

LAGUNA WOODS BRIDGE CLUB



TABLE TALK



JUNE 2026
ISSUE 10

THE MONTH AHEAD

There are 14 days this month with

Special Games

- There are 6 NAP qualifying games
- There are 7 Club Championship games
- There is an Alzheimer Charity game

See the Schedule on the following pages

They Did it!

Our incredible Technology team completed the transition to a new website hosting platform. The new platform modernizes the site and adds significant features, like online reservations for classes and perhaps soon the ability to pay online.

Our thanks and congratulations go out to **Kris deYoung, Linda Lawrence, and Ed Kurinsky** for going above and beyond in keeping the Laguna Woods Bridge Club up to date in a changing technological world.

Note our new website address, and be sure to update your bookmarks and favorites:

Lagunawoodsbridge.com

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Next Month's News



The Club will be **CLOSED**
Saturday, July 4th

Looking Ahead

- **Sunday 6/7** - Team Game
- **Friday 6/19** - The Longest Day Bridge Game - see the flyer on page 8 for details



This Month's Special Games

MONDAY JUNE 1ST

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD

Club Championship game - extra points, no extra fee

FRIDAY JUNE 5TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

Swiss Team game

Club Championship game - extra points, no extra fee

TUESDAY JUNE 9TH

Club Championship game - extra points, no extra fee

THURSDAY JUNE 11TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH

Club Championship game - extra points, no extra fee

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH

Club Championship game - extra points, no extra fee

FRIDAY JUNE 19TH

“Do What You Love” - Alzheimer Charity game - extra fee
SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS

FRIDAY JUNE 20th

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

MONDAY JUNE 22ND

Club Championship game - extra points, no extra fee

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

FRIDAY JUNE 26TH

Club Championship game - extra points, no extra fee

TUESDAY JUNE 30TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

Judy Elbogen Memorial Event - May 16th

Nearly 200 people attended the tribute and luncheon. The game that followed had 42 tables - 168 players. Judy would have been pleased to see so many enjoying the game she loved, played in her memory.



Judy's stepson Dave and family



Judy's niece Heather and family



Luncheon
provided by
Judy's family and
the bridge club

Our thanks to
Restuarant 19 for
the food and
service



Thanks to all the speakers for their heartfelt messages, and to all the volunteers who helped set up and prepare the venue.



Bud Wilson



**Master of Ceremonies
club president Gary Fredericks**



Jerry Schreider



Renee Alpert



Ed Hurt



Bill Shane



Beverly Childers

Special thanks to Nancy Platka for arranging the meal, Barbara Magalhaes for coordinating attendance, Linda Lawrence for the slide show, and Leslie Wilson for the photos

Congratulations are in order for:



70% Games

Diane Hurt - Edgar Hurt - 70.42 Bonnie O'Donnel - Gordon Innocent - 72.54
Joan Anderson - Renee Alpert - 70.25 Mildred Brown - Bernard Brown - 71.67
Nat Gunasekarana-Shohba Shah - 71.07 Carole Gabos - Tari Roth - 70.30
Atsuko Kurishima & Iftikhar Baqai - 70.88

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JUNE RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

Silver Life Master

Bill Shane

Club Master

Eliana Hafiz
Chris Holtshople
Steven Kwok
Kathy Zartarga

Junior Master

Mary Webster
Alice Kenaston

Just for Laughs



Here's what my partner said when I laid down the dummy:

"Well, isn't that a pretty hand? Now, why don't you put down the hand that you bid?"



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A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys.

The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relatives of yours"?

"Yes" she says, "In-laws".

A Little LWBC History

Thanks to Ed Kurinsky for uncovering this gem of an article on the formation of a bridge club here in the village. We've come a long way!

The article is excerpted here, but you can read the entire article on lagunawoodsbridge.com. Click on the "About Us" tab, then on the "Our History" link.

Bridge History by Sybil Barzilay

In the late 1970s the storage room at Clubhouse Four became the Bridge Room for the ACBL sanctioned Laguna Hills Duplicate Bridge Club. Prior to that residents played outside of the community.

The story goes that many of the married folk didn't enjoy playing with the single women and so they broke away and formed a second club called Guys and Dolls DBC. Well, guess what, the married couples started dying and the widows and widowers were no longer welcome. There was fierce competition between the two clubs and a Game Director did not cross the lines. This nonsensical situation lasted for a number of years.

A small group finally formed an alliance to work to combine the two clubs. It took two years to achieve this. Many new residents were joining the community and didn't understand why there was a need for two clubs. In 1988 the formation of the Leisure World Duplicate Bridge Club was unanimously approved.

Continual problems with the air conditioning and heating system plus mold and inadequate restroom facilities made the room in Clubhouse 4 an unhealthy place. In 1998 John Fuller, a GRF board member, introduced the need for a better location for the mushrooming membership. Early approval was long delayed. Eventually the long-suffering bridge players were rewarded when Clubhouse 7 was built in 2005. Today we are proud of our fine facility for which we waited so patiently.

We have had two further name changes. We were told we could not use the name Leisure World and so abbreviated to LWV Duplicate Bridge Club. And then a pending law suit forbade the use of the letters LWV. Today we are the Laguna Woods Bridge Club, one of the largest in the country.



THE LONGEST DAY BRIDGE GAME

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

**SILENT AUCTION-BRIDGE WITH THE PROS OR "CELEBRITIES"
BEGINS JUNE 1ST @ THE CLUB**

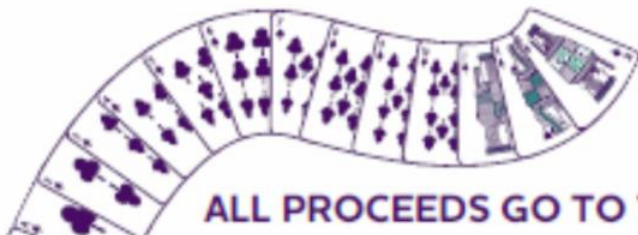
Bridge Pro's or Bridge "Celebrities" will be available to play with you Face To Face or online.

Bid from June 1st on the Bridge Pro or "Celebrity" until FRIDAY, JUNE 19th at the Club



- The Winning bidder will call the Bridge Pro or Celebrity to establish a date to play and review your convention card.
- The Winning Bidder will contribute the bid amount to the Alzheimer's Association and be responsible for game fees.
- The Bridge Pro will give you helpful tips between rounds or after the game.

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