

February 2024 Bridge Deck Club Newsletter

STaC Week February 5th to the 9th

This is the week for us to earn silver points. Please arrive between noon and 12:15. We can only hold 13 tables. Unfortunately we may have to turn away people once we fill those tables. Cost of STaC week games will be \$12 for members and \$14 for non-club members.

2024 Membership Booklet

Richard Price will be giving the printer our membership list in early February. Please make sure your information is up to date. People want to be able to telephone, text, or email you when they are looking for a partner.

Sharks & Minnows

Our annual Sharks and Minnows game will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. This event is always exciting and gives some of our newer duplicate players a chance to play with Silver, Ruby, and Gold Life Masters. There is a sign-up sheet on the director's desk. Sharks are usually those with more than 1,000 masterpoints; Minnows are usually those with fewer than 1,000 masterpoints. Our head director will create the partnership pairs. He may have to adjust the master point levels depending on the number of people who sign-up in each category.

Educational Fund Games

The Bridge Deck Club will continue to pay the ACBL extra fees so our winners can earn additional masterpoints during the month of February

Bridge Deck Club Directors

Ed Alcott directs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons and is our contact man with the ACBL. Beth Stephens directs on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Donna Lyons is the director for the Thursday morning Chat games. Christy Coupland is directing the Monday morning games. The morning games are limited to ACBL members with under 100 ACBL masterpoints. Of course Non-ACBL members are welcomed to play in any of our games.

Memorandum

Bob Beckwith a long time member of both of the major ACBL clubs in Naples passed away at the end of January 2024. He was the epitome of a gentleman, gracious and helpful to all. In the 2005 membership booklet both he and his wife were listed as members. Bob will be remembered and missed

BRIDGE DECK CLUB OF NAPLES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. ACBL'S ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The following are some examples of behavior that will not be tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

Repeated violations of this policy may result in a disciplinary warning or a suspension of your playing privileges.

2. Duplicate Bridge is a timed event. Please keep in mind the remaining time (look at the TV!) and if you have not finished bidding at the 3:00 minute mark, you may be awarded a late play or a no play.

3. Our current location is in an enclosed room which means you need to keep your voice at a "library" level. We are looking at ways to minimize the sound reverberations,

4. At least one player needs to have a completed convention card and keep score.

5. Do not move to the next table until the Director has called the next round.

6. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early or call the Director and let him know you will be late.

Morning Games & Lessons

Mondays at 9 AM Zero to 100 MP Game directed by Christy Coupland

Wednesdays at 9 AM Declarer Play lessons led by Marcia Reff

Thursdays at 8 AM Free Mini lesson present by Gary Thomas

Thursdays at 9 AM Chat Game led by Gary Thomas and Dona Lyons.