

NOVEMBER BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWS

5-DAY GAME SCHEDULE RESUMES

Our members are returning to Naples to enjoy the fall and winter seasons far away from the cold northern winds. We welcome you back. We have a nice new location at the Elks Lodge, but the space is limited. For those who have been playing with us during the summer months please consider changing to a Tuesday or Thursday. Eight to nine tables on each weekday would make excellent use of our space.

DECEMBER 11, 2023 HOLIDAY PARTY

The club will be collecting for this Holiday Party & Bridge event starting November 13, so slip a check in your wallet now. Payment must be received when you register. Space is limited.

Location: Royal Wood Golf and Country Club. Entrance is on Rattlesnake Hammock. If you are coming from the west, it is shortly after County Barn Rd. If you are arriving from Collier Blvd-951, it is just after Santa Barbara. The clubhouse is located on the right, a couple of blocks after the entrance. There is good parking.

Luncheon starts at 11:30. You will have a choice of either grilled salmon with lemon butter sauce or Chicken Marsala. There will be baked potatoes, grilled vegetables, salad and rolls. Dessert will be White Mousse served with fresh berries and hot tea or coffee. Wine, cocktails, or soda can be purchased with a credit card; servers can't accept cash.

Cost for luncheon, gratuity, and the Bridge game is only \$25.00 because the BDC is picking up more than half of the actual total cost. If there is space available non-club members can attend, but will have to pay the full cost of the luncheon.

NOVEMBER EXTRA POINT GAMES

Ed Alcott, our Head Director manages to find us cart loads of extra point games. Wednesday, Nov.15 will be a Unit 128 Championship game. All players in Florida's enormous ACBL Unit 128 will be playing the same hands. If you score high in our BDC game you will win points, but if you come out on top in the entire unit you will win even more! There will be lots of winners.

Then all the other games in November will award winning pairs extra black points. Five of the games will be Educational Fund games, many will be club championship games and some will be upgraded club championship games.

The ACBL charges clubs extra for these games, but our club is paying the extra fees, so you don't have to

OUR DIRECTORS

Beth Stephens will be directing on Tuesdays and Fridays in November; Ed Alcott will handle Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Remember both have a last name - to summon a director you say, "Director, Please."

IMPROVE YOUR DECLARER PLAY

A series of a lessons starting on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 that will help intermediate level players take more tricks with greater frequency. Of course the lessons will cover bidding and basic defense, but the emphasis will be on practicing good declarer play: how to recognize your most dangerous opponent & ways to avoid letting him gain the lead, hold-up plays, ruffing or discarding losers, establishing dummy's long suit, various types of finesses including the ruffing finesse, and more importantly how to avoid a finesse as much as possible by discarding a loser on a loser, keeping trump control when the opponents use a forcing defense against you, various notrump problems including transportation from hand to hand and unblocking your good suits, creating entries so you can reach your good suits, and how to get your opponent to help you by preparing and executing an "end play."

Each person's first lesson will be free, after that lessons are \$12 for non-club members, \$10 for club members. Lessons will be on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to noon. The lesson before Thanksgiving will be on Monday.

Call Marcia Reff at 239 775- 8460 or email at marciareff@yahoo.com

PARKING

Please arrive and park defensively. This is not the Florida State Fair's bumper car location. Extra care must be taking when arriving and departing. As we age it becomes more difficult for us to turn our necks, but try to peak around. Check your mirrors before backing up. We have already had one accident. Let's not have another. Also be on the look out for bicycles. There are workers on bikes that use the parking lot to reach their homes in the residential area behind the Lodge.

BDC MEMBERSHIP LIST

Our 2023 green booklet of member names and contact information is rapidly getting out of date. In December Richard Price, our Membership Chairman will be starting to remind everyone to pay their \$30 membership fee for the 2024 calendar year. (New members who join in December will receive a 13 month membership.) There were a variety of errors in this year's booklet, penmanship is sometimes difficult to decipher or our typing is sometime erroneous. Richard is

working hard to make the 2024 list perfect before it goes to the printer. Please inform him if there are changes to your information.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTNERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our returning SNOW BIRDS and hope you are excited about returning to the game we all love, BRIDGE.

Our numbers continue to go up each week and we look forward to having you back. If you need a partner, please text Cindy Mazzaferro at 203-494-1676 , **please indicate your type of play (SA or 2/1) level of play and day(s) that you would like a partner for.** It helps me if you provide all the information, otherwise I have to call/text you back so I can find you a partner that works. You can also send me an email at CindyMazzaferro@gmail.com.

When you play at the DECK, there is a **sign-up sheet on the bulletin board** that you can put your name, contact info, days you are available, and how close to the DECK (ie: 10 minutes away) to also further assist yourself in finding a partner. People can use this signup sheet to look for available individuals. This is also an excellent resource for our directors to use if they need one person to complete a table.

ALSO, and most importantly, if you are available this season (Nov and Dec) and have a day or two extra available (not required to play but available), I would love to hear from you too, then I have a pool of individuals who are available to draw from. Marcia Reff, for example, will call or email me that she is open to play on Wednesday (only if someone is needed) next week. This is SO helpful!!! If and when a person calls I have then resources available and do not have to call my regular 8-10 people to find a partner.

We are excited about your return and I look forward to assisting you with developing partnerships that you can enjoy and build your bridge skills with.

Bridge Deck Partnership Chair, Cindy

Congratulations

Joyce Ling has become a Ruby Life Master. She now has 1,500 masterpoints.

Cindy Mazzaferro has reached the rank of Silver Life Master

Tracy Nolan has also become a Silver Life Master with 1,000 MP.

Nancy Lauridsen has attained the rank of Bronze Life Master.

Cape Marco Monterrey Condo Disaster

There was a tremendous electrical explosion October 16 that blew out the lobby windows and destroyed the electric wiring in the building where Joan Volkheimer has a 7th floor condo. All the residents had to evacuate the building quickly. They were allowed back the next day and Joan's niece and the niece's husband, were able to rescue the food from her freezer and fridge. Joan has been staying with her niece since the accident. Access to the condos are severely limited now; only the maintenance manager is allowed in. Repairs to the destroyed electric system will take months.

Joan had just placed her condo on the market and had been planning to move to Discovery Village at the corner of Collier Blvd and Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. She will soon make that move, unfortunately months earlier than planned and unfortunately without any furniture and without her clothes and belongings. She will be welcomed by BDC club member Mary Ruth Mullins who made the move from Royal Woods a year or so ago.

Joan cannot be reached by the telephone number in the green booklet. That was a land line. Please see her cell phone number in the list below.

List of New Members and Corrections of the 2023 Booklets

We are always searching for partners or last minute substitutes. On the next page is a list of new members and corrections to the 2023 booklet. Please consider printing this list and putting it in your green BDC address book. If you have lost your booklet we have copies.

Corrections

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