



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Jim Geary Board President



Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club Board of Directors and our dedicated Game Directors wish each of you Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! However you choose to celebrate this season, we wish you health, peace, and the closeness of family friends. We are planning a wonderful HOLIDAY PARTY on Wednesday December 15. The club will provide the main entrée and members who are able are asked to bring a dish to share. Lunch will be at 12:30. SHANNON SCHNEIDER will once again be playing carols on her electric organ and JUDY McCALL will be cooking up a bounty of delicious food. Get a partner now and plan to attend this enjoyable and uplifting event.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new board is in place and thanks to all of our members who voted. The first meeting of the new board was on November 15 and the board elected the following officers:

President	JIM GEARY
1 vice president	DONNA BENOY
2 vice president	PEG LUPO
Treasurer	JUDY HINDS
Secretary	MARTHA WIRKUTIS

CLUB MANAGER

SPIKE LAY has decided to resign from the club manager position. SPIKE has served the club well during the last two years and has the deep appreciation of the board for the excellence and enthusiasm he demonstrated. When our previous club manager JUNE BYRNE needed to resign two years ago, SPIKE graciously offered to step forward. SPIKE will remain very active in the club. He wants to focus on teaching intermediate and advance classes for members, in addition to working individually with clients. The club will keep members informed of SPIKE'S future classes. We are very lucky to have SPIKE in our club and to benefit from the vast degree of knowledge he possesses. SPIKE also desires to focus on some non-bridge related activities (can you imagine such a thing!) and general fitness. He will be available in our transition period and will help train our new club manager. We are seeking someone who has good organizational and communication skills. Some of the club manager's responsibilities include:

1. Maintaining relationship with ACBL, annual report, club sanction status.

2. Scheduling game directors, overseeing ongoing game director's education, facilitating communication among game directors.
3. Maintaining three month game schedule, including scheduling of club championships, charity games, team games and other special games.
4. Overseeing availability and quality of lessons at club for each level.
5. Purchasing game and office supplies.
6. Overseeing club's cleaning personnel.
7. Enforcing zero tolerance policy, ruling disputes, and handling member complaints.
8. Overseeing card shuffler and person or persons involved in making of boards. Generating and maintaining files of daily hand records.
9. Communicating with various board committees to deal with specific problems.
10. Attending board meetings.

I have had several interested persons approach me regarding this position. It is the board's desire to fill this position by December 10, so that they may be adequately trained by SPIKE. Anyone one interested in this position should contact me directly at (386) 441-7562. Compensation for this position is three hundred dollars monthly. This compensation is in addition to fees paid for directing individual games and teaching.

HEADSTART



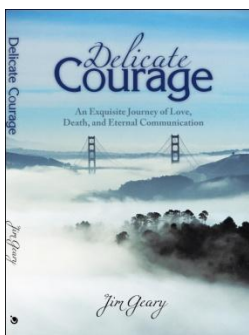
Once again this year we are collecting gifts and cash for Volusia County Headstart. Members are asked to bring in gifts for three to four year old boys and girls. Gifts should be wrapped if possible and a tag should indicate gender. There is a large collection jar on the director's desk for cash donations. All cash donations will be used for purchasing gifts for the children. Since Headstart staff needs to purchase gifts before their holiday break, we are asking that all gifts and donations be brought to the club no later than Monday December 13. Thank you!!!

MENTORING PROGRAM

JUDY HINDS informed me that the [mentoring program](#) should be in full swing by January. Many individuals desiring mentors have already been matched. If you haven't been matched, hang in there, we will do our absolute best to provide every member who desires a mentor.



DELICATE COURAGE



Many members have asked for information regarding [my book](#). I will be having a book launching and books available for signing at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday January 8. Those interested can drop in between the hours of 4-7 p.m. The address is 56 North Halifax Dr. Ormond Beach (beachside corner of Halifax Drive and Granada behind the post office). Thank you for your interest and support!

SPECIAL GAMES

Tuesday 7	1:30	Club Championship Game
Wednesday 8	9:30	249ers Club Championship Game
Thursday 9	1:30	Swiss Team Game GNT Qualifier

Mon 13 thru Sunday 19 is STAC week; all regularly scheduled games award silver points!!!

Friday 17	7 p.m.	STAC SWISS
Sunday 19	1 p.m.	STAC Team Game

