

# Minutes of the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club Board of Directors Meeting on

November 12, 2025

Board of Directors members present were Roy Forman, President; David Thistle, Club Secretary; Joe Labat, Treasurer; Shelly Brimacombe; Paul Boisvert; and Shelley Klein, Vice President. Nancy Ross (Club Manager) and club member Debbi Solo attended.

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 4:44 pm at the church.

The board approved the October minutes.

## President's Remarks

The Board of Directors welcomes nominations, including self nominations, of club members who would like to serve on the board. The election will be held during the club's annual party, which will take place on Saturday, December 6, at the church.

On behalf of the board, Roy congratulated all the club members who have achieved new ranks during October (see list below).

Roy encouraged all new and continuing club members to pay their dues. Joe Labat and Nancy Ross can take your \$30 at games. You can also pay at the club's annual party on Dec 6. See Kathy Richer.

## Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Game attendance in October was very good (174.5 tables versus 158 in 2024).
- So far in 2025, we have had 1658 tables, which compare well with 1549 tables over the same period in 2024.
- She reported that the following club members reached a new status during October:

Club Master – Denise O'Brien  
NABC Master – David Thistle  
Gold Life Master – Roy Forman

## Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- During October, expenditures exceeded revenues by ~\$1300 (largely because we advertised our classes for new players), but the club is in good financial shape for the year.

Education Committee's Report (Shelley Klein and Debbie Dodd (Cochairs), Shelley Brimacombe, Nancy Ross, and Joyce Stillwell)

- The committee reached out to McClay School about forming a bridge club, but they were not interested.
- Shelley Klein continues to teach what she calls "Little Lessons" most Mondays before the 199er games. The club calendar gives the dates of these lessons.
- Patti Wallace's class for new or nearly new duplicate-bridge players is going well.

#### Novice Representative's Report

- Shelley Brimacombe informed the board that the 199er's are aware that they have a noise problem and are trying to fix it.

#### Disciplinary Committee's Report (Paul Boisvert (chair), Gloria Ford, Jim Lyle, and Marge Meeter)

- Nothing to report.

#### Membership Committee's Report (Shelley Brimacombe, chair)

- Nothing to report.

#### Bylaws Committee's Report (David Thistle (chair) and Paul Boisvert)

- Nothing to report.

#### Other Business

The board discussed the election of club officers, which will take place at the annual party. Shelley Kelley's term ends in 2025; she is willing to be reelected to the board. Wendy Rutter's one-year term as Novice Representative also ends this year. She will not seek another term. Debbi Solo is willing to become the Novice Representative. The Club Secretary will bring ballots to the annual meeting in case nominations are made from the floor.

The board discussed the advisability of having additional social events but decided to return to the matter in January.

The board decided on this schedule for the annual party.

- 10:00 The church will open for folks setting up for the party.
- 11:00 Attendees are welcome to come to the church.
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:15 The club's annual business meeting
- 1:00 Open game (free to all club members)

The meeting was adjourned at ~5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Thistle, Club Secretary.

### **Board of Director's Notes on Bridge Rules and Bridge Etiquette**

Each month the board will present a rule or a point of bridge etiquette to help standardize club play. If you think that a presentation is wrong or incomplete, please email your views to Roy Forman (rforman104@yahoo.com), and the board will do more research on the matter. Please include a copy of the rule or the point of etiquette in your email.

Law 42 states the dummy's rights, and Law 43 states the dummy's limitations. Both consist of multiple entries. These three entries are of particular interest. Law 42A3 states that the dummy "ensures that the dummy follows suit..." Law 42B1 states that the "dummy may ask declarer (but not a defender) when declarer has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led." Law 43A1(b) states that "Dummy must not participate in the play, nor may he communicate anything about the play to declarer."