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President's Message

As if Jacob doesn't write enough, Jim Shapiro asked me to write his monthly President's message since he is cruising the seven seas and John Kissinger, our Vice President, is on vacation somewhere in the Middle East. You'd think with both execs out of the country nothing could possibly happen. Fate has a way of stepping in.

When Jim and John left on vacation, plans were complete for the renovations at the Club. We were going to be closed one weekend to complete the work. It hasn't been completed. If it were not for John Jonas and Andy DeLeon, the men would be sharing the stalls in the Ladies Room.

Special thanks go to Diane Velick for staying on top of things so that a new date has been set for completion.

More thanks to Diane for the Pasta Feast she prepared for our Unit game on Sunday, February 21st. Her culinary art, plus greater publicity and free play for NLM, took a game from 6 or 7 tables and turned it into a 13-1/2 table event. Next month the Unit game feast will be coordinated by Diane, Gale Senter and Susan Kissinger. The three have been authorized by the Board to build, grow and publicize our Unit games.

Have a happy and successful March!

Jacob Weisberg

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Membership...by Sandy Busby

Milestones

Sectional Master (50 Points): Jeffrey Hecht, Bonnie Myers

Regional Master (100 Points): Sandra Busby, Arthur Chasin

NABC Masters (200 Points): Pat Dolphin, Sharon Donoff, Eileen Garbutt, Barbara Pierce, Mark Rehms

Life Masters (300 Points): Sharon Forslund, John Jonas, Arthur Schwartz, Victoria Sunshine

Bronze Life Masters (500 Points): Nancy DeAnza, Jan Glouderman, Betty Johnson

Happy Birthday – March Birthdays

Patricia Al-Hakeem, Annette Berch, Elaine Bezar, Nancy Chino, Eugenia Corb, Bob Eggers, Marie Ferguson, Joe FioRica, Pat Fitch, Dan Fontanilla, Samuel Froome, Bob Galazin, Clare Gayle, James George, Laura Hand, Greg Hanson, Lois Houlihan, Sanford Groves, Tilak Lall, Richard Leach, Marlyse LePage, Milton Levy, Marilyn McClintock, Don McRae, Chieko Nakamura, Kit Patterson, Marshall Pearlman, Sally Pelmear, Deedee Prichard, Donna Roundtree, Kathy Rocheleau, Phil Schreiber, Stephanie Scott, Paul Sochat, Victoria Sunshine, Marie Tanner and Janice Tillotson

New Members

Dominic Tenuta

Transfers

Debbie Gailfus, Barbara Nevins

299'er Partnerships

Lisa Hanson is the new Partnership Chairman for the 299er's. There is a sign-up register on the Bulletin Board (where certificates are posted). Lisa can be reached via email at lh13986@yahoo.com or by telephone at 949-218-8936

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Open & 499'er Charity Games 12:30 PM	2 Open & 299'er Charity Games 12:30 PM	3 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Swiss Teams 6:30 PM GNT Qualifier	4 Open & 299'er Charity Games 12:30 PM	5 Open & 99'er Games 12:30 PM Charity Pairs 7:00 PM	6 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open Charity 12:30 PM
7 CLOSED	8 Open & 499'er Charity Games 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	9 Open & 299'er Charity Games 12:30 PM	10 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open Game 12:30 PM Swiss Teams 6:30 PM GNT Qualifier	11 Open & 299'er Charity Games 12:30 PM	12 Open & 99'er Games 12:30 PM Charity Pairs 7:00 PM	13 Free Lesson 11:45 AM Open Charity 12:30 PM
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21 Unit Game NLM Free! 1:00 PM	22 Open & 499'er Charity Game 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	23 EZ Bridge II 9:30 AM Open & 299'er Charity Game 12:30 PM	24 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open Game 12:30 PM Swiss Teams 6:30 PM GNT Qualifier	25 Swiss Teams Open & 299'er Charity Games 12:30 PM GNT Qualifier	26 Open & 99'er Games 12:30 PM Charity Pairs 7:00 PM	27 Compact Kos Session 1 9:30 AM Lunch Session 2 1:30 PM See Page 7!
28 Swiss Teams 1:00 PM GNT Qualifier	29 Open & 499'er Charity Game 12:30 PM EZ Bridge III+ 7:00 PM	30 EZ Bridge II 9:30 AM Open & 299'er Charity Game 12:30 PM	31 EZ Bridge I 9:30 AM Open Game 12:30 PM Swiss Teams 6:30 PM GNT Qualifier			

Regular Daily Game Schedule

Monday	12:30 PM	Open & 499'er Stratified Charity Games
Monday Evening	7:00 PM	EZ Bridge III+
Tuesday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Charity Games
Wednesday Morning	9:30 AM	EZ Bridge I
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Open & 99'er Stratified Games
Wednesday Evening	6:30 PM	Swiss Teams Charity Game***
Thursday	12:30 PM	Open & 299'er Stratified Charity 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 3 rd Saturday – Additional NLM Game
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. Check the website.
- ***Swiss Teams are handicapped when applicable.

Pay Attention To Friday!...by Jacob Weisberg

Whether it's afternoon or night, Friday is special at DHBC. Here's why:

Beginning at 11 AM, Director Phil Clayton (a Silver Life Master) gives tips in a very clever way. Using the hand records from the previous Friday Phil will offer insights into the hands. He'll answer questions and discuss the strategy. It's a way to learn either from hands you or others played a week ago. And it's free (the lesson, not the game)

Friday night our charity game is run by Ginnie Blitzman with the offer of play in three Friday night games in a month gets a coupon good for a free Friday night game (to be used within 45 days). Pay for 3...Play for 4! A special discount for regular players.

Our Sunshine Friends by Jacob Weisberg

Are we the gracious hosts or what?

Our sunshine friends Laura Brill and Rick Goldstein fly in, are immediately wined, dined and partied. We turn up the sunshine and temperature and the blue skies.

We arrange for the Saddleback Sectional to take place while they're here so they can enter the Open Pairs on Saturday morning and win it with a 65% game. We are even more hospitable in the afternoon when we allow their 68% game. I'll bet they don't get treatment like that anyplace else!

But they're still frustrated. Even though they continue to come in first in the room every time they play here, with scores ranging from 64% to 69.3%, they've been stymied in their quest for a 70% game. By the time you read this they will have returned home. We need to be sure the next time they come here we'll have to be even nicer to them.

All kidding aside, they set a bar for us for level of excellence.

Bridgevaria

A new link on the Home Page of our website is Bridgevaria. It contains lots of bridge related material which you might find interesting and instructive. See bridgevaria.com

Lady Godiva?

Bridge players found chocolate hearts on the tables on St. Valentine's Day. They were delicious and it was a thoughtful gesture...not to mention a labor of love. Thank you Nancy Hayzer.

ABC's of Bridge

We received a note from Eddie Rose about his new book *The ABC's of Bridge*. A review copy was not available however a review was included in the ACBL's Bridge Bulletin reviews of recent books. Look in the December issue, page 26. The book can be purchased from Barnes & Noble, Barnes&Noble.com, or Amazon.com.

Notrump is a destination...not an escape

Lessons and Classes

Easybridge Classes With Sally Pelmear

New Beginners class starts Wednesday March 17th. If you have a friend/spouse/child who wishes to learn the game of Bridge, send (or bring) them to Dana Harbor Bridge Center at 9:15 AM on the 17th...if they come at 9:30 AM they won't have time for a donut. Please call Sally in advance to sign up for any of her classes. (949-855-8953 or sallypelmear@cox.net)

Easybridge I - Wednesday Mornings

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

March 3 – Huge Hands For Monster Fun

March 10 – Gerber Food For A Blackwoodsman

Easybridge II – Tuesday Mornings

9:30 – 11:45 AM...No Partner Required

March 16 – Leading the Right Card...Just 13 Little Choices

March 23 – Playing NT...Count Till You're Blue In the Face

March 30 – Playing With Suits...Try On A Couple

Easybridge III+ – Monday Evenings

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

March 1 – Weak Twos For the Weak-In-The-Knees

March 8 – Don't Play Like A Puppy Dog

March 15 – Long Suit? Three Short Choices

March 22 – I Want To Be A Dummy

March 29 – Yikes! I Never Had a Hand Like This Before

Saturday Morning Mini-Class with Ginnie Blitzman

A mini-lesson is offered every Saturday morning with Ginnie Blitzman. The free class explores a single convention and offers practice hands to learn it. The lesson begins at 11:45 AM, prior to the Saturday game.

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Club Pricing Schedule...by Jacob Weisberg

If it's confusing, it's not intended to be. It's intended to cater to the different desires of all our members. Some like the idea of Charity games, either because they like giving to charity or they like the extra points, or both. Some members don't care about points and they prefer to give their charity as they see fit. The Board has tried to blend and balance.

Monday - \$8 Charity Open, \$4.99 for 499'er
Tuesday - \$8 Charity Open and 299'er
Wednesday - \$7 Open & 99'er, evening game is \$8 Charity Swiss
Thursday - \$8 Charity Open and 299'er
Friday - \$7 Open & 99'er, evening game is \$8 Charity Pairs
Third Sunday - \$7 Unit Game
Fourth Sunday - \$8 Charity Swiss
STAC Week pricing is determined by Western Conference for STAC games

Grand National Teams...by Ginnie Blitzman

The 2010 Grand National Team event will be at the Summer Nationals in New Orleans. To represent District 22 you must first have qualified at the Club level and then the District 22 final level. Last year a NLM team from Dana Harbor represented District 22 in Washington, DC.

March is the last full month to qualify. Get your teams together and qualify.

The District 22 Finals will be held at the Club in April with Flights A (0-5000) and Flights C (0-NLM) on the 17th and 18th and Flights B (0-2000) and Open on the 24th and 25th.

Compact Kos Are Coming, Compact Kos Are Coming

DHBC will once again bring you a Special Event. This time it is a two-session Compact Knockout Charity Game.

Saturday, March 27, 2010
Two Session Compact Kos
With Lunch

\$20 for the entire day

Lots of Points

1st Session 9:30 AM

Lunch

2nd Session 1:30 PM

Consolation KO if possible

Swiss Teams or Pair event in PM

Director – Ginnie Blitzman

If you need a team, check with Ginnie at Ginnieb21@hotmail.com

Publicity

Please report tournament results to Kathy Braeunig or Jennifer Porter for The Forum and Lee Mequet for the Newsletter. Emails are listed in the Directory on the next page. It inspires the rest of us to know how well you're doing!

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.

Editor's Note

Please don't hesitate to send Newsletter contributions...Letters to the Editor, opinions, jokes, pictures...scandal and gossip! Send material to leemequet@hotmail.com. or look for me in the Club room. Lee Mequet

E-Mail Notice

This Newsletter is sent to all who wish to receive it. If you need to update your address please send it to Sandra Busby at sandbuz@aol.com.

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If anyone would like to join the Kitchen Committee, or has any helpful suggestion, please speak to our Food Service Chairperson, Carol Armstrong at 949-218-4339.

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