

June 2023 Bridge Deck Club Newsletter

STaC Silver Point Games

We will have three silver point games during the week of June 19, 2023. Your flight level is determined by the ACBL governing rules. If the person in your partnership with the greatest number of masterpoints has 2,500 or more, you will be in the A flight. If the person in your partnership with the greatest number of masterpoints has over 500, then you are in the Flight B. Everyone else will be in Flight C.

Member fee for the STaC games will be \$12 per person, non-member fee will be \$14.

North American Pair Qualifying Games

Extra black points will be awarded on June 5, 7, 12, 19, 21 and 22. Getting a Q next to your name allows you to also compete in the next rounds in Unit 128 and after that in our Florida District . Eventually the winning pairs compete in the national tournament.

Club Championship Games

According to the calendar on our website we will have three (!!!) club championship games in June. They will be on June 3, June 26, and June 28. Extra points, but no extra costs.

Elk Lodge Remodeling

We are continuing to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during these lovely days of spring. We usually have 5 to 7 tables a session and hope that will continue thru most of the summer. The Elks Lodge is in the process of remodeling and painting the rooms. At least one new air conditioner has been installed and two areas have been repainted. The plan is to create an independent room for the Bridge Deck Club by removing non supporting walls in the area to the north of the room we have been using. This room will have a small kitchen area and storage space for our exclusive use.

Rank Changes

The Bridge Deck Club congratulates Mary Ruth Mullin for achieving the rank of Silver Life Member. Mary Ruth has been a BDC member for many, many years.

A Tribute to an Outstanding BDC Member

written by an anonymous BDC member

There have been a number of people who have inspired me or influenced my life over the years. Right now, there is an unheralded man at the Bridge Deck Club in Naples that I have belonged to for the past 5 years. His name is Eddie Schaub, a 91 years young Member who contributes mightily to the Club's reputation as the "friendliest" in the area. He is mentally sharp despite the Years, regularly finishing near the top in the daily Duplicate Bridge Games. He plays a solid game, eschewing some of the more complicated bidding systems/conventions. That allows him to play with anyone, from old partners to the "newbie" just walking through the door, greeting them all with a smile and a bridge story about a recent hand. He proudly wears "Old Navy" shirts, habitually dressing down with a meaningful message about his past.

More importantly, he is almost always the first person at the club, helping the Director to tidy the place, rearrange the room, set up the game and welcome the players. Same for Post Game chores, the last one to leave before going home to his TV dinners. The BDC has an aging Membership, regularly losing Members to senility or even their demise. To me, he is a man making the most of his life as he ages.