



South Orange County Bridge Center

SOCBC Newsletter - December 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE CLUB?

Attendance at the club has been up and down these past few months but is trending upward. On the minus side, several people were away traveling and attending tournaments. On the plus side, we saw the return of a few MIAs like Sharon Forslund, Barbara Pierce, Gale Atwood and Sunila Kulkarni and we welcomed a social player, Terry Liebman who joined us recently. Many members of other clubs have become frequent visitors and it's great to see them. Another encouraging sign is the abundance of beginners who are playing in the open game in addition to NLM games. The greater the number of tables, the more fun it is for those who participate. A variety of opponents makes the experience more interesting, and the larger the game, the higher the MP awards. We know you have a choice of where to play - socially, online, at a neighboring club, or at SOCBC. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, when you chose to play at SOCBC, we are thankful to have you here!

ACBL DISTRICT 22 DONATES TO OLLI

Richard Picheny and Janie Matlaf met with several key OLLI personnel on November 7th to donate \$3,333 from ACBL District 22. OLLI, the *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute* at UCI, is an organization that aligns very closely with our values of continuous learning and community connection. Like SOCBC, it is a volunteer-based organization of adult learners, primarily retirees, who come together to discover, share, and build social connections with one another in a rich learning culture. They offer a variety of thought-provoking short courses, taught by UCI professors and other

Richard Picheny

respected experts, who explore subject areas like literature, history, science, and the arts.

OLLI representatives provided us with free visitor passes. If any of our members would like a pass to attend an OLLI session, please contact me. Recently Frances Krause and Janie Matlaf attended an outstanding afternoon session on the current state of Artificial Intelligence.

OLLI will show their appreciation for our donation by adding a Silver Donor Butterfly to their Donor Wall. They will also be publicizing our future beginner classes as an OLLI Extra. To learn more about OLLI at UCI, [click here](#).

HOLIDAY PARTY, SILENT AUCTION & ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HOLIDAY PARTY

I'm happy to say that due to Maggie Briskie's efforts we sold out dinner and bridge for our Holiday Party. You are still welcome to participate in our silent auction and Annual Membership meeting. If you have not signed up, see Maggie to be placed on our waiting list for bridge and dinner.

We begin with breakfast at 9:00AM on December 19th, followed by our General Membership Meeting at 9:30AM. The new Board of Directors and Citizenship Award winners will be announced, the financial statements will be discussed, and other important business items will be covered. Next, we get to enjoy our favorite business, playing bridge, with an Open and an NLM Section. Following the game at approximately 1:30PM we will have a catered early afternoon dinner and our sinfully- delicious dessert bar.

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SILENT AUCTION

We are about to begin our Silent Auction. We have over 35 exciting items and instructional games up for auction, including Pacific Symphony tickets, tickets to Pink Martini, handmade quilts, throws and jewelry, photographs, a hand carved and turned chess set, dinners and bridge lessons and sessions. Final bids will be accepted through dessert on December 19th. Donations, contributions, and purchase prices are used to help keep our Bridge Center viable but are not tax deductible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

It is time to elect three new members to our Board of Directors for 2025. The SOCBC Board consists of seven members.

Candidates do not run for a specific position on the Board. The newly elected Board will meet in late December or early January to determine who will be responsible for specific positions in 2025.

The members continuing for the second of their two-year terms are: Richard Picheny; Maggie Briskie; Trisha Silverberg and Patricia Jennings.

MaryDee Kienstra is retiring from the board and not seeking reelection. Susan Bristol and John Jonas are completing their terms of service and seeking reelection. Steve Rounds has been nominated to serve on the Board. See below for their information.

As there are only three vacancies and three nominees (page 4), we are dispensing with ballots. The election will be held at our General Meeting at 10 AM on December 19th. We will ask for a show of hands. At that time, you may also present a nomination from the floor.

A special thank you to our Board Members for their service.

VOLUNTEERS, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, UNIT GAMES AND MORE

To all players, including open players, NLMs, and new players taking classes or playing in the 0-20 games, morning or evening games, **SOCBC NEEDS YOU**.

Our core volunteer group is getting tired and smaller, we need you to help us grow and prosper. Volunteering for two to three hours a week for one to two months would be a helpful contribution.

Current areas where your help would be critical include:

- Mentoring - Wednesday afternoons in the 0 to 20 MP games
- Decorating for Holidays - We have Holiday decorations for several holidays. Diane Velick, Sharon Rippy, Frances Krause, Wanda White and others served as working chairs of the Decorating Committee. Our Club looked festive and seasonal. Unless we get volunteers for the Decorating Committee, we will be donating and/or disposing of the decorations
- Unit Game Meals - We need two additional volun-

teers each to organize two of our monthly Unit Game meals. That commitment is one Unit Game meal twice a year

- Welcome Committee - Welcoming new members, sending an email with Bridge fee discount coupons, emailing, calling or arranging to play a game with them.
- Unspecified - If you are interested in volunteering but have a specific interest or don't know what you would like to help with, please see me.

PRO AM GAME

Thanks to the efforts of John Jonas our November, *Pro Am* Game was once again a resounding success, with two nine-table sections and 72 players. Finishing first in their sections and direction were Gerald Loughman and Gary Waldron 69.94%, Peggy Henos and Laverne Marano 65.18%, Peggy Dakin and Jeff Rocklin 63.10%, and Susan Froome and Susan Kissinger 61.61%. Peggy Dakin has been at the top of her direction in four of our Pro Am events. Peggy, it may be time to start playing as a Pro rather than an Am.

Every participant that I spoke with loved the event and is looking forward to the next one.

MP LIMIT UPDATE

Starting on December 3, we have raised the master point limit of our 0-500 limited games to 0-750. Those of you in the 500-750 master point range, come out and play.

TOYS FOR TOTS & FOOD DRIVE

We have set up *Toys for Tots and Food Drive* collection bins to receive donations at the club. Please donate early and often to help those not as well-off as we are.

MONDAY LESSONS

Part 2 of Beginning Bridge ends February 3rd.

We will start new beginners again March 3rd and need your referrals to help fill the class. If you know people who might be interested in learning, please refer them to Janie Matlaf at jmatlaf@gmail.com.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPEN GAME

Come on players, support our club by playing in the Saturday afternoon game. REGISTER EARLY!! Larger games encourage greater participation. Some players are attracted by the higher masterpoint awards and enhanced socialization of larger games. We will continue to offer special games with higher master point awards and serve pizza and salad.

FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Our newly initiated iterations of Friday Night Bridge exceeded expectations. We offered open games and social tables. The social game is a relaxed duplicate format that awards masterpoints. There was an abundance of delicious heavy appetizers and wonderful desserts. Please join us on Friday, January 10th for "Heavy Appetizers," desserts and Open and Social Bridge.

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SWISS TEAMS GAME

We will hold our January *Eight is Enough Swiss Team* games on Wednesday, January 8th, and a regular Swiss Team Game on Sunday, January 26th. We will be serving pizza, salad and dessert or more exotic fare on Sunday. Please sign up early at the club or email me and I will sign you up. Include the names of your players and total master points.

For those of you not familiar with *Eight is Enough Swiss Teams*, teams are formed based on the magical number 8. A players are assigned three points each, B players two each, and C players one each – all based on their number of masterpoints. Even if you are not a CPA you can see where this is going. Two A players would have to team with two C players to keep within the magic number, eight. Four B players could team up, or one A, two B's and a C could team up. Any combination below eight works for 'Eight is Enough.' The *8 is Enough* strats are 2500+, 750-2500, below 750.

Sound like something you want to try? Team Games are played on the second Wednesday and fourth Sunday of the month.

UNIT GAME

As is our custom, we will not hold a Unit Game in December. We will hold our next Unit Game on January 26th. As usual we will be serving a wonderful brunch/lunch. Register early.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 0-20 GAME

Players with 0-20 masterpoints please play in our Wednesday Supervised Play game beginning at 12:30. Our goal is to provide the opportunity for you to practice with the benefit of more experienced players on hand to help answer your questions.

All players and students in the 0-20 range are welcome. The cost is \$10. If you can come with a partner, that will help, but if not, just show up and we will pair you with anyone else looking for a partner. In the event of an odd number, you may stay and kibbitz for free.

Please sign up at the Club or contact Mary Dee Kienstra if you can help on any Wednesday afternoon. You don't need to be an expert level player; anyone who plays in NLM games will be perfect. Please volunteer.

TUESDAY MORNING GAME

Thank you to Sharon Rippy who has retired from directing the Tuesday morning limited game after so many years. She has had an enthusiastic following of current and past beginning players who have learned so much with her guidance.

Going forward we have a new Tuesday team teaching trio consisting of Linda Ryder, Dae Leckie and John Jonas. They will focus on helping new players get a solid foundation in the basics. Watch our weekly Sunday morning emails to see the topic of the week for Tuesday morning mini-lessons. □



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Susan Bristol Co-Chair, Membership

We now have 458 members in our club! Wishing each and every one of you a happy holiday season!

There are two new members to report this month. Welcome to you both.

- Carrie Henry
- Ellen Richard

Joining them are these transfers into our club. We're happy to have you!

- Lisa Marcus
- Cheryl Maxson
- Meredith Michaels
- Marcia Sanserino
- Cathy Ward

Congratulations to everyone who achieved a new rank:

Junior Master

- Irwin Bornstein
- Nikki & Dennis Heider
- Tari Roth
- Glenn Tyler

Club Masters

- Jill Hodges
- Robert Hutchinson *aka* Hutch
- Barbara Smith

Sectional Master

- Maryam Choobineh
- Ray Jankowski
- Jeff Oberholzer

NABC Master

- Fariba Selessi
- Advanced NABC Master
- Fred Choobineh
- William Coulson

Life Master

- Maggie Briskie – She also became a Bronze Life Master at the same time – double congratulations to you Maggie!
- Mary Dee Kienstra
- Anna Kreucher

Silver Life Master

- Trudi Hanscom
- Judy Wittenstein

Platinum Life Master

- Phil Heistand

Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our club and making it the great club that it is!

2025 BOARD CANDIDATES

SUSAN G. BRISTOL

Why do I want to be on the Board (again)? SOCBC is my bridge home. I am proud to be a member, love the people and want to give back to the organization and game that has given me such pleasure.

Friday mornings finds me in the bridge club to teach and run a game for beginning bridge students/players. Trudi and I have been running this game since 2016. Many of the early players are now regular players in the NLM and Open sections. We continue to get new players. My goal is to instill in them the same love of the game that I have. We won't survive without new players.

I am a strong advocate for the NLM players we have and would like to continue to represent them.

I have enjoyed serving on the board and would like to continue to do so.



STEVE ROUNDS

Steve has degrees in physics from Stevens Institute of Technology and Yale University. He started his professional career in New Jersey as an engineer designing GPS navigation systems for military applications and finished his career with John Deere designing navigation systems for tractors. His

bridge career started with a lunchtime game with his first boss in the late 70's along with a corporate bridge league and occasional sectionals, regionals, and nationals.

When he moved to California in 1993 he put his bridge career on hold while he raised his family and developed his career. He resumed playing bridge in the late 20-teens at SOCBC and now plays twice a week at the club, where he recently (finally?) became a Life Master last year. He was proud of the club when he attended a recent regional, and strangers remarked on what a great and friendly place SOCBC is. Steve has three children and lives in San Clemente with his wife (who doesn't play bridge) and dog.

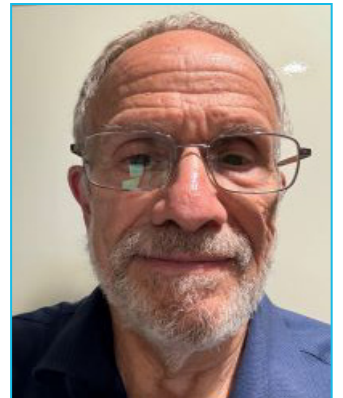


JOHN JONAS

I served as President of Dana Harbor Bridge Club for two years (2011 and 2012). I have been dedicated to serving the needs of the club for the past 12 years and am currently one of the four people regularly directing at the club.

I was Facilities Manager at the time of our move from Dana Harbor to our current location, easing that transition. I have either been Facilities Manager or consulted with those who have been for all the years since.

I am running for the Board to expand our club membership by encouraging players of all abilities to learn and play this wonderful game we all enjoy. To this end I have run our Pro - Am games and mentored on Wednesdays. I will also be one of the teachers for the Tuesday Morning Class/Game in 2025.



NORMA UNDERWOOD

It is with great sadness that the club announces the passing last month of Norma Underwood.

Norma started at the bridge center when it was in Dana Point and loved taking classes from Sally and Dae.

She had a wide circle of friends and also enjoyed playing bridge in several social groups in San Clemente. She had a zest for life, a fun positive attitude and a great sense of humor.

She will truly be missed by all who knew her.



Why Play Bridge?

With so many activities competing for your leisure time, why invest your energy into learning a game as complex as bridge?

Why bridge instead of computer games, poker, chess, golf? If you're wondering if bridge is for you -- or if you've always wanted to learn but have been afraid it's too difficult -- here are some of the reasons why millions of people around the world are hooked on this fascinating game.

Bridge can be a lifelong pursuit. It takes only rudimentary knowledge to begin playing and enjoying bridge, but as any player will tell you, this is not a game for those who demand instant gratification. Learning to play well takes time and effort, and the game is impossible to master. But that's precisely why bridge is so popular, and why it's called "the game for a lifetime". No matter how many years you play, you'll always find new challenges, and the learning process will never end. Bridge also caters to all physical conditions and disabilities, so players can actively pursue their pastime throughout their entire lives.

Bridge will never bore you. The game can be exciting, challenging, frustrating and humbling, but it will never be boring. There are more than 750 trillion possible hands, so you'll see something new every time you play. It's actually a fast-paced game, too. Each hand takes just five to ten minutes to play before you move on to the next deal and a new challenge.

Bridge stimulates the brain. Bridge is one of the best ways to practice the "use it or lose it" advice for maintaining mental sharpness in older age. Research has shown that regular bridge playing improves reasoning skills and long- and short-term memory. You'll feel the neurons firing not only while you play, but long after. Many players say that hours after a bridge game, they still feel mentally alert and energized, similar to the "high" that long-distance runners experience after a race.

Bridge exercises both sides of your brain. Bridge is one of the few games that stimulates both the left and right sides of your brain. Every time you play, you use -- and improve -- your skills in communication, logic, math, memory, visualization and psychology. It's a unique type of mental workout that is both relaxing and invigorating, and that can't be duplicated by other leisure or work-related activities.

Karen Walker

Bridge can improve your physical health. Research has shown that a game of bridge can even boost your immune system. By stimulating the brain cortex, bridge-playing activity produces higher numbers of the white blood cells that fight disease. Other studies have found that people who play bridge regularly are 2½ times less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease. Bridge is social. A game of bridge involves communication and cooperation with your partner and interaction with your opponents. There's a special camaraderie among bridge players that develops from the social setting and the game's emphasis on teamwork, ethics and sportsmanship. And if you play duplicate bridge, you can find new friends and partners at more than 3300 bridge clubs throughout North America.

Bridge is a bargain. All you need for a bridge game is a deck of cards and three other people. You don't have to leave your home, and if you have a computer, you don't even need the cards or the people. You can play and practice on your own with bridge software, or you can join in live games with thousands of players from around the world at one of the free online bridge clubs. You can also enter games at your local duplicate club, where you'll enjoy a three-hour session of bridge for less than the cost of a movie.

Bridge is fun. Of all the reasons to learn the game, the most important is that it's just fun to play. It offers the suspense of poker, the cerebral qualities of chess and the excitement of athletic sports, all in a sociable setting where you're a participant, not just a spectator. Every session allows you to test yourself and experience the feeling of accomplishment when you find a successful bid or play.

That's what keeps people coming back to the bridge table, and it's why bridge will always be the world's most popular card game.

"If I had my way, I would have children taught bridge as a matter of course, just as they are taught dancing. In the end, it will be more useful to them. You can play bridge as long as you can sit up at a table and tell one card from another. In fact, when all else fails -- sport, love, ambition -- bridge remains a solace and an entertainment."

W. Somerset Maugham

VOLUNTEERING AS A 0-20 MP MENTOR IS REWARDING IN ITSELF

Mary Dee Kienstra

Did you know the 0-20 Master Point (MP) beginner game on Wednesday afternoons has been ongoing for over 18 months? This game is a 100% volunteer-run game. Over 55 people have stepped up to mentor, many of whom have done so multiple times. Why? Most likely because many people experience a deep sense of happiness and fulfillment from donating their time and skills to others. In this season of giving and sharing, I asked some of the mentors what they enjoy most about mentoring beginners and this is what they had to say:

- *"I enjoy mentoring because it lets me meet and welcome the new players at the Club. I remember being a new player, and how important it was to me to feel welcomed by others. It is also great to see so many who have become enthusiastic about the game I love."* **Sunny Foster**
- *"It is SO exciting to witness their enthusiasm each week. Their questions about bidding have lessened somewhat because I ask them what they think they should do and they surprise themselves that they CAN figure it out at this point."* **Peggy Dakin**
- *"I love seeing the mentees move confidently to the NLM level. And, I am very proud when they outscore me!"* **Judith Frant**
- *"...I enjoy teaching, and the opportunity to help teach beginning bridge players is enjoyable and rewarding."* **Irwin Rosenfeld**
- *"Bridge is such a complex game it is nearly impossible to master without help. By mentoring we help others master a new skill. There is real joy in seeing the faces of novice players as a new concept, convention, or line of play solidifies in their mind."* **David Merenbach**

- *"The joy on their faces, the confirming glance you can give them, the fun they are having."* **Marcia Gahring**
- *"Mentoring is very rewarding as one can see new players improve. At the same time, it helps our Club hopefully add more, and enthusiastic bridge lovers."* **Joop Doorn**
- *"It's so exciting to see their enthusiasm for the game, the desire to learn and improve, and the friendships formed as a result."* **Susan Bristol**

I want to thank all the volunteers who have made our 0-20 MP mentor program a success. If you have not yet mentored the beginners, give it a try. If you are unsure about becoming a mentor but want to get involved, contact me and I can set you up as a volunteer fill-in rather than a mentor. If you have mentored in the past, please volunteer again, as we always need more mentors.

Now it is even more rewarding to volunteer. We are initiating a thank you system of FREE PLAY certificates for the first two mentors per week who pre-arrange with me. Either text me at 949-235-1218 or sign up at the club. Texting is better because the sign-up sheet is manual and I'm not in the club every day!

If you are a 0-20 MP beginner, please join the fun and meet these fantastic people who are spending their free time helping you learn the game they love.

* *The Education Committee would like everyone who wants to volunteer to have a chance to sign up, so people signing up for multiple weeks may be asked to be fill-in mentors.*

MANAGER'S CORNER

Gail Schneider

After a very busy November, we go directly into a busy season of tournaments. Nationals started on Thanksgiving and right after is the Palm Springs Regional. Good Luck to all our players who are going to either or both. Come home with lots of points!

The Club has decided to make the Bailey's convention alertable. Players who are using this convention, please start alerting immediately.

We have just decided to make our Tuesday Limited game a 0-750. This will start the first Tuesday in December. Our famous Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 19th. Please make sure you register with Maggie and pay in advance. NO WALK-INS allowed for that day. This will be in the middle of STARDUST week. 25% of points earned will be GOLD.

Our room is getting an update. It's looking great! Please let our board and volunteers know what you think.

Remember to thank Jeremy for all the clean cards in our boards. That is his contribution to help our club. Think of ways you can help and let us know.

Remember, DO NOT come into the club if you are not feeling well. There are too many colds, viruses, influenza and Covid bugs going around. As far as mask requirements go, we are leaving it up to you.

See you at the tables

DECEMBER SPECIALS AT SOCBC

December 7	Local Charity Game	\$13 per person
	Lunch at 12 Noon, Game at 12:30 PM	
December 14	Unit Club Championships	\$13 per person
	Lunch at 12 Noon, Game at 12:30 PM	
December 15	NO GAME	
December 16 - 21	Stardust Games - 25% GOLD POINTS	
	Thursday is the Holiday Party, for which reservations and payment must be made in advance.	
	Saturday lunch at 12 - Game at 12:30 PM	\$13 pp
	Other days that week are \$12	
December 23 - 27	Charity Games	All games \$12 per person
December 28	Unit Club Championship	\$13 per person
	Lunch at 12 Noon, Game at 12:30 PM	

THE EARTH IS WHAT WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON

Trisha Silverberg

Recycling is the method of converting waste material into a usable item. As a small but mighty bridge club, we have provided the tools to do our part in recycling but, sadly, we aren't doing a very good job. I'm hoping this gentle nudge will encourage all of us to do a better job.

If you don't know what to recycle, take a look at the sign on each Blue Recycle Bin; it explains exactly what to put in...the rest goes into the White Bin. Super simple!

On a separate note, the forms the club provides are often wasted. The score cards have a front and a back and can be used twice. The convention card sheets should only be used when completing a new convention card, and the reverse side can be used for one game. We shouldn't be using the forms as scratch paper. Scratch paper has been provided next to the pencils. When we are done using all this paper, it goes in the Recycle Blue Bin. This not only helps our environment, it also helps the club budget because we will order fewer forms. Remember, every little bit helps!

THE LIBRARY SHELF DECEMBER 2024

Gill Jeffrey

I have updated the library catalog to include the many new and wonderful books that have been donated throughout the year. We now have 91 different titles in the Beginner Section, 134 Intermediate, 15 Advanced and 20 Other. 260 different books to interest you. We have quite a few duplicate copies, particularly of books by popular authors, such as Audrey Grant, Barbara Seagram and Marty Bergen.

[Click here](#) to see the catalog, and remember to visit the library before or after your game. A library needs readers.

Happy Holidays

CLASS SCHEDULES

Janie Matlaf is our Education Chairperson. Contact her at jmatlaf@gmail.com for all questions relating to courses and schedules. Refer to the website for our course timetables.

MONDAY MORNINGS: BEGINNING BRIDGE, 9:00 - 11:30AM

Part 2 of Beginning Bridge ends February 3rd.

Start spreading the word that Beginning Bridge will start again for newcomers Monday mornings on March 3rd. We will need your referrals to help fill the class. If you know people who might be interested in learning, please refer them to Janie at jmatlaf@gmail.com.

MONDAY EVENINGS: 0-2500 MPs BRIDGE with SUSAN on BBO

The Monday night game on BBO has now pooled with the Duncan Bridge Center and Laguna Woods Bridge. We start at 6:25 PM and are finished by 9:00 PM. If you need a partner let Susan or Joyce Potter know and they'll try to arrange one for you.

The pooled games have given us larger Monday night games. What a plus! Due to an increase by ACBL, the game fee is now \$4.50. Due to the larger game, masterpoint awards are bigger. If you haven't played, why not give it a try? For more information, contact Susan Bristol at 949-300-4454 or email bristolsg949@gmail.com

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Sharon Rippey has retired from directing the Tuesday morning limited game after so many years. She has had an enthusiastic following of current and past beginning players who have learned so much with her guidance. Going forward we have a new Tuesday team teaching trio consisting of Linda Ryder, Dae Leckie and John Jonas. They will focus on helping new players get a solid foundation in the basics. Watch our weekly Sunday morning emails to see the topic of the week for Tuesday morning mini-lessons.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS: 0-20 MP SUPERVISED PLAY 12:30-4:00PM

This should be the first step for all our beginners. You may bring your notes, ask your questions, and start practicing in a stress-free environment. Come with or without a partner, and no reservation is required.

Plan to stay for 12 to 15 boards, which can run until approximately 3:15 to 4 PM. Late arrival makes it challenging for us to arrange the table movement and partnerships, so try to be there with time to spare. This is a learning game where you can practice with volunteer mentors at the tables. Masterpoints are awarded to the top scorers.

Game fee: \$10.

THURSDAY MORNINGS: *Good, Better, Best Bidding* with Bob Levine. *Starts in January*

Take some well-deserved time off Thursday mornings in December and play in our afternoon game instead.

- January 23 – Two-suiter overcalls
- January 30 – Responding to Takeout Doubles
- February 6 – New Minor Forcing
- February 13 – Weak Two Bids
- February 20 – Jacoby 2NT
- February 27 – Reverses

Sign up in advance \$75 for the full series or \$15 per class.

Contact: rslevine@cox.net

FRIDAY MORNINGS: FOR NEW PLAYERS (0-200 MPs)

Due to the holiday schedule, there'll be opportunity to play a bit more and hone your bridge skills, plus a chance to earn GOLD points at the club. Read on to find our December schedule.

- December 6 – Preemptive Bidding – what do you do with a weak hand? How to respond to your partner if you have a weak hand.
- December 13 – New Minor Forcing – how to better describe your hand and find your 5-3 major fit.
- December 20 – STARDUST GAME – 25% of points earned will be gold.
- December 27 – Game only. Lessons will resume in January.

No partner needed. We guarantee you will play. This is a very fun and friendly group. The more you play, the more comfortable you will become with the bidding and the play of the hand.

Contact Susan Bristol at bristolsg949@gmail.com or Trudi Hanscom at t.hanscom@live.com for more information.

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