

# ACBL Unit 179 News

Spring 2026

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## UNIT 179 PRESENTS NEW LIFE MASTERS

Unit 179 held its annual awards luncheon on April 14, 2026 at the Vanderbilt Bridge Center. A delicious buffet lunch was served featuring Edley's barbecue and side dishes with dessert provided by Denise Hays. Following lunch and presentation of awards, an afternoon of bridge was enjoyed by all. The unit thanks Aissa Wayne, assisted by Hilary Brown, Tammy Edens and Ann Gibson, for planning this important event.



Pictured left to right, Michael Cross, John McGuirk, Dean Carmeris, Ann Gibson, Ed Reagen, Jim Ray, Katherine Keenan, Kathy Patten. Not pictured Angie Sevier, Bill and Connie Booth, Hilary Hart-Brown, Morris Kupfer, Richell Breakwell, Rick Ross

## TO ALL WINNERS - YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS SALUTE YOU!



## OTHER AWARDS

### ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS



Barbara Rhodes, Dede Saelens, Carter Todd, Cassandra Estes, Donnie Pennington, Dean Cramers, Mary Pepper, Ben High, Tammy Gray, Richard Chalal, Harry Allen, Bill Lefko, Mike Reeslund. Becky Lowen, Art Lowen

### MINI MCKINNEY



Teresa Tank, Vincent Gould, Carter Todd, Cassandra Estes, Donnie Pennington, Dean Carmeris, Ann Gibson, Suzanne Torrence, Tammy Gray, Bill Stevenson, David Cochener, Linda Murdock, Mike Reesland, Pat Williams, Art Lowen.



## Silver, Silver Everywhere

Vanderbilt Bridge Club hosted the spring sectional March 24-28 which was a great success under the direction of David Birnbaum, with help from Sandy Gregory, Peggy Crawford, Pat Williams and many other willing volunteers. We had 287 tables of bridge and a total 1275 silver points were earned.

The event was kicked off with cocktail party followed by a mentor/mentee game. Thank you Pat Williams for coordinating.



Our hard working leader



Players are rolling in with traffic cops Mark Nosal and Steve Leifkowitz directing traffic



As players arrived Joy Conkwright made sure there was plenty of coffee.



Sandy Gregory organized food and snacks.



Registering



Playing

### UPCOMING EVENTS

All Clubs Social, Saturday, May 23  
Join us for the first All Clubs Social at the Vanderbilt Bridge Club. Enjoy a free lunch followed by a fun and welcoming game of Bridge. The game will be stratified. No need to register in Advance – just show up, have lunch and play!

### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Summer Sectional, June 23-27  
Co-Chairs Richell Breakwell and Tammy Edens

Grand Ole Regional, October 5-11  
Chair Karen Kendrick

GOOD LUCK AND MAY ALL YOUR FINESSES SUCCEED!



And thanks to the elusive Randy Held for stocking soft drinks

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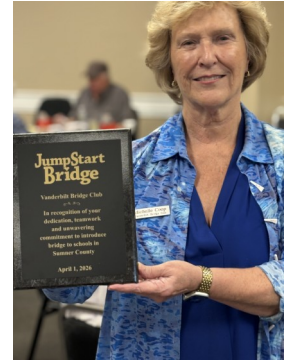
## EDUCATION

### BIG NEWS FOR YOUTH BRIDGE

Two sessions of bridge for students is planned July 6-10 and July 13-17 with sessions going from 10:30 to 2 pm. Refreshments will be served and players are asked to bring lunch, however there is NO COST for the camp! No previous experience in bridge required and sessions are open for students in grades 4-12. Chairman, Michelle Coop is very excited about the chance for our next generation of bridge players to get their start!

Michelle also received an elegant plaque from Jump Start Bridge which she proudly holds.

Many thanks to Michelle and her team: Barbara Moomy, Annie Bartlett, Aissa Wayne, Sandy Gregory, Barb Daugherty, Tammy Edens, Hilary Brown, Carter Todd, Andy Lee, Michael Weinzimer, Trese Tank, Rob Tank, and Mike Smithfield.



## MENTOR/MENTEE

Chairmen Conde Devine and Laura Lonegan continue to be pleased with the response to the Mentor/Mentee game and it continues to be extremely popular and well organized. Unless there is a scheduling issue this game will be played the first Thursday of each month.

Prior to bridge on March, Sapphire Life Master and co-chair of education committee, Jon Young gave lecture "Introduction to Leads and Defensive Carding" to many interested players, both mentees and mentors. If you missed the lecture it is on the unit site at [www.acblunit179.org](http://www.acblunit179.org)

