



Dear Bridge Players, once a month I plan to write with a progress report of our club. First of all, heads up! We've added Club Championship Games (no extra charge) this Thursday 7/21 and Friday 7/22, to make up for last week's cancelations due to A/C problems.

### NEWS from GVDBC 7/18

We very much appreciate your support. We're off to a good start. Lots of players (but we'd like more), lots of positive feedback, and everyone seems to be having a great time. Thank you for helping us make this such a friendly club. Iced water and individually served snacks are provided. We stopped making coffee as it gets thrown away on these hot summer afternoons. We are eager to add a limited section to our games. As soon as attendance warrants, we're on it!! I encourage you to visit our website [The Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club, Englewood Fl \(bridgewebs.com\)](http://The Greater Venice Duplicate Bridge Club, Englewood Fl (bridgewebs.com)) where you will find lots of information about our club. Go here to look at the calendar, access results which we post to ACBL live and to The Common Game, request or offer rides, see pictures of our club and players, and lots more. We do have some fun events in store:

- NAP qualifying games all week, July 26-31 and Aug 2-7. Double points, half red. \$9 entry fee.
- STaC week Aug 9-14. Silver points, lots of them! \$9 entry fee.
- Two Prize Day, July 24 and August 21. If you take a trick with a two, call for the two-prize, but do not open it; it's not yours unless you have it at the end of the game. When someone else calls for the two-prize, you must give it to them. Whoever has it at the end of the day empties the contents into their pocket and returns the two-prize box to the director.
- Pro-Am game: August 19. We need Pros to support this effort. If you are a seasoned player, it is an opportunity to help the aspiring players improve their game, and to meet new people. Amateurs are those with fewer than 1000 points and Pros are players with more than 1000 points. In the spirit of the event, please don't form partnerships with your regular partners. Invite someone eligible that you'd like to

get to know better. Everybody pays their own way. Each partnership must have at least one player with fewer than 1000 points. Pros sit North and East; amateurs sit South and West. We will post a list of players in each category on the bulletin board August 1. Or, call Tom to let him know you are available, and he'll match you. Come early to discuss conventions with your partner; we will have extra refreshments. And do plan to gather near tables 4, 5, 6, and 7 after the game for a postmortem with Ann Turner and Al Vaccaro, who will discuss bidding and play of the hands as requested, so make notes during the game.

- Tom's Tips: starting in August, every Friday, Tom will host or arrange a mini-lesson before the game, from 12:30-12:50. Gather near tables 4, 5, 6, and 7 to join the group.

We plan to offer a beginning bridge course as soon as we can line up enough students. If you have any friends who might be interested, ask them to contact us.

Perhaps you've noticed the suggestion box at the club. We are always looking for ideas and ways to make this a better experience for you. Do let us know if you have any suggestions. Use the box or email me. Hope to see you soon at our club. Reservations are not required, but please remember to bring proof of vaccination the first time you come.

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