

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

"The Friendly Club For All Levels of Play"

February 2009
Newsletter

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Weekly Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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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| | 0-300 Stratified Triple Masterpoints | 0-750 Stratified Triple Masterpoints | 0-750 Stratified Triple Masterpoints | 0-300 Stratified Triple Masterpoints | | |
| 6:30pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints (\$4/members, \$6/non-members) | | 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:</i> 8 is Enough Swiss Teams | | | | |

Presorted boards and hand analysis available every session!!!

Card Fee - \$5/members, \$7/non-members.

Membership are available for 2009! \$30/new members, \$20/renewal

Scrabble: RSVP - Call Claire Ullman by Noon at 954-537-2755

Open: C (0-1000) B (1001-2000) A (2001+)

0-750: C (0-100) B (101-300) A (301-750)

0-300: C (0-100) B (101-200) A (201-300)

Lessons and Lectures

Martin Hoffman

World Bridge Master and famous writer and winner of many major Championships both in Europe and America

5 Week Seminar for
Intermediate and Advanced Players

Wednesday Mornings
9:30am to 11:30am
February 4th to March 4th

Lessons will include prepared hands on:

- Safety Play
- Defense
- Logical reasoning and analysis
- Squeeze Play

After play of the hands, Martin will talk about the problems.
After the lesson, each person will get a copy of the hands
which will include analysis on the play.

\$50 for all 5 lessons or \$12 per lesson
For more information, contact the club
or visit www.ftlbc.com.

Lebensohl Convention

4 Week Seminar

Thursday Mornings 10:30am to 11:30am
February 5th to 26th

\$15.00 per lesson

For more information, contact:
Carl Cronrath, Certified Bridge Teacher
954-533-0619 or visit www.ftlbc.com

2 over 1 Game Force

4 Week Seminar

Monday OR Tuesday Mornings 9:30am to 11:30am
February 9th to March 3rd

\$10.00 per lesson

Attend either the Monday OR Tuesday class each week!

For more information, contact:
Ernie Moore, 954-761-1577

January Top 25 Masterpoints

| | | |
|----|-------|--------------------|
| 1 | 72.62 | Richard Gross |
| 2 | 50.85 | Bella Ionis-Sorren |
| 3 | 44.85 | Tom Fitzsimmons |
| 4 | 43.34 | Andrew Tylman |
| 5 | 42.15 | Elizabeth Kros |
| 6 | 33.23 | Bill Garrett |
| 7 | 33.23 | Jimmie Garrett |
| 8 | 31.43 | Gene Petrey |
| 9 | 30.83 | Bernace DeYoung |
| 10 | 30.56 | Helen Shanbrom |
| 11 | 30.23 | Julie Zophres |
| 12 | 28.19 | Jack Jones |
| 13 | 27.84 | David Berent |
| 14 | 27.22 | JennyLee Mealer |
| 15 | 25.71 | Francine Walderman |
| 16 | 25.26 | Jim Moran |
| 17 | 24.32 | James Willenborg |
| 18 | 23.55 | Jennifer Swimmer |
| 19 | 22.76 | Harvey Hoffenberg |
| 20 | 22.62 | Alfred Levin |
| 21 | 22.17 | David Rogers |
| 22 | 21.79 | Drita Balentine |
| 23 | 20.52 | Guy Lapointe |
| 24 | 20.52 | Elizabeth Fodor |
| 25 | 20.25 | Michael Donnelly |

This Month's Special Events

8 IS ENOUGH SWISS TEAMS

Tuesday Evening, February 17th

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

Free Plays for the winning team.

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



Grand National Teams Club Qualifying Game

Sunday Afternoon, February 8th
1:00pm

Qualified teams will be eligible to participate in the District 9 Finals on April 25-26 at Vero Beach. Winners from each flight in the District 9 Final will represent the state of Florida in the National Finals at the Summer 2009 NABC in Washington DC. Prize money will be given to the winning team in each flight in the District 9 Final to defer expenses in the National Finals.



Unit-Wide Charity Championship

Thursday Afternoon, February 26th
Gametime: 12:30pm

Each board will be scored against all participating clubs in Broward County.



ACBL-Wide Senior Game

Monday Afternoon, February 23rd
Game time: 12:30pm

Written hand analyses will be available at the end of the game.

Coming in March...

March 9-15
March 10
March 17

Unit 243 Silver Points Sectional
Al Levin's 100th Birthday
St. Patrick's Day Dinner & 8 is Enough

Carl's Corner

Bella Ionis-Sorren and Diane Kirsch were the winners in the Annual Lola Marshman Game. The game was well attended. Our players finished off 3 large birthday cakes and lots of ice cream. Lola of course was excited and pleased with the whole affair. Happy Birthday Lola!

We had fun on Super Bowl Sunday too! We had a nice group of people who enjoyed pizza and subs between the afternoon and evening bridge sessions. During the evening session, we watched the game while playing bridge. The event was great fun! Helen Beaulieu and Patrice Roy enjoyed an easier win than the Pittsburgh Steelers scoring a 74.4% game.

Winter season is in full swing and we are enjoying the company of all of our bridge friends from up North. We are hosting many large games and atmosphere is full of fun and excitement. We are also holding a number of classes for players of all levels. Our Saturday Morning Beginners Class has been a big success and we watch with pleasure all of the new players who are eager to learn our favorite game.

The Grand National Teams Qualifying Game will be held on Sunday February 8th. Please keep a watch out for all of our upcoming activities.

On a sadder note, we mourn the loss of our dear bridge friend, Bernie Chazen. We will miss his lessons at tournaments and on cruises.

Happy Bridging!

Carl's Bridge Tip of the Month

Acknowledge your errors at the bridge table; your partner will respect you for it.