

# FUN & GAMES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

## ALERT! ALERT!

February 25, 2024

### Bridge Baby

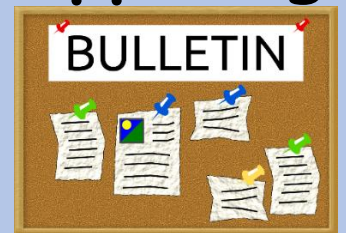
quotes from 1961



"I hope this finesse works. . ."

Thank you Patti Pojezny for sharing these  
Bridge Baby Quotes.

### What's Happening



### at F&G?

- ✚ Saturday Zoom Classes, 10am
- ✚ Tuesday Beginner Classes, 10am
- ✚ February 28, 0-500 Team Game
- ✚ March 3, Sunday Potluck and New Rankers' Party
- ✚ March 10, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ✚ March 10, Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Lunch and Awards
- ✚ March 16, John Parish ProAm and St. Patrick's Day Party
- ✚ March 21 through May 16, Intermediate Play of the Hand

*I'm always happy to receive help with this Newsletter and appreciate the contributions I've received from many of you. If you have information to share, please send it to me at [launaashby@outlook.com](mailto:launaashby@outlook.com).*

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Are you ready? What a long list! March's F&G birthday folks and the famous persons with whom they share their birthdays are:

Debra	Blair	5	Joel Olsteen
Jaci	Finch	7	John Heard
Susie	Graves	8	Lester Holt
Susan	Williamson	9	Bobby Fischer
Lora	Parrish	11	Lawrence Welk
Tommy	Shaw	11	Antonin Scalia
Jody	Court	13	Neil Sedaka
Lisa	Springer	14	Albert Einstein
Kathy	Mayfield	16	James Madison
Virginia	Lawrenz	18	Queen Latifah
Jane	Hughes	18	Peter Graves
Karen	Clark	19	Andy Reid
Melvin	Cain	22	James Patterson
Hugh	Burch	27	Mariah Carey
Launa	Ashby	28	Gloria Smith
Gloria	Smith	28	Lady GaGa
Duane	Wood	30	Celine Dion
Jay	Albrink	31	Ewan McGregor

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!**



## PLEASE BE NICE.



If anyone's behavior (especially mine!) makes you uncomfortable at the bridge table, please call the director and let him/her handle the situation. It's possible the offending players don't even realize some of their behaviors. Just because it's not offensive to them does NOT mean it isn't offensive to others who have to witness it or are on the receiving end. Remember, F&G is a ZERO TOLERANCE BRIDGE FACILITY. You could be doing everyone a favor 😊.

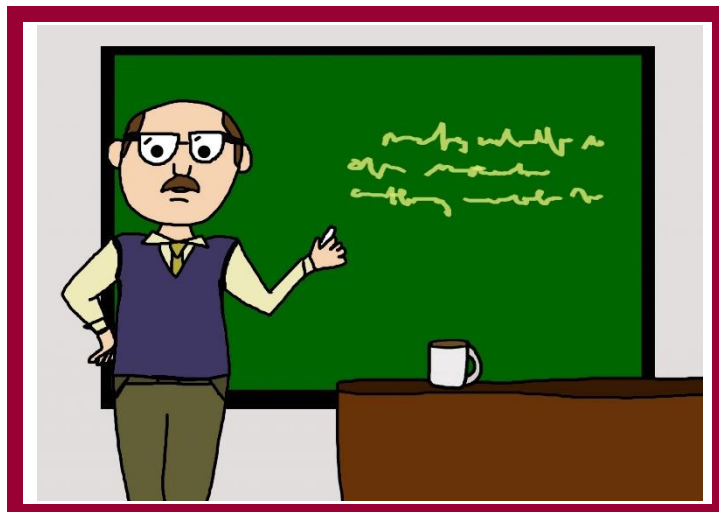
ACBL requires players to have their partnership convention cards completed and available at the game table. This can be key to the Director's decision when determining calls and assessing penalties.

# FREE ZOOM CLASSES



You've probably heard about, and hopefully seen for yourselves, the outstanding FREE, interactive lessons Susan Williamson provides via Zoom on Saturday mornings at 10 am. You can sit in the comfort of your own home with your morning cup of coffee and connect to her live classes. For the Zoom connection, you may contact Rick Snyder in advance at (405) 312-7747, [rsnyder0919@gmail.com](mailto:rsnyder0919@gmail.com). You can also view the videos of Susan's past classes on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@oklahomacollective3885>. From there, just click on the video link and choose your topic! The videos range in length from 20 minutes to about an hour. Susan puts a lot of time and effort into providing these lessons that are now enjoyed all around the world. We are so fortunate that she is part of the Fun and Games DBC!



Ed Rubac is our new Education Chair and is working hard to fill the void left by Susan Williamson's retirement. If you have ideas for learning opportunities, or would like to know more about teaching, please share your thoughts with Ed, our "Ed"ucation Chair. (Sorry, Ed - I couldn't resist 😊) [edwardrubac@yahoo.com](mailto:edwardrubac@yahoo.com).  
Thank you, Ed!



Lucky us! We have a new Social Media Chair Jaci Finch! While she's very talented and hard-working - she still can't get us up to speed all by herself! Please, if you have an aptitude for social media, or understand domain names (yikes!) or are just willing, please contact Jaci at [jkfinchok@gmail.com](mailto:jkfinchok@gmail.com). She'll be happy to hear from you.

## BEGINNER GAME 0-100

Come check it out Tuesday mornings. Free lesson at 10:00 and game at 10:30. Our good friends Gloria Smith and Debra Duncan will be directing these games. If you don't have a partner - no worries! Just come on in and they'll get you a partner. Cost is only \$10 cash. This is the perfect opportunity to put into play those things you "may" have learned in lessons but haven't yet practiced. If you have party bridge friends who might be interested in crossing over to the duplicate game, please consider inviting them to this Tuesday morning game. If you bring your party bridge friends, you can play too, although you won't be eligible to win points in this game if you have more than 100 MPs. But your friends could get that duplicate experience while playing in a comfortable setting with friends. I'm sure they'll thank you!! If you decide to join us, please contact Gloria at (405) 659-7373 or Debra at (405) 818-3108 and let us know your plans.

## 0-500 TEAM GAME

Next limited team game is just around the corner - Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00. This will NOT be a coached game. Don expects to complete the game by 9:30ish. Come join the fun!

## NEW RANKERS CELEBRATION



March 3 will be our Sunday Potluck and New Rankers' Party. This would be a great time to test that new recipe - and bring it along just in case someone asks for it. And New Rankers - you get to play free this day. F&G celebrates its New Rankers at each first Sunday of the month Potluck. Meals are at 1:00, announcements at 1:40 and games at 2:00. New Rankers to be recognized March 3 are:

Linda Rodgers, Regional Master  
Susie Graves, NABC Master  
Terrie Fritz, Life Master  
Sandra Waldrop, Life Master  
Susan Williamson, Bronze Life Master

**CONGRATULATIONS to all !**



Only 14 sleeps until Daylight Savings Time  
AND the Unit's Mini McKenney Ace of Clubs  
AWARDS !!!



# GAME TIME ?



After our STaC games gave us a taste of a Noon start time, we heard from many of you that you much preferred the Noon start time. So, we took a vote. Are you ready to go at 10:30, or would you prefer our games not start until Noon?



And the results are in! The vote was 57 in favor of 10:30 start time to 20 in favor of Noon start time. I guess the majority of you are morning people - just like me. There will not be any change to our game start times. See you Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am. Thank you for participating!!

## PARTNER FIND

Need a partner - Just log into Pianola.net (it is free) and click on "Partner Finder" at the top of the page to get started.

- ✓ Click on "Adverts"
- ✓ Click on "Create a Partner Finder Advert" tab on right side of the screen
- ✓ Choose the date you want to play then click "save and send emails"



**Ta Da !!!!** Your request has now been emailed to the players in the point range session you chose. If you're a limited player and want to play in either the limited or open session, you'll need to send a separate Advert for each group. Please note that Partner Find will not send an Advert for a session in which you are NOT eligible to play, i.e., players with more than 500 points will not receive email Adverts for limited sessions.

**WHILE YOU'RE on Partner Find** - and so you don't miss any partner Adverts, click on "Preferences" and change yours to "notify" and click "update preferences."

Do you want your partner Advert emails to go only to specific people or to everyone? You can choose in Preferences by "blocking"

those you do not want to receive your request, and "neutral" for those you do. Be sure you indicate "neutral" for Patti Feinstein so she will receive your request and can coordinate it with our players who do not use technology. *You only have to set your Preferences once.* Questions about Partner Find? Call Karen Clark at (405) 760-3744.

## The John Parish ProAm & St. Patrick's Day Party

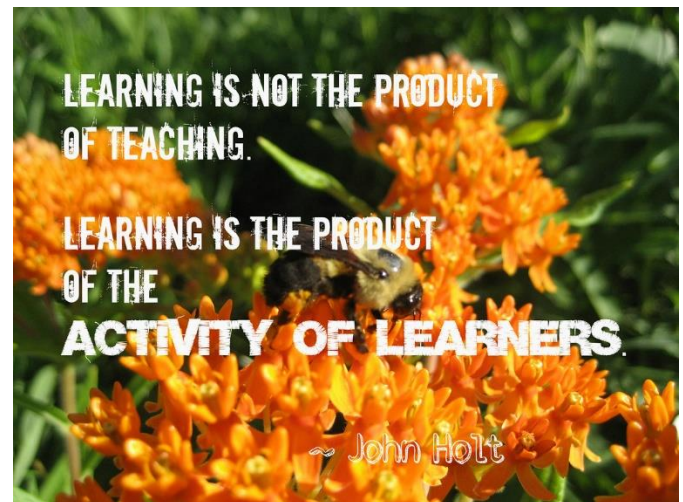
It will be here Saturday, March 16. The Hospitality/Player's Committee will be serving Irish Stew and Beer at 1:00. Please bring one of your favorite Irish side dishes to share. If you're feeling lucky, wear green and you'll be eligible to win one of several door prizes. But be prepared! Pre-registration is required. The deadline for registration is March 15 at Noon. You can register by signing up at the club, or contact Colleen Bicket, [colleen.bicket@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.bicket@gmail.com) or text at 405-205-1445. ProAm pairings and table assignments will be provided when you check in for the game. Game is at 2:00, but check in is available before the 1:00 lunch. You and your new partner will have plenty of time to review the Am's convention card and prepare for fun bridge!!

## PROAM ETIQUETTE

- Arrive early and sit down with your partner BEFORE the game and discuss your convention card and who you are! ProAm events are supposed to be fun as well as

learning opportunities. It's more fun if you know something about your partner. You may be shocked at what you find you two have in common other than bridge.

- Ams - Have your convention card ready. Pro will play according to your convention card.
- Remember, most Pros would love to help the Am, but PLEASE don't do so unless your opinion has been invited.
- Keep the game moving by not discussing the hands, unless you are awaiting table movement and your AM has asked questions.
- Please wear a name tag.



You've waited long enough! Susan's at it again! She'll be teaching her eight-lesson course starting Thursday, March 21 at 10am called Intermediate Play of the Hand. The cost will be \$160 payable to Fun and Games and you'll receive a ready to print pdf of class materials from Susan that you can print yourself. If you prefer, Susan can also provide printed materials to you for \$15, your choice. Watch for the signup sheet and get registered soon. Class schedule:

- March 21 Look Before You Leap! (Declarer Play to the First Trick)

- March 28 No Politics Involved! (Trump Management)
- Apr 4 Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Ruff? (Disrupting the Opponents' Communication)
- Apr 11 No lesson Unit 167 Regional
- Apr 18 Review of the First Three Classes
- Apr 25 Step Away From That Ace! (Communication Problems Part 1)
- May 2 The First Round Duck: Extinct or Alive and Well? (Communication Problems Part 2)
- May 9 An Entry, An Entry; My Kingdom for an Entry! (Entry Management)
- May 16 Comprehensive Review

**PLEASE - DO NOT WEAR SCENTS AT F&G**



It happened again!!! Our back entry room has accumulated more dishes and especially drink cups. My goodness, they multiply like rabbits. Please check the unwanted supply and if anything belongs to you, please take it home. If the unwanted items stay in the back entry, I can't make any promises as to what might happen to them in the future.



To our Hot Shots Tournament helpers, Hospitality/Players Committee and Chair Replacement Crew!! You've all done so much work and helped make F&G better and better. We don't exist without you.



## MINI-McKENNEY ACE OF CLUBS AWARDS

The Unit's Mini-McKenney Ace of Clubs race winners will be celebrated at F&G on Sunday, March 10. The Unit will provide pulled pork and you are asked to bring a side. The meal will be at 1pm, game at 2pm, and awards presented in between the two. And if you're one of the lucky race winners, you'll be playing bridge free this date.





## Monday, April 8 thru Saturday, April 13

Our Sooner Unit is having its Spring Regional Tournament at the Reed Conference Center, 5800 Will Rogers Rd, Midwest City, OK. They'll be offering online registration, GNT Finals on April 12 and much, much more. Information flyers are available on the ACBL website. Here's your chance to score gold and red points. For more information, contact Justine Thompson at [okie.red@hotmail.com](mailto:okie.red@hotmail.com).



Who are the volunteer leaders at F&G? The slightly different group for 2024 is listed below. We hope you'll reach out to any of our Board or Committee members with any suggestions you may have for making F&G the best bridge club ever. We also have a Suggestion Box near the convention cards if you prefer anonymity. We love hearing your bright ideas!

Board of Directors	Officer	Committees
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