



JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER



THE LONGEST DAY

We are pleased to once again participate in The Longest Day, the Alzheimer's Association's major yearly fundraiser. Our Longest Day game will be held on Wednesday, June 20th. The card fee for this game will be \$5.00. In addition, we will have a donation basket available for those choosing to make a contribution toward finding a cure for Alzheimer's. If you would like to donate by a check payable to the Alzheimer's Association, put it in the basket of give it to any Board member and you will receive a receipt directly from the Association. All cash donations and all card fees will be given to the fight against this hideous disease.

RANK CHANGES

Following is a list of members who have achieved new ACBL Ranks during the last three months.

Ruby Life Master: Jesse Roach
 Bronze Life Master: Kay Lawton
 Advanced NABC
 Master: Mike McComb, Madhu Suchak
 NABC Master: Frank Shallo

Congratulations to each of you.

For the rest of you, this is a meager list, so let's get going.

JUNE SCHEDULE

Qualification for the ACBL North American Pairs, one of the league's grass roots events, begins in June. Members who qualify at the club level are eligible to play in our District finals and, if successful, move on to the National level. These games award half red/half black points at 82% Sectional Rating. We will hold six of those games in June.

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In addition, there will be three Club Championships, and two Charity Games. Other games of interest:

Perfect 10 Team Game – Friday, June 8th -- Perfect Ten Format with handicaps.

Longest Day – Wednesday, June 20th – Annual Alzheimer's Association fundraiser.

Individual Game – Friday, June 29th – You will get a new partner on each hand (and spend a lot of time walking around in circles). No time for system discussion, so play SAYC or the even more popular wing - it system. This game, in my opinion, is a hoot, so, if you haven't tried it, give it a shot. Special card fee of \$1.00 for members will apply. There will be a sign - up sheet for this game, and remember, **ya gotta sign up to play, and if you sign up, ya gotta show up.**

Game Schedule - June 2018		
Monday 1:30pm	Wednesday 1:30pm	Friday 1:30pm
		1-Jun Open Pairs\$
4-Jun Open Pairs#	6-Jun Open Pairs\$	8-Jun Perfect 10 Teams Handicapped&
11-Jun Open Pairs\$	13-Jun Open Pairs#	15-Jun Open Pairs\$
18-Jun Open Pairs\$	20-Jun Longest Day	22-Jun Open Pairs
25-Jun Open Pairs&	27-Jun Open Pairs\$	29-Jun Individual#
\$ = NAOP Qualifier	& = Charity Game	# = Club Championship

BOARD MEETING REPORT

The latest meeting of your Board was held on May 16th. Following is a brief summary of the meeting.

September Sectional -- We have assembled the same band of characters to bust their butts for this year's Sectional to be held September 28th to 30th. Front women and vocalists – Pat B and Shela, arrangements and guitar – Cathie, Jesse on drums, and Ron is the basest. I'm pretty sure this is the farewell concert for most of this group, so please make plans to attend early and often. Want to help? Don't worry, we will be asking for all the help we can get.

Club Closed for Augusta Regional -- The club will be closed Wednesday, August 28th through Monday, September 3rd, 2018 in support of the Augusta Regional Bridge Tournament at the Marriott Hotel. Club games will resume Wednesday, September 5th.

Teaching Program -- In the never ending battle to come up with a teaching program, we will look into renting a room at the Odell Weeks Center on a few Tuesdays or Thursdays to discuss the hands from the previous day's game. The program may evolve into lessons about specific bidding treatments, such as Bergen Raises, Puppet Stayman, Four Suit Transfers, etc., depending on the response to the program. There will be a sign up sheet to see if anyone is interested.

Holiday Party -- The Reserve Club at Woodside will once again be the venue for our Holiday Party. The event, consisting of bridge followed by dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 12th. The few complaints that we know about from last year's event will be addressed. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please talk to Phoebe, Phyllis P (our Party Girls) or any Board member.

We also discussed a couple of member complaints.

First, a few members have complained that the temperature in the playing room is too hot, and an equal number have complained it is too cold. Well, guess what, it's cold in the North and warm in the South. The vast majority just deal with it. If you have a problem with the temperature, speak to the Director. Please do not go bitching to the Croft House front desk. The Director will use his/her infinite wisdom to decide if a HVAC adjustment is necessary.

Second, a number of members do not like the Croft House water and have requested we supply bottled water. Not happening, as we have no space to store it. Simple solution. Bring your own, oh, and by the way, don't forget to use the Croft House ice to chill your water.

MORE SIGNS



SUCH A DEAL

Due to the, um, somewhat surprising response to last month's Bridge in the Stables article, I believe I have found the perfect market to ~~unlead~~ offer for sale some prime real estate.

First, we have a bridge that looms majestically over New York City's East River, linking the two boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn. Since 1883, its granite towers and steel cables have offered a safe and scenic passage to millions of commuters and tourists, trains and bicycles, pushcarts and cars. This can be yours for the incredibly low price of \$199.62 per month for only five years.

But, you must take action now; you can't wait, because I only have seven more available. Here it is in all its glory.



Second, we have an incredible 3.75962 acre tract in beautiful downtown Everglades City, Florida. Looks like a perfect site for yet another fifty or sixty floor condo. By paying a few mill to the Trump Organization you could brand it Trump Tower Swamp (for which they will do absolutely nothing). The market is there by targeting all the swamp creatures the POTUS is draining from Washington. I mean, they got to go somewhere to get away from the snakes he's replacing them with. So, they should be comfortable in the swamp environment. This is truly a developer's ~~nightmare~~ dream come true. All offers will be considered. Here are two pictures of this gorgeous property.



As an extra bonus, I am offering the one and only original manuscript of *Gullible's Travels* to each and everyone submitting an offer for these properties.

So, here we are on page 4 of our two page newsletter, and I have nothing more to say. I was thinking about putting the ever popular

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on this page, but I can't seem to get my head around how that works. I mean, if you write something on it, how is it blank?

In the spirit of that somewhat perplexing question, I offer you some quotes and questions from Robert D. Rabbitsmith, the erudite scientist who lives in the mind of comedian Steve Wright.

- ✚ I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- ✚ Borrow money from pessimists — they don't expect it back.
- ✚ 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- ✚ If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- ✚ The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- ✚ OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- ✚ How can you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- ✚ Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- ✚ When everything seems to be coming your way, maybe you're in the wrong lane.
- ✚ I intend to live forever... so far, so good.
- ✚ If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- ✚ What happens if you get scared half to death...twice?
- ✚ Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- ✚ A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- ✚ Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- ✚ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- ✚ Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- ✚ If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?