

The Friendly Club  
For All Levels of Play

## FT. LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

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# DEALS AND SQUEALS

## Committees Do Board's Bidding, Part 2

By Dean Williams

This is the second 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.

### Auditing Committee

Chaired by Gene Short with Bob Guida, John Banks, Charlie Smith and Bill Gorham as members of this committee. They will audit the Club's financial records and report their findings to the Board of Governors.

### Rules Committee

George Greene and Rhoda Schreider co-chair this committee which is responsible for determining proper interpretation of rulings in difficult and unusual situations and to main-

tain high ethical behavior among Club members. Also serving are: Vicky Haine; Jim Lackey; Al Levin; Cathy Logue; Alan Minton and Polly Ober.

### Grievance and Ethics Committee

Co-chaired by Polly Ober and "Slim" Smith, this committee is responsible for resolving membership grievances that are submitted to the Board in writing and signed. Assisting the co-chairs is John Banks.

There are currently two special committees that have been established to perform specific tasks.

### Standard Operating Procedures

Chaired by David Pantalena and assisted by George Greene, Bob Guida, Gene Petrey, Bill Sidgmore and

Mollie Horwitz. This special committee is drafting the various policies of the Club and the process for carrying out those policies. This will provide for consistent application of our policies and the procedures for the Board in managing the Club's business.

### Improvement Committee

This special committee is charged with developing options and costs for a couple of refurbishment projects. Chaired by John Banks with members Bob Guida, Gene Petrey, Mary Short, Rhoda Schreider and Bill Sidgmore.

— In addition to the committee members noted, Dean William as Club President is a *de facto* member of all committees and provides oversight of the total picture. — Ed.

## Club Welcomes High School Students

By Ernie Moore

North Broward Preparatory School has an interim session each year that permits students to participate in an approved learning activity outside the academic environment.

Enter Susan Raymond, Club member and teacher at the school. Susan, a lover of bridge, quickly saw the application of math

in the game. She proposed that students be allowed to learn the game of bridge as one of this year's student projects.

The school was receptive to the idea and Susan approached Board Member Mary Short who helped with coordinating the activity with the ACBL.

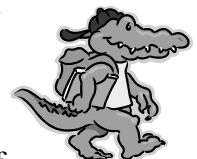
The ACBL not only liked

the idea, it agreed to furnish all materials, a book and tee shirt for each student as well as structured hands to be played at the end of each two-hour session for eight sessions.

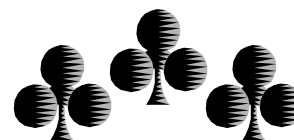
About forty students will be bussed in to our Club four mornings a week. Each class will last for one hour and then have one

hour of play. Susan will attend all sessions and provide assistance to Ernie, the teacher.

Winners of a student tournament will receive a \$50 scholarship. Many thanks to Susan for a great idea which hopefully will bring new players into the game. Please join me in welcoming them.



# Let Them Eat Clubs!



By Richard Pavlicek

I was West on this deal from a recent IMP match. After South's 1♥ opening, I overcalled 1♠ mainly as a lead-director, comforted by the vulnerability. Alas, its only effect was to steer the opponents away from a doomed 3 NT into a successful 4♥. North's negative double showed both minors, and the subsequent 2♣ was an all-purpose cue-bid asking for more information. Oh, well; at least I told myself what to lead.

4♥ by South  
N-S Vul

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

Lead: ♠K

West	North	East	South
			1♥
1♠	Dbl	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Declarer won the ♠A and immediately cashed three rounds of clubs to pitch a spade. He then pursued my

title line and led a fourth club to pitch his last spade; East pitched a diamond and I ruffed. It was evident that no spades were cashing, so I switched to a diamond; but declarer took the ♦A and led the last club to pitch his diamond. Well played!

The club leads were powerful fodder, as it makes no difference who ruffs either one. If one defender ruffs twice, the ♥A drops his honor and only one more trump is lost. If each defender ruffs once, the missing honors fall together. Either way, declarer loses just three trump tricks and makes the contract.

Do you see how 4♥ can be defeated? It takes an original diamond lead, which removes a crucial entry to dummy, thus preventing the double ditch on clubs. Indeed, declarer might even go down three by ducking the lead and later finessing the ♦J in desperation. Sigh. I should have known that being dealt a lead like K-Q-J was too good to be true.

I noticed another curious fact about this deal, and it's right out of Ripley: With best defense, the only game North-South can make is in *spades*, believe it or not. Declarer has six top tricks and four more are available on a crossruff, even after a trump lead. Wow. This doesn't say much for my 1♠ bid either — 800 the hard way if South only knew to pass the negative double. Crazy game, bridge.

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## Rhoda's Birthday Party

Sunday, April 4th at Noon



**Bring at least two canned goods for the homeless and enjoy Rhoda's complimentary brunch.**

**Your presence is requested, but no presents, please!**

### Dates to Remember:

- Rhoda's Birthday Party Apr 4 at Noon
- Easter Sunday Brunch Apr 11 at Noon
- Team of Four Apr 23 at 7:30
- Club Championships Apr 4 at 1:00; 12 at 12:30; 16 at 12:30; and 27 at 7:00

### High Scorers

Some recent high scores were obtained by the following members: Hermine Hoffman & Tilda Nankin 70%; John & Jenny Janitor 71%; Jerry Hitchcock & Dean Williams 71%; Jim & Nancy Moran 73%; George Malt & Henry Massad 70%; and Tom Koch & Jenny Mealer 70%.



# A Man with Horse Sense

By Barbara Tate Cerato

## Member Close Up

**Jim Lackey** calls himself a "hillbilly from Tennessee" although he left there at a young age and moved around as an "Army brat."

He at first wanted to join the RAF in WWII, but his father found out about it and "flipped his lid." Jim eventually served in the U.S. Air Force and saw action in the South Pacific.

He was shot down twice and once jumped out of a plane in Panama when the engine froze. Incredibly, he never got a scratch in the war. Nevertheless, he was transferred to Miami for re-hab and met his first wife.

After his discharge from the service, he needed work and had no particular training in anything. But he was hired at a sports newspaper probably because he

was a veteran. He started out sharpening pencils and sweeping the floors but when all the stringers were asked to contribute an article, Jim's was the one selected.

He says it was one of the biggest moments of his life when he saw his name on the by-line. He eventually got a regular weekly sports column which he called *Out on a Limb*.

During this time he met Tom Smith, the trainer of Seabiscuit. He did well at Sports Week, but felt he had no future there.

He wrote some scripts and was taken to a horse sale by a Hollywood director. During this period, horse racing was the most popular gate sport in the United

States, including baseball and football.

He started working with horses in the early 1950's and took a horse to Bay Meadows. Not surprisingly, Jim won the first race he ever ran.

He won \$5,000 and nine of the first 15 races he

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Jim was a harness driver for 25 years and chalked up many victories. His career was ended when he badly injured his rotator cuff breaking an Arab filly.

Jim was an athlete his entire life. He played tennis, swam in the Pan American games, and was also a "scratch" golfer.

He played "auction bridge" as a teenager and played at

a women's club at his army post whenever they needed a fourth.

When his racing career was ended by his injury, he started playing bridge more seriously. Jim knows nine different bridge systems (did you know there were that many?).

He has been president of the Club and has served on the Board numerous times. His second wife, Betty, was "a good bridge player," he says, "but she really didn't love the game as much as she loved her cats."

They were married for 35 years. Jim has one son who lives in California and is also a harness driver.

Catch some of Jim's "horse sense" at his free Saturday morning lectures at 11:45. You'll be glad you did.

## Silver Streaks

The following had top scores on each day of the Silver Points Tournament:

**Serge Chevalier & Andre Gignac 66%; Helene Beaulieu & Patrice Roy 66%; Joyce Sasso & Joan Lang 61%; Jan Flynn & Bill Gorham 70%; John Popp & George Clark 65%; Evelyn Liehr & Don Reed 63%; Patrice Roy & Gene Petrey 68%; and Howard & Rose Fink 66%.**

## Senior Olympics

### Tournament Winners

*Congratulations to:*

- Tom Koch & Billy Rose — Gold**
- Jenny Mealer & Dean Williams — Silver**
- John Banks & Mary Short — Bronze**

## Al Levin Trophy Awarded

The winners of the March 18th Tournament are:

**Tom Fitzsimmons & Richard Sokol**

# TRY SCRABBLE

**Thursdays at 6:30; \$3**

Dinner by Alan Minton 6:00

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### Get Your Score!

On Rich Waugh's Website:  
[www.bridgeace.com/FLBC.htm](http://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:** Forget the Oscars and Emmys and say hello to the PavCo Awards for "The Worst Leading Man." Join the fun and participate in this new April contest by Richard. It's a great way to improve your game, and it's free. Go to [www.rpbridge.net](http://www.rpbridge.net).

**Lois Redlick (Bridge Connection):** **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 7:00 (dinner 6:00).

**Friday Open Game:** (except fourth Friday) at 7:00 (dinner 6:00)

**Team of Four:** fourth Friday each month; April 23 at 7:00.

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

## April'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, Thursdays and Fridays** (except fourth Friday of month) dinner at 6:00 \$4; game at 7:00 \$3 Members/\$4 Guests;

**Saturdays 7:00** (5:45 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.**

**Rhoda's Birthday Party: Sunday, April 4 at Noon;** bring at least two canned goods for the homeless and enjoy Rhoda's complimentary brunch.

**Easter Sunday Brunch and Game: April 11 at Noon.**

**Club Championships: April 4 at 1:00; 12th at 12:30; 16th at 12:30; and 27th at 7:00.**

**Team of Four: fourth Friday of every month; April 23rd at 7:00.**

**IMP League: Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30.**

**SCRABBLE: Thursdays at 6:30 \$3 (dinner 6:00).**



Let's Play Bridge!