

January 2019 Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

The DMBC Board of Directors, Club Manager and Game Directors all wish each of you a very Happy New Year!

Some history of our club for our newer members. In 1956, Polly Mullin began holding games in her home in Daytona Beach. These gatherings were the precursor of our club. Seven years later, in 1963, DMBC was legally established as a non-profit corporation in the state of Florida, which is when our building at 600 Driftwood Avenue was built.

By all accounts this past year has been one of the most challenging in our club's long history of 63 years. Finally, however, it appears we are on our way to being operational soon again. As mentioned before, the building renovations which had begun in September were abruptly put on hold in Mid-November when the roofing contractor defaulted on the contract.

The roof continued to leak throughout that time, causing additional damage to the insulation and ceiling tiles which now require replacement. A new contractor was selected December 6 and began work in mid-December. We are still working out final scheduling which involves coordinating the tasks of finishing the roof, installing new insulation and ceiling tiles, and finally installation of our new carpet. Then we need to get everything put back in place and be "ready to play". Over the next few weeks we will let you know when and how you can help in this effort.

There is still much to be done, but we are getting there. We hope to announce that "We're in the bridge business again" sometime during the 3rd or 4th week in January. At that time we should have a better idea about a firm reopening date.

Our club has pulled together on so many occasions in the past and this is no exception. We all look forward to the New Year, reuniting with all our club members and playing bridge in our new and improved building as soon as possible. Again, thank you all for your patience and understanding as we navigate these unknown waters.

JANUARY SECTIONAL

Because of the uncertainty of the building renovations, we have been forced to cancel our January Sectional. It has been rescheduled and will be held March 21-24, 2019. Please plan to join us for our **SPRING FLING** which will be no less exciting or fun than our Sectionals usually held in January. Watch for more information and the flyer on our website daytonabridgeclub.org.

We are looking for volunteers to act as Tournament Chair, Tournament Co-Chair and Partnership Chair. If you are interested in helping manage the tournament please contact me at mwirkutis@cfl.rr.com.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would again like to thank the management, directors, and players at the Deland Bridge Club, Tomoka Bridge Club, New Smyrna Bridge Club, and Palm Coast Bridge Club for their generosity to our members while our building was undergoing renovations. I have heard only positive comments from the DMBC members about their experiences at our neighboring clubs. **THANK YOU ALL.**

HEAD START

This year, despite our being closed from mid-September through December, we raised \$2150.00 in cash and contributed a great many gifts and toys to bring joy to some financially challenged Volusia County families. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a record year for DMBC contributions to Head Start.

JIM GEARY coordinated this effort for us and delivered our monetary contributions and toy gifts to Head Start in time for the Holidays. Thank you, **JIM.**

HOLIDAY PARTY

In spite of our being 'without a home' for the Holiday Season we had a marvelous Holiday Party hosted by **JOHN AND CHERYL DIETZ** at their home on December 15th. It was a magnificent party with lots of fun, food and festivities.....and a wonderful turnout. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish or dessert to share, as well those who brought items for the White Reindeer gift exchange which was the highlight of the evening. And especially, **THANK YOU, CHERYL AND JOHN!**

ANNUAL MEETING and POTLUCK LUNCHEON

As soon as we have a firm date for reopening, we will schedule a day to elect our new board members and hold our annual meeting. Members will be asked to bring dishes to share for a potluck luncheon on that day. Members will receive a report of last year's activities and future goals. We again express our appreciation to retiring board members **CHARLIE REED, TINA ROSS and BONNIE ZAKOTNIK.** Also, to **KATHLEEN KELLER AND TOM VAN NEST,** current board members whose terms are expiring, but who would like to continue to serve.

We have five openings this year for our nine-member board of directors. Board nominees are:

CAROL FOSTER
JANE GIBBONS
JOAN INGERSOLL
KAREN JEZEWSKI
KATHLEEN KELLER (Incumbent)
JASMINA PARKHANI
TOM VAN NEST (Incumbent)

Please visit our website at daytonabridgeclub.org to read short biographies of each candidate. Voting will take place at each game once we reopen. Once we announce that the "polls are open", members who are unable to vote at the club can submit an absentee ballot or email your choices (up to 5 names) to Nomination Chair **DAVID PEARCE** at david5603mary@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL DUES

We will start collecting annual dues of \$25.00 as soon as the club re-opens. Remember that you must be a paid-up member of the club to vote for the Board of Directors.

As you pay your dues you will also be asked to review the address, telephone number and email information we have on file for you to be sure it is correct. There will be a list available for you to check at the club.

ANNUAL REMINDERS

CONVENTION CARDS

Partners should have identical convention cards filed out when playing in club games. If you need help in filling out a card talk with other players or the director in charge. Also remember that you need only fill in what you are playing with your partner.

CELL PHONES

Directors have been instructed to assess a player a quarter board penalty if his/her cell phone rings during the game. This includes cell phones in purses.

SLOW PLAY – REMEMBER, BRIDGE IS A TIMED EVENT

Game directors have been asked to remove all non-played boards from tables if the opening lead is not on the table by the 2-minute warning. This will require that directors circle the tables when the clock indicates 3 minutes left to play to spot potential problems. Directors can also assess a quarter board penalty to players who are late more than two rounds during the game.

Make your initial lead BEFORE entering the contract on your scoresheet or into the Bridgmates. Table the Dummy's hand BEFORE entering the contract on your scoresheet or into the Bridgmates. Please refrain from discussing any bids, hands, results, etc. until you have completed the round. All this will speed up play and help you avoid penalties.

GAME SCHEDULE

BEGINNING BRIDGE AND BASIC BRIDGE REVIEW CLASS will continue to be held on Tuesdays from 9AM to noon at the Schnebly Center until further notice. There will be NO class on January 1. **JIM GEARY** teaches this informative and entertaining series of lessons.

MONDAY GAMES

Our 9AM Monday morning 0-50 game is very popular. **JIM GEARY** directs and is currently offering thirty-minute lessons on a variety of topics.

At 12:30 **SPIKE LAY** offers a thirty-minute lesson followed by concurrent 1PM Open and 0-499 games directed by **JOHN RIDENOUR**.

TUESDAY GAMES

Each Tuesday morning at 9AM **JIM GEARY** offers ongoing Beginning Bridge classes.... "**BASIC BRIDGE REVIEW - MODERN 2/1 STYLE OF BIDDING**". These classes run through January.

On Tuesday afternoon we offer a 0-999 game with a lesson at 12:30. **MARTHA WIRKUTIS** will be directing this game.

WEDNESDAY GAMES

Wednesday morning offers a popular 0-300 morning game and lesson. **JIM GEARY** directs this game and his 9AM lesson is followed by a game.

Wednesday afternoon offers an Open game directed by **JUDITH MCCALL** at 1PM.

THURSDAY MORNING GAME

A 0-199 GAME is offered each Thursday morning at 9AM. **BARRY POPE** gives a thirty-minute lesson which is followed by a 9:30 game. This game offers members whose masterpoints fall within this range an excellent opportunity to have fun and acquire masterpoints.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

MENTOR GAMES are held at 1PM the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month. There will be a sign-up list at the club.

TEAM GAMES are held at 1PM on the other **THURSDAYS** of each month. Sign up sheets are at the club.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

Our afternoon Friday Open and 0-799 Games continue to be popular. We encourage Open players to support this two-session game. Most players in our Friday afternoon 0-799 game have between 0-300 points. Our Friday afternoon game has rotating directors.

FRIDAY EVENING TEAM GAMES

We have team games each Friday evening at 6:30. Come with a partner and draw for teammates. It is great fun and an enjoyable way to spend a Friday night! Again, please don't forget to sign up at the club. **SPIKE LAY** usually directs this game.

Happy New Year! And may 2019 be a successful year for all of us!

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