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MONITOR DEADLINES

First Quarter - 2016	December 15, 2015
Second Quarter - 2016	March 15, 2016
Third Quarter - 2016	June 15, 2016
Fourth Quarter - 2016	September 15, 2016
First Quarter - 2017	December 15, 2016

MONITOR CALENDAR

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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MONITOR CALENDAR

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	DAYTON/COLUMBUS REGIONAL					

DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR

A. Beth Reid

The Chicago Committee, headed by ACBL Board Member and 2015 President Suzi Subeck, doing triple duty, ably assisted by husband Stan and a great team of Chicago volunteers put on a great NABC. Table count was 13,685 up 5.3% over the estimated 13,000 and the second NABC in a row over estimate . . . despite a relatively high hotel rate. Congrats to all! I grew up (mostly) on the north shore of Chicago so had a great time revisiting the sites of my youth . . . especially the Art Institute and the glorious Lake Michigan. The weather cooperated to make the ACBL's return to Chicago after a long absence a great success.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Through the end of June, total membership stands at 167,756. Membership is thirty members higher than at the start of the year. Retention continues to be a key focus for the organization. Clubs and Membership have embarked on a telephone campaign to win back lapsed members and better understand the reasons for not renewing. Full membership statistics can be found at: June 2015 Membership Trend Report.pdf

It should be noted that as of August 1, we have set a new record for membership since the counting methodology began in 1997. Prior to that date, we included unpaid inactive Life Members in our figures who did not pay dues and did not earn master points. This greatly overinflated membership numbers prior to 1997. Where are our new members coming from? Overwhelmingly, from retiring baby boomers . . . a population segment of seventy-five million. The questions facing the ACBL are how to continue attracting these folks, how to retain them, how to allocate resources, e.g., do we want to continue spending on school programs and juniors when we know the payoff, if any, can't be measured for twenty or thirty years? Always happy to have your thoughts as the Board faces these strategic issues.

BOARD ACTIONS

WBF MOTION

As some of you who wrote me prior to the Chicago meeting noted, there were a few controversial motions before us.

One of them was a motion to have the ACBL stop paying dues to the WBF (World Bridge Federation) and have the USBF (US Bridge Federation) and CBF (Canada) pay them instead. As these two "NBO"s (National Bridge Organization) were formed to meet the requirements of the WBF that international teams be selected and sent to WBF Championships by nations rather than "Zonal Authorities" (the ACBL for Zone 2—essentially North America) this would seem to make some sense. The dues are currently assessed at $1/member, which means around $165K annually for the ACBL. One problem with the motion is that the combined membership of the USBF and the CBF is less than two thousand as they essentially exist only to run the qualifiers and don't provide the wide member services for our Zone as the ACBL does, thus the motion would essentially wipe out the dues to the WBF. This would be like saying that the US has decided that its dues to the UN will now be paid by NY State based only on NY's size and that's where UN business gets done. In my view, the ACBL is a key member of the WBF and US players' key participants on the world stage. The motion was deferred to Denver, but its makers indicated that they would withdraw it if the WBF dues were clearly broken out in our financial reports, a condition I assure you we can meet.

SIX-PERSON KO'S

Many of you over the years have asked me why the Board can't "do anything" about the fact that all members of a larger than four KO teams receive full awards, regardless if they have only played fifty percent of the matches. In New Orleans, the Board passed the First Reading of a masterpoint change that would have corrected this inequity. Between New Orleans and Chicago, sponsors of pro teams, who are the chief beneficiaries of the current rule, and others launched an intense lobbying effort to convince the Board that such a change would result in decreased attendance by pros at Regionals thus disproportionately damaging room night counts and attendance. I am sorry to say that this effort succeeded. Enough Board Members who had previously supported the motion changed their votes on the Second Reading and it was defeated 10-15.

One member who changed his vote actually acknowledged that the proposed change represented the fair and correct treatment to the benefit of the majority of players, but that he believed the risks to attendance to be genuine and thought fairness should take a back seat to economics.

BOARD TERM LIMITS

This issue came before the Board for the second time in three years, this time in the form of a by-law amendment. The makers added a "grandfather" clause that wouldn't have started the four-term count until 2016 hoping to assuage those they believed were voting out of personal interest, but the motion was again defeated. I voted against (again) not because I don't believe that new blood is essential and that four terms is enough (I do) but because, unlike a self-electing Board, ours is a representative Board elected by our Districts—and different Districts have different needs and circumstances. In my time I have seen several

District 11 Triumphs!!!

Bob Fisk, Darin Campo, Peter Whipple, Ryan Schultz, John Meinking, and AJ Stephani

For the second time in three years, our GNT B team took the national title. All four of our teams, Championship, A, B and C made it into the second round, but our B boys persevered through some tough matches to bring home the title. Just so you know . . . these pics are taken before the finals, so AJ's wearing his game face not his winner's smile. The GNTs, together with the NAPs are our chance to go face to face with the other twenty-five districts and once again, District 11 has done itself proud.

Our own Pam Granovetter (far left) and her teammates Kerri Sanborn, Irina Levitina, Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, and JoAnna Stansby won the Wager Women's KOs, a national championship event.

Diane Travis and Frankie Trieber won the 0-10,000 NABC Pairs event! This is the second time since the inauguration of these 0-10K Events a few years ago.

sitting members challenged and defeated and many more "self-limit." I see no reason to preempt the rights of the voters.

OTHER NEWS

2015 TOURAMENTS

Regional table count is up slightly for the first half of the year, with one additional tournament in 2015. There has been a 1% increase in total tables (93,914.0 v. 94,597.0), but average table count is down 1% (1,422.9 v. 1,411.9). Sectional tables are down 4% on eleven fewer tournaments (80,958.5 v. 77,850.6), with average tables running a 2% decrease (165.2 v. 162.5). STaC Tables show a decrease of 6% while holding six additional tournaments (62,028.0 v. 58,132.0), with average tables down 19% (1676.4 v. 1352.0). Through June, total table count is essentially flat with last year (up .07%). Face-to-face club table count is down 1.5% with online table counts showing an increase. The overall table count for club games for the first half of 2015 is 1,592,256 of which 513,443 are from online games. June table counts do not include one online club. The full report can be found at: July 2015 Club Tbls Report.pdf

THE LONGEST DAY

It appears that 2015 has been our most successful year to date for both fundraising and media exposure with 206 clubs holding games to support The Longest Day on either June 21, June 22, or both.

As of July 16, $604,693.58 has been turned in to the Alzheimer's Association. Clubs in Canada have donated $16,601 to the Alzheimer Society of Canada (or their local Province chapter). Combined with the donated sanction fees, it is estimated that our total raised for The Longest Day will top $650,000.

This year more quality media placements were generated from The Longest Day than years past. At the beginning of May, the ACBL CEO went on a media/club tour to promote bridge and our partnership with the Alzheimer's Association. The tour went to Atlanta, New York, Chicago and San Diego. In each city, members of the media and local players met with Robert. The tour generated stories with The Huffington Post, San Diego Union Tribune and Chicago Tribune – Pioneer Press.

FINANCE

The June financial results are complete and have been reported to the Finance Committee. Year to date, the decrease in Net Assets from Operations totals $158,866, $156,825 worse than budget and $78,534 better than the same period last year. Tournament revenues for the first six months have been weaker than expected and the recruiting fees for several IT positions were not budgeted. Keep in mind that the first six months is nearly always behind forecast for the year because there is only one NABC in the first half of the year. The second six months brings us into line.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Mitch Hodus has joined the ACBL as the new Chief Information Officer (CIO). Mitch had comes to us from Vining Sparks, a local Financial company that specialized in Fixed Income products. Prior to Vining Sparks, he held a senior IT role for Harrah's Entertainment, where he was responsible for Technology Operations for all of Harrah's Casinos, domestically and internationally as well as their 24x7x365 Help Desk and Data Center Operations. Mitch has conducting a top to bottom assessment of the ACBL technology infrastructure as well as a review of our key technology initiatives. He has found urgent infrastructure and security needs. Accordingly, we have added $100,000 to the capital budget to address these needs. The software projects funded for this year are not affected. The Management Technology Committee that includes our outside experts are very impressed with Mitch and agree completely with the need to address our infrastructure issues before massive software changes to ACBLScore. At their public meeting in Chicago they actually expressed relief at having some time pressures eased so they could continue the complicated work on Score and get it right. Nevertheless, they have promised a plan for 2016 in time for budget this fall.

SPLIT REGIONALS

A motion to eliminate split regionals was withdrawn. A motion to modify the rules for these regionals so dear to our District was also withdrawn for more tinkering. The makers were concerned that splits simply awarded one more regional to big Districts. Those of us in smaller Districts with only four allocated regionals pushed strongly for the split concept that allows our smaller units a chance to service their members. I think all will be well.

NEW APPROACH BY APPEALS COMMITTEES

The Board has amended the ACBL Handbook for Appeals Committees. Effective immediately, Appeals Committees will use the Tournament Director's ruling as their foundation rather than starting their ruling from scratch. In this scenario, appellants will be asked to explain the grounds on which they believe the TD's ruling ought to be overturned.

Most often, this will have little or no effect on the outcome of the case. When the Appeals Committee decides that the TD's ruling was misjudged or simply incorrect, the ruling will be overturned. In close cases, however, where the TD ruling is reasonable and the decision could go either way, the committee will be more likely to rule with the TD than in the past.

The grounds for bringing an appeal have not changed. If you believe the TD was mistaken as to the facts of the case, or the TD has applied the law incorrectly or was mistaken on a matter of bridge judgment, you can and should appeal.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS OR SUGGESTIONS OR HEYHOWAREYAS YOU WISH AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO RESPOND PROMPTLY! SEE YOU LOUISVILLE!

BETH ♣

TOURNAMENT TALES

Jerry & Denny Clerkin

Here is a hand from the 2015 Dallas Labor Day Regional. Jerry Clerkin was North and Loretta Rivers from Monroe, Louisiana was South.

NORTH	SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 4 2	♠ 7
♥ A K 5	♥ Q 8 7 3 2
♦ T 4	♦ A K 9 8 7
♣ A 3	♣ 5 4

We reached six hearts from the South hand on the following auction:

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

There are many avenues that will get you to six hearts. I wouldn't say ours was particularly noteworthy. At any rate, South was faced with the task of making it. Choose your line and read on.

♠ A K Q 9 4 2
♥ A K 5
♦ T 4
♣ A 3

♠ J 5 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ 5 3
♣ K Q T 8

♠ T 8 6
♥ T
♦ Q J 6 2
♣ J 9 7 6 2

♠ 7
♥ Q 8 7 3 2
♦ A K 9 8 7
♣ 5 4

Like so many hands, this one requires some planning. It would be clear sailing if trumps broke of course. You should, however, take care to see if you can do anything about a four-one trump split.

Loretta, the "Finest Declarer in Monroe, Louisiana" showed she was up to the task. She won the club lead in Dummy and played the Ace of Spades then ruffed a Spade in hand. Now the skillful part: she played the Queen of Trumps and a low trump to the King in dummy. If all followed, she could claim, but Loretta noticed the four-one break in trumps. She carefully started running Spades while in dummy. She threw her last Club on the King of Spades. West eventually ruffed in but Loretta was in control. She won the return and pulled West's last trump by leading a trump to the King and had the rest.

Well done, Loretta! We may have to expand your nickname to the "Best Declarer in Central Louisiana." ♣

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LOU - LEX 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*		
Stratiflighted 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			

Eleventh Annual
LOUISVILLE – LEXINGTON
REGIONAL
November 2 – 8, 2015
At HORSESHOE CASINO
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Deadline for Bridge rate: October 12, 2015
Strats (unless otherwise specified):
A=2,000+; B=750-2000; C=0-750
Pairs & Swiss Teams stratified by average masterpoints but no one may exceed the upper MP limit of the event
Top Bracket in all KO's may be handicapped.

199er SCHEDULE
Single Sessions
Tuesday thru Friday
1:30 PM and 7:00 PM
Stratified at Director's Discretion

New Team Games Start Daily
Registration Gifts – Daily Bulletins
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November 3rd is Election Day! Remember to Get Your Absentee Ballot and Vote Before Coming!

UNIT 117 LOUISVILLE

Ralph Letizia

Before we get to unit 117 news, I'd like to pose a couple of bidding problems from a recent regional. After a very disappointing 45% first session, you find yourself going into the last round with a 72% game and a chance to win the event. Can you pull it out? Here is the first hand, opps Vul only, you hold: K93 AK108 QJ10863 Void. Partner opens 1H (opps pass throughout), you bid 2D game force, partner bids 2S, you bid 3H (slam interest), partner bids 4H. You are not quite ready to give up and bid 4N and partner show two keycards without the Q. Now what? The second hand, all Vul, you hold: KJ A107 A85 KJ872. LHO opens 1D, partner bids 2C, RHO passes, and you bid? What is your plan?

We just completed a very successful mentor/mentee program where mentors played with designated mentees several times, in any games if their choice, with a pizza party celebration at the end. Everyone expressed great satisfaction with the new format and some mentors even planned to continue playing with their mentees. Many thanks to Katherine Zimmerman for organizing and managing this event.

Lonnie Crumes recently was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor given. We are very proud of him and honored to know of his achievements, and to have known him as a member of the LBA.

Here are the results from our very successful Dog Days of Summer NLM. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this tournament a complete success.

Saturday Aft NLM - 22.5 Tables

1 Tom Kempf, Sellersburg IN; Carlene Bottorff, Jeffersonville IN
2 1 1 Denise Tonini - Michael Goodaker, Louisville KY
3 2 2 Harriett Throgmorton, Louisville KY; Suzanne Miller, New Albany IN

Saturday Eve NLM - 14.0 Tables

1 1 1 Garry Redmond, Louisville KY; Beverly Weber, Jeffersonville IN
2 Kitty Recker, Jasper IN; Mike Olinger, Huntingburg IN
3 2 Erin Oblinger - Betty Murdock, Cincinnati OH

Sunday NLM Swiss

1 1 1 Tom Kempf, Sellersburg IN; Myron Kean - William Bockmon - Charlie Popp, Louisville KY 160.00
2 2 2 Bruce Miller - James Morguelan, Louisville KY; Regina Kinney, Greenville KY; Niesha Wolfe, Clarksville TN 136.00
3 Charles Fassler - Sarah Roy - Ann Brown, Louisville KY; Chris Yarbrough, New Albany IN 113.00

Congratulations to all of you!

The 2015 Louisville – Lexington Regional Tournament will be held at the Horseshoe Casino November 2 through November 8. Once again, the registration gifts will include a set of bridge labels for those who request them. If you are going to play in the tournament and want labels, please order them in advance. All you need to do is email your name and ACBL player number to Carolyn Carpenter (carpentercarolyn@bellsouth.net). Labels ordered no later than October 31 will be available when you register. Labels ordered at the tournament may not be ready for several days.

Now, for the part I always hate. Two long time LBA members recently passed away: Susan Brown and Keith Wilson.

Susan Brown was one of the nicest people I've ever met in bridge and always seemed to have a smile for everyone. She could be a tough opponent and often had my number. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her long time life partner, Dorsey Brown, who has been one of my most loyal friends ever since I've been playing bridge. All of us in the unit will miss her.

Keith Wilson was a former national champion and a long-time friend, bridge partner and teammate, and at one time my manager. I have many fond memories of Keith throughout the years and he told me many stories of his life that I never shared, and out of respect for him, never will. But do let me say, they shed light on a side of him that no one else (that I know of) was aware. Keith was the quintessential competitor and always strived to win, but in an ethical and fair way. He and I share the same birthdate, and as such, some characteristics. For example, we both preferred to avoid the spotlight, we were both driven by a quest for knowledge, and we were never quite satisfied with any result and always saw room for improvement. Keith was, without question, the toughest manager and team captain I've ever had. He expected perfection at every turn, and could be quite caustic when his standards were not met. His life motto could easily have been, "Tough Love R Us". He was, however, the epitome of fairness and gave credit when it was due.

We won the Indianapolis Fall National Swiss in 1991 which was the pinnacle of a long term team plan. After barely qualifying on the first day, we led the field the second day and all but one round of the third day. Keith, who could be quite eccentric in his approach to the game, played near perfect bridge the entire final day with Gary Peterson.

Yes, Keith could be abrasive and a very difficult person to know. Still, I have no doubt that my life, and those of many others are much richer for having known him. Good luck in that great bridge game in the sky. We will all see you again someday.

Finally, the answers to the problem hands. So, on the first hand, did you bid the slam, or did you decide to pass and hope for an average or that the hand would not make? If you bid the slam, it luckily makes and you tie for top. Passing gets you below average. On the second hand, it is very tempting to bid a 2D cuebid in hope you might have a slam, but if you do, partner with KJ10 in diamonds will bid 2N and the hand is now wrong-sided. You will get well below average for that. If you said the heck with it and just blasted into 3N, you will make at least three and at least tie for top (a spade lead lets you make 4). 5C goes down at least 1 and probably two for a very bad result. Well, you need both tops to win the event – one top gets you 2nd – and two below average results gets you 3rd. How did we do? Not telling . . . ♣

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Louisville Winter Sectional

♠ FEBRUARY 19 - 21, 2016 ♥

0-20 Players – buy 1 entry; 2nd entry is free

FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) – 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm
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) …..……..1:00 pm, 7:00 pm
299er Pairs* (Single Session) ……..……..1:00 pm, 7:00 pm
*299er pairs -- If attendance warrants

SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams……10:00 am

Entries: $22/Pair; $44/Knockout Team; $88/Swiss Team
$3 additional/per person for non or unpaid ACBL members
Sunday -- Lunch Available – hot dogs, chips, and dessert $2

Free Coffee, Soft Drinks, and Snacks at all Sessions

All events stratified by average points of partners/ teammates
Strat A 2000+; Strat B 750 – 2000; Strat C 0 – 750

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UNIT 122 CENTRAL OH

Judy Auer

Congratulations to Barb Bates for becoming a Gold Life Master and to Roger Hulett for achieving Bronze.

Another player who recently became a Bronze Life Master is Tim Kohl and I'd like to share a little of his bridge "journey." Tim is a retired teacher who taught Industrial Arts, Computer Applications, Reading and Engineering Foundations. He has two sons who are attorneys in Columbus and Pittsburgh. His wife works at the Ohio Dept. of Education. He has also just published his second book containing illustrated woodworking plans.

Tim started playing cards with his grandparents when he was nine or ten, usually Pinochle. He once got to play a six-handed, double-deck Pinochle game with both his grandparents and great-grandparents. Few people even get to meet their great-grandparents, let alone play cards with them! What a privilege! Tim's grandparents eventually taught him to play "kitchen bridge," which gave him the basics. While in college, his roommate played competitive bridge at BGSU. Tim got to play with him when he was practicing. He was exposed for the first time to artificial bids and bridge both confused and amazed him.

After college, Tim didn't play again until he retired from teaching. Fast forward forty years, he started playing at the Columbus Bridge Center. There he was introduced to his first partner, Ginny Brehmer. Together they learned Stayman, transfers and Gerber. They struggled, watched and learned, and were excited if they could actually reach a forty-five percent game! They continued this way for quite some time, until one day, magic happened. Tim and Ginny were sitting discussing the hands at the end of the game and it was announced that they had won. Not only that, it was a Club Championship! The wide grin and glow on his partner's face is the memory that Tim holds dearest. He continued to play and learn with a variety of partners.

I happened to be an active participant in the story of "How Tim Kohl Won His Gold Points!" In November of 2012, my partner Teri and I were schedule to play team events at the Louisville Regional Tournament with Larry Jones and Doug Millsap. At the very last minute, Doug's wife had to have surgery, so he couldn't go. Larry looked around for a partner but couldn't find anyone. He came to me and said, "What about this guy, Tim Kohl? He's still a novice but isn't afraid to bid." I said okay, and Tim was able to play for three or four days with us and off we went. We entered our first Knockout and were in Bracket Two, definitely over Tim's head. At the end of the first match, they came back to the table and I thought "Uh oh." Larry's face was beet red and steam was coming out of his ears. Tim looked crestfallen and was practically trembling. But somehow, we managed to win! We won that KO and also the next one we entered. The last day, the only team event we could play in was a two-session A/X Swiss. I was really sure that would be Tim's undoing, but we ended up placing in the overalls. So in four days time, Tim earned over twenty-seven gold points. Pretty good for a novice!

It's been four years since he started playing duplicate and he is now a Bronze Life Master. He has frequently won the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards. He has a strong interest in helping beginning bridge players improve their game. He has instructed and mentored adults, and is currently teaching nine- and ten-year old students at the Columbus School for Girls. They are learning the rank of cards, how to sort suits and how to take tricks. Bridge will follow.

Tim has a goal to start an enrichment program at a school where he could instruct students in the proper etiquette and play of the game. He strongly feels that bridge could be developed into an interscholastic competition. He'd like to encourage youth to learn this crazy game that can last a lifetime!

Not content just to play and teach the game, Tim is also very involved in the bridge community. He is Partnership Chairman for COBA's sectionals, Webmaster for COBA, board member of the Franklin Club and he recently designed the sticker for the Flying Buckeye Regional. If that's not enough, he is also considering becoming a ACBL director! ♣

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CENTRAL OHIO SECTIONAL
October 16-18, 2015

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East on Morse for 0.8 miles (on right)

Extra Silver Points – Great Hospitality – Free Parking

Friday, October 16

9:00 AM — **BridgePlusBrunch**
Earn silver points and learn from experts in a relaxed, friendly environment. Fewer boards followed by interactive learning. Lunch included. Every player will receive a detailed Hand Analysis and Hand Record. A life master with less than 750 points may play if paired with a non-life-master.

1:30 PM — Strati-Flighted A/X Pairs (unlimited/3000)
Strati-Flighted B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500)*
Stratified 299er Pairs**

7:00 PM — **ACBL GRASS ROOTS CHARITY GAMES**
40% MORE SILVER POINTS – NO EXTRA CHARGE
Stratified Open Pairs (Unlimited/2000/750)
Stratified 299er Pairs**

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18

10:30 AM — Stratified Swiss Teams (Unlimited/2000/750)
Play through – Lunch may be purchased on site

General Information

Stratification for all games is based on average masterpoints
***No player above 1500/**No player above 299 masterpoints**
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January 8 – 10, 2016

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Friday, January 8
9:00 AM
BridgePlusBrunch
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7:00 PM
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Stratified 299er Pairs**

Saturday, January 9
10:00 AM and 3:00 PM (Single Sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs (Unlimited/2000/750)
Stratified 299er Pairs**

Sunday, January 10
10:30 AM
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play through, lunch available for purchase)
Teams divided into brackets of eight

* No Player Above 1500 mps / **No Player Above 300 mps
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UNIT 124 CINCINNATI

Tom Mess

Chicago NABC Champions and Unit 124

This is my kind of town, Chicago is
My kind of town, Chicago is
My kind of people too
- lyrics from My Kind of Town

Frank Sinatra's song *My Kind of Town*, originally from the 1964 Musical *Robin and the 7 Hoods*, must have been playing in the heads of several Unit 124 members during the Summer NABC held in Chicago. Unit 124 members were on three winning championship teams.

The Sheinwold Grand National Teams Flight B champions included Bob Fisk, Peter Whipple, John Meinking, and A. J. Stephani from Unit 124. Rounding out their team were Darin Campo and Ryan Schultz from Unit 136, the Miami Valley Bridge Association with players from the greater Dayton area.

The Wagar Women's Knockout Team, which included Unit 124 member Pamela Granovetter, won on the final board, posting a 135-134 victory. This team, captained by Lynn Baker, trailed in the first three quarters, had a strong comeback in the fourth quarter to post the one point victory. The first quarter score was 14-49. The lead was cut to 55-81 after the second quarter. The winning team cut the score further in the third quarter to 98-117. In the final quarter, Pam's team had a net twenty IMPs to squeak out the victory. Congratulations to this team that clearly adopted the motto "Never Give Up" early in the 1st quarter. There is history between Pam and the team captain, Lynn Baker. In a 2011 Cincinnati Bar Association interview with Pam and her husband, Matthew Granovetter, Pam talked about her beginnings in bridge at Case Western Reserve University. While at CWRU, Pam worked part-time in a law office. One of the young lawyers needed a fourth, gave Pam a little point-count chart from Charles Goren and said that bidding is really a language, which appealed to Pam as an English major. From the lawyers' social game, Pam went on to playing in a weekly duplicate game on campus and an on-going rubber game at the student union during lunch. She was hooked.

There is a tenuous law connection with Lynn Baker being a Professor of Law at the University of Texas, specializing in Professional Responsibility, Property, and State/Local Government Law. The more important important connection is Karen Thomas McCallum, a triple World Champion. In 1986, Karen founded the Copperfield Press together with Pam, which specialized in classic mysteries. Marc Smith, who published the 1999 book *World Class—Conversations with the Bridge Masters*, interviewed Karen. When asked what she enjoys now, she said quite simply:

These days, I get the biggest kick from working one on one with serious bridge students. My most promising 'project' at the moment is Lynn Baker, a dynamic law professor at the University of Texas, who has world-class aspirations and, in my opinion, the ability to live up to them.

Obviously, Karen McCallum knew talent when she saw it.

Our third champion team from Unit 124 is Frank Treiber III and Diane Travis, winners of the 0-10,000 NABC Pairs. They finished 1st out of 222 pairs with a final score of 1652.29, beating the 2nd place team by a little over nineteen points.

Congratulations to all our Unit 124 champions.

Minibridge and the English Bridge Union

In October, we are starting our 2nd year of youth bridge at the Winton Woods Intermediate School, introducing young 5th and 6th graders to the wonders of bridge. We have both returning and new players for youth bridge, which means we kept the bridge interesting enough to hold the attention of last year's ten- to twelve-year-olds.

We believe that one of the reasons the 1st year was successful was thanks to the use of the variant of "Minibridge" advocated by the English Bridge Union—the national governing body for bridge in England. Minibridge greatly simplifies bridge by eliminating the complex bidding process.

After the cards are dealt to all four players, the dealer announces point count using the traditional Ace = 4, King = 3, Queen = 2 and Jack = 1. Each player, proceeding clockwise, then announces points. The points for each partnership are totaled with the declaring side being the partnership with the most points. The declarer is the member of the partnership with the most points. In the event of an equal number of points, the first to announce point count becomes the declarer. At this point, the dummy's hand is placed face up on the table. Declarer reviews the dummy's hand and announces the contract—trump suit or no trump—and the target number of tricks. Play then proceeds with the opening lead. At the end of play, the score is calculated as if it were a non-vulnerable contract. There are no doubles, redoubles, or slam bonuses. The only bonuses are fifty points for a part score contract and three hundred points for a game contract (3NT, 4 Hearts/Spades, or 5 Clubs/Diamonds).

Using this simple approach, we had children playing Minibridge within twenty minutes, learning how to play a hand, when no trump is preferred to a trump suit, the preference of majors over minors, and best defensive leads. After several weeks of playing Minibridge, we introduced some basic bidding, working our way up to the Stayman convention. Over the course of our 1st year, one student dropped out, but two students joined.

For more information on Minibridge to introduce children, grandchildren, or anyone interested in the most fascinating card game in existence, go to www.edu.co.uk/minibridge

Milestones

We have several personal Milestones (Life Master or higher) for Unit 124 members.

For the months of July, August, and September:

Diamond Life Master – Nancy Luetge
Gold Life Master – Deborah Cummings, Otto Walter, and Peter Whipple
Silver Life Master – Rose Hornsby and Iris Libby
Bronze Life Master – Madeleine Gordon, Jeanne Theissen, and Peter Rice
Life Master – Kevin Smyth, Nancy Sage, Erwin Johnson, Linda Flesch, Gail Arnow, Jeanne Theissen, Gretchen Sherman, and Jacquelin Tepe

Future Events

The District 11 NAP Final GNT/NAP will be held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center at 2860 Cooper Rd. on November 14-15. Flight B is held on November 14. Flights A and C are on November 15.

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Cincinnati Spooktacular Sectional

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Extra Parking Behind
9884 Reading Road — Back Lot

Friday and Sunday
2-Session Swiss!

Stratifications
0-750/750-2000/2000+
Friday Swiss: Stratified
Sunday Swiss: Stratified with Bottom Bracket

Friday, Oct. 23

Open Pairs . . . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM
NLM Pairs 10:00AM
Zombie Apocalypse Swiss (2 sessions)
. . . . . .10:00AM and 2:30PM

Saturday, Oct. 24

Open Pairs . . . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM
NLM Pairs 10:00AM
Black Cat Compact KO. . . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM

Sunday, Oct. 25

Spooktacular Swiss (2 session playthrough). . 10:00AM
(Pizza lunch included in entry)

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($3 surcharge non-ACBL members)

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UNIT 130 CENTRAL IN

Frank Tharp

Four people will be elected to the board of the Central Indiana Bridge Association at the annual meeting during the November sectional. Terms are three years. Ballots will be mailed to all CIBA members and also will be available at the tournament. Any paid-up ACBL member who lives in any of the counties that CIBA covers is automatically a member of CIBA and eligible to vote.

Candidates are:

Russ Beale—A native of Michigan (Go Spartans!), Russ moved to Fishers in 2013 after retiring from Caterpillar (Peoria, IL) with thirty-eight years of service. He has two sons with his late wife, both of whom live in the Peoria area. He and his wife, Sherry, moved here to be near her grandkids. He has played bridge off and on since 1982, learning the game in a small weekly seven-table club. He really got busy after retiring to a city with an active club—Indianapolis Bridge Center. He achieved the rank of Life Master in 2015 but his favorite accomplishment was second place in the 1990 District 8 Grand National Pairs finals. At the Atlantic City NABC, he and his partner were at the top of the list of those missing the cut after the first two-session final—but that is a story for another day.

Bill Bockstahler—I'm an Indianapolis native, a graduate of Wabash College and retired recently from Raymond James Co. I resumed playing bridge in 2012 after more than 20 years away from the game. When I started again, I had no goals or aspirations. That suddenly seemed to change in 2013 and becoming a Life Master is something I really want. I need about 160 points (of 500) to achieve that. I enjoy the game immensely and want to help CIBA promote the game.

Thom Bondus—I work for Park 100 Foods as their CFO. Since I work, I seldom play in morning or afternoon games. I do play in most of the regionals during the weekends. I am a Life Master with about fifteen hundred points. I look forward to helping the board continue to run great tournaments in the future.

Liz Brown—I've served two terms on the CIBA board, including as president, education chair and tournament organizer. I also previously was secretary of the Indianapolis Bridge Center board. I believe strongly in the purpose of CIBA—promoting bridge, whether through a youth camp, a tournament play workshop, Learn Bridge in a Day or programs aimed at "social" bridge players. Studies show that bridge is one of the activities that helps maintain mental acuity. (Though my partners some days may wonder how effective it is for me.)

Maureen Clerkin—I learned to play bridge when I was about ten years old. My father, grandmother and aunt needed a fourth, so my brothers and I took turns playing. I played weekly during my teen years, and then took a forty-five-year break for college and career. I spent about forty years in Catholic education as a teacher (seven years teaching elementary, math and Spanish) and administration (thirty-two years). About a year ago, I again started playing. I am now a very avid player, four or five days a week. I have about one hundred points. My eventual goal is to be a Life Master. I love bridge, and I would be happy to serve on the CIBA board.

Joan Flynn—After playing very casual bridge in college, I entered the world of duplicate about eight years ago. I am still attempting to attain the elusive Life Master. I would like to serve on the CIBA Board to further the interests of our ACBL Unit 130. My degree is in business administration. I have been a tutor for fifteen years. We've lived in Indianapolis off and on for thirty-two years. I have three children and six grandchildren.

Mona Loft -- I have served one term on the CIBA board. I have agreed to run for a second term because I see the benefit and joy that comes from being involved in this bridge community. I am willing to help with CIBA events, and will do my best to represent our unit at tournaments. I have had experience on numerous professional boards, both at local and state levels. If you know me, you know I'm enthusiastic and a bit of a bridge addict...I don't know, playing four or five times a week doesn't seem excessive, does it???

Ellen Simon—I played party bridge for thirty plus years and then began playing bridge at Indianapolis Bridge Center in January 2012. I have not looked back. I enjoy the challenge of continually learning and improving my game. I am a wife, mother of two and grandmother of four, all of whom live here. My husband and I are active bicyclists with the other CIBA and ride both singles and tandems. I am also very involved with the Calligraphy Guild of Indiana having served as president, workshop chairman and newsletter editor. Currently I am an ad hoc board member and also still teach calligraphy classes.

Indianapolis Bridge Center

The Indianapolis Bridge Center is pleased and proud that one of our members has excelled at the highest level in the bridge world. Jerry Clerkin, along with his brother Denny, is on a team that qualified to compete in the Senior World Bridge Championship in Chennai, India. The other members on their team are Doug Simpson of Columbus, Ohio and Jeff Aker of Manhattan, New York. Only two U.S. teams qualified to compete. Additionally, there will be six teams from Europe, two from Asia-Australia, one from India and one from South America. Jerry and Denny will be leaving the U.S. on September 21st, with play starting on September 24th.

Jerry plays frequently at the IBC, and teaches a class there once a month, quite a challenge, since he also travels a LOT for tournaments. A quote from Jerry: "Being mentally tough is far more important than skill. When you do something stupid, you just keep playing and realize it (the stupid thing) doesn't matter."

The Indianapolis Bridge Center is adding two new games to our schedule. There is now a Men's game that meets at 12:00 on the same dates as the Women's Contract Game on Thursdays. Also, starting in January, on Thursday evenings there will be a game starting at 6:00 pm that will cater to rubber bridge players and bridge players that used to play duplicate bridge but for some reason stopped playing. There will be a short lesson first, and then play bridge for two hours. Please share this information with your friends and family that might like to play in either of these two new games.

Woodstock Duplicate Bridge Club

Woodstock Duplicate Bridge Club is celebrating its fifth year anniversary. It was started in 2010 by Dean Robinson and was an immediate success. He provided lessons and directed the game that followed, both of which were extremely well attended. His teaching and directing style were low key and he was able to make the beginning duplicate player feel at ease. Those same qualities were adopted by Sharon Wallack and Marsh Sandersen who took over the teaching and directing duties when Dean moved to Florida. The players love the wonderful ambiance and quality of the lessons and game provided at Woodstock Country Club today. Since Sharon now spends much of the year in Arizona, Marsha is doing the task solo with the help of Brad Bartol. She is delighted in the growth of the game and the improving expertise of the players. These activities are open to all female players with fewer than fifteen hundred master points. Please come and experience the Woodstock Hospitality.

News from Richmond

The Bob Delaney Summer Game was held on July 30 at his home in Richmond. There was a fantastic turnout—sixteen tables! Directed by Janet Newman with Tom Charles assisting, the winners for N-S were William Armstrong and Stephen Toschlog in Strata A and B as well as Overall, and Clifton Hesson and Wilma Neal in Stratum C, also Overall winners. Those placing in E-W were Don and Paula Byrkett in Strata A and B and Linda Parker and Jim

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March 29 - May 01, 2016

Dixon in Stratum C.

News from Muncie

Some Richmond players are now frequent attendees at the Muncie Club, which had its annual board meeting on Aug. 31 after a light supper of pizza, desserts, and salads. Tom Charles will continue as manager, with Larry Bryant, Darrel Peckinpaugh, Jack Madsen, Deb Brunhoehler, Terri Moore and Ella Reff assisting with directing games. The new club treasurer is Lynn Hale, with Jack Madsen assisting and ordering supplies. Beverly Salmon continues giving lessons for new players. Jody Benken is now a Regional Master.

The club meets at the Muncie-Delaware County Senior Center, which has a new manager. First-timers play free, and the regular fee is $3.00. Open games are on Monday or Wednesday at 7:00PM, and Friday at 1:00PM. There is also a game on Thursday at 11:00AM (limited to 750 Master points), with partners provided if needed at both daytime games. Come see us! The club website may be found at www.munciebridgeclub.com.

UPCOMING CIBA EVENTS:

Mark them on your calendar NOW! (Please check the CIBA website www.cibabridge.com for additional information or event flyers as they become available!)

OCTOBER 12th-17th—This is your very last chance to play in a Silver Points Week in Central Indiana. The Board has voted to discontinue this tradition in coming years. This Progressive Sectional will be held all week at clubs throughout the unit. Encourage your club manage to participate by sponsoring silver point games at your site!

OCTOBER 18th—Silver Points Finals – Held at the Indianapolis Bridge Center. The noon game will be for those who qualified during the June Silver Points week, and those who qualify in October will play at 5:00 PM.

NOVEMBER 20th - 22nd—Indianapolis Player Appreciation Sectional at the Northside Knights of Columbus—In addition to a full schedule of player events, election of CIBA board members will take place (Candidates—four to be elected for three year term: Russ Beale, Bill Bockstahler, Thom Bondus, Liz Brown, Maureen Clerkin, Joan Flynn, Mona Loft and Ellen Simon.)

DECEMBER 5th—GNT Incentive Game—CIBA will sponsor an incentive team game designed to encourage participation in the GNT Qualifying event to take place in Cincinnati January 30-31. Bring your team and place in your strat, and you will win a cash award to help defray the cost of your team's travel to Cincinnati.

FEBRUARY 6th—Getting Ready for Tournament Play—This popular annual event provides lots of information for NLMs on what to expect at regional and sectional tournament events. You'll receive instruction, a helpful packet of all kinds of materials to assist you in understanding how to travel the road to becoming a life master, lunch, and an afternoon team game.

FEBRUARY 22nd – 28th—Indianapolis Crossroads of America Regional at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel—Great bridge, lots of hospitality and a terrific playing site await attendees at the 2016 regional. There will be lots of opportunity for pairs, teams and Gold Rush players. JOIN US!

75% Game:

Lois Scott reports that on Sunday evening, September 20, Ann Moran and Janice Ross had a 75% in the NLM game. ♧

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2015 Fall CIBA Player Appreciation Sectional

November 20, 21, 22 - Northside Knights of Columbus

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 20

- ▶ **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 first game, and your second game is free

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 21

- ▶ **CYNDY CRADICK Bracketed KO Teams** — *9:00* — *1:30* — *7:00*
  Sessions 1, 2 and 3 of 3
- ▶ **99ers Pairs** — *9:00*
  (If attendance warrants)
- ▶ **Stratified Open Pairs** — *9:00*
  "BEAT THE COMPUTER!"
- ▶ **BOB WALLACE Stratified Open Pairs** — *1:30* — *7:00*
  2 Sessions
- ▶ **299ers Pairs** — *1:30* — *7:00*

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 22

- ▶ **CIBA (Unit 130) Annual Meeting** — *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 until 1:45 pm.

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.**

Table fees: $11 per person/per session
Add $3 per person/per session if ACBL dues are unpaid or if you are a non-ACBL member

Special Player Appreciation Events

- ***Friday evening*** — ***Snacks provided by the CIBA Board and Friends***
- ***Saturday AM*** — ***Coffee and doughnuts provided***
- ***Saturday AM*** — ***"Beat the Computer Open Pairs"***
  Outdo the computer on three successive boards and win a "Free Play" (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 Swiss*** — ***$3 coupon for Sunday Swiss to all CIBA members (check at registration desk at any time to receive your coupon.)***
- ***Sunday*** — ***Television coverage of Colts available without sound.***
- ***Players 21 and under play for $6 per session throughout the tournament!***

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Nearby hotels: **There are a number of motels of varying price ranges along the East 86th St. corridor. Google Indianapolis northeast motels for information.**

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Z E R O T O L E R A N C E O B S E R V E D

UNIT 136 MIAMI VALLEY

Sandy Forsythe

Miami Valley Bridge Center ushered in the summer with a long weekend of Longest Day games to benefit the Alzheimer's Association: two on Saturday, one on Sunday and two on Monday. Tom Coyle and Russell Shoup finished on top Saturday afternoon, and Pat Hoffman and Tom Surd were the winners of a special edition of Steve Forsythe's monthly Saturday night Good Time Game. (Motto: If you're not having fun, drink more wine! Email majslf@aol.com for a schedule of upcoming games.) Pat Hoffman also won the Sunday afternoon game, with partner Conrad Rennemann, and Ron Babcock and Russell Shoup won the Monday morning contest. Finally, Carolyn Lauderback and Debi Martin bested a 10-table field of non-Life Masters on Monday evening.

The proceeds from 43 tables for the weekend were added to the monies collected from April's charity games, and generous player contributions totaling over $2000. All told, the Bridge Center collected $2818 for Alzheimer's research, handily surpassing the goal of $2500.

The District 11 STaC brought many Miami Valley players to the tables in early July. Anne Frayne and Joanne Coyle were first in the district in the Tuesday morning game with 64.81%. Judy and Steve Simmons were first in the district NLM contest on Wednesday evening with 61.90%. Vickie Sebastian and Sudheer Pimputkar were first in the district on Saturday night with 66.08%.

The second of three Sunday afternoon Mentor-Mentee games was contested on July 19. Players enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch provided by the mentees, followed by a Swiss team game won by Georgia Banziger, David Kennedy, Joan Reeves and Paul Heintz. For the final Mentor-Mentee game on August 23, the Unit provided a tasty lunch of fried chicken, various side dishes, and deserts. Marilyn O'Connor and Jim Hudson were the proud victors of the game that day.

The final weekend of August saw the Bridge Center filled to capacity for the Dayton Summer Sectional: 169 total tables, a 33% increase over last year's Summer Sectional in early August! As always, our beautiful, well-lit facility and lavish hospitality, overseen by chair Beverly Dana and supplemented by the culinary creations of many Miami Valley players, drew praise from attendees who came from all over the District and beyond. Joseph Camillus carried out the tournament chair duties with ease, and Marilyn O'Connor performed her usual matchmaker magic as partnership chair.

Unit players winning first overall throughout the weekend were: Joe Keim and Bill Gottschall on Friday morning, Vickie Sebastian on Friday afternoon and Dallas Moore on Saturday afternoon in the open sections. In the NLM sections, Sandra Haack and Sandra Pahl were first on Friday morning, and Ernest Spegele and Joseph Camillus were first on Saturday morning. The Sunday Swiss was won by the (mostly) unit 136 team of Marc Low, Russell Shoup, Scott Gates and William Higgins. Scott Gates and Russell Shoup topped the list of masterpoint winners.

Although September is here, in Logan County they're not willing to say goodbye to summer yet! Jim Rash will host one more "Bridge in the Barn" event this year on Sunday, September 27. For just $5, players enjoy burgers and hot dogs hot off the grill, followed by a Swiss team game. It's a deal that can't be beat! To reserve your place, email Jim at jrash308@yahoo.com.

Sadly, there's now an empty chair at the table for Rosemary Duncan, who passed away in July. Our condolences to her friends and family. ♧

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December 4 – 6, 2015

All Events Stratified by Average Masterpoints of the pair or team

NON LIFE MASTERS…	…OPEN…
A… 200 – 500	2000 +
B… 50 – 200	500 – 2000
C… 0 - 50	*750-2000 when NLM game is scheduled at same time
* if attendance warrants	0 – 500
	*0-750 when NLM game is scheduled at same time

ALL POINTS you earn WILL BE SILVER

ACBL MEMBERS WITH ONLY 0-5 POINTS PLAY FREE ALL WEEKEND

Friday – December 4, 2015
11:00 AM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
4:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs

Saturday – December 5, 2015
11:00 AM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
Complimentary Nathan's Hot Dogs etc. served Between sessions
4:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs

Sunday – December 6, 2015
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UNIT 164 BLUE GRASS

Andra Gyor

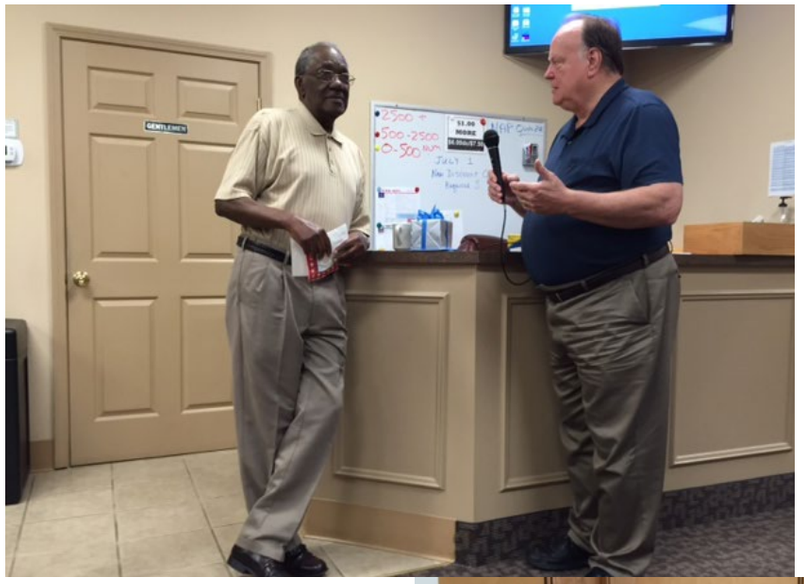
"The Longest Day"

On Sunday, June 21st the ACBL and bridge clubs across the country held games to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and to raise money for the research to fight the disease. The Bridge Club of Lexington once again stepped up and supported this cause. Donna Loeffler spearheaded the fundraiser—a raffle for "A Year of Free Bridge at the Club" which raised $4,200. The winning ticket drawn was none other than our District 11 president, Terrell Holt!

Fifty-six members of the club came out to play in the Sunday game. All of the proceeds, including Russ Whitney's director fees, were donated to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

The Lexington Herald-Leader newspaper had a reporter and photographer at the club to cover the event. To read the feature article go to: http://www.kentucky.com/2015/06/21/3911401/members-of-lexington-bridge-club.html.

Kathy and Tom Stanwix-Hay playing against Jean Addleton and Andra Gyor in "The Longest Day" charity game for Alzheimer's research



Mike McCann tells some old stories about Andy at his going away party

Andy Anderson posing with his cake at his Going Away Party

Andy Anderson's Going-Away Party

Friday, July 3rd the Bridge Club of Lexington gathered for a Pot Luck Luncheon to say farewell to a long-time member and director, Arthur "Andy" Anderson. After thirty years residing in Lexington, Kentucky Andy and his wife decided to move closer to their son, Arthur Jr. and his family who live in Allentown, Pennsylvania. White Hall, PA will be their new home.

Andy was originally from Jamaica. He started playing bridge at lunchtime with fellow employees while working in a government job. In 1955 Andy moved his family to the U.S. to attend college at Howard University where he majored in Chemistry. He received his Masters degree in Materials Engineering from American University and began his career with IBM. In 1985 he came to Lexington with IBM. He made his way to the Bridge Club in Lexington around that time.

When asked about his bridge partners he said that he had many strong partnerships. As to his reflections on his years of directing the Friday game, he said, "I did it for a few years but found it too confining. And I wasn't getting any younger!" What he really enjoyed was Tournament Bridge. "It is the epitome of how well your bridge game is."

Andy was also very complimentary of the Bridge Club. "It is a fine organization," Andy stated. "The current management has done a lot for the club. More friendly. Very receptive to newcomers. That is the reason it is growing so quickly."

Andy was not very happy about this move but was resigned to it. He did say that his daughter-in-law, Dawn, had sent him a long list of bridge clubs in Pennsylvania. They will be happy to welcome Andy to their club!

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Lexington Mid-Summer NLM Sectional

The 4th Annual Lexington Mid-Summer Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament was held at the Bridge Club of Lexington on July 25-26 this year and it continued its steady growth. With a total of 96½ tables attendance was up 14% over last year.

"The word is definitely out. Our bridge club hosts the finest NLM tournament anywhere!" said Andra Gyor, Tournament Chair. "Our members go above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome. The hospitality and food we serve is fantastic! And our team of workers make this club sparkle for our 2-day tournament."

Forty-eight out of the 130 people who registered and played in the tournament were from out-of-town. They came from Northern Ohio, Indianapolis and North Carolina. Louisville, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky arrived in large group!

199.5 silver masterpoints were earned by 113 players. The top winners were Morgan Schreffler and Michael Music. They were the overall winners in the Saturday Morning Pairs game with a 68.65% game! They also placed second in C in the Saturday Afternoon Pairs game.

Pat Matheny and Norma Greely won 1st in A in the Saturday Afternoon Pairs and Kathleen and Jonathan Crosmer tied with Reams Perkins and George Ross in B.

The Sunday Swiss Teams game had 21 tables. The overall winning team was the Lexington team of Ross Fleming, Janet Miller, Jack Hume and Norma Hampton. Two teams tied for 1st in C – Lexington team of Steven Furnish, Larry Watt, Anne Abney and Susan Mattingly and Louisville team of Candace Conway, Denise Tonini, Diana Stogner and Jeffrey Points.

▼ Top point winners at the Lexington Mid-Summer NLM Sectional - Michael Music and Morgan Schreffler ▼

▼ Saturday Afternoon Pairs winners - NLM Norma Greely and Pat Mathney ▼

▼ NLM Sunday Swiss Lexington team tied for 1st in C Steven Furnish, Susan Mattingly, Anne Abney & Larry Watt ▼

▼ NLM - Sunday Swiss Teams Overall Winners Janet Miller, Jack Hume, Norma Hampton and Ross Fleming (not pictured) ▼

▼ NLM Sunday Swiss Team from Louisville tied for 1st in C Candace Conway, Jeffrey Points, Diana Stogner and Denise Tonini ▼

"A big thanks to the committee members Jean Addleton (Hospitality), Judy Wiljanen (Partnership), Kathy Stanwix-Hay (Registration), Tom Stanwix-Hay, Norma Greely, Xana Plum, Ted Addleton, Rohit Patel and Dave Gyor, and all the members of our club who supported our tournament with their time, food preparation, set-up and clean-up," Gyor said. "I am looking forward to next year!"

Unit 164 Members Do Well at the Northern Kentucky Sectional Tournament

Several members of Unit 164 attended the 3-day Sectional tournament in North Kentucky July 31-August 2nd. Sue Bullard and Harry Gordon tied for 1st place in the Saturday Afternoon Pairs game with a 65.11% earning 9.23 masterpoints.

The Sunday A/X and BCD Series saw two Lexington teams win first place. In the BCD Strat, Laurie and Jim Herchenroeder , Paul Moss and Laura Guthrie earned 5.61 masterpoints for their win.

In the A/X, Harry Gordon and Sue Bullard, playing with Sondra and Terrell Holt earned 13.2 masterpoints for the win in A Strat.

Well done!!

Summer Bridge Camp

Georgia Ringo conducted the 12th Annual Summer Bridge Camp at the Lexington Bridge Club in June. The youth met on Monday through Thursday evenings for two weeks learning the beginning basics of duplicate bridge.

Georgia and her army of volunteers did another outstanding job with the camp. Helping Georgia with the teaching were Chuck Dean and Peggy Saunier. Others that helped during the camp were Terrell Holt, Ellen Hume, Lori Saunier, JoEllen Drisko, Donna Loeffler, Marcia Zack and Tracy Peter. Liz Wise and Lisa Estes-Cheatham provided homemade goodies for all the campers.

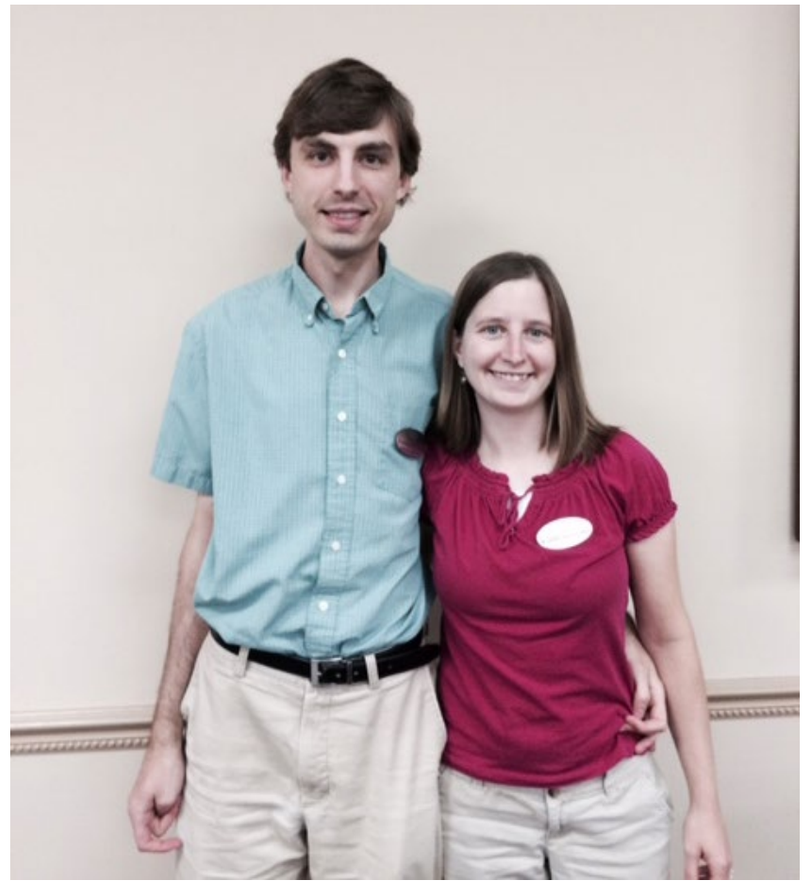
The camp culminated with a tournament. The 1st place trophy went to Marion Claire Byrne. Emily Peng and Krishna Polisetty tied for second place.

The Summer Bridge Camp is sponsored by Unit 164 and is a wonderful resource for children interested in learning bridge. "Ann McCullough gets the credit for the start of this camp," said Ringo. "She insisted I get the training to teach this camp." The first camp was held at the public library with the help of Georgia, Ann McCullough, Loraine Gibbs and librarian, Tyra Hellard. The location was then moved to the Bridge Club of Lexington because all the resources (tables, cards, boards, etc.) were there.

After twelve years of dedication, Georgia is stepping back and letting Ellen Hume take over the camp. But she will continue her role as teacher for the camp, helping to instill the love of the game in the young campers who will hopefully fill the bridge clubs of tomorrow.

▲ Georgia Ringo with her campers! ▲

▼ Kathleen and Jonathan Crosmer Win the Gold Rush Pairs at the Chicago NABC ▼



Crosmers Win Big in The Windy City!

Kathleen and Jonathan Crosmer traveled to Chicago to attend their first National Tournament this summer and came home with a pot full of gold! They competed four days in various National games with little success until their final day playing in a 2-session Gold Rush Pairs competition with a field of 81 pairs.

After the first session Jonathan checked the scores posted and saw they had a 65% game. He didn't want to make Kathleen nervous going into the second session so he didn't tell her. Unbeknownst to him, Kathleen had checked the scores and didn't tell him either! The Crosmers won the Gold Rush Pairs earning 11.71 Gold masterpoints! The couple celebrated their big win by dining out in the Windy City at a Mediterranean restaurant.

Their success at the Nationals puts them half way to their goal of becoming Life Masters. The game of bridge has been an important part of their lives.

Jonathan's knowledge of the game started as a child. He is self-taught; reading bridge books at the public library as a youth. "Tyra will like to hear that," Jonathan said with a smile.

Kathleen and Jonathan met one another at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. Both were Music Majors and Jonathan also majored in Computer Science. Jonathan began teaching Kathleen to play bridge in 2008 after they married. They moved back to Lexington in 2013 to live closer to Kathleen's parents. They found their way to the Bridge Club of Lexington and have been regulars ever since.

Congratulations on your accomplishment in Chicago!

New Sizzling Silver Swiss Sectional Tournament

After the Pine Mountain Sectional Tournament folks decided to discontinue their Fall tournament due to dwindling attendance and problems with the location (power outages, non-handicap accessible, etc.), the Unit 164 Board of Directors scrambled to fill in the tournament schedule. With little time to find a venue, they decided to try a 2-day Swiss Teams Sectional similar to the one that Owensboro puts on in February. Based on the number of Swiss teams that attend the other Sectional tournaments in Lexington they decided the Bridge Club would accommodate this tournament format. They were right!

Unit 164 President, Sandra Marlin and District 11 President, Terrell Holt agreed to Co-chair and everyone got on board to make it happen. Sue Distler, Anita Pettus and Liz Wise coordinated the hospitality for the weekend and did a wonderful job! Several members baked delicious homemade goodies for the Sunday lunch break.

"This Sizzling Silver Swiss was a huge success!" exclaimed Terrell Holt. "We had a total of 144 tables over the 2-day event. Our club was near-capacity." Always the optimistic, he added, "But we could have fit in a few extra tables." 600.4 silver masterpoints were earned by 176 players over the weekend.

Saturday's game had forty teams competing – thirty-two in the Open game and eight in the 299er game. The winning team in Strat A was comprised of Dennis Hesthaven and Jeanne James of Louisville and Harry Gordon and Sue Bullard of Lexington. First in Strat B was the Louisville team of Anne Hornek, Mickey Miller, E. Pusaten and Caroline Eddleman.

Martha Edison reached a major milestone during Saturday's game and gave us another reason to celebrate. Playing with her partner Judy Wiljanen, her team earned enough masterpoints for Martha to become a Silver Life Master!

▲ Martha Edison makes Silver Life Master at the Sizzling Silver Swiss!! ▲

There was a little more breathing room in Sunday's game with thirty-two teams competing – twenty-four in the Open game and eight in the 299er game. The winning team in Strat A was Sandra and Mike Marlin and Sondra and Terrell Holt. First in B was the Lexington team of Paul Moss, Dan Robinette, John Hinkle and Naresh Shah. First in C was the Cincinnati team of Henry Jackson, William Atteberry, Mickey Dasenbrock and John Taylor.

The winners in each of the Strats for the 299er Saturday game were all Lexington Teams. Strat D – Jerry and Lisa Estes-Cheatham, Doug Thompson and Margie Evans. Strat E – Xana Plum, Mollie Schnettler, Lori Saunier and Elizabeth Schulman. Strat F – Reams Perkins, George Ross, Susan Mattingly and Steven Furnish.

Sunday's 299er game winners in Strat D – Lexington team ofCyrus Hettle, Michael Music, Stephen King and Carman Bishop. Strat F – Ed Bates and Arthur Peter III of Lexington and Louise Hilton of Louisville and Mina Hedayati of Corbin.

Congratulations to the winners and to the Bridge Club of Lexington and Unit 164 for pulling off this splendid tournament!

▲ Sizzling Silver Swiss Sectional Overall MP Winning Team

Sondra & Terrell Holt and Sandra & Mike Marlin ▲

▲ Saturday Sizzling Silver Swiss Teams winners

Dennis Hesthaven, Jeanne James, Sue Bullard & Harry Gordan ▲

New Life Master Trophy
"The Winners Circle"

The Louisville/Lexington Regional Tournament at Horseshoe Casino will have a new trophy this year. Going forward, "The Winners Circle" trophy will have the names of anyone who earns their Life Master while playing at the tournament.

Darryl Bennett spearheaded the idea of the trophy after he earned his Life Master at the Flying Pig Regional. He was impressed by their "Flying Pig" trophy where his name appears along with all the other Life Masters who were "lucky" at the Cincinnati tournament. He felt that Louisville and Lexington should have something similar for their Regional.

Upon hearing Darryl talk about the trophy Andra Gyor, owner of Janice's at the Saltbox, volunteered to donate a bronze horse and rider from her shop to be used as the top of the trophy. She suggested the name "The Winners Circle" as a natural to tie both Lexington and Louisville's thoroughbred heritage and the location of the tournament – "Horseshoe."

Will your name be the first one to grace this new trophy? Come out and play!!

Life Master Milestones

Congratulations to the following individuals
that have achieved these Life Master Milestones!

Bronze Life Master
Nancy Polk

Silver Life Master
Martha Edison

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CABIN FEVER SECTIONAL

JANUARY 22-24, 2016 LEXINGTON, KY

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Bracketed Knockouts** ---------- 9:00, 1:00 and 7:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs—two 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—two sessions---------- 10:00 AM
299'er Swiss Teams*-----two sessions ---------- 10:00 AM
*All Swiss Teams Based on Team Average
*Box lunch between sessions included in team fee

NOTE: On Friday or Saturday, players with 0-50 MPs can buy one game and get a second game for free (limit one per player).

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UNIT 193 DISTRICT 11

Phyllis Kincaid

As politicians cranked up for the beginning of their presidential run, the clubs in Unit 193 were just as busy running STaC and NAP games, International Fund games, Club Championships, Silver Sectionals, and parties, parties, parties.

The first party during this three-month period was a pitch-in held on July 4. Many players came dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate the day. Gloria Bridges created her own hat. {**Picture of Gloria**} There was a holiday spirit as members ate together and then played bridge.

Henderson Duplicate Bridge Club

Henderson held STaC games on the 8th and 10th of July. The winners on the 8th were Jeanne and Lon Bell who also finished first in District 11. Gloria Bridges and Steve Early placed second and finished 10th in the District. First place winners in the July 10 game were Susie Hill and Debbie Gregory. They finished first in the District as well. Bernice Cornette and John Fullenwider came in second and placed 6th in the District.

On July 15, Henderson hosted the ACBL International Fund Game with an impressive 10 tables of players.

Winners in Flight A were:

1 - Lon and Jeanne Bell
2 - John Fullenwider and Pete Lambert
¾ - Dian Fleming and Jeff Chapman, Richard Cornett and Gary Gentry
5 - Susie Hill and Joyce Rice.

Flight B winners were:

1 - Dian Fleming and Jeff Chapman
2 - Cathy Spenard and Richard Sarles
3 - Jane Kempin and Jane Staton
4/5-Beverly Matthews and Joy Sisk, Linda and Richard Edds.

Retirement Party

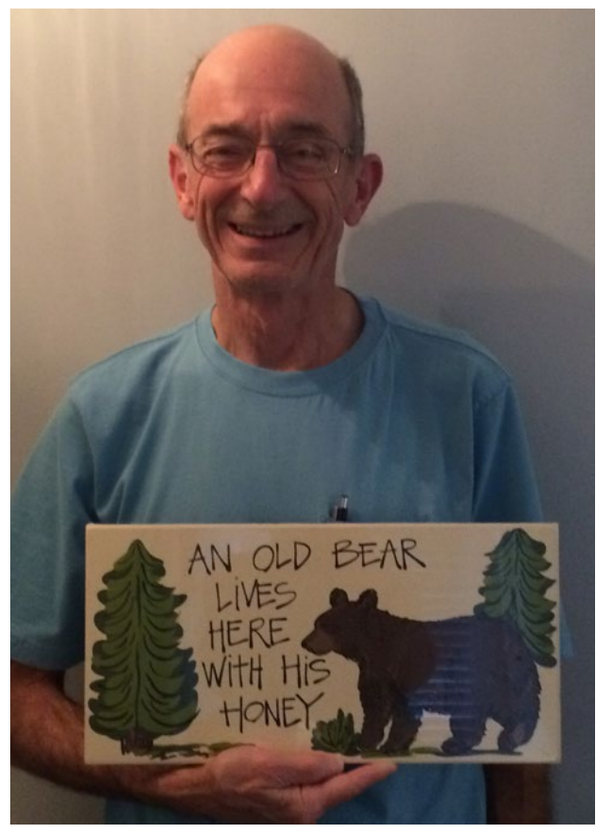
Also on July 15, much to his total surprise, a party was given to celebrate Dale Hill's retirement from Toyota. Thanks to all who helped make this a wonderful experience for Dale . . . especially his secretive wife!

Unit Board Meeting and Owensboro Unit Championship

After the Split Regional Tournament, Owensboro's first Unit Championship was held in Owensboro, KY, on Saturday, July 25 at the Commerce Centre. Prior to the game, the Unit 193 Board of Directors met. At this meeting the Nominating Committee, composed of Chairman Rita Jo Holtzman, Susie Hill and Pat Probst, submitted the following slate of officers for the 2016 Unit 193 Board of Directors. They are:

President – Katie Brown
Vice-President –Richard Sarles
Secretary – Vicki Helms
Treasurer – Bill Lea
Representatives:
Evansville – Bud Farmer, Bernie Kay, Phyllis Kincaid, John Titzer
Henderson – Dale Hill
Hopkinsville – Elbert Moore
Jasper – Richard Smith
Madisonville – Brandon Liao
Owensboro – Jerry Holtzman, David Lilly, Pat Schmeid
Vincennes – LeRoy Briemeier

The slate was approved. *Individual clubs will create their own ballots to be cast at the December 5, 2015 Unit ACBL Charity Championship game in Henderson, KY.*



▸ **Dale Hill at his retirement party** ▸

Then Tournament Co-Chair, Doris Mills, reported on the results of the 2015 Split Regional held in Owensboro June 1-9. Doris discussed the challenges and successes of preparing for the tournament when the Clarion Inn in Evansville cancelled its contract. The results were good. Due to the collaborative efforts of the Evansville and Owensboro Bridge Clubs, 341 men and women came from twelve states and Australia. They played in 2,206 games for a total of 530 tables, exceeding the table count of the last two Split Regionals. Doris thanked Co-Chair LeRoy Breimeier, Katie Brown, Bill Lea and Vicki Helms for their tireless help and leadership.

The Owensboro Championship Game began at 1:00PM. Winners of the event were:

A: 1 – Richard Cornett and Shirley Bradley
2 – Bernard Kay and Phelps Lambert
3—Milt VanReed and Joanna Hebermehl
B: 1– Linda and Richard Edds
2—Dale and Susan Hill
3 –Jerry and Rita Holtzman
C: 1—Jerry and Rita Holtzman
2—Karen Nunn and Peggy Kincaid
3 – Phyllis and Bob Kincaid

Upcoming Fall Tournament

It's time for getting SILVER points at Owensboro's Fall Tournament October 9-11. Pairs games will start at 1:00 pm CST on Friday and continue through the Swiss Team event on Sunday. The schedule of events is in this issue of the *Monitor* and is posted on the ACBL tournament website as well as on Owensboro's website: www.freewebs.comm/okdbc/. The tournament will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center on the renovated riverfront of downtown Owensboro, 501 West 2nd Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. Come join us!

Jasper Duplicate Bridge Club

On August 22 Jasper hosted a Championship Game. They had a great turn out – twelve tables. People came from Evansville, Owensboro, Henderson, Vincennes, Bicknel, Mt.Carmel, Jasper Huntingburg, Madisonville, Oakland City and Newburgh.

Winners were:

North/South
1 – Carrie Houchin and Carol Olinger with a 70.02 % game
2 – Bill Sokeland and John Lawler with a 56.87 % game.
3 – Jane Staton and Jane Kempin with a 56.80% game.

East/West
1 – Steve Early and Jef Franklin – 62.64% game
2 – Shirley Bradley and Richard Cornett - 60.28% game
3 – Brenda Krempp and John Fullenwider – 58.58% game

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Jasper also reports the following high scores:

On August 10 Michael Olinger and Terry Brown had a 72.40% game. Kitty Recker and Mary Ann Seng netted a 71.8% score.

On August 17 Carol Olinger and Kitty Recker earned a 73.44% score. The week before Justin Kluemper and Cynthia (his mother) had a 65.63 % game.

Evansville Duplicate Bridge Center:
During July, August and September the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club held thirty-four NAP games, nine STaC games, twelve Club Championships, twenty-four International Fund Games and eight Charity Games. Bev Nikolajewski tracked the winners for all of these games and recorded them in the EDBC monthly newsletter. There are several players who were consistently in first place. They are Pete Lambert, Bernie Kay, Gary Gentry, Lon and Jeannie Bell, LeRoy Breimeier, Jason Liao, Betsy Becker, Connie Gustafson, Melba Patberg and James Bottom. Congratulations to these fine players.

The Longest Day:
This important Alzheimer's fundraiser took place on June 22. It was a collaborative effort with ACBL bridge clubs across the country. In Evansville, The Longest Day ran from five am to five pm. Co-chairs Lon and Jeanne Bell held up beautifully, though Lon looked a bit sleepy by the five pm game. This year EDBC raised over $4,300. "This is twice as much as last year," said EDBC President Pat Andersen. Nationally more than $1 million was donated for research to help find a cure for this disease.

Special Unit Championship
On September 12 EDBC held a two-session North American Pairs Unit Championship at the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club. It was attended by 66 players. This event paid out part gold and part red master points to anyone who earned a fraction of a master point or more.

Overall Winners were: 1 – Pat and Ray Andersen; 2 - Connie Gustafson and Gloria Bridges; 3 – Lon and Jeanne Bell; 4 – Beverly Nikolajewski and Marian Major; 5 – Peggy Dunkel and Judy Donahue

▸ **Pat & Ray Anderson Overall Winners** ▸

Upcoming 499er Non Life Master Sectional
Save Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27, for this great opportunity to earn Silver points. The games will be held in the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club, 1551 South Green River Road. The Saturday games begin at 10:00AM and 3:30PM. On Sunday there are two-session Swiss team games that begin at 10:00AM. Lunch will be served on Sunday.

Essentials
Almost every day there are members of the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club who quietly go about essential volunteer duties. They help make our club strong and efficient.

Charles Oxley, who served two terms as president in the mid 90s, became a game director about the same time. He has remained so since. Charlie has served on many committees throughout the years. Some of them include the relocation committee, nominating committee for club elections, disciplinary committees for individuals and the committee to develop job descriptions and discipline procedures. He also has served on our Board several times as well as the Unit 193 Board of Directors.

In an interview, Charlie shared a bit of EDBC history. He said, "When I was president, the prior president was also the Club Manager, the person who dealt with bridge programs as opposed to business matters. Since that time it has become a tradition for the president to appoint an individual as Club Manager to conduct operations. I served in that capacity under Betsy Becker and Pat Probst."

Pat Probst, our immediate past president, has also served in many quiet ways for our club. She has been Board secretary, served on the discipline committee and Unit nominating committees, sent emails to EDBC and Unit 193 members, made nametags for Evansville and Owensboro members, assisted with EASYBRIDGE classes, helped purchase food/snacks items and will co-chair the 499er Section on September 26/27.

Patti Lodato in the years since her presidency has served as chair of the education committee, been on the membership committee and chaired a five-member committee to evaluate dealing machines and make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether to purchase a machine for EDBC. In addition, Patti will assume the chairmanship of the July 2016 Sectional Tournament.

Thank you to these three wonderful volunteers.

EDBC 70% Games

Chris Williams and Jan Zwendell	75.00%
Bernie Kay and Gary Gentry	74.80%
Nadine Coudret and Paulina Anderson	73.81%
Jason Liao and LeRoy Breimeier	72.80%
LeRoy Breimeier and Pete Lambert	72.80%
Ann Pinaire and Glenda Hauschild	72.22%
Jan Kissinger and Sue Reno	72.22%
Ray Andersen and Sue Salms	71.01%
LeRoy Breimeier and Jan Kissinger	70.04%
Mary Hurt and Chris Williams	70.00%

Education
Owensboro: On August 31, at its regular 6:30PM session, the Owensboro Club hosted a Mentoring Game for the first time in several years. Twenty-two novice players signed up to participate. Twenty-six open game players were mentors. This event was the first step in developing a mentoring program for the club. A committee, representing various levels of players, will be set up by David Lilly, president of the Owensboro Club, to study the best way to continue this mentoring program in 2016.
Jasper: Cynthia Kluemper has been teaching new bridge players on Monday mornings at the Jasper Club.
Evansville:
Bobby Tapp began 2/1 classes on September 7 using Larry Cohen's book. The classes ran for eight weeks and were held at the EDBC Center.

EasyBridge! lessons, taught by Jan Tucker, have been held continuously throughout the year. The current class began in September on Thursday mornings. A novice game followed.

Monthly low level mentoring games are being held.

Recipe
Our pitch-ins are a vital part of many special bridge games. Some men have been known to hop out of their easy chairs to attend a pitch-in game. Recently, Joannie Lockyear brought an unusual casserole to the club. There were so many raves about it that she agreed to share her recipe.

Apricot Kugel
Cook and drain well, 1 package of wide egg noodles.
Beat until smooth:
1 package of 8 ounces of cream cheese
1 cup of softened butter
1 ½ cups of sugar
½ cup of fresh lemon juice.
Put these ingredients in a bowl. Add 12 eggs, one at a time, beating the mixture with each egg. Add the drained noodles to this mixture.

In a 13 x 9 baking dish layer this mixture with one 18 oz jar of apricot preserves mixed with ½ teaspoon of cinnamon. Bake covered at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

Mini-McKenney Standings for Unit 193:

James Mathews, James Bandoli Pat Schmied	0 - 5
Justin Kluemper, Anna Chapman, Kay Lancaster	5-20
Jerry Lambert, Bobby Bastin, Sr. Jerry Kruse	20-50
Jane Perkins, David Lilly, Nancy Erwin	50-100
Vicki Helms Jane Kempin, Mike Olinger	100-200
Donna Lynch, Peggy Kincaid, Coy Ball	200-300
Jef Franklin, Brandon Liao, Jeffrey Chapman	300-500
Jeanne Bell, Bev Nikolajewski, David Smithfield	500-1000
LeRoy Breimeier, Bernard Kay, Billie Brown	1000-2500
John Fullenwider, Richard Cornett, Connie Gustafson	2500-5000
Phelps Lambert	5000-7500

Parties, Parties, Parties!
Interspersed between July and August were four Life Master parties. On July 13 at the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Center, four women celebrated their Life Master achievements—Betsy Becker for her Silver Life Master, Patti Lodato for her Life Master and Bronze Life Master, Sharon Long for her Life Master and Phyllis Kincaid for her Life Master.

On July 26, a party for Pete Lambert was co-hosted by the Henderson and Madisonville clubs in Madisonville. Pete attained the coveted Emerald Life Master. For this party, a group of Nashville players, including Chuck and Elaine Said, attended. A delicious catered meal was held before the game. Most of the diners opted to stay and play in the game. Of course, Pete and his partner, Bernie Kay, were first East/West. Nashville's top players, Chuck and Elaine Said, however, were first overall with Dot Blue and Chris Panagopoulos taking second overall. They were among the ten players from Nashville who attended.

On August 15 there was another party for Pete Lambert. This one was held by the Evansville Club. Because Pete plays regularly in the Henderson, Madisonville and Evansville games, all of these clubs are proud of Pete. Beverly Nikolajewski wrote in the EDBC Newsletter, "Pete Lambert is one of only 1200

Betsy Becker, Patti Lodato, Phyllis Kincaid & Sharon Long

Pete and Carol Lambert posing with his cake at the Emerald Life Master Party in his honor

living bridge players in the US to achieve the distinction of earning 7,500 master points and achieving the rank of Emerald Life Master!"

The fourth Life Master Party, held on August 21, recognized Jeanne Bell's Silver Life Master accomplishment, Duane Morrow's Gold Life Master and Jason Liao's Life Master. All of these parties served beautifully decorated cakes. Members attending the parties brought hugs, congratulatory cards and gifts.

Jeanne Bell, Jason Liao, and Duane Morrow.

These are from The Longest Day.

Middle photo: Bev Nikolajewski, Lon & Jeanne Bell, co- chairs.

Final amount raised, $4,500

Condolences:
On August 18, Gail Ward's husband died following heart surgery.

Dr. Harold Roth, dentist, died on September 9. Harold was a Life Master and longtime member of EDBC. Marion Major, said, "Harold was a world traveler, a great dancer and bridge player. But above all, he was a gentleman."

We extend our deep sympathy to the family and friends of these two men.

Did You Know?
Brenda Krempp's daughter, Kelly Schaefer, has written a book about her life. It's called, "*Fractured, not Broken*." Kelly was injured and paralyzed by a drunk driver when she was 19. Although Kelly is a quadriplegic she is able to be a teacher. She is married and has just adopted two three-year olds from the Belgian Congo.

"Change your thoughts and you change your world." Norman Vincent Peale

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Saturday, February 13, 2016

Swiss Teams . . . . . .10:30 A.M.
(2nd Session Time TBA)

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Swiss Teams . . . . . .10:30 A.M.
(Playthrough: Buffet Luncheon Included)

All Sessions Stratified*

C 0-500
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*Team Average
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299er(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)	6:30 pm CDT
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	6:30 pm CDT

Saturday

299er(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)	10:30 am CDT
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	10:30 am CDT
299er(0-100, 100-200, 200-300)	3:30 pm CDT
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	3:30 pm CDT

Sunday – 2 Session Swiss 10:00 am
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