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### **President's Message**

The Dana Harbor Bridge Club installed their new Board of Directors on January 8, 2009:

President Richard Leach  
Vice-President John Kissinger  
Secretary Jacob Weisberg  
Treasurer Ron Rudderow  
Membership Sandra Busby  
Food Jane Dober  
Facilities Jim Shapiro

Andy De Leon will continue scheduling Directors and is the DHBC spokesperson with ACBL. Ginnie Blitzman will be doing our Newsletter each month. Sally Pelmeier will continue to teach EZ Bridge and nurture bridge players for the future of our Club. Hal Binder and Susan Benson will also offer Bridge lessons. Ann Cressman will be heading up our new Mentor Program. Bob Reynolds will continue to purchase all our food and paper supplies and Diane Velick will be monitoring the cleanliness of our facility.

We have many volunteers in the kitchen and this is what makes our Club so special and above all the other Bridge Clubs in this area. We must all remember that this Club is for the enjoyment of all our members and welcome suggestions from our Membership to any Board Member.

Dick Leach, President

## Membership

### Awards

Congratulations to those earning new ACBL Rankings:

Life Master: (300 MPs)

**Marla Silva, Richard Livingston**

Many of our members do well in tournaments but we have no way of knowing about this unless you, the members, tell us. If you go to a tournament, please report good results to us so that we can publish them.

### Happy Birthday – February Birthdays

Judy Alvord, Barbara Biniasz, Duke Caldwell, Paula Campbell, Rachel Chasin, Maury Corn, Mary Jean Dennis, Alan Dirkin, Judy Elbogen, Don Ellis, Stephanie Fletke, Marilyn Goldgerg, Jean Golden, Jannie Graf, Trudi Hanscom, Scott Hansen, Betty Johnson, Ron Livingston, Anita Nadel, Richard Ritter, Irwin Rosenfeld, Diana Seeb, Nancy Shapiro, Anthony Shloss, Myrna Silverman, Patricia Solik, Robert Stanley, Barbara Ward, Ruth White, Yumiko Worcester.

Please contact Sandy Busby for any additions, etc. to our birthday lists – sandbuz@aol.com. (Be sure to check the list kept on the food counter as well.)

### New Members

Welcome new members: Duke Caldwell, Roberta Ludwig, Jeanne Takahashi, Kitty Viele.

### Rain or Shine

As some of you know, Betty Bass, a devoted bridge player, died peacefully in her sleep on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Betty came late in life to duplicate bridge, beginning at age 80, and enjoyed it for the last ten years of her life. Going to Dana Harbor Bridge Center events was the center of her activities and she never ceased to wonder at the good friends she made there and the regard that they held for her. She liked to win, yes, but that was secondary to the friendship and companionship she found from you. So we, her family, would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the members of the Dana Harbor Bridge Center for your friendship over the years. It meant a lot to her.

- Len and Rich Bass

Our condolences go out to Janice Tillotson and her family. Janice's mother died peacefully on Christmas Day.

Long time member, Betty Bass, passed away in her sleep a few weeks ago.

# Calendar

## February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 12:30 Open Game  7:00 Easy Bridge	3 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	4 9:30 Easy Bridge  12:30 Open Game  6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	5 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	6 12:30 Open & 99'er Games  7:00 Charity Open Game	7 No Game
8	9 12:30 Open Game  7:00 Easy Bridge	10 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	11 9:30 Easy Bridge  12:30 Open Game  6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	12 12:30 Swiss Team Games	13 12:30 Open & 99'er Games  7:00 Charity Open Game	14 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Open Game
15 12:30 Unit Game	16 12:30 Open Game President's Day – Club Championship  7:00 Easy Bridge	17 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	18 9:30 Easy Bridge  12:30 Open Game  6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	19 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	20 12:30 Open & 99'er Games  7:00 Open Game – Club Championship	21 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Open Game – Club Championship
22 12:30 Charity Swiss Team Game	23  12:30 ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs–Sectionally Rated  7:00 Easy Bridge	24 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	25 9:30 Easy Bridge  12:30 Open Game  6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	26 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	27 12:30 Open & 99'er Games  7:00 Charity Open Game	28 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Open Game Hand Records

## Regular Daily Schedule

A light lunch is provided Monday through Saturday and for the Unit and Swiss games.

Monday	12:30 PM	Open Stratified
Monday Eve.	7:00 PM	Easybridge
Tuesday	12:30 PM	Open & 299er Stratified Games
Wednesday Morn.	9:30 AM	Easybridge
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Open Stratified
Wednesday Eve.	6:30 PM	Swiss Teams Charity Game
Thursday	12:30 PM	Open & 299er Stratified Games
Thursday*	12:30 PM	Open & NLM Swiss Teams – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday <i>USUALLY</i>
Friday	12:30 PM	Open & 99er Stratified Games
Friday Eve.**	7:00 PM	Open Stratified Charity Game
Saturday**	12:30PM	Open Stratified Charity Game
Sunday*	12:30PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday <i>USUALLY</i> - Unit Game 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday <i>USUALLY</i> – SWISS Teams Charity Game

### Notes on the Regular Daily Schedule

\*Be sure to check the website for any date changes.

\*\*These games are sometimes canceled for local tournaments. Be sure to check the website for any cancellations.

Website – When you access our web address, the main page has a listing of **Special Events** (and Calendar drop-downs under the listing) for the current and next month; it is not the regular daily schedule. There are links on the page to the Regular Daily Schedule.

## New Items

(New Items are announcements or notes of interest not appearing in other parts of the Newsletter that will usually appear one time.)

### ICE

*Apparently this is a procedure beginning to be used by paramedics at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone.*

### **ICE - In Case of Emergency**

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored, but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this ICE campaign.

The concept of ICE is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell (mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name ICE.

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones but they didn't know who to contact. He, therefore, thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as ICE in your cell phone. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3, etc. A great idea that can definitely make a difference!

Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in your Mobile phones today! ICE will speak for you when you are not able to do so.

Jacob Weisberg, Secretary

### ACBL

The final standings for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney races will be announced in mid-February. ACBL does not process the final masterpoint totals for 2008 until February in order to allow time for all clubs to submit their final reports.

### Eight is Enough

The Eight is Enough special Swiss charity game was held on Saturday, January 17th. There were 7 tables in the Eight is Enough game and another 6 in a non-Eight is Enough game for players who did not have higher ranking players to help them compete in the Eight is Enough game. The Eight is Enough winners were the team of: Jane Dober, Larry Globus, Jacob Weisberg, Bart Freidberg; the non-Eight is Enough winners were the team of: Judy Roberts, Sandra Bubsy, Martin Gilbert, Ed Dinsmore. Thanks to all who came out to play, with a special thanks to those A and B players who supported this effort.

## *Our Local Inauguration*

By Jacob Weisberg

It makes no matter if you're Republican or Democrat, I think it's exciting as I write this that a new President is being inaugurated. There's so much fanfare, so much pomp and so much hope for the success of his administration.

Permit me to advise you that even though the inauguration of the Board of Directors of our Club took place without pomp and fanfare, I have equal hope for the success of the administration of our new board and our new president, Dick Leach.

As I look into the future, I can only hope that President Obama and his team work as well together as I have personally observed the workings of Dick Leach and his team.

In office less than a month, we've already held two meetings, have already decided on committees and chairs, and most importantly have been able to involve other members of the Club; to literally get them ready to keep the wheels of our Club running.

As Secretary, I write the minutes, and the board reviews them, amends and finally approves them. If ever you'd like to see what the board is doing, ask me; I'll send you a copy of the approved minutes.

## Special Items

(Special Items will be recurring themes but may not be included in every Newsletter.)

### From the Directors

Thursday Swiss for February will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> - Judy Elbogen

### Hand-of-the-Month

Submitted by Ginny Johnson

## Bridge on the River Styx

(A True Story edited from a reprint on Snopes.com)

**The Murder:** It is wisely said that there are three activities a married couple should not attempt to undertake together: play bridge, hang wallpaper, or learn to drive. The disagreements so provoked can all too often prove to be murderous. Literally.

On the evening of September 29, 1929, John and Myrtle Bennett of Kansas City hosted their friends Charles and Myrna Hofman for a friendly game of rubber bridge. A mere 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a cent a point was at stake. Both couples were well-to-do and Mrs. Bennett's mother lived with them. Like so many married couples who are fool enough to play as bridge partners, the Bennetts formed a far from ideal partnership. They were, in fact, a far from ideal couple with John Bennett being in the habit of slapping his wife during moments of frustration.

For the first hour or two, the Bennetts were trouncing the Hofmans. As the evening wore on, however, the Hofmans managed to catch up and, at the time of the fatal hand, the Hofmans were leading by a small margin. Although the precise composition of the fatal hand was not remembered by all the surviving parties, the following is known: John Bennett opened one spade, Charles Hoffman overcalled, two diamonds, and Myrtle Bennett ended the auction with four spades. Myrna Hofman recalled that when Myrtle Bennett's hand was spread as dummy, "it was a rather good hand."

Although Myrtle Bennett believed her hand had added values and justified her bid, Mr. Bennett went down two. After much finger-pointing, it was revealed that Mr. Bennett opened on less than full values. It is well known in the bridge world that if you are in the habit of opening light, you had better play the spots off the cards. To both open light and fail to make the resulting contract adds up to a bridge crime just a cut below trumping partner's ace or raising your own preempt.

When the hand was concluded, Mrs. Bennett called Mr. Bennett "a bum bridge player." He came right back at her and after several minutes of bickering, Mr. Bennett reached across the table and slapped Mrs. Bennett several times. Mrs. Bennett finally said that, "nobody but a bum would hit a woman." Her husband jumped up and shouted, "I'm going to spend the night at a hotel. And tomorrow I'm leaving town." Mrs. Bennett said to the Hofmans that "I think you folks had better go."

As the Hofmans got ready to leave, John Bennett went off to the bedroom and began to pack his suitcase. Mrs. Bennett went to her mother's room to fetch her mother's loaded gun. As Charles Hofman turned back to have a word with John Bennett, Mrs. Bennett came up to them with gun in

hand. Mr. Bennett immediately hurried into the bathroom and closed the door. Mrs. Bennett was not deterred by the closed door and shot twice, missing her husband both times. Mr. Bennett hastily exited the bathroom through another door which led to the hallway. As he was trying to unlock the front door, Mrs. Bennett shot twice again, shooting her husband to death.

The police were summoned, and Myrtle Bennett was charged with first degree murder for the shooting death of her husband.

**The Trial:** The trial of Myrtle Bennett did not go down as one of the more fair and even-handed examples of justice in action. Mrs. Bennett wept copiously throughout the proceedings, at one point avowing that she should be dead rather than have caused the death of her husband. This statement was much facilitated when the judge declined to admit into evidence an original statement to the policy in which she had told a rather different story.

At the trial, a new spin was placed on the events of that night. Mr. Bennett's statement about leaving town was transformed into an announcement that he had business the next day out-of-town and Mrs. Bennett's mother claims that Mrs. Bennett said Mr. Bennett asked her to fetch the gun for him because he liked to carry the gun with him on out-of-town business trips. Mrs. Bennett asserted that while bringing the gun to her husband, she stumbled into a chair, causing the gun to go off accidentally and wounding Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett then grabbed her, trying to help her regain her balance or to take the gun away from her, at which point the gun went off again, mortally wounding him.

Mrs. Bennett was acquitted some say as justifiable homicide for John Bennett's bidding and play. The jury chose to ignore the physical evidence of the bullet holes in the bathroom door, and of Mr. Bennett's body lying by the door without a suitcase in sight. Despite having chased her husband through the house, having shot at him four times, and having hit him twice, Mrs. Bennett was actually acquitted on the grounds that it was an accidental discharge of a firearm. Myrtle further collected \$30,000 on her husband's life insurance policy, a far from insignificant amount for the Depression years.

Mrs. Bennett continued to play bridge, even though she occasionally encountered some difficulty in finding a partner.

At the time of the Bennett murder, America was a country gone crazy over bridge. That someone sooner or later was going to get shot over it was a given. That the first bridge murder happened in the heartland of America with a wife shooting her husband seemed only right – countless spouses had by that time dreamed of doing the same thing. Just as Lorena Bobbitt would, decades later, be seen as having struck a blow for the wives of cheating husbands everywhere, so was Myrtle Bennett placed on a similar pedestal by beleaguered bridge players across the land.

**The Hand:** Speculation over what the layout of the cards had actually been (and, thus, how deserving Mr. Bennett had been of his fate), quickly gave way to dueling analyses. Several bridge authorities, most notably Sidney Lenz and Ely Culbertson, were called upon to analyze the bidding and the play. Though Bennett was deemed to have not played the cards as well as he could have, nothing in his line of play was so seriously flawed that the location of the queen of trumps wouldn't have overcome it.

Mrs. Bennett  
A1063  
1085  
4  
A9842

Mr. Hofman  
Q72  
AJ3  
AQ1092  
J6

Mrs. Hofman  
4  
Q94  
KJ763  
Q753

Mr. Bennett  
KJ985  
K762  
85  
K10

Mr. Hofman lead the Ace of diamonds followed by the Jack of clubs. Mr. Bennett, according to lore, won the Jack with the King and then misguessed the trump queen. He cut himself off from dummy's good clubs and went down in a lucky but makeable contract. We've all seen other hands butchered much worse and lived to tell about it... Would you have made four spades?

### [Meet the Members](#)

Meet Dick Leach by Sharon Donoff



If you hear the SC fight song playing in the club you will know that Dick Leach forgot to turn off his cell phone. His ring reflects just how much of a Trojan he really is – and rightly so. After all, he attended USC as a student and coached there for 23 years.

Dick grew up in Arcadia, CA, and began playing tennis at a neighborhood court. Although he never had a lesson, he loved the game and became quite good at it. Good enough, in fact, to receive a 4 year scholarship to USC, be selected for the NCAA All-American Team, and achieve national rankings 26 times. He even earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree at SC – imagine that.

After graduation, Dick worked for Wilson Sporting Goods for a year. He liked the job and did very well for the company. But, there was no financial incentive to remain there. When offered a teaching and coaching job at Arcadia High School – his alma mater – he accepted. He remained there for six years and loved every minute of it. However, he had married wife Sandy and they had four children. He needed to make some money. To that end, when recruited for the Manager and Head Pro at the San Marino Tennis Club he took the job and put all his energies into making it a top notch program. Ten years later it was not money that made him look elsewhere. It was the sun and the damages it was doing to his skin. He began to develop his own clubs beginning with the Racquet Club of Irvine. In 1980 he was recruited as Head Tennis Coach at USC. He loved the school, he loved tennis, and he loved coaching. It was his alma mater. How could he say no?

Dick made an immediate impact when he came to USC. In his 23 years at the university, he had a record of 535 – 133 (wins to loses - .800%), captured many Pac-10 titles over the years, and took team members to the NCAA Championships 22 out of his 23 years. Over the years he received many honors such as being named Pac-10 Coach of the Year and the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association/Wilson Coach of the Year. As an added bonus, both of Dick's sons, Rick and Jon, played on his team. They were both nationally ranked, All-American players and to have them on the team was a dream.

As successful as Dick and the teams were, they had not captured number 1 status at the nationals for his first ten years. In 1987, with son Rick on the team, they were 33-0 but lost to Georgia in the semi-finals. Dick thought the team was bothered by the loud noise and heckling of the spectators – not common at tennis matches. It was a real disappointment. So, in 1991, with son Jon on the team, Dick decided to try a different strategy. Three of the members came to practice wearing earrings. Dick asked the team not to wear them when representing the school. This request was honored but the team coerced “Coach” into agreeing to wear an earring if they won the nationals. Throughout the season the team reminded Dick of this commitment. They laughed and joked about it many times. When the team arrived in Athens, Georgia, home of the University of Georgia, along with 6000+ spectators, there it was again - loud noise and heckling. But this time it did not negatively impact the team – they were relaxed and played for fun – and to win - which they did. As interviewer, I neglected to find out what type of earring Dick wore – but wear one he did. USC Men's Tennis captured the NCAA National Championships three more times under the influence of Richard Leach. The fourth time was during his final year of coaching, 2002. The students knew Dick was going to retire and were determined to work harder than ever. This was not the best team he had ever had – they were seeded 12<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. In fact, Dick took his golf clubs with him because he thought he would have time for a few rounds during the week. The team saw the clubs at the airport and insisted he leave them behind. And that was a good thing since they came in first. To celebrate, Dick (at the teams request) died his hair cardinal red. A sight to see! It was a very bittersweet time for Dick. Sandy accompanied him to College Station, Texas (home of host - Texas A & M) to play Georgia in the finals. Both his sons also came to watch the final matches. Later in the fall, after Dick had retired, the team was invited with other collegiate winners to the White House. He will always cherish his photo with his last team and the President of the USA.

This article would be unreadable if all of Dick's successes and memorable experiences were enumerated. But, below is a highlight of some of them:

- Winning 14 US National Father & Son Championships, 9 with Rick and 5 with Jon
- Watching Rick win the Men's Doubles & Mixed Doubles title at Wimbledon in 1990
- Watching Rick clinch the US Davis Cup Victory over Australia in 1991
- Having Jon win the final point against Stanford during the 1994 NCAA Team Championships at Notre Dame

Dick retired from USC because he had been diagnosed with type 2 Diabetes and his condition was getting worse. He knew he had to begin to manage his health more closely and could not do this while coaching. Through a tennis buddy, Dick was introduced to a clinic in Germany that performed stem cell treatments. He had two treatments. While this may have helped – the benefits have proven to be temporary. Dick describes his condition as manageable – but knows he must monitor it continuously. He works out routinely to keep up the circulation, still plays tennis 2 – 3 times a week, and gets in a couple of rounds of golf a week. He stays very busy. Bridge has become one of his newer endeavors.

Dick played bridge in college. He was encouraged to memorize Sheinwold's *How to Play Winning Bridge* – and he did. However, once he started working it was hard to find the time to play. So for 40 years he took a break. Once he retired, another tennis buddy, Buddy Carls (a Life Master and very successful player), agreed to mentor and play with him. Dick earned his Life Master playing with wife Sandy at the Palm Spring Tournament – 2007.

The life of Richard Leach has been a very public one. I asked him if there was anything he felt others did not know about him. Here are a few things he mentioned:

- He is in the Guinness Book of Records for participating in the longest tennis match in history – the 1968 Open Men's Double Match in Newport, RI - 61/2 hours for three sets, 3-6, 49-47, 22-20. Because of this the *tie breaker* for tennis was invented.
- The Leach's lost their home in the 1993 Laguna Beach Firestorms
- He has 9 grandchildren
- He collects old Jaguars and Jaguar tools
- He was inducted into the USC Athletic Hall of Fame
- He was inducted into the NCAA Tennis Hall of Fame

Dick has just been elected by the new board of DHBC to serve as President for 2009. He wants to keep the table count up, increase the number of volunteers, and maintain an enjoyable atmosphere for all to play. Richard Leach is a competitor who brings energy and fun to all he does. No doubt he will serve our club well.

## **Email Notice**

Each month the club sends this Newsletter and special notices via email to all those who wish to receive them. Many of the emails come back undelivered for bad addresses; these emails are automatically deleted from the list. Therefore, if you are not getting the Newsletter or email notices and see this Newsletter elsewhere, please send your current email address to Sandra Busby at sandbuz@aol.com and she will add you to the list. Newsletters are not mailed, however, a Newsletter is posted each month on the bulletin board.

## **Lessons and Classes**

### **Classes by Sally Pelmeur**

#### **Easybridge II – Wednesday Mornings**

*9:30 – 11:45 AM...No Partner Required*

February 4 – Weak in the 2 Knees? Be brave.

February 11 – Big Hands? Be careful.

February 18 – Leads that will leave a lasting impression.

February 25 – Staying Balanced ...it's so easy.

#### **Easybridge III+ – Monday Evenings**

*7:00 – 9:30 PM ...No Partner Required*

February 2 - One medium suit with a major opportunity.

February 9 - Two 'extra large' suits... three ways to try them on.

February 16 - Two skimpy suits.... a major decision.

February 23 - One grand suit.... multiple choice.

#### **Dynamite Defense - Tuesday Mornings**

**You don't have to be declarer to have fun!**

*9:30 – 11:30 AM*

February 3 – Giving Control to Partner (There's a Time for Everything)

February 10 – Cashing Your Winners at Just the Right Time

February 17 – Fast Moves and When to Make Them (Unblock, Overtake, Duck, ... Run)

February 24 – Using *Their* Trump to *Your* Best Advantage

For more information on the above classes, call Sally Pelmeur at 949-855-8953.

### **Classes by Hal Binder**

Hal's series on Play of the Hand and Responding to Partner's Overcalls is full. If you are still interested in taking the series, there is a waiting list. Contact Hal at halbinder@cox.net. The 6 classes will be held on consecutive Thursdays starting on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at the Club. Please arrive no later than 9:15 AM for the first class.

### **Classes by Ginnie Blitzman**

Saturdays at 11:45 AM, Ginnie gives a min-lesson on conventions, play of the hand, ACBL regulations, etc. The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday there are hand records so you can analyze the hands after. Please contact Ginnie for any questions at 949-395-2402.

## NLM News

### **NEW**

#### Wednesday Afternoon 99er Game Starts March 4<sup>th</sup>

It's hard to believe that January is ending already....time for a new schedule and a few reminders. February is the last month for EB II on Wednesday mornings. We roll the clock back to "Basic Beginner" on March 11 with no class on March 4 at all. The Good News: A new Wednesday afternoon 99er game is starting on March 4 to give you a place to practice all your new skills. For those in the Tuesday class...that's a lot, so you need to dig in before you forget everything. This is a regular game from 12:30 - 3:45 PM (be there at 12:15 for a snack, and you need a partner.) See the sign-up list. This is not a commitment to play every Wednesday, but it helps to know who's interested and who would like calls to partner. Most of the players will be well under 49 points, but we're making Friday's novice game a 99er game, too.

A few folks joined the EB II class in the middle and never had the chance to start at the beginning. If you're one of those, please let me know, on the first day. I may also need a few helpers in the first 3 classes...let me know if you're willing to extend a hand. Other than that, please don't show up and think it's okay to just act dumb. The beginners have a hard enough time mustering up courage to come through the door. It can be a real turn-off when EB II grads start oozing expertise around those who are shaking in their boots. (and you will ooze, trust me).

If you still want a lesson with your game, come Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:30 PM. If you've had EB II and you can laugh, you'll fit right in. That group laughs at themselves all the time.

Keep practicing for peak performance!

Sally Pelmeur- (949-855-8953)

## Library

DHBC has bridge books to borrow. LaVerne Mersereau, our librarian, has taken the time to sort through, cull and arrange our bridge books. The books are on the bookshelves in the back corner of the bridge center (near the Lost & Found) and are available to all members to borrow. All books have been donated. If you would like to borrow or donate a book, please contact LaVerne at 949-492-7692.

## Kitchen

Our new Food Chairperson is Jane Dober. Thanks, Jane. We are all looking forward to the continuation of our Monday through Friday light lunches.

### Lunch Menu for February

Monday - Croissants or Pinwheels, Assorted salads, dessert(cake or cookies)  
Tuesday - Assorted sandwiches, salad, dessert

Wednesday - Croissants or Pinwheels, salad, dessert  
Thursday- Assorted sandwiches, salad, dessert  
Friday - Every other week, pizza, salad, cookies,  
The other weeks, either hot dogs, potato chips, cookies, or a surprise!

There are so many to thank:

All the bridge players that donate food, fruit, and flowers  
Everyone who places dollars, five dollars, and change into The Kitty in the kitchen  
The following group of women who serve lunches throughout the week:  
Diane Velick, Ginny Johnson, Darlene White, Ruth White, DeDe Gansel,  
Betty Johnson, Ann Cressman, Carol Armstrong, Betty Caress,  
Sandy Busby, Laverne Mersereau, Fausta Vitali and newcomers  
Lee Mequet and Lisa Hanon  
The Board of Directors who support our food program  
Our all important shopper--Bob Reynolds and  
All the substitute helpers.

In the week before Valentines's Day, February 14th, the following men graciously are volunteering to serve lunches:

Milt Levy, David Kates, George Brody, Bob Kirkpatrick, Dan Glasgow,  
John Jonas, Phil Richter, Sia Varjavandi, Richard Mackaig, Ab Samiian,  
Phil White, and Joe Fiorica

If anyone would like to join our wonderful group, or have new ideas for lunch, please contact me at [doberbeach@yahoo.com](mailto:doberbeach@yahoo.com).

Jane Dober, Food & Beverage

A light lunch is also provided for the Saturday, Unit, and Swiss games and is handled by the respective directors in charge.

## **Mentor Program**

Sign-ups for the 2009 Mentor Program are going very well. We have lots of participants and can still take a few more. If you want to sign-up, contact me or Sally Pelmeur right away. All players with fewer than 300 MPs are encouraged to sign on the Mentee List; those with more than 300 MPs qualify as Mentors.

Again, please do not make your own partnership arrangements. You will be matched in early February. We are taking care to match players at the appropriate level and will strive to have "nice" partnerships. If there is a problem, we will take care of it, as it is important that everyone have a good experience. Remember, this program is not for teaching but to encourage good bridge and have the opportunity to play with a better player.

Ann Cressman, Chairperson

## Photography

Anyone that has a picture or pictures that they think would be of interest to our members, please email them to the Editor – [ginnieb21@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnieb21@hotmail.com).

## Publicity

For any accomplishment you have achieved during the past month, please contact Cathy Cram at [cathycram@comline.com](mailto:cathycram@comline.com). She will be happy to put your name up in lights in the Contract Bridge Forum. This newspaper is a District 22 publication with information about all clubs in District 22.

Many of our members do well in tournaments but we have no way of knowing about this unless you tell us. If you go to a tournament, please report good results to us so that we can publish them in this Newsletter and in the Contract Bridge Forum.

Did you know that the Forum can be viewed on-line before you receive it in the mail? Check out [www.contractbridgeforum.com/January/District22.htm](http://www.contractbridgeforum.com/January/District22.htm). Just change the month.

## Website

Our website address is [www.danaharborbridgecenter.org](http://www.danaharborbridgecenter.org). Go there to get latest information and other helpful items. For example, the entire Player's Education Series is there along with Game Results, this Newsletter, Local Restaurants, Bridge Links and more. Thanks to Peter Redwood for keeping this key information tool updated.

As a new feature starting this month, the 'Newsletter Archive' button on the main menu will show the Newsletter for the past year.

- Peter Redwood

## Board/Chairpersons

If you have any news that you think would be of interest to the membership, please let the appropriate membership committee chairperson know, or you can email the Editor directly at – [ginnieb21@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnieb21@hotmail.com).

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