

Dear Bridge players, our new club is getting better and better, and closer and closer to breaking even!! We continue to be amazed at our generous donors and supporters. Thank you very much!! I urge you to visit our website:

[The Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club, Englewood Fl \(bridgewebs.com\)](http://bridgewebs.com) where you will find just about everything you need to know about our games. STaC games are happening this week; here's how to check results: [ACBL](http://acbl.org). Allow me to brag about our own Al Vaccaro and Ed Quinlan who came in 2nd out of 95.5 tables and won 11.72 Silver Points at our first STaC game this week! We have completed a series of North American Pairs Qualifying Games. The list of the 74 of us who qualified at the club level is attached. If you made the cut and are interested in competing further to represent your stratification in the North American Pairs Competition (District: Orlando Regional, January 2023; and National: New Orleans NABC, March 2023), here's the info. [Microsoft Word - NAP 2022-23.docx \(acbl.org\)](http://acbl.org).

Coming up:

- Complimentary mini lessons happen every Friday at 12:30 before the game. Let Tom know if there is a particular topic you'd like discussed.
- We are trying a Pro-Am event Friday, August 19. Each pair must have at least one player with fewer than 1000 points. Two amateurs are welcome to play together if they wish. Plenty of room for Am's and Pro's, especially Pro's. Please let Tom know if you have over 1000 points and are willing to mentor an aspiring player. Am's should contact Tom if they wish to play and want him to find a pro partner. Anybody can click on the list of Pros and Ams ([Pro - Am Player List.pdf \(bridgewebs.com\)](http://bridgewebs.com)) and try to match themselves with an eligible partner. Extra refreshments before the game and discussion of the hands with Al and Ann afterwards. \$8 game fee.
- We continue the "Two-prize" game once a month, next one is August 21 and we'll have another September 25, \$8 game fee.
- Club Championship Games are September 6-11, extra points, \$8 game fee.
- Royal STaC week is September 13-18, \$9 game fee but lots of Silver Points will be awarded.

Our list of potential beginning students is getting longer. Please check among your friends and ask anyone who wants to learn to play bridge to contact me. Also let me know if you might be interested in teaching. We'll start a morning class as soon as we have enough students.

To keep everyone happy, it helps to move the game along if you lead before writing the contract in your private score, pass boards to the next lower table if you are not finished when the round is called, and make every effort to catch up when you have fallen behind, even though it's not your fault. The directors have heard your complaints about slow play and are watching to catch them in the act and issue late play(s). Please place your bidding and playing cards softly on the table; the snapping sound is quite painful to those of us with hearing aids.

We have games at 1 PM every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday and Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 701 N. Indiana Av., Englewood. Please join us soon and often.

Feel free to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or complaints. Call Tom if you need a partner.

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