

Midwest Monitor



FIRST QUARTER - 2015

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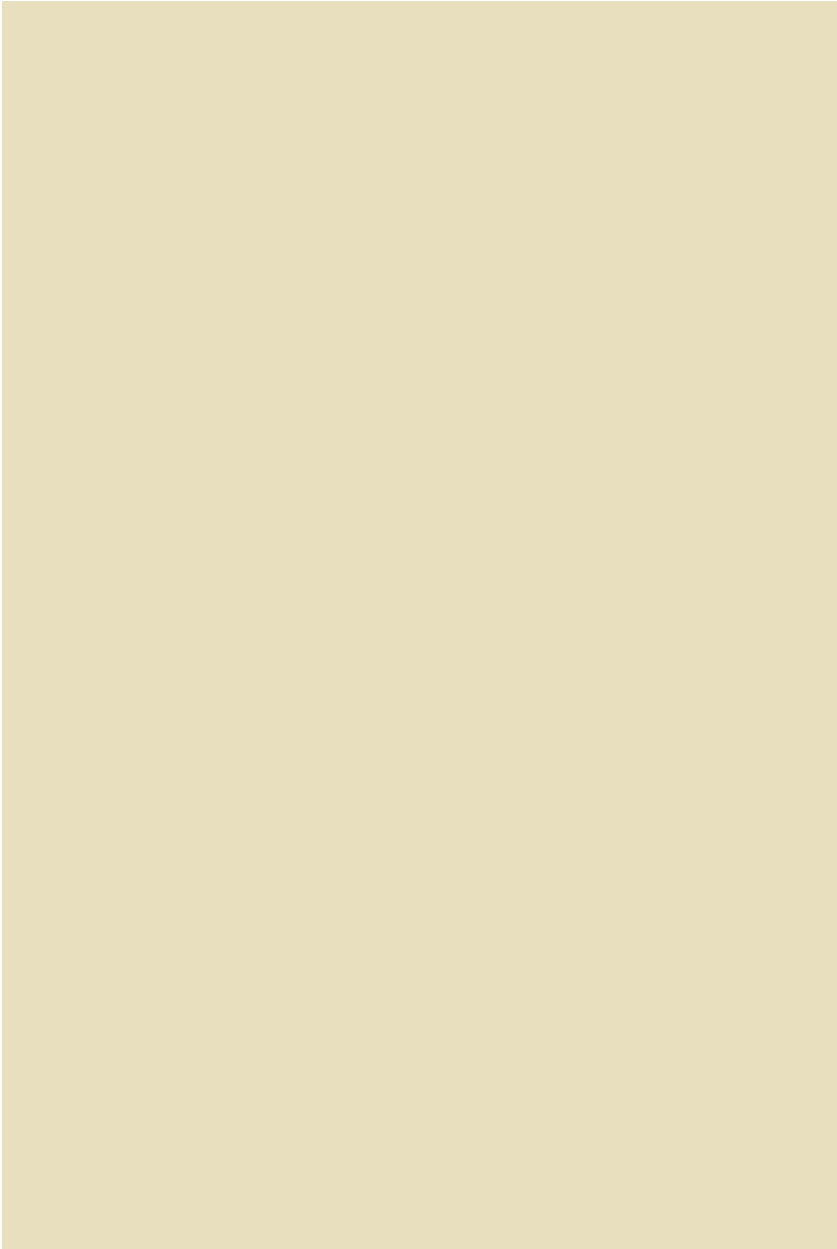
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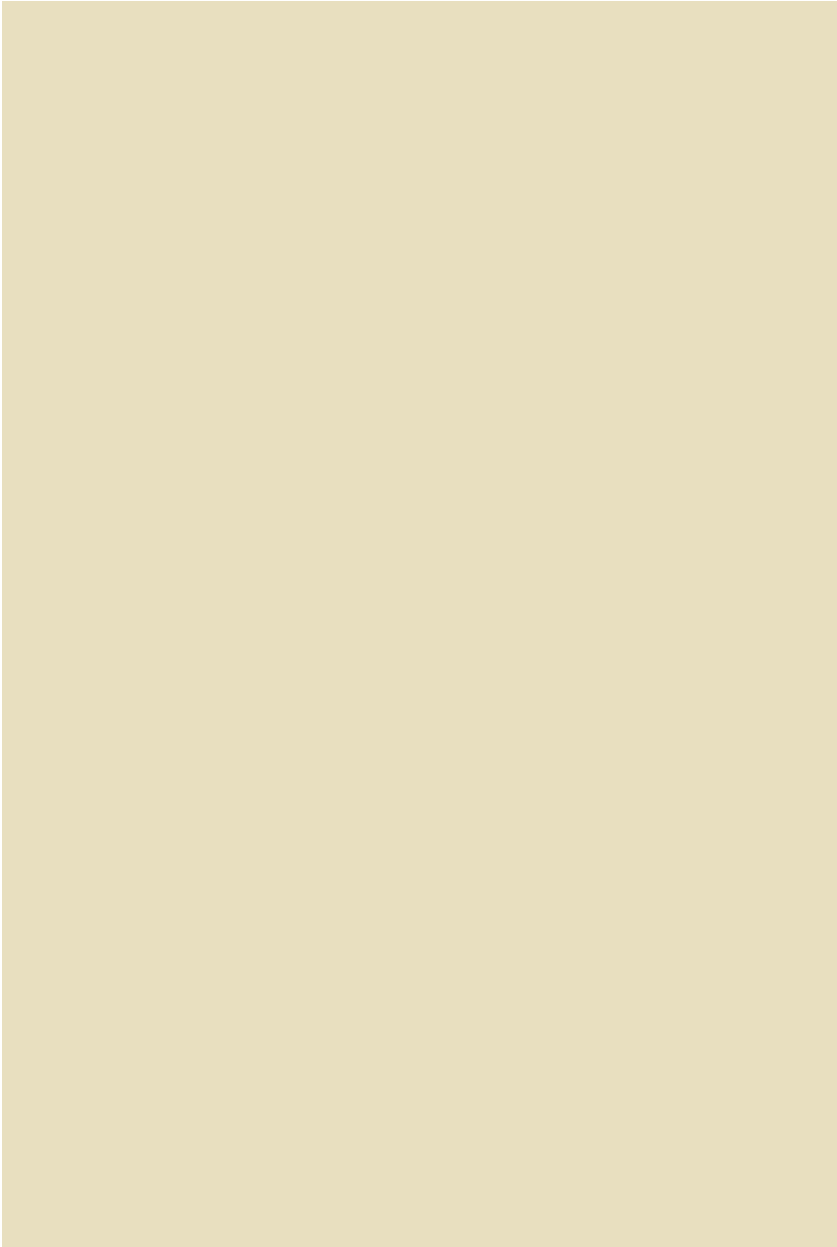
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THE PROVIDENCE COMMITTEE put on a great NABC. As many of you know, this NABC was the “Boston” slot on its six-year rotation. Providence pitched us a great deal and turned out to be a great choice. They even held their famous Waterfire event the first Saturday night just for us. I took the chance to spend Thanksgiving with family on the East Coast, so had to miss the show . . . but got in several great Italian meals and had some delicious seafood before I left. I was sorry I didn’t get to Newport, but those that did go told me the “cottages” were breathtaking. The city took a lot of pride in hosting the ACBL and I’ve heard from many of you that you really enjoyed it.

TECHNOLOGY

This was definitely the hot topic at this Board meeting. As I reported earlier this year, work on ACBLScore+ was terminated and we are taking a \$1.9M write-off on expenditures to date. But this meeting was about moving forward and I can report some heartening news. First, if you haven’t already discovered it, you MUST head to the ACBL website and check out ACBL Live. It’s Fast Results on steroids. You can search any name or any event and get instant results. You could also sign up at this tournament to get texts with your results, as well as instant emails. You should all have received an email from the ACBL explaining the new privacy policy. The policy clarifies the procedures already in place, but most importantly for each of you is that your current email will now be used to get you your results, as well as ACBL blasts UNLESS YOU OPT OUT of having your email used. I hope you find this step forward as exciting as I do . . . I’ve had lots of fun playing with ACBL Live and know you will too. And many more changes to ACBLScore (“Classic”) are on the way and the 2015 capital budget approved \$600K to implement these changes. Obviously, as we step up to the exciting possibilities of a technologically advanced ACBL, we need to think about long-term funding . . . and believe me, we are. We get what we pay for and what gets funded gets done. I assure you that the ACBL is in sound financial shape (discussed in more detail below) and I aim to keep it that way. In response to the many, many questions posed by members following the termination of ACBLScore+ a new Technology Committee has been formed to address these global issues. The Committee will be chaired by CEO Robert Hartman and will be composed of three staff members, three Board Members (Merlin Vilhauer, Jay Whipple and Russ Jones) and three outside experts. The Committee has already started work and will review and recommend both specific actions and the general direction of the ACBL’s technology efforts. I haven’t felt so

confident in our technology direction since I began serving on the Board. I hope to report many more developments in the coming months.

FINANCE

The 2015 operating budget showing a projected excess of revenues over expense of \$56,939 and the 2015 capital budget of \$700,000 were received. The budgets are not finally approved until the Spring Meeting.

All tournament sanction fees will be increased by approximately 2% and TD session fees will be increased approximately 5% beginning April 1, 2015.

Also, club short game (12-17 boards) table fees will be increased from \$.46 to \$.52 per table beginning April 1, 2015.

2014 saw some major hits to the bottom line . . . in addition to the ACBLScore+ write-off, we determined the final cost of the pension plan termination is \$1.7M . . . still a financially sound decision that protects us and saves money in future years, and other compensation issues for a total change in net assets of (\$4.1M). We continue to maintain substantial investments and cash flow remains sound.

OTHER ACTIONS

--The Code of Disciplinary Regulations was amended to specifically include unauthorized use of private information.

--The Conflict of Interest Policy was amended to include non-financial interests as grounds for conflicts.

--First time new members may provide club rating point receipts and/or references to points won at tournaments. Upon verification, the points won, to a maximum of twenty (20), at clubs and/or tournaments will be credited to the member’s record upon joining ACBL.

--After struggling for the last couple of years to have the USBF and CBF submit proposed budgets ahead of time to support funding of Junior Teams in world events, the prior practice of awarding a lump sum to be supported by expense reports after the fact was reinstituted.

--The maximum length of a Regional was extended from 6 ½ days to seven days under the following circumstances: A full seven-day Regional may not schedule any events before 1:00 PM. on the first day of the tournament. All single-session events, except Side Series Pairs on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. A Regional may run two-session gold point events on the first day of the tournament. In addition, a Regional may schedule the first two sessions of a KO event on the first day of the tournament. The first session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. The second session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of one of the above-listed funds or a local charity. In addition, a one-session event that is run for the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held during any day of a Regional. The minimum monetary contributions for the above-listed fund, foundation or charity games is \$7.00 per table, per session.

--The rules governing Limited Sectionals were clarified to define a Limited Sectional as a sectional with a masterpoint limit of 0-500. They must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Unit may not schedule more than three Limited Sectionals in any calendar year. With Management approval, a Sponsoring Organization may run a Limited Sectional with a maximum of Five Hundred Masterpoints using directors

who are not ACBL employees.

--A motion to allow the second-place B and C GNT Teams to compete in the NABC Finals was defeated.

--On all existing lifetime Masterpoint lists issued after December 31, 2014, online Masterpoints will be included next to the total. I urge you to check out the new function on the ACBL website masterpoint section that allows you to sort all achievements by type, name and/or location . . . more technology fun!

MASTERPOINTS

The changes to the masterpoint formulas discussed in my Las Vegas report this summer received the required second reading in Providence and were all passed. All of your Tournament Chairs received a description of the new rules, effective 1/1/15 a couple of months ago.

But the big news from my point of view is that FINALLY the Masterpoint Committee came through as promised and dealt with the issue I raised about second-place awards in the GNTs at the District level. The Committee accepted my argument that the GNTs are sui generis and, as such should not be subject to the normal restrictions on KO awards. The following statement will be added to the existing rules for GNT District Finals, effective 1/1/15. For all events which are played over at least three sessions, a minimum masterpoint award of 1/3 of the first place award will be given to any team that advances through two sessions to the second day of an event where there was a 50% or greater reduction in teams from the first day (e.g., from 4 to 2).

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership stands at 167,808 through the end of October, three fewer members than at the start of year.

Regional table count is seventy tables higher through the first ten months of the year (156,270 vs. 156,200) with four additional regionals run this year compared to last year. Average Regional table count is down 3%. Total Sectional table count is down 4% (130,221 vs. 135,767) with average Sectional table count down 6%. Total STaC table count is down 3% (90,360 vs. 92,705) while average STaC table count is down 4%.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Suzi Subeck of District 13 (Chicago) was elected ACBL President for 2015. I know she’ll do a fabulous job . . . especially hosting us all in Chicago next summer!

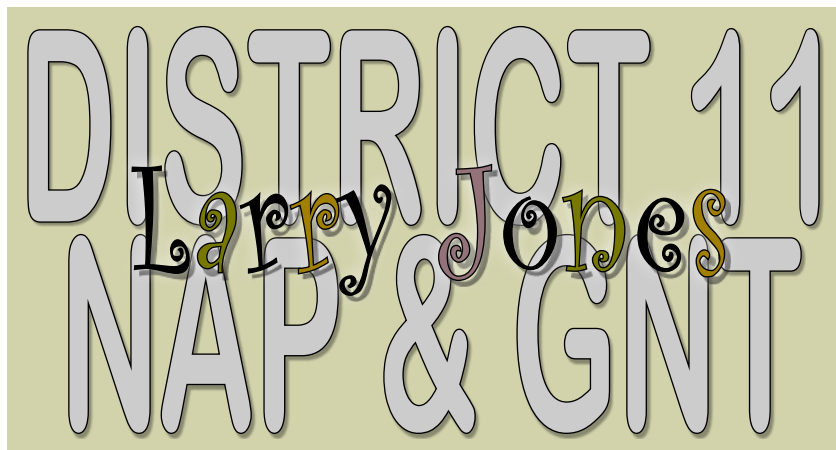
Georgia Heth and Howard Weinstein were elected as WBF representatives for three-year terms; Mike Carmen of District 8 was appointed as the Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year; James Fisher was appointed the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year and Eddie Kantar was appointed the ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

FLOOD

On top of all the other headaches this year, I trust most of you are aware that our headquarters in Horn Lake suffered a devastating flood. The hard work put in by staff in meeting this emergency was extraordinary. The damage came to \$580K; all but the \$50K deductible was covered by insurance. Management is looking at both insurance issues and taking steps to reconfigure the physical plant for greater protection. The experts say this was a “once in a century” event. Although we certainly hope that’s true, we’re considering our options.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME BY CLICKING ON MY NAME ABOVE WITH ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, SUGGESTIONS OR HELLOS YOU WISH AND I’LL DO MY BEST TO RESPOND PROMPTLY! HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL AND SEE YOU IN INDY!

Beth



DISTRICT 11 - Grand National Teams

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Effective 1/1/2015

The District 11 Board of Directors has approved these specific guidelines for the district level competition for the Grand National Teams competition effective January 1, 2015.

Each team must name a captain and list all team players before beginning play. Each team will be comprised of no fewer than four players and no more than six players. This list must be given to the director.

The following guidelines determine the specific playing conditions that will apply to all four flights:

1. The four District 11 teams advancing to the national finals will be determined in a Knockout (KO) process after a preliminary Round Robin (RR) or Swiss competition dependent upon the number of teams originally participating in each flight.

2. The ACBL Midchart will govern conventions in the Championship Flight and Flight A. The ACBL General Convention Chart will apply to Flights B and C. These are the charts assigned to the GNT national finals.

3. Each RR and Swiss match will be scored by IMPs and converted to Victory Points using the WBF 20-point Continuous Victory Point scale.

4. If, at the conclusion of the preliminary round, a tie exists, the ACBL tie break regulations will be used. If a tie still exists, one (or more) four board playoff rounds will continue until a winner is determined, and will begin immediately following the verification of the tie.

5. After the RR or Swiss preliminary round, the first place finisher may select either the third or fourth place finisher as their KO opponent for the semi-final round.

6. There will be no imp carryover to the second day of competition from a preliminary RR or Swiss match.

7. All KO matches will be thirty boards unless otherwise noted in these conditions. In case of a tie in a thirty board KO match, one (or more) four-board playoff rounds will continue until a winner is determined and will begin immediately following the verification of the tie. In a sixty board KO, playoff rounds will consist of eight boards.

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District 11 Grand National Team 2015 Finals (GNT) Miami Valley Bridge Ctr 4701 Presidential Way Dayton, OH 45429

DIRECTIONS: Cincinnati & South: I-75N to I-675 Exit 43 N (Columbus), to Exit 4B Kettering. Merge right onto 48/Far Hills Ave. Travel 0.9 miles to Whipp Rd. Turn Right on Whipp, proceed 0.6 miles to Marshall Rd. Turn Left, travel 1.6 miles to E. David Rd. Turn Right on David, after 0.2 miles turn Right on Presidential Way to 4701.

Columbus: I 70W to Exit 44; I-675 South to Exit 7 for Wilmington Pike. Turn Right onto Wilmington and travel 1.8 miles to E. David Rd. Turn Left, then 0.7 miles to Hempstead Station Rd; Turn left, then 0.3 miles to Presidential Way. Turn Right onto Presidential Way to 4701 immediately on your left.

Indianapolis: I-70 E to Exit 44, I-675 South to Exit 7. (Follow above directions from Exit 7 onto Wilmington Pike).

Motel: Holiday Inn Express (breakfast incl): 5655 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. 937-424-5757. Off Exit 7, I-675. Ask for Special Rate Code: IL6XR Bridge Strategy.

Jan 24, 2015 1:00 PM & TBA

All Teams Play Both Sessions Saturday

Jan 25, 2015 10:00 AM & TBA

**Lavish Dayton/MVBC Hospitality plus
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For questions, contact:

**Tom Coyle: 937-433-5986...Stkpikrtom@aol.com
& read the flyer: GNT – How It Works in District 11**

The specific details for each flight are determined by the number of teams entered in that contest and are as follows:

1. When two teams are entered, a sixty board KO match will be played to determine the winner.
2. When three teams are entered, a preliminary RR of thirty boards against each other team will be played. The two highest scoring teams from the preliminary round will play a sixty board KO match.
3. When four teams are entered, a preliminary RR of twenty boards against each other team will be played. The two highest scoring teams from the preliminary round will play a sixty board KO match.
4. When five teams are entered, a preliminary RR of fifteen boards against each other team will be played. The four highest scoring teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the KOs.
5. When six teams are entered, a preliminary RR of twelve boards against each other team will be played. The four highest scoring teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the KOs.
6. When seven teams are entered, a preliminary RR of ten boards against each other team will be played. The four highest scoring teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the KOs.
7. When eight teams are entered, a preliminary RR of nine boards against each other team will be played. The four highest scoring teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the KOs.
8. When nine teams are entered, a preliminary RR of eight boards against each other team will be played. The four highest scoring teams from the preliminary round will qualify for the KOs.
9. When ten or more teams are entered, a two-session Swiss format of eight, eight-board matches will be held to qualify the four highest teams for the KOs.

One team from each flight as determined according to the above guidelines will proceed to the national finals. The District requests that no team that cannot participate in the national finals participate in the district finals. Recognizing, however, that events occur which cannot be predicted, teams which qualify for the national finals may be augmented according to the following guidelines:

1. All changes must be approved by the District 11 GNT Coordinator.
2. The original qualifying team will only be considered intact and eligible for the national finals if three members from an original four-member team or at least four members from an original five-member or six-member team will participate in the national finals. If the original qualifying team is not able to participate in the national event, the second place team from the district finals will be eligible to participate. Likewise, if the second place team is unable to represent the District in the national event, the third place and then the fourth place teams would be approached.

3. Any member of an original qualifying team who does not intend to participate in the national finals may only be replaced if that member agrees to not participate and must communicate that choice to the District 11 GNT Coordinator. ☁

TOURNAMENT TALES

Jerry & Denny Clerk

BELIEVE IT OR NOT
This hand really happened . . .
We were playing in a knockout final in Ft. Lauderdale, December, 2014. We were playing against Poland's greatest pair, Balicki-Zmudzinski. Poland is a country teeming with great players and this pair is their best.

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♦ K Q J T 6 5
♣ A K Q

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♠ A K Q J 8 7 5
♥ A T 9
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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	PASS	2 ♣	PASS
2 ♠	PASS	4 ♦	PASS
4 NT	PASS	6 NT	PASS
7 NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

Jerry opened 1C, Precision showing sixteen plus HCP. And, Denny held “the best hand he has ever had after partner opened 1C.” He bid 2C showing Diamonds and 8 HCP+ (game-forcing). Jerry bid 2S which was a natural. Denny now bid 4D which was Roman Key Card in Diamonds. Jerry showed two with a fateful 4NT bid. Denny signed off in 6NT, disappointing but he knew they were off an Ace.

Now the story moved into the pantheon of “Amazing Bridge Results.”

Jerry, thinking that Denny Key Carded in Diamonds, with a hand like:

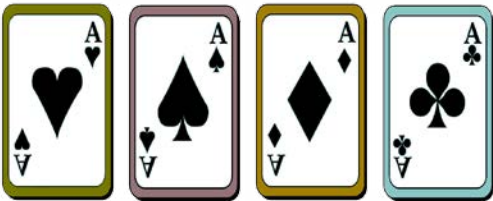
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Since Denny could have just asked for Aces, but chose to Key Card in Diamonds, Jerry assumed the King of Diamonds was a Key Card. He (Jerry) thought Denny had a semi-solid Diamond suit missing the King, and therefore must have both the Aces of Clubs and Diamonds. In addition, he needed about eighteen HCP upwards. Since he (Jerry) had a solid suit and an unknown source of tricks, he bid seven.

Well, as you can see, the only thing semi-solid was Jerry's reasoning.

As embarrassing as it is to bid 7NT off an Ace, we are claiming this is the only recorded event of someone bidding a cold 7NT off an Ace. Victor Mollo did not dream this one up. We dealt these hands ourselves.

We're happy to report, we won this event and would have won even if 7NT had gone down. But as you can plainly see, fortune was on our side. Did you notice that the 4NT response showing Two Key Cards put Balicki (west) on lead and us in the history books? ☁



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MONDAY - FEBRUARY 23

- Bracketed KO Teams I (Round 1 of 4)
- Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)
- 299er Pairs

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 24

- AM Side Game Series (Session 1 of 5)
- Bracketed KO Teams I (Rounds 2, 3 and 4 of 4)
- Hoosier Gold Rush Pairs (Two Sessions)
- Hoosier A/X Open Pairs (Two Sessions)
- Newcomers 0-20 Pairs (Free!)

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 25

- AM Side Game Series (Session 2 of 5)
- Morning Horizontal Compact KO (Rounds 1 & 2 of 4)
- Bracketed KO Teams II (Rounds 1 & 2 of 4)
- Prime Time Open Pairs (Two Sessions)
- 299er Pairs
- Stratified Open Swiss (Single session)

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 26

- AM Side Game Series (Session 3 of 5)
- Morning Horizontal Compact KO (Rounds 3 & 4 of 4)
- 49er Pairs
- Bracketed KO Teams II (Rounds 3 & 4 of 4)
- Afternoon/Evening Side Game Series (Sessions 1 & 2 of 6)
- Circle City Gold Rush Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)
- Circle City A/X Open Swiss Teams (Two Sessions)

- Pay a full entry for an AM Side game and receive a \$5 non-transferable coupon for your next AM Side Game.
- Tuesday Newcomers Game: Free for 0-20 players
- Thursday and Saturday AM: 49er games \$7 per player!

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FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 27

- AM Side Game Series (Session 4 of 5)
- Morning Horizontal Stratified Swiss (Session 1 of 2)
- Bracketed KO Teams III (Rounds 1 & 2 of 4)
- Weekend Open Pairs (Two Sessions)
- Afternoon/Evening Side Game Series (Sessions 3 & 4 of 6)
- 299er Pairs
- Stratified Open Swiss (Single Session)

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 28

- 49er Pairs
- AM Side Game Series (Session 5 of 5)
- Morning Horizontal Stratified Swiss (Session 2 of 2)
- Bracketed KO Teams III (Rounds 3 & 4 of 4)
- Indy Gold Rush Pairs (Two Sessions)
- Indy A/X Open Pairs (Two Sessions)
- Afternoon/Evening Side Game Series (Sessions 5 & 6 of 6)
- Stratified Open Swiss (Single Session)

SUNDAY - MARCH 1

- Two-Session Stratified Swiss
Food available on site.

District-wide regulations for all 2015 District 11 Regional Events:

- KO events may be handicapped
- Open events w/o Gold Rush: 0-750 750-2000 2000+
- Gold Rush/AX Pairs and Gold Rush/AX Swiss: GR: 0-300 300-750 & AX: 0-2500 2500+
- ACBL Mid-Chart allowed in top bracket of KO and Flight A events

Strata determined by average masterpoints. Games with upper limit on points restricted to those who do not exceed that limit.

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Monday June 1		Pro Am Pairs Call Nancy Luetge to reserve your place (513) 793-2337	Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Evening Side Series	♥ Tournament Highlights ♥ Tons of Playing Space Free Parking Easy Access to I-75 and I-275 Wine and Cheese Hospitality Unbelievable Hotel Rates ♠ Tournament Chair ♠ A.J. Stephani ajstephani@gmail.com (513) 313-0488 ♦ Partnerships ♦ Lorna Davis (513) 777-1760 Bob Fisk bobsbbcards@gmail.com ♣ Hotel Information ♣ LivINN Suites 11385 Chester Road Cincinnati OH 45246 (513) 772-7877 \$69/Night Ask for "Flying Pig" Rate Reserve by May 4, 2015 ♥ Youth ♥ U20: Half Price at All Events Cincinnati Youth Championship: Free! More Info: cincybridge.com
Tuesday June 2	Hog Wild Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 2) Hogwash Horizontal Swiss (Round 1) Open Pairs Evening Side Series NLM Pairs	
	Miss Piggy Knockout (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series I 99er Pairs	Miss Piggy Knockout (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series I Piglet Single Session Swiss		
Wednesday June 3	Pig in a Poke Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 3) Hogwash Horizontal Swiss (Round 2) Open Pairs Evening Side Series	
	Miss Piggy Knockout (Round 3) Baby Back Knockout (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series I NLM Pairs	Miss Piggy Knockout (Round 4) Baby Back Knockout (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series I Piglet Single Session Swiss		
Thursday June 4	Hog Heaven Gold Rush Swiss Teams and Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 4) Squeaky Clean Compact KO (1-2) Open Pairs Evening Side Series NLM Pairs	
	Baby Back Knockout (Round 3) Open Pairs Side Series I 99er Pairs	Baby Back Knockout (Round 4) Open Pairs Side Series I		
Friday June 5	Curly Tail Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Squeaky Clean Compact KO (3-4) Open Pairs Evening Side Series Fourth Annual Cincinnati Youth Bridge Championship	♥ Youth ♥ U20: Half Price at All Events Cincinnati Youth Championship: Free! More Info: cincybridge.com
	Porky Pig Knockout (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series II NLM Pairs	Porky Pig Knockout (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series II Piglet Single Session Swiss		
Saturday June 6	Road Hog Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Open Pairs Evening Side Series	
	Porky Pig Knockout (Round 3) Pig Out Compact KO (Rnds 1-2) Open Pairs Side Series II 99er Pairs	Porky Pig Knockout (Round 4) Pig Out Compact KO (Rnds 3-4) Open Pairs Side Series II		♥ Youth ♥ U20: Half Price at All Events Cincinnati Youth Championship: Free! More Info: cincybridge.com
Sunday June 7	Flying Pig Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough)		Swiss Teams in Red NLM Events in Blue	



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♦ Gold Rush Pairs & Swiss: 0-100/100-300/300-750	♠ Stratiflighted Swiss: B/C/D 750-1500/300-750/0-300 A/X 3000+/0-3000

All events stratified by average MPs
KO events may be handicapped

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MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015

Charity Pairs 1:30 pm
199er Charity Pairs 1:30 pm
Knockout #1 (1/4) continues Tuesday..... 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series session #1..... 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Morning Side Game Series (2 sessions)..... 9:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (1/2)..... 9:00 am
Open Pairs (1/2)..... 9:00 am
Knockout #1 (2/4) 9:00 am
Daytime side series (session 1)..... 9:00 am
0-50 Pairs..... 9:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (2/2)..... 1:30 pm
Open pairs (2/2)..... 1:30 pm
Knockout #1 (3/4)..... 1:30 pm
Daytime side series (session 2)..... 1:30 pm
Knockout #2 (1/4)..... 1:30 pm
0-200 pairs..... 1:30 am
Knockout #1 (4/4)..... 7:00 pm
Knockout #2 (2/4)..... 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series session #2 7:00 pm
0-200 pairs..... 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Gold Rush Pairs (1/2)..... 9:00 am
Open Pairs (1/2)..... 9:00 am
Knockout #2 (3/4)..... 9:00 am
Daytime Side Series (session 3)..... 9:00 am
0-200 pairs..... 9:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (2/2)..... 1:30 pm
Open Pairs (2/2)..... 1:30 pm
Knockout #2 (4/4)..... 1:30 pm
Daytime Side Series (session 4)..... 1:30 pm
Compact Knockout #1 (1, 2) 1:30 pm
0-100 Pairs..... 1:30 pm
Compact Knockout #1 (3, 4)..... 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series session #3..... 7:00 pm
0-200 pairs..... 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Morning Compact Knockouts #2 (1, 2)..... 9:00 am
Daytime side series (session 5) 9:00 am
0-50 Pairs 9:00 am
Gold Rush Swiss Teams (1/2)..... 1:30 pm
Open Swiss Teams (1/2) 1:30 pm
Daytime Side Series (session 6)..... 1:30 pm
0-100 Pairs 1:30 pm
Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2/2)..... 7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams (2/2)..... 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series Session #4..... 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 (CAKE NIGHT)

Morning Compact Knockout #2 (3, 4)..... 9:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (1/2)..... 9:00 am
Open Pairs (1/2) 9:00 am
Daytime Side Series 2 (sessions 1)..... 9:00 am
0-200 Pairs 9:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (2/2) 1:30 pm
Open Pairs (2/2) 1:30 pm
Knockout #3 (1/4)..... 1:30 pm
Daytime Side Series 2 (session 2) 1:30 pm
0-200 Pairs 1:30 pm
Knockout #3 (2/4)..... 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series Session #5..... 7:00 pm
0-200 Pairs..... 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Gold Rush Pairs (1/2)..... 9:00 am
Open Pairs (1/2) 9:00 am
Knockout #3 (3/4)..... 9:00 am
Daytime Side Series 2 (session 3)..... 9:00 am
0-50 Pairs..... 9:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (2/2) 1:30 pm
Open Pairs (2/2) 1:30 pm
Knockout #3 (4/4)..... 1:30 pm
Compact Knockout #3 (1,2)..... 1:30 pm
Daytime Side Series 2 (session 4) 1:30 pm
0-100 Pairs 1:30 pm
Compact Knockout #3 (3,4) 7:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series Session #6 7:00 pm
0-200 Pairs 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am
(play through, 2 sessions with meal)

Stratifications

- ◆ Open Pairs & Side Games (w/o Gold Rush) 0-750/750-2000/2000+
- ◆ Open Pairs & Swiss (w/Gold Rush) 0-2500/2500+
- ◆ Gold Rush Pairs and Swiss 0-300/300-750
(no player over 750 masterpoints)
- ◆ Stratified Swiss 0-750/750-2000/2000+

*Stratification by average masterpoints
Note: Knockout events may be handicapped*

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November 02 - 08, 2015

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Monday			
Charity Stratified Swiss	1:30		
Charity Stratified Pairs	1:30		
Alysheba Bracketed KO (Rd.1)		7:00	
Stratified Side Game Series 1		7:00	
Tuesday			
Stratified Side Game Series 1	9:30	1:30	7:00
Alysheba Bracketed KO (Rd. 2,3,4)	9:30	1:30	7:00
Stratified Pairs		1:30	7:00
Compact Knockouts (4 people)		1:30	7:00
Keeneland Bracketed KO (Rd. 1 & 2)		1:30	7:00
Stratified Swiss			7:00
Wednesday			
AM Compact KO 1 (4 people)	9:30		
(Continue Thursday morning)			
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:30		
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)		1:30	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)		1:30	7:00
Barbaro KO (Rd 1 & 2)		1:30	7:00
Keeneland KO (Rd. 3 & 4)		1:30	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 2		1:30	7:00
IMP Pairs			7:00
Thursday			
AM Compact KO 1 (Cont.)	9:30		
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:30		
Stratified Swiss	9:30		
Stratified Swiss (1500/3000/Open)		1:30	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Swiss Teams (100/300/750)		1:30	7:00
Barbaro KO 2 (Rd. 3 & 4)		1:30	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 2		1:30	7:00
Stratified Swiss			7:00
Friday			
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:30		
AM Compact KO2 (4 people)	9:30		
(Continue Sat AM)			
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)		1:30	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)		1:30	7:00
Churchill Downs KO (Rd 1 & 2)		1:30	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 3		1:30	7:00
Stratified Swiss			7:00
Saturday			
Stratified Swiss	9:30		
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:30		
AM Compact KO 2 (Cont'd)	9:30		
Churchill Downs Knockouts (Rd 3 & 4)		1:30	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 3		1:30	7:00
Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+)		1:30	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)		1:30	7:00
Compact KO 3 (4 people)		1:30	7:00
Stratified B-A-M			7:00
Sunday			
Stratified Swiss	10:00 & TBA		
Strats: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750			

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Strats (unless otherwise specified):

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Pairs & Swiss Teams stratified by average
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Tuesday thru Friday
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November 3rd is Election Day! Remember to Get
Your Absentee Ballot and Vote Before Coming!



REETINGS! BY THE time you read this we should be into 2015. May this be the year you reach all of your bridge goals.

Congratulations and welcome to our newly elected Unit 117 board members, and many thanks to our outgoing members who have faithfully served over the past two years. New board members are: Darlene Pyles, downstate, Candi Conway, Erin Kennedy, Tom Reece and Marianne Thomas.

The Barren River Sectional attendance was up slightly from 2013. Unit 117 event winners were:

Friday Afternoon Open:

Flight A,B - Robert Shuffett, Columbia KY; Charlene Daniels, Elizabethtown KY
Flight C - Wally Kaaihue, Clarksville TN; Sharon Thomerson, Bowling Green KY

Friday Evening Open:

Flight B - James Bottom, Russell Spgs KY; Jane Wininger, Glasgow KY
Flight C - Erin Kennedy - Ruth Warner, Louisville KY

Saturday Afternoon Open:

Flight A - Patricia Buckley, Prospect KY; Verna Goldberg, Louisville KY
Flight C - Vicki Helms - Doris Mills, Owensboro KY

Saturday KO Brkt 1 - John Van Cleve, New Albany IN; Norman Smith - Katherine Zimmerman, Louisville KY; Gail Slater, Sarasota FL

Saturday KO Brkt 2 - Phillip Bale - E Vann - Shelby Bale, Jr - Daryl Vann, Glasgow KY

Saturday Evening Open:

Flight B - Martha Sutt - Susan Finnegan, Louisville KY

Sunday Swiss:

Flight A - Gary Peterson - Thomas Reece - E Bruce Neikirk - Ralph Letizia Jr, Louisville KY

Flight B - David Fleischaker - Duane Andrews, Louisville KY; Lynda Pemberton - Bob Pemberton, Somerset KY

Flight C - Robert Losey - Dorothy Losey - Sandra Bryant, Louisville KY; Ted Flach, Venice FL

Congratulations to all of you.

The annual Louisville-Lexington Regional was once again very successful and well attended. While not everyone appreciates having this tournament at a smoking-in-designated-areas casino, it tends to draw a large number of bridge players from all over the country and has always generated a nice return for both Louisville and Lexington. Due to the large number of high finishing Unit 117 players, I will not be listing them individually but all may be found at this link: <http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2014/11/1411008.htm>

Congratulations to all of you.

Matthew Just and Marilyn Riese finished second in the NAP Flight B finals and will be carrying the Unit 117 banner in New Orleans. Beverly Weber and Garry Redmond captured to Flight C title and also won a trip to the national finals. Good luck to all of you and bring home another national title.

This will be my last tenure with the Midwest Monitor (unless of course, Madam President Smith requests me to extend it) and I thought I would close with an interesting bidding problem. You are playing in a regional Swiss, leading the event, holding this hand against last round opponents:

KJT9xxx
ATxxx
Void
x

This is as best I can remember it. With no one vulnerable and sitting in fourth seat, I was contemplating what I would eventually bid. However, the bidding went:

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S(!!)	?

I reactively passed in tempo to see what happened and the next thing I knew, the bidding had continued:

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S(!!)	P
3C	P	5C	P
P	P		

Well, so much for that. Declarer was void in hearts and started pulling trumps before testing diamonds. When he finally played diamonds and discovered the bad break, it was too late to recover and he went down one. I thought this might be a swing

depending on what happened with my hand at the other table. What happened was our teammates ended in six clubs doubled making six! Apparently they bid with my hand and pointed the way for successfully setting up the diamond suit (dummy had five clubs, five spades, three hearts and also a void in diamonds). Normally I am very aggressive and would not pass with this hand but it was the end of a very long week of bridge and I believe I just did not want to deal with it. I am sure there was some serendipity involved too as we easily won the match and the event.

Ciao everyone and hope to see you at the bridge table soon. ♣

WE'RE MOVING AGAIN !!!



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LOUISVILLE WINTER SECTIONAL

♠ **FEBRUARY 20 - 22, 2015** ♥
FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) – 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Strat A 2000+; Strat B 750-2000; Strat C 0-750
299er Pairs* (Single Session) – 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

Handicapped Knockouts (3 sessions) ... 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:00 am, 1:00 pm
IMP Pairs (Single Session) 7:00 pm
Strat A 2000+; Strat B 750-2000; Strat C 0-750
299er Pairs* (Single Session) 9:00, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

*299er pairs -- If attendance warrants

SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am
Strat A 2000+; Strat B 750 – 2000; Strat C 0 – 750

All events stratified by average points of partners/ teammates

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June 19 - 21, 2015

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♠ **JUNE 19 - 21, 2015** ♥
FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) – 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Strat A 2000+; Strat B 750-2000; Strat C 0-750

299er Pairs* (Single Session) – 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

Handicapped Knockouts (3 sessions) ... 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:00 am, 1:00 pm

IMP Pairs (Single Session) 7:00 pm
Strat A 2000+; Strat B 750-2000; Strat C 0-750

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*299er pairs -- If attendance warrants

SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am
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All events stratified by average points of partners/ teammates

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UNIT 122 CENTRAL OH

THANKS TO ALL for the great attendance at our Fall Sectional. Our next one will be January 9 – 11 at the Haimerl Center. I especially want to encourage all non-life masters to come out for the Friday morning session at 9:00am. This session is just for you, with an abbreviated game and then a discussion of the hands during lunch. Hope to see you there! At 1:30, we have A/X Pairs, B/C/D Pairs and 299er Pairs. You can check out the complete schedule in this issue, or on the ACBL website.

We’ve had lots of members making some big moves up the charts. Polly James, Norma Gilmore, Sue Bennington, Diane McDaniel, Margo Olson and Lewis Rakocy all became NABC Masters. Diane Hilt recently made Bronze while playing with Fred (the Cake Man) Bradshaw. Carol Scott also made Bronze, and Chuck Landenberger, having just made Life Master in the last issue, also achieved Bronze. New Life Masters this issue are Christa Neumann, Larry Babich and Ella Uretsky. New Silver Life Masters are Pat Cowan, Sherry McArdle, Patricia Pua and Dick Comstock. Doug Millsap made Gold Life Master, much to my relief. That means he’s moved out of my Mini-McKenney bracket! Finally, a big congratulations goes out to Phyllis Allmacher who achieved Diamond Life Master status. Wow! It’s great to see so many people who love to play bridge.

We want to welcome back Mary Kay Fletcher to our bridge community. When Mary Kay was twenty-six, her sister, Nan Novotny, persuaded her to give bridge a try. She gave Mary Kay a sheet of paper with everything she needed to know in order to play. It contained such vital information as A=4pts, K=3, etc. Since MK was pretty sure she could count to thirteen, she jumped right in! Soon she was playing night and day. She had three kids, and would race home from bridge, throw in a couple of loads of laundry, make dinner, get everything ready for school, and back to bridge. She talked a new partner into going to a tournament with her. On one hand, the opponents were bidding and Mary Kay passed. It came back around to her partner, who hung up for quite awhile and then passed. Mary Kay promptly bid four clubs and the director was called. He took Mary Kay away from the table and asked “Why did you come in with four clubs after previously passing?” Her response was, “Well, I had to! My partner obviously had points but didn’t know what to bid!” She likes to tell the story of playing against Bill Gardner. He got so disgusted by one hand that he tore up the cards and threw them on the floor. The director came running over and really laid into him. Bill’s response? “It wasn’t my fault! I dropped them and they broke!”

Mary Kay ran Aloha Bridge Club for several years. She soon became

one of the top players in the Unit. But one day, she abruptly stopped playing. Now, after eighteen years, she’s back! Her first game back was with Platinum Life Master Jim Bachelder. She is now one of the owners of the Columbus Bridge Center.

Mary Kay has a strong belief in “paying it forward”. Along the way of her bridge journey, many good players helped her to improve her game. She now feels a responsibility to help others, takes great pleasure in doing so and is very generous with her time. We are so happy to have her back in our midst.

Another player who shared the same attitude was Jim Reiman from Mansfield. He recently passed away and will be much missed. He was a Platinum Life Master with nearly 20,000 points, but still enjoyed mentoring newer players. I’d like to see us follow in his footsteps. ♣



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SPRING SECTIONAL

March 27 - 29, 2015

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East on Morse for 0.8 mile (on right)

Friday, March 27

9:00 AM

BridgePlusBrunch for Non-Life Masters Only

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1:30 PM

Strati-Flighted A/X Pairs (Unlimited/3000)
Strati-Flighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)*
Stratified 299ers**

7:00 PM

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Stratified Open Pairs (Unlimited/2000/750)
Stratified 299er Pairs**

Saturday, March 28

10:00 AM and 3:00 PM (Single Sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs (Unlimited/2000/750)
Stratified 299er Pairs**

Sunday, March 29

10:30 AM

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Playthrough, lunch available for purchase)
Teams divided into brackets of eight

* No Player Above 1500 mps / **No Player Above 300 mps
Stratification for all games based on average masterpoints
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THIS FALL SAW much activity in Unit 124. The Cincinnati Bridge Center hosted the 2014 District 11 **North American Pair Finals**. We were happy to hear that many players thought the event should continue in Cincinnati because of it's central location, easy access and suitable facilities. The District asked our Unit to continue hosting the NAP Finals for D11 into the foreseeable future, and the Unit Board of Directors agreed. We look forward to seeing the best players in the District converge on the CBC for future NAP Finals. For results of the D11 NAP Finals go to: <http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2014/10/1410114.htm>

We report the final **Unit 124 Unit Wide Pairs**. The Unit-wide pairs event runs on every third Tuesday of the month (except December) with overall winners across the entire field. Scoring is done at the club level. As a Unit championship winners earn extra master points. Unit Wide Pairs Results details are at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/UnitWideGame.html>

The **Women's Interclub** competition is a long standing event with sixteen teams. Interclub of Cincinnati is a sanctioned invitational bridge club that meets monthly, May through December. The original club was started more than thirty years ago when several local country clubs decided to compete against one another in a duplicate Swiss game. Today the club has sixteen teams representing eight area country clubs. They compete in a round robin format with each club playing each other twice during the season. At the final session, the highest ranking clubs are pitted against one another and winners of the season are declared. Word has it that the waiting list to get in to this competition is fairly long!

Congratulations to the 2014 winners of Interclub!

- 1st place** - Wetherington - Captain, **Sue Hermans**;
Team members, Joanne Katz, Jeanne Weyers, Phyllis Downey
- 2nd Place** - Western Hills - Captain, **Barbara Whitmer**;
Team members, Sylvia Peters, Alice Bartish, Rose Hornsby, Joyce Schiller

The **October Spooktacular Sectional** ran successfully at the Cincinnati Bridge Club. The "Top 3" results in each strata follow below along with the top twenty-five Masterpoint winners.

The **Unit 124 Holiday Party** and game continues our long held tradition of celebrating the Holidays with good food & drink, friends and bridge. We had forty-one pairs in attendance! Melanie Onnen and Diane Thaller chaired the event. Patrick Hoffman tended bar. Drinks and antipasto prefaced a meal of Chicken breast in wine sauce, roast pork in gravy, grilled Tuscan vegetables, and roasted potatoes. An evening long dessert table was donated by the Unit

Board of Directors with many home-made favorites and variety to suit everyone's sweet tooth! Door prizes including free plays and Pointsettias were won by the usual suspects. Melanie and Diane retire after ten years chairing this event. We thank you both for your long time contributions to the Unit and this celebration. Anyone wishing to volunteer to chair the 2015 event please contact John Meinking at jmeinking@cinci.rr.com

Congratulations to Norm Coombs and Barb Levinson 1st Qverall, and to Robert and Carol Byrne, 1st in B & C!
On December 8, the **Unit 124 CBA Board of Directors** for 2015 elected their officers: John Meinking, President; Steve Moese, Vice President; Tom Mess, Secretary; and Susan Wisner, Treasurer. We thank Ron Manne, Barb Levinson, and AJ Stephani our three outgoing board members from 2014 for their hard work and contributions to the Unit. We welcome three new Board members for 2015: Nalin Mehta, Pam Campbell, and Bob Fisk. The Unit Board can be found at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/CBA-Board-of-Directors-2015.html>

NKBC 2015 SUMMER GETAWAY SECTIONAL

Mark your calendars! The next 2015 NKBC Summer Getaway Sectional will be held on July 31, August 1 and 2 at the CVG Airport Doubletree.

PLAYING BRIDGE IN SAUDI ARABIA by Elaine Jarchow

I lived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, during the 1998 academic year and in 1999 my husband Ron joined me for my second year. My assignment was to help develop a women's college. The first year was hard because I was on my own. The Saudi women were wonderful to me, though, inviting me to join their family activities from time to time. I learned to snorkel in The Red Sea with a master diver. BUT, what really saved me was bridge. My compound was composed of sixty three-bedroom villas and a British bridge player and his wife occupied one of them. He invited me to play in three weekly games. Two were held at the French consulate and one at the Italian consulate. Some Saudi men joined us for the games—usually about twelve tables. Arab women played, too, but not Saudi women. We were a multinational ExPat group who often shared a meal after the game. One very special game occurred once a month when Sheikh Abdullah, former Minister of Civil Aviation, invited a few of us Westerners to his mansion for a three-table game that included his wife. This was special because his wife could never have played in mixed company with Saudi men. The game always included a dinner served by the staff. We switched partners and often got to play with the host and his wife. Sometimes the venue changed to the sheikh's summer home on the Red Sea. I was always disappointed that we were not invited to his homes in Cannes or London or New York. Although we could have had a car (driven only by Ron), we elected not to do so. We traveled in an old cab driven by John, a delightful Pakistani man. My most enduring memory is of Sheikh Abdullah and his wife standing on their ornate front porch with an adjoining ten car garage, bidding us goodbye as we got into that old cab. Bridge certainly provides us with some great memories and experiences.

UNIT 124 Results - Fall 2014:

Unit Champion Pairs:

TUESDAY MORNING PAIRS NOVEMBER 18, 2014

32.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.09	1			Jack Mehalko - Brenda Mehalko	69.91%
4.57	2	1		Elaine Jarchow, Union KY - Mary Ann Boyle	63.20%
3.43	3	2		Betsy Bradley - Iris Shaw	61.41%
2.57	4			Margaret Young - Rick O'Connor	61.11%
1.93	5			Yauheni Siutsau - William Higgins	60.26%
2.22	6	3	1	Helga Tillinghast - Kawana Hurley	59.91%
1.66		4		Mark Kellerman - John Woeste	58.79%
1.25		5		Dorothy Wierwille - Jean Allread	57.87%
0.93		6		Jim Brannen - May McPherson	57.64%
1.58			2	Susan Wisner - Larry Newman	54.49%
1.18			3	Terry Brausch - Daniel Koppenhafer	51.44%
0.89			4	Donna Glover - Jan Willenborg	51.00%
0.66			5	Frank Guiher - Verlie Guiher	50.91%
0.70			6	Dave Claar - Bart Jacobs	49.51%



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I/N Sectional

October 10 - 11, 2015

	A	B	C		
5.81	1			Gary Mirus - Rick O'Connor	66.90%
4.36	2	1	1	Sue Mandell - Michael Dickman	63.99%
3.27	3	2		Joe Pick - Vern Goetz	62.27%
2.45	4			Diane Goldman - Nancy Luetge	61.82%
2.15	5	3		Peggy Simpson - Carola Sprague	61.57%
1.61	6	4		Linda Flesch - Mike Remondino	60.42%
1.42		5		Ray Tolston - Joan Rogers	59.85%
0.91		6		Sue Brinkman - Mary Lou Zurborg	56.71%
1.65			2	Judy Bratton - Judy Painter	54.89%
1.24			3	Tak Yip - John Drew	53.47%
0.93			4	Andrea Shepard - Teresa Jacobs	52.78%
0.71			5	Clyde Dempsey - John Dettmer	52.47%
0.75			6	Paula Wolfe - Diane Drew	51.85%

Cincinnati Spooktacular Sectional

Top 3 Finishes in each strata. For full results go to: <http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2014/10/1410022.htm>

Fri Morn Open Pairs - 18.5 Tables / Based on 27 Tables						
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score	
6.17	1	1	1	Howard Simon - W Mike Glatt, Florence KY	63.05%	
4.63	2	2		Timothy Martin, Ft Thomas KY; Herb Schapera, Cincinnati OH	61.35%	
3.47	3	3		Edward Long, Liberty Twp OH; Sanford Franklin, Cincinnati OH	60.51%	
1.95	5	5	3	Nalin Mehta - Pravin Bhutta, Cincinnati OH	57.35%	

Fri Morn NLM Pairs - 8.0 Tables						
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score	
1.95	1			Joyce Tedrick, Loveland OH; Linda Pretz, Cincinnati OH	69.94%	
1.62	2	1	1	Leonard Kanterman - Beth Wales, Cincinnati OH	59.52%	
1.22	3	2		Liz Lin, Cincinnati OH; Sue Ellen Thesing, Maineville OH	58.93%	
0.91	5	3	2	Paul Stratman - Dave Black, Florence KY	55.06%	
0.71		5	3	Patt Olexsey - Joanne Oppelt, Cincinnati OH	47.92%	

Fri Aft Open Pairs - 13.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables						
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score	
4.50	1	1		Michael Lipp, Trenton OH; Donald Etson, Hamilton OH	63.78%	
3.38	2			Nancy Luetge, Cincinnati OH; Jackie Toth, West Chester OH	63.62%	
2.53	3			Sudheer Pimputkar, Galena OH; Vickie Sebastian, Beavercreek OH	60.26%	
2.11	5	2	1	Arun Pandit - Anirudh Pandit, Mason OH	59.46%	
1.39		3/4		Donna Moore, Dayton OH; Georgia Banziger, US	54.49%	
1.39		3/4		Edward Long, Liberty Twp OH; Sanford Franklin, Cincinnati OH	54.49%	
1.06			3	Frances Brothers, Union KY; Courtney Thurman, Ft Mitchell KY	49.84%	

Fri Aft NLM Pairs - 4.0 Tables					
MPs	A	B	Names		Score
1.52	1	1	Nancy Burpee - James Burpee, Hesperus CO		60.42%
1.14	2	2	Joyce Tedrick, Loveland OH; Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH		58.33%
0.86	3		Susan Stacy Vanstone, West Chester OH; Charlie Kobida, Cincinnati OH		55.56%

Friday Swiss Team - 15 Tables						
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score	
6.25	1			William Higgins, Cincinnati OH; Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	207.00	
4.69	2	1		John Meinking, Maineville OH; Anton Habash, Oxford OH; Potter Orr - A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH	162.00	
3.52	3			Adrienne Netherwood - V Netherwood - Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH	148.00	
3.18		3	1	Robert Frey, Ville Hills KY; Cordell Coy, Villa Hills KY; Tak (Oliver) Yip, Ft Mitchell KY; Gregory Brinker, Crescent Spring KY	131.00	
2.39			2	Patrick Hoffman - Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Edgar Iwamoto, Lexington KY; Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH	119.00	
1.79			3	Imogene Enzweiler, Florence KY; John Ammon, Bulington KY; Henry Jackson - William Atteberry, Cincinnati OH	113.00	

Sat Morn Open Pairs - 16.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables						
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score	
5.17	1	1		Timothy Martin, Ft Thomas KY; Gerry Mirus, Cincinnati OH	60.55%	
3.88	2	2	1	Carol Berliant - Mark Berliant, Cincinnati OH	57.35%	
2.91	3			Bill Coombs, Hamilton OH; Jerome Katz, Cincinnati OH	56.71%	
2.18	4	3		A J Stephani - Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH	54.81%	
1.77		6	2	William Atteberry - Jeanne Dell, Cincinnati OH	53.23%	
1.33			3	Joseph Kammer - William Cook, Cincinnati OH	53.02%	

Sat Morn NLM Pairs - 4.5 Tables					
MPs	A	B	Names		Score
1.62	1		John Boyd - Terry Ruf, Cincinnati OH		62.33%
1.24	2	1	Nancy Burpee - James Burpee, Hesperus CO		59.91%
0.93	3	2	Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH		52.46%

Sat Aft Open Pairs - 17.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables						
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score	
5.17	1			Rob Weidenfeld, Lebanon OH; Anton Habash, Oxford OH	66.19%	
3.88	2			Jerome Katz, Cincinnati OH; Bill Coombs, Hamilton OH	63.14%	
2.91	3			Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH; Brian Ross, Charlestown IN	62.82%	
2.95	5	1		John Meinking, Maineville OH; A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH	58.65%	
2.21	6	2	1	Gayle Niemann - Sally Jones, Cincinnati OH	55.13%	
1.66		3		Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba, Taylor Mill KY; Michael Lipp, Trenton OH	54.17%	
1.50		4	2	Cynthia Schultz, Bethel OH; Suzy Haerr, Milford OH	52.88%	
1.13		5/6	3	Albert Venosa - J Venosa, Cincinnati OH	51.60%	



Sat Aft NLM Pairs - 4.0 Tables				
MPs	A	B	Names	Score
1.52	1		Sandra Pahl - Sandra Haack, Troy OH	61.11%
1.33	2	1	Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Lisa Eisenstein, Loveland OH	56.25%
0.88	3/4	2/3	Isaac Stephani - Reeta Brendamour, Cincinnati OH	50.69%
0.88	3/4	2/3	Lewis Temples, Loveland OH; Charlie Kobida, Cincinnati OH	50.69%

Sat Compact KO Brk 1 - 11 Tables		
MPs	Rank	Names
7.80	1	Vickie Sebastian, Beavercreek OH; William Higgins, Cincinnati OH; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH; Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH
5.46	2	Michael Purcell, Loveland OH; Paul Pschesang - Lawrence Newman, Cincinnati OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH
3.51	3	Sudheer Pimputkar, Galena OH; James Adams - Siraj Haji, Columbus OH; Jay Albright, Westerville OH

Sat Eve Open Pairs - 4.0 Tables					
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.33	1	1		A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Peter Whipple, Mason OH	73.61%
1.75	2	2	1	Judy Ruehl - Chris King, Batavia OH	59.96%
1.31	3	3	2	Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Susan Stacy Vanstone, West Chester OH	54.17%

Sunday Swiss Brk 1 - 8 Tables / Based on 24 Tables			
MPs	Rank	Names	Score
8.50	1	Rob Weidenfeld, Lebanon OH; Joe Fisher - Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH; Russell Shoup, Dayton OH	146.00
6.38	2	Cliff Pleatman - Adrienne Netherwood - V Netherwood, Cincinnati OH; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH	128.00
4.78	3	William Higgins, Cincinnati OH; Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	122.00

TOP 13 Master Point Winners - Total MP 685.40 earned by 216 Players.
Total attendance: 182 Tables

1	18.83	Yauheni Siutsau	Loveland, OH
2	18.83	William Higgins	Cincinnati, OH
3	18.83	Robert Sulgrove	Centerville, OH
4	15.79	A. J. Stephani	Cincinnati, OH
5	15.31	Rob Weidenfeld	Lebanon, OH
6	13.79	Michael Purcell	Loveland, OH
7	12.14	Anton Habash	Oxford, OH
8	11.61	Vickie Sebastian	Beavercreek, OH
9	11.03	Scott Gates	Miamisburg, OH
10	10.94	Lorna Davis	West Chester. OH
11	10.94	Adrienne Netherwood	Cincinnati, OH
12	10.49	V Netherwood	Cincinnati, OH
13	10.49	Cliff Pleatman	Cincinnati, OH

Sunday Swiss Brk 2 - 8 Tables / Based on 16 Tables			
MPs	Rank	Names	Score
4.85	1	Michael Purcell - Joyce Tedrick, Loveland OH; Kimberly King, Springboro OH; Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH	141.00
3.64	2	John Taylor, Burlington KY; Henry Jackson - Isaac Stephani - A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH	137.00
2.73	3	Howard Simon, Florence KY; Joe Pike, Edgewood KY; David Dressman, Burlington KY; Peggy Ammon, Bulington KY	134.00

Sunday Swiss Brk 3 - 8 Tables			
MPs	Rank	Names	Score
2.93	1	Ambrish Bansal - Shashi Lalvani, West Chester OH; Amul Shukla - Pramod Jhaveri, Cincinnati OH	160.00
2.20	2	Patrick Hoffman - Michelle Barker - Todd Barker, Cincinnati OH; Edgar Iwamoto, Lexington KY	140.00
1.65	3	Barbara Schoenfeld, Boca Grande FL; Sally Jones - Gerri Heineman, Cincinnati OH; Janice Austerman, Loveland OH	117.00

Unit 124 Holiday Party Membership Appreciation Game – Master Point Winners Only
Detailed Results and Hand records at <http://www.cincybridge.com/calendar2/141210E.HTM>

Sec/Dir		#	Name	Name	FLT	OA	OB	OC	SA	SB	SC	Score	Pct	MPs
AN	7	Barbara Levinson	Norman Coombs	A	1	.	.	1	.	.		228.54	63.48	5.17(OA)
BN	7	Arun Goyal	Larry Klein	A	2	.	.	2	.	.		219.52	60.98	3.88(OA)
AN	6	Robert Byrne	Carol Byrne	C	3	1	1	3	1	1		219.15	60.88	3.21(OB)
BE	4	Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba	Stephen Felson	A	4	.	.	1	.	.		215.61	59.89	2.58(SA)
BE	7	Mike Ma	Stephen Moese	A	5	.	.	2	.	.		213.6	59.33	1.81(SA)
AN	10	Bob Fisk	Lorna Davis	A	6	.	.	4	.	.		212.48	59.02	1.23(OA)
AE	8	Joann Katz	Jerry Katz	A	.	.	.	3	.	.		212.14	58.93	1.29(SA)
AE	4	Yauheni Siutsau	William Higgins	A	.	.	.	4	.	.		208.16	57.82	0.90(SA)
AN	1	Agnes De Lany	Nancy Luetge	A	.	.	.	5	.	.		205.37	57.05	0.52(SA)
BN	4	Cliff Pleatman	Rob Weidenfeld	A	.	.	.	6	.	.		201.9	56.08	0.43(SA)
BE	10	Lindsley Schutz	Albert Beaupre	B	.	2	.	5	1	.		200.04	55.57	2.41(OB)
BE	5	Pam Campbell	Vijay Vasudevan	B	.	3	.	6	2	.		197.36	54.82	1.81(OB)
AE	5	Susan Manne	Ronald Manne	B	.	3	.	6	2	.		196.62	54.62	1.81(OB)
AE	2	Jane Burpee	John Burpee	B	.	5	.	8	4	.		191.93	53.31	1.02(OB)
BN	9	Marilyn Prosis	Robert Prosis	B	.	6	.	7	2	.		190.98	53.05	1.13(SB)
BE	8	Potter Orr	Sanderson Orr	B	.	.	.	.	5	.		189.76	52.71	0.31(SB)
AN	5	Sheldon Kushner	Sue Mandell	B	.	.	.	8	3	.		189.38	52.61	0.81(SB)
BN	8	Amy Gerowitz	Jane Duncan	C	.	.	2	.	4	2		181.21	50.34	1.30(OC)
AN	11	Joanne Oppelt	Tim Oppelt	C	.	.	3	.	5	3		179.1	49.75	0.97(OC)
AN	2	Patrick Hoffman	Kay Neal	B	.	.	.	.	6	.		177.23	49.23	0.27(SB)
BE	6	Lewis Temples	Richard Koch	C	.	.	.	.	.	1		174.27	48.41	0.81(SC)
AE	9	Liz Lin	Reeta Brendamour	C	2		164.69	45.75	0.57(SC)



Hebron Summer Getaway Sectional

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Summer Getaway Sectional

July 31 & August 1-2, 2015

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Stratified NLM Pairs	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Open Swiss Teams	10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Stratified Open Pairs	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Stratified NLM Pairs	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Bracketed Compact KOs	10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

(may be handicapped)

SUNDAY

Stratiflighted Play-Through Swiss Teams	10 a.m.
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(lunch may be purchased)



Stratified pairs: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000 +
Stratiflights: A / X = open / 0-2500
B / C / D = 750-1500 / 300-750 / 0-300

Sunday teams with any player with 1500 + must play A/X
All events stratified by average master points



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ALL HAS BEEN a golden season for Unit 130 players. Gil Herod, Natan Erdberg and Peter Aldenderfer all achieved Gold LM status —2,500 mp—in November. Peter joins his father, Charles “Pete” Aldenderfer, to make it a two-gold family!

Sharon Austin, manager of the Indianapolis Bridge Center as well as a well-respected bridge teacher and director, was named a District 11 member of the national Charity Committee. Sharon was among the driving forces for IBC’s efforts during the Longest Day benefit for the Alzheimer’s Foundation in June. The total raised through IBC events: more than \$12,000!

Upcoming events include a workshop on tournament play for non-life masters on Jan. 31 at the Indianapolis Bridge Center, and the 2015 Crossroads of America Regional, February 23 through March 1, at the Caribbean Cove Hotel and Conference Center.

Indianapolis Fall Sectional

Judy Drejer and Maribeth Ransel, co-chairs of the Indianapolis Fall Sectional, wish to thank everyone who attended and boosted our table count by 15% over recent sectional numbers! We want to acknowledge the CIBA Board for all that they did to provide hospitality for the three-day event. In addition, local members of the ABA (American Bridge Association) brought delicious food to the remembrance game on Saturday afternoon which honored ACBL and ABA Tournament Director, Bob Wallace, who died in a boating accident in Texas just a few weeks before the sectional took place. Bob had been Director in Charge for many of our sectionals and regularly worked our regionals.

The Memorial Service for Bob included remarks by Edward Lumpkin (representing the Midwestern Section of the ABA); Sonya Wilkins, President of the Indianapolis ABA Unit; Rick Beye, ACBL Tournament Director; and Maribeth Ransel, representing the CIBA Board of Directors. Bob was a blessing to all who encountered him along the way. Speakers remembered Bob’s love of family and friends, and his passion for the game of bridge. Always a gentleman, Bob never met a stranger, and he never met someone new without making that person a friend! His friends in the ABA and ACBL donated generously to provide a fund of more than \$800 which was divided and sent to the Educational Foundations of each organization. Though Bob has left us to move on without him, his warm smile and gentle spirit will stay with us through the years.

Congratulations to the following three pairs who managed to “Beat the Computer” four times in a row in this first-time tournament event: Lisa Ranck

(Carmel, IN) and Daniel Stone (Sheridan, IN); Kimberly Grant (Fort Wayne, IN) and Gary Chaney (Sherwood, OH); and Indianapolis duo Pam Strack and Maribeth Ransel. Bob Lyon took home overall tournament honors for the three days as top MP earner. Congratulations to all who participated and to all who filled their pockets with many Master Points!

The fall sectional also includes Unit 130’s annual meeting with elections to the Unit 130 board. Newly elected board members are Katherine Miller, Suzi Pratt, Patti Rush and Aslam Siddiqui. They replace Jim Rowen and Frank Tharp as well as filling two vacancies on the board.

Indianapolis Bridge Center
IBC is happy to add another gold life master to our club: Natan Erdberg. He was honored with a party Saturday December 6th.

IBC held a memorial service for John Lynn, one of the founders of our club and a constant presence at The Friday Club. John will be fondly remembered as a tough opponent but always a gentleman.

Richmond Bridge Club
The Dorothy Ware double session tournament was held in Richmond the first Sunday of November. Placing first N-S in the afternoon session were Mike Broida and George Schmid, Sr. The second-place spot went to Don and Paula Byrnett. Winners for E-W positions were Kenneth Woodman and Robert Delaney, first; and Phyllis Paccia and Bill Brewer, second. In the evening session, the Byrketts were first and Gene and Janet Newman were second for N-S. The winners for E-W were Kenneth Woodman and Robert Delaney, first; and Clare and Darrel Peckinpaugh, second.

Muncie Bridge Club
The annual holiday party for the Muncie Duplicaaate Bridge Club was held at the Delaware Country Club in early December. Overall winners for the evening were Mohammad Behforouz and Dave Wallace. Club manager Tom Charles was presented an appreciation gift from the members.

Photographer Dixie Ford snapped a few photos including the one shown where Libby Crawford and Harold McGrath are displaying the cake listing the accomplishments of club members this year: Life Masters, Deb Brunoehler, Harold McGrath, and Larry Bryant; Bronze Life Masters, Larry Bryant and Harold McGrath; and Silver Life Master Libby Crawford.

Two women have now achieved the rank of Club Master: Linda Parker and Linda Locke. Lynn Hale became a Sectional Master.

(Ella Reff reporting)

Terre Haute Bridge Club
At the On-the-Banks-of-the-Wabash Sectional Tournament held in Terre Haute the first weekend in October over 320 master points were won by 116 players from across Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. The successful tournament was due to the hard work of many club members, especially Tana Holt, Sharon Winters, Judy Harris, Noreen Bryan, Diane Scott, and Milt Van Reed.

Players from the Terre Haute Bridge Club had great success at the tenth annual Louisville-Lexington Regional Bridge Tournament held in Elizabeth IN during the first week in November. The team of Charles Parks, Mona Sternfeld, Diane Scott, and Noreen Bryant won second place in the two-day Barbaro Knockout competition. Team members earned 7.71 master points, 5.15 of which were gold. The victory was especially sweet for Terre Haute Bridge Club Board-of-Directors President, Charles Parks, who needed 5.05 gold points to advance to the rank of Life Master. Congratulations Charles; mission accomplished!

Congratulations are also due to Sharon Winters and Floyd McWilliams, both of who have recently advanced to the rank of Silver Life Master. In addition, Mary Lynn Siefert and Thomas Seifert each achieved the rank of Regional Master having won one hundred master points during the four years they have been playing at the club. Congratulations to both.

Players from The Terre Haute Bridge Club had success at the Indianapolis Fall Sectional tournament held there Nov. 21-23. In the Bob Wallace Open Swiss competition, Milt Van Reed and Joanna Hebermehl teamed with Glen Fidler and Marcia Fidler of Indianapolis to win second place. In addition, Jane Ann Gormong and James Gormong teamed with Annette Clark and Donald Florida of Indianapolis to capture fourth place.

THE SECOND TIME AROUND
Barb Brunner was a member of the ACBL a number of years ago. However, she slowed down on her bridge playing and as a result, let her ACBL membership lapse. So, when Barb decided to rejoin, she checked to see how or if she could recapture the master points that she had previously accumulated. Barb was advised that if she paid the dues for those missing years, her prior points would be restored to her.

Barb was happy to hear this; she paid her prior dues, and moved forward to becoming a Life Master. As with most of us, it took years for Barb to painstakingly gather all those gold points. However, finally, in September of 2014, Barb had almost five hundred points and was just a few points away from reaching her goal of twenty-five gold points.

Barb was determined to make Life Master at the

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Fort Wayne Regional in Indiana. In fact, she was so determined, that she planned a number of both team games and pairs games. Barb played partners with several people, including Linda Shaver, Bill Bockstedler, and John Beltz. She also arranged to play a team game with Howard Bowers and Peggy Little for both the Gold Rush Swiss Team on Thursday and the open Swiss Team game on Sunday.

However, much to the disappointment of Howard and Peggy, Barb obtained all her gold points on Wednesday of that week. So, when Howard and Peggy started the team game with Barb and Bill Bockstedler on Thursday, Barb was already a Life Master. Since Howard and Peggy were already Life Masters, and Bill had all his gold points, the team did not really need any gold. Nonetheless, the team played their best, because—well, hey, there could be a rainy day when you just might need some extra gold points.

Barb’s team came in third that day, and gathered four or five gold points. That next Sunday in the open Swiss, Barb played with John Beltz and again with Howard and Peggy. They came in first in their section for another five or six gold points. That meant, as a total, Barb had accumulated about ten more gold points than she needed during the Fort Wayne Regional.

However, much to the dismay of Barb, after some checking and rechecking, she learned that while her Life Master points had all been restored to her, because she had rejoined the ACBL after 2009, she had to make Life Master under the new point rules, not the old ones. This meant that Barb needed, among other things, fifty gold points, not twenty-five!! (Barb had all the other point requirements, five hundred points, all her silver points, etc.)

Well, you can imagine that Barb was sorely disappointed to hear this. And, according to Barb, she cried for two days. Then, she looked around and realized that although it might take another few years to get all her gold, it appeared to be raining outside and she did have those ten extra gold points banked. So, she decided to start down the Life Master road again.

Barb and Linda Shaver went to the Motor City Regional at Farmington Hills, Michigan in October of 2014. They picked up a pair and played both in the team games and the pairs game and won over eight gold points. This meant that Linda Shaver had become a Life Master, but Barb was still a few points away.

Then, a few weeks later, during the first of November of 2014, the Louisville Regional came around. Barb made arrangements to play again with Linda as her partner and with Howard Bowers and Peggy Little in both the Thursday Gold Rush Swiss Team and the Sunday open Swiss Team.

Barb and Linda played pairs on Tuesday and Wednesday and while they did well, no gold points were forthcoming. It was not until Howard and Peggy got to the tournament on Thursday that they first learned that Barb had not actually made Life Master back in September. Barb estimated that she needed less than one gold point and four or five gold/red points to become Life Master.

Before they sat down to play the first round, Barb mentioned that she was realistic (and very negative) about her chances of becoming a Life Master. After all, she had done very well at the two last tournaments, and this would be her third tournament in five weeks. “There is just no way that I can do that well at three tournaments in a row. It’s just not going to happen and I know it.”

Barb’s team won their first match by about seven points. Nothing spectacular, but a win nonetheless. The second match proved to be more successful, and the team won by fifty-seven points to zero. The third match was another win with a score of thirty-six to zero.

The team went to dinner and discussed their luck. Howard, the team

captain, advised that if the team did poorly on their fourth match, that would only mean they would play easier teams the remainder of the night. So, no one should get discouraged if the winning streak ended.

The fourth match and the fifth match proved successful for Barb’s team and they won both of them. Going into the last match, Howard advised Barb that he had checked their score with the other teams, and that if the team obtained one point during the last round, they were sure to win first place. Barb needed clarification and asked, “So, if we win by one point we will come in first?” “No,” said Howard. “We are twenty points ahead of the second place team now and we are working on a twenty point victory scale. All we have to do is get one point, and we will win first place.”

Barb’s team won that final round and came in first overall in the Gold Rush Swiss Team event—10.88 gold points and Barb became a Life Master that day. (Do we need to say that she was ecstatic!!) She got to spend the next few days basking in the glow of comments about how that Indianapolis team shut out everyone during the Gold Rush Swiss Team. She even went on to win another two or three additional gold points during the remainder of the tournament.

THE SECOND HALF OF THE SECOND TIME AROUND

In total, Barb earned more than thirty gold points in five weeks, playing in open games, Gold Rush events, pairs games, and team games. She played with at least three different partners and three different teams. Moreover, her team earned a total of 101 points out of a possible 120 points for the Louisville Gold Rush Swiss Team event. That meant their percentage for the day was 84.16%.

Barb just did not earn her gold during those five weeks, she proved that she was very much indeed, a master of this game. ☁



ALL DEPARTED THE Miami Valley early this year. The November winter storm blew Joanne Coyle’s handsome mums and pansies right out of the pots outside the bridge center entrance. The peripatetic snowbirds have been deserting Ohio in increasing numbers. Spring seems very distant.

Luckily, activities for bridge players have been plentiful since the last edition of the Midwest Monitor. September 2 brought the Flying Buckeye Regional to the Hope Center. Lots of competitive bridge continued until the Sunday, September 7th stratiflighted Swiss Team contest. Georgia Banziger worked like a trooper to keep everything on track and Marilynn O’Connor was peerless in partnerships. Vickie Sebastian of Unit 136 won the most points (tied with one of her usual partners, Sudheer Pimputkar) of all the players.

The Mentor-Mentee contest concluded in August and in September the overall winners were declared. Margaret Birnbaum and Marilena Thompson were first and will be added to the plaque honoring winners of the program in the bridge center.

On September 24 the bridge center inaugurated a new 199’er game. On Wednesdays, Dallas Moore (now a newly minted club director) begins with a brief lesson at 5 PM and then a limited game at 6 PM. This has been very popular since its inception.

Dallas Moore and Gary Hatten also provided lessons in the Diamond Series on Saturday mornings in the fall. Talking to the students, it was also a great success.

The North American Pairs semi-finals saw Ryan Schulz and his Columbus partner Doug Millsap win Flight B. Mark Low and Russell Shoup finished third and Flight A and all will receive grants to play in the NAP finals in the spring.

Spookiness overtook the bridge center on October 31. Janet Lee had a Halloween party at her Friday game. Lots of scary (and funny) players filled the room. At the conclusion of lots of bridge (and great food), Tom Coyle and Russ Shoup were first for NS and Alan Stanley and Par Moran were first for EW. Good times!

December 5th to 7th brought the Dayton December Sectional to Presidential Way. The Christmas tree at the entrance added to the holiday spirit. Wayne and Marilynn O’Connor made a great team as chairman and partnerships, respectively. The hospitality was extensive and delectable. Scott Gates racked up the most masterpoints.

December 12th was the unit Christmas Party. After a sumptuous feast

and club meeting, things got serious in a twenty- table contest. Scott Gates ad Bob Zangri won with a 63.62% game.

Also at the Christmas Party, winners of the Unit Game Championships were announced:

Flight A: Jeff Gargrave

Flight B: Lori Harner

Flight C: David Kennedy

Also, new life masters received awards: Lee Monnin, Susan Childers, Bhaskar Samant, Al Kuchinka and Leonard Solgannik (posthumously).

Ernest Spegele won Best Performance by a non-life master. Bruce Stewart won the Charlotte Falkowski Rookie of the Year award.

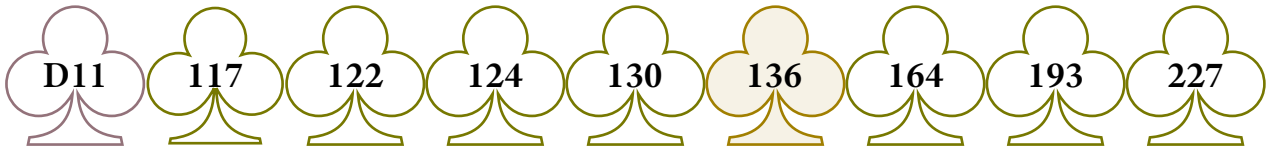
Bridge in Logan County was also active in the autumn. Besides the weekly games at the Logan County Friendly Senior Center, in September Jim Rash held the final Bridge in the Barn for 2014, won by Lucille Gabel, Darrell Hall, Marilyn Hall and Marjorie Urban. BITB is great fun and a great bargain in beautiful Logan County.

Logan County players are also active in the wider community. Wanda Stahler was honored in December as a founding Trustee of the Logan County Education Foundation. Her son Ben Stahler, also bridge player but not YET an ACBL member, was named Mayor of the City of Bellefontaine.

Going back to beginning of this quarter, Tuesday bridge partners Pauline Kash and James Hudson became life partners, witnessed by 225 family members and friends at their church on August 31. Pauline told me that Jim suggested an elopement but so many of their children, grandchildren, family and friends insisted that they could not bear to miss the event that they had to succumb to their entreaties. After that, the celebration grew like Topsy into a huge party. What a great send off for the newlyweds!

Also in the fall, Georgia Banziger was appointed to represent District 11 on the ACBL National Goodwill Committee and Lee Monnin will represent the district on the ACBL National Charity Committee. Nice work, Ladies.

Sadly, our bridge family lost some friends in the autumn. John Kennel and Roger Hough (of Logan County) departed our lives and we offer our condolences to their families and friends. ☁



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LOUISVILLE/LEXINGTON REGIONAL Tournament

The annual Louisville/Lexington Regional Tournament was held November 3–9, 2014, at the Horseshoe Resort and Casino. Co-chair Sondra Holt was pleased with the turnout. “Our successful tournament’s attendance was up again this year!” 719 attendees earned 7,798.23 red and/or gold points in the weeklong event.

ACBL President Visits Tournament

We were thrilled and honored to host the current president of the ACBL, Phyllis Harlan, at our tournament Wednesday through Saturday. Vangie Smith, Louisville’s president, picked her up at the Louisville airport and had the honor of playing with her Wednesday evening.

Phyllis hosted a luncheon at noon on Thursday for many of the two host units’ teachers and volunteers and attended the District 11 Board meeting Saturday evening.

She played in pairs games throughout the tournament with Nancy Garriott of Richmond, KY, and Mike McCann and Brad Walden of Lexington, KY.

Beth Reid, the District Representative to the National Board of Directors, returned her to Standiford Field on Sunday for her flight home to Oklahoma City.

Unit 164 President, Sandra Marlin, received a note from Phyllis thanking everyone for her pleasant experience at our Regional. She wrote, “The venue and the hospitality were great but the friendly, welcoming players were what made this a very special event.” That says it all for our wonderful Kentucky hospitality!

Outstanding Play and Results

The most successful team at this year’s tournament, earning 113.25 masterpoints, was Valentin Kovaclev, Rita Ellington of Charlotte, NC, Mark Lair of Caynon, TX, and Lynne Rosenbaum of Glencoe, IL. Their team placed

first in both two-day Knockouts competitions – the Alysheba and the Barbaro —and also won two Compact Knockouts and the Friday Evening Swiss. Well done!

Sondra and Terrell Holt were the high-point earners from Unit 164. Their first-place finish in the Keeneland Knockouts with Douglas Millsap of Columbus, OH and Larry Jones from Pickerington, OH, and their second-place finish in a Bracket I Compact Knockouts with Jerry Hess and Melena VanArsdall of Lexington, KY, gave them a memorable week.

Another pair from Unit 164 that did very well was Peggy Pace and Chuck Dean of Lexington, KY. They won Bracket III Barbaro Knockouts with Jim and Laurie Herchenroeder of Harrodsburg, KY. They tied for 3rd/4th place in the Bracket II Churchill Downs with teammates Judy Huffman and Herb Gillies of Lexington, KY. They also placed in two other team games with the Herchenroeders.

The Sunday Swiss game saw our C-players Kathleen and Jonathan Crosmer from Lexington, KY, teaming with Marilyn Wolfe of Circleville, OH and Mary Hungerford of Groveport, OH, placing first in C! Congratulations!!

Mark your calendar and join the fun at the next Louisville/Lexington Regional — November 2–8, 2015.

Harry Gordon

Diamond Life Master ▼



On Sunday afternoon, December 16, 2014, the Bridge Club of Lexington honored their newest Diamond Life Master, Harry Gordon with a cake and added his name to the engraved plaque marking this outstanding accomplishment for all members of the club reaching this distinguished level. Nine tables were there for the

festivities. Harry and his longtime partner, Sue Bullard, capped the day with a 60.65% game—first place overall. That was the icing on the cake!

Harry began his bridge career in 1964 when he was a college student at UK. His first game was at the old Phoenix Hotel, directed by Faulkner Glass. His early partners were Tom Peters who Harry described as “a very thorough and disciplined player who knew every card” and Steve Moyse (Steve’s uncle was the editor of Bridge World) who was “imaginative and creative at the table.”

During summers in college he would play “8 days a week” in Louisville where he met and partnered with several A-list players. Some of Harry’s fondest bridge memories:

- When his partner, Seymour Weiss, spilled coffee on Hermione Barron.
- Won the 1973 Regional Open Pairs with Don “the hideous hog” Walker. Harry barely had 300 MPs.
- Briefly partnered with Larry Kozlove (Ellen’s husband) – but Harry was “too temperamental to put up with his mistakes as he was learning.”
- At a Las Vegas National tournament – played a tennis match against Eddie Kanter.
- At National tournaments – “Played the McKinney List as well as those that invented the various conventions we play today.”
- Played Meckstroth and Rodwell when they were “kids.”

Harry is a retired Fayette County history teacher, an avid tennis player and the grandfather of two wonderful grandchildren.

“My favorite bridge partners have been, needless to say, Sue (Bullard) and Nancy (Gordon),” said Harry. “Bridge is a great sport. Anyone can walk in off the street and play a game against a world champion.”

“It’s been fun!”

North American Pairs Competition District 11

District 11 held its NAP competition on September 28 at the Cincinnati Regional Tournament. Doug

Thompson of Lexington, KY, and Margie Evans of Versailles, KY, placed 4th in C—qualifying them for the North American Pairs competition. Doug and Margie will represent District 11 at this Spring’s NABC in New Orleans. Congratulations and best of luck, Doug and Margie!

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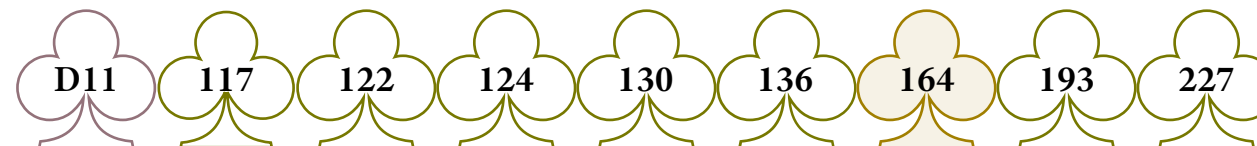
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July 16 - 18, 2015

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Sectional

September 11 - 13, 2015



Upcoming Tournaments

Cabin Fever Sectional - January 16–18, 2015

Make plans to attend this annual Sectional at the Best Western Conference Center, 5532 Athens-Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY.
Friday games will be Stratified Open Pairs—two single sessions at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Saturday will have Bracketed Knockouts at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs—two single sessions at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams game—two sessions will begin at 10 a.m. A box lunch between sessions is included in the team fee.
On Friday and Saturday, players with 0–50 MPs can buy one game and get a second game for free (limit one per player).
Prizes for top point winners in each strat, great hospitality, free coffee daily and complimentary lunch on Saturday are guaranteed!

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Lexington Spring Sectional - May 15–17, 2015

Lexington Mid-Summer NLM Sectional - July 25–26, 2015

Bridge Club of Lexington

Holiday Party

The Bridge Club of Lexington sponsored a catered dinner and free member appreciation Swiss game for everyone on December 7th. A record number of thirty-seven teams were in attendance. It made for a very “cozy” game—all three rooms were filled to capacity!
Christmas came early for the Frisby Team, which placed first. Members of the team were Maudine Frisby, Genie Herrington, and Lisa and Jerry Cheatham. Pictures of the event are at right. ►

Frances Barr Celebrates 89!

On Thursday morning, October 30, Frances Barr and 16½ tables of her good friends at the Bridge Club of Lexington celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday with cake and cards. Frances and partner Dan Robinette finished 3rd overall. Frances is an inspiration to us all! She is pictured below with her cake. ▼

Life Master Milestones

Congratulations to the following individuals who achieved these Life Master Milestones in the past quarter!

New Bronze Life Master

Ken Katen
Katherine Schaefer

New Gold Life Master

Kathy Linck
Ray Linck

New Diamond Life Master

Harry Gordon ♣



Lexington Spring Sectional

May 15 - 17, 2015

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LEXINGTON SPRING SECTIONAL LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY MAY 15-17, 2015

FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs—2 single sessions-----1:00 and 7:00 PM
299er Pairs*----- 1:00 and 7:00 PM

SATURDAY

Bracketed Knockouts**-----9:00 AM, 1:00 and 7:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs—2 single sessions-----1:00 and 7:00 PM
299er Pairs*-----1:00 and 7:00 PM

*As attendance warrants **May be handicapped

SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams—2 sessions-----10:00 AM & TBD
299er Swiss Teams—2 sessions-----10:00 AM & TBD

Based on team averages

Lunch between sessions included in team entry fee

On Friday and Saturday, the second session is FREE for any player with 0-50 master points. (limit one per player)

Open session strats:	A 2000	B 750-2000	C 0-750
299'er session strats:	A 100-300	B 50-100	C 0-50

*5 Free Games for tournament top winners in each strat: A, B, C & 299er.
Great Hospitality, Free Coffee Daily, FREE Lunch on Saturday.*

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***NEW VENUE:** Newly renovated facility; handicap friendly; all activities on first floor. Ask for Bridge rate, includes FREE hot breakfast.

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LEXINGTON MID-SUMMER NON-LIFE MASTER (0-500MP) SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

July 25 and 26, 2015

Saturday, July 25

Stratified Pairs Game • 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Door Prizes.
Free coffee, sodas, and snacks all day.

Sunday, July 26

Stratified Swiss Teams • 10 a.m.
Stratified based on team's average masterpoints.
Play through. Boxed lunch available.

Stratifications: 0-100 (C), 100-200 (B), 200-500 (A)

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(See map on reverse.)

UNIT 193 Phyllis Kincaid DISTRICT 11

WHEN THE LEAVES turn red, gold and orange and the pumpkins and dried cornstalks stand in the field, we know that Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon follow. Many Unit 193 tournaments and parties were planned around this season.

The Owensboro Duplicate Bridge Club hosted its annual Fall Sectional tournament on September 26-28. The most amazing thing was that everyone found their way to the tournament site. One week out, Owensboro leaders had to relocate. Thanks to Debbie McNair and her ACBL crew, an email blast went out to Unit 193 players. Pat Probst, *Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club's* president, sent a similar notification to Unit 193 players. Of the five sessions, only one person from Indianapolis had not received the change of site notification. But since several Owensboro members manned the original site, that player was redirected to the correct address.

First Place Tournament winners were: **Friday Afternoon Open** – A: Billie (Katie) Brown/Bill Lea; B/C: Melba Patberg/Woodie Walker. **Friday Evening Open** – A: Bernie Kay/Pete Lambert; B: Flora Norsworthy/Greg Risley; C: Diann Fleming/Gloria Moore; **0 - 200** – A: Eddy Carter/David Lilly.

Saturday Morning Open – A: Bernie Kay/Pete Lambert; B: Lloyd Russell/Jeff Chapman; C: Sherry Alexander/Nancy Berendsen; **0 - 200** – A/B: Eddy Carter/David Lilly; C: Polly McCubbins/Ellen Dugan-Barrette; **Saturday Afternoon Open** – A: Bobby Tapp/Greg Risley; B: Steve Early/Jane Gaunt; C: Gloria Moore/Diann Fleming; **0 - 200** – A: Diane Johnson/Julia Mesplay

Sunday Swiss – A: Pete Lambert/Richard Cornett/Bernie Kay/Gary Gentry; B: Diann Fleming/Gloria Moore/Sharon Thomerson/Donna Holt; C: Marsha Hardesty/Sherry Lambert/Gloria Zinoble/Pat Long.

Pete Lambert and Bernie Kay were the top masterpoint winners. They each earned 23.47 points. Well done!

Unit Board Meeting:

The Unit 193 Board met at noon on Saturday, September 27, at the Owensboro tournament site. The announcement that the *Midwest Monitor* would no longer be sent to members as a printed publication but only over the Internet brought concern by board members for those individuals who do not use a computer. Unit 193 Board President Katie Brown, appointed Phyllis Kincaid, Bill Lea and LeRoy Breimeier to study the situation and make a

recommendation at the December 6 board meeting. The recommendation made and accepted was that Bill Lea, who has a state-of-the-art, provide a master copy of each quarterly report to all Unit clubs. Each club will then print as many copies as needed for their non-computer members.

We want to thank Editor Bradley Bartol for his excellent work. The *Midwest Monitor* builds friendships, educates clubs by sharing information, recognizes members and helps advertise club tournaments and events.

The next fall tournament was hosted by the *Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club* on October 18-19. It was a 499er Non Life Master Silver Sectional. This was a great opportunity for ACBL members under 500 masterpoints to earn silver points. Winners were:

Saturday Morning:

North/South:

- 1 – Vicki Helms/Terry Chandler
 - 2 – Rebecca Percinel/Sandra Case
 - 3 – Lee and Judy Hodaval
 - 4 – Melba and Thornton Patberg
- East/West:

- 1 - Jeffrey Chapman/Jason Liao
- 2 - Jane Kempin/Betty Hahn
- 3 - Robert and Didy Bonger
- 4 - Woodie Walker/Jane Perkins

Saturday Evening:

North/South

- 1 – Rebecca Percinel/Sandra Case
- 2 – Cy Long/Dennis Dewey
- 3 – Vicki Helms/Terri Chandler
- 4 – Joyce Paulin/Chris Yarbrough

Sunday Swiss:

- 1 – Cy Long/Dennis Dewey/Nancy Traylor/Susan Parsons
- 2 – Vicki Helms/Terri Chandler/Sherry Lambert/Marsha Hardesty
- 3 – Jim McCool/George Baumgardner/Nancy Berendsen/Sherry Alexander

A Party:

Following the two Unit tournaments, a most successful Halloween party was held on October 30 at the *Evansville Club*. Forty-six players dressed in costumes, ate dinner and played bridge. The party was planned by Joan Keck, Sherry Alexander, Jane Perkins Neal and Jef Franklin. The best costumes were judged in five categories. The winners were:

- Most creative: Betsy and Bob Becker for their Ebola outfits.
- Most entertaining: Gloria Bridges as Dorothy and her dog as Toto.

- Funniest: Patti Lodato as a pregnant nun
- Scariest: Jackie Brasseale as Duck Dynasty
- Judges choice: Peggy Dunkel in a nightgown with toilet paper wrapped around her hair and green face cream.

After the parade of costumes and the judging, Jef and Neal Franklin served Angelo's Lasagna, rolls and green salad. It was a great event.



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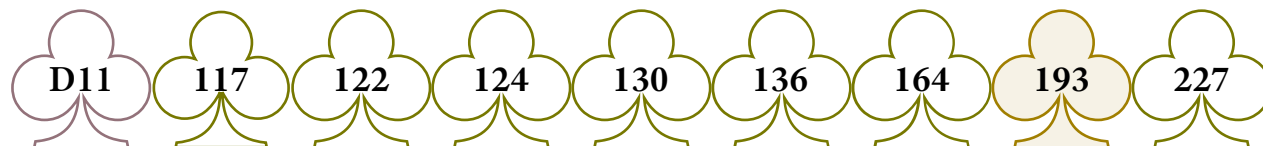
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As Pat Prost passes her gavel to Pat Andersen, we want to thank both of these intelligent and capable women for accepting the presidency. Both women—**pictured at right**—have had professional experience in their working lives. Pat Probst taught elementary school for twelve years in the Indianapolis area. Later, in St. Louis, she worked as the administrative assistant to the president of the Daughters of Charity Health System.

Pat Andersen served the River City Electric Supply as secretary for many years. She attended a college for girls – Mt. Saint Scholastica. Earlier in her life, Pat was an avid tennis player and met her husband, Ray Andersen, on the court. Between Pat and Ray they have seven children, fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandsons. Seems as though Pat will be able to manage the EDBC job!

Pat Probst gave this advice to Pat Andersen through an anonymous quote: “A leader is someone who is not threatened by the power of the people they lead. If they are, the needs of the community will never be met.”



Louisville/Lexington Regional Tournament:

It was old home week for Unit 193 when the Louisville/Lexington Regional rolled around from November 2 to 9. The following Unit members were sighted: Jef Franklin, Phil Fisher, Steve Early, Jane Perkins, Neal Franklin, Karen Nunn, Doris Mills, Vicki Helmes, Jane Staton, Jane Kempin, Gary Satterwhite, LeRoy Breimier, Bobby Tapp, Pat Probst, Bernie Kay, Gary Gentry, Richard Cornette, Stu Huffner, George Baumgardner, Jim McCool, Justin Kluemper, Charles Mc Kelsey, Patti Lodato, Phyllis Kincaid, Cy Long, Bonnie Mount, Janet Wempe, John Titzer, Bill Lea, Pete Lambert. (We may have missed a few.) Of these players the top three masterpoint winners were: Jef Franklin – 19.04, Pete Lambert – 16.82, and Billie (Katie) Brown – 13.32. Congratulations!

Changing of the Guard:

Owensboro elected new board members on November 12 for the 2015-16 term. Vicki Helms and Rita Jo Holtzman will join board members Gary Satterwhite, David Lilly and Gloria Zinoble. Through the leadership of the current board, including Becky Walker and Jerry Holtzman, this club has received electronic Bridgmates, become more visible in the community by joining the Chamber of Commerce and continued recruiting new members through EasyBridge! lessons. (Winter lessons will be offered January 12 through April 30.)

On November 22 the *EDBC* held its every other year membership meeting to elect new officers for 2015-16 and to thank the outgoing ones. The slate, presented by the nominating committee, was elected by a unanimous ballot vote of the members present. They are:

President – Pat Andersen

Treasurer – William Wittgen

At Large – Jane Perkins

Vice President- James George

Operations – Lon Bell

At Large – Bud Farmer

Secretary – Jo Anne Miley

At Large – Ray Andersen

At Large – Jane Kempin

We all celebrated Thanksgiving and then whirled into Christmas preparations.

The *Henderson Duplicate Bridge Club* held its Unit championship game on December 6. Considering the onset of the Christmas season, college football playoffs and the beginning of college basketball, Henderson had a respectable eleven tables.

North/South winners in Flight A & B were Gloria bridges and Steve Early. Nadine Coudret and Bud Farmer won Flight C. East/West winners in flight A were Gary Gentry and Richard Cornett. Flight B & C winners were Anne Cornette and Judi Harris. The next Unit Championship in Henderson will be on March 14, 2015.



Did You Know?

- EDBC member and surgicare nurse, Colleen McLaughlin, was recently honored at St. Mary’s third annual “Health Care Heroes” dinner. Colleen received this recognition for her role in helping a teenager who was thrown from his motorcycle and landed on the road in front of her car. Colleen immediately left her car, assessed the situation and comforted the teen until the paramedics arrived.
- EDBC will soon have a defibrillator. At the October board meeting, members agreed to donate \$1,000 to the American Heart Association for a defibrillator. Dr. Jef Franklin will secure the instrument and teach selected members how to use the machine.
- We have an accomplished deer hunter in our midst. During hunting season in November, Pat (Thornton) Patberg bagged a ten-pointer.

New Player Status:

New Junior Masters: Sally G. Porter, Gordon A. Vogel, Steve Thomas
New Club Masters: Pauline W McCubbins, Jim George, Larry Kruse, Marsha Hardesty, Marilyn Mills, Ellen Dugan-Barrette, Bill Hawkins, Carolyn Hawkins
New Sectional Masters: Eddy Carter, Nancy M. Erwin, Colleen McLaughlin, Jane Perkins, Judy Thies, David Lilly, Eddy Carter, Julia Mesplay
New Regional Masters: Neal Franklin, Patricia C. Long, Thornton Patberg, Woodie Walker, Vicki Helms
New Advanced NABC Master: Jason Liao
New Life Master: Patti Lodato
New Bronze Life Master: Patti Lodato, Kay Fuchs

Congratulations:

- To Patti Lodato on achieving her Life Master and Bronze Master. Patti has been a tireless leader of the EDBC Bridge Club. She served as president of the EDBC in 2005 – 06. Since that time, she has been a mentor to less accomplished players and has willingly served on many committees. One of her volunteer positions has been to proofread the Unit 193 reports to the *Midwest Monitor*.



◀ Pat
Lodato
of the
EDBC ▶

- To Margaret Smith, long time Henderson Club member, who recently celebrated her 103rd birthday!

The Book Shelf:

For those duplicate bridge players who also love to read, we recommend Ken Follett’s newest trilogy. The first book, *Fall of Giants*, takes place during WW I. Book two, *Winter of the World*, covers WW II. The final book, *Edge of Eternity*, deals with the period in history from 1960 through 1980. All three books merge fictional characters with real history and, in some cases, real historical figures.

Christmas Activities:

Henderson:

On December 10, the Henderson Club held a Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship before the game. Best wishes were extended to ailing bridge players John Groben, Duane Morrow, Lew Otterson, Mayola Montgomery, Gail Snowden and Marcie Harding. Barbara Ahlers and Gloria Bridges were first NS and Chris Huus and Stu Hoffherr took first EW. A special guest stopped by to wish everyone Merry Christmas—Julie Lawson. Everyone was happy to see her and to share memories of her mother, Bonnie, and father, Marvin.

Vincennes:

On December 11, the Vincennes Club held its annual Christmas party and game. Awards given were: 70% games in 2014: Joan Chambon (2) and Toni Kimmel (2). Toni was the top winner for the year. Katie Brown and LeRoy Breimeier had a 72.5% game.

Evansville:

There was a happy, festive mood at Evansville’s annual Christmas gathering on December 13. Many women wore Christmas colors and sweaters. The Club provided ham and turkey and members brought favorite food to share. An open pairs game followed the pitch-in. Donations were collected for Patchwork Central.

Owensboro:

On December 15, at the ODBC’s annual Christmas party, members and guests contributed to St. Benedict’s Homeless Shelter. Their donations, coupled with the revenues of four special local charity games this year, came to \$875.

Gloria Zinoble (center) and Gary Satterwhite presenting the 2014 Christmas donation from the Owensboro Duplicate Bridge Club to Director Joe Walsh of St. Benedict’s Homeless Shelter.

Update on the Bra Brigade: Several years ago many women in our Unit began to bring new or used bras to the Evansville Club games because Marylou Sonntag, a retired Evansville-Vanderburgh teacher, told Phyllis Kincaid that the school corporation’s clothing bank desperately needed new or used bras for the female students. This need was quietly shared over the bridge tables. Jan Tucker immediately e-mailed all of her lady friends. Due to Jan and many other women, 1790 bras have been donated. This month, though, Jan was particularly touched when she received a large box from Florida. It was full of new bras from a girl who lived in Evansville until last year. She is a recent breast cancer survivor who is doing well.

Have a healthy and happy New Year!

Quote: “The nicer you are to your partner, the better they play.” ACBL Director Charles Mac Cracken

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EVENTS

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Saturday, February 14, 2015

Refreshments
Swiss Teams10:30 A.M.
Victory Points
(2nd Session Time TBA)

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Muffins and Coffee
Swiss Teams10:30 A.M.
Victory Points
(Playthrough: Buffet Luncheon Included)

All Sessions Stratified*

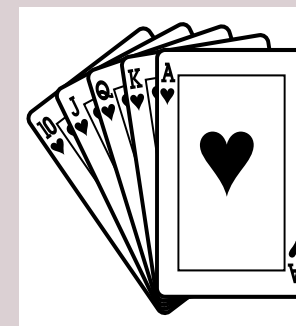
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