

# LAGUNA WOODS BRIDGE CLUB



## TABLE TALK



MAY 2026  
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### THE MONTH AHEAD

There are 17 days this month with

#### Special Games

- There are 5 days of Royal STaC games
- There are 6 days of Stardust games
- There are 6 days of Grass Roots games

See the Schedule on the following pages

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#### Judy Elbogen Tribute - May 16th



A memorial luncheon and bridge game will be held Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Clubhouse 7. See page 3 for details.

Send an email to RSVP for attendance to:

[president@lagunabridge.com](mailto:president@lagunabridge.com)

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### Reminder

**THE CLUBHOUSE WILL BE  
\*\*CLOSED\*\*  
ON MONDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
due to electrical work. All  
scheduled games are canceled.**



### Looking Ahead

- Coming in June -  
NAP qualifying games
- See Page 5 for more information

## This Month's Special Games

### SATURDAY MAY 2ND

Grass Roots Fund game - extra fee

### TUESDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

District 22 Royal STaC games

### MONDAY MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, WEDNESDAY MAY 13<sup>th</sup>, FRIDAY MAY 15<sup>th</sup>

Grass Roots Fund games - extra fee

### MONDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

ACBL Stardust Week - extra fee  
25% **GOLD points**, 75% Black points

### MONDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AND WEDNESDAY MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Grass Roots Fund games - extra fee

A Grass Roots Fund game awards more points while helping to fund District participation in North American Pairs and Grand National Teams.

A District Royal STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) game is a Sectional tournament held at the local club. All participating clubs play the same hands. You compete against not only local club players but everyone in the event.

These games offer 25% Gold, Red, Silver, and Black points.

A Stardust Week event allows participants to earn Gold points, in addition to Black points.

## **\*\*SPECIAL EVENT\*\***

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30am



### **Judy Elbogen Celebration of Life**

There will be a Memorial lunch and Bridge game in honor of Laguna Woods Bridge Club Manager, master bridge player, and mentor Judy Elbogen, on

**SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026,**  
in Clubhouse 7, 24111 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods

A tribute to Judy will begin at **11:30**, with a complimentary lunch and a bridge game to follow. Games will be for both Limited and Open players.

People are invited to share their memories of Judy during the tribute.

**Please RSVP by emailing: [president@lagunabridge.com](mailto:president@lagunabridge.com)**

- Indicate whether you will attend the lunch - indicate how many in your party
- If you plan to play in the bridge game, include in your RSVP whether you'll play in the Open or Limited section. Also, please identify your partner or indicate if will need a partner.
- In addition, if you have photos of Judy you'd like to share, send via email to the same address.

**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!**  
Please RSVP no later than **Friday, May 8th.**

## Congratulations are in order for:



### 70% Games

Sydney Stephan and Linda Bechky - 74.00%  
Sydney Stephan and Linda Bechky - 70.43%  
Sydney Stephan and Vicky Nardone - 70.54%  
Carole Gabos and Tari Roth - 70.30%  
Terry Holloway and Frank Olsen - 73.21%  
Tom Finkler and Tom Preston - 71.11%

### RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Sectional Master

Diane Macrobie  
Minoo Saeedvafs

#### Club Master

Kristine deYoung  
Natarajan Gunasekaran  
Boki Keese  
John Koshi

#### Junior Master

Annie Chew  
Maria Faur  
David Weingartner  
Miguel Gardo

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## Just for Laughs

### My bridge teacher always told me....

When you are on lead, there are three reasons for not leading your partner's suit:

1. You are void in their suit.
2. You've forgotten the bidding.
3. You're looking for a new partner

## **NAP is Coming June 1st!!! Um, what is it?**

**NAP** stands for North American Pairs, a prestigious, multi-stage pair championship, held annually. It is a grassroots event, starting with Club-level qualifying in June and August, progressing to District finals, and culminating in National finals at the Spring North American Bridge Championships.

The competition is divided into three flights: Flight A (Open), Flight B (0-3000 masterpoints), and Flight C (<750 masterpoints).

Players must qualify in NAP-designated games at local clubs or online (e.g., BridgeBase online). Qualification requires finishing in the top half of the field or scoring at least 50%.

Winners from the club level events move up to the District level, and those winners move on to the National level.

In addition, masterpoints are awarded at a higher rate, and red points are awarded along with black points.

This is a chance to shine at the Club, District, and maybe even National Level!