



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Jim Geary, Board President

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

As I think of all the wonderful people at Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club I am filled with the spirit of thanksgiving. I have had the pleasure of working side by side this year with so many selfless individuals who contribute to our club in numerous ways. I know that our members enrich my life and give me pause to ponder the beauty and grace that surrounds us. There are too many individuals to thank but as I reflect on this year I am reminded of some very special people and moments. I am uplifted by our members who in the face of life-threatening illnesses have held their heads high and continued to play at our club despite difficulty. I am grateful for their courage, tenacity and their willingness to simply show up! I am also thankful for our members, who rise above understandable awkwardness and uneasiness to welcome them at the table.



I am thankful and full of admiration for [JOHN STERLING](#) and [BARBARA KING](#) who will be resigning from the Board this year. Barbara has served on the Board for three years helping with decorations, organizing the kitchen, serving as Sectional Greeter Chairperson, Board Secretary and a host of other responsibilities. John Sterling has served on the Board for six years, working as President, Treasurer, Purchaser, Membership Directory Organizer, Christmas Head Start liaison, and Sectional Garbage Collector. Much of what Barbara and John did and will continue to do as dedicated members is unseen and not frequently enough applauded.

My heart is also full with memories: [PAT HINES](#) who called me to cancel a bridge date a few days before she passed and before hanging up shared an "I love you."; [MAX BAYARD](#) calling me from the hospital a few days before he passed, telling me of the seriousness of his condition, and assuring me that everything was on schedule for the sectional; [EVELYN DAVIS](#), after accepting my proposal as I perched on bended knee removing the plastic trash bag from her table at the sectional, looking full into my eyes and sharing, "I don't know if you people know how much we older people appreciate how much you do for us, the people who put the sectional and the wonderful food together, SPIKE and the Game Directors. I can't do it anymore but I want you to know that we are very thankful!"

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be on Wednesday November 11 at 1 P.M. [JUDY HINDS](#) will present a financial report and I will be highlighting a few changes recently approved by the board. We will also be electing five new members to the board; members will be asked to vote for four since depending on who receives the most votes will serve for a longer term, however all five nominees will be members of the 2010 Board of Directors. The five nominees are:

[MARY AMATO](#), [BOB DANIELSON](#), [AL IRWIN](#), [CHET MASZTAK](#), [SCOTT WEISS](#).



FREE LIMITED GAMES



As I mentioned in the October newsletter, [SPIKE](#) and the Board are hopeful to have an ongoing limited game on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. After polling a number of limited players the consensus was that if we offered a limited game for players with 0-300 points that would give us the best shot at developing ongoing attendance in this game. [SHIRLEY TOWNLEY](#) and [GAIL RUST](#) who have both expressed a desire to resurrect the limited game suggested offering several FREE GAMES as a way to attract back our valued members. The Board thought that was a great suggestion and we will be having TWO FREE LIMITED GAMES on Monday November 9

and Wednesday November 11 at 1:30. Please consider attending these games and know that your club values you and wants to accommodate your needs whenever possible.

HOLIDAY PARTY/HEAD START

Our Holiday Party will be on Wednesday December 16 at 1 P.M. [JUDY McCALL](#) has graciously volunteered once again to oversee this event.

This year we will also be collecting gifts and cash for Volusia County Head Start Program. Last year we collected five hundred dollars which Head Start used to purchase additional gifts. Through our efforts and generosity they were able to provide gifts to all Head Start children in Volusia County.





We will begin collecting cash donations and gifts on Monday November 30. I would like to have the bulk of gifts and cash ready to be delivered to Head Start on Thursday December 10. This time frame will enable Head Start staff to buy additional gifts for the 150 children that they serve. Head Start serves three and four year olds. They have a few more boys than girls.

Please be generous!

DAYTONA REGIONAL

The Daytona Beach Regional will be at the Daytona Beach Plaza Resort November 2-8. The Daytona Beach Metropolitan Club will be closed during this time. Our club will open on Monday November 9 for Matie's class and for our afternoon open and limited games.



SPECIAL GAMES

(Special Games are in addition to our regularly scheduled games!)

November 9	Monday 1:30 Open and Limited (0-300) Limited players play for free!!
November 11	Wednesday 1:30 Open and Limited (0-300) Limited players play for free!! (Annual Meeting 1 P.M.)
November 13	Friday 7 P.M. Swiss Club Tournament.
November 16	Monday 1:30 Club Tournament
November 19	Thursday 1:30 Club Tournament
November 24	Tuesday 1:30 Club Tournament
November 25	Wednesday 9:30 Club Tournament
November 26, 27	Club will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.
November 28	Saturday 1 P.M. Club Opened
December 1	Tuesday 9:30 Club Tournament