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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we go to press we are anticipating getting started with our Saturday games once again. Saturday February 23 will be a Charity game with a mini lesson by our new Director Ginnie Blitzman. The Lesson will begin at 11:45 and game starts at 12:30 p.m. Charity games pay extra black points. Please plan to attend and support our Club.

Judy's game on Valentine's Day a Swiss event was a total success. Judy will be directing her Swiss games only once a month from now on. Remember to check the Schedule on the Web provided by Membership Chairman, Nancy Hayzer. She is doing a terrific job of providing us with all the information of upcoming events. Thanks Nancy!!!

The Mentor program is in full swing with about 10 pairs signed up. Thanks to Sharon Donoff and sidekick George Bartunek for getting this off to a good start. Contact Sharon if you would like to be a Mentor/Mentee.

Our Editor, Marshall, has given me some suggestions to make our Newsletter more interesting and I think it's a great idea. How about "Meet the Members" column!! I know we have Members among us that have very interesting backgrounds. And I have a volunteer to send in some interesting facts about her life, namely Jane Hester. We look forward to adding this column to our list of interesting articles. Once a month we would like to hear from one of you!!!

We did not have any New Members come to our Club. However two have been transferred into our Unit.....Tom Gabler and Stanley Sirott. Welcome to you both.

Lots of us from Dana Harbor attended the Saddleback Sectional. It was a fun and rewarding time for those that Won and just for being with friends. My partner, Jane Hester and I came back with a few points!!

Jane Dober is trying out new sandwiches for us to enjoy before the game. Some are a little more expensive but most of the Members are enjoying them. Please let's keep the kitty jar full so that we can enjoy more diversity!! Thank you Jane for all your efforts!!

Look for the Special Events coming up next Month. Swiss teams with Judy on the 13th and Ace of Clubs Awards day on the 11th Extra points.

Don't be late for your bridge game next month....on the 9th we set our clocks ahead one hour.

Ginny Johnson, Pres.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Here are the Chairpersons for the New Year.....

Unit Manager	Bill Hill
Membership	Nancy Hayzer
Education	Susan Benon
Newcomers	Sally Pelmear
Recorder	Dan Glasgow
Conduct & Ethics	Trisha Menefee
Goodwill	Eugenia Corb
Librarian	LaVerne Mersereau
Historian	(Looking for one)
Tournament	Andy DeLeon
Publicity	Catherine Hill (Bridge Forum)
Annual Party	Susan Benon/Loli Henderson
Partnerships	Fausta Vitali (open game)
	Anne Robin (newcomers)
Teachers	Sally Pelmear- Newcomers
	Susan Benon - Intermediate
	Ann Cressman - Intermediate
	Hal Binder - Experienced
Facility Manager	Bob Reynolds
Webmaster	Peter Redwood
Posters, Banners & Certificates	Peter Redwood
Newsletter	Marshall Pearlman

MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS

The team game for March will have to be on the 13th. There are Regionals on the next 2 weeks

Wednesday nights..Charity Teams

Friday nights...Charity Pairs

Feb 25- Mar 2 Las Vegas Regional

Daily Schedule

A light lunch is provided Monday through Friday at noon

Monday	12:30PM	Open Stratified
Monday	7:00PM	Easybridge
Tuesday	12:30PM	Open Stratified & 299er
Wednesday	9:30AM	Easybridge
Wednesday	12:30PM	Open Stratified
Wednesday Eve.	6:30PM	Swiss Team Game
Thursday ¹	12:30PM	Open Stratified, Non-Life Master & 49er sections
Friday	12:30PM	Open Stratified
Friday Eve	7:00PM	Open Stratified
Sunday	12:30PM	3 rd Sun ONLY - Unit Game

4th Sun ONLY -SwissTeams

1. There are three sections: Open, Non-Life Master, and 49'er.
2. Usually the 3rd Thursday of each month is Swiss Teams but each month has to be considered independently so watch this schedule for the date each month.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Ed. note: This month we begin a new series called "Meet the Members". We have known that our members are very interesting people who have led fascinating and sometimes challenging lives, largely unknown to the rest of us. We think it will be fun to get to know them better by letting them tell their stories. The newsletter will feature one or two each month. We encourage you to send us a blip about you (or another member you would like to feature) and we will do our best to print them all.

We begin with Jane Hester.

I, Jane Hester, was born in Los Angeles, California. and went to UC Berkeley where I joined a sorority. There was the cutest boy, one of our "hashers.", who would "court" me by giving me the biggest dessert! We were married in the middle of my Junior year. The following year, he went to get his Master's Degree in Architecture and I found out I was pregnant. After school, my husband got a job designing PX's for the army in Europe. We moved to Nuremberg, Germany. There began a love of having a servant to wait on you! Two other daughters were born in Germany. We were known as the "Drei Maedel Haus."

After Germany, we came home to suburbia and raised our three daughters. I went back to school, got my degree and a teaching credential and taught school in Anaheim, California. When our oldest daughter graduated from high school, we took a job in Korea where my husband designed technical schools. We got to Korea in the middle of summer and our apartment was not air-conditioned! One miserably hot night, we were told that the only air-

conditioned place was the duplicate bridge room. We had played party bridge, but decided this was a good time to learn duplicate!

After two years, we were transferred to Bandung, Indonesia. This is paradise on earth! The temperature there is about 70 degrees all year long and it rains for one hour each day! There, we had 4 servants, a husband and wife, a gardener and a night watchman! All this for \$30.00 per month! The only school for foreign students was in Jakarta (5 hours away). So, we decided to found a school for ex-patriot children. Indonesia would not let us import any teachers, so we had to use people from the ex-patriot community. We rented a house, put blackboards and desks in each room and borrowed books from the Jakarta school. The first year, we had 49 students and the teachers didn't get paid. I had 9 student in the 4th grade - 2 Japanese, 2 Dutch, 1 Filipino, 1 Irish and 3 Australian. We really had fun learning about each other's culture. The second year, we had 150 students and the teachers got \$35.00 per month! The third year, I left, but the school rented another house and there were 450 students. Very exciting!

We then went to Tehran, Iran. The Shah was there and much building was going on. Our driver lived in our basement apartment. He decided to get married and we able to be a part of a typical Iranian wedding. After one year, one could see trouble brewing, so we left.

The rest of my life was spent as a "Word Processing Supervisor for a law firm, retirement and bridge player. I have three daughters and seven grandchildren. No, I don't speak German, Malay or Farsi.

Jane Hester

LIBRARY

DHBC has bridge books to borrow.

LaVerne Mersereau has taken the time to sort through, cull and arrange our bridge books.

They are on the bookshelves in the back corner of the bridge center.

These books are available to all members to borrow. All the books have been donated.

If you would like to borrow a book or donate a book, please contact LaVerne, who is our librarian.

SICK BAY

Ed. Note: We would appreciate information on members under the weather.

Without it, we have no way to include this in our letter.

ROSTER

The 2007 Membership Roster is available at the Club. Please take one per member. The Roster is free, but a contribution of \$1 (in the box provided) to

defray the cost of printing would be appreciated. A PDF or Word version can be emailed free to anyone who would like one: contact Peter Redwood at phsr1@cox.net to order.

VOLUNTEERS

February has been a diner's delight at the Dana Point Bridge Club. Valentine Day cakes, Homemade chocolate hearts & lollipops, candies, homemade sushi, chocolate covered raisins, chocolate covered pretzels, home grown lemons, limes, & oranges, baklava, daily platters of freshly sliced bananas & tomatoes, fresh strawberries, beautiful flowers, all shared with the club's players, and these wonderful items all donated by members and directors to make our wonderful club a true "community effort". Many thanks go to **Tilak Lall, Richard Mackaig, Roger Alderson, Patricia Al-Hakeem, Andy Deleon, Sharon Donoff, Mary Elin Ellis, Nancy Hayzer, Ana Maria McLean, Patricia Menefee, LaVerne Mersereau, Molly Murphy, Marshall Pearlman, Myrna Silverman, John Adams, & Marian Stark**. Our wonderful Kitchen volunteers continue to do an outstanding job. We all thank, **Susan Benon, LaVerne Mercereau, Darlene White, Hadi Eissa, Jess Herrera, Connie Brogan, Mary Elin Ellis, Fran Blattner, Patricia Al-Hakeem, Sandy Busby, Diane Velick, & Ginny Johnson**. So many of our bridge players help out in different ways, from carrying boxes, opening sandwiches, cleaning-up, and just stepping in wherever needed. Thank-you for just being there, **Hadi Eissa, Jim Elbogan, Andy Deleon, Fran Blattner, Darlene White, Arnie Schwartz, Connie Brogan, Sandy Busby & Bob Reynolds**. As always all comments and suggestions are welcome, and thanks to all who commented on our new sandwiches, we can only make our club a better place with feed back from the players. A note: Every Friday the refrigerator is cleaned out to make room for the next weeks supplies, if you want to keep something in the refrigerator please put your name on it, or it will be thrown out. Enjoy the bridge, the company, and the food.

Jane Dober

PARNERSHIPS

Fausta Vitali is the Partnership Chairman

You can call Fausta at 949-497-2370

Ann Rolbin has graciously agreed to take the responsibility of partnership for the **299rs** and the **99rs**. Her numbers: 949-633-3317 or 949-240-5891

LESSONS AND CLASSES

Classes by Hal Binder

Hal Binder will be teaching an eight-week class on using Losing Trick count in whatever system you are now playing AND on defense. This will be very useful and PRACTICAL information to help you improve your game. .

Classes will be held at the bridge club every Thursday at 9:30 AM.

Begin May 1st

End on June 19th.

It is not necessary to have a partner. Please reserve your place **before** the classes start. Contact Hal by email halbinder@cox.net or phone (949) 499-0067. The class will be limited to 28 players. You must sign up for the whole series of 8 classes. The fee will be \$80.

Classes by Sally Pelmeur

Easybridge for Beginners

Wednesday Mornings

9:30 – 11:45 AM ...No Partner Required

New Beginners class starts Wednesday, March 5. If you have a spouse /child/ friend who absolutely needs to learn the wonderful game of bridge, send (or bring) them to Dana Harbor Bridge Center at 9:15 on the 5th.... If they come at 9:30, they won't have time for a donut. The first class is free! (Please call Sally Pelmeur in advance to sign-up)

Easybridge III+ - Monday Evenings

7:00 – 9:30 PMNo Partner Required

March 3 – Leading the Right Cardjust 13 little choices.

March 10 – Partner Likes Your Lead!

March 17 – Dummy Likes Your Lead....oh well.

March 24 – Nudging Partner in the Ribs ...legally.

March 31 – Hitting Partner over the Head... gently.

Need more information? Call Sally Pelmeur at 949-855-8953.

NEW MEMBERS AND AWARDS

Welcome to new transfers in to DHBC, Tom Gabler and Stanley Sirott.

Congratulations to the following who have achieved new ACBL Rankings:

Junior Master: **Marianne Seldman**
Sectional Master: **Rachel Chasin**

Regional Master: **Barbara Weise**
 NABC Master: **Reggie Feuille & Ron Livingston**
 Life Master: **Patricia Al-Hakeem, Richard Leach & Carrie Macmillin**
 Bronze Life Master: **Dollie Poulos**

We wish "Happy Birthday" to all those who have birthdays in March :

Patricia Al-Hakeem – Annette Berch – Elaine Bezar – Tammy Caserio – Nancy Chino – Eugenia Corb – Alaura Crank – Bob Eggers – Marie Ferguson – Joe FioRica – Pat Fitch – Samuel Froome – Bob Galazin – Clare Gayle – Laura Hand – Gregory Hanson – Lois Houlihan – Tilak Lall – Richard Leach – Marlyse LePage – Milton Levy – Marilyn McClintock – Don McRae – Chieko Nakamura – Kit Patterson – Marshall Pearlman – Sally Pelmear – Donna Rountree – Phil Schreiber – Stephanie Scott – Victoria Sunshine – Marie Tanner – Janice Tillotson

Ed. note: Many of our members do well in tournaments but we have no way of knowing about this unless you, the members, tell us. If you go to a tournament, please report good results to us so that we can publish them.

WEBSITE

Remember our website address. It's www.danaharborbridgecenter.org. Go there to get latest information and other helpful items. For example, the entire Player's Education Series is there along with Game Results, Local Restaurants, Bridge Links and more. And thanks to Peter Redwood for keeping it shipshape.

NEWS ITEMS

For any accomplishment you have achieved during this past month, please contact **Cathy Hill**. They will be happy to put your name up in lights in their column in the Contract Bridge Forum.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

We have a problem with many email addresses in our address list and each month letters bounce for a variety of reasons. (Bad address, in-box full, ISP filter, etc.) I delete these from the list. If you see this notice (we post it on the club bulletin board) and you wonder why you don't get the letter, send me an email and let me know.

Editors note: To have your announcement or news item in this newsletter please contact the person responsible.

<i>Board Issues</i>	<i>Ginny Johnson, Pres.</i>
<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Ginny Johnson</i>
<i>Forum Columnist</i>	<i>Cathy Hill</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>Nancy Hayzer</i>
<i>EZ Bridge</i>	<i>Sally Pelmear</i>

*Sick Bay
Club Management*

*Eugenia Corb
John Winslow*

Or you can email me, Marshall Pearlman at mbp333@cox.net anytime before press time which is usually month-end. (Please, no SPAM.)

Items appearing here are included as received from various correspondents with only spell-checking and minimal editing and no checking for accuracy.

If you have questions, comments, or need technical support, contact:

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Notice to our members and friends:

Each month the club sends a Newsletter to all those who wish to receive it. The Editor, Marshall Pearlman, maintains the list of email addresses for this. mbp333@cox.net.

In addition, during the month flyers are sent with special announcements about games and other events of note. These are sent by Nancy Hayzer. (nhayzer@cox.net)

If you receive one of these but not the other, email either Marshall or Nancy and have your name added to the list of the one you don't get.

This will help us keep our separate lists current and complete.

*Thank you,
Marshall Pearlman*