



The Friendly Club
For All Levels of Play

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DEALS AND SQUEALS

Committees Do Board's Bidding

By Dean Williams

This is the first of a two-part series to identify the various Club committees and to recognize those members participating in the operation and activities of the Club.

While the Board of Governors is the "head" of the Club, various appointed committees become the "arms and legs" to carry out the many functions and activities that are required for the smooth operation of the Club.

Each year the Board staffs various standing committees composed of both Board members and volunteer Club members to oversee designated tasks. In addition, from time to time, special committees are formed to accomplish specific objectives before being disbanded.

Entertainment Committee

Co-Chaired by Mary Short and Carolee Petrey and assisted by members Margaret and Bill Bauman, Carl Lewin, and Sylvia Bakst. This committee has a busy schedule throughout the year organizing the Club's social and charitable events.

House Committee

Chaired by Gene Petrey and responsible for the general maintenance and repairs of the Club facility. Gene has served in this capacity since the construction of the building.

Publicity Committee

Chaired by Florence Fitzgerald for several years and assisted by Kathy Mierins and Katia Lioz. They send press notices of events and announcements to the local media.

Tournament Committee

Co-Chaired by "Slim" Smith and Alan Minton who work with Club Manager Rhoda Schreider to schedule, coordinate and oversee the various tournaments played at the Club throughout the year.

Membership Committee

Chaired by Polly Ober, this committee processes and maintains all records of membership of the Club.

Hospitality Committee

Co-Chaired by "Slim" Smith and Taeko Fried, this committee is responsible for welcoming all new members. They also keep in touch with members through cards and phone calls. Assisting them are Mary Short and John Banks.

Rhoda's Corner By Rhoda Schreider



Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are all wonderful. It has been quite a season! We have seen many newcomers that have returned again and again — we must be doing something right!!

The Grand National Teams will be played on Sunday, March 7th at 1:00. There will be a side game as well if you do not care to participate in the team game.

You are all wonderful.

Silver points games will be held on March 10 through the 14th. Single sessions every day and evening with a Swiss game on Sunday.

There will be a side game every day except Saturday afternoon, the 13th.

On Wednesday, March 17th at 5:30 we'll be wearing the green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A traditional Irish dinner with all the fixings will be served followed by bridge. Do join us for a great time by signing up on the bulletin

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On Friday, March 26th at 7:30 we are offering our monthly Team of Four game. Pizza and salad for \$1 will be featured one half-hour before game time.

Have a healthy and happy month. Play more bridge here!!!

What If In History?



By Richard Pavlicek

This deal originated in the 1979 World Championship held in Rio de Janeiro. More recently, I used it in my September 2003 bidding poll, which had 1117 entrants from 60 countries. East's 1♥ opening showed 4+ cards (four-card majors), and the problem was what South should do over North's 3♠. The modern consensus was to bid 3NT as shown.

In 1979, Paul Soloway held the South hand (playing with Bobby Goldman) and chose to pass 3♠, surely sensible in view of the misfit and the lack of any trick source in notrump. With diamonds 3-3 and both hearts cashing, Goldman came to 10 tricks by ruffing clubs in hand. Alas, this meant a 10-IMP loss when the Italians *bid* 4♠ at the other table after a strange auction that suggested a misunderstanding.

3 NT by South

N-S Vul

♠ 10 9 5 3 2	♠ A Q J 8 6 4	♠ K 7
♥ 4 2	♥ 8 7 5 3	♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 9 4 3	♦ Q 6 2	♦ 10 8 5
♣ J 10 9	♣ ———	♣ A K 8 2
	♠ ———	
	♥ A K 6	
	♦ A K J 7	
	♣ Q 7 6 5 4 3	

Lead: ♥4

Dates to Remember:

- Grand National Teams Mar 7 at 1:00
- Silver Points Games Mar 10 thru 14th twice daily, Sunday Swiss only at 1:00
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Bridge, Mar 17 at 5:30
- Team of Four Mar 26 at 7:30
- Club Championships Mar 6 at 12:30; 17 at 6:30; 21 at 6:00; and 26 at 12:30

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

So what if? Suppose the contract is 3NT, and West leads his partner's suit. It looks pretty hopeless, but a clever technician like Soloway would cash four rounds of diamonds immediately. East would pitch a club, then Soloway would exit with his last heart for an endplay. East can win two hearts and two clubs, but then must either give dummy three spades or South three clubs — making 3NT.

But wait! East was none other than Giorgio Belladonna, the master of endplay magic. Like Felix the Cat, he would reach deep into his bag of tricks and pitch the club *king* on the fourth diamond (a spade also works). Retaining both low clubs, Belladonna could then reach West in clubs to foil the endplay — down one.

Each month, Richard Pavlicek conducts a bidding poll or play contest at his website (www.rpbridge.net) with many hundreds of participants worldwide. The March poll (now running) provides another interesting flashback in history. Join the fun and participate! Congratulations to Richard on the birth of his grandson, Seth, on February 7th! — *Ed.*

Stratifications

The Board of Governors reconfirmed the Club's policy, consistent with ACBL standards, regarding the stratification of games and awarding of master points. The stratifications are:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Strat A</u>	<u>Strat B</u>	<u>Strat C</u>
Open	1500+	500-1499	0-499
Non-Life Master	300-500	100-299	0-99
Social Bridge	50-200	20-49	0-19

The stratification of a partnership is determined by the partner with the highest number of points. If you or your partner have more points than are allowed for Strat A of the game, then both players *will not* be qualified to receive any points. Further, Life Masters *may not* play in Non-Life Master and Social Bridge games.

Bridge Connection Update

By Lois Redlick



A Spring Farewell party will be held on Thursday, April 1st at 11:30 for our many faithful players. Please bring your favorite finger foods to be shared.

Congratulations to some recent high scorers: Jim & Nancy Moran 73%; Mary Becker & Connie Gochel 72%; Celia & Morris Negin 70%; John & Naomi Banks 68%; and Gilda & Martin Schneider 68%.

Welcome to new members: Pat & Dave Sillers; Art & Sally Tenzer; Martha Furcinito; Hazel Greenberg; and Jim & Helen Scoca.

We are starting a new series of classes for beginners and intermediate players. Either class will also be good for review depending on your level of play. Both classes start on March 6th as follows:

- **Beginner & Review Lessons** on Saturdays 12:30-2:45; seven lessons \$45;
- **Intermediate Lessons** on Saturdays 9:30-11:45; seven lessons \$45.

Call me for complete details at 954-565-3127.

Advice to AOL Users

By Bill Vayens

AOL users are having trouble accessing their scores on the Club's website at www.bridgeace.com/FLBC.htm. Try the following settings changes:

1. Start AOL.
2. Click on the SETTINGS button in the toolbar (or go to key word SETTINGS). Click Internet [Web] Options.
3. Under the GENERAL tab, click on the DELETE FILES button in the TEMPORARY INTERNET FILES. Click on the DELETE ALL OFFLINE CONNECT box and click OK.
4. Click on the SETTINGS button in the same section. Select EVERY VISIT TO THE PAGE under "Check for newer versions of the stored page." Click OK.
5. Click on the AOL Browser tab (or the GRAPHICS tab in versions prior to AOL 9).
6. Select NEVER COMPRESS GRAPHICS in the first section and click OK.
7. Restart AOL.

While not perfect, this can help. You might want to perform steps 1-3 on a regular basis (at least once a month). Steps 4-7 need only be done once.

Unfortunately, AOL also stores copies of web pages to reduce the amount of traffic across their network and uses these stored copies. It can sometimes take AOL a full day before the most current version of a web page is available. Using another browser such as Internet Explorer can eliminate this problem, but the solution outlined above can often help.

Twilight Games a Hit!

By Alan Minton

The attendance at the evening games on Tuesdays and Thursdays has doubled since instituting an earlier game time of 6:30. Here are some of the comments:

"Oh, I love getting home before the ten o'clock news."

"It is perfect for us. We live 45 minutes away and to play in the afternoon and then drive back, is too much time on the road. So I just go shopping in between sessions!"

"Where can I get a meal as tasty for just \$4?"

Dinner is served at 5:30. If you need a partner, just give me a call at the Club one hour before game time.

Top Scorers

The following had scores as high as St. Pat's prayers: Cathie Pope & Sybil Meloy 76%; Jerry Hudson & Jim Moran 72%; Gene Petrey & Jerry Barson 70%; Serge Chevalier & Andre Gignac 70%; Doris Lemelin & Bob Heather 70%; Abe Jacob & Caroline Warner 70%.

St. Patrick's Day Party

March 17th at 5:30; \$12

Wear some green and enjoy music, dancing and a traditional Irish dinner with all the fixings. Game at 7:45.



A Super Super Bowl Sunday

We raised \$200 on Super Bowl Sunday for the Insight for the Blind. Generous donations were made by Gene Short, Lois Redlick, Mike Deegan, Joe Phillips, Dean Williams and Jane Harlow.

LOOKING AHEAD

**RHODA'S
BIRTHDAY BRUNCH
SUN, APR 4 NOON**

**EASTER SUNDAY
BRUNCH
APR 11 NOON**



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

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Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Instruction

Richard Pavlicek's Advanced Bridge series (Wednesday 9:45 AM) is now in progress, but you may join at any time. For further information, visit his website at www.rpbridge.net or email to richard@rpbridge.net or phone Mabel Pavlicek at 954-763-1003.

Lois Redlick (Bridge Connection) New! Starting March 6: Beginner & Review Lessons on Saturdays 12:30-2:45, seven lessons \$45; **Intermediate Lessons** on Saturdays 9:30-11:45, seven lessons \$45. 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; March 26 at 7:30.

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

March'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.

Club Championships: March 6 at 12:30; 17th at 6:30; 21st at 6:00; and 26th at 12:30.

Grand National Teams: Sunday, March 7 at 1:00.

Silver Points Tournament: March 10 through 14th day and evening; Sunday Swiss game only 1:00.

Side game every day except Saturday afternoon.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Bridge, March 17 at 5:30; \$12. Music and dancing; game at 7:45.

Team of Four: fourth Friday of every month; March 26th at 7:30. Pizza and salad \$1 at 6:30.

IMP League: March 10 at 7:30.



Let's Play Bridge!