

# FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

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Newsletter

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Afternoon	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
Evening	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:** Apr. 3-1:00pm; Apr. 13-12:30pm; Apr. 18-12:30pm; Apr. 28-7:00pm

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

## LESSONS AND LECTURES

**Beginner's Classes:** Wednesday morning, 9:30-11:30. \$45 for seven lessons. **Intermediate Classes:** Thursday morning, 9:30-11:30. \$5 per class. 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. (ends at the end of April)

**Rich Waugh:** 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

**Sunday, April 3:** Rhoda's Free Brunch & Bridge (bring 2 lbs. of canned goods). 12:00pm

**Monday, April 11:** ACBL Charity Game. 12:30pm

**Saturday, May 7:** Kentucky Derby Party. 5pm.

*We have received the 3-star Jane Johnson Award designation from the ACBL! We were omitted from the list in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. This will be corrected in the May 2005 issue.*

*Congratulations to Jennie Mealer, the 2004 ACBL Rookie of the Year for both the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney contest.*

*Also, Jim Moran is to be congratulated for being the 2004 ACBL Club Master winner in the Ace of Clubs competition.*

## Almost Bridge!

It was the annual Pro-Am tourney, and Joe Pro liked his chances. "Just play your normal game," Joe coached his partner Stu Dent, "and I'll make all the decisions." Stu, of course, knew good and well this advice only translated to, "Make yourself dummy."

Midway through the game, West opened 1 ♦, Joe passed with his usual collection, and so did East. All eyes turned to Stu, who was clearly nervous and fidgety as he reached into his shirt pocket for a calculator. After punching in numbers for a minute or so, he was careful to hide the 24-point total from others at the table (above all, Stu was ethical). Despite so many points, there was still hope to be dummy, so he doubled for takeout — alas, to no avail as West bid 1 ♠, and Joe could hardly bid freely with nothing. "Enough science," Stu thought as he ended the auction with a leap to 3 NT.

## The Guardian Angel

by Richard Pavlicek

N-S Vul	♠ 8 6 3					
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	♦ 3 2					
	♣ 8 6 4					
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	♠ A Q J					
	♥ A K 7 4					
	♦ K 9 8					
Lead: ♦ Q	♣ A Q J					

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

West led the ♦ Q, and Joe tabled his Yarborough, obviously irritated. Stu won the ♦ K and cashed ♥ A-K, and Joe's disposition quickly improved upon seeing his hearts were all good. Instead of running hearts, Stu next made an expert play, *exiting with a diamond*. Joe could hardly believe it; Stu trying a throw-in play?

West won the ♦ 10 and led the ♦ A. "Trump it low," said Stu — as everyone's jaw dropped. After a moment of wonderment, West called the director. Joe had not yet played a card from dummy (there were no trumps) and Joe thought Stu could now call any card. "No," said the director, "It is obvious he thought hearts were trumps, so he must pitch a heart."

On the next two diamonds, Stu pitched clubs from dummy, and a heart and a spade from hand. West was now endplayed, but the spade return (best) only gave back the trick Stu had thrown away.

But wait! Stu cashed both spades then ran hearts to reach ♠ 8 ♣ 8 opp. ♣ A-Q. West was squeezed, and the contract made. Is there a moral here? I hope not!



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We have had a fabulous season! Thanks to you and all our snow birds.

To top it off, there is a free brunch on Sunday, April 3 at noon to thank you all for participating. As you know, there is no such thing as a free anything, so your cost will be two pounds of canned goods which will go to the homeless. It really is a win-win situation! We hope to see you there.

On Monday, April 11 at 12:30 the ACBL is having a charity game. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Hand records and analysis sheet will be provided.

*May we talk?* Unless we all cooperate, our costs will increase for cleaning. It takes so little time for each and every one of us to take care of our cleanup, in the rest rooms as well as at the tables. When you have lunch or dinner, it is your responsibility to see the tables are as clean as when you sat down. We also recycle cans to buy wheelchairs for our veterans. The container is on the wall opposite the coke machine and is marked "CANS ONLY". Thank you for your attention.

**Rhoda's Corner**

By Rhoda Schreider

