

DECEMBER BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWS

Holiday Party

Our annual December party will be on Monday, December 11 at the Royal Wood Clubhouse. Our capacity for this event was limited to 12 tables/48 people and all spots have been taken. In case any pair has to cancel Pat Johnson is keeping a waiting list.

Beth Stevens will be leading a Bridge sing-along at some point during the afternoon; this will be quite amusing and enjoyable. Lunch will start at 11:30 AM. Bring a credit card or a check if you want to purchase soda, wine, or a bar drink. There will be a short annual meeting to elect the 2024 Board of Directors. After lunch we will play a 12 table Bridge game.

A Month of Extra Point Games

General Manager Ed Alcott has signed the club up for a Christmas stockingful of games that award extra master points at club championship ratings, unit championship rating or STAC week rating. **STAC week will be December 18 thru December 22**, so if you want a chance to earn silver points make sure you play during the week before Christmas.

The calendar is on the club's website; click the name at the top of the page. The calendar tells you if a game awards extra points or is just at the regular club rating. The calendar also lists who will be directing each day's game.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our club membership is still only \$30 a year and our game fee is still only \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. We have increased our membership this year by **24 new or renewing members**. People who join in November or December 2023 get a 13 or 14 month year's membership ! If you are in town please check the list that Rich Price has for accuracy. The member's list goes to the printer early in February. If you arrive to Naples after that time, please make sure that Rich Price has your accurate telephone number and email address. There were errors in the 2023 booklet; his goal is an error free list.

CHAT GAMES

Gary Thomas and Donna Lyons will be restarting the Chat Game program for newer players. These are Bridge players who are either non-ACBL members or have fewer than 20 ACBL masterpoints. The weekly Chat Games will begin on Thursday, January 11, 2024. The game starts at 9 AM, but Gary gives a free lesson that starts at 8 AM. Early risers get both for only \$10. There is a flyer on the BDC website. Please print it out and post it on your community bulletin board.

Rank Change

Congratulations to **Director Beth Stephens**. She is now a Ruby Life Master with 1,500 masterpoints.

INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCE DECLARER PLAY LESSONS

Marcia Reff will be continuing a series of lessons on Declarer Play. The lessons in 2024 are not for beginners; they will include the more advanced aspects of declarer play that we all need to work on such as avoiding a ruff or an overruff, creating entries so we can reach that suit we have worked so hard to establish, keeping trump control when the defense tries to force us to ruff and to lose control, using a ruffing finesse, saving an exit card to use for an end play, and other ways to keep the wolf away.

These classes are on Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 11:50. Fee is \$10 for club members, \$12 for non-members. Each person's first lesson is free; try it for free.