



December 29, 2008

Club Manager

Happy New Year! The Board of Directors wishes you a healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year. We are pleased to announce that long-term DMBC member, current director and instructor and former club manager Spike Lay will assume the duties of our new club manager on January 1st. Spike will be responsible for scheduling games and the scheduling of directors, offering a monthly “sharpening skills” class to our game directors, maintaining ongoing relations with ACBL, purchasing bridge supplies, assisting with the monthly newsletter, and addressing the concerns of DMBC members. Spike will report to the Board monthly. Spike brings a wealth of knowledge to the job and is well liked in the club and respected nationally as a formidable bridge player and expert. (Yet I still relish the time he under led his ace of hearts in a 6 spades contract against my partner and I to my singleton king of hearts giving us a top board)! We wish him the best in his new position and the Board will work closely with him to assure a smooth transition of the responsibilities he is assuming.

Our former club manager June Byrne has begun chemotherapy and hopes to return to our club soon with her husband Alan. Please continue to hold them in the Light as this continues to be a trying time.

A very big special Thank You to Linda Miller who stepped forward after June’s sudden departure to fill the role of scheduling games and scheduling directors. Linda did an amazing job and we are immensely grateful!

Daytona Beach Winter Sectional

Our sectional is scheduled for Jan 15-18. We are anticipating a large turnout and are immensely grateful to Max Bayard for coordinating this enjoyable and financially beneficial event for our club. Judy McCall who did an outstanding job with food coordination for our Christmas/Holiday party will be unable to assist us for the sectional on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On each of those days we urgently need three volunteers to help in the kitchen beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will be buying all the food from Sam’s so preparation will be easy; microwaving and serving. Those volunteering will be able to schedule games for the afternoon session. If you do not have a morning game scheduled for one of these days please consider helping our club by volunteering. Those volunteering are asked to please contact May Bayard at 788-0782 or email Max at MbayardJr@aol.com.

Card Shuffler

The Board approved the purchase of a card shuffler, new boards, and the software necessary for computer printouts for all hands. This is a costly expenditure but one that the Board feels will improve the quality of our games. Board member Donna Jurist is coordinating the purchasing of the dealer with the help of Spike Lay, Bruce Ohmann and Bill McManus. DMBC member and Deland Club Manger Lynn Berg has

graciously offered to bring her dealer to our club and answer any questions we may have before the final purchase. Thank you Lynn!

Head Start

DMBC club members donated seventy gifts for the children of Holly Hill Head Start this year and a whopping five hundred and forty-five dollars! Our club members generosity was so outstanding that in addition to providing gifts for the eighty-four kids that Holly Hill Head Start services; they were also able to buy gifts for all of the remaining one hundred seventy plus children Head Start serves throughout Volusia County! Great job DMBC members!

Club Committees

I will be contacting club members in the following weeks to ask for help in serving on the numerous volunteer committees which are so essential to the health of our club. I want to thank each member who served on these committees this past year by providing such immeasurable contribution to us all.

A special thank you to Don Beecher and Joe Reeves for their ongoing dedication to our Grounds/House committee. Joe recently did a great job creating ledges for our white boards and Don's ongoing attention to maintenance issues is outstanding. Thank you Don and Joe! Also special thanks to Shirley Townley for the ongoing and caring service she provides on our Sunshine Committee.

We owe much gratitude to Mary Lockwald, Bob Aumiller and John Sterling for their splendid work on the Purchasing Committee. Mary will be retiring this year and Susan Hagey will be filling Mary's shoes. Thank you Mary for all your hard work this last year!

A very special Thank You for Bruce Ohmann and Joe Reeves and their ongoing and thorough work on the Finance Committee. Both Bruce and Joe have offered to volunteer again this year and together with our treasurer John Sterling they provide an amazing and insurmountable service to our club.

And lastly a very grateful Thank You for Bill McManus and Bob Renuart for the outstanding and technically intricate job they do on our Computer/Web Site Committee. If you haven't check out the DMBC interactive web site at www.daytonabridge.org you don't know what you are missing! Bill has designed a fabulous web site and continues to do an outstanding job! We are most fortunate to have the volunteer services of both Bill and Bob!

Our club thrives on the countless hours that volunteer members provide. Their hard work and dedication is the backbone of our club and I join every member and guest to our club in extending and applauding the tremendous contribution of our volunteers.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Games

We are pleased to offer a Wednesday December 31st New Year's Eve Game and dinner again this year. Our New Year's Eve Game is also a club championship and will provide extra points! The club will provide the meat dish and members are encouraged to bring a dish to share and to BYOB. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the game will start at 7 p.m. Special thanks to Max and Betty Bayard for coordinating this event. Also we will have a New Year's Day Game Thursday Jan 1st starting at 1:30 p.m. Special thanks to Linda Miller for directing this game.

Friday Night Team Games

Jan 23 and Jan 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Extra Point Games

Jan 27 Tuesday 9:30 Club Championship
Jan 27 Tuesday 1:30 Club Championship
Jan 31 Saturday 1:00 Club Championship

Grand National Team Game

The Grand National Team Games are back!!! Thursday, January 29 at 1:30 will be a GN Team Game. It will pay ½ red and ½ black points. GN Team games cost an extra dollar but they pay lots of points.

New Beginner's Class

Matie Ellery will be offering a new class for beginners in January. Beginning Bridge Classes start **Thursday morning January 22nd** at 9:30 a.m. Please encourage your friends to come. The first two lessons are free. The "**Review of Bridge Basics**" class will continue meeting Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Partners are guaranteed!

Mailing List and Club Directory

We are updating our mailing list and club directory. There is an email mailing list posted at the club for you to update your email addresses. You may also update your email addresses by sending the corrected information to Bob Renuart at Robert-Renuart@earthlink.net

John Sterling is currently updating the club directory, please provide any corrected information to Spike Lay or the scheduled director so that John can assure that your listing in our new directory will be accurate.

Winter Sectional Reminder

Once again please don't forget to help at our Winter Sectional on the mornings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Max if you can help. Your assistance in helping our sectional to run smoothly is urgently needed. Thank you!!!