

MIDWEST MONITOR

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DERBYTOWN HAPPENINGS

Ellen Schmidt, Reporting

Our chapter extends congratulations to our new Life Masters: Karen Clear and Mary Cravens. Reaching masterpoint milestones for Bronze Life Master: Helene Katz and Toby Kahn; Silver Life Master: Dorothy Witten and Marge Handley.

The winners at the Barren River Sectional, October 1-3, were:

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs, Strat. A and B: 1. Betsy Blakeman - Judith Bishop 2. Dorothy Beard - Donald Kirkland. Strat. C: 1. George and Dorothy Borrmann 2. Alice Hicks - Mary Jane Alioto.

Friday Evening Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Mike and Sandra Marlin 2. Ellen Kozlove - Verna Goldberg. Strat. B: 1. George Marvin - Sue England 2. Dorothy Beard - Donald Kirkland. Strat. C: 1. Charles Dorenkott - David Strait 2. Sharon Morgan - Janet Fishback.

Saturday Morning Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Barbara and Kenneth McPeak 2. Judith Bishop - Betsy Blakeman. Strat. B: 1. McPeaks 2. George and Dorothy Borrmann. Strat. C: 1. Vangie Smith - Cheryl Klein 2. Joy Conkwright - Phil Koshewa.

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Sandra and Mike Marlin 2. Beth Reid - Julia Bomalaski. Strat. B and C: 1. Bill and Shirley Schaffer 2. Betsy and Henry Blakeman.

Saturday Evening Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Beth Reid - Julia Bomalaski 2. Ellen Kozlove - Verna Goldberg. Strat. B and C: 1. Bill and Shirley Schaffer 2. Betsy and Henry Blakeman.

Swiss Teams, Strat. A: 1. Mike Sloan, Betty Mattison, Duane Andrews, Paul Coulter 2. Dennis Hesthaven, Marsha Kyle, Cheryl and Jack Ambach. Strat. B: 1. Vangie Smith, Cheryl Klein, Susan and Scott Cox 2. Robert Ezell, Jacqueline Sharp, Phyllis Costello, Marilyn Swauger. Strat. C: 1. Smith, Klein, Coxes 2. Ronald and Carol Dunlevy. Betsy Whitescarver, Ann Moore.

The winners at the Louisville Sectional November 5-7, were:

Friday Afternoon Open, Strat. A: 1. Pat London - Pat Buckley 2. Bert Washer - Duane Andrews. Strat. B: 1. Bill Pierce - Charles Purlee 2. Karen Overpeck - Jacqueline Sharp. Strat. C: 1. Joan Klein - Sue Lasalle 2. Waylon Neese - Bonnie Baer.

Friday Afternoon 99er Pairs, Strat. C: 1. Susan Distler - Glenda Bond 2. Frank Nelson - Jim Sturgeon. Strat. E: 1. Nelson - Sturgeon 2. Mary Masarich - Kathryn Scott.

Friday Evening Open, Strat. A: 1. Betty Paterson - Sheldon Shafer 2. Marsha Kyle - Dennis

Hesthaven. Strat. B: 1. Paterson - Shafer 2. Karen Overpeck - Jacqueline Sharp. Strat. C: 1. Paterson - Shafer 2. Helene Katz - Sheryl Yoffe.

Saturday Afternoon Open, Strat. A: 1. Martha Pehlke - Julia Bomalaski 2/3. Pat London - Susan Christian 2/3. Phyllis Goldstein - George Marvin. Strat. B: 1. Mary Redmond - Dot Witten 2. Helen Walz - Gary Dye. Strat. C: 1. Nona Dorsky - Marjorie Crone 2. Helene Katz - Sheryl Yoffe.

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs, Strat. D: 1. Nancy Anderson - Margaret Seay 2. Barbara Hulsmeyer - Irene Barker. Strat. E: 1. Anderson - Seay 2. Susan Distler - Glenda Bond. Strat. F: 1. Anderson - Seay 2. Susan and Scott Cox.

Saturday Evening Open, Strat. A: 1. Pat London - Susan Christian 2. Betty Hurst - Barbara Wagner. Strat. B: 1. Hurst - Wagner 2. George Marvin - Paul Coulter. Strat. C: 1. Gayle McCann - Peggy Simpson 2. Peggy Pace - Judy Muncie.

Saturday Evening 199er Pairs, Strat. D: 1. Cindy Tretter - Rick O'Connor 2. Waylon Neese - Bonnie Baer.

Handicapped KO Teams, Bracket A: 1. Tony Lipka, Mauri Malka, Jane Naiser, Abby Lussy 2. Keith Wilson, Gary Peterson, Ellen Kozlove, Chris Panagopoulos. Bracket B: 1. William Collis, Daniel Neill, Perry Moore, Jeanne James, Norman Smith 2. Thelma Jones, Diana Strietelmeier, Georgia Long, Lois Herald.

Swiss Teams, Bracket A: 1. Keith Wilson, Gary Peterson, Ralph Letizia, Ellen Kozlove 2. Dennis Hesthaven, Chris Panagopoulos, Jack and Cheryl Ambach. Bracket B: 1. Mary Redmond, Barbara O'Bryan, Dot Witten, Helen Alberico 2. Helen Walz, Garry Dye, Daniel Neill, William Collis. Bracket C: 1. Joy Conkwright, Marlon Weaver, David Strait, Jane Northcutt 2. Robert Ezell, Karen Clear, Phyllis Costello, Marilyn Swauger. Bracket D: 1. Irene Barker, Aurelia Huffman, Gayle Holmes, John Holmes 2. Paula Jay, Vivienne Moorin, Ann Zimmerman, Cheryl Karp.

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LOUISVILLE SECTIONAL

BEST WESTERN BROWNSBORO INN
4805 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40207
502-893-2551
(Ask for Bridge Rate)

Free Coffee and Desserts All Day Friday and Saturday

FRIDAY

Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions).....1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Strat A 1500+ Strat B 500-1500 Strat C 0-500
199er Stratified Pairs* (Single Sessions)1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Games will be stratified as warranted.
Novice Pairs* (0-20 MPs) (Single Session).....1:30 & 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Handicapped Knockouts
(3 sessions).....9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions).....1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Strat A 1500+ Strat B 500-1500 Strat C 0-500
199er Stratified Pairs* (Single Sessions)1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Games will be stratified as warranted.
Novice Pairs* (0-20 MPs) (Single Session).....1:30 & 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play Thru).....10:30 a.m.
(Stratified by **average** points of teammates)

Lunch Available

*As Attendance Warrants

FREE PARKING!!

No Smoking allowed in the playing area. Our smoking friends will be accommodated by frequent hospitality breaks.

Tournament Chairperson: Jean Donoho 502-499-8849
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(Mention Bridge in subject line please)

— PLAYING WITH GRACE —

Bradley Bartol, Reporting

I'm tempted to say I remember it like it was yesterday, but that really isn't true. (As anyone who has ever sat across a bridge table from me would be happy to relate — memory has never been one of my strong suits.) Still, there are moments about that summer afternoon thirty-four years ago that are indelibly etched on my psyche.

I know exactly when this happened only because my youngest sister was born that June. It all seems like a lifetime ago. A lifetime influenced in no small part by that wonderful, sweet, funny, and enormously generous lady who came into my life that day. I imagine my mother would have introduced the stranger who arrived at our door that day carrying a small package, wrapped all in pink — it would have had to have been pink — as Miss Smith, though if I ever called her that, it would have been just that one time. To me she was always Grace.

I loved Grace instantly, and imagine that I made a nuisance of myself as she and my mother tried to visit with each other that afternoon. In retrospect it was likely some combination of politeness and bemused distraction — if not desperation — that caused Grace to suggest that I must visit her some day soon at the nearby lake where she spent her summers. Certainly it never occurred to her when I disappeared from the family room shortly thereafter that I was in my room packing to go with her.

I can't relate the nuances of what happened from the time I appeared with my suitcase that afternoon. My mother tried to "save" Grace, promising that I could visit her some other time, but I would have nothing of it. I had been invited and I was going. And, of course, I did go to the lake that day.

I had been around bridge all my life. My grandparents and parents — both life masters by this point — had been instrumental in starting the local duplicate bridge club, and I had been caddying at tournaments for quite some time. It was this wealth of experience that convinced Grace I would be the perfect fourth for bridge games at the lake. I don't imagine I knew the difference between a diamond and a club, but anything that involved spending more time with Grace sounded like a good idea to me. And so I played. Or rather I sat at the table for hours on end with thirteen cards in my hand doing something that certainly could be called bridge only by the most charitable of observers.

It wasn't long before Grace and I were playing at local games as well as a tournament now and then. Mom and Dad had suggested, and also provided, books that I might read to understand

something more about the game of bridge, but none of that interested me. I was certain I knew all I needed to know. After all, I was nearly a teenager. Mercifully, all I really remember about those bridge sessions is that I loved the game and, of course, the time spent with Grace.

Neither Grace, nor my parents, or, for that matter, anyone at the Warsaw, Indiana, Duplicate Bridge Club ever told me how embarrassing my play undoubtedly was during those years. To my knowledge, Grace never once opted to play with someone who really knew what they were doing when I was available, and she never let me know what a challenge it must have been to sit across the table from me. (Thankfully others, more recently, have been less reticent.)

I will always remember and appreciate everything the indomitable Miss Grace Smith did for me, not the least of which was instilling the love of a game I continue to share with so many others. Even today, it is the rare session of bridge that fails to bring back memories of the wonderful lady that arrived at our door that summer day so many years ago bearing gifts more plentiful than she could ever have imagined. I don't know how much I learned about the game of bridge during those years with Grace, but I would certainly be less of a person if I had failed to learn anything else from her.

Grace died not long ago. She left this world quietly and, in accordance with her wishes, without any sort of funeral or services. Perhaps that was as it should have been for one of the most unassuming people I have ever known. Still, I can hardly imagine anyone who did more to touch the people around her, or for whom friends and acquaintances would have felt more compelled to pay their last respects. For me, that lack of closure, as it were, will serve as yet another unpremeditated gift. Because I never said goodbye, on some level it will forever seem that Grace is still only a phone call away, still as physical a presence in my life as she will forever be an emotional one. It's a comforting thought. For that, and for all the times I failed to say it: I thank you again, my dear, magnificent friend.

Let us endeavor to remember, as we start yet another year of finesses and counting, end plays and untenable trump stacks, the wonderful friends we have made at the bridge table and, whether present or not, how much they continue to mean to us. Further, on behalf of a friend, might I remind us all that new players are what keep our beloved game thriving, and it really only works for them when the rest of us are playing with Grace.

Indianapolis Spring Sectional April 1-3, 2005



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2100 East 71st Street, Indianapolis, IN
317-253-3471

Friday, April 1 (Single Sessions)

Knockout Teams	9:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.
Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 P.M.
A: 1500+ B: 750-1500 C 0-750	
Stratified 299er's Pairs	1:30 P.M.
D: 100-300 E: 50-100 F: 0-50	
Stratified Open Pairs	7:30 P.M.
A: 1500+ B: 750-1500 C 0-750	
Stratified 299er's Pairs	7:30 P.M.
D: 100-300 E: 50-100 F: 0-50	

Saturday, April 2 (Single Sessions)

Knockout Teams	9:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.
Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 P.M.
A: 1500+ B: 750-1500 C 0-750	
Stratified 299er's Pairs	1:30 P.M.
D: 100-300 E: 50-100 F: 0-50	
Stratified Open Pairs	7:30 P.M.
A: 1500+ B: 750-1500 C 0-750	
Stratified 299er's Pairs	7:30 P.M.
D: 100-300 E: 50-100 F: 0-50	

Sunday, April 3

Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:30 A.M.
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Swiss will be set up as groups of 7, playing three round robins to play entire bracket. Brackets will be determined by team's average masterpoints.

Tournament Chairpersons:

Bob Lyon
317-514-5695
Cyndy Cradick
317-862-4660

MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Terry Parker, Reporting

Cincinnati hosted Dayton in an intercity match November 14. The hospitality (food) was terrific and everyone had a great time — especially since Dayton won! The flight winners were Flight A: 1. Mary Frees, Gerald Nangle, David Huddleston, Terry Parker (Dayton) 2. Vicki Sebastian, Bob Sulgrove, Russ Shoup, Craig Satersmoen (Dayton). Flight A/X: 1. Joan and Merle Gaaskjolen, Harold Sebourm, Wayne English (Dayton) 2. Deborah Cummings, Donna Miller, Kay Mulford, Jerry Violetta (Cincinnati). Flight B: 1. Pat Hoffman, Joyce Dennis, Charles Ross, Joe Hemskey (Dayton) 2. Harry Khamis, Stuart Peterson, William Nicolai, Tom Holyoke (Dayton). Flight C: 1. Berna and Robert Anderson, Marilyn and Carl Bohman (Dayton) 2. Vonsetta and Tom Bush, Clee Rhodus, Chuck Patterson (Dayton).

Here is an interesting hand from my archives in which all roads seem to lead to the same result.

Vulnerable: E-W
Dealer: East

<p>♠ J 9 7 5 3 ♥ J 4 ♦ J 10 9 7 5 3 ♣ —</p>	<p><i>North</i> ♠ A K 6 ♥ A K 7 6 ♦ A 6 ♣ 9 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q J 8 2 ♣ K Q J 10 2</p>
	<p><i>South</i> ♠ 10 4 2 ♥ Q 10 9 8 3 ♦ 4 ♣ A 7 6 4</p>	

The bidding at his table:

<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♣	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After three passes, partner elects to open 1 NT even though playing 15-17. RHO bids two clubs, preventing a transfer in your style, so you opt for two hearts. Partner loves his hand, now worth 19 points, and jumps to four hearts, ending the auction. The opening lead is the five of spades and intuitively you guess the club distribution. It seems a 5-2 spade split is your only hope, so you win the spade, draw trump, strip the diamond suit, then play the other high spade, followed by the

remaining spade. Yes! However, a strange ending now ensues! Assume that LHO now returns another spade (this happened at the table). Declarer can take a slough/ruff or a slough/slough. If the latter is chosen, and another spade is returned (happened again — same result if a diamond is led), the same two choices are available. If the slough/slough is again chosen, declare now takes a slough/ruff on the final diamond lead. But no matter whether declarer takes (1) a slough/ruff, (2) a slough/slough and a slough/ruff, or (3) a slough/slough, a slough/slough, and a slough/ruff (this story is most fun when these three options are cited rapidly like rubber baby buggy bumpers) — you always make precisely just four hearts! One final comment: if partner had decided that 18 was too much for 1 NT and had opened one club, you would have declared four hearts and by ducking a club after drawing trump to discover a 4-1 split (or 5-0), could recover and make the hand on the same strip and end play. If RHO had just passed 1 NT, you would have transferred to hearts, heard a super-accept by partner, reached four hearts from his side and gone down one on the king of clubs lead since the ace would be ruffed out!!

On a sad note, Dayton lost a fine man and a fine bridge player when Bob Weymouth recently passed away. Our condolences go to his family.

Finally, plan to come to the Dayton winter sectional this February! The ad is elsewhere in

ACBL / ABA

Annease Comer, Reporting

ELIGIBILITY MASTERPOINTS FOR ABA PLAYERS PLAYING IN ACBL GAMES AND FOR ACBL PLAYERS PLAYING IN ABA GAMES.

When an ABA player registers to play in an ACBL game, (club or tournament) ABA masterpoints should be divided in half and ACBL points added to this number. This total should determine strata for play. When an ACBL player registers to play in an ABA game, ACBL points should be multiplied by two and ABA points added. The player should then register to play in whatever strata points dictate. Players with an abundance of points and expertise may at some level feel points should be taken at face value. This can be worked out with the director in charge.



DAYTON WINTER SECTIONAL

February 25-27, 2005

***** IUE Union Hall *****

**1675 Woodman Drive
Dayton, Ohio**

All players with 0-5 Points Play Free.

Directions from the South, North & West: From I-75, take Route 35 East, Exit. Go 4 miles to Woodman Drive Exit. Turn right/South on Woodman Drive for 0.8 mile.

Directions from the East: Take I-675 to Route 35, Exit. Go West 1 mile to Woodman Drive, Exit. Turn left/South for 0.8 mile.

***IUE Hall is on the right (West) side. ***

Host Hotel: Microtel Inn - 4500 Linden Avenue (937) 252-9700. Located 0.2 miles from Route 35 and Woodman Drive.

Call for GREAT BRIDGE RATES!

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 25

- Stratified Future Masters Pairs 1:00 p.m.
 A 200-300 B 50-200 C 0-50
- Stratified Open Pairs..... 1:00 p.m.
 A 1500+ B 0-1500
- Stratified Open Pairs..... 7:00 p.m.
 A 1500+ B 300-1500 C 0-300
- Handicap Bracketed Knockouts (1st Rd.)..... 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 26

- Handicap Bracketed Knockouts (2nd & 3rd Rds.) 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- Stratified Future Masters Pairs 1:00 p.m.
 A 200-300 B 50-200 C 0-50
- Stratified Open Pairs..... 1:00 p.m.
 A 1500+ B 0-1500
- Stratified Open Pairs..... 7:00 p.m.
 A 1500+ B 300-1500 C 0-300

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 27

- StratiFlighted Swiss Teams..... 10:30 a.m.
 A1 1500+ A2 0-1500 B 300-1000 C 100-300 D 0-100
 A1 and A2 Play Together B, C and D Play Together
 (Play Through — Lunches available at a nominal fee)

Tournament Chairs:

Beverly Dana 937-312-1389

Terry Parker 937-849-4635

Partnerships: To Be Announced

(Please be at the Partner Desk 45 minutes before game time)

Playing Area emergency telephone number 937-605-5865

(No Smoking in playing area . . . Hospitality breaks)

CENTRAL OHIO NEWS

Mark Bullimore, Reporting

Remembering Cookie

Columbus bridge lost a dear friend in November. Helen "Cookie" McManus passed away at the age of 96. Lee Caryer writes that Cookie "was a bridge teacher to thousands, partner to several and friend and inspiration to all she met. When she said, "Be Happy," her message was so sincere it sounded like divine guidance.

Everyone Should Come to the

COBA Awards Dinner

The COBA Awards Dinner is not just for Life Masters. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate and play. The date of the event is Sunday, April 3, 2005. The bargain price will include two sessions of bridge, dinner, loads of fun and fellowship. Look for notices on the COBA website: www.district11bridge.com/unit122 or at your club.

New Life Masters

The bumper 2004 crop of new life masters continued with Lee Caryer, Edith Heise, Carolyn Pierce, Lajos Szabo, and Wilhelmina Szabo all earning their stripes. Congratulations to you all! See you on April 3.

Sectionals in January AND April

Need some silver? Then come to the COBA Fall Sectional on January 7-9, 2005, at the Haimlerl Center, 1421 Morse Road, Columbus. Details are available in the last issue of the *Midwest Monitor*, on the COBA and ACBL websites, and at all COBA Bridge Clubs. Come along and experience this fabulous playing site and our great unit hospitality.

Need more silver? Then come to the COBA Spring Sectional on April 8-10, 2005, also at the Haimlerl Center, Columbus. Details are available in this issue of the *Midwest Monitor* and on the web.

COBA Fall Sectional

Thanks to everyone who attended the Fall Sectional at the Haimlerl Center, October 22-24, 2004. Special thanks to Tom Fletcher and Marsha Reall for the great hospitality. The winners are:

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs - A: Larry Paisley - William Lipton B: Terry Smith - Joan Klitch C: Harry Wickstrom - James Caldwell.

Friday Afternoon Future Master Pairs - D: Jacqueline Thomas - Mel Fenner E/F: Michael Doron - Ted Doron.

Friday Evening Open Pairs - A: Kelley Dillon - Ellen Royer B/C: John Kepple - Walter Packer.

Friday Evening Future Master Pairs - D: Donald Rose - Lee Caryer D/E: David Maul - Sharon Maul.

Saturday Morning Open Pairs - A/B/C: Harry Wickstrom - James Caldwell.

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs - A: H. Eiklerberry - Terry James B: Mae Hill - J. Michael Hill B: J. Adams - Dennis Day C: Louis Lowy - Dinah Williams.

Saturday Afternoon Future Master Pairs - D: Martin Seltzer - Lee Caryer E/F: Carlos Dupler - John Lester.

Saturday Evening Stratified Open Pairs - A/ B: Terry Smith - Joan Klitch C: Carlos Dupler - John Lester.

Handicapped Knockouts Teams - A: Robert Sulgrove - Roy Baldwin - Vickie Sebastian - Richard Rudolph B: Barry Slattery - Carl Bohman, Sr. - Marilyn Bohman - John Fleeman.

Sunday Swiss - A: Kenneth Kranyak - Laurie Kranyak - Jan Assini - Peter Grover B: Peter Korda - Edith Korda - Robert Herold - Joanne Marten C: Steve McCafferty - Marsha Reall - Tom Lammers - Tom Fletcher D: Suman Agarwal - Kanti Chavada - Michael Doron - Ted Doron.

CINCINNATI NEWS

Jodie Kieffer, Reporting

Cincinnati held the Dayton-Cincinnati Team Challenge match this year, with Dayton winning by a landslide! Next year make sure you sign up to play in this great event. We are working on getting a trophy so it would be great if Cincinnati could win this match the first year there is a trophy!

The CBA elections were held during our fall sectional. Each year five members leave the board, and are either up for re-election, or have finished their terms. Those elected this year are Potter Orr, Tom Deddens, Frank Lichtenberger, Carol Greve, and re-elected, Carolyn Ahlert.

Two members serving on the current board were unable to fulfill their terms. Elected to replace those members are Sandy Orr and Larry Klein. These members will join existing members, Pat Newman, Fred Pollack, Joe Lutz, Alex Pappas, Jerry Violetta, Steve Megerle, Sis Gleisinger, and Patti English.

The holiday party was held at Kenwood Country Club again this year. I am sure a good time was had by all.

If you would like to see something published, please contact me at jodiekieffer@insight.bb or



COLUMBUS SPRING SECTIONAL

April 8-10, 2005

Haimerl Center, 1421 Morse Rd, Columbus, Ohio
Exit 116 on I-71 (Morse Rd), East on Morse for 1/2 mile.
GREAT HOSPITALITY: Free coffee, sodas, and snacks

Friday, April 8

1:30 PM
Open Pairs (A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 200-300, E: 100-200, F: 0-100)

7:30 PM
Open Pairs (A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 100-300, E: 50-100, F: 0-50)

Saturday, April 9

9:00 AM
Bracketed Handicap KOs (continues at 1:30 PM, and 7:30 PM)
Half-Price Pairs: only \$4 (A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750)

1:30 PM
Open Pairs (A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 100-300, E: 50-100, F: 0-50)

7:30 PM
Open Pairs (A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 200-300, E: 100-200, F: 0-100)

Sunday, April 10

12:00 Noon
Bracketed Swiss Teams (play through)
Teams seeded into brackets of 7 based on a team's average masterpoints

NON SMOKING TOURNAMENT

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APPALACHIAN UNIT 227

Bessie Haley, Reporting

The Charleston Sectional was held November 12-14. The winners were:

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs: Strat. A: 1. James Sorrent - Violet Hannak 2. Peter Hannak - Kathy D'Antoni. Strat. B: 1. Hannak - D'Antonio 2. Stanford Lewis - Robert Levine. Strat. C: 1. Lewis - Levine 2. Gary and Jeanette Baker.

Friday Evening Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. E. Lewis - E. Janet Catsonis 2. Peter Hannak - James Sorrent. Strat. B: 1. Lewis - Catsonis 2. N. Bernard Wehrle - John Mairs. Strat. C: 1. Frank Hubbard - Lillian Hubbard 2. Gary and Jeanette Baker.

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. James Sorrent - Peter Hannak 2. David Olson - James Olson. Strat. B: 1. Maury Reishman - Lyle Sattes 2. Martha Newman - Clara Marcum. Strat. C: 1. Newman - Marcum 2. Tom Srnak - F. Ho.

Saturday Evening Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Ann Pollitt - James Sorrent 2. Sarah Sentman - William Sentman. Strat. B: 1. Peter Hannak - Violet Hannak 2. Charles Dunn - Dixon Cool. Strat. C: 1. Dunn - Cool 2. Gary Baker - Jeanette Baker.

Sunday IMP Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Dorothy Hull - Mary Boyd 2. James Olson - David Olson. Strat. B: 1. John Mairs - Raymond Franks 2. Maury Reishman - Peter Hannak. Strat. C: 1. Mairs - Franks 2. Charles Dunn - Lynn Cunday.

Sunday Open Pairs - BAM: 1. Lynn Cundy - Charles Dunbar - Dora Kay Grubb - Byron Hill 2. James Sorrent - Peter Hannak - Carolyn Hundley - Robert Levine.

Sunday Evening Open Pairs - BAM: A: Dora Kay Grubb - Byron Hill - James Sorrent - Peter Hannak. B: Lynn Cundy - Charles Dunn - William Harmon - Denver Queen.

The Instant Matchpoint game, held September 9 in Huntington, winners were: North/South: 1. Kathy De'Antoni - James Sorrent 2. Byron Hill - Bennie Shields 3. Maury Reishman - Sarah Sentman. East/West: 1. Betty Raney - Harry Messinger 2. Mary Boyd - Dee Hull 3. Joline Osborn - Bill Barnes.

Congratulations to our members who traveled to the Lancaster regional, October 25-31. Nancy and Arthur Altman won 21 golds. Mary Boyd and Dee Hull won 16 golds.

Willers of our special games are as follows: October 26, Club Appreciation game: 1. James Sorrent - Robert Singleton 2. Dixon Cool - Charles Dunn. October 29 Membership game: 1. Bodrogi Podoaba - William Sentmen 2. Barbara Jones - Bess Haley. November 2 Club Championship: 1. Dee Hull - Byron Hill 2. Ann Pollitt - Bess Haley.

MAKE PLANS NOW!! BLUEGRASS BRIDGE

Harry Gordon, Reporting

Clear your calendars to attend the joint regional sponsored by Louisville and Lexington, which will be held November 7-13, 2005, at Caesar's in Indiana, just outside New Albany, ten minutes from downtown Louisville. Daily hospitality, partnership, and registration prizes will be provided. Don't miss this tournament at this fabulous new site.

Congratulations to Georgia Ringo and Charlotta Helton for a big win at the October Evansville regional in the Open B and C. With less than two hundred points each, they were quite thrilled. Georgia, a retired middle school teacher, and Charlotta, owner of four bulldogs, have been doing very well on the tournament trail. Keep up the good work!!!

Congratulations are also in order to Marilyn Bertoldo for achieving Bronze Life Master. And,

lo and behold, after years of diabolical play, demonstrating his unique brand of genius in the creation of the Vanderhoef Coup, our own Jerry V has amassed over 500 masterpoints!

Michael and Sandra Marlin and Terrill and Sondra Holt won two knockouts at the Daytona November regional. And although data is incomplete at deadline, Jimmy Blackman, new to our unit from South Carolina, won a knockout and made it to the semi-finals of the Blue Ribbon Pairs at the Fall Nationals. More details later . . .

At the club, Richard Moore, Lloyd Roberts, and Marge Turnbull continue to set an example for the youngsters by winning event after event. Richard has practically locked up the local point race.

Spring means only that our May sectional will

EVANSVILLE REGIONAL

The winners at the Evansville, Indiana, Regional, October 25-31, were:

Knockouts A, Bracket 1: Elbert Moore, Phelps Lambert, John Groben, John Herrmann 2. Peggy Allen, Bob Carteaux, Ken Gee, Roman Trendaflov, Kalin Karaivanov 2. Bracket B: 1. Mary Hruby, Carole Quist, Annabel Eitel, Laura Scholten 2. Sondra and Terrell Holt, Atha Dickenson, Bill Wong. Bracket C: 1. Carol Dunlevy, Betsy Whitescarver, Mattie Duncan, Lisle Threlkel 2. John Lawler, Cornelius Healy, J. Chris Huus, Marshall Miller.

Monday Evening Charity Pairs, Strat. A: 1. John Fullenwider - Billie Sanford 2. Mike Sloan - Betty Mattison. Strat. B: 1. Gary Gentry - Stu Hoffer 2. Marvin Lawson - Donna Fullenwider. Strat. C: 1. Georgia Ringo - Charlotta Helton 2. Jolene Schwind - Jan Tucker.

Tuesday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs, Strat. A and B: 1. P. Straeffer - Suzanne Oberbeck. Strat. C: 1. Ann Smith - James Baumeister 2. Ken Gustafson - Frank Nelson.

First Side Game Series: 1/2. Charlotte Allen 1/2. James La Force.

Tuesday Stratified Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Liane and Donald Turner 2. Chester Johnson - Leroy Breimeier. Strat. B: 1. Dorothy Moore - Elizabeth Ivey 2. Frances Jones - Betty Wheeler. Strat. C: 1. Jones - Wheeler 2. Clavin Wade - Jack Davis.

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs: Strat. A and B: 1. Steven Early - Larry Higdon 2. Ken Gustafson - Frank Nelson. Strat. C: 1. Gustafson - Nelson 2. Ann Smith - James Baumeister.

Morning Knockouts, Bracket 1: Peggy Allen, Bob Carteaux, Ken Gee, Roman Trendaflov, Kalin Karaivanov 2. Gary Peterson, Ellen Kozlove, Bob Sulgrove, Vickie Sebastian. Bracket 2: 1. Floyd McWilliams, Phyllis Peters, Mickey Greene, JoAlice Cook 2. Claude Williams, Jane Wininger, William Soleland, Janet Appell.

Wednesday-Thursday Knockouts, Bracket 1: Peggy Allen, Bob Carteaux, Ken Gee, Roman Trendaflov, Kalin Karaivanov 2. Bonnie Lawson, Phelps Lambert, John Groben, John Herrman, Elbert Moore. Bracket 2: Carl Wheeler, Robert Stackhouse, Steven and Marilyn Chionisini 2. Sondra and Terrell Holt, Atha Dickenson, Ronald White. Bracket 3: 1. Patrick Dutsun, Bud Hawkins, Mary Skavaril, Wayne Sphrehe 2. Ben and Elizabeth Wise, Shirley Williamson, Theresa Lafontaine.

Wednesday Afternoon, Stratified 299er Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Gary and Patricia Satterwhite 2. Dean Wilson - Janet Wempe. Strat. B: 1. Wilson - Wempe 2. Richard and Mary Ann Drake. Strat. C: 1. Robert and Marilyn Hill 2. Ann Smith - James Baumeister.

Wednesday Stratified Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Carolyn Jackson - Barry Harper 2. Jacqueline Strieter - Sally Merrick. Strat. B: 1. Strieter - Merrick 2. William Meier - Peggy Dunkel. Strat. C: 1. Judy Wright - Susan Distler 2. Doris Holzhauser - Leona Bullock.

Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs, Strat. A and B: 1. Georgia Ringo - Charlotta Helton 2. Robert Lechner - Randall Smith. Strat. C: 1. Ann Smith - James Baumeister 2. Charlene Comeaux - Alice Price.

Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs, Strat. A and B: 1. Gordon Schlundt - Robert Bonger 2. Doris Holzhauser - Leona Bullock. Strat. C: 1. Janet Wempe - Dorothy Carson 2. Charlene Comeaux - Alice Price.

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs, Strat. A, B, and C: 1. William Bunn - Julia Torres 2. Naomi Orsay - Mary Jarrells.

Thursday Swiss Teams, Strat. A and B: 1. John Heath, Randall Smith, Nancy Cunningham, Shirley Grant 2. John Clark, Sharon Winters, Judy Harris, Jim Bottom. Strat. C: 1. Heath, Smith, Cunningham, Grant 2. Lynda Pemberton, Margaret Acrea, Harriet McKnight, Renee McAnelly.

Tuesday-Wednesday Knockouts, Bracket 1: 1. Gary Peterson, Ellen Kozlove, Vickie Sebastian, Bob Sulgrove 2. Chuck and Elaine Said, Art Lowen, Sara Parks, Jack Ambach. Bracket 2: Joan Musgrave, Kate Dickens, Brenda Gagnon, Carroll Givens 2. Gail Slater, Jackie Sharpe, Mike Sloan, Karen Clear. Bracket 3: 1. Patrick Dunkel, Patricia Dawson, Carlos Harrison, Beverly Harrison 2. Mickey Greene, JoAlice Cook, Sylvia Noe, Edith Heise.

Thursday-Friday Knockouts, Bracket 1: 1. Chuck and Elaine Said, Art Lowen, Sara Parks, Jack Ambach 2. H. Douglas, Gayle Edwards, Dalton Darnell, Dean Stow. Bracket 2: Phyllis Bishop, Jeanne Weyers, Tonette De Angelis, Susan Hermans 2. George Ringo, Charlotta Helton, Genevieve Hardy, James Mathews.

Weekend Side Series: 1/2. William Lea 1/2. Elaine Said.

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs, Strat. A, B, and C: 1. Steven Early - Larry Higdon 2. Dorothy Parsons - Janet Wempe.

Friday Stratified Open Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Jack Bryant - Stephen Brauss 2. Betty Mattison - Jackie Sharp. Strat. B: 1. Sallie Wade - Jacqueline Strieter 2. Dorothy Beard - Donald Kirkland. Strat. C: 1. Randall Smith - Robert Lechner 2. Carol Druckamiller - Ruth Miller.

Friday Evening 299er Pairs, Strat. A and B: 1. Michael Ritchie - Patricia Rezabeck 2. Robert Bonger - Timothy Rea. Strat. C: 1. Kitty Recker - Cynthia Kludmper 2. Marilyn Wassmer - Jerlene Peach.

Friday-Saturday Knockouts, Bracket 1: 1. Jacob Morgan, Sheldon Margulis, John Senn, Dick Benson 2. Gary Gentry, Stu Hoffherr, David Kahane, Joanne Wright, Jim Reiman. Bracket 2: 1. Verdene Twomey, Karen and John Coe, Susan Davis 2. Claude Williams, Elizabeth Moore, William Sokeland, Janet Appell. Bracket 3: 1. John and Mary Van Clene, Linda Seibert, James Baumeister 2. William and Carol Cashbaugh, Patricia Barinotti, Doris Baer.

Saturday Flighted A/X Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Donald and Liane Turner 2. Carolyn Ahlert - Jerry Fink. Strat. X: 1. Ahlert - Fink 2. Steven and Roslyn McMahan.

Saturday B/C/D Pairs, Strat. A: 1. Philip Fassett - Bernard Kay 2. Helen Walz - Garry Dye. Strat. C and D: 1. Marilyn Wassmer - Jerlene Peach 2. Gloria Bridges - Diane Aulich.

Saturday Compact Knockouts, Bracket 1: 1. Donald Florida, Joanna Hebermehl, Milt Van Reed, Annette Clark 2. Bob Lyon, John Hinton, Betty Mattison, Mike Sloan. Bracket 2: 1. George Marvin, Dorothy Moore, Barbara Wagner, Patricia Gibson 2. Floyd McWilliams, John Heath, Marola Montgomery, Jackie Sharp. Bracket 3: 1. Pamela Corrona, Becky Brockman, Chris and Toni Kimmel 2. Calvin Wade, Marshall Miller, J. Chris Huus, Jack Davis.

Saturday Compact Consolidation, Bracket 1: 1. John Herrmann, Bonnie Lawson, Phelps Lambert, Elbert Moore. Bracket 2: 1. Tom Bell, Nancy Harrington, Charles and Betty Oxley 2. Ronald and Virginia Peterson, Donna and Daniel Simon. Bracket 3: 1. Leo and Jonell Comerford, Carlos and Beverly Harrison 2. Cindy Tretter, Michiko Natsume, Courtney Thurman, Marilyn Renaker.

Sunday Flighted A/X Swiss Teams, Strat. A: 1. Carolyn Jackson, Barry Harper, Roman Trendaflov, Kalin Karaivanov 2. Chuck and Elaine Said, Dot Blue, Art Lowen, Sara Parks. Strat. X: 1. Leroy Breimeier, Daniel Dorney, Chester Johnson, James La Force 2. Martin Compton, Jerry Fink, Carolyn Ahlert, John Bridgewater.

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams, Strat. B: 1. Ronald and Virginia Peterson, Donna and Daniel Simon 2. Leo and



NORTHERN INDIANA — UNIT 154

Jim Pelletier, Reporting

The 2004 Fort Wayne Regional was again a tremendous success, thanks to your participation. Good competitive bridge and great hospitality was enjoyed by all who attended. The top unit 154 masterpoint winners by in each ACBL ranking are listed as below:

Diamond LM: Bob Cardeaux, Fort Wayne 50.58, David Bish, Leo 28.91, James Davis, Kokomo 16.63.

Gold LM: Massoud Banon, Kokomo 41.40, Frank Yoder, Goshen 26.98, James Feinstein, South Bend 9.13, Carol Mahoney, Kokomo 7.23.

Silver LM: Joseph Shull, New Haven 64.48, James Pelletier, Fort Wayne 41.93, Mary Lou Clegg, Fort Wayne 30.28, Michael Clegg, Fort Wayne 30.28.

Bronze LM: Satish Gupta, Munster 18.73, Charles Schultz, La Porte 16.96, John Killeen, Mishawaka 14.25, Ronald Peterson, Plymouth 13.46, Virginia Peterson, Plymouth 13.46.

Life Master: Carl Wheeler, Fort Wayne 32.17, Rita Duncan, Somerset 24.02, Raymond Aguas, Mishawaka 13.63, Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka 13.40.

NABC Master: Jean Miller, Fort Wayne 22.92, Judy Elliott, Merrillville 18.73, Lolah Bremer, Fort Wayne 18.35, Jane Shultz, Fort Wayne 17.11, Anne Bruick, Fort Wayne 17.10, Judy Jenkins, Fort Wayne 17.10, Frank La Master, Munster 16.75, James Stroup, Marion 16.29, Thomas Kelly, Fort Wayne 15.18.

Regional Master: Thomas Carpenter, Fort Wayne 22.42, Chris Egberts, Galveston 18.97, Jack Meyers, Fort Wayne 15.04, Larry O'Maley, Fort Wayne 10.66, Jiya Jain, Fort Wayne 9.94, Shubbi Jain, Fort Wayne 9.94.

Sectional Master: Grant Van Horne, Auburn 13.79, Chuck Briggs, Hobart 11.32, Steve Harvey, Decatur 7.81, Todd Dixon, Fort Wayne 5.95, Sheila Kiefer, Fort Wayne 5.94.

Club Master: Dorothy Helmecki, Fort Wayne 4.99, Michael O'Connell, Fort Wayne

4.97, David Hoevel, Fort Wayne 4.05, Lillian Armentrout, Roanoke 3.71.

Junior Master: Niroo Gandhi, Fort Wayne 0.94, Ramesh Gandhi, Fort Wayne 0.94, Michael Adams, Auburn 0.80, Gladys Fleming, Fort Wayne 0.74, Donna Windmiller, Fort Wayne 0.57.

This year's winners of the 299er Ruth McConnell Trophy were Steve Harvey of Decatur, Indiana, and Grant Van Horne Auburn IN. They were first in the afternoon with a 64.51% game and second in the evening with a 60.5% game. They both have under 100 masterpoints.

This award is given in memory of Ruth McConnell who was a past District 8 president, the first woman president of the ACBL and a very fine bridge player. She cared about new players and supported many programs for them.

Some news from Kokomo Bridge Club. In June the Kokomo Bridge Club celebrated with a new life master party for Dorothy Harrell. Dorothy has been playing bridge with many different partners for nine years. She need silver points to make life master and at the Hammond sectional playing with Judy Cotterman she won the silver and reached her goal. At the party her frequent partner Don Kinney, told all present of their many bridge adventures especially those of getting lost on the way to tournaments. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of good food, cards, and friendship thanks to the efforts of Pam Richardson and Judy Cotterman. On a sad note Kokomo mourns the loss of two of its long time players, Don Kinney and Jackie Nobel, who passed away this summer. They will both be missed.

Congratulations to our newest Life Masters Anne Bruick of Fort Wayne, Judy Elliott of Merrillville, Judy Jenkins of Fort Wayne, Frank La Master of Munster, Nancy La Master of Munster, Jean Miller of Fort Wayne, Richard Scheibelhut of Granger, Juliette Spears of Fort Wayne, and D. Jeanne Stilp of Granger.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

District 11 will again hold only district finals in Championship Flight and Flight A, B, and C to determine our representatives to the national GNT finals. The district finals will be held January 29-30, 2005, at the Cincinnati Bridge Center.

According to the ACBL conditions of contest, since the District 11 format is knockouts, masterpoints will be awarded accordingly to ACBL regulations. The ACBL masterpoint awards for each flight will be gold for overalls

in Championship, A and B, and 25% gold and 75% red for overalls in Flight C. Match awards in all flights will be red points, and the awarding of points for overalls and matches will be based on a regional rating.

General Conditions

1. There will be no club or unit qualifying.

2. All team members must be members of District 11 of the ACBL and meet the masterpoint flight eligibility requirements. The ACBL determines flight eligibility by the July 31, 2004,

mailing. The three flights are

Championship Flight - unlimited

Flight A - 0 to 5000

Flight B - 0 to 2000

Flight C - non-life master with fewer than 500 points.

3. Teams may consist of four, five, or six members. Each team must name a captain and list all team players before beginning play. This list must be given to the director. At no time may teams be augmented.

4. Since there is room for only 36 teams, a spot in the District 11 Finals will be determined on a first-come-first-served basis.

5. All finals will be conducted according to ACBL rules, guidelines, conditions of contest, and "Conditions for Regional and Lower Rated Knockout Team Events Held At North American Bridge Championship" — unless otherwise noted in these conditions.

6. District 11 Board of Directors will guarantee a minimum of \$500 for the team in each flight that represents District 11 in the National event.

7. If a District 11 winning team chooses not to compete in the national finals, it must notify the District GNT Coordinator by June 1, 2004, so that the second place team may take its place.

Playing Conditions For All Flights

1. All KO matches will be 32 boards unless otherwise noted in these conditions.

2. In case of ties in 32 board KOs, playoffs will consist of five boards. In a 64 board KO, playoffs will consist of ten boards. Playoffs will occur immediately following the verification of the tie.

3. The order of finish in round-robins will be determined by converting IMPs to the 30 Victory Point scale. In case of ties for the final survivor's spot, the ACBL regulations regarding quotients will be used. If ties still exists, a five-board playoff will occur immediately following the verification of the tie.

4. Initial pairings will be determined by blind draw. Subsequent pairings will ensure that, for as long as possible, teams who have previously played each other in round-robins will not meet again.

Quarterfinal Pairings and Semifinal Pairings, other than in the round-robin situation previously mentioned, will be determined by order of finish (for example: upper bracket: 1 vs 8, 4 vs 5; lower bracket: 3 vs 6, 2 vs 7).

5. The ACBL Superchart will govern conventions in Championship Flight and Flight A, and the General Convention Chart will apply to Flights B and C (since these are the charts assigned to the GNT national finals).

District 11 GNT Finals

Flights: Championship (5000 +),
A (0-5000), B (0-2000), and
C (non-life master with fewer than 500 points)

February 4-5, 2006

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Sunday, February 5 - 10:00 A.M. and TBA**

District Chairman, Betty Mattison 502-339-0361

N.W. KENTUCKY AND S. INDIANA NEWS

Marvin Lawson, Reporting

In the Henderson DBC, October 6, Club Appreciation, Lon Bell and Marvin Lawson were first in A/B. October 20, Club Appreciation, A: Elbert Moore - Pete Lambert; B: Gail Snowden - David Alexander. November 24 ACBL Charity, A: Joe Lewis - John Fullenwider; B: Lois Gibson - B.B. Curry.

For the Audubon DBC NAP, September 24, Club Championship, A: Doreen Stockwell - Willie Alley; B: Janet Robinson - Joseph Hendon; C: Judy Harris - Nancy Thornberry. October 8 Club Appreciation, A: Bonnie Lawson - Pete Lambert; B: Linda and Richard Edds. November 26 ACBL Charity, Nancy Harrington - Sue Donaldson; B: Betty Davis - Tim Rea.

The Hopkinsville DBC came out big time to celebrate Dorothy and Elbert Moore's bridge achievements. Dorothy became a Bronze Life Master and Elbert celebrated his Silver Life Master award. Bridge players from four clubs came to join the festivities. The club has found a nice place to play bridge at the Senior Center. If you haven't been there yet, you need to make the trip. N/S A: Bobbie Jo and Dick Dickeson; B: Lucy Newman - Marvin Lawson. E/W A: Bernice Cornette - Richard Cornett; B/C: Mary Jean Barr - Laura Mowson.

The Madisonville DBC still generates excitement at the bridge table, hitting 14 tables quite often. Richard Cornett works hard to make this happen. Bernice Cornette is on a roll, as top point winner at both the Madisonville and Owensboro sectionals. She was on the winning team in the K/O and on the first place team in B Swiss teams. In Owensboro, she and Richard Cornett had a

section top; in the Swiss team, she was on the team with Debbie Gregory and Marvin Lawson, coming in second in A, first in B, second overall. At the Tuesday Club Appreciation, A: Dorothy Moore - Paul Merrell; B: Karen Nunn - Corliss Waitman; C: Ann Owen - Bonnie Metcalf. At the Sunday Club Appreciation game, Dukie Hovious and Cathy Spenard were first overall; Corliss Waitman and Joyce Rice were second; tied for third were Richard Cornett who paired up with newcomer Erika Pense and Mary Jo and Ches Riddle. On Thursday Junior Fund Game, Dr. S. and Chella Periyannagam were first overall; Joy Sisk and Cathy Spenard were first east-west; Strat. C, Sharon Crafton and Dukie Hovious tied with Joan Wells and Connie Parent.

The Owensboro DBC is still enjoying their wonderful place to play bridge — fully carpeted floors with cushioned captain chairs that roll around. The next perk, the entry fee at all special games is just \$2. That's like a bird's nest on the ground. The Owensboro DBC held their Club Championship September 6 with the following results: A: Carol Krehbiel - Bonnie Lawson; B: Richard Logsdon - Marvin Lawson; C: Doris Mills - Gary Satterwhite. At the Friday DBC the Club Appreciation game was on October 22. A: Carol Krehbiel - Della Worobetz; B: Nancy Clark - Rose O'Brien; C: Sterling Johnson - Marge Schauburger. On Friday November 5, Club Championship, A: Carol Krehbiel - John Fullenwider; B: Flora Norsworthy - Nancy Clark.

Two Evansville players made Life Master in record time — just about two years! Chris Huus and Marshall Miller were honored at a

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Life Master party on October 19. Winners of the Instant Matchpoint Game on September 9 were A: Duane Morrow - Dave Kahane; B/C: Pat and Ray Andersen. At the Charity Club Championship on September 14: A: John Groben - Betty Davis; B: Stu Hoffler - Al Reando; C: Merle Effing - Lon Bell. Sandy Altheide and Carol Druckamiller took A/B/C at the Club Championship on September 30. That night's Swiss team winners were A: Stu Hoffler and Phyllis Beumer, with Mayola Montgomery and Connie Gustafson; B: Jim and Marian Major with Ellen Essig and George Sisk. Winners of the NAP Unit Championship on October 2 were A/B: Richard Cornett - Sue Donaldson; C: Gordon Schlundt - Robert Bonger.

Top 10 in total masterpoints at the regional in Evansville were: Pete Lambert, John Groben, Dave Kahane, Joanne Wright, Bonnie Lawson, Stu Hoffherr, Marshall Miller, Gary Gentry, Phil Fassett, and Bill Sokeland.

Congratulations to the Jasper DBC — they have signed up nine new members this year! Two of the new members, Jerlene Peach and Marilyn Wassmer traveled to the Evansville regional to play in their first tournament where they earned their first gold points. Congratulations! The Jasper club offered bridge classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced players. Thirty-two people attended. The Jasper Club held another

Charity Tournament November 20 and 21. The following results may or may not be accurate - the news was rather sketchy. N/S A: LeRoy Breimeier and Dan Dorney; E/W A: Bonnie Lawson and John Groben; N/S B: Charlie and Jo Oxley; E/W B: Donna Fullenwider - Marvin Lawson. Novice Section N/S, Janet Hendon - Lucy Newman; E/W, Rick German - Randy McWilliams. Saturday evening N/S A: Susan Christian - Pat London; B: Mary Ann Seng - Randy McWilliams. Bonnie Lawson and John Groben were first overall. E/W A: Joanne Wright - Dave Kahane; B: Donna Fullenwider - Marvin Lawson; C: Janet

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

The North American finals were held October 17, at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. It was a great success with 24 pairs in flight A, 54 pairs in flight B, and 29 pairs in flight C. The winners were:

Flight A: 1. Doug Simson - Walter Johnson
2. Vickie Sebastian - Bob Sulgrove
3. Marshall Tuly - Fred Pollack. Flight B: 1. Gordon Adkins - Karen Kendall
2. Charles Pearson - Robert Campbell
3. D. Proctor - Daniel Neill. Flight C: 1. Thomas Stahl - John Heath
2. Martin Seltzer - Lee Caryer
3. Carl and Marilyn Bohman.

Owensboro Sweetheart Swiss Sectional February 12-13, 2005

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Sunday 10 am - Swiss Teams; Playthru; sandwiches available

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The Flying Pig Regional April 25 - May 1, 2005 Cincinnati, Ohio Sharonville Convention Center

Monday, April 25

"Flying Pig" Bracketed Knockouts (Rd. 1) 7:30 PM
Win An Entry Pairs 7:30 PM
199er Pairs 7:30 PM
Free Entry for all section top winners

Tuesday, April 26

Morning Side Game Series..... 9:00 AM
"Flying Pig" Bracketed Knockouts
continue (Rds. 2, 3, & 4) 9:00 AM, 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Side Game Pairs I (single sessions)..... 1:30 & 7:30 PM
199er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 27

Morning Side Game Series..... 9:00 AM
Morning Bracketed Knockouts (Rd. 1) 9:00 AM
Prime Time Bracketed Knockouts Rds. (1&2) 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Side Game Pairs I (single sessions)..... 1:30 & 7:30 PM
199er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Swiss (single session) 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 28

Morning Side Game Series..... 9:00 AM
Morning Bracketed Knockouts Rd. 2) 9:00 AM
Stratified Swiss Teams 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Bridge Pro 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Prime Time Bracketed Knockouts (Rds. 3&4) 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Side Game Pairs II (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM
199er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Snooze and Lose Knockouts..... 11:30 PM

Friday, April 29

Morning Side Game Series..... 9:00 AM
Morning Bracketed Knockouts (Rd. 3) 9:00 AM
Compact Knockouts (1st session)..... 9:00 AM
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (Rds. 1&2) ... 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Side Game Pairs II (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Swiss (single session) 7:30 PM
Snooze and Lose Knockouts..... 11:30 PM

Saturday, April 30

Morning Bracketed Knockouts (Rd. 4) 9:00 AM
Compact Knockouts (2nd session)..... 9:00 AM
Weekend Bracketed Knockouts (Rds. 3&4) ... 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Non Life Master Trophy Pairs (0-500)..... 1:30 & 7:30 PM
Side Game Pairs II (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM
199er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 1

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams 10:30 AM
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Non Life Master Swiss Teams..... 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM
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