

The Friendly Club
For All Levels of Play

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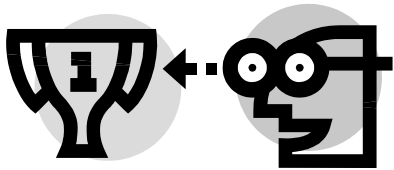
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DEALS AND SQUEALS

WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION'S

WORLD-WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST



FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH AT 7:00

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 12:30

\$7 PER SESSION (\$4 GOES TO ACBL)

Luau Charity Benefit

Donations Needed For Silent Auction



Our Luau Benefit will be held on Saturday, August 14th at 5:00. Each year the silent auction is a big hit, but we need your help in donating desirable items such as:

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| Collectibles | Golf Day |
| Antiques | China, crystal |
| Paintings | Tickets |
| Skill | Silverware |
| Jewelry | Pottery |
| Boat ride | ...or whatever |

Contact: **Lois Redlick** (954) 565-3127 or **Slim Smith** (954) 565-6373. Items needed by August 1st.

By Rhoda Schreider

Rhoda's Corner



Ladies and Gentlemen:
May we talk? There are things that need to be addressed such as the following:

1. The coffee station is messy from the first person who leaves the little sugar substitute envelopes open — no one ever uses them after they are opened — to the CoffeeMate that gets spilled or the coffee that overflows. Paper napkins and paper towels are right at

hand. Clean up after yourselves! If you put your sweetener and/or creamer in the cup before you pour your coffee you will not need a stirrer. Please throw your stirrer away if you use one. The wastebasket is right there. Treat your Club-house the same way you treat your home. (Nobody, including you, will use the teabags that are left in a cup— put them in the trash.)
2. We have a recycling bin

for soda cans. Just take the top off as usual and put the can in the “green monster” across from the soda machine. So little effort for a wonderful benefit to some child who needs a motorized wheelchair.
3. The Club does NOT subsidize the food that is served for lunch or dinner. All expenses are the responsibility of the cooks. This is not an “all you can eat” buffet. You just have to do the

weekly shopping to understand how prices have risen. Give them a break or the prices will have to be raised.
4. After the game, tables and chairs should be left clean with the bidding boxes in the center of the table and the chairs pushed in.
If you are still with me, I wish you a healthy and happy summer. Play more bridge — here!!!

Never Give Up!



By Richard Pavlicek

South on this deal will go nameless, but suffice it to say he is a well-known expert. After the 1♠ opening, North could picture a likely slam, but investigation was needed; 2♥ followed by 3♠ was game-forcing. When South showed club control, North used Roman key-card Blackwood, and 5♥ showed two key cards without the ♠Q. This meant a probable trump loser in spades, so North bid 6♥ to suggest an alternate strain. Alas, South didn't want any part of that contract and corrected to 6♠.

6♠ by South

Both Vul

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

Lead: ♥7

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| West | North | East | South |
| | | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♦ |
| Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♣ |
| Pass | 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♥ |
| Pass | 6 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

“[D]eclarer conceded down one. He should have played on.”

West led the ♥7, and declarer took advantage of the free finesse: jack, queen, ruff. Next came the ♠K, dropping an ominous jack on his right, then a spade to the ace as West split his honors. West now held ♠Q-8, and North the blank nine, so two trump losers seemed inevitable and declarer conceded down one. Oops. He should have played on.

When the bad trump break is revealed, there is still a good chance. Cash a heart to pitch a club, then take the club finesse and cash the ♣A. Cross to the ♦A and ruff a club, which leaves dummy with ♠9 ♥K-10-9-8 facing ♠7 ♦K-Q-J-8. Now just lead good diamonds, and all West can win is the ♠Q.

The play brings out another interesting aspect at the highest level. West also might have foreseen the ending and not split his spade honors. Should South finesse the nine? Sure, you say, looking at all four hands; but if it lost to a doubleton honor, you might be set by a heart ruff (a singleton heart is not so farfetched considering the lead). Indeed, most players would win the ace, figuring that West would always split with Q-10-8.

The moral: Never underestimate the power of the trump suit.

Labor Day Mini-Tournament

Thursday, September 2 through

Monday, September 6

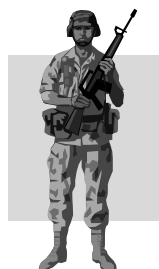
Night and Day Single Sessions

Daily 12:30 & 7:00; Sunday 1:00 & 6:00; and

Labor Day 12:30 & 6:00 (Rhoda's complimentary dinner)
Swiss (teams) on Labor Day (both sessions)

Summer Sizzlers

Some recent high scores: Edwin Marmorstone & Michael Figa 72%; Allen Ford & Steve Andrews 71%; Shirley Harris & Katia Lioz 71%; Jerry Hitchcock & David Pantalena 71%; Jack Jones & Robert Ramos 69%; Henry Karp & Jerry Hitchcock 69%; and Kathy Logue & Joe Phillips 69%.



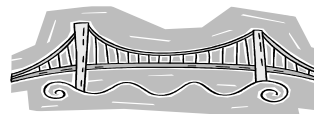
Memorial Day Dinner

Monday, May 31st at 5:00

Dinner & Bridge \$10



Bridge Connection Update



By Lois Redlick

We have some recent high scores: John & Naomi Banks 73%; Maureen Salvo & Steven Preston 73%; Allen Bozek & Jack Nichols 73%; Joan Baker & Arlene Lanier 71% and Dot Perlstein & Darlene Michele

69%. Welcome to our new visitor Joe Bouadana. We will miss our "Snowbird" members as we enter the summer season. We have changed our schedule of lessons and

games. The Saturday social bridge game has been discontinued during the summer as is Saturday lessons. **New starting on June 7th! Beginner & Review Lessons** on Fridays 9:30-12:00, seven lessons \$45;

Intermediate & Advanced Lessons on Fridays 12:30-3:00, seven lessons \$45. Lessons for **all levels** on Tuesday evenings 6:30-9:00; \$7. Call me for complete details at 954-565-3127.

Fourth of July Party

Monday, July 5th at 5:00



Barbeque and Bridge; \$10

BRAVO!!!
Nella Molfetto & Anne Terzian
 1st Place Stratified Seniors
 Miami Regional Tournament

Fare Thee Well



We all miss our Snowbird Friends When they trek back North each year. The Bridge Club seems more festive With large groups of players here.

It has been a real good season For the Club that's "Number One," We contributed time and money, And still shared in so much fun.

So Bon Voyage, Farewell, Good Luck, All these have been said before — But when they're gone I'm grabbing The parking spot by the door!

— Betty Hooks, Club Poet

Annual Luau Charity Benefit

Saturday, August 15th at 5:00



Hawaiian Music Silent Auction
Fine Tropical Dining
And, of course, Bridge
All-inclusive, \$20

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LOOKING AHEAD

LABOR DAY MINI-
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MON SEP 6



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Bill Vayens, Web Host

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: The Maltese Falcon has been found! If you don't believe it, check out Richard's new June play contest. For this, and lots of other complimentary material, visit his website: www.rpbridge.net.

Lois Redlick: *New starting on June 7th!* **Beginner & Review Lessons** on Fridays 9:30-12:00, seven lessons \$45; **Intermediate & Advanced Lessons** on Fridays 12:30-3:00, seven lessons \$45. Lessons for **all levels** 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. Visit Rich's website at: www.bridgeace.com.

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

Alan Minton holds supervised play for Intermediate/Advanced players Wednesdays 11:15-1:45; lesson plus prepared deals; \$10. Call Alan for complete information at 954-336-9448.

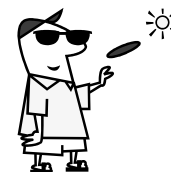
Free Lectures: Tuesdays 11:45-12:15 (**Rich Waugh**); and Saturdays 11:45-12:15 (**Jim Lackey**).

New Games:

Twilight Bridge: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 (dinner 6:00).

Friday Open Game: at 7:00 (dinner 6:00)

Summer'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 6:00 \$4; game at 7:00 \$3 Members/\$4 Guests; **Fridays** dinner (6:00) & bridge (7:00) \$5;

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.

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

World Bridge Federation's World-Wide Bridge Contest: Friday, June 4th at 7:00 and

Saturday, June 5th at 12:30; \$7 per session (\$4 goes to ACBL).

Memorial Day Dinner: Monday, May 31st at 5:00; dinner and bridge \$10.

Father's Day Brunch: Sunday June 20th at Noon; \$6 brunch. Parents with "kids" play free!

Luau Charity Benefit: August 14th at 5:00.

Club Championships: June 10 at 12:30; 19th at 12:30; 20th at 6:00; and 29th at 12:30.

SCRABBLE: Thursdays at 6:15; \$3 (dinner 5:30).



Let's Play Bridge!