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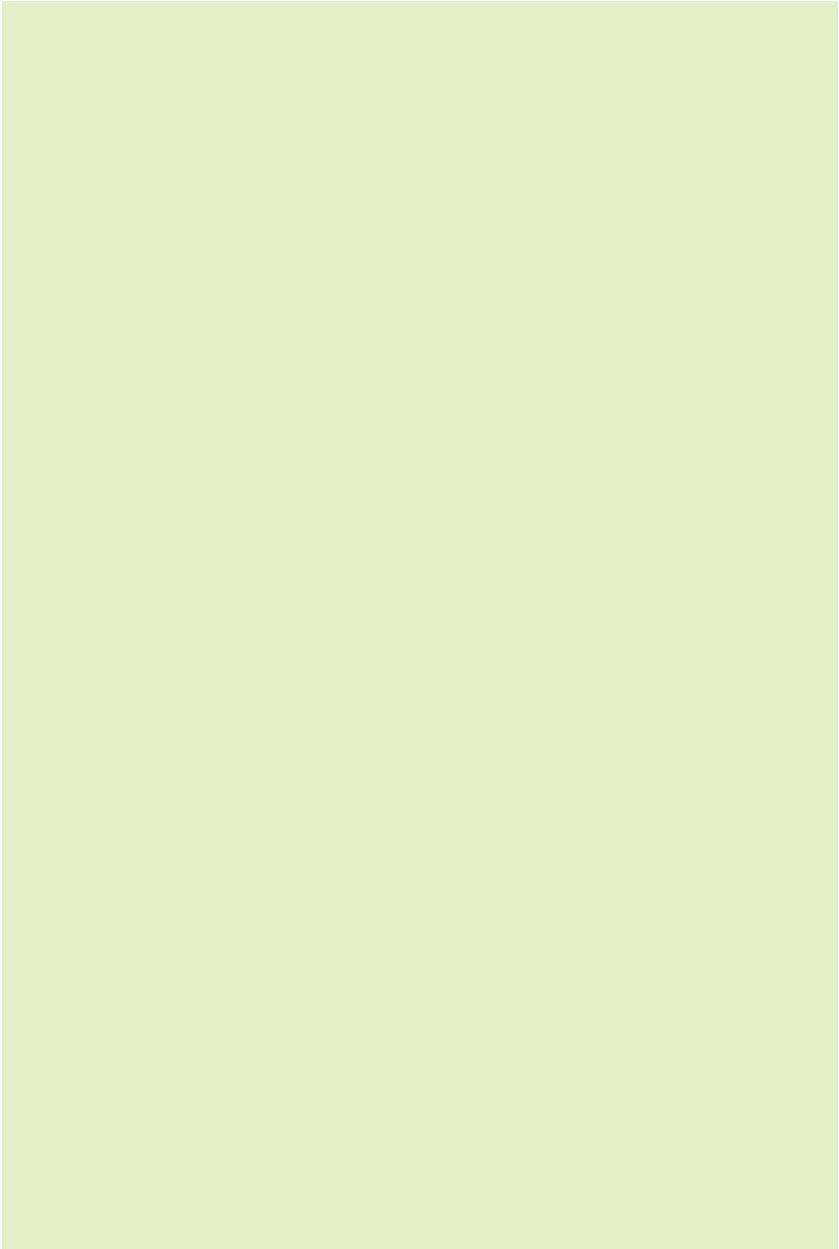
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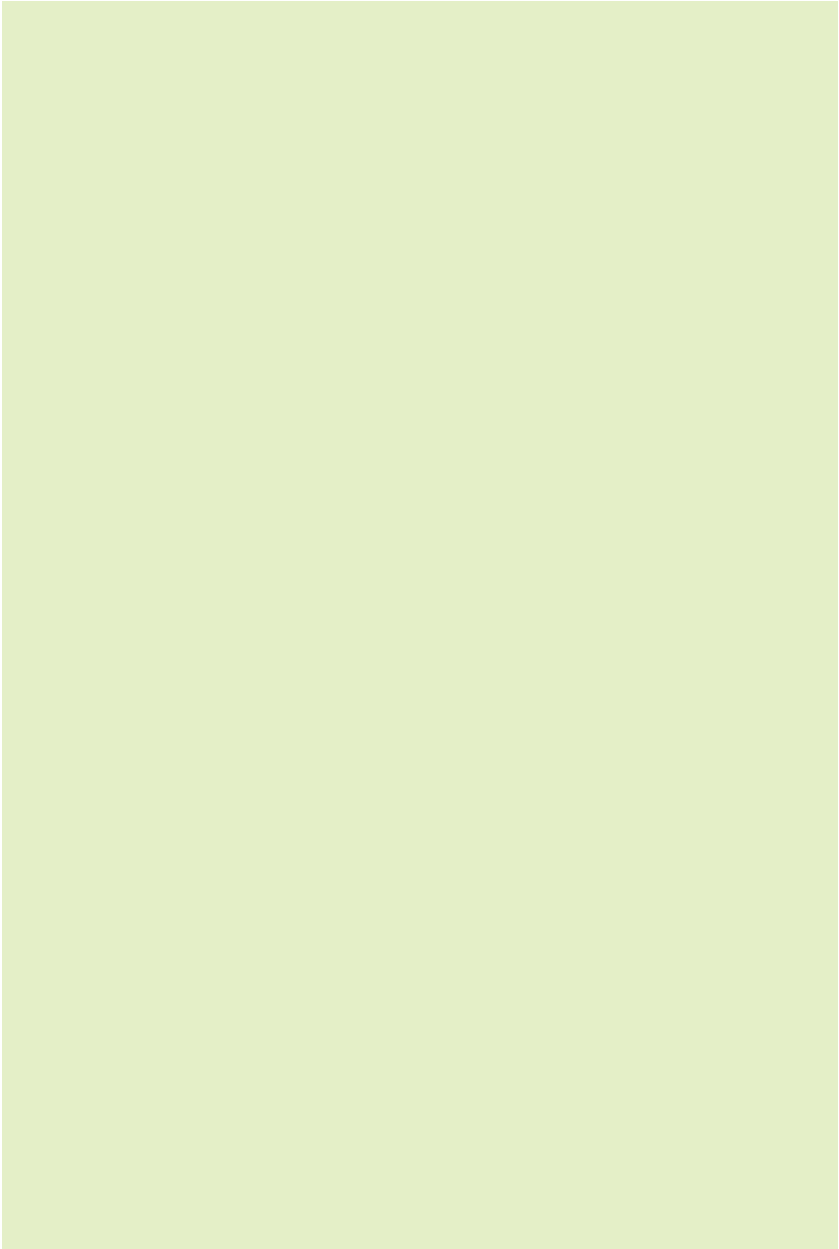
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D11 MONITOR STaC						



THE DENVER COMMITTEE put on a great NABC. The Mile-High City was certainly a nice change of air from the moldy Ohio River Valley! The site was great, with free shuttle buses running up and down the mall outside the hotel, making trips to LOTS of great restaurants easy. Unfortunately, attendance was close to 10% lower than expected. Hard to say why—weather? Airport alerts? We'll look at it, but it sure wasn't the fault of the great volunteers on the ground. I was able to drive up to Ft. Collins (about an hour north) on Thanksgiving Day to spend it with my aunt and uncle so got a little snow-driving in early!

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Ken Monzingo of District 22 (San Diego) was elected ACBL President for 2016. Ken is a dear friend and I know he'll do a fabulous job.

Paul Janicki and Al Levy were re-elected as WBF representatives for three-year terms; Debbie Rosenberg of District 21 was appointed as the Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year; Flora Pettit of District 16 was appointed the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year and the fabulous Patty Tucker was appointed the ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

SPLIT REGIONALS

Well, I have really good news here. As you know, the Regional Allocation Committee had proposed in Chicago that split regionals be eliminated entirely. The makers believed that the concept is subject to abuse and merely allows extra regionals to be held in an already crowded tournament calendar. Those of us in smaller districts with only four regional allocations were adamant that the split regional was the only way to spread regionals fairly in our district and that no abuses were evident.

The motion was deferred and came back this time with two basic concepts. One, that the current split regionals be grandfathered, frozen at their current frequency, but that all new split regionals be barred, and two, that the current rules that make splits so tough to run, e.g., the requirement that the events be held at the same time and the reduction in overall masterpoints, be eliminated. Much to the makers' surprise, the Board was very supportive of the concerns of our Midwest districts and passed the lifting of the restrictions but defeated the elimination of the split regional. So now, we continue to be able to hold one split regional but the headache of matching schedules and the disadvantage of lowered masterpoint awards is eliminated.

Definitely a victory for the little guy!

FINANCE

The 2016 operating budget showing a projected excess of expenses over revenue of (\$61,534) and the 2016 capital budget of \$399,000 were received. The budgets are not finally approved until the Spring Meeting.

Obviously, no one likes to present a loss budget. Management worked very hard to bring an initial deficit of over \$1M down to \$800K and then the Finance Committee brought it down to the \$61K above. We have a lot to pay for: the urgent need to shore up our technology infrastructure and bring our IT performance to an acceptable level after decades of neglect is well underway—we're adding critical personnel and our new CIO, Mitch Hodus, is working with our technology members to bring us up to speed the least costly way possible; the ACBL is leading the world in addressing the problem of cheating now threatening the league—improved and more frequent video and aggressive pursuit of formal charges have significant costs associated with them. When the budget, with its necessary fee hikes was presented to the Board of Governors, the few objections were met by the comment: If we want to deal with these problems [cheating] we have to pay for it. Exactly.

The operating budget reflects the following fee increases, effective 4/1/16 except as noted:

All regional and sectional fees are increased by approximately 2%; STaC fees are increased by approximately 3%; the open sectional surcharge is increased by approximately 9%; and, TD session fees are increased by approximately 9%. The \$1.25 club game fee is rescinded and the club per table fee is increased by approximately 11%; and the short game (12-17 boards) per table fee is increased by approximately 6%. STaCs and all unit and special games held at clubs will now be subject to the per table fee.

The NABC team screen table surcharge (Conditions of Contest) is rescinded and NABC+ entry fees are increased by 15%, effective at the Summer 2016 NABC.

OTHER ACTIONS

- The 2016 President shall form a Board Composition Advisory Committee consisting of BOD, BOG, Management and at-large members to review the current size of the Bod, areas from which they are elected and the method thereof. The Committee will present a final report no later than the Spring 2017 Board Meeting.

- The 0-1500 LM Pairs has been renamed the 0-1500 Pairs and the C of C amended to allow Flight C GNT folks who are knocked out to participate.

- Several of you asked me to vote against the motion to bar clubs running limited and invitational games from converting those games to open games during STaCs. I did so, but the motion passed 20-5. The concern here is that many clubs (none of ours, I'm sure) use limited games to bar particular players or levels of players from their games and that they should not have their cake and eat it, e.g., if they want to run open STaCs, they should run open games. Don't blame me—I did as instructed. ☺

- One of my longstanding bugaboos got solved. At sectionals and regionals, the non-member surcharge has been retained by the sponsor. This makes no sense as the only additional costs to a non-member playing are infrastructure costs borne by the ACBL. The finance folks finally won this one and the surcharge will now be remitted to the ACBL.

- Many of you know how disappointed I was in Chicago that the effort to change KO masterpoint awards to reflect actual playing time failed. In Denver, we were able to approach the problem from a different angle. At all NABCs beginning next year, entries for team events of two sessions of more shall be charged on a per person rather than a per team basis. Although the ACBL does not have the

power to dictate that the same policy be followed at sectionals and regionals, we, and I, strongly urge Districts to follow suit.

- The Code of Disciplinary Regulations was amended to provide that partners and teammates of convicted cheaters also lose all masterpoints, titles and status ranks earned while playing with them for the prior four years.

NEW LIFE MASTER DESIGNATIONS

The BOD Ranking Committee has conducted research and surveys to find out how players feel about the current ranking system, digested those results and came to the Board with the following suggested changes, all of which were approved in Denver:

Bronze Life Master remains 500 masterpoints for those with memberships prior to 1/1/10 (the change in Life Master requirements) and goes to 750 points for those joining after that date.

A new level is added between Silver and Gold. Ruby Life Master: A Life Master with (a) over 2500 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than a combination of 300 silver, red, gold, or platinum points.

A new level is added between Gold and Diamond. Sapphire Life Master: A Life Master with (a) over 3500 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than a combination of 350 gold or platinum points and (c) no fewer than a combination of 700 silver, red, gold or platinum points.

Any new ranks added by this motion that are below your next higher rank advancement are exempt from new pigmented points requirements but would need to meet them for higher ranks. For example: A current Silver Life Master who achieved that rank by 12/31/11 would retain the current requirements for Gold Life Master but would not have any pigmented requirements for Ruby Life Master, but would need to fulfill the new requirements for Sapphire and Diamond Life Master.

CHEATING

CEO Robert Hartman has announced the formation of a blue-ribbon task force to identify the steps needed to create a fair playing environment where ethical violations are not tolerated. "We refuse to let a handful of law-breakers bring down bridge," he said.

"Each of these players brings not only a wealth of playing experience and the highest ethical standards, but a demonstrated interest in cleaning up the game . . .

See the complete story at:

<http://www.acbl.org/acbl-task-force-takes-on-cheating-2/>

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

SEE YOU IN INDY!



Beth

TOURNAMENT TALES

Jerry & Denny Clerk

THIS IS A hand from the recent Fall Nationals in Denver.We were playing Ron Smith (East) and Steve Garner (West). Jerry was South and Denny, North. First the bidding:
 You pick up: ♠Ax ♥KQJxxx ♦AQ9x ♣x, and the auction goes Pass, Pass, 1♣ on your right, you overcall 1♥ and it goes 3♣ on your left, preemptive, Pass, Pass, back to you. You try Double and partner bids 3NT. Now what? Partner almost certainly does not have the Ace of Hearts so he will need a double Club stopper. Even if he has Cubs double-stopped, they might lead a Spade. While it's not clearcut you bid 4♥ and the dummy comes down.

NORTH

♠ J 9 7
 ♥ T 5
 ♦ J T 8 6 2
 ♣ A Q T

SOUTH

♠ A 8
 ♥ K Q J 7 6 3
 ♦ A Q 9 4
 ♣ 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
3♣	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After the Jack! of Clubs is led, you play the Ace and RHO follows. You try the Ten of Hearts from dummy and RHO plays the Ace, LHO following low. RHO now shifts to the five of Diamonds and you are up?

Think about it, you have five Trump tricks, one Spade and one Club. So even if you finesse, and LHO wins and gives his partner a ruff, you still have ten tricks.You can throw your Spade loser on the 5th Diamond. The danger is if you go up and LHO ruffs this trick, now they can beat you. Seems simple enough, you decide to finesse, but there is a trap still waiting . . .

If you play low and LHO Ruffs this trick, RHO will be able to hold up the Diamond King and prevent you from enjoying the 5th Diamond.

Jerry worked all this out and finessed, but was careful to play the Queen. LHO ruffed, and the Queen of Diamonds play looked like it was from AQx, so there would be no reason to break the Spade suit.

At any rate, LHO got out with a trump and Jerry won, pulled trumps and played the carefully preserved four of Diamonds to the ten and claimed. You had to play the Queen of Diamonds to have any chance.

The full hand is at right.

I still don't know why LHO led the Jack of Clubs, or why RHO opened 1♣ with a minimum hand and 4-4 in the minors. But they won the event so they must know something.

After the session was played we were discussing with Ron Smith the critical play of the Queen of Diamonds, and Denny remarked to me, “how did you manage to not mess that one up?,” displaying his renowned technique for both admiring and admonishing in the same sentence. ☁

♠ J 9 7
 ♥ T 5
 ♦ J T 8 6 2
 ♣ A Q T

♠ K 8 5 3
 ♥ 9 8 6 2
 ♦
 ♣ J 9 7 5 3

♠ Q T 4 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ K 7 5 3
 ♣ K 8 5 2

♠ A 6
 ♥ K Q J 7 6 3
 ♦ A Q 9 4
 ♣ 4



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MONDAY February 22nd

Indy GOLD RUSH Charity Pairs (2 sessions)	1:30	7:00
Indy A/B/C Open Charity Pairs (2 sessions)	1:30	7:00
Circle City Bracketed KO Teams (1/2 of 4)	1:30	7:00
Single Session Stratified Charity Swiss		7:00

TUESDAY February 23rd

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (1 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (1 of 4)	9:30	
299er Pairs	9:30	1:30
A/B/C Choice Open Pairs (play 2 sessions)	9:30	1:30 7:00
Circle City Bracketed KO Teams (3/4 of 4)		1:30 7:00
Compact KO Teams (1/2)		1:30 7:00
Tuesday Single Session Stratified Swiss		7:00
After Dinner Side Series (1 of 4)		7:00
Newcomers 0-20 Pairs (FREE)		7:00

WEDNESDAY February 24th

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (2 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (2 of 4)	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (1 of 4)		1:30
Hoosier GOLD RUSH Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Hoosier A/B/C Open Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Crossroads Bracketed KO Teams (1/2 of 4)		1:30 7:00
Wednesday Single Session Stratified Swiss		7:00
After Dinner Side Series (2 of 4)		7:00

THURSDAY February 25th

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (3 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (3 of 4)	9:30	
Thurs/Fri Morning Compact Kos (1 of 2)	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (2 of 4)		1:30
Bicentennial GOLD RUSH		
Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Bicentennial ABC		
Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Crossroads Bracketed KO Teams (3/4 of 4)		1:30 7:00
After Dinner Side Series (3 of 4)		7:00

FRIDAY February 26th

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (4 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (4 of 4)	9:30	
Thurs/Fri Morning Compact KOs (2 of 2)	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (3 of 4)		1:30
Open Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:30
Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (1/2 of 4)		1:30 7:00
299er Pairs (Single sessions)		1:30 7:00
Friday Evening Stratified Swiss		7:00

SATURDAY February 27th

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (5 of 5)	9:30	
AM Single Session Swiss	9:30	
0-20 Pairs FREE	9:30	
199er Pairs	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (4 of 4)		1:30
Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (3/4 of 4)		1:30 7:00
White River GOLD RUSH Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
White River A/B/C Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
After Dinner Side Series (4 of 4)		7:00

SUNDAY February 28th

Stratified Swiss (2 sessions)	10:00 (Play through)	
	Food available at playing site	

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District-wide regulations for all 2016 District 11 Regional Events:

- KO events may be handicapped
- Open events w/o Gold Rush: C 0-750 B 750-2000 A 2000+
- Gold Rush/ABC Pairs and Gold Rush/ABC Swiss: GR: 0-100 100-300 300-750 & ABC Pairs: C 0-1500 B 1500-3000 A 3000+
- ACBL Mid-Chart allowed in top bracket of KO and Flight A events

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

**Pay a full entry for a Rise 'n Shine side game and receive a \$5 non-transferable coupon for your next Rise 'n Shine side game.

KOs, Compact KOs or Swiss Team events offered daily.

Non Life Master Events: Gold Rush (M, W, Th, S); Newcomers (0-20 - Free Games on Tuesday and Saturday); 299er pairs (Tuesday and Friday); 199er pairs (Saturday)

Session Charge: \$13 per session. Add \$4 surcharge if not an ACBL member.

Youth Bridge Players Welcome - Free games on Tues. and Sat. for 0-20 MPs. All other youth players with ACBL membership play for \$7.00 per session.

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	10:00AM	2:30PM	7:30PM
Monday May 30		Pro Am Pairs* (reservation required - see details in sidebar) Open Pairs Side Series I*	Open Pairs Evening Side Series I
Tuesday May 31	Hog Wild Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Evening Side Series I NLM Pairs
	Miss Piggy KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series I NLM Pairs	Miss Piggy KO (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series I Piglet Single Session Swiss	
Wednesday June 1	Road Hog Gold Rush Swiss Teams and Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 2) Hogwash Horizontal Swiss (Round 1) Open Pairs Evening Side Series I
	Miss Piggy KO (Round 3) Open Pairs Side Series II NLM Pairs	Miss Piggy KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Side Series II	
Thursday June 2	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 II NLM Pairs
	Baby Back KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series II NLM Pairs	Baby Back KO (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series II Piglet Single Session Swiss	
Friday June 3	Hog Heaven Gold Rush Swiss Teams and Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Evening Side Series II
	Baby Back KO (Round 3) Open Pairs Side Series III NLM Pairs	Baby Back KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Side Series III Piglet Single Session Swiss	
Saturday June 4	Curly Tail Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Open Pairs Evening Side Series II
	Pig Out Compact KO (Rnds 1-2) Open Pairs Side Series III NLM Pairs	Pig Out Compact KO (Rnds 3-4) Open Pairs Side Series III	
	Three Little Pigs Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		
Sunday June 5	Flying Pig Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough)		Swiss Teams in Red NLM Events in Blue * Charity Game - Championship Rated



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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

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Specify Group Code: **S11LLBA** by October 30, 2016



Monday			
Education Fund Stratified Pairs	1:00		
American Pharoah KO (Rd. 1 & 2)	1:00	7:00	
Stratified Swiss		7:00	
Stratified Side Game Series 1		7:00	
Tuesday			
Stratified Side Game Series 1	9:00	1:00	7:00
American Pharoah KO (Rd. 3 & 4)		1:00	7:00
Keeneland Bracketed KO (Rd. 1 & 2)		1:00	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)		1:00	7:00
Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+)		1:00	7:00
Stratified Swiss (single sessions)	9:00		7:00
Wednesday			
AM Compact KO 1 (4 people) (Continue Thursday morning)	9:00		
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:00		
Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+)		1:00	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)		1:00	7:00
Barbaro KO (Rd 1 & 2)		1:00	7:00
Keeneland KO (Rd. 3 & 4)		1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 2		1:00	7:00
IMP Pairs			7:00
Thursday			
AM Compact KO 1 (Cont.)	9:00		
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:00		
Stratified Swiss	9:00		
Stratified Swiss (1500/3000/Open)		1:00	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Swiss Teams (100/300/750)		1:00	7:00
Barbaro KO 2 (Rd. 3 & 4)		1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 2		1:00	7:00
Stratified Swiss			7:00
Friday			
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:00		
AM Compact KO2 (4 people) (Continue Sat AM)	9:00		
Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+)		1:00	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)		1:00	7:00
Churchill Downs KO (Rd 1 & 2)		1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 3		1:00	7:00
Stratified Swiss			7:00
Saturday			
Stratified Swiss	9:00		
Stratified Side Game Series AM	9:00		
AM Compact KO 2 (Cont'd)	9:00		
Churchill Downs Knockouts (Rd 3 & 4)		1:00	7:00
Stratified Side Game Series 3		1:00	7:00
Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+)		1:00	7:00
Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)		1:00	7:00
Compact KO 3 (4 people)		1:00	7:00
Stratified B-A-M			7:00
Sunday			
Swiss AXYS stratified / BCD Bracketed 5000+, 3000-5000, 0-3000 / BCD 0-2000 (no player over 2000 mps in BCD)	10:00 & TBA		

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November 8th is Election Day! Remember to Get
Your Absentee Ballot and Vote Before Coming!



BY THE TIME you read this we will be well into 2016 so Happy New Year Everyone! Here's to hoping for the best bridge year ever for Unit 117. We have a new bridge club and a new web site. But first, let's try a few bidding problems; everyone knows how much I love them.

Problem 1:
Regional Open Swiss, Top Flight, Round 1, Board 1, all vul, and you hold:

Ax
KQJ10xxx
Qx
AQ

While sitting there contemplating whether or not to open 2C, you hear the following: 1D by partner, 4S on your right. Still reeling with shock, you shake your head and bid ... what?

Problem 2:
Regional Open Swiss, Top Flight vs good team, they are vul and we are not, and you hold:

AKQxxx
Void
x
Jxxxxx

Once again you are in third seat and hear partner open 1NT (15-17) and your right hand opponent bids 2C showing either a one suit minor hand or a major/minor hand. Over to you!

Problem 3:
High level private team event, all vul, and you hold:

x
QJ108xx
x
AQJxx

RHO opens 4S and you, for the better or worse, bid 5H (yes, 4N is much better but it was the last hand of a long day), LHO doubles and passed back to you. Now what?

See end of article for results.

The new bridge club is located in Plainview Village Shopping Center right off Hurstbourne Ln, and very close to both east and west I-64 exits. The space is 6500 square feet, so there will be plenty of room for us to hold our sectional tournaments there. Now we still have the big job of doing the renovation which will include new rest rooms, a kitchen area and much more. TMany thanks to John Van Cleve, Verna Goldberg, Norm Smith and others for their tireless work in finding the right place and negotiating a good deal. Also, Many thanks to Sheldon Shafer for the WONDERFUL article about the LBA and the new center in a recent edition of the Courier Journal.

We are in the process of completely overhauling the Unit 117 web presence. We have made much progress and are expecting to manage both the old and new sites through the end of February, then shut down the old site at the end of the month. Many thanks to the unexpected number of members who volunteered to help work on the site and provide much needed updates and maintenance. And an especially big thanks goes to Bill Toutant for his diligent efforts maintaining our old site while helping develop the new site. None of this would happen in a timely manner without his efforts. I would like to dedicate the new site to Joe Wright. Joe is a long-time LBA member who set up the original site and tirelessly toiled for many years to ensure that members had a way to look up game times and results, as well as receive timely news. This is not an easy job and all of us owe Joe a big THANK YOU for everything he has done over the years.

The annual Louisville-Lexington regional was held from November 2 to November 8 at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth Indiana. It was well attended and many used it as an excellent tune-up leading into the ACBL Fall North American Championships. Results are available on the ACBL tournament web page.

NAP finals were held the weekend of November 14-15. Thanks to everyone who participated. Unfortunately, no one from Unit 117 qualified for the national Finals. Congratulations to all who participated and better luck next year!

It's official....President, Vangie Smith, Vice President, Jean Donoho, Secretary, Dotty Losey, Treasurer, Freida Trower, and Historian, Marianne Thomas. Elected to the four two year terms on the Board were: John Van Cleve,

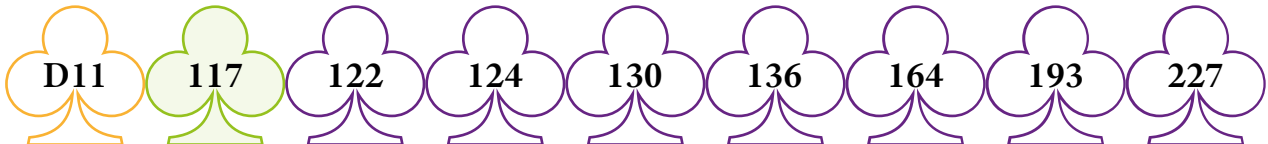
Norman Smith, Hannah Davis, Janet Vowels. Judy Banks was elected from downstate to a two year term, and filling out the remaining one year term for Marianne Thomas is Denise Tonini. This is a wonderful group of representatives for you. Please help them, share good ideas with them and help us make the Louisville Bridge Association even better than it already is.

The ACBL has created two new levels of bridge players. The first is Ruby Life Master, a Life Master with more than 1500 masterpoints including no fewer than a combination of 300 silver, red, gold or platinum points. The second is Sapphire Life Master, a Life Master with more than 3500 masterpoints including no fewer than a combination of 300 gold or platinum points and no fewer than a combination of 700 silver, red gold or platinum points. Our new Ruby Life Masters are: Nancy Abrams, Betsy Blakeman, Maryann Clark, Frank Collecchia, Marianne Cooper, Phyllis Costello, Paul Coulter, Charlene Daniels, Bettie Detwiler, Jean Donoho, Garry Dye, Joe Dye, Pamela Feldhoff, Marge Handley, Barbara Hulsmeyer, Patricia Humphress, Jeanne James, Donald Kirkland, Joan Lepping, Carolyn Lewis, Mauri Malka, Martha McCubbin, Elizabeth Moore, Shirley Mueller, Karen Overpeck, Betty Paterson, Martha Pehlke, Mary Redmond, Thomas Reece, A. Beth Reid, Marilyn Riese, Margaret Robbins, V. S. Shama, Beve Smith, Vangie Smith, Roberta Washer, James Watson and Jane Wining. Our new Sapphire Life Masters are: Jack Ambach, Duane Andrews, Curtis Eskew, Nancy Eskew, Verna Goldberg, Tony Lipka, Patsy London, Ben Matthews, Betty Mattison, Christopher Overpeck, Brian Ross and Jacqueline Yockey. 'Congratulations to all of you!

Problem 1: We need to know if partner has the two missing aces to have a play for 7, so how do we do that especially if 4N is likely to be perceived as Key Card Blackwood in diamonds. Anyway, it probably boils down to 6 or 7 hearts; not a decision I want to make the first board of the first round. And yes, partner had both red aces and 7 is cold. **Problem 2:** Ugh, it is very likely that RHO has both red suits in this vulnerability so your choices are: 3S forcing to game, 4S, double, pass or ?? Congratulations if you manage to find the club fit as 6C is cold. At the other table they were playing a weak NT and opened 1C. **Problem 3:** After you finally stop chastising yourself, you realize that you might have a better fit here. So, if you bid 6C you will probably go down 3 doubled and most likely win the match, whereas if you sit for 5Hx, you are minus 1400 after the smoke clears. Partner had one heart and five clubs to the K. 4N is the obvious bid since you can bid 5H over partners expected response of 5D to show hearts and clubs.

Well, that's all for now. See you next quarter. ♣

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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

!!!!NEW!!! 299er 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

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All events stratified by average points of partners/ teammates
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UNIT 122 CENTRAL OH

WE HAVE THREE new life masters: Eva Allen, Polly James and Alex Khrakovsky. Janice Marks just made Bronze. Luci Secord, Marsh Real and Kim Music became Silver Life Masters. Kim also finished 9th in the 0-5000 Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs at the Denver Nationals. Way to go! New Gold Life Masters are Joanne Westinghouse, Skip Williams, and myself. Congratulations to all.

Attendance was down at our last Sectional. We need your support. Please, please, please attend! We work hard to put these on and try to have a schedule that appeals to most people. We have a charity game at no extra cost to you, which pays out 40% more points. At our last sectional, there were four people who earned over twenty points, which is higher than any other sectional in Ohio.

The highest point-getter at the Fall Sectional was George St. Pierre, with 26.68 points. Amazing! For the past several years, George has been first nationally in the ACBL point ratings for his age group. Here's George's story.

He is Distinguished University Professor and Chairman Emeritus, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Ohio State University. He also served as Chief Scientist of the Materials Directorate at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

George St. Pierre was born in Massachusetts on June 2, 1930. His first contact with bridge came his freshman year at MIT, in 1947. He filled in a few times while people were waiting for a fourth. He learned he should open his longest suit with 2.5 "quick tricks," raise partner with three-card support, and an opening hand opposite an opening hand should produce game. Everything else was "wing it!"

His next contact with bridge came in 1954. He had finished his doctorate and moved to Chicago to work for Inland Steel. One night while in the Chicago University Union, an old man (probably forty-five) and two young guys (in their twenties) grabbed him and asked if he played bridge. He replied that he had played a few times and agreed to play. They played a "set rubber game" for a tenth cent a point. The old man gave George some tips along the way but mostly enjoyed razzing their young opponents, whom he called "Hot Shot" and "Whiz Kid." At the end of the evening, Hot Shot and Whiz Kid owed George and his partner \$2.30. Whiz Kid paid up but Hot Shot said he would pay the next day. George didn't know until later that Hot Shot was Gunther Polack, a rising duplicate star. He never did pay, so if you run into Gunther, remind him he still owes George \$2.30!

George was called to active duty in the Air Force at Wright-Patterson.

There he started playing social bridge at lunch every day. One of the guys asked him to play in a weekly duplicate game at the Officers Club, where they had some success. George thought he had some better ideas about bidding. He wrote them out on a yellow pad. All opening bids showed point count, i.e., 1C=6-8, 1D=9-11, 1H=12-14, etc. They entered the next Officers Club weekly game equipped with their new system. About a third of the way through the game, the director came to their table and asked what system they were playing. Apparently, they had left a trail of head-scratching opponents who were too polite to say anything! When George pulled out his sheets of paper and showed the director, she very nicely informed them that it was against the rules to play an unrecognized system. There

George St. Pierre



were no convention cards at that time, but the opponents needed to know what they were doing. It made sense, but George was disappointed!

When he was released from active duty in the Air Force, George joined the faculty at Ohio State University. A few weeks later, he noticed a bridge column in the Columbus Dispatch, written by G. Eloise Neil. He called her and she arranged for him to play with Jeannette Stickrath at the Clintonville Club the next Friday night. Jeannette was a prominent tyrant but treated George pretty well. They won, probably because she scared everyone, and they also had good luck. That was his introduction to the world of serious competitive bridge, which teemed with colorful characters, some of whom he partnered with. For the

next few years, he juggled work, family and bridge. There was a great deal of social activity in bridge: home team games, sit-down dinners at tournaments, etc. There were good tournament accommodations in nice hotels, e.g., the Deschler Hilton in downtown Columbus. One of the young Hiltons (Nicky?) moved to town with his wife and joined in the bridge activities. George's favorite partners from those years were Bob (Chick) Jerles, Mildred Shaw, John Biddle, Art Carroll, Jim Aleander, Bryce McAdam, Dave France, Bill Gardner, Ira Zucker, Harold Coen and many others. Almost all of those early partners are playing in heaven now.

An interesting thing happened around Thanksgiving in 1960. George and his wife Bobbie were visiting family in Milton Massachusetts. There was a regional going on and George and his wife entered a three-session open pairs event. With lots of luck, they made it to the final. At the time, he didn't have more than about fifty points. They were in way over their heads in a very tough crowd. About the 4th round, Bobbie opened 1 C, RHO overcalled 1H and George bid 1S. LHO bid 2H and Bobbie supported with 2S. RHO passed and George bid 4S. It then went P-P-LEAD! Yes, RHO led the nine of Hearts out of turn in a flash without even passing! George was just a Rookie playing against two prominent NYC players, but he still knew something didn't smell right. The director came quickly. He was Al Sobel, a very famous director in the bridge world. His ex-wife, Helen Sobel, was even more famous as one of the greatest players of all time. Mr. Sobel told George his three options. Yes, only THREE! He could accept the lead and see the dummy. He could accept the lead and put his hand down as dummy for his partner to play. Or he could bar a Heart lead and let LHO lead anything else. Requiring a Heart lead from LHO was not an option. Part of his slight overbid was based on holding the AQ tight of Hearts. He played out the hand for down one. Naturally, it was LHO who held the King of Spades and his partner had saved him from a disastrous lead. There was no doubt in George's mind that it was a deliberate action. They were below average in the Final, so it didn't affect their finish. During the social after the session, Mr. Sobel searched out George and said "Young man, you are absolutely right! You should be able to require a lead from LHO. I am taking it to the Board immediately!" A short time later, the ACBL added a fourth option to opening leads out of turn.

In the spring of 1963, George and Chick Jerles drove to Indianapolis for the BAM team event at the Midwest Spring Regional Championships, teaming with Bob Bratcher and his partner. There were not many regionals in those days, and there were not ABC flights or parallel events. Top players came from all over. It was bloody! They had a great day and won the event. It paid a lot of points (about sixty) and gave Chick enough to become a Life Master. George was close and went over a few months later,

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in November 1963. The ACBL sent a telegram and Eloise Neil wrote a nice piece for the Columbus Dispatch. Things were very different in that era!

After making Life Master, bridge tapered off in favor of work and family. From 1964 to 1975, George played some rubber bridge at the houses of Bill Riester and Bill Mosure and an occasional game of duplicate with some new partners, Bill Lipton, Roy Badwin, and several others. Also, Frank and Ruth Cordray would frequently have team games at their home in Grove City, George usually played with John Biddle and Norman Fisher. Returning from a year in Australia, and following a dissolution with Bobbie, he became active again in 1975-1976. He formed some new tournament partnerships with Mary Kay Fletcher, Jean Davis, Dick Seyler and others. He won a Regional Swiss team in Toledo with John Biddle and Carl Hudachek and his partner. This was just after the conversion to Victory Points. Around this time, there were many young stars in Columbus: Charley Kopp, Bruno Sestito, Jimmy Weismiller, Buddy Edwards, Anita Torrence, the Angelous and the Royers, and our own superstar, Jeff Meckstroth. John Biddle arranged some set games at George's house against Jeff and Avi Mukherjee. Jeff was amazing! This was before he partnered with Eric Rodwell and went national. He played on a team that Dick Seyler put together to represent OSU in what was called the "Industrial League." They played about 12-15 weekly matches and then there was a playoff among the leaders. There were six or seven of them on the team. George's most frequent partner was Anna Morrow, who played brilliantly. Jeff led the team and elevated the play of the other players. By the end of 1976, George had a new non-bridge playing wife, and bridge went off the stove in favor of work and family.

From 1977 to 1996, he dropped out of bridge. So he did not see the new stars like Walter Johnson and Ken Eichenbaum emerge. Since 1996, George has stayed pretty active learning new bidding methods. His most frequent tournament partners and teammates have been Anita Torrence, Roy Baldwin, Dick Rudolph, Jim Bachelder, Cheryl Schneider and Terry James, and out-of-townners like Bob Sulgrove and Ulker Mutlu. He is grateful to his many friends and partners at the Columbus Bridge Center for all their help and fun over the years. He wishes he had played in more Nationals. His best result was a 7th place finish with Bill Mosure in the Men's Open in Toronto.

Two old-time players need special recognition: Frank Weisbach of Cincinnati who was a National Champion in the forties and fifties, and Frank Corday, who as a teenager, won a National Pairs event with his uncle. George learned some wonderful intricacies of bridge playing against them. Both of these men showed George what competitive bridge should be.

The most important person in George's life is Ann Harris, who he married in 2001. She doesn't play bridge but is his best cheerleader. Thanks to her support and the help of his many friends and partners, George now has over 9,200 masterpoints and ninety-five Blue Ribbon Qualifications. He will be making the Barry Crane Top 500 List again this year for the 8th or 9th time. Besides being a wonderful player, George St. Pierre is a true gentleman at the bridge table and an inspiration to us all. ♣



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COLUMBUS, OHIO

SPRING SECTIONAL

April 1 - 3, 2016

Haimerl Center, 1421 Morse Rd.
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East on Morse for 0.8 mile (on right)

Friday, April 1

9:00 AM

BridgePlusBrunch

Earn Silver points and learn from local experts in a relaxed and friendly environment. Play fewer boards followed by hand analysis and discussion. A Life Master with less than 750 points may play if paired with a NLM.

1:30 PM

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

7:00 PM

ACBL GRASS ROOTS FUND CHARITY GAMES
40% MORE SILVER POINTS, No Extra Charge
Stratified Open Pairs (Unlimited / 2000 / 750)
Stratified 299er Pairs**

Saturday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 3

10:30 AM

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Unlimited / 2000 / 750)
Play through, lunch available for purchase
Teams divided into brackets of eight

* No Player Above 1500 mps / **No Player Above 300 mps
Stratification for all games based on average masterpoints
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WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP and Unit 124
Unit 124 had one of its members qualify for the 2016 World Junior Championship to be held August 3 – 13 in Salsomaggiore, Italy. The USBF competition held the last week of December in Atlanta, GA had the team of Nolan Chang, Hakan Berk, Isaac Stephani, and David Soukup qualify for the Damiani Cup competition in Italy.

In addition to the Damiani Cup (juniors under age 21), the World Junior Championship also has the Patiño Cup (juniors under age 26), and the Rona Cup (Women under age 26).

Congratulations to Isaac, and it is never too early to say Buona Fortuna!

Here is a sneak preview of one of the architectural treasures to see in Salsomaggiore where the Championship is played.



Milestones

The ACBL recently established new personal Milestone categories – Ruby (Life Masters with 1,500 Master points with a minimum of 300 Silver, Red, Gold, or Platinum points) and Sapphire (Life Masters with 3,500 Master points with a minimum of 700 Silver, Red, Gold, or Platinum points with at least 350 points being Gold or Platinum. With these new categories, we have a large number of Unit 124 members on reached these important milestones.

For the months of October, November, and December:

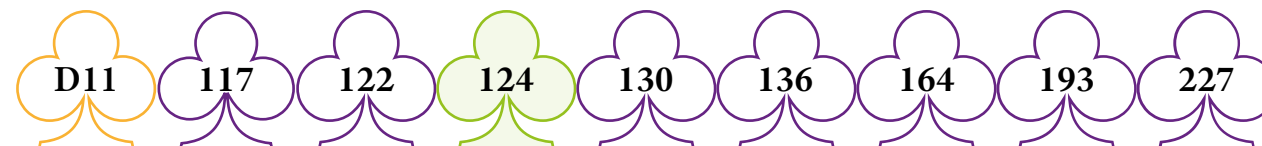
Sapphire Life Master: Sherby M Chernin, Bill V Coombs, Lorna R Davis, Joe W Fisher, Mary A Frees, Anton S Habash, Karen V Kendall, Larry Klein, Barbara S Levinson, Jackie L Toth, and Diane E Travis. **Ruby Life Master:** Peggy E Ammon, Peggy L Barrett, Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba, Barbara Boswell, Terry F Briscoe, Anthony J Brockman, Mike S Broida, Jane B Burpee, Lou P Campbell, Geraldine V Chavez, Ann S Coombs, Sheila R Dippel, Patty Eber, James P Edmiston, Donald F Etson, Amy A Fisher, Bob D Fisk, Joan F Fox, Michael D Freeman, Diane K Goodman, Arun Goyal, Daniel D Hance, Erna Herre, Betty J Hurst, Jerry A Katz, Joann H Katz, Jodie Kieffer, Marvin P Kolodzick, Irene Lewis, Michael Lipp, Edward J Long, Mike Ma, Patricia Marrs, Terry L Mays, Brenda J Mehalko, Jack W Mehalko, Gerry L Mirus, Stephen A Moese, Adrienne Netherwood, Vincent Netherwood, Rick A O'Connor, Helen Ogle, Laura N Owens, Mary K Peter, Michael W Purcell, Nathaniel Reid, Nancy Reynolds, Myrna F Rosen, Perrin W Rountree, Judy Ruehl, Harriet L Spiegel, Jo Ellen Spitz, A J Stephani, Belen R Suarez, Cindy H Tretter, Vijay K Vasudevan, Barbara L Wagner, Penny Weatherwax, William H Wright Jr, Ray Wulf, and Ann L Zeff. **Silver Life Master** – Courtney Thurman, Carol Berliant, Mary Ann Boyle, and Phyllis Bishop. **Bronze Life Master** – Betty Torello. **Life Master** – Mikcy Casenbrook and Tak (Oliver) Yip
Congratulations to all those Unit 124 members. Thank you for continuing to make Unit 124 a place for lovers of competitive bridge.

District 11 Holiday STaC (December 26 – January 1) Results

During the holiday week, District 11 had 772 tables playing the Holiday STaC with nearly 1,000 players earning masterpoints. Four Unit 124 members finished in the Top Ten:

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|----|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | Cliff Pleatman | 26.50 points |
| 2. | Yauheni Siutsau | 23.06 points |
| 3. | William Higgins | 23.06 points |
| 7. | Norman Coombs | 16.18 points |

The District 11 GNT Finals will be held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center at 2860 Cooper Rd. on January 30-31. The qualifying Swiss begins at Noon on January 30. The Semifinals and Finals start at 10:00AM on January 31. ♣



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Summer Getaway Sectional

July 15-17, 2016

Schedule

Friday

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10AM, 2:30PM
Stratified NLM Pairs (single sessions) 10AM, 2:30PM
Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions) both 10AM and 2:30PM

Saturday

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10AM, 2:30PM
Stratified NLM Pairs (single sessions) 10AM, 2:30PM
Bracketed Compact KOs (2 sessions) both 10AM and 2:30PM
(may be handicapped)

Sunday

Stratiflighted Play-Through Swiss Teams 10AM
(lunch may be purchased)

All events stratified by average masterpoints

Stratified pairs: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+

Stratiflights: A/X: open/0-2500

B/C/D: 750-1500/300-750/0-300

Sunday teams with any player over 1500 must play A/X

★ **Top Shelf Hospitality**
5:30 each evening
Fri: Homemade Pies
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CENTRAL INDIANA BRIDGE Association News
CIBA thanks all of those who ran for the Board during the fall election. Those elected for a three-year term are: Liz Brown, Maureen Clerkin, Joan Flynn and Mona Loft. They join the other members of the board: Rana Arora, Sheila Baker, Kendra Bridges, Suzi Pratt, Maribeth Ransel, Patti Rush, Aslam Siddiqui, and Jan Vernia. Elected as officers for 2015-16 were Maribeth Ransel, President and Liz Brown, Vice President. Thanks to all those who serve on the board and make it possible for Unit 130 to sponsor events and promote the game of bridge. You are appreciated.

The Fall Player Appreciation Sectional was one of the most successful in recent history, and even in a time when tourneys are down across the country, Indy had a 4% gain in tables. Thanks to all who made the weekend a success! CIBA players dominated the top 25 MP winners with Bob Lyon taking overall honors with 20.35. Congrats to Bob and to the following CIBA members who ranked in the top 25: John Hinton, Rana and Max Arora, Don Florida and Annette Clark, Natan Erdberg, Loren Anderson, Milt Van Reed, Joanna Hebermehl, Mitch Pote, Curtis Farley, Claudia and Eugene Kober, Gary Thomas, Kay Beck, John Bridgewater, Alka and Rahul Kapur, Jerry Clerkin, Gwen Tierney and Bev Brown. At the tourney, CIBA had a chance to say a deserved "thank you" to Judy and Dave Cotterman who have served as directors for CIBA tourneys for a decade or more. Sunday was declared "Dave and Judy Cotterman Day" and we were happy to present the pair with a small gift certificate and a warm round of applause. The first "Cyndy Cradick Knock Out" award was presented to KO winners Max and Rana Arora and Claudia and Eugene Kober. Congratulations!

All of us were saddened to learn of the death of a great bridge player from the Terre Haute club. Diamond Life Master Janet Horton died in October. We offer our condolences to her friends and loved ones.

The first Saturday in December brought twelve teams to the Indianapolis Bridge Center to participate in a two-session Swiss event sponsored by CIBA to promote the GNT Finals in Cincinnati in January. Several teams qualified for a cash incentive if they go on to play in the Cincy event. First place winners in each strat were: A – Geoff and Kendra Bridges, Thom Bondus, Bill Gheen; B – Linda Cronkleton, Jim Rowen, John Peer, Steve Davis; C – Maureen Clerkin, Casey Szulc, Mary Ann Kanervo and Kathy Garrity. Hats off to all those who qualified for the incentive bonus.

Upcoming in 2016: On Saturday, February 6, CIBA will once again sponsor the popular Non-life-master seminar "Getting Ready for Tournament Play" in cooperation with the Indianapolis Bridge Center. This all day event presents instruction for those wanting to learn more about the ins and outs of

bridge tournaments including types of games played, how to read the schedule, understanding what points you need to become a life master and what tourneys will provide those points, tournament terminology, and strategies for playing in team games. After a morning of instruction and a light lunch, participants will play in a one-session Swiss event in order to practice what they have learned. This seminar is not limited to CIBA players and often draws participants from other Indiana units and from out-of-state. You'll find a flyer in The Midwest Monitor and there are flyers available at your local clubs.

The Indianapolis Crossroads of America Regional will begin February 22nd and run through February 28th at the Indianapolis Wyndham West Hotel located near the former Indianapolis Airport. In order to give participants even more bridge sessions, our first games will begin on Monday afternoon. There'll be lots of Hoosier Hospitality throughout the week, and we know you will love our new site. See the flyer in this publication for all the tournament news. Come join us.

Indianapolis Bridge Center

The IBC has been very busy this Fall. In addition to our normal schedule, we hosted a celebratory game in honor of Jerry and Denny Clerkin, who were on the Seniors Team that finished 4th in the World Bridge Federation Championships in Chennai, India in October. We're very proud of them.

We also had a surprise party/game in honor of Janie Hodge, who was recently inducted into the Indiana Broadcasters' Hall of Fame for her work on daytime children's programming. Janie has been very active within our club also, teaching and running games for newer players. We are also very proud of her.

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 Sanderson 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 1500 master points. Please come and experience the Woodstock Hospitality.

Terre Haute Bridge Club

High praise and good humor prevailed August 24 at the Terre Haute Bridge Club dinner celebrating Mona Sternfeld's attainment of the rank of Life Master. The Monday evening Fun Bridge regulars were joined the more experienced members of the club to enjoy a terrific meal and an evening of bridge. The dinner featured hot dogs, brats, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and, of course, lots of desserts. Sternfeld was praised not only for her excellent card play but also for "making others feel welcome and wanted" at the club. Sternfeld, in turn, praised her partners and mentors at the club saying, "It takes a village to raise a bridge player."

The Banks-of-the-Wabash sectional tournament held by the club September 11-13 was well attended and 95 players from Indiana and Illinois earned a total of nearly 320 silver masterpoints. Topping the list a point winners were Terre Haute's own Tom Roberts and Jerry Mosher. Roberts, now 90 years old, continues as one of the club's top players. He and Mosher combined to take first place in the Friday evening open pairs and second in the Saturday morning open pairs. During the year, when not playing himself, Roberts can often be found at the club observing and sharing his expertise by answering questions posed by other players.

The success of the Terre Haute tournament was due to the careful preparation and hard work of many members.



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**Terre Haute
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September 09 - 11, 2016**

Of special note are the efforts of Tana Holt, Sharon Winters, Noreen Bryant, Mary Lunsford, Judy Harris, Diane Scott, Milt Van Reed, and Jim Gormong. Thanks for all those extra hours. And special thanks to Frank Holt for service above and beyond.

The Terre Haute Bridge Club lost one of its longest standing and most ardent supporters with the passing of Janet Horton on October 17, 2015. Horton, who began playing bridge at age fourteen, joined the Terre Haute club in 1971. A diamond life master with over 6,600 master points, she served for many years as both a director and an instructor at the club. Horton has the distinction of winning the THBC Women's Player of the Year for twenty consecutive years. Last year, the club renamed the award as the Janet Horton Woman of the Year Award in her honor. Janet will be missed at the tables and remembered for her competitive spirit, exacting play, and passionate support of the Terre Haute Bridge Club.

Many players from the Wabash Valley have enjoyed success during their tournament travels. Of special note, the team of Diane Scott, Sharon Winters, Tana Holt, and Judy Harris won first place in the bracketed Swiss Teams competition at the 87th North American Bridge Championships held in Chicago last August. Milt Van Reed and Joanna Hebermehl have had excellent results at a number of venues including first place with a 70% game in the Saturday afternoon pairs session at the St. Louis Regional Tournament, first place overall in the open pairs side series at the Fort Wayne Fall Festival Regional Bridge Tournament, and teamed with Donald Florida and Annette Clark of Indianapolis, first place in the Sunday bracketed Swiss Teams event at the Indianapolis Fall Sectional Tournament.



▲ At the dinner recognizing her accomplishment, Terre Haute Bridge Club's newest Life Master, Monna Sternfeld, thanks her partners and mentors for their support and guidance. ▲



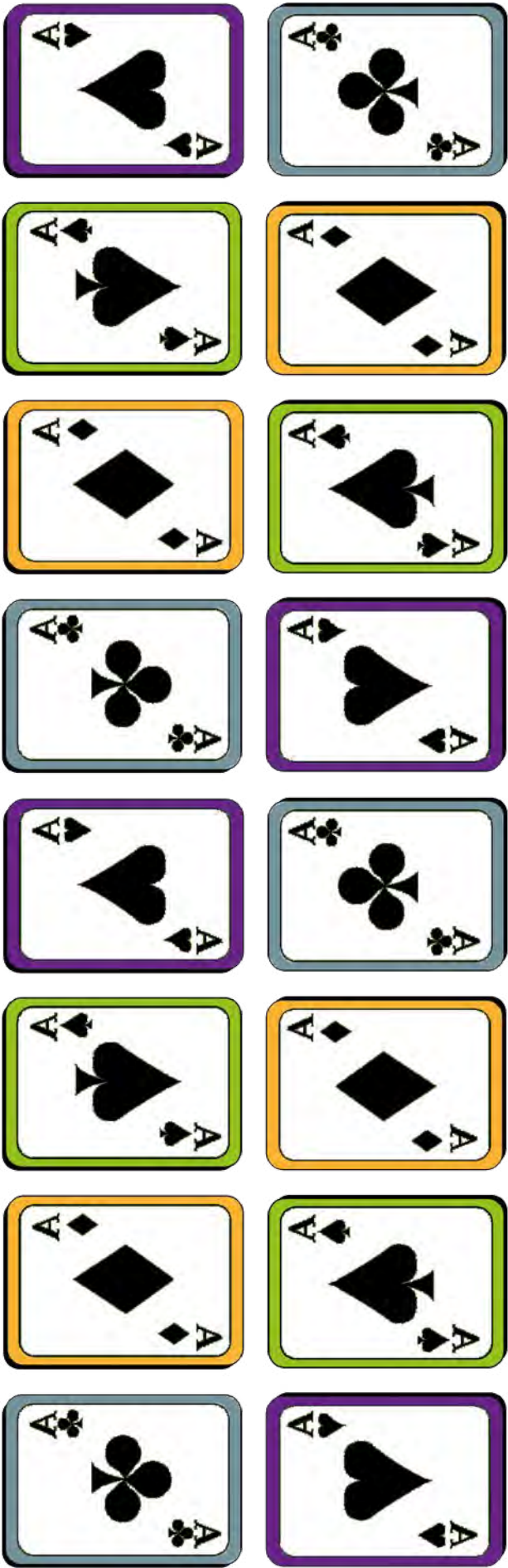
▲ Tana Holt, Diane Scott, Noreen Bryant, Judy Harris, and Sharon Winters were among those who provided delightful cuisine and welcoming smiles at the Banks of the Wabash Sectional. ▲

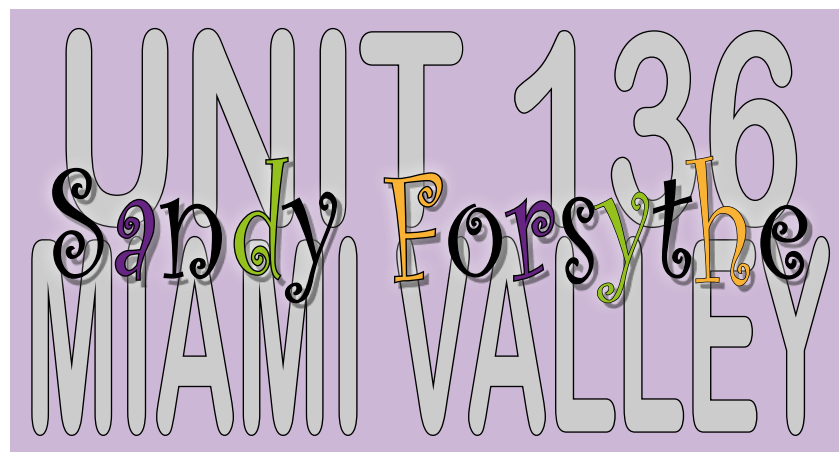
News from Muncie and Richmond

The Muncie club had a lot of fun at its Halloween Monster Munch. People brought side dishes to go with sandwiches, and several players dressed in costume for the occasion. The Muncie club had thirteen tables at its annual Christmas party at the Delaware Country Club. Charles McPeck was honored for achieving the rank of bronze life master, and Jim Dixon, Andrea Eavey, Phyllis Grant, Wilma Neal, Tip Hesson, and Bob and Jan Stratton were recognized as golden age masters. This ACBL award is given to members over seventy years old who have at least three hundred Master points or members over eighty years old with one hundred points. Gene Klett recently achieved the rank of NABC master.



The Richmond club also had a Christmas party, Dec. 17 at the Friends Retirement Center. ☁





September in the Miami Valley found bridge players flocking to the Hope Hotel for the Flying Buckeye Regional, boasting a comprehensive schedule of non-Life Master, Gold Rush and Open events. Scott Gates and Russell Shoup tied as the top masterpoint-earners for the week. Georgia Banziger served as tournament chair and Marilyn O'Connor handled partnerships, aided by their Columbus counterparts, Cheryl Schneider and Larry Jones. We thank them for their hard work, along with the directing staff, volunteers and caddies who all helped to make our tournament fun for everyone!

Unfortunately, players had to contend with road blocks and detours on their way to the tables, due to the running of the Air Force Marathon on tournament Saturday. Next year's Flying Buckeye dates, September 27 through October 2, will NOT conflict with the marathon.

On October 16, Miami Valley Bridge Center hosted the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint game. In this unique game, the deals are pulled from various tournaments played in years past, with matchpoint scores determined based on the past results. After each deal, players eagerly opened up the special travelers to instantly learn their matchpoint score. Georgia Banziger and Donna Moore were the overall winners in a field of seven tables.

Halloween brought spirited card play and partying to both MVBC and Logan County Bridge Club. In Logan County on October 29, the costumes were many and the brats were hot as players enjoyed a festive meal followed by a Club Appreciation Game. At MVBC, several players came in costume to the Saturday afternoon game on October 31. Ilse Tebbetts and Beth Grismer were the winners of the twelve-table Grass Roots Fund Game, and Marcie Pavlo, dressed as Dorothy, won the costume contest.

At the District 11 North American Pairs finals, held in Cincinnati again this year, five Unit 136 players earned six slots to compete in Reno at the Spring NABC! They are:

In Flight A: 2nd Ryan Schultz (with Peter Whipple of Cincinnati)

In Flight B: 1st Ryan Schultz (with A.J. Stephani of Cincinnati)

3rd Georgia Banziger and Donna Moore

4th Stu Petersen and Dick Garlough.

These talented players are sure to continue the tradition of strong finishes from District 11 in NAP and GNT play.

MVBC hosted the Dayton Winter Sectional during the first weekend in December. Tournament Chair Tom Coyle kept things running smoothly, and Marilyn O'Conner turned in yet another great performance as Partnership Chair. Players enjoyed tasty snacks during all sessions, plus a complimentary

lunch of Nathan's hot dogs between sessions on Saturday, and our "Famous Dayton Complimentary Buffet" during the Sunday Swiss: sandwiches provided by Unit 136, and delicious homemade desserts and sides contributed by many local players. Bob Sulgrove won the most masterpoints of any Unit 136 player.

The following Friday night, MVBC was the site of the Unit's annual holiday party. Thanks to Joanne Deutsch, Joanne Coyle and a team of volunteers, the center was filled with poinsettias, tinsel and banquet tables sporting pine branch centerpieces and draped in red. Instead of a catered dinner as in years past, entrees were purchased by the Unit, and players contributed an array of fabulous appetizers; thus both cutting costs and making for an even more delicious meal.

After dinner and a short business meeting, several players were recognized for their achievements over the past year:

Roy Baldridge, Brian Freeh, Joe Riess, Ed Schlaack, Don Snyder and Brian Clausing are newly minted Life Masters. Joe Camillus won the award for Best Performance by a Non-Life Master in Dayton Tournaments, and Ed Thompson was named the Charlotte Falkowski Novice of the Year.

Unit Game Championships winners were: Flight A: Russell Shoup • Flight B: Bob Zangri • Flight C: Joe Camillus

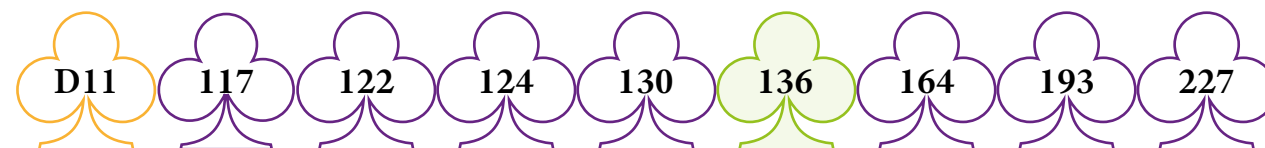
With dinner consumed and business conducted, it was time to stow the tablecloths and bring out the cards! Russ Shoup and Vickie Sebastian were the winners of a relaxed, but still competitive, twenty-table Unit game. A good time was had by all!

December brought sad news as well as holiday cheer: Jim Malas and Nieleen Faessler departed from our lives. Condolences to their families and friends, and to all in our bridge family who have lost loved ones this year. ☹



▲ Lori Harner directed the Unit 136 holiday party game.

Other photos from the event can be found on the next page. ▼



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August 05 - 07, 2016



Unit 136 Holiday Party



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MIKE MARLIN

UNIT 164's

First Emerald Life Master



When you meet Mike Marlin for the first time at the bridge table, you might be surprised that this soft-spoken man is Unit 164's first ever Emerald Life Master (7500 masterpoints). That is, until he smoothly pulls the rug from under your feet and hands you a "low board" on nearly every hand.

Highly competitive and a sharp engineering mind were good attributes to have in the early 1980's when he met Paul East while attending the University of Kentucky in Electrical Engineering. They started playing bridge together at

the Student Center with a few other students and eventually found their way to the Bridge Club at the Bell House. Mike joined the ACBL in 1981.

Asked if he took duplicate bridge lessons he chuckled and replied, "There weren't any teachers back then. I'm a big reader, so I read bridge books."

In those days there was a very different atmosphere at the Bridge Club. The "zero tolerance" policy was not around and players were allowed to intimidate and berate their opponents and partners. "They tried to run me off. But I'm too hard-headed," Mike said. "I wanted to stay."

And stay he did. His early partners were John Cooper, Win Schaeffer, Glen Lilly and Naresh Shah (whom he has played with for thirty-five years). "Shah and I played bridge every day during lunch for fifteen years when we worked in Frankfort." What did he do in Frankfort? "I fixed traffic lights." Mike is a man of few words. What he actually did (along with four other employees) was reprogram the multiple computers that are in every traffic light in the entire state of Kentucky when they malfunctioned as a result of lightning damage or physical damage.

Highlights on the Way to Emerald Life Master

Before he achieved Life Master, he won three trips to the Nationals – two in team victories in District 11's GNT (Flight B and Flight A) and one in District 11 pairs NAP.

Placed 2nd in District 11's GNT (Open Flight)

Placed 14th in a National Game

Made Overalls at Nationals – Ten times

Mike met his favorite bridge partner and wife, Sandra, at the District NAP's while competing against her. The next time they saw one another was at the Partnership Desk at the Lexington Sectional and were paired together since each needed a partner. They married in 1999 at the Bermuda Regional – a tournament known for its formal attire and elegant atmosphere – with Frances Barr and Director Charlie McCracken as their attendants.

Mike does not get involved in the politics of the bridge world but he does put his time and energy into bridge education. He and Sandra have taught several classes on Doubles, Opening Leads and Trumps. He has mentored partnerships and teams to prepare them for National competitions and taught bridge classes at the elementary school in Woodford County. "We had five tables!"

What advice would an Emerald Life Master give a beginning bridge player? "Play Up!!!"



◀ Emerald Life Master Mike Marlin with Sandra Marlin and Sondra and Terrell Holt ▶
▼ Lexington Bridge Club honored Mike Marlin on December 14th with a Pot Luck and this cake ▼



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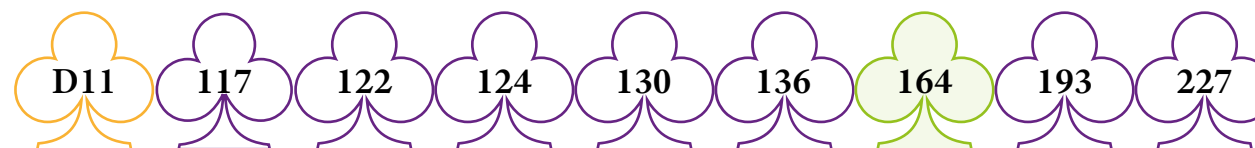
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ACBL
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Frances Swinford Barr
Appointed to the ACBL Goodwill Committee 2016
“ACBL Goodwill Committee is a lifetime appointment. The members work to create goodwill for ACBL. They receive, convey, and act on suggestions for the betterment of ACBL, particularly in the areas of active ethics, conduct, tournament conditions, bridge for Juniors, and bridge for the handicapped.” – from ACBL.

Beth Reid of District 11 nominated Frances Swinford Barr to this committee for the multitude of contributions Frances has made to promote duplicate bridge in Central Kentucky. These contributions were made known to Beth by a letter from Unit 164 President, Sandra Marlin.

Frances has been active in bridge her whole life, starting at age nine when she began playing regularly with her aunt and aunt’s friends. After college she formed a two-table ladies bridge group that met in each other’s homes and played together for fifty years.

Frances wrote bridge columns for the Lexington Herald Leader newspaper in the 1950’s and 1960’s from hands that were actually played at the Lexington Bridge Club. Additionally, she had a segment on a local television show once a week that was entirely about the game of bridge. She taught bridge lessons at the Idle Hour Country Club in the 1970’s. She also served on the tournament committee that brought the ACBL Spring Nationals to the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington in 1962.

In her ninety years Frances has done much to further the game of duplicate bridge in the Bluegrass area.

Frances received the letter from ACBL in the fall of 2015 notifying her of her appointment to the committee. We congratulate Frances on receiving this very special honor!

Glenda Hart and Sue Leaf - Gold Life Masters
Long time friends and bridge partners, Sue Leaf and Glenda Hart were honored at the Bridge Club of Lexington on Monday, November 9th for achieving Gold Life Master! They played together in a thirteen-table game and placed 4th in East/West.

Sue Leaf
Sue Leaf first started playing bridge when her kids were on swim teams. To pass the time during practices, she and other mothers would play bridge.

She was introduced to duplicate bridge when she took lessons from Rae Ann Eastwood. Sue met Carole Fox in Rae Ann’s class and began playing in duplicate games with her. She loved the competitive nature of the game and left “party bridge” behind.

Sue got her masterpoints over time and did not really travel very far to tournaments. She played locally at the Bridge Club and in tournaments in Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati. Her first big tournament was a trip to Gatlinburg, TN with Carole Fox, Sheila Bello and Rae Ann Eastwood.

She has only played in one National tournament – in Cincinnati. Sue and her partner, Jamie Schloss came in first at the District 11 NAP’s, which earned them a trip to Cincinnati. They pair played in the several day National event and placed in the top 20!

“I am blessed with good partners – Carole Fox, Glenda Hart and Sheila Bello,” said Sue.

She has worked at St. Joseph Hospital for 44 years as a nurse in Intensive Care and Cardiothoracic Care. Her two sons are Mark, who lives in Arizona and Greg, who lives in Texas. Her two grandsons both live in South Carolina. Her husband, Ronn, does not play, but he supports her in her love of the game.

“He’s a good sport!”

Sue also plays tennis with the same competitive drive as she plays bridge. “These two activities are my outlet for life’s stress and frustration,” she adds, “but they do create their own stress!”

“Don’t know where I would be without it!” – Bridge, that is.

Glenda Hart
Glenda Hart’s journey to Gold Life Master is quite different from Sue’s. She has played bridge in Louisiana, Florida, Columbus OH, Charlotte NC, Danville IL, Louisville and Lexington – the places she has lived throughout her life. That doesn’t count the tournaments she has traveled to, either!

Her brother, Larry Griffey, a professional bridge player, taught Glenda the basics of bridge before she moved to Florida in the 1960’s. He told her to “take some lessons” when she got there.

After she and her husband, Ron, settled in, she called the bridge club. Glenda told the lady who answered the telephone that she had learned the game of bridge and was interested in taking lessons. They lady said she would check on it and call her back.

The next day she received a phone call from the lady at the bridge club. “My dear, I have made an appointment for you with a very good player.” She gave

Glenda the time and address of the large duplicate club. Glenda said she was not ready to play; she only wanted to take lessons. The lady said coolly, “Please don’t disappoint me. The only way to learn is to play.” And she hung up.

“Ron told me not to go,” remembers Glenda, “but I made myself a stiff drink and went. I about fell asleep at the table, but I made it through!”

The lady from the phone conversations approached Glenda after the game and observed, “You may not know much about bridge, but you sure were relaxed!”

Glenda did meet a teacher at that game who taught rubber bridge lessons. She didn’t play in a duplicate game again until 1983 when she and Ron lived in Louisville. Ron was her first duplicate partner during that time. Her recollections about the Louisville bridge scene, “That was a tough introduction into duplicate. Tough crowd!”

Their next move was to Columbus, Ohio. Glenda didn’t work so she was able to play a lot of bridge. She became Life Master in 1988. “It was a great place to play,” she said. “I took a 6-week class in 2 Over 1 taught by Jeff Meckstroth. Columbus is his hometown. He gave lectures before games at our Club. Everyone present would put his or her name in a pot. Jeff would play that game with whoever’s name was drawn.”

Did she ever get to play with him? “No, but Ron did once!” she exclaimed.

She and Ron moved to Lexington in 1992 and Glenda found her way to the Bridge Club of Lexington. Her first partners here were Frances Barr and Kelly Butler. She now plays with Sue Leaf and it was through their partnership that both ladies reached Gold Life Master. Like Sue, she too has been blessed with great partners.

Glenda and Ron have two daughters, Tonya and Julie, and grandchildren Rachel, Corey and Hart.

▼ **Glenda Hart and Sue Leaf - New Gold Life Masters** ▼



Louisville/Lexington Regional Tournament

November 2-8, 2015

“The eleventh annual Louisville/Lexington Regional at Horseshoe Casino was another success!” reported Sondra Holt, Tournament Co-Chair (Lexington). “We had nearly 1200 tables. There were several pros who attended including Eddie Wold, Mark Lair, Billy Miller, David Grainger, Val Kovachev and Robert Morris.”

The weeklong tournament was a masterpoint bonanza. 635 players earned 7637.36 gold and red masterpoints. The big point winners for the tournament were Yauheni Siutsau of Loveland, Ohio and William Higgins of Cincinnati, Ohio. Each took home 130.87 masterpoints. They achieved this feat by winning the Bracket I – Barbaro Knockouts, Bracket I – Churchill Downs Knockouts and the Sunday Swiss with teammates Eddie Wold, Robert Morris, Patti Mullendore of Houston, Texas and David Grainger of Roseville, California. Siutsau and Higgins also placed 3rd in Bracket I – Friday-Saturday Compact Knockouts with teammates Bob Fisk and Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Harry Gordon earned the most masterpoints of the members from the Lexington club who attended – 50.04 masterpoints. Harry won Bracket I – Keeneland Knockouts with teammates Bruce Neikirk, Louisville KY, Dorsey Brown, Prospect KY and Joe Fisher, Cincinnati OH. He won Bracket I – Saturday Compact Knockouts playing with Sue Bullard and teammates Michael McGuire, Hernando MS and Dot Blue, Nashville TN. This team also came in 5th/6th in the Sunday Swiss game.

C-players from the Lexington club, Laurie and Jim Herchenroder, Harrodsburg KY, made a good showing playing team games with Chuck Dean and Peggy Pace, Lexington KY. The team won Bracket II – Wednesday-Thursday Compact Knockouts, came in 2nd in Bracket II – Churchill Downs Knockouts and place 3rd/4th in both Bracket III – Wednesday-Thursday Barbaro Knockouts and Bracket II – Alysheba Knockouts. Well done!

This annual tournament is getting a reputation of promising great bridge and hospitality.

“A big thanks to Georgia Ringo and Judy Banks and their team of helpers who did a wonderful job with Hospitality!” exclaimed Sondra Holt. “Attendance in the Hospitality Suite grew each night as the word got out that the ladies were putting on quite a spread!”

Mark your calendars for next year’s Louisville/Lexington Regional. November 7-13, 2016 - Same great location - Horseshoe Casino and Resort!

Holiday Party at The Bridge Club of Lexington

The Bridge Club of Lexington was bursting at the seams this year for our annual Holiday Party and 8 is Enough teams game on December 6, 2015.

Selma’s Catering catered the luncheon this season and it was absolutely delicious! The selection of desserts was decadent!

Georgia Ringo and Jackie Merkel did an outstanding job organizing and running the thirty-six-table game. There were many Christmas sweaters and sparkly outfits worn by the members of the club. We even had an ELF (Bob Boden) playing in our holiday game!



Santa’s Elf (Bob Boden) at the Holiday Party 8 is Enough game - December 6. (His shoes are pictured far right.)

Cincinnati North American Pairs -Two Pairs from Lexington Advance

Laurie and Jim Herchenroeder and Morgan Shreffler and Cyrus Hettle will represent District 11 in the Grass Roots Event at the Reno NV NABL in March. The Herchenroeder’s placed 2nd in C and Shreffler and Hettle placed 4th in C. Congratulations to these pairs and good luck at the Nationals!



◀ **Cyrus Hettle and
Morgan Shreffler
will represent District 11
in Reno NV - NAP’s**



**Laurie and Jim
Herchenroeder
will represent District 11
in Reno NV - NAP in C** ▶



Upcoming Tournaments
Make plans to attend these Unit 164 upcoming tournaments:

Lexington May Sectional May 13-15, 2016

Clarion Conference Center
5532 Athens-Boonesboro Road
Lexington KY 40509

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Lexington Mid-Summer NLM Sectional July 30-31, 2016

Bridge Club of Lexington
3517 Lansdowne Drive
Lexington KY 40517

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

Gold Life Master - Glenda Hart, Sue Leaf
Emerald Life Master - Mike Marlin



▼ **Dan Robinette**, longtime partner, brought a “Gone are the 80’s” cake to celebrate **Frances Barr’s 90th Birthday** ▼



Lexington Spring Sectional

May 13 - 15, 2016

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LEXINGTON SPRING SECTIONAL

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

MAY 13-15, 2016

FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs—2 Single sessions----- 1:00, 7:00 PM

299'er Pairs-2 Single sessions-----1:00, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY

Bracketed Knockouts-----9:00 AM, 1:00, 7:00 PM

Stratified Open Pairs—2 single sessions-----1:00, 7:00 PM

299'er Pairs*-----1:00, 7:00 PM

*As attendance warrants

SUNDAY

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

299'er Swiss Teams-2 sessions-----10:00 AM & tbd

*Based on team averages

*Box lunch between sessions included in team entry fee

*Top bracket of KO's and Swiss may be handicapped

On Friday and Saturday, the second pairs session is FREE for any player
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July 30 - 31, 2016

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July 30 and 31, 2016

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Saturday, Dec. 12, marked the 100th birthday of Frank Sinatra, perhaps best remembered for his signature song “I Did It My Way.” Fans of Old Blue Eyes know the song well, including the words that begin the second stanza: “I’ve lived a life that’s full. I’ve traveled each and every highway. . . .” Our unit president Billie Kathleen (“Katie”) Brown could make a similar claim. In effect, she did so at the December meeting of the unit board. Reflecting on her first term as president, she said, “My husband reminded me yesterday that I’ve put 68,000 miles on my car in the past 2-1/2 years. While some of those miles were for trips to Tennessee to see my dad, I put on the majority of them traveling to bridge games throughout the unit—Jasper, Vincennes, Henderson, Owensboro, Madisonville, and Hopkinsville—and to tournaments near and far . . . anywhere I could promote Unit 193.” Katie seizes every opportunity to announce accomplishments of members and to share happenings within the unit wherever she goes.

Her dedication to duplicate bridge, to Unit 193, and to its players has not gone unnoticed by ACBL, which recently appointed her to lifetime membership in the prestigious Aileen Osofsky ACBL National Goodwill Committee. Beth Reid, ACBL national board member for District 11, cites her “service to our district, specifically in displaying goodwill among fellow bridge players.” Reid notes, “The Goodwill creed—‘Always disclose, never abuse, don’t intimidate, and practice active ethics’—is the most important goodwill message we can share in competitive bridge.” Katie says she will wear her Goodwill Pin often and with pride.

It should come as no surprise that Katie has been elected to a second term as president of Unit 193. Elected to serve with her are the following officers and representatives: Vice-President Richard Sarles (Madisonville), Secretary Vicki Helms (Owensboro), Treasurer Bill Lea (Evansville), and Representatives Bud Farmer, Bernie Kay, Phyllis Kincaid, and John Titzer (Evansville); Dale Hill (Henderson); Elbert Moore (Hopkinsville), Richard Smith (Jasper); Brandon (Jason) Lao (Madisonville); Jerry Holtzman, David Lilly, and Pat Schmeid (Owensboro), and LeRoy Breimeier (Vincennes). We look forward to a bright future for the unit under the leadership of these enthusiastic and dedicated members.

Louisville-Lexington Regional Tournament

The Louisville-Lexington Regional Tournament is always a popular event for Unit 193 players. This year was no exception. Taking home upwards of ten points for their play Nov. 2-8 were those listed at the top of next column on the right:

Vicki Helms
Steve Early
Dian Fleming
Jane Perkins
Jef Franklin
Melba Patberg

21.28 pts.
21.08 pts.
19.26 pts.
18.62 pts.
15.17 pts.
11.71 pts.

Champions and Change of Venue for
Henderson Duplicate Bridge Club

Henderson hosted Club and Unit Championship games in September and December, respectively. Winners of the Club Championship were Pete Lambert and Bernie Kay. Unit Championship winners were:

- North/South:
1st—Donna and Jeff Chapman
2nd—Jeanne and Lon Bell
3rd—Woodie Walker and Steve Early
East/West:
1st—Billie (Katie) Brown and Bill Lea
2nd—Jane Perkins and Pat Probst
3rd—LeRoy Breimeier and John Fullenwider

On Dec. 9 Henderson players held their Christmas party and feasted on the wonderful dishes the club’s members always bring to this festive occasion. Club Manager Dale Hill wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, food and support during Susie Hill’s illness. Dale says Susie is “getting better and is able to play bridge again on a limited basis.”

Beginning Dec. 16 Henderson will hold its games in the Evansville bridge center. “We’re going to do this on a trial basis,” Dale said. “We’d like to grow our game, and the Evansville venue offers us more opportunity to do that.”

Owensboro Duplicate Bridge Club
Announces New Game, New Location

New Location, New Game. Due to a growing number of players, on Monday, Sept. 7, Owensboro moved its 6:30 p.m. game site to the auditorium of the Munday Activity Center at 1650 West Second Street, where fourteen-sixteen tables of players convene in either the Open or Novice 199er game each week. On the following Wednesday, Sept. 9, the first of its newly sanctioned 1:00 p.m. Open game at the same site was held, where eight tables of players now meet weekly. All area players are welcome.

Fall Sectional. Owensboro hosted its annual Fall Sectional Tournament October 9-11 at the Owensboro Convention Center on the Riverfront. This event was a record-breaker with 152 players and 148 tables. This success is due in large part to the support of area clubs. More distant players are coming because they are finding that the Convention Center, with the area hotels and restaurants, creates an inviting tournament destination site. A group

of players who made a significant contribution to the tournament were 0-199ers. There were from 6.5 to 8 tables at every pairs event. Outstanding! Owensboro wishes to thank all who participated and congratulates Jeff Chapman (Hopkinsville) and Peggie Paxton (Paducah), who achieved Life Master, as well as all who won points. Space allows us to list only the following First Place Winners:

Friday Afternoon Open

- A: Pete Lambert/Bernie Kay
B: Pat and Gary Satterwhite
C: Mary Parker/Judy Harrelson
199er A/B/C: Ann Primus/Ruth Guthrey

Friday Evening Open

- A: Connie Gustafson/Willie Alley
B: Jerry and Rita Holtzman
C: Mary Parker/Judy Harrelson
199er A: Eddy Carter/David Lilly
B: Diana Johnson/Lee Denny
C: Gordon and Gayle Vogel

Saturday Morning Open

- A: John Fullenwider/Bernice Cornette
B: Mike Olinger/LeRoy Breimeier
C: Jeff and Diana Chapman
199er A/B/C: Ann Primus/Ruth Guthrey

Saturday Afternoon Open

- A/B: Joanne Minnick/Jean Moser
C: Jim and Regina Jones
199er A/B/C: Jody Johnson/Camilla Taylor

Sunday Swiss

- A: Pete Lambert/Harley McCabe/Janet Flenner/Art Lowen
B/C: Jeff and Donna Chapman/Dian Fleming/Vicki Helms

ODBC Board News. The Annual Board of Director Election was held Nov. 9. The two new directors elected for a two-year term are Julia Mesplay and Mike Heflin. They will join second yer directors David Lilly, Rita Jo Holtzman, and Vicki Helms on Jan. 4 at the first 2016 meeting, when they in turn will elect officers for the coming year. Thanks to the new directors who have agreed to join this hard-working and productive board. One of the recent decisions of the current ODBC Board is the acquisition of the Dealer4 soon to complement the Bridgemates, which will increase the efficiency of well run games. The board has also announced that EasyBridge(!) lessons will be given each Monday Jan. 4-April 25 and that mentoring games will be held twice a month on Saturdays January through April.

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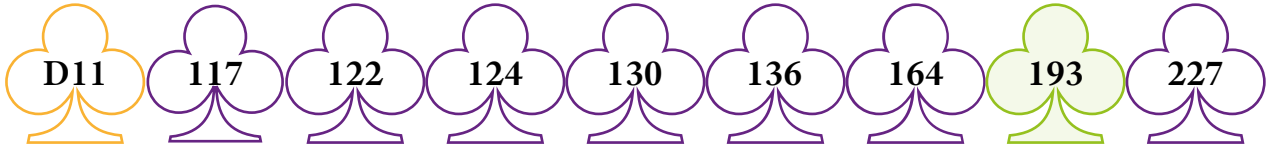
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Life Master Celebration. On Nov. 16 eighty-six players and friends gathered at 5:30 p.m. before the games to celebrate with Dr. Coy Ball, who just two weeks before achieved the distinction of Life Master. Vicki Helms recognized our beloved Coy with stories that entertained and informed everyone about this quintessential gentleman bridge player who is a model for all players. After retiring in 2009 from 50 years of medical service as a physician, with dogged determination he took up the game of bridge. As he learned the game, he soon branched out to play in area clubs and tournaments as well as be present at every game in town. He is ODBC's best ambassador and is the face of hospitality and the arm of voluntarism at the club's games, lessons, and tournaments. With affection, we salute you, Dr. Coy Ball!



▲ ODBC President, David Lilly, congratulates Dr. Coy Ball as he affixes the Life Master pin conferred by the board. ▲

Winter Sectional. The first Unit 193 Sectional for 2016 will be ODBC's Sweetheart Swiss Tournament Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14 (Valentine's Day). Details are posted at local clubs, on the ACBL tournament website, on the club's website (www.freewebs.com/okdbc/), and in this publication. Please come for hearts & flowers and points—lots of silver!

Vincennes Duplicate Bridge Club Recognizes Accomplishments

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the Vincennes Wednesday Duplicate Club hosted a Unit Championship in Vincennes to recognize the accomplishments of some of its members. In September LeRoy Breimeier topped 2500 masterpoints and attained the rank Gold Life Master. In July Toni Kimmel exceeded 1000 masterpoints for the rank of Silver Life Master. Joan Chambon, a long time duplicate player and a constant help to the clubs to which she belongs, was recognized as an ACBL Golden Age Master.

Unit Championship – Overall Winners (6.5 tables)

1:	Daniel Dorney/Franklin Coleman	64.76%
2:	Mary Lunsford/Sue May	56.67%
3:	James Gormong/Jane Ann Gormong	55.24%
4:	LeRoy Breimeier/Pamela Corrona	53.81%
5/6:	Gregory Risley/Becky Brockman	53.33%
5/6:	Chris Kimmel/Toni Kimmel	53.33%

▼ Joan Chambon, Golden Age Master; LeRoy Breimeier, Gold Life Master; and Toni Kimmel, Silver Life Master ▼



High Scorers at Jasper Duplicate Bridge Club!

Kudos to Jasper high scorers Michael Olinger and Terry Brown! On Monday, Sept. 28, among 6-1/2 tables, they had a 72.50% game!

Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club: Accomplishments Galore!

Both seasoned and newer players convened at the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Center Sept. 26 and 27 for what has become the annual Silver Sectional for non-Life Masters who have zero to five hundred points. Jane Gaunt, sectional chair, coordinated yet another successful tournament for EDBC with a total of thirty-two tables for the two-day event. Top winners, with their silver point totals by game, include:

Saturday Morning

N/S A:	Kitty Recker/Michael Olinger	1.62
N/S B:	Paul Bridges/Mary Jane Keman	1.43

N/S C:	Paulina Anderson/K. C. Jain	.98
E/W A:	Jeff and Donna Chapman	2.16
E/W B:	Bette and Gary Rotert	1.07
E/W C:	Peggy Humphrey and Alma DeLuciano	.74

Saturday Afternoon

N/S A:	Jeff and Donna Chapman	1.48
N/S B:	Richard Sarles/Margie Evans	.80
N/S C:	Louise Hilton/Harriet Throgmorton	.45

Sunday Swiss

1 st :	Kitty Recker/Jane Perkins Linda Palmer/Alice Huus	2.03
2 nd :	Dennis Dewey/Randall McClary Bette and Gary Rotert	1.42
3 rd :	Paul Bridges/Mary Jane Keman Cy Long/Sherry Alexander	1.42

Party for 4 New and Ascending LMs! Before its afternoon game on Monday, Nov. 16, EDBC recognized the club's three new Life Masters—Cy Long, Pat Probst, and John Titzer—and LeRoy Breimeier for achieving Gold LM status. The honorees held the rapt attention of fellow players, friends, and family members as they shared their “bridge histories” and thanked partners (and opponents!) for helping them achieve a lifelong goal.

Including the November party, the club has hosted celebrations in recognition of 16 LM accomplishments this year—and one is waiting in the wings for new LM Janet Wempe. President Pat Andersen says she doesn't know if this is a record number for the club in a single year “but it surely comes close.”



▲ LeRoy Breimeier, John Titzer, Pat Probst, and Cy Long honored for LM achievements November 16. ▲

Special Recognition for a Special Player. Thanks to the efforts of EDBC President Pat Andersen and her husband Ray Andersen, an Evansville player who has worked tirelessly in chairing the club's tournament events for the past 8 years has received the Golden Age Master award. Jane Gaunt accepted her award from Pat and Ray and a contingent of fellow players and good friends on Monday, Dec. 7. In presenting it to Jane, Pat said, "We can't imagine anyone more worthy of this award. Chairing tournaments is not an easy task, but through your work you have given 'silver opportunities' to countless players within our club and to guests who travel considerable distances to play because of the reputation our sectionals now enjoy." She also noted Jane's initiative to introduce the 499er NLM Silver Points Sectional, which has become a regular, sanctioned event for EDBC.



▲ Jane Gaunt (center) honored with Golden Life Master award, presented by fellow players and friends (from left) Marian Major, Kay Fuchs, Lon Bell, Jeanne Bell, Pat Probst, Jerlene Peach, Bev Nikolajewski, Sallie Wade, Pat Andersen, and Ray Andersen. ▲

Good Food, Good Fun, Good Game. EDBC's annual Christmas party game is always bursting at the seams. The club's party on Dec. 12 drew forty-four players—Sixteen in Section A and Six in Section B (for newer players)—who enjoyed the food, camaraderie, and competitive bridge! As always, the game was free but members were encouraged to donate to EDBC's charity—for 2015, the Evansville Association for the Blind. A special *thank you* goes to Neal and Jef Franklin for coordinating the wonderful fare enjoyed by all.

On a sad note . . . Amidst awards and celebrations, EDBC members are saddened by the passing of Jackie Strieter on Dec. 13. In remembering her, Jackie's family said, "She was a member of the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club and the American Contract Bridge League. She met many wonderful people and life-long friends through this great game." Jackie served the club as treasurer, vice president, and board member. She became a Gold Life Master in 2012. In her early days of playing bridge, Jackie was mentored by none other than Gene Cain.

Also, the club extends its condolences to Jane Gaunt, who lost her mother, Gretchen Gaunt, on Nov. 8.

Good Cheer, Good Health to All!

As this year draws to a close, a shout-out and thank you to the many contributors to another good year of bridge in Unit 193! From the obvious to the behind-the-scenes work—not the least of which is tidying up following each game—all is important to making a club work. Good cheer and good health to everyone as we move toward 2016.

I especially thank everyone who contributed news for this submission to *The Monitor*—reporters Doris Mills, Dale Hill, Cynthia Kluemper and others; photographers Diane Harris and Bev Nikolajewski; and "printer-of-a-few-hard-copies" Bill Lea. As compiler *pro tem*, I especially thank the unit's regular compiler, Phyllis Kincaid (who took a breather this issue for health reasons), for her thoughtful guidance. PL ☼



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FEBRUARY 13 AND 14, 2016



EVENTS

CST

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)

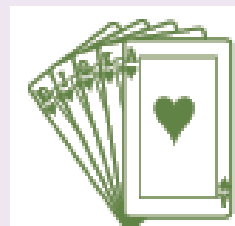
All Sessions Stratified*

C 0-500
B 500-2000
A 2000+

*Team Average

Victory Points: 20 Point Scale

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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

♦ 299er Swiss Teams if numbers permit (0-100, 100,200 200-300)
♦ Stratified Swiss Teams (20 Victory Points)
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