

# MIDWEST MONITOR

APRIL 2009



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# MIDWEST MONITOR AREA CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	APR 1	2	3	4	5	
CHARITY FUND MONTH						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
GATLINBURG REGIONAL						
INDY PROGRESSIVE (F) THROUGH SUNDAY				KETTERING		
27	28	29	30	MAY 1	2	3
CINCINNATI REGIONAL						
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LEXINGTON CHAMPAIGN, IL REGIONAL CLEVELAND, OH REGIONAL						
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DAYTON/COLUMBUS REGIONAL						
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CHARLESTON & LOUISVILLE NLM						
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INDIANAPOLIS PROGRESSIVE (Q)						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
TERRE HAUTE & MIDDLETOWN						
31	SEP 1	2	3	4	5	6
DISTRICT 11 NABC FUNDS WEEK						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
MADISONVILLE						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
PINEVILLE						
FT WAYNE REGIONAL THROUGH SUNDAY				BARREN RIVER		
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CLUB APPRECIATION MONTH						

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COLUMBUS						
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WASHINGTON NABC - JUL 23 - AUG 02						
SAN DIEGO NABC - NOV 26 - DEC 06						
RENO NABC - MAR 11 - MAR 21						
LOUISVILLE NABC - MAR 10 - 20, 2011						
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DISTRICT 11 NAP FINALS - OCT 24						

# GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS - DISTRICT 11 RESULTS

*Bill Higgins, Reporting*

On a snowy Super Bowl Sunday weekend the Cincinnati Bridge Association hosted the District 11 Finals of the Grand National Teams. A total of twenty-four teams from throughout our District braved the weather and competed in the four flights over the January 31/February 1 weekend.

The winners of the four flights receive a \$500/team award from District 11 to compete in the summer NAB's against the winners from the other twenty-four ACBL Districts. The District 11 Board voted last fall to award an additional amount to each team if it is matched by the team members' home Units. John Hinton, our District 11 Treasurer, has details.

The winners of the District 11 Finals were:

- 1) **Championship Flight:**  
Frank Treiber III, Marshall Tuly, Norman Coombs, Scott Gates and Russell Shoup (Cincinnati and Dayton);
- 2) **Flight A (<5,000 MP):**  
Sandra Marlin, Mike Marlin, Susan Bullard and Harry Gordon (Versailles, KY and Lexington, KY);

3) **Flight B (<2,000 MP):**  
Beve Smith, John Clark, Danny Barnett and P. Lamar Hamilton (Shepherdsville, KY, Terre Haute, IN and Corbin, KY);

4) **Flight C (<500 MP and Non Life Master):**  
A. J. Stephani, Vivek Choudhury, David Camillus and Ryan Schultz (Cincinnati and Dayton).

Our District wishes these representatives all the best in Washington D.C. this summer.



# BRIDGE IN THE BLUEGRASS

*Harry Gordon, Reporting*

Winning Flight A and thus a slightly subsidized trip to compete in the National finals of the Grand National teams were Sue Bullard, Michael and Sandra Marlin and H. Gordon. This was Michael's fourth win in Grand National competition. He had previously won the Non-Life Master's team and pair and the Flight B team. In the hard fought finals against a strong team from Columbus, Sue bid a slam on a finesse which provided the twelve point margin of victory.

Victorious in the corresponding Flight B team event were Danny Barnett and Lamar Hamilton of Corbin, transplanted Corbinite Bev Smith, and Hoosier John Clark. Crediting Eastern Kentucky Scientific for their success, Danny expressed hope it would continue to serve them well in DC. Best of luck to both of these teams.

The aptly named Cabin Fever Sectional in January was well attended and featured the abundant hospitality that is now associated with Lexington tournaments. Bluegrass players gathered laurels on every strata. Their numerous names are listed in the "results" section of [www.lexingtonbridgeclub.com](http://www.lexingtonbridgeclub.com).

One of our own ascending stars finished second in the nation (!) in the Ace of Clubs competition. That was Bill McClain, in the 0-5 masterpoint division. While runner up to a Californian, he picked up 103 points at our small club. Kudos to you, Bill!

Garnering the highest number of total points in last year's local race was Michael Marlin, narrowly defeating Sandra. A surprise first month leader in our 2009 Ace of Clubs was Frances Barr. Can she hold on for the next eleven?

Wishing good fun and splendid results for all!

## APPALACHIAN UNIT 227

*Vicki Johnson, Reporting*

As I begin our club news article, the calendar says March 1st, and it is 19 degrees outside. What's up with that!!! I can only hope the old saying about March is true--"In like a Lion, out like a Lamb." I'm looking forward to warmer days ahead. I know our friends in Huntington are sick of the winter weather. According to Bill Schaefer, the winter has been so bad they have had to cancel five bridge sessions.

Most of our member have "snuggled down" during the winter months, so there is not much tournament news. But, several hardy souls ventured out. Jim and Ellen Olson along with Bob Tweel and Ray Franks (more affectionately called the Precision Guys) participated in the Grand National Teams tournament held in Cincinnati. Frank Hubbard, from Huntington, received 3.41 Gold Points at a regional tournament in Wilmington, N.C.

Two Charleston members have reached Milestones in their bridge lives. Jim Sorrent - unofficial mentor, excellent joke teller (in his own mind), and patron of the arts became a Silver Life Master! They may have to invent a new category for Jim before he quits playing bridge! Lois Kaufman, who has been voted "best dressed" four years running and who kids me about being such a rabid WVU fan, became a Life Master! Lois was in Florida when this happened so we haven't been able to properly congratulate her. We are anxiously awaiting her return along with our other "snow birds." WE MISS YOU ALL!

Charleston has a new game in town. Along with Mon. - Wed. (10:30 to 2:00 at the So. Charleston Women's Club) and Tues.-Fri. night (7:00 at the YWCA), and Wed. night (7:00 at the So. Char. Women's Club), you can add Thursday afternoon to your calendar. Sarah Sentman is conducting an ACBL sanctioned game at Edgewood Country Club on Thursday at 1:00. Come early for lunch and stay after for cocktails and discussions of the hands. Make a day of it!!! Those just starting "duplicate" are welcome at all games.

It's time for a long overdue "THANK YOU" to Osce Roberts. Osce resigned as our Easy Aces Club Manager last May. Osce brought the "computer age" to our club. When he began putting the scores in with the computer program, he had to use a DESK TOP computer! Imagine lugging that heavy piece of equipment in and out twice a week!!! Hurray for the LAPTOP! Osce also served as a director. He still plays twice a week. And now we welcome our new manager, Mike Lewis. He is also a director. Mike took over last May and by all accounts the transition has been smooth. It may not be well known, but in addition to his interest in fishing and hiking, Mike is also a poet. Maybe we can persuade him to write a poem for our next article!! Club Managers are the unsung volunteers that keep our clubs running. Thank goodness there are competent men and women who give their time for the game we love.

Remember, be courteous, be patient & have fun.

## CINCINNATI NEWS

*John Burpee, Reporting*

Sound the Trumpets! Beat the Drums! Clash the Cymbals! District 11 has a 20,000 Master Point Man!!! Cincinnati's own Norm Coombs achieved that lofty (heck, that astronomical height) earlier this year. And, what was his reaction? "Let's look ahead," he says. Well done, Norm.

The rest of the CBA is also looking ahead to the end of April and our FLYING PIG REGIONAL. Tourney chair Patti English promises this year's edition will be as challenging and as much fun as its predecessors. Check out our ad for all of the details, and be sure to make your reservations at the LIVINN SUITES (next door to the convention center) before April 15 to get the tournament rate.

Here's another worthwhile invitation. Take a look at a really outstanding club newsletter. Go to the CBA's website: [www.cincybridge.com](http://www.cincybridge.com). From the webpage go to the left hand column and click on ALERT newsletter. Aside from the "people news," which you may want to skim by, you'll find that editor Amit Raturi has assembled a number of fascinating articles on many aspects of bridge. Good reading!!

In the January issue of the Monitor we reported on the start of a new initiative to attract new members through an expanded beginner's class schedule. It took off with a bang. About 70 'newbies' signed for the winter classes taught by Nancy Sachs, Rob Weidenfeld, Helen Ogle and Bob VeVerka. A second flight will start in April. There was also a new class for advanced players. Joe Fisher enlightened them on the fine points of slam bidding.

# Indianapolis Spring into Summer Sectional

June 5 - 7, 2009

Indy West Conference Center

402 N. High School Road,  
Indianapolis, IN, 46214

(Located on High School Road between 10th Street and Rockville Road)

## Friday, June 5

Open Pairs (Single sessions) . . . . . 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM  
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single sessions) . . . . . 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM  
Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions) . . . . . 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM

## Saturday, June 6

Open Pairs (Single sessions) . . . . . 9:00 AM; 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM  
Bracketed KO Teams (Sessions 1, 2 & 3) . . . . . 9:00 AM; 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM  
Stratified 299er Pairs . . . . . 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM  
Stratified Swiss Teams (One session) . . . . . 7:30 PM

## Sunday, June 7

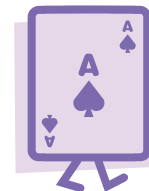
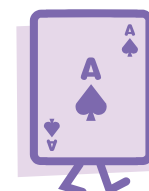
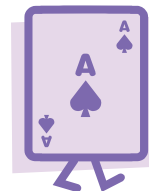
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play through) . . . . . 12:30 PM

*(Brackets based on team's average masterpoints. Compete in your own bracket all day. No meal served. Snacks available.)*

*Friday/Saturday Strats: Open: A= 1500+; B= 750-1500; C = 0-750  
299ers: A= 200-300; B = 100-200; C = 0-100*

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## NORTHWEST KENTUCKY & SOUTHERN INDIANA NEWS

*Marvin Lawson, Reporting*

Evansville/Unit 193 is thrilled with the many successes of the Split Regional. It gave local players their first chance to earn gold points in many years without the expense of travel, hotels and meals. Many were playing in a tournament for the first time ever! Barry Harper, one of Canada's finest players, volunteered to supplement the local celebrity speakers and was scheduled twice, drawing large audiences; that gave our players the chance to learn from a real pro. Everyone attending loved everything about it – the game room, their hotel rooms, the desserts (especially the homemade ones), and the Sunday luncheon. We have two new Life Masters: Ellen Essig of Evansville and Doris Mills of Owensboro. Dave Alexander & Gail Snowden of Henderson, who started with no gold points, earned 19.13 mps, over 12 gold, so they are now halfway there! Congrats to Dr. Sara Parks team who picked up around 80 pts and to the Fassett team who earned about 30 mps.

KOs & Swiss Teams: Tues/Wed Bracket I. The Sara Parks team was 1<sup>st</sup>; Phil Fassett, Gary Gentry, Bernie Kay & Stuff Hoffner were 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Bracket II, 1<sup>st</sup> was Dave Alexander & Gail Snowden, Doris Thomas & Beverly Matthews. Wed/Thur KOs, Bracket II: 2<sup>nd</sup> was Doris Mills & Theodore Flach, Nancy Clark, & Becky Walker; Randy Smith, & Bob Lechner with Judy Donahue & Peggy Dunkel were 3/4. On Thurs Swiss, 1<sup>st</sup> was the Parks team; 3<sup>rd</sup> were Phil Fassett & Bernie Kay with Stu Hoffner & Gary Gentry. On Fri/Sat KOs, 1<sup>st</sup> was the Sara Parks team; 2<sup>nd</sup> was Pete Lambert's team. In Bracket II, Barb Ahlers & Gloria Bridges with Lon & Jeanne Bell were 1<sup>st</sup>; Ellen Essig & Jack Davis with Chris & Alice Huus were 2<sup>nd</sup>. In

Sunday Swiss, the Parks team was 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> were Sallie Wade & Jackie Brasseale with Betsy Becker & Willie Alley.

Wed Side Series: Richard Cornett was 1<sup>st</sup>; Ray & Pat Andersen 2<sup>nd</sup>. AM: Dick & Bobby Jo Dickeson were tied for 1/4; Becky Walker & Nancy Clark were tied for 5/6. PM: Jerry & Rita Holtzman. Thurs Choice Pairs: Pete Lambert & Elaine Said were 3<sup>rd</sup>; Don Hayes & Bernice Cornette were 4<sup>th</sup>; Ron & Janice Sievers were 5A; 3B, 1C; Phil Fisher & John Lawler were 4B, 2C; Gabe Puski & Mary Spooner were 5B. Fri Choice Pairs: Russ Davis & Richard Cornett were 1A; Debbie Gregory and partner were 3<sup>rd</sup>; Marcie Harding & Karen Nunn were 5A; Ray & Pat Andersen were 6A; and Kay Fuchs and Nancy Berendsen were 2B.

199ers: On Tues Aft, Cy Long and Patti Lodato were 1<sup>st</sup>; Wallace Adye & Dot Buske 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jane Staton & Carolyn Lambert 4<sup>th</sup>. On Tues Eve., it was John Titzer & Stan Tillman 1<sup>st</sup>; Stan & Linda Wilson 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Wed. Aft, Bob & Phyllis Kincaid were 1<sup>st</sup>; Dorothy Parsons & Carolyn Lambert were 3<sup>rd</sup>; Steve Miller & Sam Fitzsimmons were 4<sup>th</sup>. On Fri Aft, Wallace Adye & Dot Buske were 1<sup>st</sup>; Stan & Linda Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>; Steve & Carolyn Miller 3<sup>rd</sup>; Patricia Probst & Virginia Witt 4A/2B; Jane Staton & JoAnne Miley 3B. On Sat, Patricia Probst & Virginia Witt were 4A, 2 B&C; Jane Staton & Jo Anne Miley were 3B.

It has been rumored the folks of Hopkinsville plan to apply for a sanction soon. Let's hope that something good happens soon and at least one of the clubs gets back in action. We miss you! With more active bridge classes in our Unit, we're looking forward to greeting new players!

## CENTRAL INDIANA - UNIT 130

*Dede Watson, Reporting*

### "The Regional Tournament from a Beginner's Perspective"

Why go to a Regional tournament? What's the difference between a regular club game and a tournament game? Do you get better points or more points if you place in the top three? What is the difference between black, silver, red, and gold points? What is a beginner to do?

It is worth the beginning player's effort to go to a Regional tournament. The points are awarded more generously, and red points are given at Regionals. That's how I remember it: R, Regional, is for red. Why do you need red points? If you are striving to eventually become a Life Master, you need different color points, particularly red and gold, and the only way to acquire them is to attend tournaments. Also, when you become brave enough to venture into National tournaments, some games are by invitation only, and to qualify for that invitation, you need to win at the Regional level.

Those of us who live in Indianapolis are very fortunate, because the CIBA (Central Indiana Bridge Association) hosts Regional and Sectional tournaments annually. Our Bridge Center closes down for these events, so if you, like me, are a new bridge enthusiast (some rudely call us "junkies") and can't survive a week without playing bridge, you must attend the tournament. There is so much bridge available, it can be a bit overwhelming: There are at least three pairs games daily, morning, afternoon and evening, and there are multiple types of team games. It's simpler than it looks when you first peruse the schedule: Just pick your favorite games, gather your partners and/or team members, and dive in. A resounding thank you to everyone who volunteers his/her time, effort and enthusiasm to make these events so successful. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

It's great to meet new friends and re-acquaint ourselves with our newest friends from last tournament. The same people return, year after year, like lemmings to the cliff. You know who you are.

This was my second Indy Regional, and I learned so much. First, I learned that if I wanted to start accumulating gold points, I would have to brave the open games. I chose not to do that yet. Since my partners and I are still eligible for the 199er game, we opted to play there. The competition was hale and hearty for players of our caliber. We did venture into the Board-A-Match Team game on Sunday, and here's the second valuable thing I

learned: If I make a wrong bid -- who *does* that? -- I can correct it, as long as my partner has not yet bid. I could have saved myself eight long minutes of bridge angst by simply admitting that I had bumbled my bid. Alas, fear is so powerful when one is a newbie, particularly when one's partner says, "Oh, no. Here comes a Grand Life Master." I didn't even know what that meant then, but now I know he possesses 10,000+ points. Just a little bit of added stress. That player was Tom Feeney, and he and his partner, Mitchell Pote, graciously pointed out what I could have done before the hand even began . . . so, thank you, guys, once again. I will never forget that. Embarrassment is such a powerful teacher.

My partner and I had to chuckle when some familiar opponents in our regular club game mentioned that they dreaded coming to our table. Imagine that. They acted *serious*. I guess everything is relative. If you are a brand new player and you're playing a "seasoned" pair with 100 points between them, I guess it is daunting. That was me and my partner last year. How soon I forget.

Now, having had a successful regional experience, I'm wondering when I'll be brave enough to navigate the terrifying tables of the open pairs. Maybe next year . . . maybe two years from now . . . probably only when I need to get those gold points. Will I ever be a Life Master?

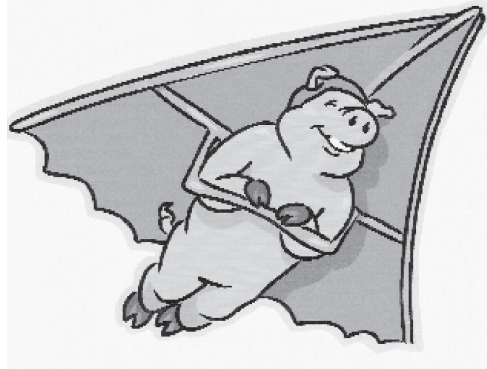
One of our Indy directors, Beverly Brown, became a DIAMOND Life Master this week. That means Bev has attained 5,000 master points. What an awesome feat, especially to those of us just beginning our duplicate bridge journey. Many, many congratulations to you, Bev. Maybe you'll see me in search of some fraction of a gold point at your table next year, or maybe the year after that . . . but, please, whenever I get there, wish me luck! I'll need it.

**Editors Note:** Thank you, Dede, for your contribution to this issue. We're all happy that you enjoyed the Indianapolis Regional Tournament.

It should probably be noted that while Tom Feeney, certainly a fine bridge player, could not be reached for comment, we believe you have elevated him at least slightly in masterpoint standings.

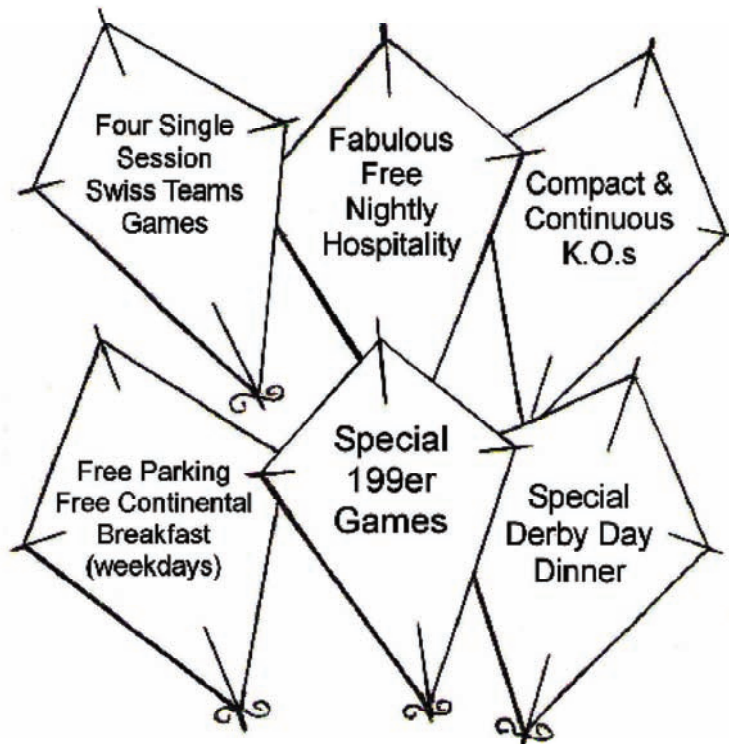
Also, congratulations are in order to Dean Robinson and Joan Lenze, both of Indianapolis, who each also recently attained the Diamond Life Master ranking.

# "The Flying Pig" Regional



April 28  
to May 3  
2009

Sharonville Convention Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio



## THE FLYING PIG REGIONAL APRIL 28-MAY 3, 2009 CINCINNATI, OHIO

### TUESDAY APRIL 28

AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00		SHARONVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
PORKY PIG KNOCK OUT (rd 1-2)	1:00	7:00	11355 Chester Rd
Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)	1:00	7:00	Exit 15, I-75 Sharon rd
Stratified Side Game Series 1	1:00	7:00	West on Sharon Rd - 0.2 miles
SINGLE SESSION SWISS		7:00	North on Chester - 0.5 Miles
199er Pairs Game	7:00		

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

EARLY COMPACT K.O. (rd 1-2)	9:00		<b>HOTEL: LIVINN SUITES</b>
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00		(Next to Convention Center)
PORKY PIG KNOCK OUT (rd 3-4)	1:00	7:00	513-772-7877
MISS PIGGY KNOCK OUT (rd 1-2)	1:00	7:00	Bridge Rate \$59.00
Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions)	1:00	7:00	\$279 Weekly
Stratified Side Game Series 1		7:00	Book by April 15, 2009
PIG'S EAR COMPACT K.O. (rd 1-2)		7:00	

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

EARLY COMPACT K.O. (rd 3-4)	9:00		<b>Free Continental</b>
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00		Breakfast weekdays
MISS PIGGY KNOCK OUT (rd 3-4)	1:00	7:00	<b>Free Parking &amp; Fabulous</b>
SWINE SONG COMPACT KO (1-2),(3-4)	1:00	7:00	Hospitality Nightly at LIVINN Suites
Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions)	1:00	7:00	*****
Stratified Side Game Series 1	1:00	7:00	Open Stratified Events
PIG'S EAR COMPACT K.O. (rd 3-4)	1:00	7:00	A-2000+ B-500-2000 C-0-500

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

ELMER FUDD COMPACT KO (rd 1-2)	9:00		Stratified
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00		A-3000+ X-0-3000
THIS LITTLE PIGGY K.O. (rd 1-2)	1:00	7:00	(plays together)
Stratified Pairs ( 2 sessions)	1:00	7:00	
199er Pairs Game	1:00	7:00	Compact KOs limited to 4 players
Stratified Side Game Series 2	1:00	7:00	
SINGLE SESSION SWISS		7:00	

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

ELMER FUDD KNOCK OUT (rd 3-4)	9:00		
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00		
THIS LITTLE PIGGY K.O. (rd 3-4)	1:00	7:00	\$12 entry fee per session
PIG OUT COMPACT K.O. (1-2)(3-4)	1:00	7:00	(includes \$2 ACBL paid member discount)
Stratified Pairs ( 2 Sessions)	1:00	7:00	
199er Pairs Game	1:00	7:00	
Stratified Side Game Series 2		7:00	Tournament Chairperson
SINGLE SESSION SWISS		7:00	Patti English 513-791-5506

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS	10:00		
199ER SINGLE SESSION SWISS	10:00		

Join us Saturday for a Special DERBY DAY PARTY

\*See the race on Big Screen TV

\*Enjoy Derby Refreshments & Dinner (Reservations Needed)

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## CENTRAL OHIO NEWS

*Suman Agarwal, Reporting*

I am glad to report from Unit 122 that we are celebrating our annual awards evening on April 5, 2009.

**This year's Ace of Clubs award recipients are:**

**0 - 5**

Mary Lynn Zwald 38.52

**5 - 20**  
Kathy Robertson 27.16

**20 - 50**  
Eunice Adamany 29.41

**50 - 100**  
Ishaq Al-Qutub 69.02

**100 - 200**  
Robert Jiobu 73.14

**200 - 300**  
Pat Cowan 88.55

**300 - 500**  
Martin Seltzer 73.47

**500 - 1000**  
Jerome Williams 95.15

**1000 - 2500**  
Norma Nickoloff 176.11

**2500 - 5000**  
Robert Herold 135.92

**5000 - 7500**  
George St. Pierre 186.50

**7500 - 10000**  
Anita Torrence 56.69

**Mini McKenney Award Winners are:**

**0 - 5**  
Mary Lynn Zwald 73.51

**5 - 20**  
Kathy Robertson 60.65

**20 - 50**  
Eunice Adamany 42.18

**50 - 100**  
Ishaq Al-Qutub 96.89

**100 - 200**  
Cynthia Davitt 128.02

**200 - 300**  
Pat Cowan 151.90

**300 - 500**  
Martin Seltzer 141.48

**500 - 1000**  
Jerome Williams 255.96

**1000 - 2500**  
Michael Pierce 245.18

**2500 - 5000**  
Cheryl Schneider 234.31

**5000 - 7500**  
Walter Johnson 717.14

**7500 - 10000**  
Jim Bachelder 377.60

**>10000**  
Jim Reiman 342.47

**New Life Masters:**  
Jean N Lucktenberg, Carol R. Scott, Thomas E Hickey, Candice Misenheimer, Pat Cowan, Jane R. Huff, Carol J Long, Kathy C Kriss, Jill J Moore, Judith Nevai, Helen E Kindernam.

**Obetz Trophy:**  
Walter Johnson

**John Davis Trophy:**  
Ted Doron

**Obituary:**  
Paddi D. Cline of Upper Arlington, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2009. Her passion for golf was equaled by her enjoyment of the game of bridge. Member of the American Contract Bridge League, became a Life Master in 1977; received an outstanding service award for the Central Ohio Bridge Association in 1983, after serving for a number of years on the board of COBA; served as the secretary of the Central Ohio Bridge Association Board for several years in the seventies; won a national open bridge pairs at the North American Championship games in Chicago in 1977; won multiple regional and sectional tournaments.

The American Contract Bridge League appointed Paddi to the National Good Will Committee, and she received the coveted Good Will Award. In addition to engaging competitively, Paddi taught bridge classes through the Upper Arlington Continuing Education Program for many years, published several bridge books, and co-owned and managed the former Clintonville Bridge Club, which was the oldest existing bridge club in the USA.

Paddi's sense of humor and positive attitude enhanced the lives of all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

Lou Ann Miller of Upper Arlington passed away on Feb 20, 2009. She was an avid bridge player and a member of Central Ohio Bridge Association, Unit 122. She was a Life Master and she will be missed by her family and friends.

# LOUISVILLE "NO SWEAT" SECTIONAL

New Venue = Working Air Conditioning and Indoor Plumbing!



**Tournament: Highland Post at 2919 Bardstown Road, 2 blocks north of I-264**  
**Hotel: Quality Inn at 3255 Bardstown Road, 1 block south of I-264,**  
**PH (502) 454-0451**

Mention "Louisville Sectional" for special \$60 rate (w/ breakfast and free parking)  
**(Check online for even lower rate in lesser quality room.)**

## June 26 - 28, 2009

### FRIDAY

**Stratified Pairs** (Single Sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM  
Strat A 1500+; Strat B 500-1500; Strat C 0-500  
**199er Stratified Pairs\*** (Single Sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM  
**Novice Pairs\*** (0-20 MPs) (Single Session) 1:30 & 7:30 PM

### SATURDAY

**Handicapped Knockouts** (3 sessions) 9:00 AM, 1:30 & 7:30 PM  
**Stratified Pairs** (Single Sessions) 9:00 AM, 1:30 & 7:30 PM  
Strat A 1500+; Strat B 500-1500; Strat C 0-500  
**199er Stratified Pairs\*** (Single Sessions) 9:00 AM, 1:30 & 7:30 PM  
**Novice Pairs\*** (0-20 MPs) (Single Session) 1:30 & 7:30 PM

### SUNDAY

**Bracketed Swiss Teams** (Play Thru) 10:30 AM  
(Bracketed by **average** points of teammates)  
*Box Lunch Available for purchase on Sunday*

\*Stratified as attendance warrants

**Free coffee and desserts all day Friday and Saturday,**  
**plus free parking every day!**

*No Smoking allowed in the playing area!*  
*(Smokers accommodated by frequent hospitality breaks.)*

Tournament Chairperson:

Susan Cox, PH (502) 426-5578

Email\*\*: [ssrbcox@insightbb.com](mailto:ssrbcox@insightbb.com)

Partnership Chairperson:

Kit Overpeck, PH (502) 895-5743

Email\*\*: [kitoverpeck@yahoo.com](mailto:kitoverpeck@yahoo.com)

\*\*Please write "Bridge" on the subject line.

# NORTHERN INDIANA - UNIT 154

Barbara Walczak, Reporting

## 70%+ GAMES

From the Northwest Indiana Clubs —  
 Dave Bigler, Hobart, and Barbara Walczak, Munster — 72.08% December 9  
 Ruth Westberg, Tinley Park, and Jim Angell, Munster — 80.32% December 18  
 Joe Chin, Highland, and Al Simmons, Chicago — 71.00% December 26  
 Jim O'Connell, Valparaiso, and Paul Graegin, Dyer — 72.92% January 9  
 From the Fort Wayne Clubs —  
 Don and Rose Ferguson — 72.50% February 17  
 Marilyn Weisbach and Jack Spring — 71.74% February 20  
 Manny Silverman and Judy Nelsen — 71.06% February 24  
 Art and Julie Kupersmith — 73.38% March 7

## RISE IN THE RANKINGS

**Junior Master:** Pamela Mathews, Granger; Lindy Moss, Fort Wayne, Marjorie Wilson, South Bend; Martie Black, Granger; Arlyne Filler, Highland; George Laffin, Kokomo; Linda McCarthy, Marion; Debbie McNagny, Fort Wayne

**Club Master:** Rose Fitch, Kokomo; Norm Muller, Granger; Joan Sarber, South Bend; Judy Grossnickle, Granger; Jim Fitzpatrick, South Bend; Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne; Kaye Kale, South Bend; M. Julie Nelson, Granger

**Sectional Master:** Judy Grambo, Schererville; June Reincke, Fort Wayne; Karen Drain, South Bend

**Regional Master:** Karsten Grove, South Bend; Earl Landrum, Marion; Sally Landrum, Marion

**NABC Master:** Barbara Piltch, Osceola

**Life Master:** Lou Nimnicht, Crown Point; John Scheibelhut, Notre Dame; David Hoevel, Fort Wayne; Rosemary Shafer, South Bend

**Bronze Life Master:** Lou Nimnicht, Crown Point; Loretta Beck, Marion; Larry O'Maley, Fort Wayne; Rosemary Shafer, South Bend

**Silver Life Master:** Lou Nimnicht, Crown Point; Anna Marie Bonahoom, Fort Wayne

Congratulations to those who have advanced in rank!

## New Members:

Gloria Falcone, Munster; George Laffin, Kokomo; Sathy Menon, Fort Wayne; Katherine Murdza, Notre Dame; Robert Porter, St. John; Richard Verwiebe, Fort Wayne

We hope their involvement in bridge is long, happy, and successful!

## SOUTH BEND CLUB NEWS

South Bend's concerted effort to reach new players has increased the club membership, as you may well imagine. Also — here's an idea that will, undoubtedly, reap rewards in player attendance. They have begun a mentoring program. They have assigned "Life Master +" players to play at least eight times in the next three months with a particular C player to help that player understand the ins and outs of the game. Right now they have seven or eight pairs. When the three months are up, several free plays will be given to the master players. Both teachers and pupils are very excited.

Their Valentine's party yielded eight tables. First overall with 69.94% were Elaine and Tim DeLaney, second with 63.69% were Lena Howard and Dick Hastings, and third with 61.01% were Anita Nunemaker and Jim Feinstein. Everyone enjoyed having a special, normally-unscheduled Saturday game. The club is going to offer special games on Saturdays in the future, including Handicap Swiss Team and Pro-Am Pairs. Visit their website at [www.bridgescore.com/sbbc](http://www.bridgescore.com/sbbc).

CONGRATULATIONS to Dave Bigler who was the only player from Unit 154 who ranked in the top 10 in either the worldwide ACBL Ace of Clubs or Mini-McKenney Contests. Dave placed 5th in the Ace of Clubs for 2008 in the 200-300 masterpoint category with 165 mp for the year.

## TOP 100 MASTERPOINT EARNERS IN 2008

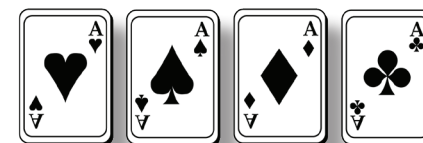
1. Howard Piltch, Osceola IN	605
2. Bob Carteaux, Fort Wayne IN	558
3. John Aumiller, Fort Wayne IN	370
4. Michael Slaven, Elkhart IN	351
5. James Feinstein, South Bend IN	343
6. Joseph Chin, Highland IN	338
7. John Killeen, Mishawaka IN	278
8. Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN	277
9. Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame IN	271
10. Steven Watson, Munster IN	261
11. Richard Ellis Jr., Kokomo IN	249
12. Dave Bigler, Hobart IN	248
13. Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN	241
14. Lena Howard, Elkhart IN	239
15. John Chmielowiec, Michigan City IN	219
16. Carol Mahoney, Kokomo IN	217
17. Irene Singleton, South Bend IN	205
18. Bob Kellstrom, Chesterton IN	198
19. James Pelletier, Fort Wayne IN	179
20. Dean Duncan, Mishawaka IN	175
21. Elaine Delaney, South Bend IN	175

22. Teen Robertson, Mishawaka IN	174	80. Rose Ferguson, Ft Wayne IN	72
23. Leroy Boser, Elkhart IN	167	81. Faye Anderson, Schererville IN	72
24. Rosemary Zonker, Elkhart IN	164	82. Barbara Graegin, Dyer IN	71
25. Charles Clarke, South Bend IN	160	83. Paul Graegin, Dyer IN	71
26. Marian Eggebrecht, South Bend IN	159	84. Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton IN	71
27. Frank Yoder III, Goshen IN	157	85. Jack Spring, Fort Wayne IN	70
28. Sara Marcus, Granger IN	148	86. Mary Schumm, Munster IN	68
29. Sara Grande, Mishawaka IN	143	87. Louise Tickfer, Granger IN	67
30. James Davis, Kokomo IN	142	88. Grant Van Horne, Auburn IN	67
31. Donald Valiska, Highland IN	141	89. Daniel Spain, Portage IN	66
32. James Angell, Munster IN	140	90. Timothy Delaney, South Bend IN	66
33. Barbara Walczak, Munster IN	140	91. Charlotte Davis, Kokomo IN	66
34. Virginia Stipp, South Bend IN	139	92. Martha Hosinski, South Bend IN	65
35. Jo Ann Steigmeyer, Granger IN	135	93. Rosemary Shafer, South Bend IN	63
36. James O'Connell, Valparaiso IN	134	94. Al Fenton, Plymouth IN	62
37. Patricia Valiska, Highland IN	132	95. Charles Schultz, La Porte IN	61
38. J. Cordas, South Bend IN	131	96. Marilyn Weisbach, Fort Wayne IN	60
39. Paul Scherer, Mishawaka IN	131	97. Mrs. M. C. Knepper, Palmetto FL	59
40. Howard Schmid, Merrillville IN	130	98. Barbara Medlock, Granger IN	59
41. Daniel Simon, South Bend IN	129	99. June Glazer, Elkhart IN	59
42. Chuck Briggs, Hobart IN	129	100. Marilyn Crank, Kokomo IN	58
43. Donna Simon, South Bend IN	126		
44. Norman Szewczyk, Lansing IL	124		
45. Ruth Minish, Granger IN	123		
46. Richard Hastings, Bristol IN	121		
47. F. A. Binder Jr., South Bend IN	120		
48. David McNitt, Elkhart IN	116		
49. Mary Lou Clegg, Fort Wayne IN	115		
50. Manuel Silverman, Fort Wayne IN	113		
51. Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne IN	113		
52. Byron Parshall, Mishawaka IN	112		
53. Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN	110		
54. Suzanne Watson, South Bend IN	110		
55. Alfred Prus, Highland IN	101		
56. David Hoevel, Fort Wayne IN	101		
57. Phillip Stephan, South Bend IN	101		
58. Michael Clegg, Fort Wayne IN	99		
59. Raj Kohli, Granger IN	92		
60. Donald Groch, South Bend IN	92		
61. Larry O'Maley, Fort Wayne IN	90		
62. Constance Stevens, Highland IN	87		
63. Victor Papai, South Bend IN	87		
64. Ronald Peterson, Plymouth IN	87		
65. Virginia Peterson, Plymouth IN	87		
66. Joan Smith, Fort Wayne IN	85		
67. Donald Ferguson, Fort Wayne IN	83		
68. Sandy Craft, Fort Wayne IN	83		
69. Ilse Grove, South Bend IN	83		
70. Bud Hinkley, South Bend IN	81		
71. Bob Hawley, Peru IN	81		
72. Hugh Metzger, South Bend IN	81		
73. Phillip Kolski, Elkhart IN	78		
74. K. Koorsen, Fort Wayne IN	77		
75. Richard Klitzke, South Bend IN	75		
76. Carl Minick, Hometown IN	74		
77. Rita Duncan, Somerset IN	73		
78. Sharon Novotny, Granger IN	73		
79. John Scheibelhut, Notre Dame IN	72		

The top 3 Mini-McKenney Winners for 2008 are:

0 - 5
Shirley Koch, Norm Muller, Christopher Clarke
5 - 20
Karen Drain, E Tim Carl, Carol Kutak
20 - 50
Karsten Grove, Sally Landrum, Earl Landrum
50 - 100
Ilse Grove, Sharon Novotny, Edmond Douville
100 - 200
Phillip Kolski, John Hamilton, Joan Aldrich
200 - 300
Dave Bigler, John Scheibelhut, Wayne Carpenter
300 - 500
Donald Valiska, Patricia Valiska, Chuck Briggs
500 - 1000
Cappy Gagnon, Louis Nimnicht, Frank LaMaster
1000 - 2500
John Killeen, Patricia Killeen, Steven Watson
2500 - 5000
James Feinstein, Joseph Chin, Richard Ellis
5000 - 7500
James Davis, Wesley Adamczyk
7500 - 10,000
John Aumiller, Michael Slaven, Dean Duncan
over 10,000
Howard Piltch, Bob Carteaux

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The top 3 in each category in the Ace of Clubs Race for 2008 are:

7500 - 10,000

John Aumiller, Michael Slaven, Dean Duncan  
over 10,000

Howard Piltch, Bob Carteaux

0 - 5

Shirley Koch, Norm Muller, Christopher Clarke  
5 - 20

Karen Drain, Carol Kutak, E Tim Carl  
20 - 50

Karsten Grove, Edward Trubac, Judy Grambo  
50 - 100

Ilse Grove, Sharon Novotny, James McChesney  
100 - 200

Phillip Kolski, Joan Aldrich, John Hamilton  
200 - 300

Dave Bigler, John Scheibelhut, Christine Barker  
300 - 500

Richard Hastings, Ruth Minish, Patricia Valiska  
500 - 1000

Cappy Gagnon, Louis Nimnicht, Barbara Walczak  
1000 - 2500

John Killeen, Patricia Killeen, Bob Kellstrom  
2500 - 5000

James Feinstein, Irene Singleton,  
John Chmielowiec

5000 - 7500

James Davis, Wesley Adamczyk

### DISTRICT 8 STaC GAMES

The top 15 players from Unit 154 who earned the most masterpoints in the District 8 STaC games in February are:

James Feinstein, South Bend	25.99
Richard Bredemeyer, Fort Wayne	16.60
Donald Ferguson, Fort Wayne	15.90
Sandy Craft, Fort Wayne	15.47
Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka	14.77
John Killeen, Mishawaka	14.77
Howard Schmid, Merrillville	14.01
Michael Clegg, Fort Wayne	13.08
Mary Lou Clegg, Fort Wayne	12.03
Sara Marcus, Granger	11.51
Joseph McGuan, Munster	10.61
Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne	9.11
Barbara Walczak, Munster	8.10
Marilyn Weisbach, Fort Wayne	7.66
Jack Spring, Fort Wayne	7.66

## DERBYTOWN HAPPENINGS

*Ellen Schmidt, Reporting*

The hard winter of 2008-09 is finally over! Electricity outages are just an unpleasant memory and our trees and spring bulbs are blooming once again!

In early February, Louisville hosted the 'Sweater Sectional' at the Highland Post of the VFW. In spite of the terrible weather there was a good turnout and we had many positive comments about our new quarters. There is plenty of room to grow at the new tournament site and we hope to see even more of you there at our Summer 'No-Sweat' Sectional in July. Here are the names of the winners:

**Sat Aft Open Pairs, 24 Tables / Based on 29 Tables:** 1A- John Jensen, Maysville KY; Suanne Blair, Morehead. 1B-Barbara Hulsmeyer, Louisville KY; Cheryl Overy, Prospect.  
**Sat Aft 1C-Stuart Kane - Eleanor Kane, Prospect. Sat Aft 199er Pairs, 5 Tables:** 1D&E-Henry McGinnis - Laurie Carrigan, Louisville KY. **Fri Eve Open Pairs, 23 Tables / Based on 26 Tables:**

1A-Susan Christian - Ellen Kozlove, Louisville KY; 1B-Barbara Hulsmeyer - Norman Smith, Louisville KY; 1C-David Poepelman - Lucy Poepelman, Ottawa OH. **Fri Eve 199er Pairs, 3 Tables:** 1D-Anne Hornek - Ruth Warner, Louisville KY. **Fri Aft Open Pairs, 27.5 Tables / Based on 35 Tables:** 1A-Tony Lipka - Gary Peterson, Louisville KY; 1B&C-Gail Slater - Katherine Zimmerman, Louisville KY. **Fri Aft 199er Pairs, 7 Tables:** 1D- Cheryl Overy, Prospect KY; Marla Zimmerman, Louisville KY; 1E- Patsy Baker - Patricia Harwood, Prospect KY. **KO Teams: Bracket A-7 Tables;** Keith Wilson - Jim Washer - Gary Peterson, Louisville KY; Ralph Letizia Jr, Advance NC; **Bracket B-8 Tables;** James Jackson, Amasa MI; Gary Packer, Indianapolis IN; Cindy Tretter, Edgewood KY; Michiko Natsume, Union KY. **Bracket C-8 Tables:** Ellen Thomas - Barbara Ferguson - Mary Jennings, Louisville KY; Jane

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Alexander, Anchorage KY. **Sat Eve Open Pairs, 13 Tables :** 1A-Marsha Kyle - A Beth Reid, Louisville; 1B&C-Ellen Schmidt - Marjorie Crone, Louisville KY. **Swiss Teams Bracket B, 8 Tables / Based on 29 Tables:** Jane Naiser - Keith Overpeck - Thomas Reece, Louisville KY; Dorsey Brown, Prospect KY; **Swiss Teams Bracket C, 8 Tables / Based on 13 Tables:** Earl Brown Jr, St Augustine FL; Gertrude Brown - B Paddock, Louisville KY; Richard Muse, Hornell NY; **Swiss Teams Bracket D, 14 Tables: Frank Collecchia, Prospect KY;** William Toutant - Philip Jarboe - Mehmed Kantardzic, Louisville KY; **Swiss Teams Bracket A, 8 Tables / Based on 38 Tables:** Ellen Kozlove - Joan Lepping - Harold Stengel - L Sutherland Jr, Louisville KY.

**Get Lucky in Kentucky!** As you all know, our district will be hosting the NABC 2011 Spring Nationals here in Louisville. The clubs in the district have already started to prepare for the tournament by raising money for the event. It's going to be a wonderful and fun experience to host a National tournament, but there will be a lot of work involved. The volunteers and committee members who will be working to present a successful tournament will come from all of the clubs in our district. Over the next few months, we'll be forming the committees to handle all of the aspects of putting on this event. Please take time to find out about each committee's responsibilities so you can get involved, working on the committee that most interests you.

## MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

*Bonnie Papini, Reporting*

Greetings from the Miami Valley! Winter is loosening its grip on the area and those who stayed and braved the cold are looking forward to the return of spring and the migration home of our snowbird members.

Looking back for a moment, December brought cold and snow but also the first sectional tournament at the new bridge center. Players who had not seen the new location were full of compliments. Thanks to all who braved the weather to participate in the games. Cold and snow should not be a problem at the next Dayton sectional April 24 to 26. See you there!

Spring arriving means *Bridge in the Barn*. Don't forget Logan County's unique events starting again on April 26.

Change, change, change. Roger Dybvig will direct the Thursday evening game starting March 5. Longtime directors Elaine Kreitzburg and Don Jenkin retired from directing late in 2008 and early in 2009. Elaine's Tuesday evening game is now the responsibility of Beverly Dana and her Wednesday evening game is handled by Janet Lee. Don Jenkin's Monday morning Grand Slam is now being directed by Peter Wahl. Thanks to both of them for their long service to the great game of bridge in the Miami Valley. Fortunately, they only retired from directing, not from playing, so we will still find the around the tables in the new bridge center.

More change: former unit president Wayne

O'Connor "retired" to the position of Unit Education Coordinator and is now using his resources (including wife Marilyn) to expand bridge in our unit. Anyone who has ideas or energy to assist should contact him or the unit.

Because change happens, new unit president Georgia Banziger has added "President's Corner" to MVBA.com. Check it out to see all the changes to the Tuesday and Thursday evening games as well as coming events. And check out the newest Valley Tally on-line!

The Presidential Way bridge center had a new arrival in February-PlayBridgeDealer4. Hands for club games are now randomly dealt in advance with hand records and Deep Finesse analysis available after the games and on the website. (For further explanation, check out the ACBL article on computer generated hands on mvba.com). Players in Columbus sectionals (and other tournaments) have experienced the joy of this technology-no duplicating of hands before playing. This reporter will not miss that part of this great game.

One thing that this reporter regrets is detailing the loss of unit of members. Johnny Bowman, Charlie Trimbaugh, Irma Hutchison, and Freida Weymouth have departed the ranks of unit 136 players. May they find favorable distribution hereafter. We will miss them.

Until next edition, shuffle six times and watch every spot!



# COLUMBUS SUMMER SECTIONAL

June 12-14, 2009

**Haimerl Center, 1421 Morse Rd, Columbus, Ohio**

Exit 116 on I-71 (Morse Rd), East on Morse for 0.8 miles

**GREAT HOSPITALITY: Free picnic, coffee, sodas, and snacks**

## Friday June 12

**1:30 PM**

StrataFlighted Pairs

Flight A/X:

A= 3000+, X= 0-3000

Flight B/C/D

B= 1250+, C= 750-1250, D= 0-750

**7:00 PM**

Stratified

299er Pairs

A= 2000+, B= 750-2000, C= 0-750

200-299, 100-200, 0-100

## Saturday June 13

**10:00 AM**

Bracketed Compact KOs

Open Pairs:

**(Continues at 2:30 PM)**

A= 2000+, B= 300-2000, C= 0-300

**2:30 PM**

Bracketed Compact KOs

Open Pairs

299er Pairs

**Second Section**

A= 2000+, B= 750-2000, C= 0-750

200-299, 100-200, 0-100

**6:30 PM**

**7:00 PM**

**Free Picnic - All welcome  
COBA Annual General Membership Meeting**

**7:30 PM**

Open Pairs

299er Pairs

A= 2000+, B= 750-2000, C= 0-750

200-299, 100-200, 0-100

## Sunday June 14

**12:00 Noon**

Bracketed Swiss Teams (playthrough)

Teams seeded into brackets based on team's **average masterpoints**

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