

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

"The Friendly Club For All Levels of Play"

March 2009
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 (\$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: 8 is Enough Swiss Teams</i>				

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

Basic Conventions

Monday Mornings 9:30am to 11:30am

Duplicate Strategy Lessons

Tuesday Mornings 9:30am to 11:30am

\$10.00 per lesson

1 hour lesson followed by

1 hour of practice hands based on the lesson

For more information, contact:

Ernie Moore, Certified Bridge Teacher

954-761-1577 or visit www.ftlbc.com

No partner needed!

Come play BRIDGE with me!

Beginner Bridge Lessons

Every Saturday Morning 10am to 11:30am

\$8.00 per lesson

For more information, contact:

Carl Cronrath, Certified Bridge Teacher

954-533-0619 or visit www.ftlbc.com

Join In Anytime!! No partner needed!!



SILVER POINTS SECTIONAL AT THE CLUBS

March 9 - 15, 2009

Monday, March 9

11:30am Lunch

12:30pm Stratified Open Pairs

12:30pm Stratified 299ers Pairs

Tuesday, March 10

11:30am Lunch

12:30pm Stratified Open Pairs

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Stratified Open Pairs

Wednesday, March 11

11:30am Al Levin's 100th
Birthday Celebration

**12:30pm Al Levin Trophy
Stratified Open Pairs**

7:00pm Stratified Open Pairs

Thursday, March 12

11:30am Lunch

12:30pm Stratified Open Pairs

12:30pm Stratified 299ers Pairs

7:00pm Stratified Open Pairs

Friday, March 13

11:30am Lunch

12:30pm Stratified Open Pairs

7:00pm Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, March 14

11:30am Lunch

12:30pm Stratified Open Pairs

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, March 15

12:00pm Brunch

1:00pm Stratified Swiss Teams

6:30pm Stratified Swiss Teams

Card Fee: \$6.00/members, \$8.00/non-members. Meal prices are set by the chef.
Stratification: Open - A: 2001+, B: 501-2000, C: 0-500

299ers - A: 201-300, B: 101-200, C: 0-100

Swiss Teams are single sessions and stratification will be based on the team masterpoint average.

Side game will be available every afternoon session if attendance warrants.
Club rated black points will be awarded in all side games.

February Top 25 Masterpoints

1	48.75	Bella Ionis-Sorren
2	43.94	Richard Gross
3	43.89	Tom Fitzsimmons
4	42.56	Patrice Roy
5	38.28	Gene Petrey
6	33.31	Helene Beaulieu
7	29.52	David Rogers
8	27.99	Myra Walters
9	26.65	Jack Jones
10	25.79	Andrew Tylman
11	25.26	David Berent
12	24.92	Elizabeth Kros
13	24.46	Lenny Fagen
14	24.05	Darcy Parker
15	23.76	Ken Wagner
16	23.71	Harvey Hoffenberg
17	23.42	George Titus
18	22.55	Bernace DeYoung
19	22.30	James Willenborg
20	22.27	Robert Ramos
21	22.05	Francine Walderman
22	19.60	Molly O'Neill
23	18.87	James Parker
24	18.75	Jim Moran
25	18.39	John Lewis

This Month's Special Events

Al Levin's 100th Birthday Celebration



Wednesday, March 11th

Join your friends and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle to wish Al Levin an astounding Centennial Birthday!!

Lunch at 11:00am

Chicken or Eggplant Lasagna
Cole Slaw, Tossed Salad
Cake and Ice Cream
\$7.00 (Please make a reservation)

Al Levin Trophy Game at 12:30pm

Silver Points will be awarded
\$6.00/members, \$8.00/non-members

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and

8 IS ENOUGH SWISS TEAMS

Tuesday, March 17th

Dinner - 5:30pm

Game - 7:00pm

Free Plays for the winning team.

Duplicate boards will be used in every match with written hand analyses available at the end of the game.

Card Fee: \$5/mem, \$7 non-mem
Dinner: \$8 (Traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Corn Beef and Cabbage)

A little bit about Al *by Molly O'Neil*

Al, a former chemist and World War II veteran, plays duplicate bridge 7 days a week at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club. He is a fine bridge player who still plays every day. He still also frequently tops the winners list. He has earned over 5,000 masterpoints, which puts him in the top 2% of Life Masters in the country. He struggles with his decreasing eyesight but his sharp mind enables him to remember just about everything and bring about expert coups at the table.

He began playing bridge due to a wart! At the age of 12, he traveled from Manhattan to Brooklyn to see his cousin, who was a surgeon but was told that the wart would not be removed until Al filled in as a fourth in the family bridge game.

He certainly believes that playing bridge has kept his mind young and active as well as providing daily social contact.

Happy 100th Birthday Al!!!

Carl's Corner

The Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club has been fortunate over the years to be blessed with the company of a true gentlemen and fine bridge player. We are now honored to able to help Al Levin celebrate his 100th birthday. The big day for Al and the big event for us occurs on March 11th. Please plan to attend and salute our true bridge friend. Please also plan on playing on Al's birthday. This game is a Trophy Game and the winners are honored by having their names placed on the Al Levin Trophy. Happy Birthday Al!

March 9th to 15th is STaC week and our Unit has chosen to extend the STaC this year. It will begin on Monday instead of Wednesday. And we will hold evening games all week except for Monday Evening. We will hold Swiss Teams on Sunday Afternoon and Sunday Evening March 15th. Please support the STaC.

This year's St. Patrick's Day falls on our 8 is Enough Swiss Team evening. This swiss team event has become a popular addition to our schedule of games. Chef Adam will prepare a traditional Irish dinner before the game. Join the festivities and don't forget to wear green.

Carl's Bridge Tip of the Month

Don't say anything to your partner that you wouldn't want your partner to say to you.