

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

"The Friendly Club For All Levels of Play"

December 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	12:30pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints	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 No Zeros Jackpot Game with Triple Masterpoints		5:30pm Dinner		6:15pm Scrabble		6:00pm Dinner
		6:30pm Quick Tricks Gay Friendly Bridge Game 0-1000 Stratified Triple Masterpoints		7:00pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints		7:00pm Open Stratified Triple Masterpoints
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Presorted boards and hand analysis available every session!!!

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

Memberships are available for 2010! \$30/new members, \$20/renewal

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

Quick Tricks: Info - Call Jack De Crescente at 954-636-2050

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

Come play BRIDGE with me!

Beginner Bridge Lessons

Every Wednesday Evening

6:00pm to 7:30pm

\$8.00 per lesson

You will play bridge in every lesson!

For more information, contact:
Carl Cronrath, Certified Bridge Teacher

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

Join In Anytime!! No partner needed!!

**New Beginner Bridge Lessons
on Saturday Mornings
begins January 9, 2010**

Bernace DeYoung

Coming in January - Bernace DeYoung will teach a bridge class unlike any other bridge class you have ever taken.

Do you want to learn some new conventions?

This is not the class for that.

How about counting high card points?

No, not that either.

This is a class designed to bump your thinking up to a new level.

Learn to think like an expert.

What are the issues in the hand?

What is the highest percentage play of the hand?

How to resolve problems that arise during the course of a hand.

There will be no pre-set hands to discuss, although Bernace will be happy to discuss any problem hands you might have come across.

Just bring your brains!

November Top 25 Masterpoints

- 1 82.38 Bella Ionis-Sorren
- 2 66.47 Richard Gross
- 3 40.76 Patrice Roy
- 4 37.49 Gene Petrey
- 5 36.63 Jim Moran
- 6 35.48 Helene Beaulieu
- 7 35.32 Abe Jakob
- 8 31.54 JennyLee Mealer
- 9 31.24 Harvey Hoffenberg
- 10 31.18 Ken Wagner
- 11 30.75 Yanni Karabelas
- 12 30.54 James Willenborg
- 13 28.50 Tom Fitzsimmons
- 14 28.17 Bob Rosenblum
- 15 26.52 Helen Shanbrom
- 16 25.99 Gloria Ezrin
- 17 25.84 Joe Phillips
- 18 25.66 Kay Maloney
- 19 24.92 Carl Cronrath
- 20 24.00 Diann Kirsch
- 21 23.63 Marie Alice Fombrun
- 22 23.17 Jerry Barson
- 23 23.17 Linda Barson
- 24 23.15 Bernace DeYoung
- 25 22.39 Sean Ganness

This Month's Special Events



New Year's Eve Celebration
Thursday Evening, December 31st

Appetizers, Setups & Dancing at 6:30pm
 Dinner at 8:00pm
 Bridge at 9:00pm
 Champagne Toast at Midnight
 \$35.00 covers everything

See Mary Short for Tickets and Reservations.



Unit-Wide Charity Championship
 Monday Afternoon
 December 7th - 12:30pm

Traditional Hanukkah Dinner



Saturday, Dec. 12th
 5:30pm Wine & Nibbles
 6:00pm Dinner
 Chopped Liver Appetizer
 Salad, Brisket of Beef or
 Baked Chicken, Potato
 Pancakes, Vegetable, and Dessert

Special Price: \$10.00

299ers Tournament
Monday Afternoon, December 14th
Game Time: 12:30pm

Annual
Pro-Am
 Tournament

Friday Afternoon, December 11th
Game Time: 12:30pm

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.

Christmas Dinner and Game



Friday, December 25th
 12:00pm

See Club Bulletin Board for more details.

Carl's Corner

The holiday season is here and the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club is in full swing. We have already enjoyed a very tasty Thanksgiving dinner from Chef Adam and we have many more activities coming up this month.

The last Unit-Wide Charity game of 2009 will be Monday, December 7th at 12:30pm. Our Annual Pro-Am Tournament is on Friday, December 11th at 12:30pm. Our Annual 299er Tournament is Monday, December 14th is also at 12:30pm.

Chef Adam has worked very hard to prepare fine meals and luncheons. He will be preparing a traditional Hanukkah dinner on Saturday, December 12th and a traditional Christmas dinner on the 25th. Please plan to attend. Chef Adam also prepares his usually delicious Sunday brunch each Sunday before gametime. His meals are good and he works hard to please the membership. Please give him your support.

We concluded our first ever 299er Silver Point Tournament last month which huge success. Players from Miami to West Palm Beach came to the Fort Lauderdale Bridge early in the morning each day looking for Silver. It was such a huge success that we already sanctioned the next 299er Silver Point Tournament on April 9-11, 2010. Mark your calendar!!!

Many of our northern friends are returning to Florida and our games are getting bigger. In additional, our French Canadian friends have reconvened their game here on Thursday Evenings. We are again very happy to share your company with us.

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.