

MIDWEST MONITOR

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DERBYTOWN HAPPENINGS

Gail Slater, Reporting

The tournament at Caesar's Casino jointly sponsored by Louisville and Lexington was a huge success! There were 1351 tables compared to 1176 last year. The revenue figures are not in yet, but interestingly Tuesday was the biggest day.

A big winner was Aurelia Huffman who became a Life Master.

Our biggest congratulations go to Jim Washer, Dennis Hesthaven, Ralph Letiza, and Jack Ambach who finished first, second, fourth, and fifth in the tournament. Others in the top 100 are: Jackie Yockey, Gary Peterson, Jane Naiser, Keith Wilson, Ron Mitchell, Helen Walz, Garry Dye, Marsha Kyle, Mauri Malka, Vangie Smith, Susan Christian, Jackie Sharp, Jeanne James, Pat London, Kit Overpeck, Verna Goldberg, Beth Reid, Keith Overpeck, Patricia Buckley, Susan Cox, Perry Moore, Leonard Schmidt, Steve Blank,

Bill Toutant, Rex and Marilyn Swauger, Tinker Zimmerman, and Gail Slater.

Check out all the Louisville-Lexington Regional results posted on louisvillebridgeclub.com.

Other achievements since the last report include Ron and Barbara Tommasini placing third in the North American Pairs district finals.

Many reached new Master levels: Junior: Jo Ellen and Frank Amrine, Kent Harris, and Peggy Putney; Club: Elizabeth Rosenberg, Martha Taylor, Veronica Norman, and Cheryl Overy; Sectional: Chris and Doug Yarbrough, Kenny Chamberlain, Nevelen Craddock, and Mary Ott; Regional: Tinker Zimmerman and Phil Koshewa; Life: Aurelia Huffman; and Silver: Barbara Hunter and Elizabeth Moore.

We all want to thank our directors, Bert, Betty, Mike, Pat, Paul, Tony, and Verna, for a wonderful

CINCINNATI NEWS

John Burpee, Reporting

SEVEN MEMBERS JOIN THE CBA BOARD: Unit 124 has seven new board members elected or appointed. Current members reelected during the Fall "Octoberbest" Sectional were Patricia English, Michael Lipp, and Sanderson Orr. Also elected were Adrienne Netherwood and Michael Purcell. Deborah Cummings and Bob VeVerka were appointed to fill vacancies.

LOCAL PLAYER TOPS THE SECTIONAL IN NAOP FIELDS: Cincinnati's Amit Raturi was the leading point winner at the Fall Sectional. He scored 20 masterpoints in various Open Pairs and Team games. Joining Amit in the Sectionals "Top 10" were Timothy Martin, Jackie Swango, David Frey, Veronica Flannigan, Potter Orr, Harry Gordon, Susan Bullard, Gerald Olson, and Carl Armstrong. With fellow Cincinnati Nancy Sachs, he also won Flight A in the District 11 NAOP qualifier topping a field of 160 and scoring 25 masterpoints. James Edmiston and Rob Weidenfeld tied for second in Flight B.

CBA ADDS TEN LIFE MASTERS, AND MORE, MUCH MORE! Congratulations to the CBA's newest Life Masters: Arun Goyal, Peggy Ammon, Anthony Brockman, Frank Guiher, Daniel Hance, Vincent Netherwood, Vila Sill, Doris Kehoe, and Robert and Susan Worcester. Moving further up the ladder are: new Bronze Life Masters Patrick Dutson, Donald Etson, and Lynn Shannon. Joann Katz is a new Silver Life Master. Dorothy Slaughter is a new Gold Life Master. Judy Cohn is a new Diamond Life

Master. And then there's Norman Coombs. He recently cruised past 18,000 master points!! Onward and Upward.

AND THE ANSWER IS? TO FIND OUT CBA SURVEYED ITS MEMBERS: As a first step in its plans for 2007 the CBA sent a questionnaire to all 900+ members asking for their suggestions, comments on how things are going, what improvements/changes they'd like made, etc. The survey was mailed in November. After tabulation and analysis the results will be reported to the membership.

CBA'S MATTHEW AND PAMELA GRANOVETTER PUBLISH NEW BOOK: The Granovetters, regular columnists in the ACBL *Bulletin* have published a new book, "Lessons at a Glance." It's a companion to their earlier book, "Conventions at a Glance." It contains 40 quickie bridge lessons on how to handle difficult situations at the table. For further information, click on www.bridgetoday.com.

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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 & 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions)..... 9 a.m., 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Strat A 1500+ Strat B 500-1500 Strat C 0-500

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Games will be stratified as warranted.

Novice Pairs* (0-20 MPs) (Single Session) 9 a.m., 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play Thru)..... 10:30 a.m.

(Bracketed 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.

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(Mention Bridge in subject line please)

CENTRAL OHIO NEWS

Mark Bullimore, Reporting

COBA Awards Dinner

The Unit's Awards Dinner will be held at the Columbus Bridge Center on Sunday, April 1. Come along and honor masterpoint award winners and our new Life Masters. All are welcome, but must sign up in advance. Watch for flyers at your local club. For information, contact Mark Bullimore at 614-202-0299.

Sectional Tournaments in January and March

The Columbus Winter Sectional will be held on January 5-7 at the Haimel Center. See the flyer in the last issue of the *Monitor*. Given that the Buckeyes play in the championship game the following Monday, be sure to wear your scarlet and gray! Spring comes early this year with our next Sectional on March 23-25. See the flyer in this issue.

COBA October Sectional Results

Thanks to everyone who attended the Summer Sectional at the Haimel Center, October 20-22, 2006. Here are the winners:

Friday Afternoon A/X Pairs, A: Douglas Simson - Walter Johnson; Friday B/C Pairs, B: Raymond De Colibus - John Hosterman; C: Harry Wickstrom - James Griffin.

Friday Afternoon Future Master Pairs, D/E: Sharon Bardus - Alev Bueyuekkoekten; F: David Riede - Natalie Riede.

Friday Evening Open Pairs, A: Anita Torrence - Barth Royer; B/C: Kanti Chavada - Suman Agarwal.

Friday Evening Future Master Pairs, D/E: David Riede - Natalie Riede.

Saturday Morning Open Pairs, A/B: Raymond De Colibus - John Hosterman; C: Olga Delinikos - Donald Holland.

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs, A: Robert Sulgrove - Richard Rudolph; B: Judith Borus - N. Novotny; C: Louis Lowy - Thomas E. Hicks.

Saturday Afternoon Future Master Pairs, D: Suman Agarwal - Ted Doron; E: Alberta Stevens - Honey Barnes; F: Ruth May - Peggy McKnight.

Saturday Evening Open Pairs, A: Kenneth Eichenbaum - Kenneth Rexford; B: Judith Borus - N. Novotny; C: Jack Rice - Dana Mullen.

Saturday Evening Future Master Pairs, D: Suman Agarwal - Jerome Williams; D: Alberta Stevens - Charles Campbell.

Saturday Handicapped KO Teams, A: Bob Lyon, Mark Bullimore, Sheng-Hung Wang, Jim Reiman; B: Thomas Hickey, Edith Heise, Christiane Edmondson, Sylvia Noe.

Sunday Bracketed Swiss Teams, A: Gary Chaney, Richard Rhoad, Roy Baldwin, George St. Pierre; B: Mary Skavaril, Wilhelmina Szabo, John Kepple, Roger Walton; C: Suman Agarwal, Jeremy Williams, Jerome Williams, Ted Doron.

ACBL / ABA REPORT

Annease Comer, Reporting

Winners of the ABA/ACBL Unity Game held June 24, 2006, were posted on the ACBL website immediately

ABAers who made the over 60% as reported by the ABA chief scorer, Andrew Echols, were Connie Moerscell, and Howard Miller 70.14 %, Virginia Beach; Douglass Fullwood and Harold Singleton 69.68%, Chicago; Darwin and Kay Afdhal 67.36%, Virginia Beach; Veradine Curry and Clara Maddox 66.41%, Kansas City; Arthur and Ramon Harris 63.20%, Nashville; Barbara Bedayan and Elaine Brockman 60.88%, Seattle; Robbie Battle and Andrew Echols 60.80%, Macon, GA; Harvey Collins and Ann Sims 60.48%, Chicago; Robert Bates and Sue Whitehead 60.10%, Kansas City.

Table count participation, also reported by the ABA chief scorer, ranged from 9.5 to 26.5 tables and included the following locations: Atlanta, Birmingham, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Macon, Nashville, New York, Orlando, Portland, Richmond, Seattle, St. Louis, Tampa/Clearwater, and Virginia Beach, VA. A

sincere "Thanks" is expressed to all of the organizers and participants.

A Nationwide Unity Game is not on the schedule for 2007, but hopefully it can be put back on the nationwide schedule for 2008. Clubs are still encouraged to host combined games.



NAOP FINALS

District 11 winners of the NAOP finals were:

Flight A: 1. Amit Raturi and Nancy Sachs
2. Harry Stratton and Kenneth Eichenbaum 3. Marshall Tuly and Jerry Fink.

Flight B: 1. Mark Bullimore and Lee Caryer
2. James Edmiston and Rob Weidenfeld 3. James and Ellen Olson.

Flight C: 1. Jeremy Williams and Jerome Williams
2. Bernard Taylor and J. R. O'Neil
3. Barbara and Ronald Tommasini.



COLUMBUS SPRING SECTIONAL

March 23-25, 2007

Haimerl Center, 1421 Morse Rd, Columbus, Ohio
Exit 116 on I-71 (Morse Rd), East on Morse for 0.8 mile.
GREAT HOSPITALITY: Free coffee, sodas, and snacks

Friday, March 23

1:30 PM
Open Pairs (A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 200-300, E: 100-200, F: 0-100)

7:00 PM
Open Pairs (A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 100-500, E: 50-100, F: 0-50)

Saturday, March 24

Free Pancake Breakfast (8:30-8:50 AM)

9:00 AM
Bracketed Handicap KOs (continues at 1:30 PM, and 7:00 PM)
Stratified Open Pairs (A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750)

1:30 PM
Open Pairs (A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 100-500, E: 50-100, F: 0-50)

7:00 PM
Open Pairs (A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750)
Future Masters Pairs (D: 200-500, E: 100-200, F: 0-100)

Sunday, March 25

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

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MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Terry Parker, Reporting

While this was written just after Thanksgiving, it will be after Christmas before you read it — in any case, I hope you all had great holidays and that the Dayton Sectional and Christmas party resulted in lots of happy masterpoint winners!

In pondering the holidays, I can't help thinking of all the happy times I have had at the table with my bridge friends, including my favorite hand! It is not one in which I held a monster hand, or executed a triple squeeze to bring off a redoubled grand slam, or other such triumph. No, instead it is a hand in which I held a single point and took not a single trick!

Vulnerable: N/S
Dealer: East

<p><i>West</i></p> <p>♠ K 10 x x ♥ A Q J 10 x ♦ K Q x ♣ x</p>	<p><i>East</i></p> <p>♠ A Q J x x x ♥ K x x x ♦ A ♣ A x</p>
<p><i>North</i></p> <p>♠ x x x ♥ x ♦ x x ♣ K Q J 10 9 x x</p>	<p><i>South</i></p> <p>♠ — ♥ x x x ♦ J 10 x x x x x</p>

	♣ x x x		
<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	4 ♣
4 ♥	4 ♠!	Pass!!	Pass
Pass!!!			

If this auction seems very strange to you, read on. After the 4♣ preempt by my partner (North) and the raise to 4♥ by East, I was considering my call when West blurted 4NT out of turn (this was pre-bidding box days)! I naturally did not accept this call, and the bidding reverted to me. I then bid 4♠, expecting the opponent to my left to bid 6♥, since East was barred from the bidding. If partner had the club ace, partner could double, give me a spade ruff, regain the lead with the ace, and give me a second ruff for down two! If partner didn't have the club ace, could just give me a spade ruff to hold them to six (holding them to six would have been tied for top). Instead, my left hand opponent went catatonic, forgetting partner was barred — and PASSED!! My partner said pass (only 50 a trick) and I proceeded to take not a single trick!! Minus 500 for going down 13 tricks in a game contract was, needless to say, a rather unusual way to get a top! Bidding game with one point and in a void suit, then losing every trick for a top is indeed my favorite hand!

We are saddened to report the passing of Elaine Robinson's husband since our last issue and offer her our condolences. Also, Ben

BLUEGRASS BRIDGE

Harry Gordon, Reporting

WINNERS EVERYWHERE! Several Lexingtonians had big wins in our combined Louisville-Lexington Regional at Caesar's!

No one was more excited than the team of Renee Hymson, Gary Yarus, Herb Gillies, and Ann McCullough in winning a compact knockout and scoring their first regional win. Renee, a Lexington native, for many years owned Hymson's Tots and Teens downtown with husband Sheldon, known by all as "Cokie." The couple has two daughters and four grandchildren.

Ann McCullough has overseen our summer camp for high school students for the past two summers. Arriving in the Bluegrass from Charleston, West Virginia, to attend college in 1947, Ann met and married a local boy and has stayed ever since. She ran the popular children's store "Animal Crackers" for 22 years.

After retiring from Micro-Technology, Gary Yarus, a native of Pikeville, moved back to Lexington from St. Louis. He now teaches special courses in the field for the federal government. Gary is an alumni of UK and its bridge in The

Grill during the 60's.

Herb Gillies also retired from the telecommunications field. He found his way to Lexington to be near children. Only occasionally able to get to the bridge table for 35 years, Herb hopes to play more. Should we mention that he was a graduate of some place called Duke?

Renee, there's really no charge to appear in this column. After all, the enthusiasm of you and your teammates is priceless.

Making Life Master in "just 12 years" was Chrissy Burnett. Father Mark Johnson, Uncle Joe, and Aunt Margaret Johnson would indeed be proud of her.

Jackie Merkel, Matt Heuser, and Jill Ohlson won two knockout events, contributing to a little over 58 points each for a great week. Rich Newtz played on the first KO team and Greg Mackey filled in for the second.

More news next time. Hope to see you enjoying our Lexington Sectional tournament at the Ramada, January 19-21. MAKE PLANS NOW. ITS NOT TOO LATE!!!!



DAYTON WINTER SECTIONAL

February 23-25, 2007

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

**1675 Woodman Drive
Dayton, Ohio**

All ACBL players with 0-5 Points Play Free.

Directions: From Cincinnati, I-75 North, I-675 North, Route 35 West one mile, south on Woodman Drive 0.8 miles. From Columbus, I-70 West, I-675 South, Route 35 West one mile, south on Woodman Drive 0.8 miles. From Indianapolis, I-70 East, I-75 South, Route 35 East four miles, south on Woodman Drive 0.8 miles. From Toledo, I-75 South, Route 35 East four miles, south on Woodman Drive 0.8 miles.

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

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 23

Compact Handicap Bracketed Knockouts

(Rds. 1 & 2)..... 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 750-1500 C 0-750

Stratified Open Pairs..... 7:00 p.m.

A 1000+ B 300-1000 C 0-300

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 24

Handicap Bracketed Knockouts

(Rds. 1, 2, & 3) 9:00 a.m., 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 750-1500 C 0-750

Stratified Open Pairs..... 7:00 p.m.

A 1000+ B 300-1000 C 0-300

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 25

StratiFlighted Swiss Teams..... 10:30 a.m.

A 1500+ A/X 0-1500 B 300-1000 C 100-300 D 0-100

A and A/X Play Together B, C and D Play Together

(Play Through — Lunches available at a nominal fee)

Tournament Chair:

Gay Miller 937-475-5879

(Tournament days 937-367-1392 — phone off during play)

Partnerships:

Beverley Dana 937-232-0977

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

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

INDIANAPOLIS

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REGIONAL

CENTRAL INDIANA REPORT

John Fosnaught, Reporting

The Indianapolis Fall Sectional winners were:

Friday Morning Pairs, A: 1. Sharon Austin - Catherine Lindholm 2. Tom Beagle - Avrum Herman 3. Sharon Wallack - Marsha Sandersen. B: 3. Patricia Rush - Anne Bradley.

Friday Morning 299ers, D/E: 1./2. Jan Barnes - Patricia Rosiello 1./2. Arun Khettry - Avinash Lagu 3./4. A. Colleen Sinclair - Patricia Logan 3./4. Domenico Sneider - Steve Davis. F: 3. John Hawks - Orvin Lindell.

Friday Afternoon 299ers, D: 1. Steve Davis - Anna Cagann 2. John Hawks - Orvin Lindell 3. Charlotte Schuff - Kitty Parrin. E: 3. Alice Vanarsdall - Nancy Field.

Friday Afternoon Pairs, A: 1. Bev Olsen - Martin Feeney 2. James Farley - Bob Lyon 3. Virginia Hart - Bradford Steele. B: 2. Kenneth Gilliland - Natan Erdberg 3. Linda Leedy - Fred-eric Hadley. C: 1. John Lauter - Daryl Halverson 2. Sharon Wallack - Marsha Sandersen 3. Eileen Kozey - Elizabeth Brown.

Friday Evening Pairs, A: 1. Peter and Charles Aldenderfer 2. Randy and C. Noel Helminck 3. Michael Hellmer - Natan Erdberg. B: 1. Steve Davis - Gregory Ellis 2. Sunny and David Hoffman 3. Charles and Margaret Rimer.

Friday Evening 299ers, D/E: 1. Arun Khettry - Avinash Lagu 2. Rick Wilhite - Mary Ellen Linne 3. Thomas Frank - Richard Trippett. F: 2. John Hawks - Orvin Lindell 3. K. Appel - David Props.

Knockout Teams, A: 1. Bob Lyon, John Hinton, Randy and C. Noel Helminck 2. John and Patricia Killeen, James Feinstein, Lena Howard. B: 1. Helen Dickinson, Leda Kulawinski, Jacqueline Matzke, Sheila Fasbender 2. Mary Blair, John Nichols, Chris Egberts, Dorothy Harrell. C: 1. Steve Davis, Mary Ellen Linne, Philip Beck, James McDonald 2. Bill and Susan Childers,

Naomi Orsay, Audrey Glover.

Saturday Morning Pairs, A: 1. Carl Armstrong - Gerald Olson 2. Alma Brizendine - Jonathan Wolf 3. Anne Riley - Margot Burks. B: 3./4. Thomas Frank - Peggy Collier 3./4. Muffi James - Thelma Trudgen. C: 3. Suzanne Bellamy - Helen Lasene.

Saturday Afternoon Pairs, A: 1. Natan Erdberg - John Sheridan 2. Charles Aldenderfer - Sharon Austin 3. Sharon Fletcher - Karthik Srinivasan. B: 2. Domenico Sneider - Daniel Mytelka 3. Carl Armstrong - Gerald Olson. C: 3. Eileen Kozey - Elizabeth Brown.

Saturday Afternoon 299ers, D/E/F: 1. Suzanne Bellamy - Helen Lasene 2. K. Appel - David Props 3. Nancy Field - Alice Vanarsdall.

Saturday Evening Pairs, A: 1. Charles Aldenderfer - Sharon Austin 2. Hal Cultice - Russell Black 3. Mitchell Pote - Bradley Bartol. B: 1. Sunny and David Hoffman 2. William Gheen - Doug Avery 3. Donna Eide - Franklin Alan. C: 2. Richard and Phyllis Mackey 3. Rick Wilhite - Peggy Collier.

Swiss Teams, A: 1. Sudheer Pimputkar, Robert Sulgrove, Vickie Sebastian, Russell Shoup 2. Donald Florida, William Gheen, Annette Clark, T. Bondus III. B: 1. John and Patricia Killeen, James Feinstein, Lena Howard 2. Daniel Groves, Gregory Udell, Wesley and Mary Kissel. C: 1. Elizabeth Brown, Eileen Kozey, Steve Davis, Thomas Ahmann, Jr. 2. John Berg, Shirley and Bobby Russell, Larry Allison. D: 1. David Riddle, Avinash Lagu, Lisa Kincaid, Arun Khettry 2. Gary and Sandra Dayton, William Harp, Jerry Mosher. E: 1. A. Colleen Sinclair, Patricia Logan, William Stuckey, Judith Allison 2. Rick Wilhite, Judy Drejer, Mary Perkins, Peggy Collier.

Thanks to Pete Aldenderfer, Natan Erdberg, Betty Markey, and Linda Leedy for a successful tournament.

APPALACHIAN UNIT 227

Bessie Haley, Reporting

Dora Kay Grubb made Gold Life Master (2500 pts). She recently moved to Fairmont, WV but we still claim her. Congratulations!

Jim and Ellen Olson attended the Cincinnati Fall Sectional. They finished tied 2/3 overall in the NAOP Flight B, qualifying to represent District 11 in the National Finals in St. Louis. We wish them success.

How would you like to attend your first ever regional and win. E. Lewis and Janet Catsonis (world travelers) invited Joann Guthrie and Philip Lewis to accompany them to the Blue Grass-Derby City Regional at Caesar's Casino.

The first day out, they won the KO in their flight — then managed to win points otherwise. Congratulations to these KVBA players.

After deciding they had been every place else in the world (really true), Naomi and Isce Roberts took a 21-day cruise to the Antarctic. They are expected back soon.

News from Huntington, WV. Congratulations to Bennie Shields and Joline Osborn on passing the director's exam. That brings the total number of directors in Huntington to seven.

Welcome to new members Mark and Brownie Biallas and Harrit Allison and Amy Roberts.

Again, congratulations to Joline on becoming the newest Life Master.

Appalachian Fall Sectional winners were:

Friday Afternoon Pairs, A: 1. Sara and J. Hawkins 2. Dora Kay Grubb - James Olson. B: 1. Robert Tweel - Raymond Franks 2. Harry Messinger - William Schaefer. C: 2. Messinger - Schaefer 3. Loretta Ecker - Charles Jones.

Friday Evening Pairs, A: 1. Tom Srnak - Fungau Ho 2. James Sorrent - Bess Haley. B: 2. Robert Allen - F. Lyle Sattes 3. James Rash - Patricia Whalen. C: 1. Srnak - Ho 2. Rash - Whalen.

Saturday Afternoon Pairs, A: 1. Robert Allen - F. Lyle Sattes 2. James Sorrent - N. David Stern. B: 2. Patricia Whalen - James Rash 3. Norma Dalporto - Betty Miller. C: 2. Dalporto - Miller 3. Joann Guthrie - Philip Lewis.

Saturday Evening Pairs, A: 1. Byron Hill - Dora Kay Grubb 2. Roger Diederish - Thomas Laishley. B: 1. Robert Allen - F. Lyle Sattes 2.

David Hutton - Bennie Shields. C: 1. James Rash - Patricia Whalen 2. Joann Guthrie - Philip Lewis 3. Lynn Cundy - Charles Dunn.

Sunday AM IMP Pairs, A: 1. James and Ellen Olson 2. E. Lewis - Bennie Shields. B: 1. Lewis - Shields 2. Raymond Franks - Robert Tweel. C: 1. Franks - Tweel 2. Lynn Cundy - Charles Dunn.

Sunday Second Chance Pairs, A: 1. James Sorrent - John Mairs 2. Dora Kay Grubb - Byron Hill. B: 1. Jerri Smith - Mary Carden 2. E. Lewis - Bennie Shields.

Sunday BAM Teams: 1. Jerri Smith, Mary Carden, Dixon Cool, Mary Boyd 2./3. Joann Guthrie, Philip Lewis, James Sorrent, John Mairs 2./3. Barbara Jones, Lois Kaufman, E. Lewis, Bennie Shields.

Hospitality supervised by Joann Guthrie and Janet Catsonis, offered many goodies. Many players took the time to compliment them.

COLUMBUS SECTIONAL
January 5-7, 2007

LEXINGTON SECTIONAL
January 19-21

See October Midwest Monitor

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Indianapolis Sectional
January 12-14, 2007

will be held at the
Emergency Services Education Center
700 North High School Road
Indianapolis, Indiana
(See Regional ad for directions)
Sunday game time 12:30 PM

District 11 GNT Finals

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

February 3-4, 2007

WIN \$500

minimum per flight per team

The winning team must attend the finals to be reimbursed.

**Cincinnati Bridge Center, Cooper Business Center,
2860 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio —513-563-2218**

I-71 to Pfeiffer Rd., west 3 mi. to Reading Rd., south 1 mi. to Cooper. Turn left. 2nd driveway on left **OR** I-75 to Exit 14 (Rt. 126 - Glendale-Milford Rd.), east 1 mi. to Reading Rd., south 1 mi. to Cooper. Turn left. 2nd driveway on left.

Parking and Entrance at back of building.

Saturday, February 3 - 1:00 P.M. and TBA
Sunday, February 4 - 10:00 A.M. and TBA

District Chairman, Betty Mattison 502-339-0361

N.W. KENTUCKY & S. INDIANA ASSOCIATION

Marvin Lawson, Reporting

Thinking about how to get started this month, I thought I would browse through some past *Midwest Monitor* news which I found amusing.

Sharon Smith's Little River DBC which meets at the Holiday Inn in Hopkinsville had some good news. In September, Peggy Jones partnered with Sharon getting the rest of her points to become Life Master. Congratulations! In October, Peggy Johnson and Jackie Johnson was first in the Club Championship game.

Henderson DBC Games — September 6, International Fund Game, A: Bonnie Lawson, Pete Lambert, Sue Donaldson, and Richard Cornett tied for first; B: Willie Alley and Marvin Lawson. September 27, Club Championship, A: Ronnie Lawson and Richard Cornett; B: Karen Nunn and Marcie Harding. October 10, Sue Donaldson and Richard Cornett, first in A, Gail Snowden and David Alexander, first in B, Club Appreciation. October 17, Willie Alley and Sue Donaldson, first A; Beverly Ray Matthews and Marvin Lawson, first in B, Club Appreciation. October 24, Lucy Newman and Marvin Lawson first in A and B, Club Appreciation.

At the Audubon DBC, September 9, Club Championship, A: Bonnie Lawson and Don Hayes; B: Willie Alley and Della Worobetz; C:

Linda and Richard Edds.

Remembering Liba. We're sorry to report that Elizabeth Sullivan, wife on William S. (Bill) Sullivan passed away on September 10. Although she took bridge lessons, sent food to our special games and Christmas parties, she never did compete at the club.

Seventy-five family members, friends, and bridge players gathered to honor Chris and Toni Kimmel of Vincennes, August 13, celebrating their making Life Masters at the Chicago NABC. The party was hosted by John and Pam Carrona and sponsored by the Sunday DBC.

A buffet lunch was followed by 11 1/2 tables of bridge. Section winners N/S A: 1. Anne Nugent - B. J. Hoffman 2. Peggy Dunkel - Judy Donahue. B: 1. Chris and Toni Kimmel (first overall) 2. Margaret Oyer - Floyd McWilliams. C: 1. Helen Julian - Charlotte Swonder 2. Marge Gelb - Dorothy Conrad. E/W A: 1. Milt Van Reed - Martin Angell 2. Pam Carrona - Paulette Wroblewski. B: 1. Pat and Ray Andersen 2. Darrell Clinton and Jim Levell. C: 1. Darrell Clinton - Jim Levell 2. Darren and Elizabeth Savage.

Owensboro DBC — Club Championship, October 30: A, Joe Lewis and John Fullenwider; B, Janet Robinson and Marvin Lawson. In a special



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game November 20, Patricia Gibson and Marvin Lawson, first overall in A, North/South; Nancy Clark and John Fullenwider first in A, East/West. The Owensboro DBC has moved to 102 West 9th Street. This is one block east of Fredica St. (that's the name of the street where they used to play — the 5th/3rd bank). It's a large room, full carpet, and great lighting.

At the Friday Bridge Club which meets at the Elizabeth Mundy Senior Center their Club Championship game on Friday, November 3, Nancy Clark and Doris Mills, first in A; Beck Walker and Dick Logsdon, first in B; Rita Jo and Jerry Holtzman, first in C.

In an effort to build up the Hopkinsville DBC, Richard Cornett is giving bridge lessons. They have players from the Clarksville, TN attending. Richard also teaches bridge lessons in Clarksville which has renewed its ACBL sanction. International Fund Game in September Peggy Jones and Sharon Smith was first. In October, Peggy Jones and Jackie Johnson won the Club Appreciation.

The Madisonville DBC is still on a roll — if they only have 8-1/2 tables, something went wrong. Not bad for a city of less than 20,000 people. In their Gold Point game, North/South, Debbie Gregory and Corliss Waitman was first; East/West, Ches and Mary Jo Riddle, first in Section One; N/S, Janice and Ron Sievers; Bernice Cornette and Sue Donaldson, first in Section Two.

At the International Fund Game on September 21, A, Liz Ivey and Judy Bailey; B, Sharon Crafton and Dukie Hovious; C, Ches and Mary Jo Riddle. At the Madisonville Tuesday game in the International Fund Game, A, Sue Donaldson and Richard Cornett; B, Joy Sisk and Sharon Crafton. At the Club Championship on October 31, A and B, Cathy and Al Spennard, first; C, Fronnie Maddern and Shirley Kembel was first. On November 7 Charity Game, A, Bonnie Lawson and Richard Cornett, first; B, Bonnie Metcalf and Jane Ellen Farmer was first.

The EDBC membership elected new officers as recommended by the nomination committee headed by Sara Luebbe. The new officers are President Patti Lodato, Vice President Jim McCool, Secretary Sue Taylor, and Treasurer Lee Hodoval. The four at-large positions go to Cal Wade, Marcie Harding, Dot Buske, and Bobbie McKibben. They invite you to bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions to them. At the same meeting, the membership adopted a complete revision of its by-laws. Highlights of changes: the board has been increased from eight to nine members, election of officers will take place in November; the nominations committee will be required to post their slate two weeks before the election; the vice president will take responsibility for membership functions; and a recall provision has been added.

Owensboro Sweetheart Swiss Sectional February 10-11, 2007

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NORTHERN INDIANA — UNIT 154

Jim Pelletier, Reporting

Congratulations to Bob Cardeaux for becoming Northern Indiana - Unit 154 and District 8's first Grand Life Master. Bob reached the 10,000 point level at the summer NABC in Chicago. He fulfilled the National Championship requirement in 1997 by winning the Senior National Swiss Team.

The rank of Grand Life Master carries with it a little bit of a challenge. Bob, like most bridge players, loves to play in the KO events at any tournament. However with that many master points, it pretty much guarantees that he and his teammates will be in the top bracket. This was the case this past November at the fall NABC in Hawaii.

Bob was playing on a team on which he had twice as many master points as the rest of the team combined. So, with the 15,500 point total they were in the top bracket. However, Bob has become very comfortable playing in that bracket. Bob was playing with Hao Ge from Cleveland, OH and the team played very well winning the first three rounds and made it to the finals. The first half of the final was close with the Cardeaux team up by seven at the break. On the sixth board of the second half with Bob and Hao red and the opponents white, it was Bob's turn to shine. This was the hand.

See the four hands and the bidding next column

West led the ♦K, Bob said his first thought was this is not a bad 21 point game, with a little luck and careful play, this has a good chance of coming home. Bob won the ♦K with the ace on the board and played the ♠2. RHO followed low and Bob put in the queen which won. Bob

Vulnerable: N/S
Dealer: West

Hao
♠ 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5
♣ K Q J 10 4 2

West
♠ J 8 6 4
♥ A
♦ K Q J 9 8
♣ A 8 6

East
♠ K 9 5
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ 9 3

Bob
♠ A Q 10 7 3
♥ K 8 3 2
♦ 7 6
♣ 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

then played the ♠A and pitched the ♦5 from the board. Next he played the ♣7 from his hand won by the ♣A from LHO with everyone following. LHO thought and returned the ♣8 which was won with the ♣K. Bob then played the ♣Q which was ruffed by RHO with the ♥J and Bob over ruffed with the ♥K. He then played the ♥2 won by LHO with the ♥A, all following. Bob then ruffed the spade return in dummy with the ♥4. He played the ♥Q, and when LHO showed out Bob claimed saying he would run the clubs conceding the top heart. He made the 620 vulnerable game. At the other table the bidding started out the same way but ended at 3♣ making three for 110. An 11 IMP swing, enough to carry the Cardeaux team to a 25 IMP victory.

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FRIDAY, March 2		Partners Guaranteed for all 0-200 MP and under events if requested one hour before game time.
Stratified Open Pairs Single Sessions	1:00 PM 7:30 PM	
*Limited (199/99/49/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs Single Sessions	1:00 PM 7:30 PM	Tournament Chairman Joe Shull (260) 749-1531 Partnerships Bob Carteaux (260) 436-6510
SATURDAY, March 3		The ACBL Zero Tolerance policy for bad behavior will be in effect.
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Bracketed Knockout Teams (Random Draw)	9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:30 PM	SMOKING POLICY: This is a NON-SMOKING tournament with frequent breaks.
Stratified Open Pairs Single Sessions	1:00 PM 7:30 PM	
*Limited (199/99/49/ 0-20 & 0-5 MP's) Pairs Single Sessions	1:00 PM 7:30 PM	
SUNDAY, March 4		Hotel Information:
Open Stratified Swiss Teams (Play-thru)	10:00 AM	Pine Haven Motel 4905 Bluffton Rd. (260) 747-7502 3 minutes from playing site
Stratified Open Pairs: A = 1250+, B = 500-1250, C = 0-500		Best Way Inn Motel 5718 Bluffton Rd. (260) 747-4950 5 minutes from playing site
*Stratification possible		Extended Stay of America 8309 W. Jefferson Blvd. (260) 432-1916 15 minutes from playing site

The Flying Pig Regional

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Porky Pig Knockout (Rd. 1-2)	1:00	7:00
Stratified Pairs	1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 1	1:00	7:00
Single Session Swiss		7:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Horizontal Swiss (Rd. 1)	9:00	
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00	
Porky Pig Knockout (Rd. 3-4)	1:00	7:00
Miss Piggy Knockout (Rd. 1-2)	1:00	7:00
Stratified Pairs	1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 1	1:00	7:00

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Horizontal Swiss (Rd. 2)	9:00	
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00	
Miss Piggy Knockout (Rd. 3-4)	1:00	7:00
Swiss Song Compact KO (1-2) (3-4)	1:00	7:00
Stratified Pairs	1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 1	1:00	7:00

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Horizontal Swiss II (Rd. 1)	9:00	
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00	
This Little Piggy Knockout (Rd. 1-2)	1:00	7:00
Stratified Pairs	1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Games Series 2	1:00	7:00
Single Session Swiss		7:00

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Horizontal Swiss II (Rd. 2)	9:00	
AM Stratified Side Game Series	9:00	
This Little Piggy Knockout (Rd. 3-4)	1:00	7:00
Pig Out Compact KO (1-2) (3-4)	1:00	7:00
Stratified Pairs	1:00	7:00
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