

Dear Bridge Players, this is your final reminder of the Holiday Party on December 20, noon, details pasted below. Game afterwards as usual, \$8 p/p. I must have your reservation by December 12 if you plan to come, and your choice of meat or veggie lasagna. If you are thinking about coming and not yet a member, now's the time to join, and it's a bargain this year. Nonmember upcharge for lunch is \$15, and membership (\$25) entitles you to lunch 12/20 and two free plays between now and December 2023. Contact our Treasurer (Helen Ford, 252-564-4325; hfordobx@gmail.com) to join. If any of you has any social bridge playing friends who would like to try duplicate, we have invited our graduates to a pupil (0-5 masterpoints, 12 hands) game that afternoon. Other players who have under 5 masterpoints are welcome to join that section, \$5 to play.

Thank you whoever made the excellent suggestion to have the holiday party earlier next year before people travel. We'll do it!!

I need to thank you once again on behalf of Pastor Ken, the entire congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, and the Ukranian family for your generosity; we donated \$3,126 plus individual gift bags for all seven children and parents. We received a heartfelt thank you note, and video of the presentation, which unfortunately is so large that I cannot figure out how to post it to our website. Anyhow, trust me that it was a very moving presentation, I am told there was not a dry eye in the house and the family is ever so grateful.

Not much enthusiasm for changing our schedule so next year we will continue to have games every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday afternoon, and we hope to offer a limited section much more often starting in January. If you come, we will do it. Check the website for calendar and loads of other useful information. [The Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club, Englewood Fl \(bridgewebs.com\)](http://bridgewebs.com). Coming up next week is STaC week December 6-12 (SILVER POINTS), and extra point games all month. Check the January schedule for special events including Sloppy Sunday Stratified Swiss January 8 (Sloppy Joe sandwiches before the game and root beer floats between rounds). Choose your own 4-person team for this fun event. Also, week-long Junior Fund charity games 1/10-15 and another two-prize day.

Your Board of Directors did decide to promise you 24 boards per session in the open game, more if a sit out requires us to sometimes play 26-

27. Also, if a more elegant movement is available if we play 26, 27 or 28, we'll do it. So going forward, if there is an elegant movement available that guarantees everyone 24 boards, that's what we'll do.

We are entering our first full year of operation and wish to ask for players to help with our chores. If you are willing to come early and stay late to put up/take down tables and chairs on certain days, we will reward you with a free play. Check with Tom ahead and he'll let you know which days we need help. If you are willing to come early and stay late to put out and put away snacks and collect trash, that will also earn a free play. Let Margaret know ahead if you wish to be scheduled. Training provided.

As always, contact Tom if you need a partner 508-737-7181, and me with questions, suggestions, and complaints.
Margaret 941-223-3712.