

Midwest Monitor

SECOND QUARTER - 2015



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MONITOR DEADLINES

Third Quarter - 2015	June 15, 2015
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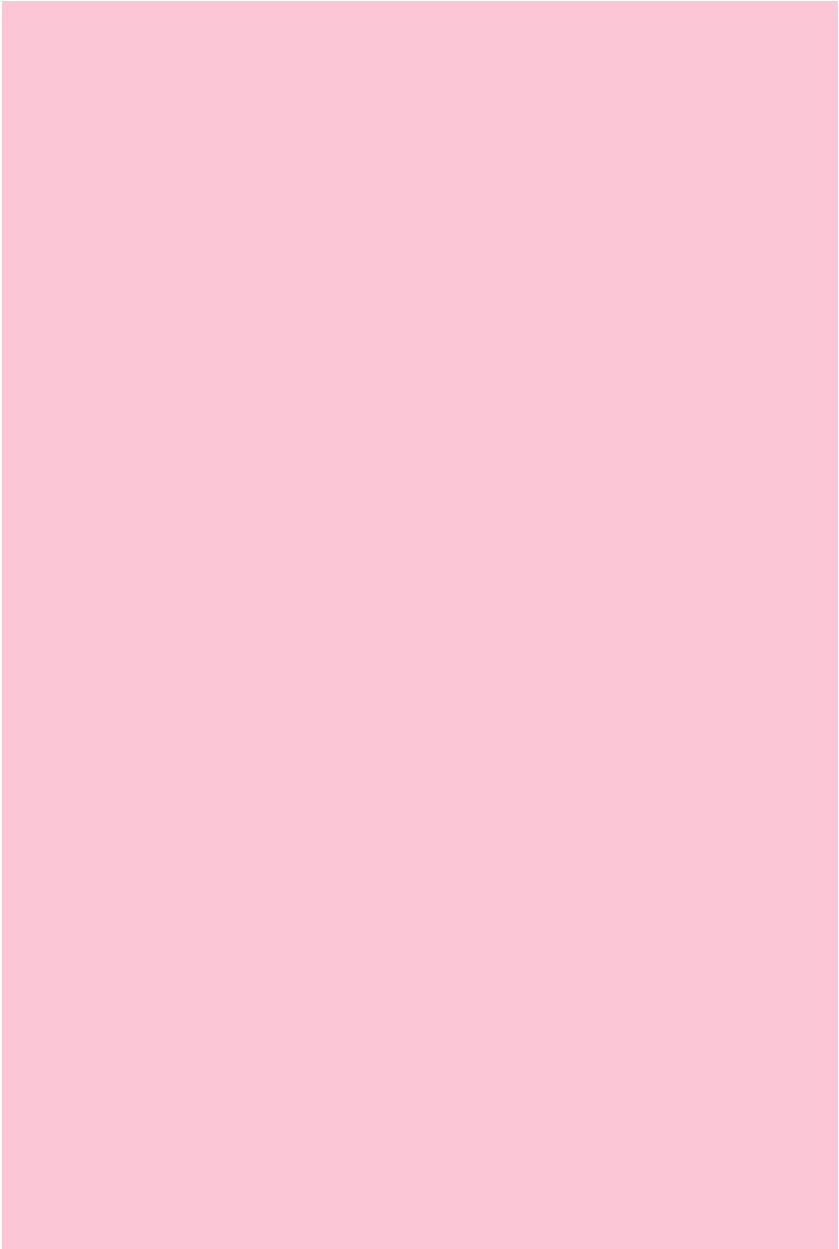
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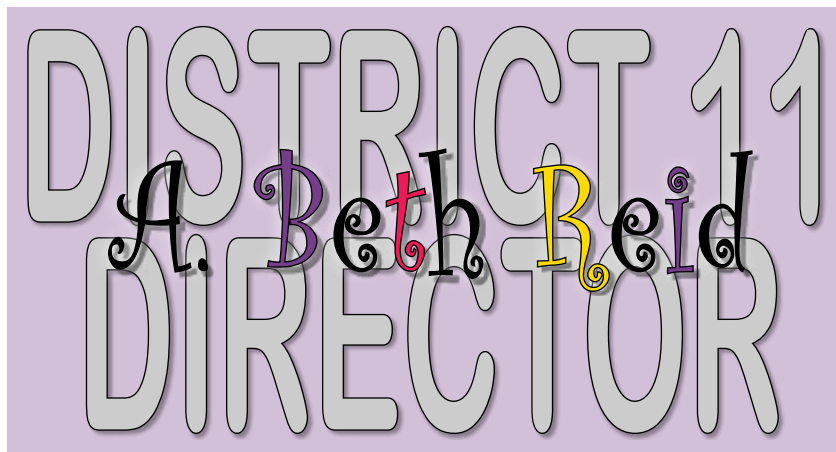
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THE NEW ORLEANS Committee put on a great NABC. Although it was rainy for the Board Meetings, the sun came out as the important folks, the players, began to arrive. For those of us who have suffered through this snowy icy winter, it was just nice to get a break. Hard to top the French Quarter for food and atmosphere and a great time was had by all. Results were texted/mailed to players by ACBL Live more quickly than ever before. The opening Gala featured NOLA signature dishes, including King Cake, and musical entertainment by local band Cuisine.

The NABC is Coming Back to District 11!!!

The Board voted unanimously to hold the Spring (March 19-29) 2020 NABC in Columbus! Thanks to all in Unit 122, especially Jim Bachelder, who worked so hard to bring this about. The Columbus Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel will be the playing sites and the Hyatt and Hilton the host hotels. As those of you who worked on the Louisville NABC in 2011 know, putting on this tournament is a LOT of work for all of us in the District to do it right, but as Louisville proved, we sure know how to do it. Most of the burden will fall on Unit 122 but we should all stand ready to help. I am so proud that the NABC is coming to our District only nine years after the last visit . . .

ACBLScore Report

The highly anticipated report of the Management Technology Committee formed in Providence was delivered in a public forum, including a Q and A, on March 12th. The session was videoed and is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9fat48MDR8>. I urge all of you who are technically inclined or have been following this controversy on Bridgewinners to watch it. It lasted for nearly two hours and does a far better job than I possibly could of covering the technical aspects of this complex issue. But here are some basic takeaways:

--The termination of the ACBLScore+ project was the correct decision.

--ACBLScore, though a fantastic piece of software, has, after thirty years, reached the end of its useful life and will be phased out, probably over the next eighteen months or so.

--Capital technology expenditures from this point forward should and will be made on “modular” applications that can be used now and then transferred to to any underlying system we develop or choose. This is like loading apps to to your Smartphone and then buying a new phone . . . you can plug your apps into whatever new platform you choose.

--Every effort is being made to salvage everything we can from the

ACBLScore+ project (we own it, after all,) as part of the “mobility” apps plan.

--The Committee was very enthused about going forward. They promise to keep everyone updated as they work to find the right platform while continuing to add great new features to Score.

I was deeply impressed with the three “outside members” —Greg Humphreys, Uday Ivatury and Ralph Lipe who, among them, have worked extensively with Google, Microsoft and BBO—and their balanced analysis. I hope you will be as well.

CELEBRATING JEFF

On the first Saturday of the tournament, we gathered with Jeff Johnston’s family, friends and colleagues to remember his life and its impact on us. Those of you who worked closely with Jeff on the Louisville NABC know there was no kinder, calmer more efficient event organizer in the world. He had already put a great deal of effort into the selection of Columbus and he will be sorely missed, both then and at every NABC to come. His absence was deeply felt here in NOLA and it was an honor to meet his family let them know how much he meant to us.

SIDE GAME AWARDS

Events that do not qualify for championship rating by exceeding the number permitted or by being the same as another event that session (side games) are subject to the “M” factor appropriate to the event, with the “M” factor limited to 80%. [Raised from 65%] Side games at NABCs are the same as side games at Regionals.

Please note that awards for side game series are unaffected.

ADVANCES ON STRATEGIC PROJECTS

The Board received reports on three projects that grew out of our Strategic Plan and I hope you’ll be as wowed as I was. First, we heard from Dan Plato, the newly appointed Manager of Recruiting and Development on the TDU (Tournament Director University) PILOT PROGRAM. In far more detail than I can go into here, Dan described the selection of five newer TDs in September 2014 with the goal of getting all five “DIC ready” by April of this year. They have received training and mentoring; they have been tasked with answering the eighteen hundred questions a year that come into ACBL on rulings—they work on their answers and submit them to Dan for review; they have been charged with entering every single tournament into TourneyTrax in order to understand those regulations and laws of tournament events; they have been sent all over the country for their training and the feedback from both mentors and mentees has been incredibly positive. The five are indeed now ready to roll! In addition, a two hundred plus page handbook for TDs has been compiled as a single point of reference. Continued work on the handbook and a rollout of the program with tools to implement and track progress are underway. Sylvia Hardin, who has been redeployed from Director of Human Resources to Senior Director of Field Operations, has overall responsibility for TDU and has been working with our current staff of TDs and Field Supervisors on Customer Service Training (a HUGE demand from constituents) and core skills.

Three of our eight supervisors are retiring; we need not only to replace them but are restructuring to have twelve FS positions and four new positions of Field Supervisors over them . . . veteran TDs Sol Weinstein and Nancy Boyd have already been promoted to two of these new slots; and, as a compliment to Dan’s for recruitment and training will be a new position for a Manager for Quality and Continuous Improvement. After the expected initial skepticism, TDs have reacted with enthusiasm for their new training and opportunities and Sylvia and Dan are confident that our drive to improve our TD services and plan for the staffing needs of the future.

Brian Delfs, our Education Program Manager reported that our online **LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE** application is the number one hit on Google for “learn bridge” and “learn bridge online.” Even those of you who don’t consider yourselves “techies” can see what a fantastic achievement that is!

<http://learn.acbl.org/>

As you read in the March Bulletin, the ACBL ONLINE PARTNERSHIP DESK is now live. Chris van Leeuwen is the staff member in charge and reported that going into NOLA we have already had over ten thousand hits and 1675 profiles have been created. Chris was delighted to now have answers for the many members who call her because, for any number of reasons, they can’t find partners at local clubs or while traveling. When one man called her from Memphis wanting to know how to find a partner, her only solution was to ask “what are you doing Sunday night?” ☺

KO AWARDS

At non-NABC Events, players on KO teams with more than four players who are otherwise eligible for overall awards will be subject to the following participation reduction:

For every segment (half a match) of a match that is won and where a participant sits out, the overall awards for that individual will be reduced by 5%. For example, if a player’s team wins a four-session KO and that participant played only half of each match, that player’s masterpoint award will be reduced by 20%.

MARKETING

The ACBL is in the process of contracting with a new service to allow clubs, units and districts greater direct control over the email blasts that go out to members. Watch for your Marketing Newsletter for details.

CONVENTION CHART CHANGES

The General Convention Chart was amended to allow:

TRANSFER RESPONSES (responses after overcalls) where the call shows length or values in the suit of the transfer; and,

A DEFENSE to a natural notrump bid or overcall of a direct overcall of two diamonds to show a one-suited hand in hearts or spades.

GNT GRASS ROOTS

On the third try in four years, a motion to make entries for the GNTs at NABCs free finally passed. As you know, I have consistently opposed this motion based on lack of funding (as opposed to the NAPs which collect funds all summer long in the qualifiers) and opposed it this time as well on the basis that we created the Grass Roots fund to allow Districts to allocate funds how they wished to these events. The vote has always been close and was this time as well. Free entries apply only to the first two days and ONLY to Flights A, B and C . . . NOT the Championship Flight. But that’s not the end of the story. Immediately following the passing of the above motion, we were presented with a motion to “tax” the Grass Roots fund twenty percent at the ACBL level and use that twenty percent to redistribute the funds raised based on a complex formula that, in essence, rewards those Districts that raise the most per member and account for size. But an amendment was proposed to this motion to require that, before any such that before the adjustment is made, the amount required to fund the free entries (around \$16K) be debited from the Grass Roots Fund.

One would think that this amendment would lose by the same margin that the first motion won, but it passed, quickly followed by the passing of the entire second motion.

So now, the funding of free entries for A, B and C is coming directly out of the Grass Roots Fund and whatever is left can be used by the Districts as they choose. Stay tuned.

DISCIPLINE

The publication rules were clarified to provide that, in findings of guilt, all disciplines will be published on the website for the length of time of the discipline levied. Expulsions shall also be reported in the ACBL Bulletin.

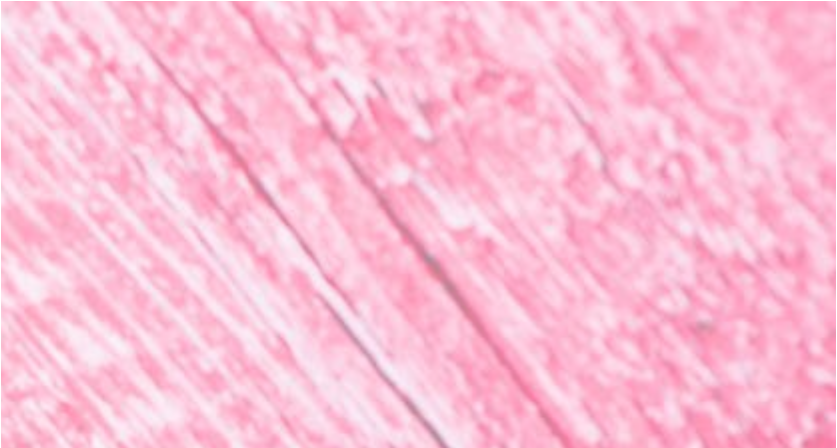
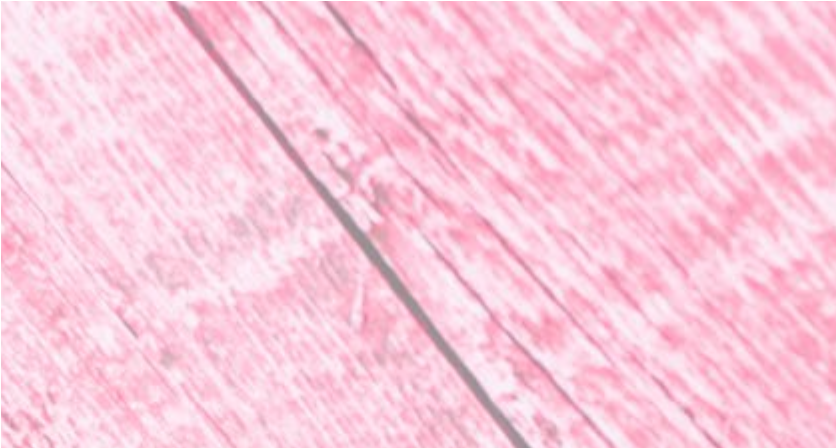
This applies to any decisions of a Unit, District or ACBL level disciplinary committee, and of the Ethical Oversight Committee. It shall also apply to decisions made at clubs regarding ethical violations when the ACBL is made aware of the decision, but does not apply to decisions made by a club disciplinary procedure regarding non-ethical violations.

FINANCE

The Operating Budget approved for 2015 projects an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$9461. The Capital Budget was significantly reduced from the \$600K number tentatively approved in November to \$270,170. Much of the reduction is a reflection of the change in approach recommended by the Board Technology Committee and affirmed by the outside Tech Comm discussed above to budget only for “mobile apps” achievable in the short-term and transferable to a long-term platform. Short-term in this case is around six months so there may well be additional capital expenditures approved later in the year.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AT District11director@acbl.org WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS OR SUGGESTIONS OR HEYHOWAREYAS YOU WISH AND I’LL DO MY BEST TO RESPOND PROMPTLY!
SEE YOU IN CINCINNATI—OR EVANSVILLE! ☁

Beth



Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional

June 01 - 07, 2015

Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Road
Cincinnati, OH 45201

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LivINN Suites
11385 Chester Road • (513) 772-7877
\$69.00/night • Ask for "Flying Pig" Rate by May 4, 2015



	10:00 AM	2:30 PM	7:30 PM	
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	
	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		
	Three Little Pigs Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)			
Sunday June 7	Flying Pig Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough)		Swiss Teams in Red NLM Events in Blue	

Newly Crowned Life Masters are Engraved on our Pegasus Trophy!

Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

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Joint Events with Evansville Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs 10 and 2:30 Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

Stratifications

- ♥ Open Pairs & Side Games (w/o Gold Rush): 0-750/750-2000/2000+
- ♣ Open Pairs & Swiss (with Gold Rush): 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+
- ♦ 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

Owensboro Split Regional

June 01 - 07, 2015

Highlights

- ◆ New Team Games Starting Every Day!
- ◆ Gold Rush Pairs and Gold Rush Team Events!
- ◆ Reduced Entry Fees for 199 and under events!
- ◆ Free coffee & iced tea all sessions!
- ◆ Light Meal between afternoon and evening events Tuesday through Friday!
- ◆ Lunch Saturday; dinner for Sunday Swiss!
- ◆ Ice Cream Socials Mon. & Sat. evenings!
- ◆ Home-made cake night Friday!
- ◆ Free airport shuttle; direct flights to/from Chicago & Atlanta!
- ◆ Great Hospitality!!

Tournament Chairpersons

LeRoy Breimeier (Chair) 812-830-0340 (cell)
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Director In Charge

Charlie MacCracken

Card Fees: \$13; \$17 for unpaid and non-ACBL members

Sunday (lunch included); 2 session Swiss \$120/team of 4, \$10 for each added member

Joint Events with
Cincinnati

Gold Rush Pairs & Open
Pairs

9 am and 1:30 pm

Tue. Wed. Fri. Sat.

Card Fees: \$13; \$17 for unpaid and non-ACBL members

Sunday (lunch included); 2 session Swiss \$120/team of 4, \$10 for each added member

Playing site:

Owensboro Convention Center
501 W 2nd Street, Owensboro, Kentucky

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites,
401 W 2nd St.

270-685-2005, \$119 room rate with FREE
hot/cold Breakfast, ask for bridge rate.

Additional Hotels: (ask for bridge rate)

Hampton Inn South, \$99, 270-926-2006

Sleep Inn, \$85, 270-691-6200

Holiday Inn Express, \$89, 270-685-2433

Holiday Inn Riverfront (new, adjacent to
convention center) 270-683-1111,

\$124 code CSD

Other:

Comfort Suites 270-926-7675

Super Eight 270-685-3388



Owensboro, KY. SPLIT REGIONAL (Site Change for Evansville, IN)

FUN and FRIENDLY

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

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 (session 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*

Louisville/Lexington Regional

November 02 - 08, 2015

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HOTEL

Horseshoe Casino
(866) 766-2671

Specify Group Code: **S11LBAS** by October 25, 2015



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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THE LBA WELCOMES you to this article. This is a new experience for this long time member. We just finished our Winter Sectional in February. We missed a lot of you who did not attend because of the heavy snowfall but we did have winners and they are as follows:

Friday afternoon Open- Flight A and B; Roberta Washer and Duane Andrews; Flight C; Joseph and Mary Thorpe all from Louisville, KY.

Friday evening Open- Flight A and B: Dennis Hesthaven and Jeanne James; Friday evening 0-300 MP; Myron Kean and William Bockman all from Louisville, KY.

Saturday KO Bracket 1; Mauri Malka, Tony Lipka, Joan Lepping, Harold Stengel and Ralph Letizia Jr. all from Louisville, KY. Saturday KO Bracket 2: Terry Maguire; Thomas Lepping; Bill McAvinue and Cary Golde all from Louisville, KY.

Saturday evening IMP pairs; Patsy London and Susan Christian-Louisville, KY.

Saturday afternoon Open; Dennis Hesthaven and Jeanne James: Saturday afternoon 0-300 MP; Dennis Kean and William Bockman

Sunday SWISS; Joan Lepping, Harold Stengel, E. Bruce Neikirk and Ralph Letizia Jr.

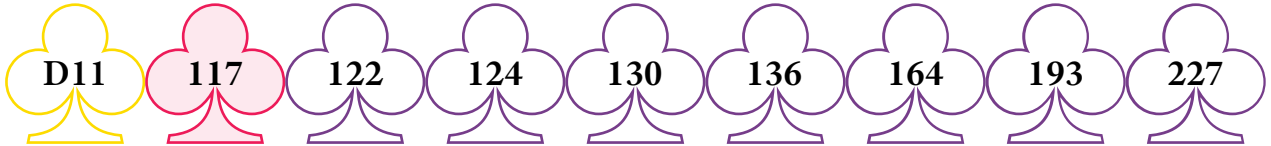
In Memoriam:
We would like to note the very recent passing of Louis Sutherland. Louis was a member not only of the ACBL but the ABA. A Silver Life Master who became a Life Master before the major changes in masterpoints. Louis was a gentleman and just happened to be one of my weekly partners for the last eight or ten years. I will miss him as will many in Unit 117. He is survived by his wife Barbara and daughter Chenay.

Strategy at trick one;
This is a hand thrown to me when I was in college somewhere around 1957 or 58. I have not forgotten it and for a little fun and a puzzle I want share it with you, with some pre-sets. Contract 7♥ by South; opening lead is ♣K. Pre-sets are that someone is void in diamonds and someone is void in hearts. This should not make any difference in the play. The solution is on the last page of this Monitor. ♣

♠ A Q x
♥ A K Q J
♦ Q J T 9 8 7
♣ —

♠ —
♥ T 9 8 7 6
♦ A K
♣ A T x x x x

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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)1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

*299er pairs -- If attendance warrants

SUNDAY

2 Session Stratified Swiss Teams.....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
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Saturday, August 22

Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 P.M.

Games will be stratified as warranted.

Registration gifts, raffles, and refreshments all day

Sunday, August 23

Stratified Swiss Teams.....10:00 A.M.

Stratification based on team's average masterpoints.

Stratifications: 0-200-C; 200-300-B; 300-500-A

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OUR MOST EXCITING news this month is that Columbus has been awarded the Spring 2020 NABC! It'll be great to have our city showcased at a National. Thanks to Jim Bachelder and Cheryl Schneider who worked so hard to make this happen. When the time comes, we'll be needing lots of volunteers. Answer your phone!

New Life Masters this issue are Nanci Heller, Joyce Ades, Marilyn Wolfe and Thomas McDow. That brings our total for the year up to fourteen! Joyce Ades also made Bronze, along with Bill Patch and Yvonne McNabb. New Silver Life Masters are Sandy Simpson and Walt Wagner. Congratulations to all.

A Platinum Life Master is defined by the ACBL as a Life Master with (a) over 10,000 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than 100 platinum points, (c) no fewer than a combination of 750 gold or platinum points, and (d) no fewer than a combination of 2000 silver, red, gold or platinum points. I was privileged to be playing at the Columbus Bridge Center when Ken Eichenbaum achieved Platinum status. Ken began toying with bridge under the influence of his father way back in high school, but it wasn't until he moved to Los Angeles in 1971 that bridge became the focal point of his life. He is particularly proud of the two bridge plays that he wrote. "The Wizard of Odds" was first performed in 1978 at a national tournament held in Cincinnati. It was later performed in Lexington Kentucky, Columbus Ohio and Los Angeles California. His second play, "Annie, Count Your Trumps" was written in 1984 and performed at bridge week in Pasadena, California. Perhaps it's time to resurrect those plays! Ken has written several bridge books, taught many classes, and given lectures about this marvelous game that he loves. Nothing gives him greater pleasure than to see someone's eyes light up when they have grasped a new concept or tells him about some success they have had because of his tutelage. He would rather be remembered as a great teacher than as a great player.

Some of Ken's greatest achievements:

1. In the late 1970's, he won a bridge bet for \$1.00 from Eric Rodwell. They were playing at the Clintonville bridge club on a Friday evening. Ken was playing with Bob Traver, and Eric was playing with Jeff Meckstroth. To this day, Eric maintains that it is the only bridge bet he ever lost.
2. In the later 1980's, Ken won the inaugural state pairs championship,

partnered with Walter Johnson. He also was on the winning team in the inaugural state championship, playing with Harry Stratton. Walter was not on their team, so Ken is the only one to win the Ohio state championship in the first pairs AND team events.

3. Between 1983 and 1986, he lived in Los Angeles. While out there, he was the leading masterpoint winner at a regional in Fresno. This was especially sweet for several reasons. First, he only played in three events, winning each event with different partners. Second, He beat out Grant Baze for most masterpoints at the tournament, even though Grant played in FIVE events!
4. His fondest memory is winning a regionally rated pairs event with his father at a national tournament.

Nicknames often have special meanings. During Ken's bridge career, he has been honored with three of them. In the early 70's, he had the privilege of playing with Jimmy Wisemiller, at the time a great player. He wanted to find out how well Ken played. Although they ended up winning the event, when asked how Ken played, Jimmy's response was "he plays a good game of 'firehouse pinochle.'" The nickname "Firehouse" stuck for a long time. Paddi Cline (bless her soul) to her dying day never called him anything else. Bob Brandow still calls him "Firehouse" and may not even know his real name!

Ken met Bob Hamman at the Albuquerque nationals around 1981. During a pairs event at that tournament, they both played the same hand, five spades doubled, via the same auction and with the same opening lead. Ken made the contract and Bob went down. When Ken told Bob how he had played the hand, Bob tipped his imaginary hat and said "well done, Professor." Since then, whenever they see each other, Mr. Hamman refers to Ken as "Professor."

While living in Los Angeles, Ken's friends, Ifti Baqai and Mitch Dunnitz, two expert players in their own right, affectionately nicknamed him "Maestro."

He has met so many people and made so many friends along the way, and is eternally grateful to all of them. Congratulations, Ken, on a marvelous achievement.

There is one more member of our Unit to be brought to your attention. Curmudgeon. Skeptic. Contrarian. Put such labels on Kevin Cadmus and he will thank you profusely! Kevin is a dabbler in new and perhaps foreign ideas in bridge bidding. He is never satisfied with explanations or arguments, such as:

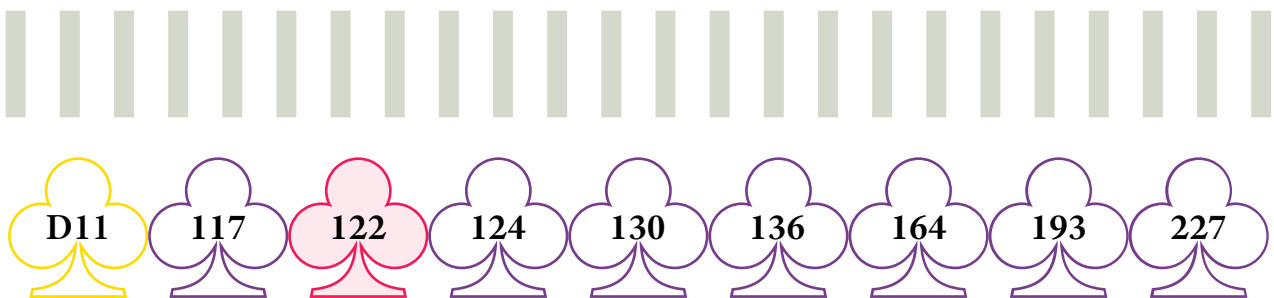
- Bidding is taught this way by excellent bridge teachers
- You'll find more partners if you use the XYZ bidding system
- Using XYZ is commonly accepted practice by good players

With his mathematical background, Kevin demands proof, or at least carefully collected statistical evidence. Anecdotal reports are woefully insufficient. For example, do you think using weak two-bids helps to improve your scores? Prove it!! He remains skeptical.

One of his earlier bridge bidding systems was called *Alien*. It was based on the following thought experiment. What if we send only the *Laws of Duplicate Bridge* to some advanced alien civilization? This transmission is not to include any conventions, restrictions or simulations to test ideas as they pop into their multiple heads. Kevin, the curmudgeonly skeptical contrarian cannot imagine that they would come up with five-card majors, weak two-bids, Drury or Gerber. Surely these relics are accidents of the earthly historical development of the game, rather than being foregone conclusions derivable from the rules!

His latest invention is the *BFUN* bidding system. *BFUN* is short for "Bridge for the Unbalanced." This system begins with the use of canapé style bidding of two-suited unbalanced hands. *BFUN* includes strong artificial one club and weak one notrump opening bids. It includes many new ideas and conventions, while dumping several of Kevin's least favorite conventions. The result is now published in his book, *BFUN: Bridge for the Unbalanced*, now available from Amazon. Those courageous players at the Columbus Bridge Center who have learned and used *BFUN*, have found it to be fun indeed. (PS: I'm one of those players!)

Our Unit yearend is coming up soon. We will have several openings on the Board. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board, or would like to nominate someone else, please let me know. We would love to have you get involved. ♣



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- 1:30 PM** Strati-Flighted A/X Pairs (unlimited/3000)
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- 7:00 PM** **ACBL GRASS ROOTS CHARITY GAMES**
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Stratified 299er Pairs**

Saturday, June 27

- 10:00 AM** Stratified Open Pairs (Unlimited/2000/750)
 & Stratified 299er Pairs**
3:00 PM
(single sessions)

Sunday, June 28

- 10:30 AM** Stratified Swiss Teams (Unlimited/2000/750)
Playthrough – Lunch may be purchased on site

General Information

Stratification for all games is based on average masterpoints

*No player above 1500/**No player above 300 masterpoints

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UNIT 124, LIKE all of District 11, suffered the slings and arrows of this outrageous (and past!) winter. Fortunately, not even winter keeps our members from the game. We are lucky to have Yauheni (Eugene) Siutsau, originally from Belarus, warm up our bridge brains by sharing problems from the Polish Bridge Magazine in Alert - Unit 124's Quarterly Newsletter, available at www.cincybridge.com

Here are two recent problems, with the solution at the end of this update:

Can Cincinnatians Do Better? by Yauheni Siutsau.

Problem 1:

West	North	East	You
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT

♠ x x
♥ QJ 6 5 3
♦ A J 9 x
♣ A x

♠
♥
♦
♣

♠ A K 9
♥ 7
♦ Q T x
♣ K Q J x

Contract: 3NT (S)	Opening Lead: ♥4	Plan Your Play
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Problem 2:

♠ x x x x
♥ A x
♦ A Q J T 8 7
♣ x

♠
♥
♦
♣

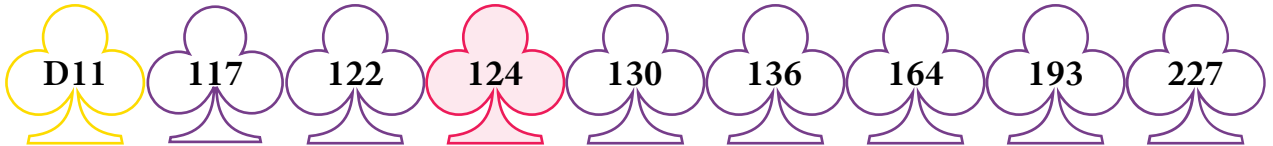
♠ A x
♥ K x
♦ 9 x x
♣ K Q x x x x

Contract: 3NT (S)	Opening Lead: ♥J	Plan Your Play
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Top STaC Results

We all had two STaCs since the last Midwest Monitor with several Unit 124 members placing well. Here is the list of members placing 1st or 2nd in their rank in Pairs:

Winter STaC - December 26 - January 1, 2015					
	A	B	C		
12/26-M	2			Larry Klein - Norman Coombs	63.94%
		4	1	Joyce Tedrick - Barry Wauligman	55.93%
		6	2	Joe Kammer - William Cook	55.45%
12/27-A	1			Mo Mineard - John Meinking	67.65%
		2	1	Joe Kammer - Gail Zimmer	58.81%
12/28-A	2	1		Larry Newman - Dennis Schultz	60.37%
	4	2		Pravin Bhutta - Nalin Mehta	55.56%
			1	Pam Campbell - Lisa Eisenstein	55.70%
12/29-M	1			Melanie Owen - Diane Goodman	67.59%
		1		Don Wolins - William Attebury	60.42%
			1/2	Ellen Jackson - Nancy Willis	56.25%
12/29-E	6	3	1	Dan Koppenhafter - Terry Brausch	62.35%
12/30-M	2			William Higgins - Yauheni Siutsau	66.83%
	10	1		Michele Staats - James Myers	60.42%
		5	1	Greg Brinker - Vern Goetz	59.03%
			2	Terry Ruf - Geo. Ahlrichs	57.08%
12/31-M	3	2		Nalin Mehta - Arun Gupta	63.10%
01/01-E	1	1		A J Stephani - Reeta Brendamour	67.14%
	2			Paul Pschesang - Jerry Imbus	63.66%
	4	2		Elaine Jarchow - Mary Ann Boyle	63.00%



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October 10 - 11, 2015

	A	B	C		
03/02–M	5		1	Pam Campbell - Susan Stacy	58.19%
			2	Mary Latham - Gretchen Sherman	54.77%
03/02–E	6	3	1	Stephen Felson - Robert Brown	63.35%
03/03–M	5	2	1	Jan Willenborg - Donna Glover	65.09%
03/03–A	1	1		Larry Newman - Dennis Schultz	66.37%
03/04–A	2	1	1	Pam Campbell - Susan Stacy	63.89%
03/05–A		1	1	Martin McTighe - Terry Brausch	58.10%
		4	2	Joyce Tedrick - Barry Wauligman	52.80%
03/05–E	3	3	1	Anirudh Pandit - Arun Pandit	58.65%
	4	4	2	Bev Shores - Judith Lubow	57.99%
03/06–M	1			Agnes De Lany - Jackie Toth	73.88%
03/06–A	1			Vince Netherwood - Cliff Pleatman	70.52%
03/07–M	1			William Higgins - Yauheni Siutsau	66.44%
	2			Margaret Young - Cordell Coy	61.11%
		1		Peggy Barrett - Judy Ruehl	57.87%
		2		Dennis Schultz - Susan Wisner	55.79%

Unit 124 Members on the Move (Life Master or Higher)

For the months of December, January, and February, we have seven members on the move. Margaret Young and John Meinking are now Gold Life Masters. Ray Tolston became a Silver Life Master. Ronald Jarchow and Susan Wisner became Bronze Life Masters. Barton Jacobs and Suresh Kamat became Life Masters. Congratulations to all.

Upcoming Tournaments

The Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional begins on Monday, June 1 at 2:30PM with a ProAm Pairs event. Call Nancy Luetge (513-793-2337) to reserve your place. The Open and Gold Rush Pairs Events on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday will be combined with the Evansville Regional for an even larger field. The Cincinnati Regional ends on Sunday, June 8, with a Stratiflighted Swiss Teams game.

The Northern Kentucky Bridge Club (NKBC) will hold its 2nd Annual Summer Getaway Sectional at the Airport Radisson at the Greater Cincinnati Airport located in Hebron, KY. It runs from July 31 (Friday) through August 2 (Sunday).

Solutions for “Can Cincinnatians Do Better?”

Solution Problem #1 - 3NT(S). Opening lead : ♥4

We have seven top tricks : two ♠s, one ♦ and four ♣s. If the ♦K is onside we will make an overtrick. What if the finesse fails? We will have enough tricks unless opponents will establish five (or more) tricks for the defense.

Apparently W holding weak hand has decided to find partner’s suit. Now, if we play ♥Q (or ♥J) at trick one, E can win and knock out our last ♥ honor. Defense will get one ♦ and four ♥s. (We cannot even endplay E because of transportation problems). Fortunately, we have simple safety play here: small heart at trick one. Defense cannot get more than four tricks now - three ♥s and one ♦.

The full deal is on the top right of this page.

♠ x x
♥ Q J 6 5 3
♦ A J 9 x
♣ A x

♠ Q T x x
♥ 4 2
♦ x x x
♣ x x x x

♠ J x
♥ A K T 9 8
♦ K x x
♣ x x x

♠ A K 9
♥ 7
♦ Q T x
♣ K Q J x

Solution Problem #2 - 3NT(S) Opening lead : ♥J.

The full deal:

♠ x x x x
♥ A x
♦ A Q J T 8 7
♣ x

♠ K x x
♥ J T 9 x x
♦ x x
♣ J x x

♠ Q J x x
♥ Q x x x
♦ K x
♣ A x x

♠ A x
♥ K x
♦ 9 x x
♣ K Q x x x x

We have only four top tricks : one spade, two hearts and one diamond. It looks like we should hope for ♦K to be onside. In this case we will get five extra tricks. However, if diamond hook doesn’t work, defense will continue hearts and we will go down. The finesse will succeed 50% of the time. We can improve our chances by winning first trick in dummy and playing small club.

1. Defense could duck ♣K. Now we can shift gears and get five ♦ tricks in addition to one ♠, one ♣ and two ♥s.
2. If E will play ♣A and clear hearts, we can check clubs before hooking ♦K and, if ♠s are three-three , we will get one ♠, two ♥s, one ♦, and five ♣s.
3. If W will win ♣A and clear ♥s, we should hope for the ♦ finesse. ☁

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July 31 - August 02, 2015

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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

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All events stratified by average master points



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UNIT 130 CENTRAL IN

Frank Tharp

2014 GOALS REACHED

The following Unit 130 players reached Life Master status or above during 2014. Unless noted, the players generally play in Indianapolis-area clubs.

LIFE MASTER: Larry Bryant (Muncie); Dave Osburn; Marlene Bailey; Judy Drejer; Harold McGrath (Muncie); Deb Brunoehner; Tom Haines; Mona Loft; John Nichols; Fred Andreas; Linda Benedix; and Barb Brunner.

BRONZE LIFE MASTER: John Peer; Larry Bryant (Muncie); Jim Rowen; Judy Drejer; Harold McGrath (Muncie); Steve Rubenstein; Margot Burks; Susie King (Bloomington); Dan Mytelka; Alice Vanarsdall; Rosa Latchaw; Tom Frank; Patti Rosiello; and Carl Armstrong (Bloomington).

SILVER LIFE MASTER: Joan Smyrnis; Sharon Jones; Rana Arora; Matt Corey; Harriet Goldberg; Fred Andreas; Anne Riley; Elizabeth Crawford (Muncie); Floyd McWilliams (Terre Haute); Kitty Parrin; Alan Tavel; Gwen Tierney; and Sharon Winters (Terre Haute).

GOLD LIFE MASTER: Sharon Strassler (Terre Haute); Pat Krout; Natan Erdberg; Peter Aldenderfer; and Gil Herod.

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER: Sharon Austin.

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to these individuals who frequently play in Unit 130 games and who achieved changes in their ACBL status during the recent *2015 Crossroads of America Regional*. Penny Millar became a Gold Life Master, and these individuals joined the Life Master ranks: Russ Beale; Delores “DeeDee” Herod; Cornelius “Connie” Martin; and Patricia Skelton (Kokomo).

These Unit 130 players were among the “Top 100 Point Getters” at the recent Indianapolis tourney: Don Florida (59.1); Mike Hellmer (49.53); Randy and Noel Helmink (45.55); Loren Anderson (38.72); Bob Lyon (37.36); Natan Erdberg (36.74); Linda Leedy (36.46); John Hinton (35.24); Charlene Lutz (34.85); Mitch Pote (29.31); Curtis Farley (29.31); Kendra Bridges (27.73); Annette Clark (25.81); Andie Marshall (24.73); Mel Ward (24.45); Steve Rubenstein (22.29); Nancy and Fred Wilson (21.34); Claudia and Eugene Kober (19.56); Milt Van Reed (19.42); Joanna Hebermehl (19.42); Hal Cultice (19.37); Rana and Max Arora (18.26); Tom Feeney (18.17); Steve Zimmerman (18.10); Maribeth Ransel (17.94); Nico Sneider (17.94); Pete Aldenderfer (17.29); Pam Paschke Kilgard (15.61); John Peer (15.49); Pat Buffie (14.70); Jim Rowen (14.47); Paul Humbles (14.40); Peter Aldenderfer (14.11); Geoff Bridges (13.77); Suzanne Bellamy (13.75); Bruce

Stroud (13.75); Larry Allison (13.56); John Beltz (13.54); Lois Scott (13.45); Aslam Siddiqui (13.38); Tom Frank (13.28); Jan Hammond (12.80); Bill Gheen (12.57); and Tom Bondus (12.57).

THANKS TO THE REGIONAL VOLUNTEERS & HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Many thanks to all of those who made our regional a success! Nothing could have taken place without the help of those who manned various tables, greeted visitors, helped with set up and take down, and played in the event. You are appreciated!

While our regional was a success in the number of tables played (even with the Sunday snow, we were ahead of last year), we found ourselves, once again, not being able to get our hotel site to respond to the needs of overnight guests. For that reason, we will be in a new site in 2016.

Many wonder why it is so hard to find a site for the tourney. Because Indianapolis is a great convention town, hotel and conference locations command top dollar, and the cost of holding an event would become prohibitive in most places in the metro area. Downtown Indy is not a possibility because of parking access for local players. Local parking costs have skyrocketed, and the long walk to most sites downtown would be a problem for many of our players.

That leaves us with the I-465 perimeter. We have visited every hotel, motel, conference center, and banquet facility in town. We need about ten thousand square feet of space, great lighting, lots of parking, and close overnight accommodations. It is a huge challenge since facilities that fill all those requirements normally don’t even want to talk to a group unless the group plans also to do several catered events (breakfasts, banquets, etc.)

We are hopeful that we will be able to offer a great site in 2016—one that will bring more guests to our regional. We’ll let you know as soon as we have signed a contract.

GETTING READY FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY A HUGE SUCCESS

A few weeks before our regional, CIBA held a workshop for players with fewer than two hundred points. The workshop was held with assistance from the Indianapolis Bridge Center and included instruction on all types of information about attending tournaments and succeeding in tourney play. Liz Brown, Maribeth Ransel, and Charlene Lutz presented material to the nearly forty attendees. In the afternoon, the group put its new learning to use in a Swiss team event. The outcome was that many of the attendees also came to the Indianapolis Regional. In fact, our 0-20 game had seven tables! Thanks to Sharon Austin for encouraging those in beginner classes to take part. We look forward to seeing all the Newcomers at future events.



BETTY MARKEY DAY AT IBC

On Saturday, March 14th, the Indianapolis Bridge Center honored one of its very favorite players, Mrs. Betty Markey. Betty ranks 90th in the nation in the American Bridge Association (ABA) with nearly eight thousand master points. She is also a Bronze Life Master in the ACBL.

Betty is known for her generosity and hospitality. A great caterer, Betty’s dishes at local parties and events are always the first that players seek out. Betty has always encouraged the friendship between local ABA and ACBL players, and works hard to promote each organization’s tours and other local events so that all can come together in friendship and in the spirit of competitive bridge.

It is not often that Betty is surprised, but as she arrived at the Center, the room burst into applause. Betty turned to see who was behind her that was garnering

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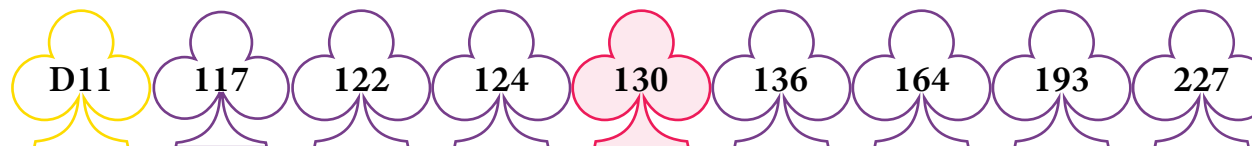
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the crowd’s attention. She turned back with a stunned expression when she realized it was her day. Thanks, Betty. You are a “one in a million” gal.

**DORIS SANDERSON: AT 101,
HER BRIDGE GAME IS AGELESS**

Doris Sanderson moved to Indianapolis to be near family in February, 2014, from Tulsa, OK during a blizzard. One of her first priorities in her new community was to socialize and play her favorite game, bridge. She walked into the Newcomers Duplicate Bridge Club that month and has been a regular ever since. Doris Doolittle Sanderson was born February 4, 1914, on a farm in rural Indiana near Delphi. Doris’ professor freshman year at Indiana University once said, “Miss Doolittle, your name understates your actions, you don’t **do little**, you **do big!**” Not only is her maiden name misleading, so is her petite size. Doris is a small package of great strength, humility, and charisma. Earlier life priorities found Doris directing her energy to Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and teaching school at Yeoman, IN. She married James B. Sanderson, moved to Tulsa and raised their three children.

Later life priorities involved taking on new personal challenges. First, was adventure travel including rafting ten days through the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River, touring Mexico’s Baja California, and exploring the State of Alaska. Second, was completing her Bachelor’s Degree in Education with honors at The University of Tulsa. Third was taking up golf and, of course, duplicate bridge.



Duplicate bridge is serious business for Doris, as she tries to play and study bridge every day. She has enjoyed competing for points, learning new conventions and developing a network of partners. After more than two decades of ACBL play from the Tulsa Bridge Studio to the Indianapolis Bridge Center, Doris is currently working toward achieving the high status of gold life master. Now back home in Indiana, Doris is still going strong at the age of 101. Her college professor was right, Doris **does it big!**

Doris is pictured above at the Newcomer’s Club along with her birthday cake and with one of her favorite partners, Harriet Goldberg standing behind her. Betty Markey, another of her favorite partners is in the photo at left.

TERRE HAUTE BRIDGE CLUB

In the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs completion for District 11, Unit 130, among players starting with between fifty and one hundred Master Points, the 2014 first-place winner is Terre Haute Bridge Club member, Thomas Siefert. Congratulations Tom!

Terre Haute Bridge Club’s annual meeting to be held March 10. As part of the Club Appreciation evening, the Board will hosted a dinner before the meeting and a no-fee game after. At the meeting the club elected Patty Cottom, James Kirtley, Charles Parks, and Tom Siefert to the Board of Directors. Current Board President, Charles Parks, and Vice President, Tom Siefert will be serving their second three-year term. Board members Connie Shattuck and Jane Gormong are rotating off the Board following six years of committed service.

Also at the annual meeting, club awards were announced. The Terre Haute Bridge Club 2014 Women’s Player of the Year is Laura Lee Bright. Men’s 2014 Player of the Year is Jerry Mosher. (See photos below) James Kirtley received the award for the Most Promising Newcomer among the Monday night Fun Bridge participants. Sharon Winters received the Altruism Award for her donations of time and talent to the club.

Other Top–Player-of-the-Year awards were made to club members in categories determined by the number of Master Points held: Patty Cottom (fewer than 100 MP), Mary Lynn Siefert (fewer than 300), Tom Siefert (fewer than 500), and Sharon Winters (fewer than 1000).

Many club members enjoyed success at the Indianapolis Winter Regional Bridge Tournament. Among them, Tana Holt and Mary Lunsford finished first in Strat C in the Tuesday evening A/X Open pairs event. In the Thursday morning side pairs game, Shafaat Dalal and his long-time Terre Haute partner Ed Hardwidge, who now resides in Carmel, finished first in Strat B.



MUNCIE BRIDGE CLUB

Gene Klett of New Castle was at the top of the list for winnings at the February NLM Sectional/Regional in Fairhope, AL with 18.11 MP’s, red and gold.

Two new ranks were attained by MDBC members in 2014: Linda Locke, Club Master, and Lynn Hale, Sectional Master.

ACBL has fashioned a different category of Golden Age Master. Anyone age seventy or older who has at least three hundred Masterpoints or anyone age eighty or older who has at least one hundred Masterpoints can receive recognition by having their club manager notify ACBL.

Tom Charles, Muncie club manager, reports these masterpoint milestones as of the end of March.

Shari Smith, Club Master; Jon Hendrix, Sectional Master; Charles McPeck, Life Master (new definition).

INDY WESTSIDE BRIDGE CLUB

The Westside club is going strong on Tuesday nights and will be beginning a new series of lessons in May. Lessons will start at 5:45PM each week. ☁

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May 1st thru 3rd

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2100 East 71st - Indianapolis**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - MAY 1

- ▶ **Open Stratified Swiss** 1:30 7:00
2 Sessions
- ▶ **Stratified Open Pairs** 1:30 7:00
- ▶ **299ers Pairs** 1:30 7:00
- ▶ **0-20 Pairs** 1:30 7:00
Pay for your 1st game & your 2nd game is free!

SATURDAY - MAY 2

- ▶ **Cyndy Cradick Memorial**
Bracketed KO Teams (Sessions 1, 2, 3) 9:00 1:30 7:00
- ▶ **299ers Pairs** 9:00 1:30 7:00
- ▶ **Stratified Open Pairs** 9:00
"BEAT THE COMPUTER!"
- ▶ **Stratified Open Pairs** 1:30
- ▶ **Stratified Open "Fast Pairs"** 7:00

SUNDAY - MAY 3

- ▶ **CIBA (Unit 130) Awards Presentations** 10:45
- ▶ **Bracketed Swiss Teams** 11:00
Play through. Teams will be seeded into brackets based on average MPs.
You will only play teams in your bracket. Box lunches can be ordered
all day Friday or Saturday AM.

Tourney Strats

Open: A = 2000+ B = 750-2000 C = 0-750
299ers: A = 100-300 B = 50-100 C = 0-50

- All events stratified by average MPs except when event has upper limit. Then all players must have fewer than that limit.
- KO Teams may be handicapped.
- Sunday Swiss is bracketed - teams play only in their own brackets.

TOURNAMENT SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Friday evening** Enjoy snacks provided by the CIBA Board and friends.
- **Saturday AM** Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.
- **Saturday AM** "Beat the Computer Open Pairs"
Outdo the computer on three successive boards and win one Free Play per player. Beat the computer on four successive boards and add your name to the Beat the Computer Honor Board.
- **Saturday PM** After your evening meal, come back for desserts provided by the CIBA Board and Friends.
- **Sunday Before the Swiss** Help us honor our 2014 Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners as well as our 2014 new Life Masters, Gold Life Masters and Diamond Life Masters.

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June 16, 17, 18
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The camp will be led by Deb Brunoehler and Chris Franklin, retired public school teachers. Deb is an Accredited ACBL Instructor and Life Master.

The camp is FREE. Limited space available, on first-come, first-serve basis, return the form ASAP.

CAMPER AND PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age (at the time of Camp): _____
Name you prefer to be called (if different): _____
Name of Parent/Guardian/Primary Contact: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Email address you check frequently: _____
Best way to contact you? (circle one) Home Phone Cell Phone Email
Name of Adult attending with Camper: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (please provide one additional person, different from the parent/guardian listed above, who would automatically be the first person we contact)

Contact's Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Home/Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Work _____ - _____ - _____ ext _____

Does your camper have any medical conditions, allergies, or special needs the staff should know about?

Any child who will be age 10-18 at the time of camp may apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please fill out the form above and return it to the envelope located at the Indianapolis Bridge Center OR

Mail to:
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ONE OF MY aunts lived in Neenah, Wisconsin for six years and she always said how much she hated the winter there, calling it the “Frozen North.” After the January and February we suffered in 2015, I have an increased appreciation of her animadversions concerning cold and snow. Everyone at the bridge center is grateful that spring is finally displacing winter and the first of the snowbirds are returning to our tables.

The old year ended with a STaC from December 26th to January 1st, including a party on New Year’s Eve. The evening included a seven table game won by Vickie Sebastian and Russ Shoup. Lots of unit players showed up in the overall results and Russ Shoup picked up the most masterpoints of any unit player.

January 24th and 25th brought the Grand National Teams District 11 qualifier to Presidential Way and numerous unit players won places. Scott Gates, Bob Sulgrove, Marc Low and Russ Shoup represent two thirds of the winning team in the Championship Flight. In Flight B, Darin Campo is 25% of the winning team. Best of luck in the Summer Nationals!

January 31st found an ACBL-Wide International Fund game at the bridge center. Nine tables at Presidential Way were part of the 108 tables that participated across the ACBL. Janet Lee and Beth Grismer finished first at our local level.

The bridge center held an Inter Club Championship game on February 26th. In total, 163 tables of players participated across North America. Audrey Dybvad and Judy Berberich turned in a more than respectable 63.57% game to finish 14th overall. Very nice!

March 2nd to 8th saw another STaC contest in District 11. Even though the weather and roads were challenging, lots of hardy folks turned out for the games, including Jeff Gargrave who accrued the most masterpoints in the unit.

At the bridge center, March 2nd was not only the first day of the STaC but also an ACBL Wide contest. This time it was Senior Pairs on Monday afternoon. Conrad Rennemann and Ron Babcock finished first at the club.

Logan County players did not let the foul weather keep them away from the bridge tables. They finished 2014 with a Christmas party and bridge game, won by Doc and Tee Forshaw. Logan County also participated in the STAC with a game on March 5th, won by Bipin Tandon and Shobha Tandon.

While David and Peggy Dishop escaped to the warmth of the south, Carol Parker took over as LCBC Administrator during the winter and directed the games in January and February. Jim Rash assumed director responsibility

for the games in March and April. Spring is almost here. Bridge in the Barn, hosted by Jim Rash, starts soon. From April to September on the last Sunday of the month, show up for lunch at 12:30 followed by Swiss teams at 1:30. Make your reservations!

The Dayton Spring Sectional is just around the corner, coming to Presidential Way from April 24th to the 26th. Get your partnerships ready!

Congratulations go to Ryan Shultz and Russ Shoup for finishing 33rd and 43rd respectively in The Bridge World 2014 Master Solvers Club Championship. According to The Bridge World’s website, the Master Solvers Club is the world’s longest-running bridge feature, begun in October of 1929. For history and more information about this most interesting bridge event, go to:

<http://www.bridgeworld.com/index.php?page=/pages/mastersolvers/mschistoryandpastchampions.html>

The end of winter brought the passing of two of our members: Joyce Cramer and Harry Kreitzburg. We offer our condolences to their families and friends. ☹



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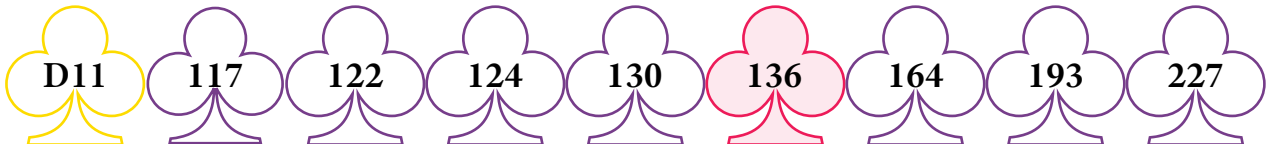
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April 24 - 26, 2015

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A... 200 - 500	2000 +
B... 50 - 200	500 - 2000
	* 750-2000 when NLM game is scheduled at same time
C... 0 - 50	0 - 500
	* 0-750 when NLM game is scheduled at same time

Friday - April 24, 2015

1:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
7:00 PM Open Pairs

Saturday - April 25, 2015

11:00 AM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
4:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs

Sunday - April 26, 2015

11:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (play through)
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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. Travel .7 miles to Hempstead Station Rd; Turn left and travel .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.
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DAYTON NON-LIFE MASTER SECTIONAL

June 13 & 14, 2015

**ALL EVENTS STRATIFIED
(BASED ON AVERAGE PLAYER POINTS):**

...NON-LIFE MASTERS STRATIFICATIONS ...

A... Non-Life Master

B... 100 – 200

C... 0 - 100

Saturday – June 13, 2015

11:00 AM Non-Life Master Stratified Pairs

4:00 PM Non-Life Master Stratified Pairs

Sunday – June 14, 2015

11:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (play through) Based on Team Avg MPs

Famous Dayton Complimentary Lunch served during session

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KATHY AND RAY Linck – Gold Life Masters
“By our estimation, seventy to eighty percent of the club members helped us achieve our Gold Life Masters,” stated Ray Linck. They are referring to the 70-80% as teammates in team games, not partners. Ray and Kathy have had a solid partnership since they met in Washington, D.C. as college interns working for the Federal government. The only times they have not played together are the Mentor/Mentee games and a brief period of time after Kathy had surgery and could not play.

They were each introduced to the game of bridge at the “knees of their parents” in the 50’s. They began playing “Rubber Bridge” with their parents and when the two met it was a cheap form of entertainment and a great outlet for their competitive nature.

In 1970 they joined a new-comer’s club in Wycoff, New Jersey, bought a set of duplicate boards and learned the game of Duplicate Bridge. They brought their duplicate boards with them in 1973 when IBM moved Ray to Lexington as a Systems Analyst. While raising their children Kathy got involved in the PTA where she became President of the Fayette County PTA Council and served four years on the Kentucky State PTA Board as the By-laws Chairman. Throughout this busy time in their lives they still made time for bridge. They used their duplicate boards when playing in homes around town where they met Judy and Norm Johnson, Kristi and Alan Karow, Kelly Butler and Reva Brehm.

They joined ACBL in 1999 when they both retired and have been very active in the Lexington Bridge Club and Unit 164 ever since. They both became Directors in 2005 in a three-day class at the Orlando, Florida NABC. Ray served on the Unit 164 Board for nine years. Kathy is currently the Secretary and the By-laws Committee Chair of Unit 164. She previously served 4 years as the Lexington Bridge Club’s Secretary. They directed the Sunday and Tuesday Novice games and the Friday Open game for several years.

How did they amass enough masterpoints in fifteen years to make Gold Life Master? “Traveling!” Kathy said, “We play bridge wherever we travel. We found a bridge club right off the SkyTrain in Vancouver and played there one day. It gives you a different perspective. We got to see the city through a bridge player’s view.” They have done several Regional bridge cruises and also attended a Sectional tournament while in Hawaii.

When asked about their “Bridge Highlights and Memorable Moments” - these three instantly came to mind:



▲ *The Lexington Bridge Club had a cake honoring the Linck’s on Monday, March 23rd during the Morning Open Game. Congratulations on your Gold Life Master, Kathy and Ray! You make a great team!!* ►

- 1) Getting their Life Master at the Gault House at the Louisville Regional Tournament. They played a team game with Reva Brehm and Rae Ann Eastwood and earned over 10 gold masterpoints needed for their Life Master goal!
- 2) Making Gold Life Master at the Horseshoe Casino at the Louisville/Lexington Regional Tournament—November 2014. They won the four-session Knockout game playing with Aloma and Max Hoover.
- 3) New Year’s Tournament in Charleston, South Carolina. They went with Sondra and Terrell Holt and won a total forty masterpoints—the most they have ever earned at a single tournament. They have eight highball glasses (trophies) with the Palmetto tree in their cabinet to remind them of that New Year!

I reminded them of their big first-place finish in the “2013 World Wide Bridge Contest” against 5060 pairs which was heavily publicized. “It was like hitting a hole-in-one in golf. Everything went right that day,” Kathy said. “It takes some skill and a lot of luck.”

District 11’s New President – Terrell Holt!

Our very own Terrell Holt was elected to the office of President for District 11 at the Fall Dayton Regional Tournament!

Terrell will serve District 11 for the next two years, presiding over the four District Board meetings held during each of the four regional tournaments (Dayton/Columbus, Louisville/Lexington, Cincinnati and Indianapolis). District 11 is comprised of 8 Units covering large areas of Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

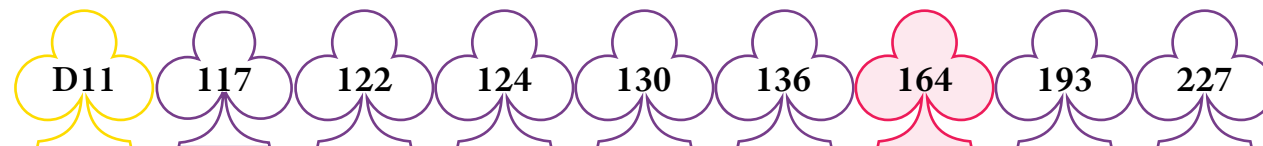
The primary responsibility of the District 11 Board is to work with the regional chairs/co-chairs to help make sure each regional tournament is a success. With all the experience Terrell has chairing and performing the behind-the-scenes work on sectional, regional and national tournaments, District 11 has wisely elected a more than capable President!

The recent announcement by Beth Reid (District 11’s representative on the National Board of ACBL) that Columbus, Ohio will host the 2020 NABC thrilled Terrell. Although it is several years away, he will get to help prepare for the big event.

Cabin Fever Sectional Tournament

The Lexington Cabin Fever Sectional Tournament continued its positive growth—up twenty-two tables (10.4%) over last year’s tournament. 1001.38 silver masterpoints were earned by 214 players in the three-day tournament. At the top of the masterpoints list were Harry Gordon and Sue Bullard of Lexington with 36.69 MP each. First place finishes in the Bracket 1 Knockouts (with teammates Amy Fisher of Cincinnati and Ralph Letizla of Louisville) and the Sunday Open Swiss Game (with teammates Dennis Hesthaven and Jeanne James of Louisville) put them on top.

The 0-300 MP group made a big showing with a total of 59½ tables for the entire tournament. Not only were the number of players up, but the folks traveled from four surrounding states—Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia—to play in our sectional! The out-of-towner’s did very well, too.



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Sectional

May 15 - 17, 2015

Lexington

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July 25 - 26, 2015

Lexington

Silver Swiss

September 12 - 13, 2015

Chris Yorbrough of New Albany, IN and Freida Trower of Louisville placed first in the Saturday Evening Pairs game. Alison Gembar and Betsy Keeling of Nashville, TN placed first overall in the Friday Evening Pairs game and first in B in the Saturday Evening Pairs game. Susan Stacy Vanstone and Martin Gibler of West Chester, OH placed first overall and Andrea Shepard of Ryland Heights, KY and Terri Jacobs of Union, KY placed first in B in the Saturday Afternoon Pairs game (12½ tables).

Sunday Swiss 0-300 MP

- First Overall – The team of Lucille and Tom McClure of Tornado, WVa and David Stern and Charles Dunn of Charleston, WVa.
- 1st in Strat 2 – The team of Nancy Garriott and Beverly Pyle of Richmond, KY and Ginny May and Carolyn Wooley of Lexington.
- 1st in Strat 3 – The team of Ellen and Jack Hume and Susan Mattlingly of Lexington and Steve Furnish of Frankfort, KY.

Other Lexington Bridge Club’s 0-300 pairs that did well

- Steve King and Carmen Bishop—1st overall in the Friday Afternoon Pairs game.
- Xana Plum and Elizabeth Schulman—1st in C in the Afternoon Pairs game.
- Norma Hampton and Susan Wysong—1st in C in the Friday Evening Pairs game.

Nancy Polk and Lou Anne Moss placed 1st in C in the Friday Afternoon Open Pairs game. Nancy earned enough silver points to complete her Life Master goal at the sectional!

Lexington has a reputation for its Southern hospitality and charm. Ellen Hume did a wonderful job upholding this reputation as this year’s Hospitality Chair. Thanks for a job well done, Ellen!

Tournament Chair Terrell Holt was very pleased with the three-day sectional. “Thanks to all who attended and helped make it a success!” he said. “We hope to see all of you next year at the Cabin Fever Tournament!”

Pot Luck Luncheon – Honoring Three New Life Masters

On Wednesday, February 25th the Lexington Bridge Club held a Pot Luck Luncheon to honor three new Life Masters—Pat Cole, John DeAtley and Marilyn Hynson. (Pictured Below) After a delicious lunch there was an eleven table game. All three honorees played East/West. Marilyn played with Chuck Dean and they had more to celebrate—1st in A/B and 2nd Overall! Pat played with Herb Gillies and they came in right behind Marilyn and Chuck placing 2nd in A/B and 3rd Overall. John (who took time off from work for the celebration) got to play with his long-time partner, Russ Whitney.

The Bridge Club provided a beautiful and tasty cake for everyone to enjoy!

2015 Snow Storms - Octavia & Thor

Two epic snowstorms hit Central Kentucky hard this February and March. Octavia (when did they start naming winter storms??) dumped fifteen inches of snow on President’s Day and shut down the city for two days. The second storm, Thor, paralyzed the city again on March 5th with 18-21 inches— depending where you lived in Fayette County. Each storm was compounded by temperatures near zero degrees. The Lexington Bridge Club was closed several days during these storms as a safety precaution for its members.

Several members of the club traveled to play in the Indianapolis Regional Tournament that fell between these two storms. Jean



Sunday Morning at the Indianapolis Regional

Unit 164 and the Lexington Bridge Club. An excellent introduction to duplicate bridge was taught by Sandra Marlin. Nearly half of the new attendees signed up for Carole Fox’s beginning bridge classes!

New Life Masters

Marilyn Hynson,

John DeAtley &

Pat Cole

Celebrate at

Pot Luck Luncheon



Leon Pauley &

Jean Addleton

New Life Masters

Addleton and Leon Pauley earned their Life Master there playing in Knockouts with Andra Gyor and Michael Jones. They were “lucky” to experience another nine inches of snow that fell early Sunday morning on the last day of the regional! Thankfully, by the end of the Sunday Swiss game the roads had been plowed and their return to Lexington went smoothly.

On Thursday, March 5th Andra and Dave Gyor cut a trail through the deep snow in the medians on Lansdowne Drive just in case anyone wanted to cross country ski to the Club for “Learn Bridge in a Day!”

Learn Bridge in a Day

Despite the deep snow, forty-one people showed up at the Lexington Bridge Club on Saturday, March 7th for “Learn Bridge in a Day.” Actually, the city of Lexington did an excellent job plowing the streets and roads allowing folks to get out and attend events on a very busy weekend. Our guests that came to the Bridge Club were treated to a nice lunch provided by the joint sponsors of the event,

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

New Life Masters: Jean Addleton, Pat Cole, John DeAtley, Marilyn Hynson, Leon Pauley, Nancy Polk.

New Bronze Life Masters: John DeAtley, Margaret Rucker, Russell Whitney.

New Silver Life Master: Margie Hacker.



May 15-17

Lexington Spring Sectional
Clarion Hotel (Formerly Best Western Conference Center)
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July 25-26

Lexington Mid-Summer NLM (0-500 MP) Sectional
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September 12-13

Sizzling Silver Swiss*
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* This sectional tournament replaces the Pine Mountain Sectional this year.



**Dave and Andra Gyor cut a trail
to the Lexington Bridge Center
in the median on Lansdowne Drive**

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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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July 25 - 26, 2015

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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.)

Lexington Silver Swiss *September 12 & 13, 2015*

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Sizzling Silver Swiss

**Lexington's 1st Swiss
Teams Sectional
Tournament!**



September 12 & 13, 2015

**Saturday and Sunday
10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

**2-Session Stratified Swiss Teams
2-Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams**

Stratified based on team's average masterpoints.
Stratifications: 0-750 (C), 750-2500 (B), 2500+ (A)

Daily Entry Fees: \$80 per team (2-sessions)
\$3 additional per non or unpaid ACBL members

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UNIT 193 Phyllis Kincaid DISTRICT 11

THROUGH JANUARY UNTIL the middle of February, the seven duplicate bridge clubs in Unit 193 escaped record breaking snow like New England experienced. But on President’s Day (February 16) Southern Indiana and Kentucky set its own snowfall record —over eight inches. Although the weather caused cancellations, many dedicated bridge players managed to brave all but the heaviest snow. During this period there were two tournaments: The Owensboro Sweetheart Swiss Sectional and the Indianapolis Regional.

The Owensboro Sectional held on February 14 and 15 (just missing the region’s first record snowfall) had the biggest turnout in many years. One hundred and four tables were filled with eager players. This number was twenty-four more tables than the attendance in 2014. The club had wide support from the south down to Nashville, the west to Paducah, the north to Indianapolis, the east to Louisville and all the area clubs in Unit 193. One of the highlights of the tournament was the hot luncheon served on white table cloths. The winners of this tournament were:

Saturday Swiss – 28 Tables

- A:
1—Chris Panagopoulow, Franklin TN; Richard Roiseman-Dot Blue-Elaine Said, Nashville TN
2 —Lon Bell-Jeanne Bell-William Lea, Jr.-Billie Brown, Evansville IN
3—Donald Florida-Annette Clark, Indianapolis IN; LeRoy Breimeier-Daniel Dorney, Vincennes IN

- B:
1—Doris Mills, Owensboro KY; Elizabeth Rosenberg, Shelbyville KY; Nancy Anderson-Edward Schickli, Jr., Louisville KY
2—Elizabeth Becker-Robert Becker-Gloria Bridges, Evansville IN; Steven Early, Newburgh IN
3—Gregory Risley, Bicknell IN; Robert Tapp, Madisonville KY; Suaznne Oberbeck-Dennis Dewey, Newburgh IN

- C:
1—Terry Brown-Stan Hohl-Justin Kluemper-Cynthia Kluemper: Jasper IN
2/3—George Baumgardner-Bud Farmer, Evansville IN; Terri Chandler, Campbellsville KY; Vicki Helms, Owensboro KY
2/3—Patricia Probst-Jane Perkins-Peggy Kincaid, Evansville IN; Woodie Walker, Newburgh IN

Sunday Swiss – 24 Tables

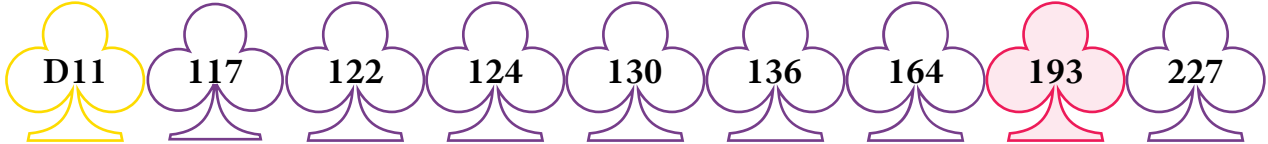
- A:
1—Dennis Rose, Boaz KY; Ronald Brockman, Paducah KY; H. Douglas

- Edwards-Gayle Edwards, Almo KY
2—LeRoy Breimeier-Daniel Dorney, Vincennes IN; Donald Florida-Annette Clark, Indianapolis IN
3/4—Tommy Wynn-Maxine/Wynn-Ronald Brotherson-Janet Brogherson, Paducah KY
B:
1—Susan Hill-Dale Hill, Henderson KY; Mary Cravens, Hodgenville KY; Judy Banks, Elizabethtown KY
2/3—Gregory Risley, Bicknell IN; Robert Tapp-Brandon Liao, Madisonville KY; Dennis Dewey, Newburgh IN
2/3—Rebecca Walker, Lewisport KY; Marion Thornton-Patricia Satterwhite, Owensboro KY; Flora Norsworthy, Hartford KY
C:
1—Jane Perkins-Melba Patberg-Peggy Kincaid, Evansville IN; Woodie Walker, Newburgh IN
2—Richard Sarles-Ralph Hines-Jeanne Hines, Madisonville KY; Regina Kinney, Greenville KY
3—Richard Thompson, Fulton KY; Kathy Wilson, Dresden TN; Jo Grisson- Dianna Nerren, Hickman KY

The Indianapolis Regional, from February 23 to March 1, was also well attended in spite of the weather. Several players from Unit 193 did very well: The top Unit winners were:

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| Cynthia Klemper (Jasper) | 16.31 points |
| Vicki Helms (Owensboro) | 13.29 points |
| Jane Perkins (Evansville) | 13.29 points |
| James McCool (Evansville) | 8.55 points |
| George Baumgardner (Evansville) | 8.55 points |

Henderson Duplicate Bridge Club News: According to Dale Hill, manager of the HDBC, the club’s biggest news has been the winner of the STaC games—Mother Nature! HDBC had to cancel a game in January and also two days of STaC games in February. ▼



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Owensboro/Cincinnati
Split Regional
June 01 - 07, 2015

Evansville
Sectional
September 25 - 27, 2015

Upcoming Tournaments and Events!
The Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club will hold a 299er Sectional on April 11 and 12, 2015, in the club room at 1551 S. Green River Road, Evansville, IN. This is a wonderful opportunity for players with less than three hundred points to earn silver.

Mark your calendars for June 1-7, 2015, for the Owensboro, KY. Split Regional. This every other year tournament is usually held in Evansville, IN. However, due, to the closing of the Clarion Inn, the venue has been changed to the beautiful Owensboro Convention Center, 501 W 2nd Street, Owensboro, KY. This location is just a twenty-five minute drive from Evansville. There will be daily opportunities for either Gold Rush Pairs or Gold Rush Swiss Teams.

Henderson’s upcoming special games include the Worldwide Bridge Contest on Friday, June 5, and the ACBL-wide International Fund Game #2 on Wednesday, July 15. Also, STaC games will be held on Wednesday, July 8, and Friday, July 10.

Owensboro’s Unit Championship Game will be held on Saturday, July 25, 1:00 pm, CST, at the Commerce Centre atop the Chase Bank at 200 E. Third Street in Owensboro, KY.

Vincennes and Jasper Duplicate Bridge Clubs: Most of the Vincennes games in January, February and the first part of March were canceled due to the weather or the lack of players. The Jasper Club, though, has had three good months with quite a few pairs having 70% games and one pair scoring over 80% (See Congratulations Section.) The Jasper games are brightened by Mary Ann Seng and members of her bridge-playing family. Mary Ann became a life master in 1988 playing with Julie Bomalaski. They earned forty-five points at the All-Southern Regional Bridge Tournament in Tampa, Florida, Mary Ann writes, “Philip and Jeff (her grandsons) approached me when they were in high school, sixteen and fourteen years of age. They wanted me to teach them bridge. Then Sara (granddaughter) wanted to learn also, along with her cousin Mike Olinger. Next came Heath (another grandson) and finally in 2014, grandson Eli joined the group. All have played in tournaments.”

A Small Survey:
Several players were asked this question: “What do you like about your opponents?”

Mary Ellen Theby (EDBC) replied, “I like courteous opponents. Those who are courteous encourage new players to return.”

Sandy Case (EDBC) said, “I like opponents who don’t discuss played hands forever.”

Pete Lambert (Henderson) said, “I like opponents who are not late to start a round.”

Anonymous said, “I like opponents who do not belittle their partner during the set.”

John Fullenwider (Owensboro) commented, “I like courteous players who are reasonably fast.”

Bob Kincaid (Evansville) said, “I like opponents who are bad players.”

Education:
EasyBridge! lessons are once again being offered by the Owensboro and Evansville clubs. Owensboro began a fifteen-week series on January 12. Twenty-six players are faithfully attending. In addition, novice players who want to review certain areas may attend. Students who complete the series are then eligible to join the 6:30 p.m. Monday night novice games.

The Evansville Club’s EasyBridge! 2 is on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. This intermediate lesson series is appropriate for duplicate and social bridge players. It covers ten mini-lessons followed by a game designed to stress the fundamentals of the lesson. This is a great way to introduce your social bridge playing friends to duplicate bridge. Jan Tucker is the most able teacher.

Sally and Cal Wade (Silver and Bronze Life Masters) are teaching “Defense in the 21st Century by ACBL.” This series of nine lessons is designed to sharpen defensive playing skills and tactics. It covers Opening Leads against No Trump and Suit Contracts, Third-Hand Play, Second Hand Play, Defensive Signals, Developing Defensive Tricks, Interfering with the Declarer, Making a Defense Plan and Negative Doubles.

Essentials:
In every duplicate bridge club there are volunteer members who keep the gears and wheels in motion. Because of their work, the participants experience a pleasant, well- run game of bridge. In this and subsequent issues some essential volunteers will be highlighted. After reading about them you may have a better understanding of the work that they do. You may also want to say “thank you” or give them a hug.

Dale and Susie Hill: Dale is the club manager for the Henderson Duplicate Bridge Club. He says, “I am the club manager of record, but Susie, my better half, is absolutely essential to the existence of the Henderson Club. She is the person who makes all the phone calls to check on attendance, finds partners for people, makes all the wonderful concessions, keeps track of the inventory of supplies, lets me know what I need to order, and keeps me focused on the needs of the club.”

Lon and Jeanne Bell: Lon, who is the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club director of bridge operations and director of directors, schedules, with board approval, all ACBL regular and special games. He sees that each game is sanctioned by ACBL. He makes monthly reports to ACBL on held games and awarded points. He assigns game directors. His wife, Jeanne, writes the newsletter and includes the schedule for all special and regular games. Together they prepare the dealing machine. This takes the two of them about twenty minutes for each set. They prepare 10 sets each week. In addition, when Lon is the director, Jeanne makes coffee and sets up the snacks.

Richard Cornett and Deborah Gregory: Richard is the club manager for the Thursday and Sunday Madisonville Duplicate Club and the owner of the Tuesday Club. He and his wife, Deborah, have worked as a team to keep these clubs going. While Richard performs the club manager duties, Deborah handles hospitality. She is well known for her delicious cakes, pies and cookies. When Richard can’t run the game, Deborah does. According to Richard, “She does a great job entering game results on the web.” Deborah and Richard will be moving this year to Ocala, Florida. They will live there for six months during the winter but return to Kentucky for six months in the summer.

Beverly Nikolajewski: Beverly has been a quiet, exemplary and essential leader in many ways. According to Pat Probst, “Beverly has been a member of both the EDBC and UNIT Boards, and has proven to be an appreciative team player. She has chaired or helped on various committees, is the friendly voice on our answering machine, is responsible for keeping our membership directory up to date, as well as submitting members’ scores for the monthly newsletter. Always kind, always eager to help, always efficient, Bev is a valuable asset to our club.”

Bill Wittgen: In 1956, Bill obtained a job with George S. Olive & Co., a regional CPA firm in Evansville. Three years later he became a CPA. In 1966, Bill became a partner of the firm. After twenty-eight years as a partner, he retired in May 1994. During his retirement, he has enjoyed traveling, playing golf and playing duplicate bridge. Also during his retirement years, he has volunteered his accounting abilities on a regular basis to his church and to charitable organizations that care for homeless women. Since June 2011 he has been the treasurer of the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club, taking care of the bookkeeping and accounting of the club.

New Player Status: Two New Life Masters!
Jasper member, Brenda Krempp, became a life master on November 4, 2014. She and her partner Cynthia Kluemper finished in second place in the Gold Rush Pairs event, earning 7.05 Gold points. Brenda says, “Back in 1996, a friend asked if I would be interested in taking bridge lessons. We signed up and took the lessons offered by Mary Ann Seng and Jane Witte through Vincennes University-Jasper Campus. I began actively playing with no specific partner. In November of 2003, I signed up for an ACBL membership. Four years later, I earned my first gold points. Being a mother of five and having a full-time job as a realtor, we never attended a tournament for more

than one night and played two days hoping for the best. My primary partner was Carol Olinger. I’ve also had many team members including Mary Ann Seng, Jane Witte, Judy McCarty, Kitty Recker, Mirth Hahn and Cindy Kluemper. A big thanks goes to two of the best teachers –Mary Ann Seng and Jane Witte.”



▲ Brenda Krempp

Jim McCool ▼



The Tuesday Madisonville Club recognized Jim Mc Cool (EDBC and Madisonville member) on March 9 with snacks and a beautiful cake. Jim became a life master at the Indianapolis Regional Tournament.

New Junior Masters: Susie A. Burdette, Michael L. Heflin, Justin W. Kluemper, Bob Messick, Ginger Ramsden, and Joe Zimmer.
New Club Master: Ann Primus
New Sectional Master: Samuel L. Fitzsimmons, Janice Wheeler
New Life Master: Brenda Krempp, Jim McCool
New Silver Masters: Elizabeth C. Becker, Gloria Bridges, Jack Davis

Congratulations:
Susan C. Parsons, CFO, secretary and treasurer of Koch Enterprises in Evansville, has been named chairman of the board of directors of the Louisville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Kent and Jackie Brasseale of Evansville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Fort Mitchell, KY, on January 23, 1965.

LeRoy Breimeier and Bill Sokeland had an 82.67% game on January 17, 2015, at the Jasper Duplicate Bridge Club.

The Henderson Club announced its top ten masterpoint winners for 2014: They are (1) Gary Gentry, (2) Richard Cornett, (3) Dale Hill, (4) Pete Lambert, (5) Phil Fassett, (6) John Fullenwider, (7) Bernie Kay, (8) Susie Hill, (9) Connie Gustafson, (10) Chris Huus.

First Place Mini-McKenny Masterpoint Race:

0 — 5:	James H. George
5 — 20:	Jane Perkins
20 — 50:	Vicki Helms
50 — 100:	Betty Hahn
100 — 200:	Dr. Jeffrey Chapman
200 — 300:	Dr. Joseph C. Franklin Jr.
300 — 500:	Patricia Lodato
500 — 1000:	Gary Gentry
1000 — 2500:	Billie K. Brown
2500 — 5000:	John Fullenwider
5000 — 7500:	Phelps Sambert
7500 — 10,000:	Dr. Sara J. Parks

Recipe:
At a recent Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club pitch in, Kay Fuchs brought a fabulous sweet potato casserole.
She has graciously shared her recipe.

Sweet Potato Casserole:
2 lbs sweet potatoes, peeled and cut
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup milk
¼ cup melted butter
3 large eggs, beaten
2-3 tsp grated orange peel
1 tsp. vanilla

Topping
½ cup brown sugar, packed
1/3 cup flour
1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Bring sweet potatoes to a boil, reduce heat and simmer covered, 12-15 minutes until tender. Drain potatoes and mash until smooth. Stir in sugar, milk, butter, eggs, orange peel and vanilla. Spoon into a 9" square pan. Combine brown sugar and flour in a bowl, and then cut in butter until crumbly. Toss with nuts and sprinkle over potatoes. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. If recipe is doubled, bake in 13"x9" dish for 40 minutes.

Condolences:
Our deep sympathy goes to the family and friends of the following Unit 193 duplicate bridge players who died In December of last year. They will be missed.

Wayne Davidson died on December 14. Wayne was an Evansville native who attended Reitz High School and the University of Evansville. He moved up the Bristol Meyers ladder to become one of the top leaders of the company. Wayne was eighty-four. He was a member of the EDBC.

John Groben died on December 25 at age eighty. He was a graduate of Reitz Memorial High School and Notre Dame University. John was the former president of Althoff-Howard Electric. As a member of EDBC, John was a renowned bridge player, achieving the rank of Diamond Life Master.

Marcie Harding grew up in Chicago. She was educated in the catholic school system. She graduated from DePaul University with honors. Marcie was crazy about and very active in duplicate bridge. Shortly before her death she accomplished her goal of becoming a Silver Life Master. She is an EDBC past president. Marcie died on December 22. She was seventy-four.

Sally Merrick, a former member of EDBC, also died in December. Sally left Evansville last year. Members of the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club heard about her death but learned no details.

Lew Otterson was eighty-eight when he died on December 26. Lew was a country boy from Southern Illinois. His education began in a one-room school and later included Evansville College and summer programs at Indiana University, Syracuse University, University of Virginia and Harvard University. Lew served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He had three careers: writer and public relations officer, corporate executive and real-estate agent. He held three U.S. patents.

Gail Snowden died on December 23. She was seventy-eight. Gail was a long-time member of Henderson, KY, and the Henderson Duplicate Bridge Club. Gail was the golf coach for the Henderson County High School. She received her undergraduate degree from Kentucky Wesleyan and her MA from Murray College.

70% Games:	
John Fullenweider and LeRoy Breimeier:	76.0%
Rae Camp and Ginger Ramsden:	75.0%
Mary Lucas and Gayle Jeffers:	75.0%
Mary Joyce and Carol Meese:	75.0%
Michael and Carol Ollinger:	72.9%
Bill Sokeland and LeRoy Breimeier:	72.6%
Justin Kluemper and Cindy Kluemper:	72.5%

Finally, Ray Andersen, recently shared some tips on becoming a life master. There are fifteen total suggestions. This issue features four:

1. Develop a partnership with someone you can play with 70% to 80% of the time and who also wants to become a life master.
2. Develop other partners to play with in team games (Swiss Teams and Knock Outs) who want to become life masters and are willing to travel with you to area sectional and regional tournaments. Regional tournaments now offer Gold Rush Pairs and Gold Rush Swiss Team events which give players additional opportunities to earn gold points.
3. Make sure that your partner and your team members are fun and friendly not only to play with but to be with as you pursue your goals.
4. DON’T GET DISCOURAGED! You won’t get points every time you play in a tournament. But hopefully, you will have fun being with friends and will have learned from your mistakes in the process.

As we head into spring, laugh and breathe in the warm air. Ethel Barrymore says, “You grow up the day you have the first laugh—at yourself.”

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April 24 - 26, 2015

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Coalfield Classic

April 24 - 26



Baptist Health Tower
200 Clinic Drive, Madisonville, Ky.

Friday, April 24

Sessions are at **1:00 PM** and **7:00 PM**

1:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
Novice 0-199 if attendance warrants

7:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
Novice 0-199 if attendance warrants

Saturday, April 25

10:00 am

Stratified Open Pairs
Easy Bridge Game

3:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs
Novice 0-199 if attendance warrants

Sunday, April 26

10:00 am

Swiss Teams
Stratified Swiss Teams
Team Average A 2000+, 500-2000, C 0-500

Entry fees for Friday and Saturday: \$10.00 per session for ACBL members;
\$13.00 per session for non-members and unpaid ACBL members.
Sunday Swiss Pairs: \$100.00 per team, includes Pizza for Lunch

Free Refreshments

Sanction ID: S1504026

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Open Pairs (0-500) (500-1500) (1500+)

FRI 6:30 PM

199er Newcomers (0-50) (50-100) (100-200)
Open Pairs (0-500) (500-1500) (1500+)

SAT 10:30 AM

199er Newcomers (0-50) (50-100) (100-200)
Open Pairs (0-500) (500-1500) (1500+)
(Break)

SAT 3:30 PM

199er Newcomers (0-50) (50-100) (100-200)
Open Pairs (0-500) (500-1500) (1500+)

SUN 10:30 AM

Open Swiss Teams* (0-500) (500-1500) (1500+)
(Box Lunch) * Strats based on team average.



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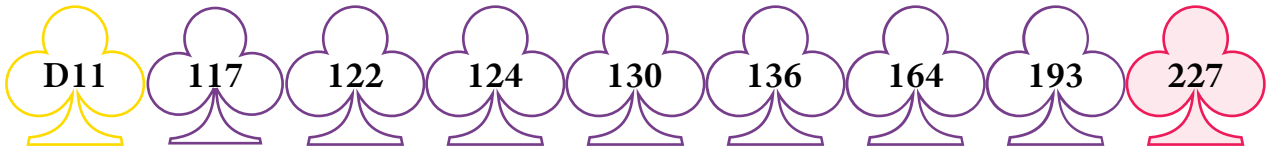
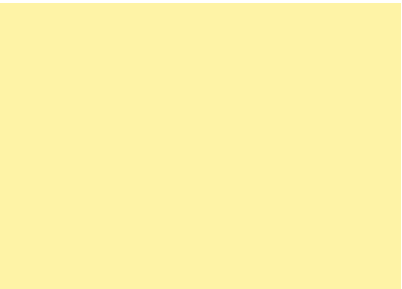
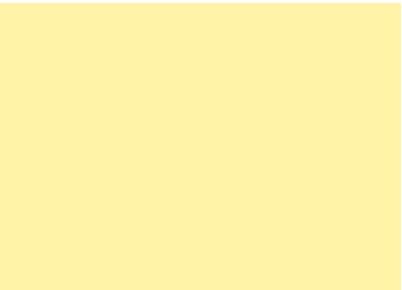
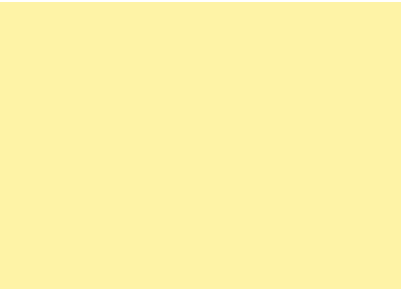


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