

# FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

March 2005  
Newsletter

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Afternoon</b>	1:00pm Brunch Noon	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30
<b>Evening</b>	6:00pm Dinner 5:00	No Game	7:00pm Dinner 6:00	No Game	7:00pm Dinner 6:00	No Game	7:00pm Dinner 6:00

*"The Friendly Club For All Levels of Play"*

**DUPLICATE GAMES:** All games are ACBL sanctioned. Card Fee: \$3 Member/\$5 Guest.

**NON-LIFE MASTERS' GAMES:** 12:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**SOCIAL BRIDGE (Bridge Connection):** 12:30 on Mondays and Thursdays.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Mar. 11-12:30pm; Mar. 12-12:30pm; Mar. 13-7:00pm; Mar. 15-7:00pm (charity pairs); Mar. 26-7:00pm

**SCRABBLE:** Thursdays at 6:15; \$3 dinner (5:30). Call Claire Ullman by noon at 954-537-2755.

## LESSONS AND LECTURES

**Bridge Connection Classes: Beginners classes**, Thursdays 9:00-11:00; **Intermediate classes** Saturdays 9:30-11:30, **Beginners classes** 12:30-3:00; **Intermediate classes** Tuesdays 7:00-9:00. All classes are \$45 for seven lessons. Call Lois Redlick for complete details: 954-565-3127.

**Ernie Moore:** Basic Conventions and Play of Hands, Fridays 9:30-11:30; \$5. Duplicate Bridge Strategy, Tuesdays 9:30-11:30; \$5.

**Rich Waugh:** Supervised Play, Mondays 9:30-11:00; \$5. Free Lecture: Tuesdays 11:45-12:15. Visit his website at: [www.bridgeace.com](http://www.bridgeace.com)

**Jim Lackey:** Free lecture, Saturdays 11:45-12:15

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Friday, March 11:** Al Levin Trophy Tournament. 12:30pm

**Thursday, March 17:** St. Patrick's Dinner. Canapes, Dinner, music, door prizes, favors. 5:30-7:30pm. Game at 7:45. Admission \$12.00 all inclusive. BYOB (setups provided)

### Rhoda's Corner

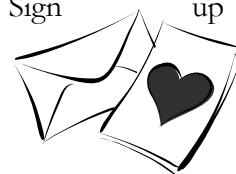
By Rhoda Schreider

It has been a wonderful season for bridge players in our club. Many silver points were won in the STAC tournament and a new life master, Maurice Gagne, was congratulated.

We are hosting our annual St. Patty's Day party on the 17th. At 5:30pm. Sign up

sheet is on the board.

Now—*may we talk?* As you know, we are having very large games. If you do not take care of your table after play ends, we will have to pay more money to our cleaning service. It just takes a minute to clean up, push your chairs in, put the bidding boxes in the center of the table and the table markers and boards to the assembly table. Sounds simple? It is!! Let's all work together—don't forget the soda cans in the big green garbage can. That money goes to buy electric wheelchairs for our veterans.



Have a wonderful month. Be healthy and happy and **PLAY MORE BRIDGE HERE !!!!!**

## Almost Bridge!

“How many high-card points do I need for a preempt?” asked one of my students. I carefully pointed out that preempts are not based on high cards but on how many *tricks* you expect to win with your long suit trumps. It is possible, albeit unlikely, to have no HCP at all.

To calculate playing tricks, first estimate how many tricks each honor holding (top three cards in each suit) will win; e.g., K-Q-J will win two tricks. Then add one full trick for each card over three in any suit. The South hand, despite having no HCP, is worth six tricks (five for the long diamonds, one for the fourth spade).

At favorable vulnerability (non-vulnerable vs. vulnerable) modern style is to overbid by *four* tricks; hence, 4♦ is a routine opening; the lousy four-card major is not a deterrent. Yes, I know, you believe South’s *whole hand* is a deterrent and he belongs in a loony bin.

## An Overbidder’s Dream

by Richard Pavlicek

E-W Vul	♠ 10 9 8 7 6	♠ Q J
	♥ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	♥ Q J
	♦ —	♦ A K Q
	♣ —	♣ Q J 10 9 3 2
	♠ A K	
	♥ A K	
	♦ J 10	
	♣ A K 8 7 6 5 4	
	♠ 5 4 3 2	
	♥ 10	
	♦ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	
Lead: ♣ K	♣ —	



West	North	East	South
	4♥	Dbl	4♦
	Dbl	All Pass	4♠

West has a difficult decision over 4♦; rather than unilaterally bid 5♣, I think most experts would double. North rescues to 4♥ with his extreme shape; East doubles (dubious with slam likely); and South proves he is indeed a candidate for the loony bin with 4♠. Nice suit! Caught in the rhythm, West doubles again.

There you are, out on a limb in 4♠ doubled with no HCP in either hand. Oh, dear! The good news is that E-W can make 7 NT standing on their heads—in fact, they could not lose a trick if they tried. The bad news is that a paddy wagon just pulled up to the front door to take you downtown.



Before the men in white coats put you in a strait jacket, they let you finish the hand. Oh well, at least you will be able to make a few ruffs, so it won’t be too bad. But wait! Believe it or not, 4♠ cannot be beaten — a cold game against any defense on zero HCP. Take me away, please!

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Go to: <http://www.ftlbc.com> from your web browser. The web site is approaching it’s first anniversary and already has had over 30,000 visits.

You’ll find up to date information on what’s going on at the club as well as session scores that are usually posted by the