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Exciting and Important News from Naples Bridge Center- December 2024

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**BRIDGEMATTERS**
Naples Bridge Center
December, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

It's hard to believe that 2024 is coming to a close. It's been an incredibly busy and productive year at the Naples Bridge Center, and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on all we've accomplished together.



Barbara Levine and her team of directors have put together a bridge program that brings numerous extra-point games to our members. Barbara, along with Diane Seely and Carol Booth, has taken on the challenging task of preparing an increasing number of duplicate bridge boards.

Our bridge operations team is also committed to providing more playing opportunities for our newer players. The Naples Bridge Center now offers limited-point games four mornings a week, led by Janet Tuter, Tony, Nan, and Barbara.

Kathleen Lewis and Barry Davis have continued to streamline our back-office operations. We've added more online reservation and payment options to our website, making it easier for members to register for events. Kathleen has also identified new vendors and overseen our ongoing building repairs.

Equally essential to the success of the Naples Bridge Center is our spirit of volunteerism. Our Board of Directors contributes 30-40 hours each week—yes, every week—to keep the club running smoothly. Their regular activities include managing coupon sales, teaching two classes per week, monitoring finances daily, organizing tournaments and special events, providing computer and tech support, maintaining the website and Square store, and coordinating event volunteers, recruiting new players to the club, along with all the standard board functions.

An important role our members can play is through ongoing financial support. While our Board of Directors is committed to keeping daily table fees steady, we face challenges with unexpected building expenses. Over half of our facility is over 50 years old, and this older section required costly repairs this year. A major leak in the office area needed extensive remediation, and around the same time, our septic system at the front of the building cracked, requiring urgent attention and replacement of entire tank to prevent potential flooding into the club. These expenses totaled over \$50,000.

The older section of our building is facing additional costly repairs and replacements. Three aging air conditioning units are still working but will soon need replacement. The windows on the south and west sides of the old building aren't hurricane-resistant, nor do we have hurricane shutters. We also need to invest in creating a fully accessible entrance for individuals with disabilities. We've been researching the most effective and efficient way to make these upgrades, which would also allow us to open the north back door for both entry and exit.

To address these capital expenses, the NBC Board of Directors voted during the November meeting to initiate a 2024-2025 fundraising campaign. We reached out to several club members who have generously supported us in the past to help kickstart this effort. I am delighted to announce that Jeanie and John Shufelt have pledged to match 2024/2025 contributions made by our members. The Shufelts have been major supporters of our club's renovation and previously took the lead in a matching campaign to eliminate our debt. A heartfelt thank you to John and Jeanie for their incredible generosity! At the conclusion of the campaign, I will share the full extent of their significant contribution.

To recover what we've already spent and continue to build a secure financial future, we are launching a donation campaign with a goal of raising \$100,000. We encourage every member to contribute, and we invite those who can do so, to consider making a more significant impact. Every contribution, no matter the amount, brings us closer to our goal and helps protect the club we all cherish.

Donations can be made in person at the center by check or cash or online by clicking this link: <https://naplesbridgecenter.square.site/product/online-donation/7>. As a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, all contributions are tax deductible.

Upcoming events are featured in this newsletter. Take a moment to read through it and stay informed about all our exciting bridge activities.

Janet Hendrickson is the chair of the nominating committee for the upcoming board election in mid-January 2025. The slate of candidates must be submitted to the board for approval at the December 10th meeting. If you're interested in running, please reach out to Janet.

Please visit our NBC Giving Holiday Tree at the club! This year, we are proud to support the STARability Foundation, a local organization that has been empowering adults with developmental disabilities since 1983. Additional details are available at the club.

We also hope to see you at our Holiday Party on December 15th—our special annual opportunity to celebrate and socialize outside the club!

Wishing all our members a joyful and happy holiday season!

~~Melanie

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BRIDGE OPERATIONS

Hi,

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

I'll be back soon, in the meantime, please refer to the NBC website for game times and club information.

[Naples Bridge Center Website](#)

~Barbara
Bridge Operations



IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Financial Support of your Club

2024-2025 Fundraising Campaign

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Thank you for your support.



NBC Online Store

Convenient online store for membership applications, event tickets, coupon purchases, lesson registrations and club donations.

ONLINE STORE LINK

MEMBERSHIP

We are excited to announce special membership rates for 2025! Act now to take advantage of these limited-time offers, available until January 31, 2025.

Here are the special rates for 2025:

- **Lifetime Membership: \$250 (\$50 saved)**
- **5-Year New Member: \$130 (\$30 saved)**
- **3-Year New Member: \$85 (\$15 saved)**
- **1-Year New Member: \$40 (regular price)**
- **5-Year Renewal: \$120 (\$30 saved)**
- **3-Year Renewal: \$75 (\$15 saved)**
- **1-Year Renewal: \$30 (regular price)**



By opting for a multi-year or lifetime membership, you'll enjoy peace of mind, knowing your Membership is secured at the best possible rate. Plus, you'll help support our club's initiatives and activities over the coming years.

Take advantage of these fantastic offers!

You can renew your Membership online via our new Square Store by clicking on the link below. Paper applications are also available onsite at the coupon desk, which is open Monday through Saturday from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP LINK

Weekend Sectional Results

We had an amazing turnout for our Sectional Weekend.

A total of 1266.34 masterpoints were earned by 239 players.

Our total attendance was 227 tables.



Below is a link to where the ACBL posted all the results of our Sectional Games:

web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2024/11/2411355.htm

LESSON SCHEDULE



WINTER 2025 LESSONS

Play of the Hand with Richard Gabriel Level: Advanced Players	Mondays 10:00 am - 11:30 am Jan 6th - Jan 27th 4-week class \$90 for the series Available for Online Sign-up
Bridge Basics 2 with Tony Cipolla Level: Beginners	Tuesdays 9:00 am - 11:30 am Jan 7th - Mar 4th 9-week class \$20 per session Sign-up not required, but appreciated
An Intro to Bridge with Ellen Gabriel Level: Beginners	Wednesdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am Jan 8th - Feb 12th 6-week class \$120 for the series ~ Includes book Available for Online Sign-up
Improving Judgement with Melanie Schaengold Level: Advanced Beginners	Thursdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am Jan 23rd - Feb 27th 6-week class \$120 for the series ~ Includes book Available for Online Sign-up

Sign-up for classes:
Email: naplesbridge@gmail.com
Call: 239-455-4445
Online: <https://naplesbridgecenter.square.site>

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

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5865 Golden Gate Pkwy Naples, FL 34116

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[ONLINE LESSON PAYMENT LINK](#)



ENTRY COUPONS

20 Entry coupons may be purchased on our

[Naples Bridge Center Website](#)

or any quantity at the club's Coupon Desk.

Use your credit card to pay online.

ENTRY COUPON LINK

Pick up your coupons at the
Coupon Desk

Mon-Sat between 12:15 and 12:45 pm.



Thank you for your adherence to the early arrival for game time.

**As a reminder,
please arrive before 12:45
and be in your seat by 12:50.**

The coupon desk will close at 12:45.

Directors will stop giving out seat assignments by 12:50.

We appreciate your continued assistance.



MONDAY EVENINGS

OPEN GAME STARTS AT 6:00PM

18 BOARDS

Homemade Soup

Hosted by Director Beth Stephens



SUNDAY SWISS

OPEN GAME BEGINS 1:00

Sign up at the Bridge Center
or by calling

Mary Sauer (239)-285-5244 or
NBC at (239) 455-4445.

NAPLES BRIDGE CENTER
JANUARY 16-19, 2025

Two Tournaments in One!
Open Silver Point Sectional AND
Non-Life Master Regional (Gold Points!)

Naples Sectional Details

Thursday, January 16
 Stratified Open Pairs - 10:00 am
 Stratified Open Pairs - 2:30 pm

Friday, January 17
 A/X Pairs - 10:00 am
 Mid-Flight (B/C) Pairs - 10:00 am
 A/X Pairs - 2:30 pm
 Mid-Flight (B/C) Pairs - 2:30 pm

Saturday, January 18
 Stratified Open Pairs - 10:00 am
 Stratified Open Pairs - 2:30 pm

Sunday, January 19
 Stratified Open Swiss Teams - 10:00 am
 Playthrough (lunch included)

Fees:
 \$15 per person for single session events
 \$140 per team for Sunday Swiss

Stratifications:
 Open events: A = 4000+
 B = 1500-4000
 C = 0-1500
 A/X events: A = 6000+
 X = 0-6000
 Mid-flight events: B = 1500-3000
 C = 0-1500
 (no player may have over 3000 points)

Chairperson: Neil Selvin
 Phone: 239-455-4445
 E-mail: naplesbridge@gmail.com

Partnerships:
 nbcpartnerships@gmail.com

Lunch available for purchase Thursday, Friday, & Saturday.
 Lunch is included on Sunday.

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Non-Life Master Regional Tournament Details

Thursday, January 16
 Gold Rush Pairs (two session event) -
 10:00 am and 2:30 pm
 (All 2 session pair games can
 also accommodate players who only
 wish to play one session.)

Friday, January 17
 Gold Rush Pairs (two session event) -
 10:00 am and 2:30 pm
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Sunday, January 19
 Stratified Non-Life Master Swiss Teams
 10:00 am Playthrough (lunch included)

Fees:
 \$20 per person for single session events
 \$40 per person for two-session events
 \$180 per team for Sunday Swiss

Special Bonus!
 Every player will receive a \$5 coupon for each
 session played, by e-mail, good towards any
 District 9 Open Regional Tournament in 2025!

Stratifications:
 NLM events: A = 300-750
 B = 100-300
 C = 0-100

Note: All players in NLM events must be
 Non-Life Masters with less than 750 MP

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SAVE THESE DATES:

STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)
 December 2 - 8 Silver Points

Stardust Gold Week
 December 16 - 22 Gold Points

Two Tournaments in One
NBC Silver Sectional and NLM
Regional January 16-19, 2025

January NLM Regional at NBC-
 January 16-19th Gold Points

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NBC HOLIDAY PARTY

December 15th - Bear's Paw Country Club

Bridge at NBC begins at 1 PM

Holiday Dinner at Bear's Paw Country Club

\$95 per person includes bridge play, dinner, tax & gratuity.

Members may purchase \$95 ticket for
 non-playing guest for dinner, if applicable.

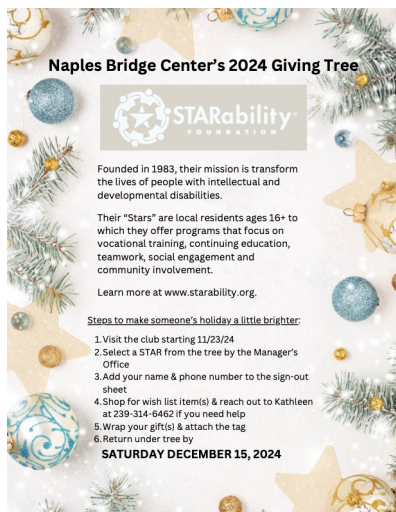
Purchase with cash, check,
 or credit card at the club
 or online payment below.

Space is limited, so reserve now!

LINK TO HOLIDAY EVENT ONLINE PAYMENT



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GIVING TREE

Make someone's holiday a little bit brighter.

Visit NBC and select a Star from the tree by the office.
Add your name and phone number to the sign out sheet.
Shop for the wish list item, wrap and attach a identifying tag, and place under the tree.

Return to NBC by December 15th.

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NBC PARTNERSHIP PROCESS

Here's the link...
[Naples Bridge Center Website](#)

Look for "Need a Partner" on the NBC home page, and view the [Partnership Calendar](#)



LETS CONNECT

Stay connected with
 Naples Bridge Center
 on social media



NBC IS FRAGRANCE FREE

Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them.

The issue is much more serious than simply disliking a particular smell — it's a real health problem for these individuals.

The ACBL and NAPLES BRIDGE ask everyone to give this issue the consideration it deserves.

**Please do not wear cologne,
perfume, or scented lotion at the Club.**

Welcome
New Members

Alla Beretsky
Robert Brown
Pam Brownlee
Patty Close
Nancy Davis
Piyush Desai
Leonard Gershun
Dinesh Govil
Lorraine Hargrave
Sue Karlbergs
Astrid Matzler
Guido Matzler
Della Sheppard
Ruth Sklarsky
Bert Slonim
RobertThompson
David Wilson
Bill Woodward

Name badges will be placed on the
magnetic whiteboard
near the entrance to the South room
as they become available.
There is a red welcome bag for every
new member!

Points, Points, Points

We had an amazing turnout for our Sectional Weekend.

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Snapshots of our

Open Silver Point
and
Non-Life Master Regional
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RANK CHANGES

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Cynthia E Mazzaferro

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Sonia J Conklin
Karen M Meyer

LIFE MASTER

Jim Oberweis

NABC MASTER

Pam Nilson

REGIONAL MASTER

Carol Baker Booth

CLUB MASTER

Joseph Latina, Md

JUNIOR MASTER

William G Sabol

Congratulations to all of the above members on their advancements!

ACBL posts rank achievements by City and State.

Please alert us if you have registered with ACBL in another city

(other than Naples) and have achieved a new rank.

Email DbiancoNBC@gmail.com to have your name included in our newsletter.**70% GAMES****OPEN GAMES**

71.91% Brian Liddy & Marta Barnes - 11/30/2024

71.67% Heather Barnes & William Barnes - 11/11/2024

71.11% Jean Shufelt & John Shufelt - 11/18/2024

750 Pairs

71.82% Robert Burke & Janet Hendrickson - 11/4/2024

99er Pairs

71.67% Bob Costello & Raymond Thornhill - 11/8/2024

49er PAIRS

79.70% Ian Tod & Magda Kolta - 11/6/2024

70.00% Piyush Desai & Dinesh Govil - 11/6/2024

Congratulations to all of the above on their achievements!

The gift of love.
The gift of peace.
The gift of happiness.
May all these be yours in 2025.
Happy Holidays to all!





2024 NBC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Melanie Schaengold, President

Ellen Gabriel, Vice President

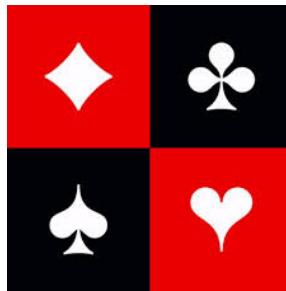
Barry Davis, Treasurer

Ron Henry, Secretary

Governors-at-Large:

Bob Dewey - Ray Gur - Janet Hendrickson

Richard Loew - Neil Selvin



“Director, Please!”

The friendly faces of our directors at Naples Bridge Center

Barbara Levine
Bridge Operations Manager

Her Team:

Carol Booth

Nan Burford

Tony Cipolla

Cheryl Gorman

Lisa Sheprow

Beth Stephens

Janet Tutera



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