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President's Message

By Richard Leach

A few items of interest:

MONDAY 299'er GAME - Starting Monday, May 4th a new 299er game will be added on Monday afternoons. That means that there is an NLM game every week day, Monday through Friday.

FOOD KITTY- Our treasurer reports that we received \$608 the past 3 months and spent in actual food costs \$7,412. You have to love Jane's crew of beautiful volunteers that "work for food." If you haven't received your "stimulus package" yet, just bring a food item! Please, no Aunt Hazel's fruitcakes. Your Club appreciates your help in building our KITTY for the next 3 months.

SLOW PLAY - We have improved our "slow play" by the awareness I mentioned last month in the Newsletter. If your brain is slowing down like mine, I try and get ready sooner!!! All this means is getting to the next table sooner, getting your cards out, counting and sorting them and being ready to bid when it's your turn. Also, stop running for Mayor (talking too much) before you finish all the boards at your table! No postmortems.

TELEPHONE - The Dana Harbor Bridge Club telephone is NOT for personal calls! This phone is for the Director on duty and may only be used at their discretion.

See you at the tables.

Membership

By Sandy Busby

Awards

(Awards are usually a month behind.)



Congratulations to those earning new ACBL rankings

March

Junior Master: (5 MPs)

Carl Becker, Michael Cohen, Herbert Ludwig, Roberta Ludwig, Harold McBee, Deedee Pichard

Club Master: (20 MPs)

Alan Cawl, Surendra Gupta

Regional Master: (100 MPs)

Eileen Garbutt, Kristine Katz

Silver Master: (1000 MPs)

Jacob Weisberg

New Master Point certificates have been made and are posted on the Bulletin Board; old certificates are in the upright plastic containers on the front counter for you to take home.

Happy Birthday – May Birthdays

Judie Adams, Nadia Araabi, Carol Armstrong, Sandy Bernhagen, George Brody. Beth Christison , Marianne Cory, Sue Field, Terrence Fletke, Lavelle Froboese. Dan Glasgow, Carleen Haggerty, Elinor Hall, Robert Irani, Patricia Jennings, Gail Lacorazza, Laverne Marano, Michele Otta, Sezer Pehlinan, Karen Powell, Robert Reynolds, Peggy Richardson, Fredric Rubel, Ann Small.

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: **Sherry Bauer, Jean Boukai, Judith Brausch, Renate Cohen, Cathryn DeYoung, Elaine Frey, Bob Hebner, Carleen Morgal, Michele Otta, Sezer Pehlian, Jayne Pugh, and Diane Starnes.**

Rain or Shine

No news is good news.

Game Calendar

May 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 No Game	2 12:30 No Game
3	4 12:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge STaC Week	5 12:30 Open & 299'er Games -----	6 9:30 Easy Bridge I 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	7 12:30 Open & 299'er Games -----	8 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 Charity Open Game -----	9 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Games Open & NLM -----
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17 1:00 Unit Game #1	18 12:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge	19 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	20 9:30 Easy Bridge I 12:30 Open & 99'er 6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	21 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	22 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 Charity Open Game	23 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Open Game Hand Records
24 1:00 Charity Swiss Team Game	25 12:30 Open & 299'er Games 7:00 Easy Bridge Memorial Day	26 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	27 9:30 Easy Bridge I 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 6:30 Charity Swiss Teams	28 12:30 Open & 299'er Games	29 12:30 Open & 99'er Games 7:00 Charity Open Game	30 11:45 Free Lesson 12:30 Charity Open Game
31 1:00 Unit Game #2						

Regular Daily Game Schedule

Monday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Games
Monday Eve.	7:00 PM	Easybridge
Tuesday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Games
Wednesday Morn.	9:30 AM	Easybridge
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Open & 99'er Stratified Games
Wednesday Eve.	6:30 PM	Swiss Teams Charity Game
Thursday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Games
Thursday*	12:30 PM	Open & NLM Charity Swiss Teams – 3 rd Thursday <i>USUALLY</i>
Friday	12:30 PM	Open & 99'er Stratified Games
Friday Eve.**	7:00 PM	Open Stratified Charity Game
Saturday**	12:30PM	Open Stratified Charity Game 2 nd Saturday – Additional NLM Game 4 th Saturday – Hand Records
Sunday*	1:00 PM	3 rd Sunday <i>USUALLY</i> - Unit Game 5 th Sunday – Special Unit Game 4 th 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.

A light lunch is provided Monday through Saturday and Sunday Swiss Teams.

Website – When you access our web address, the main page has a listing of **Special Events** for the current and next month these are 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.)

Unit Game

Don't forget our 2nd Unit Game in May on Sunday, May 31st at 1:00 PM.

GNT Semi-Finals

The GNT Semi-Finals were held at our Club for Flight A (2000-5000) and Flight C (NLM – 0-500) on April 25-26, 2009. There were 2 Flight A teams and 6 NLM teams. In the end, two of our very own NLM teams will go on to the Finals at the Oceanside Sectional on May 2nd, and one will be going on to Washington, DC in July to represent District 22 at the ACBL Summer National. The winning team in Oceanside will get 15 MPs and the runner up will get 11(ish) MPs. We wish them luck. The teams are:



Mark Rehms
Janie Matlaf
Sharon Forslund
Eileen Garbutt



Bonnie Myers
Judy Alvord
Dae Leckie
Ron Leckie

Friday Evening Game

During April, we had 2 Beat-the-Board games on Friday nights with lots of free plays given out. The first game, as Jacob Weisberg says, "...could have been labeled, ANNIHILATE THE BOARD." This first game turned the normally calm and quiet Friday night game into a rousing 10 table game...with so many pairs achieving the objective of beating the equivalent Board representative that Treasurer Ron Rudderow got writers cramp from writing out the free plays. Yes, every one of the pairs that beat the board got a free play (worth \$7) to come back another Friday night and play for free. Not only that, but because Friday evening games are Charity games, there are more master point awards. In fact, the overall winner received 3.33 MPs, and the overall C winner took home 2.13 MPs.

Look for future promotions from the Club...but in the meantime, if you're looking for a fun evening with Charity Game awards, come on down Friday night, 7 PM, and join the fun!

This Beat-the-Board idea is so cool that ACBL has asked us to write it up for inclusion in their Bulletin.

Saturday Game

The 2nd Saturday game of the month will now have a NLM section in addition to the current Open section. Our kick-off is May 9th and it is a STaC game – so silver points for all! And, remember, there is a Mini-Lesson prior to each game beginning at 11:45 am for all levels and Hand Records on the 4th Saturday of the month.

Presidents Honored

By Jacob Weisberg

Did you see the smiles on their faces? Did you see the glows of pride? You did if you were playing at the club Wednesday, April 22nd as we honored the Past Presidents of our Unit.

They stood up to accept the applause of the members, and then they told us a little bit about what happened during their tenure. Jean Barkas, who journeyed here all the way from Laguna Woods, told us what happened 30 years ago in 1977. Sandy Bernhagen carried us forward. Fran Foresta followed, then Peter Redwood, Bob Kirkpatrick, (who also brought greetings from Ginny Johnson who couldn't be there) then Dan Glasgow.

It's been said that civilizations that honor their ancestry, are the ones that flourish. I dare not call these wonderful people our ancestors, but they surely are the basis for our flourishing today, and we thank you.

Double Exposure

By Jacob Weisberg

How would you like to be able to play a hand legally with full knowledge of all cards in all hands... right from the auction? That's a player's dream isn't it? And that was the gift given to one of our members on a hand in which I was involved.

No names...but the player to my right, referring to a previous game jokingly cautioned me not to double her this game and I jokingly responded, "Then don't bid and I won't double." Well," she said, "OK, I won't bid."

The hand now got under way. I was the dealer. I put out a green card. Next player put out a green card and my partner, having HEARD his LHO earlier saying she would not bid (she never put out a green card) now thought he was fourth hand. He looked at his hand and put his hand on the table and said, "I have to pass, I only have 8 points." Oops....original lady with whom I was talking, really still had her bid, so naturally the Director was called, and he told her she could bid. Opponents bid and wound up in a contract.

Because my partner had EXPOSED all of his cards, his entire hand became penalty cards. So, there was declarer, who knew her hand, saw dummy's hand, saw my partner's hand (it was laying there on the table as naked as can be) so naturally she knew my hand.

Fortunately for us, there wasn't much that she could do to/with my partner's hand to cause us harm but, what fun it must have been for her to be able to tell her opponent at every trick what to play!

If it's going to happen in bridge, expect it to happen at Dana Harbor Bridge Center.

Zero Tolerance Revisited

By Jacob Weisberg

What happens in the room, stays in the room. That's an oft repeated mantra of business organizations, Boards of Directors and private social groups. It should also be the mantra of our Club....whatever happens between your pair and another pair is not repeated to other pairs.... NEVER, and if NEVER is too long then certainly NOT DURING THE GAME. This not only deals with hands that were played, (even if the new pair has already played them) but it also deals with the behavior of other players when they were at your table. If another player's behavior was disturbing to you, by all means report it to the Director, right then and there, but do not repeat it to any of the other pairs you play the rest of the day. Telling other players about what you consider an infraction by a different player is itself a violation of zero tolerance – so don't do it!

Zero Tolerance applies to partners, opponents, all people in the bridge room, and the Director. Any complaints will be taken very seriously by the Board.

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Here is an excerpt from the ACBL Z-T Policy

Zero Tolerance Policy

Be cool! Bridge is fun.

The ACBL Board of Directors and Management are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. The ultimate purpose of the Z-T policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere and make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all.

Below are some examples of commendable behavior, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:

- *Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table*
- *Greeting others in a friendly manner*
- *Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents*
- *Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents (This one is a regulation, not just a nicety.)*

The following list are some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated:

- *Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence*
- *Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding*
- *Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table*
- *Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling*

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by ACBL Law and gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

Special Items

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

From the Directors

Thursday, May 14th is Swiss Teams – Judy Elbogen



Points of Fact -

Tick Tock - **Duplicate Bridge IS a timed event!** It is the Director's responsibility to keep the game moving. Pulling a board, making a board a late play, or writing the score on the traveler are options that the Director can use to speed things along. Please be mindful and respectful of these options. Additionally, the Director can penalize you for continually slowing the game down. If you are late through no fault of your own, let the Director know; otherwise, try to stay on time. If, on the other hand, you are early, please try to keep the noise level down as others may still be playing OR hearing what you have to say...

Penalty Cards – There are 2 types of penalty cards:

Major Penalty Card – major penalty cards are cards deliberately exposed (like a played card). They can be any denomination – 2-Ace.

Minor Penalty Card – minor penalty cards are rare. They are shown only inadvertently (by accident) **and** they must be a 2-9 card. An honor card accidentally dropped is a major penalty card.

If more than one penalty card is exposed, regardless of whether they are major or minor, they would both be considered major penalty cards. If both cards can legally be played, declarer designates which one is to be played.

The Director should be called to give you the different options for major and minor penalties.

Declarer can never have a penalty card. However, a played card is a played card by declarer unless it cannot legally be played. (i.e., Declarer leads when it is not his/her turn – that card is played but illegally. If it were a defender leading, it would be a penalty card – since it is declarer, declarer gets to pick it up with no penalty.) Opponents can accept declarer's lead card.

Hand-of-the-Month

Submitted by Ginny Johnson and edited from a Tucson, AZ Regional hand by Larry Cohen in the Bridge Bulletin.

E – Dealer
Vul – None

	N		
	A10		
	QJ102		
	KJ92		
W	AJ2	E	
42		63	
K86		A7543	
Q876		103	
KQ107	S	9843	
	KQJ9875		
	9		
	A54		
	65		



N	E	S	W	
	P	1♠	2♣	Opening lead - K♣
2♥	P	2♠	P	
4♠	P	4N	P	
5♥	P	6♠	P	
P	P			

If South had asked for Kings he probably would have stopped in 5, but he failed to do so, and was now stuck in 6♠. Can you see the line-of-play that makes 6?

What will you do on the opening lead? If you duck, and West doesn't find a heart shift, you'll be in decent shape. That's quite a chance to take. Let's say you win trick 1 instead. Now what?

You draw trumps and find they are 2-2. If you play a club or a heart next, you are basically giving the defense two tricks. They might make an error, but don't rely on it. So, that leaves Diamonds. If the diamonds behave (four tricks), you have the first 12 tricks (seven spades, four diamonds and the ace of club). So, how should you play the diamonds?

You could lay down the ace and then finesse the jack. This guards against a singleton queen in the East hand, but it is much better to start without playing the ace first. You should play a low diamond to the jack on the first round of the suit. Yes, you're down if the queen is singleton with East, but that is very unlikely. A much livelier possibility is that East started with the 10 of diamonds singleton or doubleton. If you play the ace of diamonds, then low to the jack and collect the 10 from East, you are in dummy with no way back to your hand. If you play the Ace and lead to the jack, you are down; the 10 falls, but you can't get back to your hand to repeat the finesse.

Now watch what happens if you start diamonds by leading low to the jack. You come off dummy with a diamond to the ace, and when the 10 falls, you are now in the right hand to finesse the 9 and make your contract. Surely, a singleton 10 or any doubleton 10 x with East is much more likely than a singleton queen with East. You don't have to be a percentage guru to get this one right, but you do have to be careful and use logic – good traits for winning bridge.

Meet the Members

Meet Andy De Leon by Sharon Donoff



Andy De Leon grew up in Riverside, Illinois – a suburb of Chicago, arguably one of the first planned communities in the United States. Riverside was designed in 1869 by well-know landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead. Its curvilinear streets, open spaces, and attractive village center made it a popular “rural” bedroom community and in 1970 it was designated a National Historic Landmark.

In the early 1900’s, Andy’s grandfather started a company in Chicago that began the family-owned business, *American Finishing*, supporting two generations. They put varnish on paper – for paperback book covers – among other applications. It was a close-knit family and all 5 sons worked in the business in their youth.

Andy has a saying he has repeated many times over the years. He reflects that the best decision he every made in his life was in choosing his parents. They were special people, indeed.

When his grandfather died, Andy’s dad - being the eldest boy in the family - kept the company going and the family financially stable. He was 26 years of age and continued to live at home and support the family of 8. Even during the depression, when there were more than 200 employees, none were laid off. His father made sure everyone had a job – even if it was sweeping the floor or delivering the mail.

Two of Andy’s uncles went off to war. The older of the two uncles flew the B-24 and B-29 bombers in missions over Romania. In 1944 when the 2nd uncle went off to war Andy’s grandmother went to the draft board to plead with them not to take her eldest son (Andy’s Dad) – because he was the sole support of the family. Over the years, *AM Finishing* continued to be a family business. Andy worked there in his youth along side his uncles and cousins. So did Andy’s son and daughter. The company closed in the 1970’s when it was sold.

The De Leon's were a card playing family. Andy began playing canasta when he was 3 years old and by the age of 6 was playing gin rummy and pinnacle. He was very close to his eldest sister and began playing bridge with her when he was 14 and she was a senior in High school. He still remembers his first session of duplicate. He and his sis were playing together. They went down one on the first hand they played. He tossed the cards down into the middle of the table and mucked up the mix. They had to backtrack, trying to remember what they all had in their hands, before passing the cards along to the next table.

Andy, never one to just sit around, began hustling jobs early in life. He delivered telephone books for 5 cents/book – delivering 5000. He cut lawns, worked in a pet store and continued to find jobs in places where he would hang out.

While in high school he worked 35–40 hours/week in the local Bowling Alley – all Friday night, all day Saturday and all day Sunday. It was a small 8 lane alley and all his friends hung out there. Hence, according to Andy, it was easy to be there. He did everything from running the alley to serving the food. But, because his friends were there, the 19-20 hour days were fun.

This search for odd jobs was responsible for Andy's first directing assignment. In his early 20's he was an officer in a bridge club – but there was no director. You did not have to be a life master to direct so he took the two-day class at one of the tournaments and began directing.

In 1962-63 he began playing bridge often in college. In fact he played once a week with his former Chemistry Professor while attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana. He was there a year and a half and then quit and went to work. Bridge had definitely interfered with his Grade Point Average.

In 1964 Andy began working at *CornProducts*. – a giant, international company – producing many products including Skippy Peanut Butter and Mazola Oil. When the company went on strike he went from making less than \$4.50/hour to \$11/hour for overtime – plus extra on Sundays. He moved into the division that produced large products to industry, i.e. 20 Million pounds of corn syrup to brewers and bakers. Traveling around the US, he demonstrated how to use corn sugar to replace table sugar – producing jelly beans in the process.

During this time, bridge took a back seat somewhat. However, in 1966 he came in 1st in the Smoking Men's Pairs Tournament in St. Louis, Mo. He and his partner had a 74% game in the final – which was good- especially since he had money on the game (shhhhhh, don't tell). He said that during this time smoking was the norm at tournaments and the rooms were smoke-filled. In fact, there were ashtrays on the tables and it was not uncommon for him to fill it by the time the game was over.

At the age of 22, in 1967 Andy got married and a year later he and wife Sally had a daughter, Pamela. And that was when he got serious about his education and made a 5- year commitment to graduate. While working, he enrolled at Elmhurst College, attending school 3–4 nights a week until graduation. He was the first graduate of the school to be awarded a BS degree. He was a Chemistry Major.

Andy's career became immersed in chemistry. He believes that chemists invent almost everything. For example, making the fabric for clothes, tanning for leather, smelting, metallurgy, and ceramics are all chemical processes. While at Corn Products he was in development and research – in the

division of polymers and adhesives. An example of a polymer is Nylon – developed in the 30's at Dupont. It replaced cotton and wool.

In 1978 *CornProducts* downsized and moved much of their business to Brazil. This was the best thing that ever happened for Andy. He had wanted to get out of Illinois and had vacationed in California. He sent his resume around and in 7 weeks had 3 job offers. He moved to *Dexter-Hysol Aerospace, Inc*, a small company with 120 employees - specializing in epoxy-adhesives. It is located in Pittsburg, California, a small Italian fishing town in northern California. He was there for 5 years.

In 1984, Andy got a BIG promotion with *Ciba Specialty Chemicals*, a Swiss company, located in Fountain Valley and moved the family there. He was at *Ciba* for 6 years and found it to be the best corporate employer he had. Once again he specialized in adhesives. During this time he and Sally divorced and he took full custody of his 11 year old son, Drew. He and Drew had a great time together. Andy was able to arrange his work schedule so he could attend all of Drew's after school events. Andy says he became familiar with 80% of the High Schools in Orange County by attending Drew's Football, Basketball, and Volleyball competitions.

1990 was a big year for Andy. He married Donna, inherited her three children, and started work with *Northrup Grumman*. Here his assignment was as a composite engineer – his group specified all the materials and products that came out of the aerospace division. Andy has walked through each and every one of the 21 B-2 stealth bombers and was the last engineer remaining until the division closed down here at Pico Rivera. He attributes the US success in winning the Cold War to these bombers because the Soviets knew they could not keep up with this technology and would not win the war.

Andy is no longer married but has stayed close to his five children and three grandchildren. He is, in fact, a very eligible bachelor.

In 1997, several months after having a stint inserted during angioplasty, he returned to the hospital for a six-valve bypass open-heart surgery. He returned to work but in 2002 suffered congestive heart failure caused by an unknown virus. In six days he lost more than 20 pounds. His heart function declined to 22% and he was led to believe he had 6 months to 2 years to live – even with a pacemaker. He was depressed and felt like giving up on life. Bridge became his mainstay.

Now, about bridge. Andy had not played much over the years. However, in 2000 he decided to attend the National Tournament in Anaheim to renew his status as a director. He took a 2-day course. Afterwards, George Winter helped him get into the loop as a director in the area. He still did not play much.

In 2001 he returned to Illinois for his Mother's funeral. He was the 6th airplane in line to take off for home when the airports were closed – September 11, 2001. He had 4 more days in Chicago and decided to visit the State Fair. There he saw his former bridge partner and rekindled his interest in playing. He had less than 300 points but began playing in tournaments and picked up as many as 500 points a year.

Work and Family precluded Andy from playing a lot of bridge over the years. However, he always kept up. He played in some tournaments, served as a director, and in 1971 was president of the Marywood duplicate bridge club. He knew that he wanted to be a top bridge player. In the 1960's

when the Italians seemed to win all the major international tournaments, 6 young players, including Jacoby, Wolfe, and Hammond, got together in Dallas to study bridge and use the new computer aided technology, bringing world-wide bridge success back to the U.S. Andy followed these men and was inspired.

In 2008, he and partner Patricia Menefee, won the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs at the national tournament in San Francisco. He now has 3,800 points and was the Ace of Clubs winner in the category of Gold Life Master. He believes his strengths lie in defensive strategies. No doubt, he is well on his way as a top player.

When you look around the club at Dana Harbor, it is obvious that it takes behind-the-scenes work to maintain all the games, the facilities, and the relationships with ACBL & District 22. Andy has been a key behind the scenes participant for many years. He currently serves as Club Manager and Director Coordinator. He has been on the board as an elected member and an ex-officio member. Dana Harbor Bridge Club operates like a well-oiled machine - thanks to Andy. So, a BIG thank you, Andy, for all you do for DHBC.

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.



Kitchen

By Jane Dober

Our weekly Food volunteers are: Ann Cressman, Carol Armstrong, Betty Caress, Laverne Mersereau, Fausta Vitali, Darlene White, Diane Velick, Dede Gansel, Betty Johnson, Lisa Hanson, Lee Mequet, Myrna Silveman, and Janice Reckinger. These generous women get a standing ovation from the Board and Club members. They come early to set up, serve everyone graciously, and stay late to clean-up, and always with a smile on their faces!!!

Thanks to the many other individuals who participate in our volunteer lunch program: our many substitute helpers; those wonderful people who donate flowers, fruit, candy and other delicious items for the players to share; Ginnie Johnson for handling "Kitty" donations (these are so important to our ongoing food program); Bob Reynolds, who does all of our shopping, and Fran Blattner, who steps right in whenever anyone needs anything, especially me, when I am away on vacation.

Our table numbers are steadily increasing and I continue to hear wonderful comments about our lunch program, friendliness towards new players, and great food selections. Please try to attend our Unit Games on the 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, they are chances for extra points, but also Pasta Pot luck events, where the club provides the pasta and salad and each pair donates either an appetizer or dessert. Everyone has enjoyed these events; the food, the friendliness among players, and the general good time atmosphere.

If anyone would like to join our committee, or has any suggestions please speak to any of our helpers or directly to me at doberbeach@yahoo.com.

Library/Lost & Found

By LaVerne Mersereau

Please check the lost and found in the back corner for missing items like convention cards, glasses, and keys as they will be discarded by May 31st.

Our 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.

Lessons and Classes

Classes by Sally Pelmear

Easybridge I - Wednesday Mornings (for beginners only)

9:30 - 11:45 AM...No Partner Required

May 6 – Notrump BiddingTelling your Major.

May 13 – Notrump BiddingAsking for a Major.

May 20 – Preempts ...Mini Points, Maxi Message.

May 27 – Hitting Partner Over the Head with 2 Clubs.

Easybridge III+ – Monday Evenings

7:00 - 9:30 PM...No Partner Required

May 4 – Plan to Make It...Wishing Will Make it so.

May 11 – He’s a Loser ...Get Rid of Him!

May 18 – Add Another Few Inches to that Suit.

May 25 – “Count” on the Bad Guys to Hurt You.

For more information on the above classes, call Sally Pelmear at 949-855-8953 or email her at sallypelmear@hotmail.com.

Classes by Susan Benon

Susan's classes have started on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM and will go to May 28th. She will be addressing such topics as: New Minor Forcing, One No Trump Forcing, Reverses, Fourth Suit Forcing, Inverted Minors, and Splinter bids. You may take any or all. Each class is \$10. There will be pre-arranged boards and hand-outs. For more information and to sign up, please call Susan at 489-2136.

Classes by Ginnie Blitzman

Saturdays at 11:45 AM, before the Open Game, Ginnie gives a min-lesson on conventions, play of the hand, ACBL regulations, etc. At the 4th Saturday Game there are hand records so you can analyze what you did right/wrong. Please contact Ginnie for any questions at 949-395-2402.

Mentor Program

By Ann Cressman

By now all Mentors and Mentees should have played together at least once or twice. If you have been unable to make arrangements, please call me.

I would like to hear your thoughts on the Mentor Program, so when you see me at the Club, please let me know how you and your partner are doing or, feel free to contact me anytime at anncressman@gmail.com.

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.

Publicity

For any accomplishment you have achieved during the past month, please contact Cathy Cram at 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. 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. Just change the month.

Help!

Cathy has been doing this Publicity function for a while and would like someone else to take it over. If you can take on this project, please contact Sandy Busby at sandbuz@aol.com.

Website

Our website address is 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.

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