



## Bridge Is Fine In District 9

## Daily Bulletin

Monday, December 10, 2012



### A Welcome Note

District 9 and Unit 128 welcome you to the Embassy Suites USF/Busch Gardens for our brand new location and December tournament. Your hosts this week are Shannon Cappelletti, Ray Wise, Adrienne Muslin and Muriel Altus.

Come to the **Partnership Desk** at 9:15 am for the 10:00 am games, at 12:15 for the 1:00 pm games, and at 6:30 for the 7:00 pm games. Please come to the desk as early as possible and if you find a partner on your own, after making a request, please have the courtesy to come back to the desk to tell us! A board will be posted for your use, as well.

Beginning Wednesday, **overall and section top prizes** will be available at those same times, as well as stickers for everybody. We are pleased to be offering two-year calendars for overall (at least two-session event) prizes, and a choice of checkbook covers, mechanical pencils or elastic wristbands for section top prizes (all strats).

If you become a **Life Master** this week, be sure to fill out a form at the Partnership Desk so we can recognize your accomplishment in the daily bulletin.

This is a **Zero Tolerance Tournament**. If you have a problem at your table, please call a Tournament Director immediately so the situation can be handled. It doesn't help to report the incident after the fact.

**Cell phones** are not allowed to be on in the playing area. Should your cell phone ring, a penalty of 1/4 board will be automatic. If you answer the phone, the penalty will be 1/2 board. Making calls in the playing room while the game is in progress also carries a penalty.

Please see elsewhere in this Day One bulletin for our planned hospitality.

**Have a great time this week!** Exercise your problem solving skills as well as your smile muscles (when appropriate).

### Event Schedule

<b>MON DEC 10</b>	1 pm Stratified Open Charity Pairs 7 pm Stratified Open Charity Pairs 7 pm Bracketed Open Knockouts, Round 1 (cont'd Tues. 9 am, 1 pm, 7 pm)
<b>TUE DEC 11</b>	9:30 am Morning Fast Pairs Series (1 of 5) 10 am & 3 pm Stratified Senior Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm & 7 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm & 7 pm Primetime KOs I, Rounds 1 & 2 (rounds 3 & 4 cont'd Wed. 1 pm & 7 pm) 1 pm Side Game Series I (1 of 6) 3 pm 299er Pairs (1 session event) 7 pm Side Games Series I (2 of 6) 7 pm Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session event)
<b>WED DEC 12</b>	9:15 am-9:45 am Guest Speaker AND again at 12:15-12:45 9:30 am Morning Fast Pairs Series (2 of 5) 9 am Compact KOs, Rounds 1 & 2 (rounds 3 & 4 cont'd Thur. 9 am, 4 person team only) 10 am 299er Pairs (1 session event) 10 am & 3 pm Stratified Senior Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm & 7 pm FLORIDA GOLD PAIRS, 0-750, 300-750 Strat Pays Gold (two session event) 1 pm & 7 pm A/X Open Pairs, X=0-5000, A=Unlimited (two session event) 1 pm & 7 pm Primetime KOs II, Rounds 1 & 2 (rounds 3 & 4 cont'd Thur. 1 pm & 7 pm) 1 pm Side Game Series I (3 of 6) 3 pm 299er Pairs (1 session event) 7 pm Side Games Series I (4 of 6) 7 pm Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session event)
<b>THU DEC 13</b>	9:15 am-9:45 am Guest Speaker 9:30 am Morning Fast Pairs Series (3 of 5) 9 am Compact KOs, Rounds 1 & 2 (rounds 3 & 4 cont'd Fri. 9 am, 4 person team only) 10 am 299er Pairs (1 session event) 10 am & 3 pm Stratified Senior Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm & 7 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm & 7 pm Primetime KOs III, Rounds 1 & 2 (rounds 3 & 4 cont'd Fri. 1 pm & 7 pm) 1 pm Side Game Series I (5 of 6) 3 pm 299er Pairs (1 session event) 7 pm Side Games Series I (6 of 6) 7 pm Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session event)
<b>FRI DEC 14</b>	9:15 am-9:45 am Guest Speaker AND again at 12:15-12:45 9:30 am Morning Fast Pairs Series (4 of 5) 9 am Compact KOs, Rounds 1 & 2 (rounds 3 & 4 cont'd Sat. 9 am, 4 person team only) 10 am 299er Pairs (1 session event) 10 am & 3 pm Stratified Senior Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm & 7 pm FLORIDA GOLD PAIRS, 0-750, 300-750 Strat Pays Gold (two session event) 1 pm & 7 pm A/X Open Pairs, X=0-5000, A=Unlimited (two session event) 1 pm & 7 pm Primetime KOs IV, Rounds 1 & 2 (rounds 3 & 4 cont'd Sat. 1 pm & 7 pm) 1 pm Side Game Series II (1 of 4) 3 pm 299er Pairs (1 session event) 7 pm Side Games Series II (2 of 4) 7 pm Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session event)
<b>SAT DEC 15</b>	9:15 am-9:45 am Guest Speaker 9:30 am Morning Fast Pairs Series (5 of 5) 10 am-12 noon Bruce Greenspan FREE Lecture 10 am 299er Pairs (1 session event) 10 am & 3 pm Stratified Senior Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm - 3:30 FREE Relaxed Rules Duplicate 0-25 Masterpoints 1 pm & 7 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2 session event) 1 pm & 7 pm Bracketed Swiss Teams 1 pm Side Game Series II (3 of 4) 3 pm 299er Pairs (1 session event) 7 pm Side Games Series II (4 of 4)
<b>SUN DEC 16</b>	10 am Stratified Senior Swiss Teams, Two-session Playthrough with Short Break 10 am Stratified Open Swiss Teams, Two-session Playthrough with Short Break

**OPEN & SENIOR STRATA**  
A=2000+ B=750-2000 C=0-750

**A/X PAIRS STRATA**  
A=5000+ X=0-5000

**FLORIDA GOLD STRATA**  
top=300-750; bottom=0-300

**I/N STRATA**  
A=200-300 B=100-200 C=0-100

The 299er strata are subject to change based on attendance.

All pairs games will be stratified by masterpoint average of the pair, as long as both players fit under the upper limit of the strat or event; all KO's and the Saturday two-session Swiss are bracketed; all other Swiss events are stratified by team masterpoint average.

## **HOSPITALITY!**

**WEDNESDAY**--pizza and beer after the evening session

**THURSDAY**--make-your-own sundaes, 6:00-7:00 pm

**FRIDAY**--desserts after the evening session

**SATURDAY**--the *Jayne Thomas Traditional Buffet* featuring turkey, ham and salads, after the 1:00 pm session and after the 3:00 pm session. At these times, we look forward to sharing our fond memories of Jayne, both bridge-related and otherwise, and you will have a chance to talk to a few of Jayne's relatives and closest friends.

**SUNDAY**--subsidized sandwiches and hot dogs at the cash concession stand

**EVERY DAY**--continuous coffee and hot tea; orange juice; apples; candy while it lasts

**HOSPITALITY ROOM**--the hospitality suite, room 831, will be open from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Please stop by one or two nights for a drink or two, some wine, beer or soda, and some snacks. Although we don't have room for everybody, every night, we will have ample beverages and snacks. Please enjoy them within the confines of the suite and keep your voices down as you exit the suite.

**WHERE TO GET GOLD POINTS**--If you have fewer than 750 masterpoints and are looking for gold points, try the two-session Florida Gold Pairs, on Wednesday and/or Friday at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Saturday's Swiss is bracketed, and at least three teams out of eight will win gold points in each bracket (lowest bracket might pay half gold/half red for overall winners). If you have a section top in any strat in a Side Game Series game, you win gold as long as you play in any other game in that same Side Game Series. Happy panning!

## **SPEAKER SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY AT 9:15: ED SCHULTE**  
Currently Our Most Local World Champ

**WEDNESDAY AT 12:15: JACK BRAWNER**  
SBN's Jack of Clubs

**THURSDAY AT 9:15: AMY REZNIK AND ROY FOX**  
*Learning to Become a Better Player*, with a few fun hands, plus other useful information

**FRIDAY AT 9:15: BRUCE GREENSPAN**  
It's his warm up for a FREE two-hour lecture on Saturday

**FRIDAY AT 12:15: JACK LONGMAN**  
He has an alias, but it's a secret

**SATURDAY AT 9:15 PHIL ALTUS**  
*Imp Strategy and About the Bracketed Swiss*

## **INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE SCHEDULE**

Intermediate/novice single session pairs games will be offered Tuesday through Saturday, at 10 am and at 3 pm. See speaker schedule for 9:15 am Wednesday through Saturday. The two-session Florida Gold Pairs is played on Wednesday and on Friday. Most novices and all intermediates should find it to be a comfortable place to play, if you are looking for a two-session pairs game. A guest speaker will join us at 12:15 pm for a half hour talk on those two days.

## **OUR FEATURED FREE LECTURER**

ABTA Master Teacher **Bruce Greenspan** will offer a two-hour lesson at 10:00 am on Saturday on *Valuing Your Hand as Responder*. This lesson is open to any level player, but especially geared to newer players, even with very little experience.

## **OUR FEATURED FREE DUPLICATE GAME**

Bruce will run a free "relaxed rules" game for anybody with fewer than 25 masterpoints from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm on Saturday. This game is geared to social bridge players who may never have played duplicate, and beginning duplicate players. Tell your friends!



# WE REMEMBER THREE DISTRICT NINE STALWARTS AND ONE RETIRED TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Jayne Thomas, Betty Grandoff and Betty Plappert all passed away in the past several months. District 9 and Unit 128 remember them all fondly, as they all gave much of themselves in the running of the unit and the district and Unit 128's tournaments. Marty Chaitt worked as an ACBL Tournament Director for more than 40 years.



## Jayne Thomas 1931-2012

Jayne Thomas, Executive Manager of Unit 128 for over 25 years, passed away on June 11 after a year of waning health. Here's what we wrote about Jayne in the March 1984 Florida Bridge News (Unit 128's publication at that time):

### MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE MANAGER

by Muriel Altus

This is no ordinary person, our Executive Manager! Did you know that Jayne Thomas won her first major bridge event at the age of eight? Yes, folks, a single-digit-aged bridge player — and she started her career learning auction bridge.

Perhaps it's not surprising that Jayne was able to "grow up" to contract and duplicate, and now to handle the responsibilities of our Florida Unit bridge tournaments. Jayne has a very sharp and quick mind, and has certainly put our Unit tournaments "in the black." From her first negotiations with the hotel to her final checking of the hotel bill, Jayne is an efficient administrator in a tough world. At the same time, she's the kind of friend who is always ready and willing to help you out in whatever way she can.

Jayne's adult life has encompassed many careers. She has taught mathematics for the past 29 years at the high-school, adult-evening-school, junior-college, and university levels. Her bridge



Jayne Thomas at the "Nationals"

activities have included working as a certified director (at a *National* tournament), teaching bridge, and playing as a professional player. Her other ventures have included income-tax preparation, real estate, and catering. How's that for being well-rounded!

Jayne's hobbies, besides bridge, include fishing, gardening, and enjoying her pets — a cat named Sabrena and two schnauzers, Gwyn and Stormy.

Jayne admits she gets a certain satisfaction out of running tournaments in the most cost-efficient, but enjoyable manner. And it's lucky for us who play that she does!

It was the perfect day to honor Jayne—she also was celebrating her birthday.



Jayne Thomas, second from left, was honored yesterday at the meeting of the Goodwill Committee. She was toasted by, left to right, Joan Gerard, Virgil Anderson and Barbara Nudelman.

Three close friends from among the Board of Directors--Virgil Anderson, Joan Gerard and Barbara Nudelman--took the podium together to talk about their friend Jayne. Anderson said he finds it hard to imagine what it's going to be like without Jayne on the Board. Gerard said making friends with Jayne was the best decision she ever made during 12 years on the Board. She also called Jayne a great administrator. Nudelman characterized Jayne as "truly one of the most remarkable women in bridge".

Betty Grandoff, president of District 9, told of the outstanding achievements Jayne has accomplished for Florida. "When she took over we were floundering, but Jayne changed all that. We've had moments we'll treasure forever. We don't look on this as the end--it's a beginning of something new." Grandoff also presented a framed painting to Jayne.

When Jayne took the podium she said, "I'm going to miss my friends on the Board, but I'm glad to be back in Florida full-time so I can go to work for Florida."

JAYNE THOMAS WAS HONORED DURING THE GOODWILL RECEPTION AT THE 1998 ORLANDO FALL NABC, WHICH SHE CHAIRED.

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## Goodwill Folks Honor Jayne Thomas

Outgoing District 9 Director Jayne Thomas was the center of attraction at yesterday's Goodwill Committee meeting. She was toasted by Goodwill Chairman Aileen Osofsky for her outstanding work over the years at both the national and the local levels. Then many of her close friends and associates also paid tribute to her friendship and accomplishments.

**Betty Grandoff**  
1936-2012



Photo compliments Marianne Timmons & Gretchen Funk

Betty Grandoff was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 6, 1936 and attended the University of Miami on a music scholarship. Besides loving bridge and karaoke, she directed club games for many years, and was an artist. She often sang in community theater and at nursing homes. For 15 years, Betty was Partnership Chairperson for Unit 128. Her daughter, Patty, enjoyed singing with Betty, and her son, Alan, was an occasional bridge partner. Besides her children and her brother, Betty is survived by four grandchildren. Betty passed away on November 9 after a six-month battle with cancer. At the time of her death, she was an Emerald Life Master, having earned 8200 masterpoints in her bridge-playing career. Betty was one of Jayne Thomas's many best friends.

**Betty Plappert**  
1922-2012



Photo compliments of Bev Nelson

Betty Plappert passed away on November 3 at the age of 90. Before moving to Fort Myers, Betty made great bridge friendships in the mid-west, and several of those friendships were renewed when more bridge players moved into the Fort Myers area. As Bev Nelson tells us, Betty was full of energy and spark, and all who remember her would heartily agree. In the months before she passed away from complications following a stroke, Betty voluntarily stopped driving when she recognized her own limitations. Betty served as an officer of Unit 128 for many years, helping Jayne Thomas run tournaments. Betty was one of Jayne Thomas's many best friends.

**Marty Chaitt**  
1929-2012



Photo compliments of Jonathan Steinberg

Tournament Director Marty Chaitt moved to Florida in 1996 and immediately became a busy director on the tournament scene. Marty died very suddenly on November 10. Our condolences to his wife, Ella Sue and his nephew, Steve Barcus. Ella Sue is an accomplished player who amassed well over 10,000 masterpoints while she waited patiently for Marty to retire so he could be her bridge partner. Steve is well known, not because he plays very often, but because he plays one of the simplest, most direct, most old-fashioned bidding systems with his partner Charlie Miner.

Marty's quiet smile will be missed by many.

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## DINING/DRINKING INFO AT EMBASSY SUITES

While the breakfast and the manager's reception are for hotel guests only, all players may enjoy Mangroves Restaurant from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. An express lunch is available Monday through Friday. Also, the Oak Tree Lounge is open from 2:00 pm to midnight daily.

For our players, the hotel will be offering a cash concession stand from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

## AREA RESTAURANTS

Ask at the front desk if you'd like a map to find the following recommended restaurants:

Special favorites of local players are Cafe Don Jose, Antonio's, Beef O'Brady's, Tia's and Acropolis for sit-down restaurants and Mel's (big variety of pricey hot dogs), Jason's and Five Guys for order-at-the-counter restaurants.

Name	Location	Phone	Web Site
<b>Sports Bars</b>			
Applebees	5779 East Fowler Avenue	813-989-2000	applebees.com
Gator's Dockside	5840 East Fowler Avenue	813-341-4445	gatorsdockside.com
Beef O'Brady's	9311 North 56 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-985-7271	beefobradys.com
<b>General</b>			
Longhorn	2110 East Fowler Avenue	813-971-5300	longhornsteakhouse.com
Chili's	2794 East Fowler Avenue	813-972-1134	chilis.com
T. G. I. Friday's	2501 East Fowler Avenue	813-797-9112	tgifridays.com
Outback	11308 North 56 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-980-0755	outback.com
Café Don Jose	12350 North 56 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-985-2392	cafedonjosetampa.com
<b>Italian</b>			
Carrabba's	5515 East Fowler Avenue	813-989-3898	carrabbas.com
Antonio's	11401 North 56 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-914-8899	antoniospastagrille.com
CDB Pizza	5104 East Fowler Avenue	813-985-1336	
<b>Burgers &amp; Subs</b>			
Steak & Shake	1450 East Fowler Avenue	813-971-9700	steaknshake.com
Five Guys	2702 East Fowler Avenue	813-977-4400	fiveguys.com
Jason's Deli	2702 East Fowler Avenue	813-903-0017	jasonsdeli.com
Jimmy John's	2345 East Fowler Avenue	813-975-4100	jimmyjohns.com
Firehouse Subs	2710 East Fowler Avenue	813-849-1460	firehousesubs.com
Mel's Hot Dogs	4136 East Busch Boulevard	813-985-8000	melshotdogs.com
<b>Breakfast</b>			
Village Inn	11302 North 30 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-977-7925	villageinn.com
Perkins	5002 East Fowler Avenue	813-899-2266	perkinsrestaurants.com
First Watch	2726 East Fowler Avenue	813-975-1718	firstwatch.com
Denny's	1700 East Fowler Avenue	813-971-9441	dennys.com
Panera	11860 Bruce B Downs Boulevard	813-866-9333	panerabread.com
Starbucks	5006 East Fowler Avenue	813-989-3769	starbucks.com
<b>Mexican</b>			
Tia's Tex-Mex	2815 East Fowler Avenue	813-977-5025	tiaستمex.com
Tijuana Flats	2782 East Fowler Avenue	813-975-0800	tijuanaflats.com
<b>Asian</b>			
China First Buffet	2811 East Fowler Avenue	813-903-8709	
Panda Express	2120 East Fowler Avenue	813-971-1188	pandaexpress.com
Ichiban Japanese	2786 East Fowler Avenue	813-978-8095	
Pho Quyen	2740 East Fowler Avenue	813-632-3444	
<b>Fast Food</b>			
McDonalds	11707 North 56 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-988-1823	mcdonalds.com
Taco Bell	5318 East Fowler Avenue	813-988-8061	tacobell.com
Chick-Fil-A	5302 East Fowler Avenue	813-914-0295	chick-fil-a.com
Arby's	5610 East Fowler Avenue	813-989-9690	arbys.com
Boston Market	5501 East Fowler Avenue	813-988-3188	bostonmarket.com
Burger King	5301 East Fowler Avenue	813-980-0600	bk.com
Dairy Queen	10830 56 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-988-6132	dairyqueen.com
Wendy's	11720 North 56 <sup>th</sup> Street	813-980-6441	wendys.com
KFC	2212 East Fowler Avenue	813-866-9690	kfc.com
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## SARASOTA-MANATEE

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It's not in a hotel so the main events are at 10 am and 2:30.  
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Shannon Cappelletti (423) 400-0269  
shannoncapp@gmail.com  
www.FloridaUnit128.org

## SOUTHEASTERNS

April 1-7, 2013  
Fort Lauderdale Marina Hilton  
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Marty Robins 954-529-5512  
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www.acblunit243.org

## NAPLES

September 23-29, 2013  
Waldorf Astoria Naples, (888) 722-1270  
Easiest hotel room to elevator to playing space. Nice  
boardwalk to the beach (or take shuttle).  
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shannoncapp@gmail.com  
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## DAYTONA BEACH

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## TAMPA

December 9-15, 2013  
Embassy Suites USF/Busch Gardens (800) 362-2779  
Here we are again! Hope to see you next year. Come back  
to see if it gets better each year.  
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