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Deals and Squeals

Luau's Success Preempts Season

The Charity Luau in August was a big success and well-attended by the members despite Hurricane Charley's unwelcomed appearance. Through your generous participation and contributions, we were able to raise \$7,000 for the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund. The Luau has become a summer highlight since 1986 and is the largest charity event the Club holds each year.

Generosity of Members

The Luau's success would not have been possible without our members' generosity. Many collector items of antiques, paintings and jewelry were donated, and were purchased in the silent auction.

By Rhoda Schreider

Ladies and Gentlemen:

There are several special events in the following weeks that have been scheduled for your enjoyment.

George Greene is retiring to Louisville in September. We have been friends, bridge partners and co-workers since 1968. A farewell luncheon will be given in her honor on Tuesday morning, August 31st at 11:30. Please join us to wish her well.

Our Annual Labor's Day Tournament will start on Wednesday, September 1st and run through Monday, September 6th. All sessions will be single

We were also privileged to auction plays with many of the world's great bridge professionals — Helen Shanbrom, Bernie Chazen, Richard Pavlicek, Mike Seamon, Bernie De Young, Dennis McGarry and Sharon and Zeke Zabbour.

Many thanks to Mary Short and Carolee Petrey, who co-chaired the event, as well as Lois Redlick and Bill Sidgmore. A big thank you also goes to Rhoda Schreider, Slim Smith, Carl Lewin, Sylvia Bakst, Gene Petrey, Cathie Pope, Doris Clery, Bob Guida, Val Habicht, Drita Balentine, Liz Wood, Bill Vayens, Gene Short, John Banks, David Pantalena and Florence Fitzgerald who provided

invaluable assistance in putting the affair together.

Upcoming Election

Each year the terms of four members of the Board of Governors expire. Per the Club's Bylaws, a six-member Nominating Committee has been appointed by the Board. This Committee consists of outgoing Board members Gene Petrey, Slim Smith and Charlie Smith and appointed members Taeko Fried, Chairperson, Carolee Petrey, and Cathie Pope.

The Nominating Committee will select the candidates for election to the Board. If you are interested in running, please contact a Committee member.

Rhoda's Corner



Club Championships.

The winners in all categories: A, B and C will receive prizes and their names engraved on the wall trophy. Remember that if you are a C or B player and you play with an A player, you will be scored as an A player — not your stratification!

Beginning on Wednesday, September 29th through Sunday, October 3rd, we have scheduled another STAC (Silver) Tournament. This will be a wonderful way to get those elusive silver points. The card fee remains at \$5 Members and \$6 Non-Members.

Thanks so much for making the Charity Luau such a success. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Mary Short and Carolee Petrey and all the volunteers who made it possible.

We are all looking forward to the coming season when our friends return. We have had a wonderful summer with record attendance. Thanks to all of you. Stay healthy and play more bridge — HERE!!!!

Silver Tournament

September 29 thru October 3

12:30 & 7:30; Sunday Swiss 1:00



Equal Opportunity

By Richard Pavlicek

I was West on this innocent looking deal from the Summer Nationals and watched our opponents do all the bidding. Two diamonds was a transfer to hearts, then 3 NT offered a choice of games, which South corrected to 4 ♥ for fear of a diamond stopper in notrump. Almost any expert pair would bid the same.

Not wanting to guess which side suit to start, I led a trump. "When in doubt, lead trumps," was my thinking, which experience has shown to be good advice *on defense*. (As declarer, however, I would advise just the opposite.) This turned out to be effective, as it prevented an easy diamond ruff for a 10th trick.

4 ♥ by South
N-S Vul

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

Lead: ♥4

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♥
All Pass			

Summer's Top Scorers

Just some of the top scorers who sizzled this summer: **Al Levin & Gene Petrey 76%**; **Jim & Nancy Moran 71%**; **Dorothy Saracino & Don DaCosta 69%**; **Pauline Ober & Sidney Wolkoff 68%**; **Leonie Salih & Gloria Escobar 67%**; **Tom Koch & Jenny Mealer 67%**; **Barbara Testa & Linda Dunkerley 66%**; **Jeannine Penler & Ernest Honecker 66%**.



Declarer won the ♥ J in dummy and ducked a diamond. I led another trump, won by the ace; then declarer won the ♦ A and gave up a diamond. His hopes were that, if diamonds were not 3-3, the hand with the long diamonds did not have the remaining trump — surely reasonable but not to be, as I was able to lead a third trump to leave declarer without recourse.

At the time, this seemed like an open-and-shut case; I found the best lead, and declarer was doomed. During the dinner break, I looked at it again and realized that declarer should have prevailed. After winning the ♥ J, suppose declarer plays three rounds of clubs, ruffing in dummy (with the ♥ 9, just in case) and leads the ♠ Q. If I win this, declarer has entries to complete a dummy reversal, so I must duck.

Declarer next leads ♦ A (optional) and a diamond; then the trump return is won with the ace to lead the last club. Ouch! What do I pitch? If a diamond, declarer can establish dummy's fourth diamond (not needing the ruff); if a spade, declarer can lead a spade and duck it to my blank ace; and if I ruff, declarer has an easy time as I have no third trump to lead.

Winning tip: When your primary goal is to obtain an extra trick by ruffing, it is often beneficial to *equalize* your trump length. In this case, the early club ruff did not conflict with the basic plan to ruff dummy's fourth diamond; it merely added another possibility (dummy reversal) requiring the defense to counter both; then the fourth club forced a discard, which was too much for West to handle.

This is an election year, so all Floridians are required by law to practice their voting (hehe). Stop by my web site (www.rpbridge.net) and participate in my September bidding poll. Try it! You'll like it. — **R.P.**

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Club Trivia

Who was the only Club member to play with the Club's oldest member, the late Myron Korach, who was 102, and the youngest member, Jessica Pipe, who was 9?

Answer on page 4.



Member Close-Up

Polly Ober was born in Boston and learned bridge at an early age. "When I was nine, my mother decided that she would become a bridge teacher," she recalls fondly. "So she persuaded me and my friends to learn and I *loved* it!" She attended Boston University and missed classes because she was preoccupied playing bridge. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and later earned a master's degree in education.

She went on to teach the fourth grade and later, after earning another master's degree in the subject, taught special education for "the behav-

iorally disordered," she says with a laugh, "but they never gave me any problems." She often gave special classes on bridge to the students many of whom loved the game.

Polly has been married to her husband, Dick, for 52 years. Dick was a financial manager with Textron. Two of their children are doctors and married to doctors, and the other is an executive with Sun Microsystems. They have six grandchildren.

Before retiring, Polly was president of the Framingham Teachers Association and was on a number of committees of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. She was the first woman member of the town's finance committee,

and a founder and past President of the local League of Women Voters. Polly and Dick were presented with honorary life memberships in Temple Beth Am for their long service to the temple.

They retired to Coconut Creek in 1988 to be close to her ailing mother. She immediately found the old Club and took lessons from Martha Beasley and Richard Pavlicek. She played every day and became a Life Master in 1993. She played in many tournaments usually with her long-time partner, Joe Kolasa, as well as Pat Moulton and George Moyant.

Polly continued her pattern of service to others by being elected to the Club's

Board of Governors and serving for nine of her sixteen years as a member. She was elected still again last year and has served in numerous positions such as president, vice-president, secretary and Bylaws Chair. This year she is Membership Committee Chairperson.

"Even though I live 13 miles away, I come to the Club almost every day. It is a big part of my life," she says. Polly usually phones Dick when she arrives and leaves the Club so he knows when she is on the road. One day upon arriving at the Club, she phoned and told her husband, "Honey, I'm home!" After a long silence Dick finally said, "That's what you *really* think, isn't it?"

Bridge Connection Update

By Lois Redlick

We welcome our first time visitors: **Mary Feeney; Barbara Gardner; Chris Rindler and Rina & Mike Sericki.**

Special recognition should be given to **Jim & Nancy Moran** who scored over 70% three times recently!

Don't forget to attend our social bridge games at 12:30 on Mondays and Thursdays.

We will offer **beginner lessons and review at 12:30 on Saturdays starting on Octo-**

ber 23rd.

Intermediate lessons and review will be held Saturday mornings at 9:30 also beginning on October 23rd.

We are looking forward to another big season for our Bridge Connection players.



Ace of Clubs

Congratulations to **Gene Petrey** who was fifth high scorer among Gold Life Masters (2500-5000 pts.).

Labor Day Mini-Tournament

Wednesday, September 1 through

Monday, September 6

Night and Day Single Sessions;

\$3 Members/\$4 Guests



Daily 12:30 & 7:00; Sunday 1:00 & 6:00; & Labor Day 12:30 & 6:00: Swiss (teams) on Labor Day (both sessions—Rhoda's complimentary dinner in between)

Overall Winners Receive Prizes!

This is also Club Championships!

LOOKING AHEAD

Halloween Potluck Party
Sunday, October 31 at 6:00



Get Your Score!

All game results on the Web!

www.FTLBC.com

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

The Yellow Travelers

No wonder we all flock to bridge,
It's a game quite unpredictable,
With sweat and skill and lots of luck,
One's score should be respectable.

However, how I hate to read
The yellow traveler's written scores.
I'll heave and sigh and make four hearts,
And read six North/Souths made more!

So here's another board to play,
Hope I can do better than before,
Oops! My opponent just loudly sneezed —
Her cards blew face-up on the floor!
Penalty tricks? Director! Director!

— Betty Hooks, Club Poet

Trivia Answer: Tom Koch, our Game Director

Dates to Remember:

- **Labor Day Tournament and Club Championships** Sep 1-6.
- **Silver Tournament** Sep 29 thru Oct 3 at 12:30 & 7:30; Sunday Swiss at 1:00.
- **Club Championships** Oct 13 at 12:30; 18th at 12:30; 23d at 7:00; 29th at 7:00.
- **Halloween Potluck Party** Oct 31 at 6:00.
- **Free Lecture: Rich Waugh** Tuesdays 11:45-12:15; visit his website at: www.bridgeace.com.
- **Free Lecture: Jim Lackey** Saturdays 11:45-12:15.



Let's Play Bridge!

Autumn'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 Rhoda and Suzie on Tuesdays and Thursdays dinner at 6:00 \$5; game at 7:00 \$3 Members/\$4 Guests; **Saturdays 7:00** (5:45 dinner only, \$5);

Sundays 6:00 (5:00 dinner and bridge \$6).

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

Social Bridge (Bridge Connection) at 12:30: Mondays and Thursdays.

Labor Day Tournament and Club Championships: September 1 through 6; 12:30 & 7:00; Sunday 1:00 & 6:00; Monday Swiss, both sessions, 12:30 & 6:00—Rhoda's complimentary dinner at 5:00.

Silver Tournament: September 29 through October 3, 12:30 & 7:30; Sunday Swiss only 1:00 (dinner \$3 after game); Card Fee \$5 Members/\$6 Guests, all sessions.

Halloween Potluck Party: Sunday October 31 at 6:00. Bring a covered dish, eat free, or just your appetite and pay \$5.

Club Championships: October 13 at 12:30; 18th at 12:30; 23rd at 7:00; and 29th at 7:00.

SCRABBLE: Thursdays at 6:15; \$3 (dinner 5:30). Call Claire Ullman by Noon at 954-563-3116.