

Happy New Year

TDBC NEWSLETTER – Dec 2017, Jan 2018

Let's greet 2018 with smiles, a desire to improve our game, make new friends, abide by Zero Tolerance rules, and do our best to bring Peace On Earth

*CHEERS: to **Ken Harris** on becoming the Club Manager (see below)*

*CHEERS: to **Paul Boisvert** for earning Silver and Ruby LM status*

*CHEERS: to **Will Boynton** on attaining his Gold LM.*

*CHEERS: to **Chris Christmas** on amassing 29.61 mps during STaC week 11/13-19. His total was the highest of 1336 players in the event.*

*SPECIAL THOUGHTS FOR HEALING: are being sent to **Phil Potter** who is being treated for his continuing battle with lymphoma*

*IN REMEMBRANCE: of those we lost this past year: **Ginny Harrison, Val Corrick, Judy Neubacher, John Hutchinson, Jeannette Winter, and Parker McDonald***

*CONGRATULATIONS: to the new and returning TDBC Board of Directors: **Kelvin Wallace, Cyndi Collins, Mike Neff, Bill McCarron, Bryon Underwood, Richard Polangin, Nick Joanos, Joyce Stillwell, and Sue Aitken (novice rep)**. **Gloria Ford** will fill the one year remaining on Patti Wallace's term. Particular assignments, i.e., president, will be determined at the January meeting.*

*APPRECIATION and gratitude are the words that come to mind when being reminded what success our bridge instructors have brought to TDBC players. By name: **Pat Horton, Cyndi Collins, Joe Labat, Amy Reznik, Duane Meeter, and Spencer Hurd**. Thanks for your continuing leadership.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

January: Junior National Fund Month

Jan through March 31 GNT Qualifying games; Jan 25 GNT game 6:30 p.m.

Jan 24 soup cook-off at 5:30; pro-am at 6:15

Jan 16 – Jan 21 STaC week; night games at 6:30; Saturday Jan 20 at 1 p.m.

OVERSHARING:

This time of year cold and other germs invade our space. Freely invade is a better description of this indignity. So, if you are not feeling well or harbor other unwanted symptoms, please stay home. Your concern for our bridge group is sincerely appreciated.

GETTING TO KNOW:

***Ken Harris**, our new Club Manager, first arrived in Tallahassee with his family in 1975. Soon after settling in, he had his intro to competitive bridge. He and his Dad began playing bridge when the Sr Center was still known as the dingy Armory. (Ken says that he may have played against Sandy Ballas and Dot Williamson way back when).*

Bridge became a thing of the past after graduating from Leon High. He headed west to the University of Wisconsin to earn his bachelors degree. Then he began a journey over a couple of decades that eventually lead to a PhD in mathematics at the University of Chicago and a professorship in mathematics at the University of Michigan before returning to Tallahassee in 2011.

*Shortly thereafter, Ken's Dad (**Dr. Jerry Harris**) began talking about the new modern bridge. After reading "Bridge for Dummies" and attending Cyndi Collins' intermediate bridge classes, the pair felt confident enough to play their first game on a Thursday evening following Pat Horton's lesson. They still happily (if not entirely successfully) apply the many lessons they have learned from Pat.*

After a double-booking mistake, Ken was paired with Carriemae Marquess, his first regular partner after Dad, and they are still going strong. Brother David was later recruited to be the third of the Harris clan to play bridge.

Ken says "My bridge life has been touched by all of you. It has also been touched by some no longer with us. This has been a sad year for me. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to our previous Club Manager, Steve Ross, who has put me in a position to serve you as well as I could as your new club Manager. Thanks to all.