings of our current top club players.

In the 0 to 5 bracket **Kathy Sawa** who is just starting her master point journey, placed 30th with 17.38 .
Congratulations Kathy!

In the 100 to 200 bracket **Joe Truitt** was 3rd with 107.87 and 37th in the entire USA!

In the 300 to 500 bracket **Cindy Mazzaferro** was 4th with 153.91 and 17th in the entire USA.
Daphne Schreiber was listed as #29 with 97.41 mp.

In the 500 to 1,000 bracket **Pat Johnson** was 29th with 119.05 mp, **Trish Bernstein** was 38th with 109.96, and **Marcia Reff** was 49th with 100.95

In the 1,000 to 1,500 bracket **Beth Stephens** was 29th with 123.34 mp, **Syd Blum** was 48th with 105.44 mp, **Brenda Kefauver** was 54th with 98.41 mp, and **Ron Talbot** was 68th with 90.24 mp.

In the 1,500 to 2,500 bracket **Nancy Driscoll** ranked 25th with 147.73 mp.

In the 3,500 to 5,000 bracket **Bob Beckwith** was 15th with 201.16 mp and **Ed Alcott** was 59th with 116.44 mp.

In the 5,000 to 7,500 bracket, **Ellie Goodrich** was listed as number 43 with 192.34.

Since so many of our players are seasonal probably many others also attained high rankings, but they are listed in their winter home districts.

If you would like to find out how you ranked in your bracket go on the website for District 9 - district9acbl.org Click on Races at the top of the page. Then you can look up your rank in either of these two races. You can also see how you ranked in our Florida Unit 128 or in the entire USA.

STaC games during the week starting February 13

Looking for silver points. Look no further. Silver points are available all week. During "season" car traffic is heavy. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the game start time at 12:30 PM so the director can balance the field. Equal numbers of A, B, and C players have to be seated in both the N-S and in the E-W direction. Players in the A category compete against other "A" players while players in the other groups compete against those at their same level, BUT "C" and "B" players can beat players in the higher groups.

Education Foundation Games in February

These games raise money for the ACBL to help support Bridge Education. If a club spends money on newspaper ads for Bridge lessons for new players, the ACBL will reimburse a percentage of that money. Our club used to take advantage of this program. Winners on these days will receive double the usual number of black points. The club will pay the extra ACBL table fee. Extra Points, No Extra Money!

Celebration of the life of George Bernstein

On January 25th we had a great 14 table game in memory of George's many years with the Bridge Deck Club and all the friends he made here. For many years George was Treasurer of the club. Eventually he switched to being the Membership Chair and Ellie Goodrich became the Treasurer. That post is now held by Joan Coval, but it was George's business & legal knowledge that got us off to such a great start.

For this celebration Pat Johnson baked a cake and made cookies. Two dollar bills were given out as prizes with George's face superimposed on them because George loved to pay his game fees with two dollar bills! He kept trying to get two dollar bills into circulation, but with little success.

In Wednesday's game Ron Woofter settled into George's chair partnering 102 year old Rusty Ruff. Rusty is still insisting that she can't play notrump hands!

Memberships

Richard Price is preparing our membership booklets for the printer. It may be too late, but he might be able to add your name if you contact him immediately at 847 687 0480. The Newsletter editor depends on his list in order to send out the monthly newsletter. Non-members are being dropped from the mail list. Cindy Mazzaferro depends on his list to find partners for new people. Our yearly \$30 yearly membership fee is extremely small. Being a member allows you to play in our games for only \$10 while guests pay \$12. We use these game fees to pay the rent, our ACBL fees, and our directors. We also use these fees to purchase equipment, such as computers & printers, Bridge Boards, playing cards, convention cards, pencils, coffee, and snacks.

New Equipment & Repairs

Speaking of new printers, Richard Price had to purchase a new printer and toner cartridge in January after the connection from the printer to the old computer was broken. Richard is a man who wears many hats in our club. He also picked up some nuts and bolts to replace the ones that went missing in our large bulletin board/white board. Marcia Reff was worried about its stability and did not want it to fall over and hurt anyone. The top of the stand is fastened to the two bases by 3 bolt posts on each side, but 2 were missing on one side and one was missing on the other! It is now repaired and should last us for many more years.

Update from the Partnership Desk

I've been super busy creating partnerships for individuals whether they are just on vacation for a week or 2 and of course our snowbirds who have returned to paradise and participating face to face to the game we all love. Over the last two months, I have created over 22 pairs and brought in 6 new players to the game. We have been having over 12 tables regularly and have even hit 15 tables a few times. If you are looking for a partnership, please send me a text at 203-494-1676 and indicate whether you play Standard American or 2/1 and level of player. I try very hard to find a partner that has a similar game and ability to facilitate an enjoyable time by all.

As we continue to grow, we want to continue to be seen as a friendly and welcoming game and we thank you for supporting and promoting our club. If you need a partner please reach out to me and I will try hard to secure you a partner. There is also a LIST and FORM on our bulletin board where you can ADD your name (S/A or 2/1), days available and contact information to facilitate you finding your own partner.

I look forward to seeing you at our amazing Bridge Deck Club!

Cindy Mazzaferro

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Bridge Education

Gary Thomas and Dona Lyons have a Chat Game for Newbies on Thursday mornings. Gary presents a lesson at 8 AM for the early risers and then the Chat game starts at 9.

Chat Games are limited to people with under 20 masterpoints.

Marcia Reff gives a lesson on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to noon. The fee for club members is only \$10, the fee for non-club members is \$12. Lots of examples & 8 hands to play.

- Feb. 7 The Jacoby 2NT Convention and 3 of opener's possible 5 responses, those showing HCP.
- Feb 14: 1430 Keycard Blackwood
- Feb 21: The Negative Double
- Feb. 28 Balancing Bids & Balancing Doubles

Lock Your Car

The Elks Lodge sent out this notice to their members earlier this week..

Please be sure to secure valuables out of view in your car and Please Lock Your Car at all times. Be safe! Unfortunately, today we experienced some burglary attempts on cars parked in our Naples Elks Lodge parking lot. The Sheriff department was notified and came to assess the situation. We do not believe that anyone was affected, but please secure your valuables and your car wherever you park.