

DAYTONA METROPOLITAN BRIDGE CLUB

For the Player Who Likes to Improve.

DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Early Holiday Greetings to everyone. By now many of you have started and/or completed your cyber-shopping and holiday decorating. Baking is still on the horizon for some while others are already preparing their culinary treats.

We wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season with family and/or friends, whether in person or via FaceTime/ZOOM, etc.

HEAD START – DMBC’S HOLIDAY TRADITION – PLEASE HELP

For at least 10 years, one of the Club’s primary charities has been the Head Start program. Each year we have held several charity games and had a donation jar at the club for our Head Start drive. We have also collected numerous gifts for the children. This year we are doing the same, but in a slightly different fashion.

Head Start/Early Head Start program promotes school readiness of children up to five years old from low-income families by supporting the development of the whole child. Head Start is provided at no cost to eligible families and accepts children three years old to five years old.

Since we are unable to give at the club this year we encourage you to send your contribution made out to DMBC with a note in the memo line that it is for Head Start. As in the past, we will consolidate the donations and forward one check to Head Start. Please mail it to:

DMBC
c/o Bob Renuart
4626 Harbour Village Blvd., Unit 3403
Ponce Inlet, FL 32127-7277

THANK YOU, BOB for managing this effort.

Head Start will also accept gifts suitable for a three or four-year-old. If wrapped, please indicate whether for a boy or a girl. Gifts can be delivered wrapped or unwrapped to:

Head Start
719 Walker Street
Holly Hill, FL 32117
386-238-5333 ext. 108

Please give as generously as you are able. We know this is very short notice, but we have a **DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 15** to receive your donations and for delivery of gifts which will bring joy to some of Volusia County's financially challenged families. Again, we thank you for helping support this very worthy cause.

WHEN WILL THE CLUB REOPEN?

As you can imagine, a decision on reopening is dependent on CDC recommendations as well as all of us being comfortable playing f2f bridge again. Vaccinations are on the way and how soon they are available to all of us will factor into the decision. The Board of Directors will meet again Monday December 21 to review the situation. Any updates will be communicated via email and the website, DaytonaBridgeClub.org.

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!

We have an **EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERSHIP!** As a result of our recent request for donations to help keep us afloat while the club is closed we have received over 50 contributions. This is in addition to the 25 donations which came in from July through October. Some members have donated more than once! **WE THANK EACH OF YOU!**

There are also **SEVERAL** who contributed **SUBSTANTIALLY MORE** than expected, and **YOU EACH DESERVE A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

BBO

BBO has again had a few days recently where their system was "unstable". If you encounter such issues just be patient and persistent. It may take longer than usual to get in, but your efforts should be rewarded.

Those of us who are online (and there are a few new participants each month!) are still enjoying the camaraderie, challenge, and competition of our online encounters.

So, if you are still thinking about it, please give it a try.

ANNUAL MEETING and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Annual Meeting, usually held in November, will be postponed until the club reopens.

The current Board of Directors will also remain in place until elections can take place at our next annual meeting.

ANNUAL DUES

Many of you have asked when annual dues will be paid. The Board has voted that dues for 2021 will be reduced to \$20.00 and will be effective 1/1/2021 through fiscal end of year 10/31/2021. Dues are payable in January and can be mailed to DMBC, c/o 1998 Big Crane Loop, Port Orange, FL 32128.

ADDRESS LIST AND BBO ID LIST

Attached is an updated Address and Phone List which includes BBO ID's. Please verify all your information and email me at mwirutis@cfl.rr.com with any corrections. Please be aware that ACBL information about you is NOT connected to our database, so please update your information at [MyACBL](#) if necessary.

DMBC VIRTUAL GAME SCHEDULE

♠ ♠ 499er GAMES - Wednesday and Thursday at 10:15

♥ ♥ OPEN GAMES: Monday, Wednesday and Friday* at 1:15 **

*** (NO GAME DECEMBER 25th)**

**** (MEMBERS ONLY Wednesday and Friday...Members INCLUDE Deland/NSB)**

DELAND VIRTUAL GAME SCHEDULE

♠ ♠ 299er Games Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 and Fridays at 9:30.

♦ ♦ 499er Game Saturdays at 1:10 ♦ ♦

♥ ♥ Open Games Tuesday at 1:10 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 2:10 p.m.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL GAMES BEGINS 2 HOURS BEFORE START TIME. PLEASE BE ONLINE AT LEAST 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE GAME.

0- 99er GAME (all of District 9) EVERY EVENING AT 7:00 FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF HANDS. *Registration begins on BBO at 5 p.m. Go to "Competitive," then ACBL Virtual Clubs. Look for "DISTRICT 9, 99ers Invitational Game."*

BBO WANNABEES

For those of you who are still shy about tackling the mysteries of BBO, be assured that help is available. Just call me at (386) 756-0044 or email me at mwirkutis@cfl.rr.com and we will get you set up! It is never too late....

Also, if there is anyone familiar with BBO who is willing to provide some one-on-one help for our "Wannabees", please email me as well. **THANK YOU!**

CONVENTION CARDS

ACBL now requires that **ALL PAIRS** have a **CONVENTION CARD** posted on BBO. To complete your convention card, select the 'ACCOUNT' tab on the right hand side of the screen (or at the bottom of your notebook). At the top are several tabs – select Convention Cards and go from there. **If you do not have one posted** at the start of the game (last minute partnership, etc.) please announce your System and Carding at the beginning of each round. Then make sure to prepare a convention card before you next play together. The Convention Card police are still watching!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

As always, if you know of a bridge club member, or relative or friend of a member who would appreciate a note of congratulations, sympathy or concern, please let **CHERYL DIETZ** or **KAREN JEZEWSKI** know. Cheryl = cheryldietz57@gmail.com or (720) 220-8161. Karen = kajezewski@alma.edu, or (386)681-8807. Thank you.

WISHING HAPPY HOLIDAYS and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALLcontinue to be safe and stay well! The end is finally just around the corner!

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