

# March 2023 Bridge Deck Club Newsletter

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## Spring in Naples

Many of our friends and neighbors have already left or are preparing to leave. Each year it always seems such a shame to see people leave just when the weather in Naples is so perfect and so many of our trees are starting to flower such as the Royal Poincianas, the Yellow Trumpets, and the purple Jacarandas.

## April Special Games

There will be two Unit 128 Club Championship games in April. The first will be on Monday, April 10, the second on Wednesday, April 19. Since all the clubs in Unit 128 will be playing the same cards on those days you will get a chance to win points in our own club, but also to see how you rank against our fellow Bridge playing Floridians, and perhaps win even more masterpoints.

Wednesday, April 26 will be an ACBL wide Charity game, everyone in the entire ACBL universe will be playing the same hands! Amazing what we can do with computers! Do you remember what we had to do 40 years ago to just determine the winners in a small duplicate game?

March's Sharks & Minnows Game was a great success. Many "C" players got their first chance to play with an "A" or "B" player. Sitting North/South **Gwen Nestaval** played with long time member **Betty Smith** and came in first, while **Susan Stam** played with **Bob Simpson** and almost tied their score. Sitting East/West (but in a higher stratification) **Carolyn Atkins** played with **Gary Thomas** and won the most masterpoints that day.

## New 2023 Bridge Deck Club Directories

It still has one or two errors, but is a great improvement over the previous year. Our club telephone number had to be changed. The new number is 239 272 3494. Since the directory was printed we dropped the mailing address listed on the first page. If you need to post something to the BDC send it to the Club Manager Ed Alcott at 100 Fleur de Lis Lane, Naples, FL 34112. Unfortunately, Ed's last name is still misspelled on this page.

## Unhappy News

It is with deep sadness that we report the untimely death of **Joan Coval**, our Board member and Treasurer. Joan joined the Bridge Deck Club in 2009 and is listed as a Board member and the club's Treasurer in the 2013 directory. Joan was an excellent Bridge partner, a devoted mother and wife, an active woman who rode her bicycle daily keeping watch over the neighborhood wildlife.

For those who would like to make a charitable donation in her memory, Andy Coval suggests The Shelter for Abused Women & Children in Naples or The Humane Society in Naples or any similar organization of your choice. Andy Coval's address is 7507 Firenze Lane, Naples, FL 34114

We just received the unhappy news of the passing of **Art Frank**. Art's connection with the BDC goes back to when we were known as The Bridge Club of Southwest Florida. Ron Woofert reports that when Art was in the army just after the Korean War, Art played in an army jazz combo that won the army's award for being the top jazz ensemble. They toured army camps entertaining the troops and even appeared on the Ed Sullivan show. Ron reports that after the army, Art became a music professor at Temple University in Philadelphia.

## Rank Changes

**Alan Coupland** attained Silver Life Master rank in March while playing on line. We are thankful that he has renewed his BDC membership and hope to see him back at a club game sometime this year.

**Cindy Mazzaferro** became both a Life Master and a Bronze Life Master in March. Congratulations!

## Bridge Education

Marcia Reff's series of lessons on Bidding and Conventions has ended for this season. It was a small class, but she felt that those that attended regularly gained knowledge and experience. **Gary Thomas** and **Donna Lyon**'s Chat Game attracted an excellent turnout. Hopefully some of the attendees gained sufficient confidence that they will be willing to venture into the open games next year. We all can remember how intimidating our first duplicate game was. **Cindy Mazzaferro** has been teaching Bridge at her community and some of her students have started to attend our games this year. We thank her for her work in promoting the game of Bridge to her neighbors and friends.