

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

"The Friendly Club For All Levels of Play"

December 2008
Newsletter

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12noon Brunch	11:30am Lunch	11:30am Lunch	11:30am Lunch	11:30am Lunch	11:30am Lunch	11:30am Lunch
1:00pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints	12:15pm Free 299ers Lecture with Carl Cronrath	11:45am Free Lecture with Carl Cronrath	11:45am Free Lecture with Joe Phillips	12:15pm Free 299ers Lecture with Carl Cronrath	12:30pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints	12:30pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints
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6:30pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints		6:00pm Dinner		6:15pm Scrabble		6:00pm Dinner
		7:00pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints		7:00pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints		7:00pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints
		<i>Every 3rd Tuesday: 8 is Enough Swiss Teams</i>				

Presorted boards and hand analysis available every session!!! All games are ACBL sanctioned.
Card Fee - Triple Masterpoints: \$5/members, \$7/non-members. 0-300 and 0-500 Pairs: \$4/members \$6/non-members
Membership are available for 2009! \$30/new members, \$20/renewal
Scrabble: RSVP - Call Claire Ullman by Noon at 954-537-2755

Lessons and Lectures

<h3>Come play BRIDGE with me!</h3> <p>Eight Week Series on Beginner Bridge Every Saturday Morning 10am to 11:30am (beginning January 10, 2009)</p> <p>\$8.00 per lesson</p> <p>For more information, contact: Carl Cronrath, Certified Bridge Teacher 954-533-0619 or visit www.ftlbc.com</p> <p>No partner needed! You will play bridge in the first lesson!</p>	<h3>Basic Conventions</h3> <p>Monday Mornings 9:30am to 11:30am</p> <p>\$10.00 per lesson</p> <p>1 hour lesson followed by 1 hour of practice hands based on the lesson</p> <p>For more information, contact: Ernie Moore, Certified Bridge Teacher 954-761-1577 or visit www.ftlbc.com</p> <p>No partner needed!</p>
<h3>Duplicate Strategy Lessons</h3> <p>Tuesday Mornings 9:30am to 11:30am</p> <p>\$10.00 per lesson</p> <p>For more information, contact: Ernie Moore, Certified Bridge Teacher 954-761-1577 or visit www.ftlbc.com</p> <p>No partner needed!</p>	<p>Free Lectures Tuesday Mornings with Carl Cronrath, 11:45am - 12:15pm Wednesday Mornings with Joe Phillips, 11:45am - 12:15pm</p> <p>299ers Free Lectures Monday and Thursday Afternoons with Carl Cronrath, 12:15pm</p> <p>Continuing Introduction to Bridge (Continuation of September's Introduction to Bridge lessons)</p> <p>Friday Mornings 10am to 11:30am (Starting January 9, 2009)</p> <p>\$8.00 per lesson</p> <p>For more information, contact: Carl Cronrath, Certified Bridge Teacher 954-533-0619 or visit www.ftlbc.com</p>

November Top 25 Masterpoints

1	68.05	Bella Ionis-Sorren
2	56.46	Richard Gross
3	53.43	Harvey Hoffenberg
4	46.54	Helen Shanbrom
5	37.75	Helene Beaulieu
6	37.20	Gene Petrey
7	36.67	Patrice Roy
8	35.22	Tom Fitzsimmons
9	33.98	Diann Kirsch
10	28.80	John Lewis
11	27.69	Elizabeth Kros
12	27.05	JennyLee Mealer
13	24.31	Myra Walters
14	23.48	Rosemary Boden
15	22.50	James Willenborg
16	21.91	Victoria Haine
17	21.66	Gloria Ezrin
18	21.35	Nathan Vaidhyanathan
19	21.27	Irma Willenborg
20	21.21	Allen Bozek
21	20.76	Julie Zophres
22	20.66	Harry Serfer
23	20.46	Jim Moran
24	18.07	Darcy Parker
25	17.78	Richard Sokol

This Month's Special Events

8 IS ENOUGH SWISS TEAMS

Tuesday Evening, December 16th

**Dinner: 6:00pm
Game Time: 7:00pm**

Free Plays for the winning team.

New This Month: Duplicate boards will be used in every match with analyses available at the end of each round.



Unit-Wide Charity Championship

Tuesday Afternoon, December 9th
12:30pm

\$5/mem \$7/non-mem

Combined Scoring across the Unit.

299ers Tournament

**Monday Afternoon, December 15th
Game Time: 12:30pm**

Christmas Dinner and Game



Thursday, December 25th
12:00pm

See Club Bulletin Board
for more details.

Annual

Pro-Am Game

**Friday Afternoon, December 19th
Game Time: 12:30pm**

Life Masters play with Non-Life Masters
Triple Masterpoints

Life Masters play for FREE
Non-Life Masters pay \$5/mem, \$7/non-mem

Players over 500 Masterpoints are considered Life Masters for this event. Side game will be available for standard rated points. No Open or 0-500 game.

Carl's Corner

We extend a warm welcome to the Hollywood Bridge Club, who is joining us on Thursday Evenings during the winter season. We are very happy to share your company.

The Wilton Station Bridge Club has changed its name to Quick Tricks. The continue to play with us on Tuesday Evenings. On Wednesday, December 10th, we will hold another mentoring game with this group. This series has been going very well. I personally always enjoy watching players new to bridge get excited about learning this wonderful game.

We will hold our Annual 299er Tournament on Monday, December 15th at 12:30pm. We also will hold our Annual Pro-Am Tournament on Friday, December 19th at 12:30pm. Non-Life Masters will play with Life Masters. Life Masters will receive complimentary entry for this event. And the last Unit-Wide Charity game of 2008 will be held on December 9th at 12:30pm.

The Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club has many of its members place in the top 10 of their respective categories in the ACBL Ace of Clubs competition. This means, of course, that these players are leading masterpoint winners among all club games sanctioned by the ACBL. We have several players who are in first place. They are George Titus, Harvey Hoffenberg, Bella Ionis-Sorren, Richard Gross, Edith Denenberg and Helen Shanbrom. I don't think anything speaks more highly about the quality of play at this Club than the accomplishments of our players. Congratulations to all!

Enjoy the holiday season! I'll write to you again in the New Year.

Happy Bridge Everyone!

Carl's Bridge Tip of the Month

Remember the ZERO in Zero Tolerance.

No rude or abusive behavior is ever acceptable at the Bridge Table.