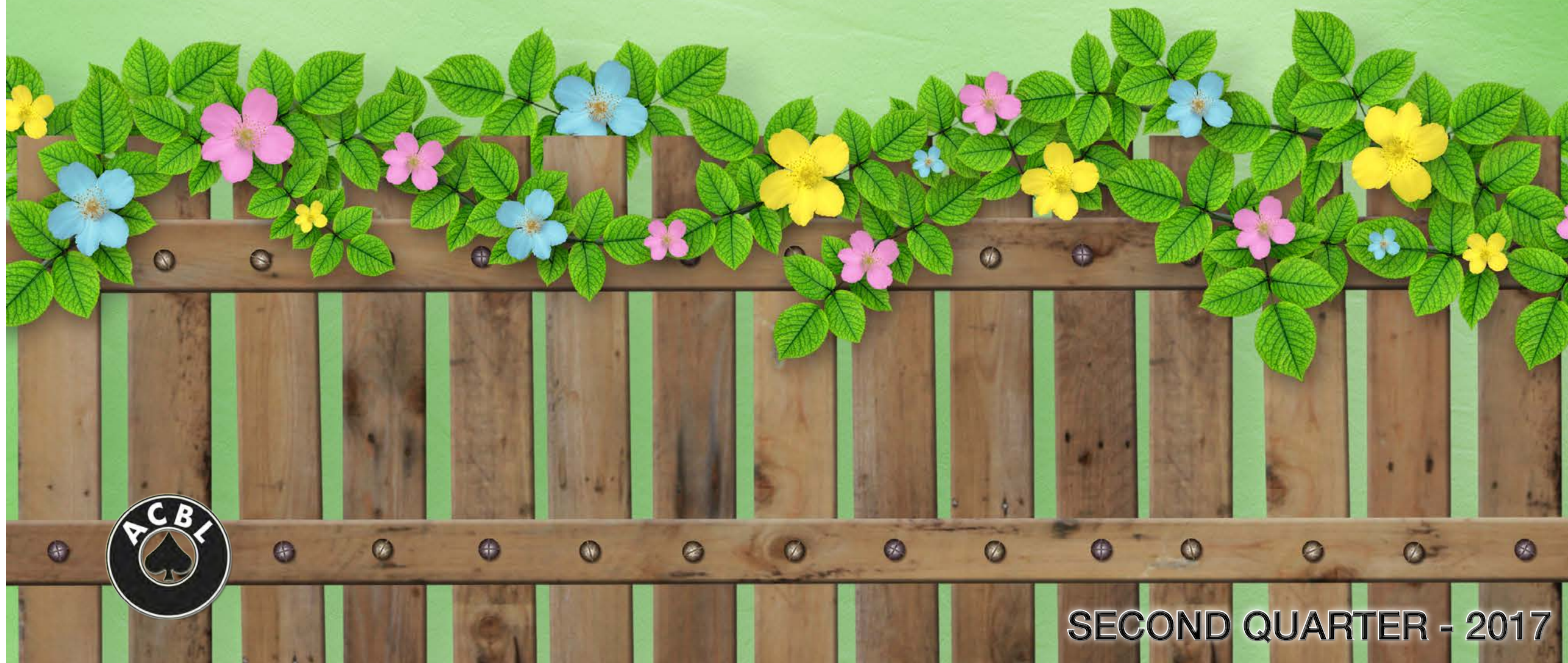


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04	Dennis Clerkin	Bloomington, IN	86.26
05	Ralph Letizia, Jr.	Louisville, KY	52.50
06	Cheryl Schneider	Westerville, OH	45.76
07	Russell Shoup	Dayton, OH	44.26
08	Anita Torrence	Bexley, OH	38.30
09	Dennis Schultz	Harrison, OH	36.83
10	Carolyn Lewis	Louisville, KY	36.80
11	A. J. Stephani	Cincinnati, OH	35.22
12	Mike Ma	Cincinnati, OH	33.43
13	Stephen Moese	West Chester, OH	33.43
14	Marshall Lewis	Bloomington, IN	32.17
15	Gary Kohler	Louisville, KY	29.24
16	Jack Ambach, Jr.	Glasgow, KY	27.19
17	Matt Granovetter	Cincinnati, OH	25.41
18	Larry Newman	Cincinnati, OH	22.46
19	Don Byrkett	Oxford, OH	21.83
20	Paula Byrkett	Oxford, OH	21.83
21	Douglas Milsap	Columbus, OH	21.42
22	Alex Khrakovsky	Columbus, OH	20.83
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25	Thomas McDow, V	Bexley, OH	20.31
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27	Ryan Schultz	Dayton, OH	19.13
28	Peter Whipple	Mason, OH	19.13
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30	Isaac Stephani	Cincinnati, OH	18.05
31	Mary J. Gladfelter	Columbus, OH	14.79
32	Michael Gladfelter	Columbus, OH	14.79
33	Bob Fisk	Cincinnati, OH	14.44
34	Reeta Brendamour	Cincinnati, OH	13.05
35	Julian Kurtzman	Cincinnati, OH	13.05
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DISTRICT 11 A. J. Stephani DIRECTOR

HI ALL! THE ACBL has had an eventful year so far, and I'm honored to be your voice on the ACBL Board. It's customary at this point to thank outgoing Board members for their service, but Beth Reid makes it easy. Beth, you certainly leave the ACBL in a far better place than when you began your first term, and though you cannot be replaced, I'm humbled by the prospect of succeeding you. On behalf of the entire District membership, we owe you our deepest thanks.

This is my first report as "District Director," a terribly unfortunate label. I've already been asked a variety of questions about penalty cards and leads out of turn. We've got Unit Board "Directors," District Board "Directors," ACBL Board "Directors," and, of course, the spectrum of game directors (National Tournament Directors, Associate Tournament Directors, Club Directors, etc.). I'm going to try to use the term "ACBL Board Member" in my communication to you, but let me know if you think the "District Director" label works better.

For that matter, I'd love to hear from you about what kind of news from the ACBL Board you'd like to hear about. The Board takes on a LOT of responsibility (too much, in my opinion), so there's much to report. I want to keep these newsletters focused on decisions that matter most to our players and maintain a reasonable length. If there are topics of particular interest to you, let me know. I'll try to work something in. Of course, I will continue to give shout outs to wins and high level finishes at NABCs by players from our District.

Help Wanted

As you may be aware, the big news of the year has been the resignation of ACBL CEO, Robert Hartman, effective July 31, 2017. I never had a chance to work closely with Robert, but the Board of Directors appeared to regard him quite highly. A CEO search committee has made significant progress, and interviews are underway. We hope to have a decision in the near future, and hopefully by the time of the Toronto NABC.

In related news, the ACBL has hired Dan Storch, formerly of Lexington, KY, to be our Chief Marketing Officer. Other important positions, such as National Recorder and several Field Supervisor positions, remain unfilled.

"Stop" No More?

At the recommendation of the Competitions & Conventions Committee, the Board was prepared to get rid of the dreaded "Stop" card. Most people felt that the card was used inconsistently, and quite often for inappropriate purposes (i.e., to alert one's partner that they are making a skip bid). Note that this would NOT change the requirement to wait ten seconds after an opposing player's skip

bid (which is in effect whether the Stop card is used or not. However, the C&C Committee wanted to give opposing voices one last chance to be heard, so the motion was deferred until Toronto (17-7-1). Go ahead and use the "Stop" card for now, but be prepared for a change later this year.



Kansas City NABC

Kansas City proved to be an outstanding site for the 2017 Spring NABC, which made it all the more disappointing that attendance was lighter than expected. The host hotels were a bit of a walk apart, but connected by a convenient sky bridge.

As you might expect, the barbecue was outstanding, and the weather was forgiving for those of us who preferred to walk rather than use Kansas City's excellent public transportation. The playing areas were spacious, lighting was good, and bathrooms were convenient.

Next up on the NABC schedule is the Toronto, which takes place July 20-30. People have complained about the lack of hotel rooms, and their prices, but there are options (AirBnB, local area hotels) if you look. With the US dollar valued so highly against the Canadian dollar right now, you're getting your housing at about a 30% discount. Hope to see you there!

Notable Finishes in KC

Congrats to Pamela Granovetter, who (with Sylvia Shi) (pictured at lower right) won the Smith Life Master Women's Pairs! This is her second win in the event (2015) and her 8th National Championship title, by my count.

Also, kudos go to Ellen Kozlove and Ralph Letizia, who (with Lee Bukstel and Michael Wolf) took second place in the 10K Swiss Teams, an event they won back in 2013. They placed just behind a team captained by some random former software developer from Seattle (Google "ACBL 2017 Kansas City 10K Swiss" if you're curious).

Our North American Pairs (NAP) representatives struggled in Kansas City. Our top finish was Reeta Brendamour and J.D. Kurtzman, who finished 10th in Flight C. Last year's Flight B runner up, Mike Ma and Steve Moese, placed 11th in Flight B, with Don and Paula Byrket just behind them in 12th place.

ACBL Board Meeting Expenses

Although this was my first formal meeting, I was impressed by the efforts taken by the ACBL Board to reduce their expenses over the past few years. They have obviously heard the grass roots backlash against the ACBLScore debacle, and they have reduced meeting costs in a number of areas. However, challenges still

remain, and I am disappointed that a second motion to move the Fall meetings of the Board to ACBL Headquarters in Horn Lake failed (7-18-0). Beth Reid worked very hard to rally support for this motion during her final meeting in Orlando last fall, but old habits die hard, and the Board decided to continue meeting at the location of the Fall NABC. As you might guess, I voted in favor of the motion. A companion motion to move the ACBL Board's Fall meeting in 2018 away from the Honolulu NABC location also failed (8-17-0). I voted in favor of this motion as well.

Although I believe it reflects poorly on the Board to have made these decisions, I do understand the position of those Board members who feel it is important to have our meetings at the NABCs. Other high level committee meetings are held at the NABCs, which many of our Board must attend in any event. Our NABCs are terrific opportunities to get personal feedback from our players. And yes, we also like to play bridge when we have a chance, so combining our meetings with NABCs makes some logistical sense.

Our current President, Bob Heller, has changed our meeting schedule at the Summer NABC so that we overlap with the first Friday-Saturday game schedule. This saves quite a bit of money. Spouses of Board members no longer have early-week excursions paid for, and our financial powers-that-be run a tight ship when it comes to Board expenses.

Entry Pricing for KO Teams

Last year, the pricing for KO events at NABCs was changed for teams of more than four players, and now the ACBL charges per player, not per team, in these events. This change had strong advocates on either side, and a motion to reconsider the change failed (3-22-0). I voted against reconsideration, for several reasons. First, so long as each player on the team receives the full masterpoint award, it seems reasonable to charge a full entry fee. Second, entry fees are used to cover a wide variety of costs, and many of these costs should be calculated per player. Late night hospitality snacks are not consumed per team, but per player. All players on a team use supplies, read the Daily Bulletin, receive a registration packet and win prizes. Finally, I have a strong preference for deciding issues and then moving on to other questions, instead of re-litigating the same old thing meeting after meeting. Even when I find myself on the losing side of a vote, I will rarely, if ever, vote to reconsider an item unless I believe it necessary to correct a grave injustice.

Two final notes on this question: first, this pricing structure applies only to KO team events at NABCs; the pricing of Regional and Sectional events is at



TOURNAMENT TALES

Jerry & Denny Clerk

♠ Q 9
♥ Q T 5
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ A K J 5

♠ K J 8 6 4 2
♥ J 4 3 2
♦ K 7
♣ 4

♠ A T 7 5 3
♥ 9 7 6
♦ A
♣ Q T 6 2

♠
♥ A K 8
♦ J T 9 8 5 3
♣ 9 8 7 3

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♠	2♦	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

HERE IS A hand from the just-completed Spring nationals in Kansas City.

North was Tor Helness and South was Geir Helgemo, the two great Norwegians. They are possibly the best pair in the world. I have told everyone for years, if you make it to the NABCs and want to kibbitz, watch this pair. They play natural methods, so you can understand their bidding. What you will see is beautiful, well-judged auctions and impeccable card play. Watch Helgemo make this impossible hand.

The auction is straightforward, no one can take issue with any bid made. After West leads a spade, declarer could see two trump losers and must therefore bring the Clubs in with no losers. A finesse and a 3/2 split. Not very promising, but Helgemo saw some chance to improve on that.

He first ruffed the Spade, crossed to the Heart Q and ruffed the last Spade

and eliminated the Hearts. When all followed he led a Club to the Ace and then led the Diamond Q. East won and had nothing but black cards, so he chose to get out with a Spade. Declarer discarded a club from hand trumped the Spade in the dummy. He then cashed the king of Clubs. Now he led another trump and West was forced to win and give him a Ruff-sluff!

He discarded his remaining Club from hand and ruffed in dummy and claimed!

He made the hand with both Clubs offside, but the really unique thing about this hand is, he end played both opponents on the same hand! I'm not sure I have ever seen that. East was said to have left the table muttering, if you had only led a low trump. ☁



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the discretion of the Sponsoring Organization. Second, many of you know how I feel about a District-wide policy on this question: I believe in local control of our tournaments to the greatest extent possible and thus have advocated against a District-wide policy.

NAP Subsidies

A motion to subsidize the 3rd and 4th place finishers (\$200 and \$100, respectively) in each District for the North American Pairs failed (11-13-1). I voted in favor of this motion, as the ACBL makes a lot of money from the NAP (mostly from the NAP club qualifying games), and I think the ACBL should use the opportunity to give something to everyone in this event.

Regional-Plus Events

A motion to increase the masterpoint payouts by approximately 15% for Regional events held at NABCs passed (14-9-2). I voted in favor of this motion, as it provides a small incentive to attend NABCs in lieu of other nearby Regionals. Some Regional events held at NABCs also have a significantly stronger field. The two-session Sunday Swiss held before the Vanderbilt and Spingold starts, for example, has been nicknamed the “Rockcrusher” or “Vice Grip” Swiss. In Kansas City, the only National events held on Sunday were the finals of the Platinum Pairs (twenty pairs), and the Senior Pairs. Everyone else, including most of the Vanderbilt teams, played in that event. Just brutal.

Personal Thoughts

Much of the work of the ACBL Board is done through Committees. Unquestionably, our individual perspectives are framed by our work and our experience on these Committees. Beth was a critical member of the Finance Committee for much of her service on the Board, and you therefore heard a lot about the ACBL’s finances. I will provide considerably less detail on the ACBL budget, as I have been assigned to other Committees that fit my skill set better. I have been assigned to the Appeals and Charges Committee, which functions as the “Supreme Court” of sorts for all manner of different disciplinary cases. By rule, these proceedings are confidential, so I can’t share details of these cases with you. Trust me, based on my experience so far, you wouldn’t be interested.

I have also been assigned to the Strategic Committee, which I have high hopes as a mechanism for change. So far, my experience has been lukewarm, but I am not giving up. I believe you elected me based, in part, on the issues I campaigned on and believed were important: (1) a closer attention to the needs of our clubs, teachers, and other grass roots constituents; (2) a more closely defined relationship between management and the Board; and (3) an urgent need to address the aging demographics of our membership. I’m quite surprised at how much resistance I’ve encountered inside the Board of Directors to the idea of expanding the ACBL’s Youth Bridge outreach. Much of the Board seems content to focus on recent retirees and serving the needs of our current membership. As you know, I am convinced the ACBL needs to reverse course and begin reducing the average age of our membership (currently seventy-one, and climbing). It seems so clear to me that the long-term health of bridge in North America is tied to our youth, and I’m going to keep banging that drum. I’m cautiously optimistic that the newly-freed ACBL Education Foundation will become put its energy into youth-centered efforts.

I will continue to serve as the District’s Tournament Coordinator for the time being, and I still direct games at the Cincinnati Bridge Center and teach six to seven bridge classes each week. You’ll also see me at our local Regionals when my schedule allows me time to play, and I am always available by phone (513-313-0488) or e-mail (AJStephani@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

Hope to see you in Toronto!

A.J.

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	Pig Out KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series I 199er Pairs	Pig Out KO (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series I Piglet Single Session Swiss			
Wednesday June 7	Road Hog Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2 sessions) Road Hog Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 2) Hogwash Horizontal Swiss (Round 1) Open Fast Pairs Evening Side Series II		
	Pig Out KO (Round 3) Open Pairs Side Series III NLM Pairs	Pig Out KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Side Series III NLM Pairs			
Thursday June 8	Pig in a Poke Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) Pig in a Poke Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 3) Hogwash Horizontal Swiss (Round 2) Open Fast Pairs Evening Side Series IV NLM Pairs		
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Friday June 9	Iggpay Atlinlay Gold Rush Swiss Teams Iggpay Atlinlay Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 4) Open Fast Pairs Evening Side Series IV		
	Carolyn Ahlert Memorial KO (Round 3) Open Pairs Side Series V NLM Pairs	Carolyn Ahlert Memorial KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Side Series V NLM Pairs			
Saturday June 10	Flying Pig Pairs Championship (2 Session Qualifying) Flying Pig Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) Three Little Pigs Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Open Fast Pairs Evening Side Series IV		
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Sunday June 11	Flying Pig Pairs Championship (2 Session Final) Hog Heaven Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough)		Swiss Teams in Red NLM Events in Blue * Grass Roots Game Championship Rated		



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♦ Gold Rush Pairs & Swiss:
0-100/100-300/300-750

♠ Stratiflighted Swiss:
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Wednesday Sept 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thomas J. Hennen Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)• Orville Wright KO (Round 1)• Open Pairs AM Side Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orville Wright KO (Round 2)• Open Pairs Aft Side Series• Single Session Swiss• NLM Pairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "25 Astronauts" Evening KO (Round 2)• Open Pairs Evening Side Series• Single Session Swiss• NLM Pairs
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Saturday Sept 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greg Johnson Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)• Wilbur Wright KO (Round 3)• Nancy Currie Compact KO (Rnds 1-2)• Open Pairs AM Side Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wilbur Wright KO (Round 4)• Nancy Currie Compact KO (Rnds 3-4)• Open Pairs Aft Side Series• Single Session Swiss	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Pairs Evening Side Series
Sunday Sept 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Glenn Stratflighted Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swiss Teams in Red• NLM Events in Blue• Championship Events in BOLD

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A/X 3000/Open

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Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750)	1:00	7:00	
Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+)	1:00	7:00	
Stratified Side Game Series 1	1:00	7:00	
American Pharoah KO (Rd. 1 & 2)	1:00	7:00	
Stratified Swiss		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
Swiss Stratified (single session)			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
Open Pairs		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 AXYstratified / BCD Bracketed 5000+, 3000-5000, 0-3000 / BCD 0-2000	10:00 & TBA		

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UNIT 117 Vangie Smith LOUISVILLE

HAPPY MARCH! I am afraid that March is going to come in like a “lion,” which means it should go out as a “lamb.” I am ready for Spring.

Now that 2016 is history, we know the winners of the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs certificates and the Mini-McKenney medals. What is involved in the Ace of Clubs? These are the points that you have won in play at the bridge center. The Mini- McKenney award is based on all the points you have won during the year, both club and tournament play.

2016 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Winners

0 – 5 points	David Van Zant	15.87
5 – 20 points	Kimberly Maxey	35.37
20-50 points	Marilyn Frankenberger	34.81
50-100 points	Denise Tonini	43.24
100-200 points	Stuart Ray	68.35
200-300 points	John Stone	77.76
300-500 points	Lois Shapero	55.46
500-1000 points	Bill Cook	107.99
1000-1500 points	Steven Blank	115.84
1500-2500 points	Frank Collecchia	145.12
2500-3500 points	Cynthia Hall	154.34
3500-5000 points	Brian Ross	140.92
5000-7500 points	Dorsey Brown	227.65
Over 10,000 points	Dennis Hesthaven	72.16

2016 Mini-McKenney Awards

0 – 5 points	Robin Baldock	23.68
5 – 20 points	Kimberly Maxey	52.92
20-50 points	Beverly Hopkins	48.72
50-100 points	Louise Hilton	63.68
100-200 points	Stuart Ray	111.03
200-300 points	Terri Chandler	115.69
300-500 points	Kay Omanson	108.57
500-1000 points	Bill Cook	387.01
1000-1500 points	William Toutant	222.34
1599-2500 points	Nancy Abrams	281.10
2500-3500 points	Patricia Buckley	251.79
3500-5000 points	Brian Ross	611.22

5000-7500 points	Dorsey Brown	395.93
Over 10,000 points	Dennis Hesthaven	194.31

Congratulations to all the winners. We will be handing out these awards at the March LBA Game, which will be on **Thursday, March 23, 2017.**

This is also an exciting time for Nancy and Bush Abrams. On March 9, 2017, they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, their children, Kathy and Karen, purchased a dealing machine for the Louisville Bridge Club, in their honor. A plaque commemorating this gift was presented to Vangie Smith, President, along with the machine. We are so grateful for this kind gift and will enjoy it for years to come.

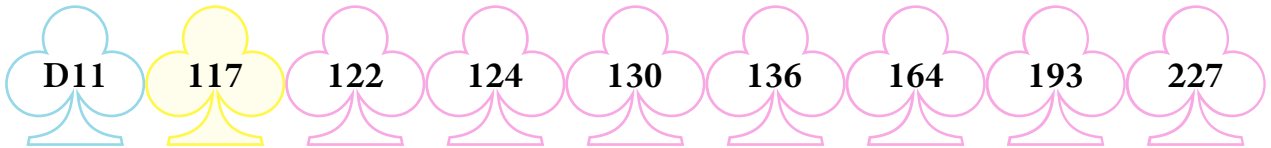
March is also the month that the Louisville Bridge Club begins pairings for our three-month Mentor/Mentee program. Less experienced players are paired with more experienced players to help them transition from the limited games to the open games. These pairs will commit to playing at least six times in a three-month period which includes April, May and June. The program is capped off in July with a pizza party and game exclusive to those who have participated. This fills two important needs, experience for less experienced players and extra players in our games.

In keeping with our March expansion of knowledge, Kit Overpeck has been giving free lessons on Saturday mornings. These lessons are focused on the play of the hand, the planning of defense and awareness of the importance that reviewing the auction in your head can play. Players of all levels have enjoyed this time to go over hands as they are being played and discussing techniques.

Randy Baron has also been offering free lessons on Tuesday evenings, teaching Precision to those interested. Randy is a long-time player with a great deal of experience. Thanks to all of our players and those persons helping us spread the word that bridge is GREAT! ♣



△ Vangie Smith, Kathy Abrams and Chris Clark △



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JUNE 23-25, 2017

FRIDAY

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299er Pairs* (Single Session).....1:00pm and 7:00pm

SATURDAY

Handicapped Knockouts (3 sessions).....9:00am, 1:00pm and 7:00pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions).....1:00pm and 7:00pm
299er Pairs* (Single Sessions).....1:00pm and 7:00pm

*299er pairs – if attendance warrants

SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams.....10:00am & TBD
299er Swiss Teams.....10:00am & TBD

There will be a break of about one hour for lunch. There are several nearby fast food spots or you can bring your own lunch.

Entry fee will be an additional \$3 for an unpaid or non-ACBL member.

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LOUISVILLE **BEAT THE HEAT** NON LIFE MASTER TOURNAMENT AUGUST 19-20 2017

Saturday August 19

Stratified 0-500 NLM Pairs (Single Session).....10:00am

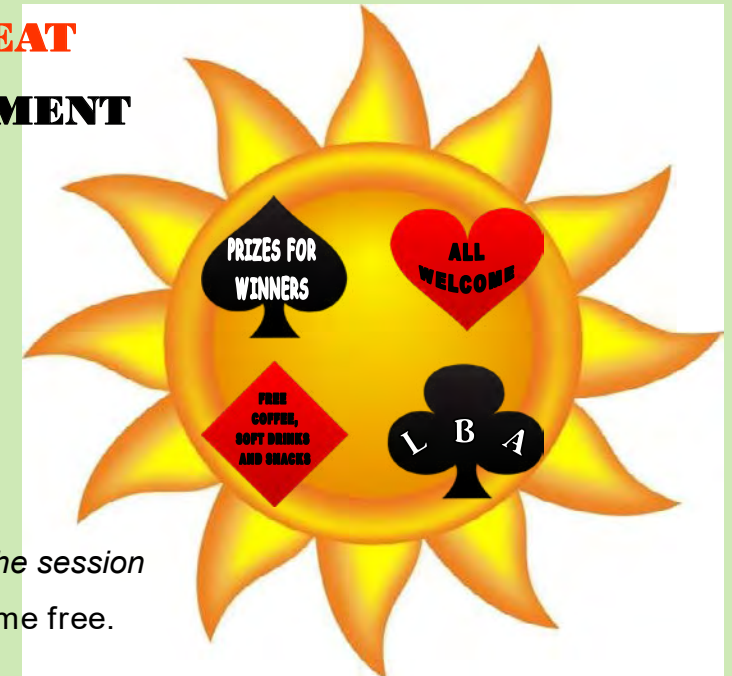
Education Session2:15pm

Stratified 0-500 NLM Pairs (Single Session).....3:00pm

****We will hold a separate game for 0-20 if there are 6 or more pairs interested**

We invite those interested in the education session to pick up some food and bring to the session

Saturday Only: 0-5 Players Buy 1, Get 1 free. Pay for 10am game and get 3pm game free.



Sunday August 20

2 session Swiss.....10:00am with play through

Stratifications: 0-100, 100-200, 200-500

All events (Saturday and Sunday) stratified by average MP

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LOUISVILLE AUTUMN SWISS SECTIONAL

OCTOBER 14 and 15, 2017

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams – 2 sessions 10:00am & TBD

299er Swiss Teams – 2 sessions 10:00am & TBD

Saturday and Sunday are separate, 2-session events

Open session strats: A = 2500 B = 750-2500 C = 0-750

299er session strats: A = 100-300 B = 50-100 C = 0-50

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UNIT 122 CENTRAL OH

Life in the Central Ohio Bridge Association has been going along smoothly. We are now in the throes of preparing for our Sectional on March 24-26 at the Haimler Center, Columbus, Ohio. We hope the weather will be a little warmer, but if the wind and snow come, what better way to ride it out than playing bridge with a whole bunch of nice people?

Although the year 2020 might seem like a long way off, time has a way of sneaking past us (especially as we grow older, and who isn't?).

Question: Why is 2020 noteworthy? Answer: Because in 2020, Columbus, Ohio will, for the first time, host the National Tournament. Under the leadership of Cheryl Schneider, preparations have been underway for about year now. Although the ACBL provides much of the organization, local clubs must shoulder many responsibilities, varying from advertising and hospitality to providing caddies, literature, and posters. Hence, you already see posters announcing the 2020 National Tournament displayed at various bridge activities.

Central Ohio players have notched up some significant achievements over the past couple of months. Although these have been announced elsewhere, they bear repeating:

Douglas Simpson, Charles Kopp, Shan Au, and Gregory Potts teamed up to win the Championship Flight at the recent GNT. This quartet of gentlemen frequently play at various clubs in Central Ohio. And Siraj Haji, owner of the Aloha bridge club in Columbus, was a member of the victorious Flight A at the GNT.

Several Central Ohio players made the Barry Crane Top 500 this year. They were: Mary Jane Gladfelter, Michael Gladfelter, Douglas Millsap, Jim Bachelder, Larry Jones, George St. Pierre, and Suman Agarwal. A high-five to all of them!

In March of this year, we had four players become Life Masters: Paul Grygier, Daniel Loveland, James Miller, and Margo Olson. Another high-five! 🍷



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UNIT 124 Tom Mess CINCINNATI

THE FLYING PIG Regional – June 5 to June 11, 2017

Hard to believe it, but the Cincinnati Regional is just around the corner. Most importantly, the Flying Pig Regional will be held at the Sharonville Ramada Plaza directly across from the Sharonville Convention Center. While we have hosted the Flying Pig at the Sharonville Convention Center for several years, rising costs made it difficult to stay.

Fortunately, the Ramada Plaza, where we have held many Unit 124 bridge tournaments, has the same convenient Sharonville location and ample free parking.



Sharonville Ramada Plaza 11320 Chester Road / 513-771-2080

Thanks to some personal connections of Unit 124 member Nalin Mehta, we got a great deal with the Ramada Plaza. It's a terrific space for the Flying Pig Regional with attractive room rates.

We are also holding a new event this year – a two-day Flying Pig Pairs Championship. There will be a two-session qualifying day on Saturday, with a two-session final on Sunday. We hope to attract strong pairs from not only around our District, but cities in surrounding Districts, like Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Nashville, St. Louis, and Chicago. There's no event like this

between New York and California, so here's your chance to play against the best in the Midwest!

- Milestones**
- We have several Unit 124 members reaching new milestones in the 3rd quarter of 2016
- Sapphire Life Master – Agnes Delaney
 - Gold Life Master – Diane Goodman, Jodie Kieffer, Steve Moese, AJ Stephani
 - Ruby Life Master – Mo Mineard
 - Silver Life Master – Don Byrckett, Paula Byrckett, Philomena Dillhoff, Larry Newman
 - Bronze Life Master – Gail Arnow, Isaac Stephani
 - Life Master – Isaac Stephani, Stacy Vanstone

2017 DISTRICT 11 GNT CHAMPS from Unit 124

There are several Unit 124 members who participating in winning teams at the recent 2017 District 11 GNT Championship. The Unit 124 members are highlighted in red.



District 11 GNT Flight A
1 Siraj Haji, Columbus OH; Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH; Craig Satersmoen, Huber Heights OH; **Peter Whipple, Mason OH**; John Hinton, Greenwood IN - not shown



District 11 GNT Flight C
1 **John Williams - Kevin Henry - Julian Kurtzman, Cincinnati OH**; **Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH**

Congratulations to all the District 11 GNT Champs. We appreciate you representing our District!

PLAYING BRIDGE IN CUBA!

Elaine Jarchow, a member of our Unit 124 Board of Trustees, recently traveled to Cuba to play bridge. Here is her delightful summary of the trip.



I was privileged to attend the XIV International Bridge Festival in Havana and Varadero, Cuba, from December 2-11, 2016. I traveled with my partner, Sue Bruggen. We signed affidavits stating that our purpose for travel to Cuba was to engage in non-athletic competition. Americans must sign these affidavits and choose one of twelve acceptable reasons for travel. One of these is NOT tourism.

District 11 GNT Flight B
1 **Ambrish Bansal, West Chester OH**;Nalin Mehta - **John Altman – John M. Altman, Cincinnati OH**

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We booked an ABC Charters flight to Havana from Miami. As it turned out, American Airlines began to fly to Havana a week before our flight, so our “charter” was the regularly scheduled American Airlines flight. The flight cost \$197, and we used miles to get to and from Miami. The cost of the Festival was \$1290/ person for four nights at the Melia Cohiba, Havana, five nights at the all-inclusive beach resort Sol Palmeras in Varadero, airport welcome and transfers, two dinners, all breakfasts, a Havana nightclub show, and Havana city tour. The daily bridge games – four pairs and five teams – cost \$215. We paid in cash upon arrival. It’s still difficult to use credit cards.



The Festival was held under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation’s (WBF) Central American and Caribbean Bridge Federation. There were over 50 players from Canada, Norway, Cuba, Spain, Costa Rica, Trinidad, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Brazil, Argentina, and the US(CO, NY, KY, NC, and CA). Not all players played in both the pairs and teams sessions. A Canadian couple, our first opponents, told us to leave our convention cards in our room and “have fun.” We certainly had fun, but noted a very wide range of player ability. We were told that Diego Brenner played on the Italian team and that Jacek Pszcola and Justin Lall were world ranked. In addition, Dave Caprera (playing with wife Anne Brenner) coaches the US Junior Team, on which Isaac Stephani played. For the team games, we were assigned players from Argentina and Spain. All of the players were gracious and willing to offer helpful advice.

The young Cuban players (pictured above right) were a delight. A self-taught older gentleman had given them bridge lessons and they played in their homes. They are holding the ACBL decks that I gave them. I wish we could sponsor four of them to attend the Flying Pig regional. Bridge is allowed in Cuba because Fidel Castro’s sister Emma played bridge. She convinced Fidel that playing



bridge is like playing chess – not like gambling, which he hated. Emma played in an earlier Cuba Festival and some of the players we met remembered her.

Of course, there are challenges playing in a country where one does not speak the language. I insisted that there was a malfunction in my BridgeMate. When I entered four hearts, I saw 4C on the display screen. The kindly director told me there was no malfunction since heart in Spanish – corazon - does begin with a C!!!! (; and exclamation points begin and end the sentence!)

Some things I learned include the following:

- The WBF’s Continuous VP (logarithmic) Scale which we used was also used at the recent Orlando Nationals and will soon be featured in our regionals. Flying Pig? [tm: Not yet, but D11 does use this scale for the D11 GNT District Finals]

- The WBF is divided into eight geographic zones. The website (www.worldbridge.org) is certainly worth a look if you are traveling and want to attend a bridge festival. For example, there is one in the Canary Islands from March 26-April 1 and a seven day Caribbean cruise from Havana and five night allinclusive Cuba beach resort from May 20-31.

- Some ACBL understandings may not be shared by the WBF and its affiliates. For example, the Multi two diamonds, limited by the ACBL to mid-chart events, is played throughout the world. Players in the Netherlands believe that all unnatural bids (like Michaels) must be alerted.
- In a team game, half the tables are “closed” and no kibitzing is allowed.
- In a Festival, the movement is apt to be a Howell so all can play each other.

- In the Netherlands and Belgium, a bridge pub/café crawl on a Saturday offers fee paying players an opportunity to move about six cafes, have a drink or lunch, play six to eight boards and assemble in a theater at end of day to learn the results. Anyone up for trying this in OTR or Covington’s Mainstrasse?

Visiting Cuba was a terrific experience. The hotels and food were good. Our first two days overlapped with the final two days of the mourning period for Fidel Castro.

We saw a shrine in the hotel lobby; there was no music in the squares and there were many photos in the newspapers. We met Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, the first female chair of the African Union; she attended Castro’s funeral. The



Elaine Following Hemmingway

people were very welcoming; they have waited a long time for their neighbors to visit. I’d love to return and see more cities. My hope for 2017 is that the new administration continues President Obama’s efforts to open Cuba to all of us.

Thank you, Elaine, for sharing your bridge traveling adventures! ☺



"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." – **Mark Twain**

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." – **St. Augustine**

"There are no foreign lands. It is the traveler only who is foreign." – **Robert Louis Stevenson**

Summer Getaway Sectional

August 11 - 13, 2017

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Summer Getaway Sectional

August 11-13, 2017

Event Schedule

Friday

Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 10AM
Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 2:30PM
Afternoon event is GRASS ROOTS FUND, 40% More Silver Points

Saturday

Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 10AM
Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 2:30PM
Afternoon event is GRASS ROOTS FUND, 40% More Silver Points

Sunday

Strati-flighted Play-Through Swiss Teams 10AM
*Sunday teams with any player over 1500 must play A/X
(lunch may be purchased)*

All events stratified by average master points
Stratified open pairs: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+
Stratified NLM pairs: Director Discretion
Strati-flights: A/X: open/0-2500
B/C/D: 750-1500/300-750/0-300

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UNIT 130 CENTRAL IN

CENTRAL INDIANA BRIDGE Association
Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent Indianapolis Crossroads of America Regional. At 810 tables, this was one of the largest turnouts in recent years. Congratulations to these Unit 130 members who ranked in the top fifty MP winners: John Hinton, Mike Helmer, Bob Lyon, Kendra Bridges, Geoff Bridges, Max Arora, Randy Helmink, Noel Helmink, Pam Strack, John Peer, Linda Cronkleton, Hal Cultice, Matt Cory, Mitch Pote, Curtis Farley, Maribeth Ransel, Larry Allison, Wanda Cole and Deanna Nesbit. Great job! A big round of applause goes to all those who volunteered as chairs, co-chairs, greeters, set-up crew members, and to those who brought delicious food for our hospitality room. Thanks to these clubs who were hospitality sponsors: Cyndy at Indy DBC, Indianapolis Bridge Center, Muncie DBC, Westside DBC, Women's Contract DBC, and Woodstock Club DBC.

There are many CIBA events just around the corner! The Indianapolis Spring Sectional will take place from May 5th to 7th at the Northside Knights of Columbus. On Sunday of the sectional, we will honor Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs winners from 2016 as well as those who became new Life Masters, Gold LMs, and Diamond LMs during that same year. The highly successful CIBA Youth Bridge Camp will take place June 6-8 at the Indianapolis Bridge Center. The program is under the guidance of Wanda Cole (teacher) and Mona Loft (chair). This year, we will limit registration to the first twenty campers who apply so early application is encouraged. Go to www.cibabridge.com for a flyer and registration form, or email Mona Loft at monaloft@yahoo.com for additional information. Our second Indianapolis Non-Life Master Sectional will happen on August 26th and 27th at the Indianapolis Bridge Center. Last year we set a great first year total with almost one hundred tables played. We hope you help us break that record this year.

Congratulations to John Hinton who, along with his teammates from Ohio, prevailed in Strat A of the District 11 GNT finals. CIBA's C Strat team, Maureen Clerkin, Kathy Garrity, Mary Ann Kanervo, and Casey Szulc, finished a close second and we salute them.

Indianapolis Bridge Center

We were honored to hold Diamond Life Master party for Randy Helmink. He is joining his wife Noel in this great accomplishment, making them our first diamond couple. We also were happy to congratulate Marge Tharp with a ninetieth birthday party in our monthly married couples game. Marge now joins our play free club which we grant to all players ninety years young.

We remind you that the Longest Day is just around the corner so be prepared to again help us TOP OUR GOAL and of course best SULLIVANS HARDWARE STORE and remind them we are not LITTLE OLD LADIES PLAYING BRIDGE. A special thanks to Brad Bartol and his Wednesday night game for joining IBC for the Longest Day game.

Muncie/Richmond Bridge Clubs – Ella Reff reporting

About a dozen of our regular members went to warmer climes for the winter, but people made the trek during the past months from Richmond, Anderson, and New Castle as well as from Muncie neighborhoods for our four weekly bridge games. The Christmas dinner at the Delaware Country Club had over forty people in attendance, including former member Bonnie Hertzog from Arizona.

Tamara Phillips is now a Junior Master, and we congratulate club manager Tom Charles for reaching the rank of Silver Life Master.

We regret to announce the passing of longtime member Richard Mackey of New Castle in January and Steve Toschlog of Richmond in March.

Terre Haute Bridge Club

A number of players from the Terre Haute Bridge Club placed highly in the 2017 Indianapolis Winter Regional Bridge Tournament. On Thursday, Patty Cottom, Charles Parks, Connie Shattuck, and Mona Sternfeld joined forces to take first place out of twenty tables in the Gold Rush Swiss Teams competition. Making the victory even more memorable, with the addition of Master Points earned in the tournament, Shattuck achieved the rank of Life Master.

Following a delightful carry-in dinner featuring beans and corn bread, the Terre Haute Bridge Club held its annual meeting on March 7. At the business meeting Tana Holt, James Kirtley, and Art Western were elected to the club's Board of Directors. Club president Tom Siefert presented Milt Van Reed with the 2016 Fred Erwin Top Men's Player of the Year award. Sharon Winters received the Janet Horton 2016 Top Women's Player of the Year award, and James Cottom received the award for the Most Improved Player among the Monday night Fun Bridge participants.

Two other Top-Player-of-the-Year awards were made to club members in experience-based categories determined by the number of Master Points (MP) previously earned. The winners were Tom Siefert (between 100 and 500 MP), Tana Holt (between 500 and 1000 MP). ♣



With points earned
at the 2017
Indianapolis Winter Regional,
Connie Shattuck
became the
Terre Haute Bridge Club's
newest
Life Master



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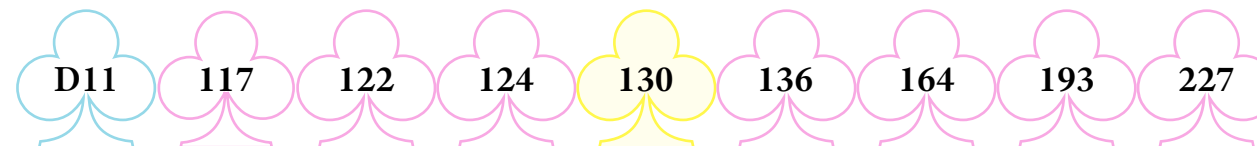
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▼ At the Terre Haute Bridge Club's annual spring meeting, president Tom Siefert (left) presented Milt Van Reed with the club's 2016 Fred Erwin Top Men's Player of the Year award ►

▼ THBC president Tom Seifert presented Sharon Winters with the club's Janet Horton 2016 Top Women's Player of the Year award ▼



◀ James Cottom received the award for the Most Improved Player among the Monday night Fun Bridge participants. The award was presented by club treasurer, Patty Cottom, his teacher, mentor, and favorite partner ◀



▲ Tom Siefert presents Tana Holt with the award for the earning the most number of Master Points at the club among members who started the year with between 500 and 1000 MPs ▲



▲ THBC co-manager, Tana Holt, presented Tom Siefert with the award for the earning the most number of Master Points at the club among members who started the year with between 100 and 500 MPs ▲

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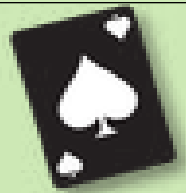
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INDIANAPOLIS

2017 Spring Sectional

May 5-7 Northside Knights of Columbus



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - MAY 5

- ▶ 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
Pay for your first game, and receive a coupon for one free game.

SATURDAY - MAY 6

- ▶ Stratified Open Pairs *** 9:00
- ▶ 49ers Pairs *** 9:00
- ▶ 299ers Pairs *** 9:00 1:30 7:00
- ▶ BOB WALLACE Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 7:00
- ▶ CYNDY CRADICK Open Stratified Swiss 1:30 7:00
2 Sessions

*** Beat the Computer Pairs

SUNDAY - MAY 7

- ▶ CIBA Awards Day 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 an upper limit.
Then all players must have fewer points than that limit.
- Sunday Swiss is bracketed - teams play only in their own brackets.

Table fees: \$12 per person/per session

Add \$3 per person/per session if ACBL dues are unpaid or if you are a non-ACBL member

- Friday evening Snacks provided by the CIBA Board and Friends.
- Saturday AM Coffee and doughnuts provided.
- Saturday AM All Saturday morning pairs game are "Beat the Computer" games.
Outdo the computer on three successive boards and win a
"Free Play" (one free play per player).
- Saturday PM After your evening meal, come back for desserts provided by the
CIBA Board and Friends.
- All weekend Players 21 and under, with ACBL membership, play for \$6 per session
throughout the tournament!
- Sunday Before the Swiss Help us honor our 2016 Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners
as well as our 2016 new Life Masters, and our new Gold, Sapphire,
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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 Sandy Forsythe MIAMI VALLEY

ALTHOUGH THE TEMPERATURE said April, the calendar said December 26, time for the Midwest Monitor STaC. Miami Valley players raked in the silver points! Scott Gates and Bob Sulgrove finished first overall in the Tuesday morning session with 69.53%, and Bill Gottschall and Audrey Dybvad were first on Wednesday afternoon with 65.56%. Tom Coyle and Vickie Sebastian were first at Miami Valley Bridge Center in a special Saturday night New Year's Eve edition of Steve's Good Time game, beginning with a potluck dinner and ending with champagne at midnight. Tom also scored the most masterpoints of any Unit 136 player, collecting an impressive 16.98 points.

To help players get ready for the Grand National Teams, MVBC hosted two Swiss team "practice" games: an open game on January 22 and one for Flight C players only on February 12. Unfortunately, attendance at both events was disappointing, just five teams each, despite the promise of a free entry to the GNT District 11 finals for each first-place team! Bill Hartung, Stu Petersen, Steve Forsythe and this reporter won the open event and accepted a \$100 check from MVBC. It was my birthday that day, and what a fine present it was!

Merilace Huff, Patricia McNulty, Brad Sharp and Mary Castle won the Flight C event and accepted a \$100 check from the Miami Valley Bridge Association. The Huff team also placed second in the open practice game...nice going!

I'm sorry to have to scold, but Dayton players were not well-represented at the District Final, although it was held at MVBC. I'm told that some players preferred not to go to Toronto, perhaps because it's an expensive city. Personally, I would go anywhere if I earned the honor of representing our District!

Flight C was the exception: four of the eight teams were from Dayton. Of those, one made it to the final four but lost in the semi-finals. Joe Camillus, Ernest Spegele, Anita Brand and Connie Wiest tied for 3/4.

Just two teams played in the Championship Flight, and Dayton players Russ Shoup, Marc Low and Vickie Sebastian made up three quarters of the second place team. There were no Dayton teams in Flight A, with five teams total, and just one Dayton team in Flight B out of eight teams.

Conrad Rennemann, Joyce Dennis, Stu Petersen, Bill Hartung, Steve Forsythe and myself made up the Flight B Dayton team. Sadly, we missed getting into the final four by a fraction of a victory point. Even worse, we later discovered that an accounting error caused us to be tallied in fifth place when we should have been fourth! It was extremely frustrating to know that we were unjustly denied the chance to compete in the finals. Perhaps things would have been different if it had been my birthday.

MVBC was the site of a couple of other special events in February, starting with an ACBL-wide International Fund game on February 4. Connie Rennemann and Joyce Dennis were the winners of a seven-table game locally. On February 23, an Inter-Club Championship game drew nine and a half tables to MVBC and eighty-four and a half tables ACBL-wide. Stu Petersen and Bill Hartung were first East-West at the club and fifth overall, and Marcie Pavlo and Rita Boeh were first North-South at the club and 15th overall. Bonnie Papini and Tom Kerns were third East-West at the club and sixth in Flight B overall.

March brought staffing changes at MVBC, including a new director and new menus for Fun-filled Friday. Anita Brand, a transfer to our Unit from Missouri, will be directing every Friday, and she likes to cook! She's already treated us to chili one week and a baked potato bar another. If you like to eat, give Friday a try! Fun-filled Fridays feature a relaxing, extended hospitality break, and there's always a standby available.

Ken Cramer, Ninety years young

March 11 was a special day at MVBC: we celebrated Ken Cramer's 90th birthday with a cake, a song and a nine-table Club Championship game. Ken is a Silver Life Master who still plays at the club a couple of times a week. You might hear someone call him "Red," though his red hair is long gone.

Ken joined the Navy just before he turned eighteen, and served in WWII. He started playing duplicate in Dayton in the fifties, though he didn't "get serious" until after he retired. He's had many partners over the years, including his wife of sixty-five years, Joyce, who passed away about two years ago and has been much missed at the club. Ken recalls that he and Joyce won the second duplicate game they played in! We hope to see Ken at the table for many years to come.

Spring is on the way, which means the Dayton Spring Sectional will soon be coming to MVBC. This year's dates are March 31st to April 2nd.

Spring also means it will soon be time for Bridge in the Barn! Jim Rash hosts Bridge in the Barn in Logan County on the last Sunday of the month, from April through September. Just \$5 per person covers freshly grilled burgers and dogs with all the trimmings, a Swiss team game and homemade ice cream to cap off the afternoon. It's a deal that can't be beat! Contact Jim at jrash308@yahoo.com to make your reservation for April 30.

There was some sad news this quarter: Pat Horner passed away in January. Our condolences to his friends and family! ☹



◀ Ken Cramer and Georgia Banziger ▶

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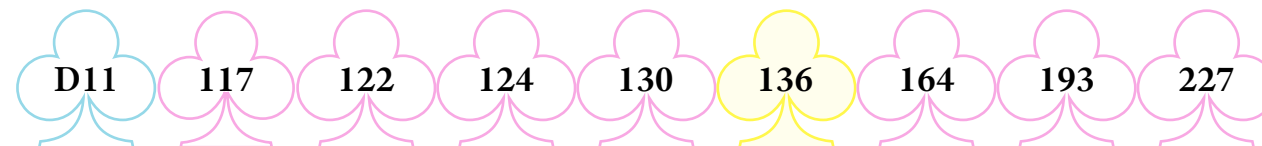
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△ GNT practice winners Steve and Sandy Forsythe accept a check from MVBC Club Manager Tom Coyle (Not pictured: Stu Petersen and Bill Hartung) △



◀ ACBL-wide International Fund game winners Joyce Dennis and Connie Rennemann ▶



▶ Players treated Ken to dinner at Carrabba's after the game ▶



◀ Sandy Forsythe presents a check to Flight C GNT practice winners Merilace Huff, Mary Castle, Pat McNulty and Brad Sharp ▶



▶ Ken Cramer, Gary Hatten, Barb Bitticker, Sandy Forsythe and Connie Wiest ▶



2017 CABIN FEVER Sectional Tournament
January 20-22, 2017 “Wait Till Next Year”
“We can make it up in 2017,” said Lexington Bridge Club members, remembering 2016’s low attendance due to the snow storm with ten inches of snow and twenty-seven degree temperatures. AND WE DID IT. Cooperative weather and undaunted, optimistic hard work gave the club 64% increase in participants (133 to 201), 61% increase in number of tables (124 to 201), and 66% in number of points (543 to 848) gained over 2016. We like these numbers.....

Sondra and Terrell Holt, tournament chairpersons, thank Sandra Marlin and Liz Wise for providing great hospitality with doughnuts, coffee, and hot tea both mornings followed by delicious hot dogs, chips and chocolate chip cookies for Saturday lunch and Subway sandwiches and cookies for Sunday brunch. They served our many players with a smile, encouraging seconds.

Also appreciated for physical challenges before and after the tournament, the load-out and tear-down team - Darryl Bennett, Chuck Dean, Marilyn Henson, Leon Pauley, Paul Moss Ed Costello and Tom Stanwick-Hays - moved the heavy tables, chairs, and other equipment from club to hotel to insure a comfortable and smooth running tournament hand-after-hand, round-after-round. Then it is tear down and reload everything and return to storage at the club. We are all a bit spoiled with energizing food, comfortable tournament environment, and returning to our uninterrupted Monday club schedule. Tournament players appreciated all of the planning and execution of chairpersons and their helpers.

Out-of-town players demonstrated their delight in Mother Nature’s warm cooperation by attending the Cabin Fever tournament and dominating the A and B sections on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Were they trying to make up for missing points and challenges of 2016 Cabin Fever?

Overall Winners:

- Strat A - Dennis Hesthaven, Louisville KY.
- Strat B - Jeanie James, Louisville KY.
- Strat C - Larry Watt, Lexington KY.
- 299’s - Morgan Schreffler, Cyrus Hettle, Blain Mullins, Lexington KY.

Knockouts

- Bracket #1- Dennis Hesthaven - Jeanne James - Ralph Letizia, Jr. - Randy Baron, Louisville KY.
- Bracket #2 - John Taylor, Burlington KY; Howard Simon, Florence KY; William Atteberry- Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH.
- Bracket #3 - Morgan Schreffler - Cyrus Hettle - R Blaine Mullins - Larry Watt, Lexington KY.

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A - Randy Baron - Ralph Letizia Jr, Louisville KY.
- B - Steve Vuotto, Richmond KY; William Adams, Jr., Lexington KY.
- C - Jo Patrice Aubrey, Georgetown KY; Sherry McCann, Lexington KY.

Friday Afternoon 299 Pairs

- D - Jerry Cheatham - Lisa Estes-Cheatham, Lexington KY.
- E - Barbara Slade, Lexington KY; Beverly Pyle, Richmond KY.
- F - Harriett Throgmorton - Louise Hilton, Louisville KY.

Friday Evening Open Pairs

- A - Dennis Hesthaven - Jeanne James, Louisville KY.
- B - Paul Moss, Millersburg KY; William Harris, Georgetown KY.
- C - Leon Pauley, Versailles KY; Michael Jones, Lexington KY.

Friday Evening 299ers

- D & E - Larry Watt - Anne Abney, Lexington KY.
- F - Beth Tanck - William Tanck, Lexington KY.

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A - Kenton Hayes Jr, Louisville KY; Jack Ambach Jr, Glasgow KY.
- B - Darryl Bennett - Kristi Karow, Lexington KY.
- C - Sandra Kestner - Tyra Hellard, Lexington KY.

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- D - Beverly Pyle, Richmond KY; Barbara Slade, Lexington KY.
- E & F - Judy Bratton, Batavia OH; Judith Painter, Cincinnati OH. Stephen Messinger, West Chester OH; Sandra Fielman, Loveland OH.

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

- A - Jack Ambach Jr, Glasgow KY; Kenton Hayes Jr, Louisville KY.
- B - Paul Moss, Millersburg KY; William Harris, Georgetown KY.

Saturday Evening 299ers Pairs

- D - David Melvin-William Davis, Lexington KY.
- E - Elsie Tipton, Richmond KY; Scott Reisinger, Danville KY.

Sunday Open Swiss Teams

- A & B - Matthew Just - Thomas Lepping - Christopher Overpeck, Louisville KY; Vangie Smith, Prospect KY.
- C - Charles Seelbach - Louis Seelbach, Lexington KY; Russell Whitney - John Deatley, Georgetown KY.

Sunday 299er Swiss Teams

- D, E, & F - Morgan Schreffler - R. Blaine Mullins - Cyrus Hettle - Larry Watt, Lexington KY.

Whether Winter Weather is
Sunshine or Snow,
We hope to see Everyone in 2018!!

New Life Master Jim Herchenroeder Enjoys All Competition—Both Coaching and Playing For All Ages!

I grew up in Kokomo, IN, eighth of ten kids. We played cards all the time and every game imaginable—rummy, euchre, canasta, hearts, spades, Oh heck, sevens, blitz, poker... In summer, we would pull out Hoyle's and learn new games. Sunday night was pinochle night and the game was double deck, five-handed, ask-for-a-card as played by my dad in the Navy. One Sunday—I couldn't have been twelve years old yet—Mom announced that we were going to play bridge. St. Patrick's Church had started a class and she and Dad needed practice. My brother Mike—second of ten—was the fourth. Like we all did when we learned, we had print outs of how to count our points and what it took to open one spade. Mom bought Goren's Bridge Complete, and I read it cover to cover. I was hooked on bridge.

I was fourteen years old when I played in my first duplicate game. Dad didn't want to play duplicate so Mom drafted me as her partner. We won our first time out—about 0.3 MP was all you got in those days, and we played for about a year before we moved on to other activities.

At Purdue University, I sought out its duplicate bridge club and became club president for all four years under the mentorship of Doris Hadley. I also studied for the director examination then, but never got around to taking the test. My regular partner was Deevi Pashaveeli, an Indian graduate student. His accent was very thick, and none of us could understand him except for his bids!

As often as I could—which was only a couple of times a month—Doris would drive me over to the Lafayette DBC where the serious players were. This group had some great players, but the only one I can remember was this dark haired lady named Meredith. Every time I went to her table, I learned a new way to get a bottom board. She was very, very good. Then one night, there was a big todo because a young man with bushy hair had come to play at the club—he wasn't more than five years older than me. Everyone was looking and whispering, and then finally somebody told me it was Eric Rodwell. He would have been fresh off one of his early NABC wins. Anyway, it turns out that Eric grew up in West Lafayette, was a Purdue graduate, AND his mother was Meredith Rodwell, the lady who taught me a lot although she never knew it. Eric has been my favorite professional since then, but I am sure that he has no memory of me at all!

I met my wife Laurie at Purdue in 1984, and we married in 1985 while I was attending graduate school at Iowa State. She has been my favorite partner in both bridge and life since then.

ISU didn't have a bridge club, but Laurie and I played three nights a week at the local clubs. I picked up those non-forcing strong two bids (ACOL style) we play from Betty, and I learned Precision and five card majors there as well,

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giving up Goren at last. There was one lady, Ruth, who I particularly admired. She was a life master and an excellent player, and always polite and congenial. I loved the two or three times I got to partner her. But what I remember most from her was tempo. She waited the exact same few seconds for every bid and every play of the card. There was never a huddle or a long pause just as there were never any quick bids or play either. You absolutely never knew if she had her bid or not or whether she held that troublesome queen. I try to remember to keep that even tempo every time I sit down at the table.

During the ISU days, Laurie and I played in our first Regionals. We won a Flight B pairs game in Des Moines (our first red points!) and qualified for the Red Ribbon Pairs which led us to our first National in Anaheim. That Des Moines tournament was also the first time I successfully executed a squeeze at the table in a tournament. Our contract was 6NT and we got a top. By the time we left ISU in 1998, I had all the red points I needed to become a life master (but alas, no golds... and they had just invented silver). Bridge is so much fun, and winning is even more fun.

We combined bridge and vacations—seeing the sights during the day and playing bridge at night. Or sometimes bridge in the day and going out at night.

Then we took a twenty-five year vacation from bridge to have careers and to raise three daughters, only starting to play again three years ago. Although I had a hundred masterpoint head start on Laurie, she became Life Master ahead of me. However, we won all of our golds together which is nice. Coming in second in March at the Flight C GNP in 2015 in Reno was a definite highlight!!

I like playing and teaching in competitive games, and I guess that is why I like bridge so much. For example, I also used to be a competitive chess player (made the top one hundred in Indiana), and I coached Anderson Highland High School to the Indiana state championship in 1996. I ran a girls' softball league for seven years after moving from Gaston, IN to Harrodsburg ten years ago. ☁



▲ (L - R) Sherry McCann, Laurie Herchenroeder, Lyn Thomson, and Gail Carpenter gather to congratulate Jim Herchenroeder for making Life Master (see bridge bio) ▲

▼ Kristie Karow, Saturday afternoon winner with partner Darryl Bennett, congratulates Larry Watt, overall winner of first place in Strat C and and on the team that placed first in Bracket #3 Knockouts ▼



▲ Beverly Pyle (L) and Barbara Slade (R) place 1st in E on Friday afternoon and D on Saturday afternoon ▲

► Louis and Charles Seelbach celebrated father's birthday while helping their team win the C Sunday Open Swiss - Older means Wiser ▼



▲ Lisa Estes-Cheatham and Jerry Cheatham placed in D section at Cabin Fever ▲



The Christmas Spirit shown in December fashion—
demonstrates that the members are "Gifts" to each other
all year long



Lexington 0-750 Regional

April 29 - 30, 2017

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April 29-30, 2017

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10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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10 a.m.

Stratified based on team's average masterpoints.
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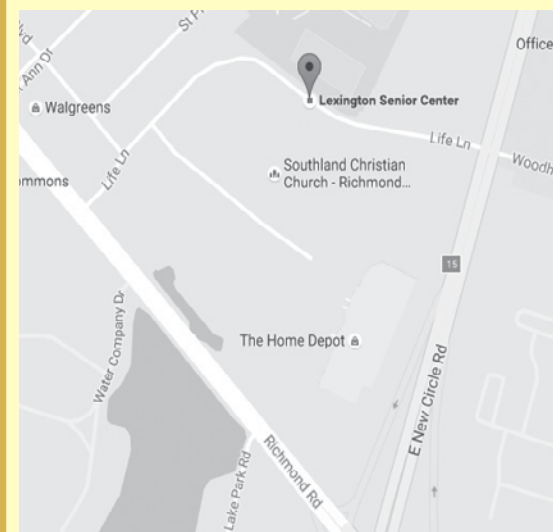
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May 12 - 14, 2017

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FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs (two sessions)	1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
299er Pairs*	1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Bracketed Knockouts**	9:00 a.m., 1:00, and 7:00 p.m.
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Stratified Open Pairs (two sessions)	1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
299er Pairs*	1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*As attendance warrants **May be handicapped

SUNDAY

Stratified Swiss Teams (two sessions)	10:00 a.m.
299er Swiss Teams* (two sessions)	10:00 a.m.

*All Swiss teams based on team average
Lunch between Sunday 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 per tournament)

Open Session Strats:	A 2500+	B 750-2500	C 0-750
299er Session Strats:	A 100-300	B 50-100	C 0-50

5 free games for top point winners in each strat: A, B, C, 299er
Complimentary lunch on Saturday. Free coffee daily.

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THE EVANSVILLE DUPLICATE Bridge Club ushered in the 2017 new year with a newly elected Board of Directors. At the first board meeting, President Patti Lodato and her fellow board members committed to continue the good work in the Club as well as introduce new and fresh ideas. This is evident in the work of Phyllis Kincaid, board member and chairperson of the Goodwill Committee, who has formed a pilot committee, the Celebration Committee. This committee promotes social interaction among EDBC members by hosting parties/celebrations throughout the year. Willie Alley chairs this committee and has designated various club members to host these celebrations. Players will gather for a pot luck luncheon and socialization prior to an afternoon of bridge. The first celebration will be on St. Patrick's Day followed by Memorial Day, a Summer Social, Halloween and Christmas.

In addition to these parties/celebrations throughout the year, Pat Andersen will continue to coordinate the Life Master parties. The year 2017 promises to be a full year of fun and good bridge at EDBC!

Also, introduced at the Club was the” Play and Learn” Workshop held on February 15. Jan Tucker, education chairperson, spearheaded this new endeavor. She recruited six experienced players who were willing to mentor a table of four players who each had less than five hundred points. The players bid and played a pre-dealt hand. Upon completion, the mentor discussed both the bidding and the play. This format was well received by the players as they were able to ask many pertinent questions and receive hands- on advice from very capable and seasoned players. More workshops are planned throughout the year. Volunteer mentors were Ray Andersen, Bob Freeburn, Pete Lambert, Marian Major, Jane Staton and Bobby Tapp.

► Mentor Ray Andersen and Four Interested Bridge Players ►

At the February Board meeting, the *Albion Fellows Bacon Center* was selected as the EDBC designated charity for 2017. The mission of this local non-profit organization is to prevent domestic and sexual violence and to empower victims through advocacy, education and support services. Their services are available twenty-four hours a day to victims of sexual or emotional abuse in eleven counties in southern Indiana. The Board expressed thanks to Andy Guagenti and his committee for their work in researching various charities to be considered.

Outstanding Games:

70% games at EDBC:

1/9	Phelps Lambert & Connie Gustafson	72.13%
1/23	Phelps Lambert & Bernard Kay	70.14%
1/26	Connie Gustafson & Peggy Dunkel	72.45%
1/30	Nancy Erwin & Janice Wheeler	71.25%
2/8	Bill Lea & Billie Brown	70.83%
2/8	Judy & Lee Hodoval	70.00%

70% games at Jasper Duplicate Bridge Club:

1/16	Michael Olinger & Jordan Alstadt	75.36%
1/23	Michael Olinger & Leroy Breimeier	74.48%
2/27	Mary Ann Seng & DanaThyen	73.61%
3/1	Mary Ann Seng & Kitty Recker	71.53%

2016 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Winners:

Division	Winner	Club
0-5	James Perkins	Evansville, IN
5-20	Karen Hardesty	Owensboro, KY
20-50	Kirk Ranta	Henderson, KY
50-100	Bobby Bastin, Sr.	Owensboro, KY
100-200	Donna Chapman	Hopkinsville, KY
200-300	Jane Kempin	Evansville, IN
300-500	Vicki Helms	Owensboro, KY
500-1000	Jeffrey Chapman	Hopkinsville, KY
1000-1500	Linda & Richard Edds	Owensboro, KY

Congratulations to all!



1500-2500	Billie Brown Evansville, IN
2500-3500	Bernard Kay Evansville, IN
3500-5000	John Fullenwider Owensboro, KY
7500-10,000	Phelps Lambert Henderson, KY

UPGRADED PLAYER STATUS:

New Junior Master: Kent Brasseale,
Barbara Darling, Charlye J. Griggs,
Debbie Meyer

New Club Master: Mary E. Barth-
Stearns, Phyllis Ward, Susan Wilke

New Regional Master: Janice Wheeler
New Advanced NABC Master: Melba
Patberg

New Life Master: Jane Perkins

HENDERSON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:

Phelps Lambert has been named one of the players on the 2016 Barry Crane Top 500 race. Phelps placed #440 with 527.41 points. Congratulations to Phelps for this distinguished honor.

Susan Hill is busy preparing for the annual May Derby party which will be held at EDBC. Susan is known for hosting Derby parties that feature great decorations, games and food. We look forward to seeing all the ladies in their “Derby hats”.

MADISONVILLE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:

Held new classes during the month of February. The lessons, “duplicate bridge basics” were taught by Jeffrey Chapman one hour prior to the club's regularly scheduled game. Its purpose was to expose party bridge players to the world of duplicate, allowing them to see that duplicate can be fun, also! There were approximately twenty people attending each week's lesson. Jeffrey concentrated on these topics during the four weeks:

Week 1 – Introduction to bridge and the difference between party and duplicate bridge.

Week 2 – Communication with

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partner through bidding sequences.

Week 3 – Discussion on overcalls and competitive bidding.

Week 4 – Discussion on defense, leading and signaling.

Many showed enthusiasm for the game and Jeff will continue to offer lessons as long as the interest remains. Richard Sarles, President of the Madisonville Club, allowed those attending to play free during the month of February. He also made sure there were plenty of free snacks and drinks available for all to enjoy. These efforts are an attempt to sustain and grow the membership of the Madisonville Club.

PROUD GRANDMOTHER!

It is certain there will be a lot of cheering at the EDBC for the Los Angeles Rams this coming football season. The loudest cheerleader will be EDBC member, Kay Fuchs. That’s because the newly hired head coach of the Rams, Sean McVay, is her handsome grandson.

Sean showed athletic ability at a young age, excelling as quarterback during his high school years at Marist High School in Brookhaven, GA. He attended Miami University (Ohio) and achieved much success and many awards for his accomplishments on the field.

His coaching career began with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as assistant wide receiver coach. In 2010, he was hired as the assistant tight-end coach for the Washington Red Skins, and in 2014 was promoted to offensive coordinator. Then he got THE CALL on January 12,2017! He was hired as head coach of the Los Angeles Rams. Upon his hiring at age thirty, he became the youngest head coach in modern NFL history. Kay could not be prouder!

All of us at the EDBC will be watching the L. A. Rams with special interest this coming season. We’ll be helping proud grandmother, Kay Fuchs, cheer her head-coach grandson to victory! Congratulations, to Sean and to Kay! Go, Rams, Go!

OWENSBORO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS
Submitted by Doris Mills

Board News:
At the first meeting of the Owensboro Duplicate Bridge Club in 2017 on Monday, January 2, the following officers were elected for a term of one year:

President:	Linda Edds
Vice President:	Mike Heflin
Secretary:	Julia Mesplay
Treasurer:	Jerry Holtzman
Member-at-Large:	Charlotte Moore.

President Linda Edds recommended, and the Board approved that regular board meetings will be held on the 4th Friday of each month at 3:30 at the Munday Center. The Board also approved the Schedule of Special Games including April and July STaC games.

Celebrations:
Prior to the regular 6:30 Monday night game on February 6, a party was hosted for Frances Lewis recognizing her attaining ACBL’s Ruby Life Master Achievement award.

▶ Family members with Lewis are Diane Fulcher, daughter; Frances Lewis, Mike Lewis, son; and Mary Wink, daughter. Ruby Life Master is awarded to bridge players who have won 1500 master points ▲

Other members have recently received ACBL awards in the following categories for either the Mini McKenny, the Ace of Clubs or both:

- 0 - 5
Lloyd Wehrung
- 5 - 20
Karen Hardesty
Charlotte Moore
David Edds
- 50 - 100
Bob Bastin, Sr.
Sherry Lambert
- 100 - 200
Vicki Helms
Charles McKelvey
- 500 - 1000
Doris Mills
Linda Edds
Richard Edds
Frances Lewis
- 2500 - 3500
Don Hayes
- 3500 - 5000
John Fullenwider
Carol Krehbiel

Sweetheart Swiss Tournament
The annual Sweetheart Swiss Tournament was held at the Owensboro Convention Center, February 11-12 with a record number of players attending with 31 tables on Saturday and 22 on Sunday. The spring like weather was a definite factor in the turnout as opposed to 2016’s winter storm.

First Place winners were:
Saturday - A: Jack Ambach, Jr., David Birnbaum, Rebecca Lowen, Art Lowen;
B: Jane Staton, Charles McKelvey, Jerry Holtzman, Rita Jo Holtzman;
C: Jerlene Peach, Bonnie Mount, Patricia Probst, Phyllis Kincaid.



Sunday - A: Richard Roiseman, Chris Panagopoulos, Dot Blue, Kevin Clark;
B: Gary Gentry, Elizabeth Becker, Stu Hoffherr, Chris Huus;
C: Tied - Nancy Wilson, Greta Shelton, Dot Cates, Yvonne Kuphal with Sherry Lambert, Marsha Hardesty, Karen Hardesty, Charlotte Moore

EasyBridge and Advanced Lessons
Under the direction of an ODBC Club Manager, Doris Mills, the 6th annual fifteen week EasyBridge program of lessons for beginners began January 9. Twenty-six players enrolled. In addition, weekly Monday afternoon presentations are being held from 4:00 - 5:30p.m. Practice games and workshops are also provided. Participating players are then invited to join the Monday night novice game and the Wednesday afternoon open game when they are ready.

For the second year, ODBC volunteer players, Linda & Richard Edds, also provide every other Saturday intermediate lessons January through April. Attendance at these sessions is limited to three tables of players who preregister. One of the highlight lessons recently was on how to maneuver and win in Swiss Team games.

Thanks to Phyllis Kincaid for proofreading. ☁

▼ Phelps Lambert sharing his bridge knowledge
at the mentoring session ▼



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Schedule (All times CDT)

Please note earlier start times on Saturday.

Friday

299er (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)	12:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	12:30 pm
299er (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)	6:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	6:30 pm

Saturday

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

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)
(0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)

Strata for all games determined by average master points of pairs or teams. Games with upper limit on points restricted to players who do not exceed that limit.

Fees

\$24/pair for pairs games
(\$20/pair for 0-20 players)
\$3 additional per session for unpaid or non-ACBL members

\$130/team for Swiss Teams
(\$110/team for 0-20 players)
Entry fee includes Holiday Inn buffet lunch.

\$3 more for unpaid or non-ACBL members.

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- Special reduced entry for 0-20 players
 - 0-5 players play two sessions for the price of one on Friday
- Dessert and coffee Friday evening
★ **Famous Homemade Cake Night!**
- Free pastry Sunday morning
- Swiss Team entry includes buffet lunch

Four Tutorials

Friday

12:00 noon
6:00 pm with Complimentary
Dessert and Coffee

Saturday

10:00 am
3:00 pm

Accommodations at Holiday Inn Airport

Special reduced room rate of \$99 + tax for reservations made by June 21. Call 1-800-HOLIDAY (812-867-7999) or reserve online at www.holidayinn.com/evansville-in and use the Group Code "EDB."

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