

## **JANUARY 2024 BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWS**

The new year is off to a great start as we welcome back to Naples so many of our northern members. BDC membership grew in 2023 and we look forward to even more growth in 2024. If you haven't already renewed your membership for the 2024 year make sure you do it in January so your name is listed in our 2024 Members booklet. Our yearly membership is still only \$30 and our game fee for members is still only \$10.

### **EXTRA POINTS ALL MONTH**

We play Bridge 5 afternoons and starting in January we will be having two limited master point games during the mornings. Each afternoon game starts at 12:30. Please arrive by 12:20 so the Director knows if he has to call in one of our stand-by players to fill out a table. We try hard to avoid half tables and sit-outs. Traffic can be troublesome during these busy seasonal months, so give yourself enough time to arrive on time. If you are running late and can't reach your partner, please give Ed Alcott a call at 412-600-5847 or one of the other board members. The numbers are listed on the first page of the club's directory. Make sure that you have one of these important numbers in your phone.

### **CHAT GAME**

Gary Thomas & Donna Lyons will restart the Chat Games on Thursday, January 11, 2024. The game starts at 9:00 AM, but Gary gives a free lesson for the early risers at 8 AM. Chat games are designed to help new players learn the ropes of duplicate Bridge. Game cost is \$10.

### **0 to 99er GAME**

Christy Coupland will be directing a regular ACBL game for advancing players at 9 AM on Monday mornings starting on January 15, 2024. This will be run like a normal afternoon game. Give her a call at 619 329 1332 so she knows how many people to expect.

### **IMPROVING YOUR DECLARER PLAY TECHNIQUES**

Marcia Reff will be restarting a series of lessons based on the book, *25 Ways to Take More Tricks as Declarer*. Each lesson will usually cover 2 chapters of this excellent book. The course will run on Wednesday mornings, 9 AM to 11:45 starting on January 10, 2024 and will include examples and 8 prearranged hands to play. Each person's first lesson is free, after that each class is only \$10, but participants are asked to purchase the book and read the assigned chapters prior to coming to the class. Excellent half priced books are available on line. You don't need to bring a partner. The Jan. 10 class will cover chapters 5 and 8 of the book and deal with notrump contracts. Please call Marcia at 239 775 8460 to register your interest

**PHOTOS FROM OUR DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

The Royal Wood Country Club event was a sold out success. Here are Tricia Bernstein's photos of the event.





