

McGregor Point the club with



Bridge News

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299er TOURNEY

The club will hold a 299er tournament on Oct. 30th - Nov. 1st. All points are silver! The pair games are at 10:00 and 2:30 on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, a two-session Swiss will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch served.

The stratification for the events is: A=200-299, B=50-199, C=0-49. No pre-registration is necessary. Play often and take home the silver! Come early and hear one of the McGregor Point teachers present a short bridge lecture before each session.

Also please note that there will be a regular open game each of these days during the tournament.

MORNING DUPLICATE!

Looking for a morning game? Are 26 boards just too much bridge? Do you want to have the afternoon free to plan other activities? Or -- our favorite -- you can't get enough bridge and want to play more than one game a day?

Starting Monday, Oct. 5, you can join us for a shortened bridge game at 10:00 a.m. You'll play until noon, 15-18 boards, for \$3. Stay for the afternoon game or come back and play in the evening and save a dollar. For those with extra stamina, play all three Monday games for \$12!

We invite everyone to play, with no additional fees for non-members. If you have a lot of standing games, this additional session might give you a chance to try out a new partner. This is also a great opportunity for some of our experienced players to invite the up-and-coming player to play.

CLUB APPRECIATION

October is "Club Appreciation Month". The ACBL allows us to hold sectionally rated games with no extra sanction fees. There will be one for every session that we run (including a special Swiss team event on October 25th with 10% GOLD points!). It is the ACBL's way of thanking all of the clubs and their members for their support. Therefore, October will be a masterpoint bonanza at no extra cost to you!

END OF MONTH WINNERS



Wed. Aft, 9/30/09, EOM Open Pairs
George Willoughby & Marg Roush, Flt A/B
Penny & Nick Ranson, Flt C



Wed. Aft, 9/30/09, EOM NLM Pairs
Fred Lindstedt & Elaine Toggweiler, Flt A/B
Dorsett & Rodney Judd, Flt C

UPCOMING MPBC FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Be sure to mark your calendars for MPBC's Fall Sectional Tournament, scheduled for November 12th through the 15th. There will be silver points galore! More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER, 2009

<u>0 - 20</u>	<u>20-100</u>	<u>100-200</u>	<u>200-500</u>
1. E. Toggweiler 2.29	1. Earle Davis 3.26	1. M. Naunapper 4.36	1. Richard Poinsett 6.15
2. Jo McGrade 2.27	2. Marti Duffin 3.07	1. Elva Meconitas 4.36	2. Dawn Poinsett 5.25
2. Steve McGrade 2.27	3. Mila Schmidt 2.37	3. Ann Hunnicutt 1.86	3. Rita Artwohl 5.28
<u>500-1000</u>	<u>1000-2500</u>	<u>2500+</u>	
1. Norman Cannon 9.68	1. Louise Conner 11.72	1. Esther Bankuti 29.72	
2. Becky Roberts 8.36	2. Marg Roush 11.61	2. Gloria White 24.69	
3. Judith Hallowell 5.73	3. Robin Spriggle 11.27	3. Steve Linehan 19.18	

Winners of the monthly drawing of pre-registration slips: Ann Rozema and Don Everett.

WELL DONE!!!

Each month we honor the players who win first overall ABC in an open or NLM game. For September the winners were:

- Sept 4th, Open, George Lowery & Lena Brown with 58.10%
- Sept 5th, Open, Theron Oxley & Bob Nuding with 57.18%
- Sept 11th, NLM, Shirley Furry & Nancy McCrory with 62.08%
- Sept 11th, Art & Marilyn Hopps with 59.58%
- Sept 18th, NLM, Dorothy French & Bob Russell with 59.17%
- Sept 25th, NLM, Wanda Jacobs & Carol Beaumont with 61.61%
- Sept 26th, NLM, Elva Meconitas & Marilynn Naunapper with 58.33%

Congratulations to the above players and continued good luck!

THE PARTNERSHIP DESK

We will soon be welcoming Bev Nelson onto our partnerships team. Trying to find compatible partners for those who request one isn't an easy job, but it can be a rewarding one.

Bev joins Marty, Becky, John, Val and Rick in attempting to find the best matches possible. Keep up the good work!

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Steve Linehan is in Health Park Hospital following abdominal surgery. No visitors, please. Send him a "get well" card at: 15036 Tamarind Cay Ct., Ft. Myers, FL, 33908

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to the following members for their rank advancement:

- Over 20: Peter Cartwright
- Over 50: Emily Schlote
- Over 1000: Lynne Schomaeker



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Extended Calendar of Events

The calendar on page 4 shows this month's events.

Sat, Nov 7	Club championship, no extra charge
Sun, Nov 8	Conversations, 11:30; one-sess. GNT, 12:30
Thu, Nov 12	Aft, Win-an-entry pairs, \$1 extra
Nov 12-15	MPBC Fall Sectional Tournament
Mon, Nov 16	Eve, club championship, no extra charge
Fri, Nov 20	Aft, club championship, no extra charge
Sun, Nov 22	11:30: Conversations 12:30: Unit 128 Swiss
Thu, Nov 26	Thanksgiving feast and club championship
Sun, Nov 29	Birthday game, 12:30
Mon, Nov 30	Aft, EOM Pairs, no extra charge Eve, ACBL charity game, \$1 extra
Fri, Dec 4	Eve, club championship, no extra charge
Sun, Dec 6	11:30: Conversations 12:30: Birthday game Unit 128 STaC
Dec 7 –13	Unit 128 STaC
Sun, Dec 13	11:30: Conversations 12:30: Silver Swiss
Wed, Dec 16	Aft, Holiday party/club championship, no extra
Sun, Dec 20	11:30: Conversations, 11:30, 12:30: Club championship, no extra charge
Mon, Dec 21	Eve, holiday party and CC., no extra charge
Fri, Dec 25	Closed, Merry Christmas!
Sun, Dec 27	Conversations, 11:30; Swiss team, 12:30, \$1 extra
Mon, Dec 28,	Aft and eve, end of year pairs, no extra
Tue, Dec 29	Aft, end of year pairs, no extra
Wed, Dec 30	Aft and eve, end of year pairs, no extra
Thu, Dec 31	Aft, end of year pairs, no extra
Thu, Dec 31	8 p.m., New Year's Eve Party!

BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATRE



October 1 - November 14. This is the story of two con men living on the French Riviera. One is suave and sophisticated, and the other is a small-town crook. A hilarious battle begins that will keep audiences laughing and guessing who wins in the end!

Call 278-4422 for reservations!

LIBRARY BOOKS

Would everyone please check and see if you have any MPBC library books lying around that need to be returned. If you have had them for more than a month, please bring them back in order to give other people a chance to read them. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

SEPTEMBER CLUB WINNERS

70% CLUB

George Willoughby & Shirley Pattison

77.55%

Esther Bankuti & Robin Spriggle

73.61%

Ann Rozema & Don Everett

70.50 %

REMINDER: If you have a 72% or better score in a 7-or-more table regular club game, ask the director to give your recap to Val or Rick for inclusion in the Florida District 9 Bridge News.

TWO IMPORTANT FACTS

The ACBL Board of Directors has approved new requirements for attaining the rank of Life Master, starting next year. The new regulation specifies that it does not apply to those who are dues-paid ACBL members as of December 31, 2009, and maintain continuous membership in the ACBL until they become Life Masters.

As of January 1, 2010, the requirements for attaining Life Master status change to 500 total masterpoints, of which 50 must be gold or platinum; 50 red, gold or platinum; 75 silver and 75 black. IMPORTANT: This means that if your membership is not active as of Dec.31, 2009, you will be required to fulfill the new Life Master requirements. It also means that if you let your membership lapse after January 1, 2010, before you become a Life Master, the new requirements will apply to you!

Along those lines, also please note that the ACBL's amnesty program is now in effect for anyone who has let their ACBL membership lapse. If you pay your dues before December 31st, you will be in complete good standing with ACBL and get ALL points in "pending status" activated.

October, 2009, Special Events

(Remember - Reservations are requested. Call 433-4422 to reserve!)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9:00 <20 Newpicate 10:00: Open Game	9:00 Lesson Game Play and Learn		9:00 Lesson Game		
12:30 Open	12:30 Open / NLM	12:30 Open / NLM	12:30 Open / 1000 / 300	12:30 Open / NLM	12:30 Open / NLM	12:30 Open / NLM
	6:30 - Chalk Talk 7:00 Open / NLM		7:00 Open		7:00 Open	
				1	2	3
						12:30 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11:30 Conversations and Coffee (no extra charge) 11:30	7:00 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)	12:30 Club Championship (no extra charge)		12:30 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
12:30 "8 is Enough) Swiss Teams (\$1.00 extra)	12:30 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)				12:30 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bagels, Birthdays and Bridge (no extra charge)		12:30 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)	7:00 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)		7:00 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
12:30 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams 10% GOLD (no extra charge)	12:30 Club Championship (no extra charge)		12:30 Club Appreciation (no extra charge)		10:00 & 2:30 299er Tournament (see article, page 1) & 12:30 regular game	10:00 & 2:30 299er Tournament (see article, page 1) and 12:30 EOM Pairs & Halloween Party (no extra charge)
NOV. 1						
10:00 & 2:30 299er Swiss (see page 1) & 12:30 regular game						