



Pensacola Duplicate Bridge Club Newsletter *Issue 2015 –4: November 2015*

Changes in Rank

Silver Life Master

Ray Ferree

Regional Master

Bruce Dunworth

Patty Kattner*

Laura J. White

Sectional Master

Sarah Bender

Loretta Davis

Anish Gupta

Nancy Gwaltney

Club Master

Lou Amick

Kathy Columbo

Katherine Crane

Miriam McKinley

Jodey McMillen

Junior Master

Trevor Odom

* *Last quarter*

Carla Burke finalist for ABTA Teacher of the Year

We congratulate our Carla Burke for being selected as one of seven finalists nominated for American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Teacher of the Year. This award focuses on teaching excellence, innovation, service to bridge, and service to the community. Carla epitomizes all those qualities and we are very fortunate that she is a member of our club.



Welcome to Our Newest PDBC Members

Amy Jasinski

Hannah Hufford

Walt Limbach

From our Directors

When alerting a partner's bid simply state, "Alert." Do not explain the alert unless an opponent specifically requests the meaning of the alert. When a team wins a contract, if an alert was missed or incorrect information was given to the opponents during the bidding process, then the alert or the correct information should be provided prior to the opening lead.

70% Games

09/08/15	John Southern & Reggie Kneiding	J&J	75.41%
09/14/15	Vicki Schell & Shirley Reischman	PDBC	75.35%
10/09/15	Murray Hall & Holly Adams	PDBC	70.00%

Pensacola Duplicate Bridge Club

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**Upcoming
Tournaments
Within a 6-hour drive**

Sectional

Oct 31-Nov 1
Mobile, AL

Sectional

November 5-8
New Orleans, LA

Sectional

November 6-8
Huntsville, AL

Sectional

November 11-15
Atlanta, GA

Sectional

November 13-15
Pensacola, FL

Sectional

November 19-22
Birmingham, AL

Sectional

December 3-6
Baton Rouge, LA

Regional

January 11-17
Biloxi, MS

Sectional

January 21-23
Birmingham, AL

Sectional

January 21-24
New Orleans, LA

Sectional

January 22-24
Fort Walton Beach, FL

Regional

January 22-24
Macon, GA

Sectional

January 29-31
Jackson, MS

Upcoming Special Games at PDBC

Sunday, November 1: Open Unit 219 STaC

Thursday, November 5: Open & 299er GNT Fundraiser
Friday, November 6: Open & 199er Club Championship
Monday, November 9: Open & 299er GNT Fundraiser
Wednesday, November 11: Open & 99er Club Championship
November 13-15: Pensacola Sectional at PSC
Monday, November 16: Open & 299er District Charity
Wednesday, November 18: All Day Bridge & Lunch, 10:00am
D9 Charity & Unit 219 Charity

Thursday, November 19: Open & 299er District Charity

Friday, November 20: Open & 199er GNT Fundraiser

Saturday, November 21: Thanksgiving Party, Unit Champ

Sunday, November 22: Open GT Fundraiser

Wednesday, November 25: Open & 99er GNT Fundraiser

Thursday, November 26: Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29: Open Club Championship

Monday, November 30: Open & 299er Unit 219 STaC

Wednesday, December 2: Open & 99er Unit 219 STaC

Thursday, December 3: Open & 299er Unit 219 STaC

Friday, December 4: Open & 199er Unit 219 STaC

Sunday, December 6: Open Unit 219 STaC

Wednesday, December 9: Open & 99er Membership Game

Saturday, December 12: Christmas Party Starts 10:00 AM

Open & 299er Unit Championship

Lunch Served & Annual Meeting

Monday, December 14: Open & 299er ACBL Charity Game

Thursday, December 17: Open & 299er Local Charity Game

Friday, December 18: Open & 199er Membership Game

Sunday, December 20: Open ACBL Charity Game

Wednesday, December 23: Open & 99er Local Charity Game

Thursday, December 24: Club Closed, Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25: Club Closed, Merry Christmas

Monday, December 28: Open & 299er Club Championship

Thursday, December 31: Open & 299er, Club Championship

**Thursday, December 31: New Years Eve Party 6:00 PM
Unit Championship Game 6:30 PM**

Friday, January 1: Closed, Happy New Year

Sunday, January 3: Open Junior Fund Game

Monday, January 4: Open & 299er Junior Fund Game

Friday, January 8: Open & 199er Junior Fund Game

Wednesday, January 13: Open & 99er Junior Fund Game

Thursday, January 14: Open & 299er Junior Fund Game

Saturday, January 16: PRO-AM Junior Fund Swiss Team

Sunday, January 17: Open Junior Fund Game

Monday, January 18: Open & 299er Junior Fund Game

Friday, January 22: Open & 199er Junior Fund Game

Monday, January 25: Open & 299er Unit 219 STaC

Wednesday, January 27: Open & 99er Unit 219 STaC

Thursday, January 28: Open & 299er Unit 219 STaC

Friday, January 29: Open & 199er Unit 219 STaC

Sunday, January 31: Open Unit 219 STaC

Our PDBC Website

Please be sure to explore the wealth of information on all nine pages of our website by clicking on the links at the top of our webpages as shown in the following image.



PDBC Mentoring Program

Six free classes taught by Carla Burke have been completed and 15 mentees have been assigned mentors. Not only will the mentees learn more about the game of bridge; they will meet more members, make friends and form partnerships. Becoming more comfortable playing in open games will be the ultimate goal. All the mentor/mentee pairs will play together 10 times in open games by July 31, 2016. Thanks to all the mentors!

Conventions by Carla Burke

This new course will be conducted on Mondays, from 10:30 to 11:30 beginning on November 2nd. The course will go through November, skip December, and then begin again the first Monday in January. Each new convention will be introduced with a 30-40 minute lesson and then students will play hands based on the lesson for the rest of that class meeting and the next class meeting to practice the convention. The first convention will be new minor forcing. Class members will participate in selecting the next conventions to learn and may pick-and-choose which classes they would like to attend. Classes will be \$8 each payable monthly in advance.

Defense by Ray Hickey

Sunday, December 6th from 4:30 to 8:30. Learn:

- The only five defenses against bridge hands.
- To choose which defense to start.
- When to change to a different defense.

Pizza will be provided. Reservations required -- \$20 payable in advance.

All Day Bridge for Charity

With the approaching holidays, our thoughts turn to those less fortunate and in need, especially the homeless. On November 18, we will be holding a D9 Charity game beginning at 10:00 am, lunch will be served and then we will have a Unit 219 Charity game. The cost of the two special extra point games with lunch will be \$20.00. You will be asked to help by bringing a pantry or hygiene item or/and a donation for the Waterfront Mission. All local charity games in November will help the Waterfront Mission. Donation boxes with lists of items needed and envelopes for donations will be available at club. Our local charity games in December will help St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Don't Miss the Fun!

November 18, 2015
November 21, 2015
December 12, 2015
December 31, 2015

Mark your Calendars Now for our Upcoming Parties

All Day Charity Bridge Games with Lunch starting at 10:00 A.M.
Thanksgiving Party – Unit Championship
Morning Unit Championship, Lunch, and Annual Meeting
New Year's Eve Evening Party – Unit Championship

PDBC Board Members

Alexa Canady-Davis , President
Helen Michel, Vice President
Vicki Schell, Secretary
Myrl Eisinger, Treasurer
Mary Ann Abrams
Carla Burke
John Crane
Rod Fullerton
Joyce Gardner
Laura J. White

Unit 219 Reps

Jeri Edge, President
Kay Huke, Secretary/Treasurer
John Crane
Garlan Sisco

Club Managers

Sue Smith
Stuart Siegel

Directors

Rod Fullerton
Murray Hall
Stuart Siegel
Garlan Sisco
Larry Westholm

Committee Chairs

Jean Askew, Sunshine Chair
Carla Burke, Education Chair
John Crane, Computer Chair
John Crane, Duplicating Chair
Kathy Crane, Parliamentarian
Barbara Chesterfield, Decorating Chair
Alexa Davis, Publicity Chair
John Eisinger, Tournament Chair
Kathleen Fullerton, Judiciary Chair
Rod Fullerton, Bldg. Maintenance
Rod Fullerton, Nominating Chair
Joyce Gardner, PSC Liaison
Ray Hickey, Finance Chair
Cynthia Lalas, Membership Chair
Nelda Mishoe, Party Chair
John Mitchell, Partnership Chair
Stuart Siegel, Director Chair
Sue Smith, Webmaster
Laura J. White, Newsletter Chair

Our Club

The PDBC Board serves the membership. This only works if you share your ideas and concerns with the committee chairs and the board members. One of the standing items on the board agenda is now suggestions and concerns of the membership. Please speak with your board members and committee chairs or if you prefer use the suggestion box on the bookshelf. Also, please review the monthly board meeting minutes so that you stay informed about issues affecting our club. The minutes are posted on our bulletin board by the bathrooms and posted on our website.

Elections

We will be conducting elections from November 16 - 22 for five board member positions to start new 2-year terms in January 2016. All PDBC members may vote for up to five of the following nominees:

Suzanne Arnold
Jean Askew
Carla Burke
Alexa Canady-Davis
Rod Fullerton
Joyce Gardner
Shirley Reischman
Fran Viviano

Sunshine Committee

Please contact Jean Askew or write on the Cares and Concerns list by the front door of the club if you or another member is encountering problems and have any special needs or could just use a bit of sunshine during difficult times.

Director Please...

A director's job is to HELP everyone have an enjoyable game. The director does this by setting up the game, providing expert knowledge in the rules, options when we make mistakes, and enforcing ACBL's zero tolerance policy. When we need the director, we should call out "Director Please" and raise our hand so that the director can see who called and where we are in the room.

Recently, two of our members participating in the FWB tournament were bullied by opponents who are advanced players. Our club members called the director the first time, but did not call the director after subsequent similar violations which resulted in much more unnecessary unpleasantness which could have been avoided had they called the director. The moral of the story is to keep in mind that the director is there to help us and if anyone is unsure whether to call the director or not—then the director should be called.