

GOOD DEALS

Newsletter of the Dutchess County Bridge Association Unit 186

Spring 2024

Welcome to all of the DCBA members

Our annual meeting will be Saturday, April 6th from 11 AM to 1 PM at Longobardi's Restaurant in Wappinger Falls. This will be followed by a game at the Hudson River Bridge Club. Flyers are coming out for signing up, menu selections and other details. The cost is \$25 for the meal and game or \$10 if you just want to attend the game. The DCBA is co-funding the event as a, thank you, to all the members.

In 2024, the DCBA established a new phone number dedicated to the club. The number is 845 329 7285. Please delete any other phone numbers you have for the Hudson River Bridge Club.

Attendance continued to improve in 2023. The club averaged over 70 tables a month, up from the 50-60 per month in 2022. Between the Sectional, special events and normal club games the unit has had a positive cash flow every month in 2023. The unit also bought new cards, started an open game Thursday night at 7 PM and conducted bridge lessons for beginners Wednesday afternoon. There are two to three tables of new players taking lessons. A few have moved on to play in the Tuesday morning game.

On the first Wednesday of the month a duplicate game is conducted at 12:30 to provide the students an opportunity to experience a duplicate game. On the other Wednesdays of the month a one hour bridge lesson is presented by Neal Christensen at noon and then two hours of shuffle and play is conducted with students playing 12 boards and switching partners every 4 hands. The Wednesday game has been supported by a few club members who come in to partner with a student or coach and mentor them. Neal's wife, Suzanne, and Ann Mercer have been very supportive on giving the students an experienced player to partner with.

In addition to lessons we have open games on Monday and Friday at 12:30, an open game at night on Thursday at 7 PM and a limited game (<400 pts) on Tuesday at 9:30 AM. The Club Manager, Ann Mercer, sends out emails asking people to sign up for the Monday, Tuesday and Friday games. Jack Parry sends one on Monday asking who is playing Thursday. If you are not on the distribution list and want to be, let Ann or Jack know.

OTHER EVENTS DURING 2024

March 11	Monday ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs
April 6	Annual Meeting
May 3-5	Sectional
June 8-9	Silver Weekend
June 21	Longest Day
July 7-11	Fairfield Regional NJ
July 20	Saturday-Anniversary Party of the Club
September 14	Saturday-Back to Bridge
October 12-13	Silver Weekend
December 7	Holiday Party

BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

Officers – 2 year terms

Jack Parry- President

Ed Herbst - Treasurer

Board Position - 3 year terms

Joanna Augugliaro (Incumbent-2 nd term)

Kara McKenna (Incumbent 2 nd term)

John Gropp Replacing Ed Herbst

Thanks to the Nominating Committee of Bill Maine, Melinda Dahlman and Dick Sumner.

Additional nominations may be made by petition on an official form supplied by Ceil Collopy, DCBA Secretary, or any similar form. A properly executed petition should include the names, signatures, ACBL number and addresses of fifteen DCBA members in good standing. The petition should be submitted to the Secretary with a copy to the President by March 22, 2024

2023 Milestones

<p><u>Sapphire Life Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob Rebelein</p> <p><u>Ruby Life Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Monti Adah Nicklin Jack Parry</p> <p><u>Silver Life Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ann Mercer Dave Wright</p> <p><u>Bronze Life Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gail Gamble</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Life Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gail Gamble Alan Gamble Marie Wildman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Regional Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Herb Stoller Suzi Stoller Sharon Trocher Ellen Norman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NABC Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sue Lynch Dick Sumner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sectional Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paula Fagan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Club Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Suzan Vromen Diane Price Andee Fountain Jean-Claud Fouere</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Junior Master</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Levine Anne Liebling</p>
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2023 Unit Awards

<u>Ace of Clubs</u>		<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	
0-5	Michael Levine	0-5	Michael Levine
5-20	Andee Fountain	5-20	Andee Fountain
20-50	Ed Herbst	20-50	Ed Herbst
50-100	Paula Fagan	50-100	Karen Miller
100-200	Sharon Trocher	100-200	Sharon Trocher
200-300	Suzi Stoller	200-300	Brenda Baker
300-500	Dick Sumner	300-500	Steve Strell
500-1000	Ralph Schefflan	500-1000	Marie Wildman
1000-1500	Phyllis Bressman	1000-1500	Jack Parry
1500-2500	Bob Hoffman	1500-2500	Ilene Goldman
2500-3500	Martin Steinberg	2500-3500	Bob Rebelein
3500-5000	John Kinn	3500-5000	John Kinn
5000-7500	Dennis Kaye	5000-7500	Dennis Kaye
Most Points earned playing at a club		Most Points earned at tournaments & club	

IN MEMORIAM FROM 2023

Lynn Baker

Gabriella Cachon

Paul Case

Mary Eddy

Bill Kao