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GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 12:00 (O) 7:00 (0-299 MP)
TUESDAY: 12:00 (O)
WEDNESDAY: 12:00 (0-299 MP)
THURSDAY: 12:00 (O)
FRIDAY: 12:00 (O)
SATURDAY: 12:30 (O)
SUNDAY: 1:00 (O)

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY AFTERNOON	07	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	08-10	SILVER POINT GAMES
FRIDAY AFTERNOON	15	HOLIDAY PARTY
MONDAY EVENING	18	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
TUESDAY AFTERNOON	26	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, CHRISTMAS EVE DAY AND MONDAY, DECEMBER, 25TH, CHRISTMAS DAY. THE CLUB WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY. A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED FOR THE NEW YEAR'S DAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING GAMES.

WE WILL BE HOSTING THE WEEKEND STAC GAMES ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH. FEES FOR THESE GAMES WILL BE \$12.00 FOR MEMBERS AND \$17.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

THE ANNUAL DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH. THE FORMAT OF THIS GAME WILL BE AN INDIVIDUAL GAME AND WILL BE OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS. THE PARTY WILL BE CATERED BY THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE DONATIONS WOULD BE WELCOME. LUNCHEON WILL BEGIN AT 11:30 AND THE GAME AT 12:00. FEES FOR THIS GAME WILL BE \$15.00 FOR MEMBERS AND \$20.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS. A SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLUB FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE PLANNING TO PLAY. TRIPLE POINTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THIS GAME. IF YOU SIGN UP, SHOW UP.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2017. THE DUES ARE \$125.00 PER PERSON. PLAYERS WILL HAVE UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH TO PAY THEIR DUES OR ELSE PAY NON-MEMBER PLAYING FEES (\$15.00). IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THOSE PLAYERS LEAVING FOR THE WINTER PAY THEIR DUES BEFORE DEPARTING TO HELP THE CLUB GET THROUGH THE LEAN WINTER MONTHS. DUES WILL STILL BE \$125.00 WHEN YOU GET BACK IN THE SPRING.

AN EMAIL WAS SENT OUT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB REGARDING THE DONATIONS TO THE CLUB FROM THE "BID AND PLAY" GAMES CONDUCTED BY PAT MAHNKEN FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF SATURDAYS. THIS MONEY IS BEING SET ASIDE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO MIGHT HAVE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY IN PAYING THE CLUB'S DUES OR PLAYING IN AS MANY GAMES AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO. A SLIDING SCALE HAS BEEN FORMULATED TO ADJUST PLAYING FEES AND/OR DUES PAYMENTS TO INCOME. A CEILING OF \$40,000 PER ANNUM IS THE CUT-OFF AMOUNT FOR ANY FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE CLUB.

THE NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE AND IS EMAILED TO OUR MEMBERS. IN ORDER TO SAVE MONEY, THE CLUB WILL PRINT FEWER HARD COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER. THE NEWSLETTER CAN BE ACCESSED ON WWW.BRIDGECLUBOFSINY.COM.

ARE YOUR FRIENDS OR RELATIVES LOOKING FOR A USEFUL GIFT TO GET YOU FOR CHRISTMAS? THE CLUB IS SELLING GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR PLAYS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE BUYER. PLEASE CONTACT A DIRECTOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING. BRIDGE CLUB CERTIFICATES ARE ALSO A GOOD HOLIDAY IDEA FOR YOUR NON-BRIDGE PLAYING FRIENDS.

THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER OPEN GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS STU EDELSTEIN. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY MARTY FLANZBAUM, HERMAN ZIEGER, ANNE PIDORIANO, SHELLY AMIN, SANDY MUCCILLO, DIANE GITLIN, FREDLYN EDELSTEIN, JIM FAZZOLARI, AND DEE KIEFERT. THE 0-299 MP PLAYER-OF THE MONTH WAS BETTY KASEGRANDE. SHE WAS FOLLOWED BY PANKAJ MEHTA, OLIVIA BRENNEN, COLETTE GRILLO, MYLES GOLDBERG, LUCIA TAYLOR, SANGITA MEHTA, JOY SPINELLI, AND SERINA DAY AND TERRI MARRILLO (TIED).

WE HAD ONE PAIR WHO SCORED A 70% OR BETTER GAME DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. COLETTE GRILLO AND PANKAJ MEHTA SCORED A 77.78% GAME.

THE STORE NEXT TO US HAS BEEN RENTED OUT AND THE PROPRIATOR HAS ASKED THAT NO ONE PARK IN THE FIRST TWO SPOTS IN FRONT OF HIS STORE OR ALONG THE FENCE PARALELL TO THE STORE.

WITH POSSIBLE WINTER STORMS COMING UP, THE PLAYERS ARE REMINDED OF THE SENSIBILITIES OF OUR POTTER AVENUE NEIGHBORS. TO AVOID ANY UNPLEASANTNESS, PLEASE GIVE AMPLE ROOM TO POTTER AVENUE RESIDENTS' DRIVEWAYS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES TO THANK THE PARTY PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB IT DID DURING THE YEAR.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHY FAZZOLARI ON BECOMING A LIFE MASTER.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES EVERY PLAYER AND THEIR FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND/OR HAPPY CHANUKAH AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

DIANE LEPRO	03	GLORIA SEMINARA	12
MICHAEL GECHT	07	LEON BUSIELLO	16
EILEEN LEE	11	DIANE GITLIN	18