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For All Levels of Play

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DEALS AND SQUEALS

President's Message Sets Agenda

By Dean Williams

As we start a new year, I look forward to again being the President of the Board of Governors of the greatest bridge club in North America. This is a great honor for me and I hope that I can fulfill the responsibilities and meet the expectations given to me by the Board.

I would like to welcome the "new" members to the Board: John Banks; Bob Guida; Polly Ober and Mary Short and the continued service of the "old" members: Jo Carter; David Pantalena; Gene Petrey; Gene Short; Bill Sidgmore; Charlie Smith and Slim Smith.

At the January meeting, Jo Carter resigned in anticipation of her up-

coming move to California. We will miss her and thank her for her many contributions. As the Bylaws provide, we have appointed and welcome the next runner-up in the election, Mollie Horwitz, to fill this vacancy. The devotion and dedication of all these members to the Club illustrate why the Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club is *the* most outstanding club in the whole country.

With this Board and a large cadre of volunteers, we have a great team of very active and motivated members to move forward with an aggressive program to make our Club the one to emulate.

My objectives for the upcoming year are: 1) to strive to equal and/or sur-

pass the continued success of the many activities offered or sponsored by the Club; and 2) to expand the participation of all members in these activities. As a membership-owned club, we can only be as popular and successful as we are through the participation and volunteerism of our entire membership.

While 2003 was one of our most successful years — if not the most successful, I can foresee many ways to improve and generate more participation in 2004. But it will take your help. The Board and I welcome your input on how we can best serve all members.

You have to let us know if we are

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Rhoda's Corner By Rhoda Schreider

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On the first of February we are hosting a Super Bowl Party starting at 5:30. Dinner and bridge to follow with a part of the fees going to charity. All-inclusive fee is \$10.

On Tuesday, February 3rd at noon we are running the Seniors' Pairs duplicate bridge game for the City of

Ft. Lauderdale. They suggest that you register at the Social Center and get your goodies bag at that time. Gold, silver and bronze medals will go to the winners — plus a write-up in the city newsletter. It's a fun event so plan on joining us. A regular side game will also take place at 12:30.

Our Valentine's Day party

starts at 5:30 and will feature music, dancing, great food and great bridge. It would look so nice if you all came in shades of pink, red or white. Pictures will again be taken of partners coming into the Club, and the ladies will receive a rose. All for the price of \$20.

The ACBL Senior Game will be on Monday, Febru-

ary 23rd at 12:30. The card fee will be \$4 per person — 15% is returned to ACBL. Hand records and analysis sheets prepared by John Ashton will be available after the game. This is a North American event with the same boards being played throughout the area.

Have a healthy and happy month. And play more bridge here!!!



Two Missed Boats

By Richard Pavlicek

I held the bleak West hand on this deal and listened to the opponents bid quickly to 3NT. Partner's weak jump overcall had little effect, other than to direct my lead. The sight of dummy, however, brightened up prospects as my \spadesuit K-Q was now worth two tricks.

3 NT by South
None Vul

\spadesuit Q	\spadesuit A J 10 8 6 5
\heartsuit A K 6 5	\heartsuit 10 7 4
\diamondsuit 9 7 6 4 2	\diamondsuit 3
\clubsuit A 4 3	\clubsuit J 6 2
\spadesuit 4 3 2	\spadesuit K 9 7
\heartsuit 9 8 2	\heartsuit Q J 3
\diamondsuit K Q 8	\diamondsuit A J 10 5
\clubsuit Q 9 7 5	\clubsuit K 10 8

Lead: \spadesuit 4

West	North	East	South
	1 \diamond	2 \spadesuit	3 NT
All Pass			

East won the \spadesuit A and continued with the jack, as South held up his king and pitched a diamond from dummy. Realizing the futility of establishing spades without an

entry, East wisely shifted to the \clubsuit 2; eight, nine, ace. Declarer then lost a diamond finesse to my king (the falsecard seemed wise since I was marked with the king).

I knew that partner would not shift to the \clubsuit 2 from 10-x-x (he would lead the 10) so the layout was clear. It was imperative to establish a club trick before my \diamond Q was dislodged, and I also had to guard against a possible endplay; hence I led back the \clubsuit Q to preserve partner's jack. It made no difference whether declarer won or ducked; he could come to only eight tricks.

"The sight of dummy brightened up [our] prospects...declarer was left standing on the dock."

Luckily for us, declarer missed the winning line: He should duck the first club (let me hold the \clubsuit 9). Then no matter what I returned, he can win the \clubsuit K, \spadesuit K and cash all four hearts, coming down to \diamond A-J-10 \clubsuit 10. I'm squeezed! If I pitch a diamond, he establishes diamonds with one loser; if I pitch a club, he cashes the \clubsuit A then finesses the \diamond 10 to endplay me.

While declarer was left standing on the dock, it is also worth noting that East missed a subtle opportunity. With an entry-less hand, a spade continuation could hardly do any good, but an *immediate* club shift might. Indeed, this would seal declarer's fate no matter how he played. Try it. Evidently, partner only missed a small boat, as it returned to the dock to pick him up.

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meeting your expectations and needs in order for the Board to fully carry out its obligations and responsibilities. Also, let us know your special skills or areas of interest which may be helpful in carrying out the various Club responsibilities and activities.

See you at the tables. Have a good game!

Fun for Seniors

City of Ft. Lauderdale Seniors' Tournament, Tues., Feb. 3 at Noon. Register at the Activities Center and get a goodies bag.

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ACBL Senior Game
Mon., Feb. 23 at 12:30; \$4.



Dates to Remember:

- Super Bowl Party and Bridge Feb 1 at 5:30
- Valentine's Day Party, Feb 14 at 5:30
- Team of Four Feb 27 at 7:30
- Club Championships Feb 3 at 12:30; 14 at 7:30; 22 at 1:00; and 26 at 6:30



Member Close Up

Lois Redlick grew up in University Heights, a suburb of Cleveland where her father was mayor for thirty years. She came from a card playing family and learned pinochle at an early age before learning bridge in high school.

After attending Western Reserve University and Cleveland School of Art, Lois worked for nine years in advertising and as a part-time teller at a large Cleveland bank. She later worked for many years for one of the largest beauty supply houses in Ohio.

Lois began visiting in Ft. Lauderdale in the early 1940's and finally moved here in 1978 to help care for her mother. At that time, she met her bridge mentor, Buck Merrell, who was a retired math teacher

from Michigan. Teaching her the finer points of bridge, they both became among the first ACBL certified teachers in the area. They both also served as Directors after becoming Life Masters.

After he passed away in 1990, Lois continued to teach the game for Ft. Lauderdale and Pompano Bridge Clubs and for the City of Ft. Lauderdale. In her spare time, she collects and does a few antique and collectibles shows.

Lois is Director of the Club's Bridge Connection, a social duplicate bridge program for those members who wish to play the game in a more relaxed, less competitive at-

mosphere. Although the program is geared to members with less than 200 master points, it welcomes all players. Since they play only 20-24 hands, the game is less rushed, and Lois is available to give advice on bidding when asked. She also gives beginner and intermediate bridge lessons at the Club.

Lois' kindly and knowledgeable instructions and game management appeals to our members. "We are growing by leaps and bounds," she says. "This is undoubtedly the best bridge club in North America," she adds proudly.

Her tireless dedication to our Club led the Board of Gover-

nors to establish The Lois Redlick Bridge Connection Award last year for those members who earn the most points in the year. The first winners were: John Banks in A; Connie Gochoel in B; and Jim Moran in C.

"My better players are all assistant teachers who help the beginners," she says. "Together we want all to see how much fun it is to play this game." To Bridge Connection members, Lois is truly a dedicated teacher with heart.



Club of Hearts

*This is the time for Valentines
With Cupid and his darts,
So we'll forget the other suits
And concentrate on Hearts.*

*We all know the Queen of Hearts
Who greets with regal style,
Bestows on us our team receipts
Then adds her charming smile.*

*The King of Hearts is my partner
Who's thoughtful, bright, and kind,
He plays a great game himself
Yet never finds fault with mine.*

*Our Bridge Club is the Ace of Hearts
Charitable, efficient, and fun,
With sincerest warmth of friendship
That envelopes everyone.*

— Betty Hooks, Club Poet

Bon Voyage!

Congratulations to Club members Bob Guida and Dick Burns for their 3rd place finish in Flight C of the North American Pairs Division Finals. They will represent District 9 at the Reno Nationals in March.

Top Scorers

The following had scores as high as Cupid's flight: **Polly Ober & Joe Kolasa, 71%; Jim & Nancy Moran, 71%; Carolee Petrey & Ron McDonald, 71%; John & Lee Henschel, 70%; Slim Smith & Jenny Janitor, 69%; and George Malt & Bev Smith, 68%.**

Valentine's Day Party & Bridge

Music, dancing, fine dining & bridge

Be a sweetheart, join us and see —

Wear white, pink or red,

The roses are free!



5:30; \$20

LOOKING AHEAD

**ST. PAT'S PARTY
MAR 17 AT 5:30**

NEW!!!

**TEAM OF FOUR,
4TH FRI OF MONTH
FEB 27 AT 7:30**

We're on the Web!

Get Your Score!

www.bridgeace.com/FLBC.htm

Deals and Squeals is the monthly newsletter of the Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club. Please let us know any announcements or suggestions!

David Pantalena, Editor

Barbara Tate Cerato, Asst. Editor

Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club's

Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Instruction

Richard Pavlicek, ten-time North American Champion, will begin his next Advanced Bridge series on Wednesday, **February 18** at 9:45-11:45; six lessons \$100. This will be his final series for the season, so don't miss it! For more information, visit his website at www.rpbridge.net or email to richard@rpbridge.net or call Mabel Pavlicek at 954-763-1003.

Lois Redlick (Bridge Connection): **Beginner Lessons** on Saturdays 9:30-12:00, seven lessons \$45; **Intermediate and Advanced Lessons** on Tuesday evenings 6:30-9:00, \$7. Call Lois for complete details at 954-565-3127.

Rich Waugh holds supervised play Mondays 9:30-11:00; \$3/\$4 Guest.

Ernie Moore gives a Basic Conventions Class Fridays 9:30-11:30; \$5.

Free Lectures: Tuesdays 11:45-12:15 (**Rich Waugh**); and Saturdays 11:45-12:15 (**Jim Lackey**).

New Games:

Twilight Bridge: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:30 (dinner 5:30).

Team of Four: fourth Friday each month; February 27 at 7:30.

Non-Life Master Game: Sundays at 1:00.

February's Games & Events



Duplicate Games: All games are ACBL sanctioned. Fee: \$3/Member; \$4/Guest.

Daily at 12:30 (Sundays 1:00): Lunch served about an hour earlier; Sunday noon brunch.

Evenings: Twilight Dinner & Bridge with Alan Minton on Tuesdays and

Thursdays; dinner at 5:30 \$4; game at 6:30 \$3 Members/\$4 Guests. Saturdays 7:30

(6:15 dinner only, \$5); Sundays 6:00 (5:00 dinner and bridge \$5).

Non-Life Masters' Games at 12:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and Sundays at 1:00.

Social Bridge (Bridge Connection) at Noon: Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Super Bowl dinner and charity bridge: Feb. 1 at 5:30; \$10.

City of Ft. Lauderdale Seniors' Tournament: Tues., Feb. 3 at Noon. Register at the Activities Center.

Valentine's Day Party: Sat., February 14 at 5:30; dancing, dinner and bridge to follow; \$20.

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Team of Four: fourth Friday of every month; February 27th at 7:30.

IMP League: February 11 at 7:30.



Let's Play Bridge!