

JULY BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWS

New Digs at the Elks Lodge

On Monday, July 10, 2023 our club will be moving into our new private location at the Lodge. The room should hold about 14 tables and includes a small fridge, sink, and some cabinets for our hospitality supplies and smaller game supplies. Richard Price has already brought over some of our bridge tables for use in our new space.

Special Extra Point Games in July

There will be an **ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint game on Monday, July 10th**. The N/S and E/W first place winners will each be awarded one gold point. Other winners will get increased red/black points.

North American Pairs qualifier games will take place on July 3, 5, 7, 17, 19, and 21. Winners earn extra points

Our **Unit Championship Game** will be on Monday, July 24

ABE BROWN

The BDC regrets to inform you of the recent passing of Abe Brown at the amazing age of 105. Abe and Jean were members of the Bridge Deck Club for decades. Many of us remember when they showed up for the game wearing matching T-shirts.

Hers had "Jean" on the front, his had "Abe"
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On the back, hers said, "Together" and his said, "since "
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The photos taken on that occasion are posted on the bulletin board.

Abe was a WW 11 veteran and served 4-years in the Signal Service Battalion in North Africa, France, Italy, and Germany! After returning to his small Vermont town he married Jean in 1946. Eventually they became the proud parents of 7 children.

Abe and Jean had a remarkable life together in Vermont. As a teenager Abe started work at his father's gas station and then after the war returned to the station, but then slowly built a chain of six "Auto and Home" stores. Abe tried to retire at the age of 65,

but he had much too much energy. so he started a new 30-year career building housing and providing health care for senior citizens. He also worked on numerous civic projects including restoring a 25-acre nature park on the banks of the local river. The site was completely reforested to replicate the original woodlands that had once flourished there.

Abe and Jean came to Marco in the 1990's and lived there until Jean's health started to fail. They moved into a retirement home at the corner of Rattlesnake Hammock and Collier Blvd. This put Abe closer to the BDC and many of us enjoyed him as our partner. Finally Jean died and Abe moved back to Vermont to be closer to some of his children.

There was an obituary in the Naples Daily News in June, but there is a longer one on the funeral home's website that is very interesting. readyfuneral.com/obituaries/Abraham-Brown