

## Diamond In The Ruff – Marcia Wasserman

Well, not a lot is happening in the in-person bridge world, but a lot is happening in our virtual world.

There are club games every day except Saturday. Open games are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at 1:30, Tuesday at 10:30. 299er games are Friday and Sunday at 10:00, Tuesday at 11:00 and Tuesday evening at 6:45 pm. For the Tuesday evening game there is a pre-game lesson on Zoom at 6:00. Go to the EBCBC website for the link to the class. The Thursday game is a 999er at 1:30. The Thursday game is relatively new and has not gotten a lot of traction yet, but there are a lot of 999ers out there so come join the game so we can keep it going. Finally, there are also virtual club games on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:10.

Congratulations to new Club Master Sue Burish, new Regional Masters Helen Goldberg and Tom Griswold, new NABC Master John McManis, new Bronze Life Master JJ Kael, and new Ruby Life Masters Bob Berger and Julie Burnet. JJ Kael managed to make Life Master and Bronze Life Master at the same time. Great job all!

### **ALERT!!!!**

One of our players contacted us to ask why she was being charged more than \$10 (\$14.99) to buy BBO\$. If you are having this same issue, KNOW that this is not correct. Make sure that you are buying them on the BBO site directly. There is never a surcharge added on to your purchase.

Many of you have asked how our friends the Denyvens are doing these days. For those of you who don't know the Denyvens, they are veterans of World War II and were regulars at our club games. Wouldn't it be great if all married couples got along at the bridge table as well as they do? Andy Wasserman visited them on Veterans Day and took a wonderful photo of them. He brought them their favorite meal - Carl's Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger. For those of you who know Andy, the fact that he brought them something with bacon in it is a true tribute to the level of respect they deserve. Thanks, Andy, and David and Joyce, you are looking fabulous!!!



Burch Fitzpatrick, a long-time unit member, died on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the house in which he was born. One of his last acts was to vote in the Presidential election. He was from a family of duplicate players. He is survived by his wife, Patsy, another great duplicate player.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

1. Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.
2. It is weird being the same age as old people.
3. When I was a kid I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected.
4. It is probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.
5. During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?
6. If 2020 was a math word-problem: If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?
7. I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.
8. We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to, 'Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?'
9. So if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?
10. If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.
11. I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.
12. Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.
13. I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.
14. I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.
15. You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.
16. We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

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