

THIRD QUARTER - 2017

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MONITOR DEADLINES

Fourth Quarter - 2017	September 15, 2017
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First Quarter - 2018	December 15, 2017
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Second Quarter - 2018	March 15, 2018
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Third Quarter - 2018	June 15, 2018
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Fourth Quarter - 2018	September 15, 2018
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MONITOR CALENDAR



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MONITOR CALENDAR



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TOURNAMENT TALES

Jerry & Denny Clerk

Can't Take a Joke

♠ 9 7
♥ J 6 5
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ Q 9 6 2

♠ A 8 4
♥ A Q 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ J 7 4

♠ 6
♥ T 8 4 3
♦ 8 7
♣ A K T 8 5 3

♠ K Q J T 5 3 2
♥ K 7
♦ Q T 5 3
♣

North	East	South	West
Everyone Vulnerable		1♠	Double
Pass	2♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

YOU OPEN ONE spade with the South hand and LHO doubles. Partner decides to pass rather than bid 1NT. RHO bids 2C! Now, opposite a passed partner, it looks likely they have game so you bid a tactical 3S to make life hard on them. Tactical or semi-preemptive as you don't expect partner to bid any more. LHO passes and your bid backfires as partner can't take a joke and now springs to life

and bids 4S. LHO leads a low spade trying to not give a trick away and who could blame him the way we bid?

Four Spades is an awful contract. We need to hold the Diamond losers to one and get the Ace of Hearts onside. After the takeout double, not likely. Nothing to do but win the Spade lead and continue the suit. LHO wins and RHO flags a big Club asking for that suit. LHO errs and shifts to the Jack of Clubs and a faint glimmer of hope appears. Do you see it?

I covered the J of Clubs with the Q and RHO plays the K, which must include the Ace of the suit, so I am certain the Ace of Hearts is offside. Moving quickly now, so they don't see what is coming, I ruff the Club King and pull the last trump, pitching a Club from dummy, and lead the Queen of Diamonds. LHO covers and we have some hope.

I win the Ace of Diamonds, ruff a Club back to hand and lead a low Diamond toward dummy. LHO bobbles a bit and then ducks. We are home.

I win the Diamond nine, ruff the last Club taking out LHO's last out card and now the third round of Diamonds end-plays LHO. He is down to all Hearts and has to let me score the King of Hearts!

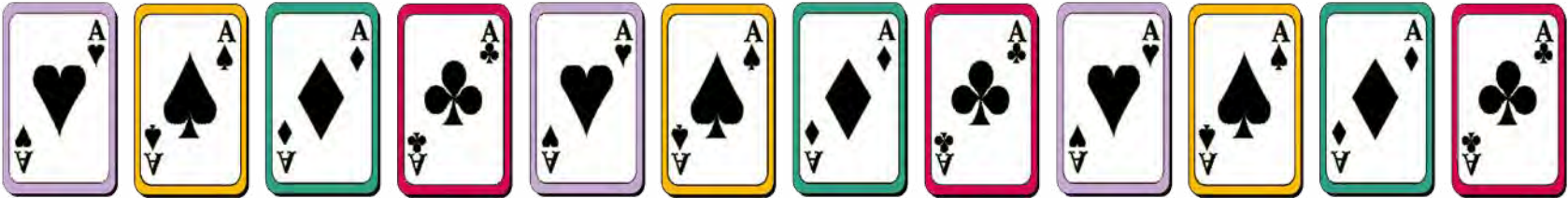
West, as they say in baseball, got caught looking. He failed to see the danger of ducking the Diamond Jack.

What should have saved him? The familiar refrain of, *COUNT DECLARER'S TRICKS!* He knew I had six Spades tricks. I was void in Clubs, so even if he rose with the Diamond Jack and dropped his partner's Ten, I still would have had only nine tricks. Rising was a sure beat of the contract. Try counting declarer's tricks on defense. You will be amazed how the smoke clears on hands. ♣

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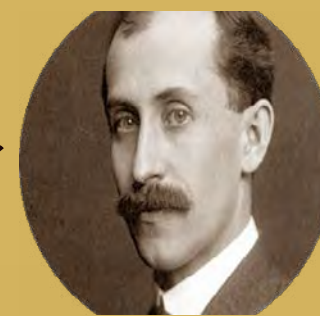
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Flying Buckeye Regional: "Ohio Pioneers of Aviation"

Sept. 5 - 10, 2017



	10:00AM	2:30PM	7:30PM
Tuesday Sept 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Armstrong Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions) • Judith Resnick Compact KO (Rnds 1-2) • Open Pairs AM Side Series • NLM Pairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith Resnick Compact KO (Rnds 3-4) • Open Pairs Aft Side Series • Single Session Swiss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "25 Astronauts" Evening KO (Round 1) • Open Pairs Evening Side Series
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
Thursday Sept 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunita Williams Gold Rush Swiss Teams and Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions) • Orville Wright KO (Round 3) • Open Pairs AM Side Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orville Wright KO (Round 4) • Open Pairs Aft Side Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "25 Astronauts" Evening KO (Round 3) • Open Pairs Evening Side Series • Single Session Swiss
Friday Sept 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donn Eisele Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions) • Wilbur Wright KO (Round 1) • Open Pairs AM Side Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilbur Wright KO (Round 2) • Open Pairs Aft Side Series • Single Session Swiss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "25 Astronauts" Evening KO (Round 4) • Open Pairs Evening Side Series • NLM Pairs
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 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swiss Teams in Red NLM Events in Blue Championship Events in BOLD

Stratifications

Open Pairs & Side Games (w/o Gold Rush): 750/2000/Open
Open Pairs & Swiss (with Gold Rush): 1500/3000/Open

Stratiflighted Swiss: B/C/D 300/750/1500
A/X 3000/Open

Gold Rush Pairs & Swiss: 100/300/750

All events stratified by average MPs
KO events may be handicapped
NLM Events and Single Session Swiss as Attendance Warrants

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Monday			
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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Strats (unless otherwise specified):

A=2,000+; B=750-2000; C=0-750

Pairs & Swiss Teams stratified by average
masterpoints but no one may exceed
the upper MP limit of the event

Top Bracket in all KO's may be handicapped.

299er SCHEDULE
Single Sessions
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 AM and 1:00 PM
Stratified at Director's Discretion

New Team Games Start Daily
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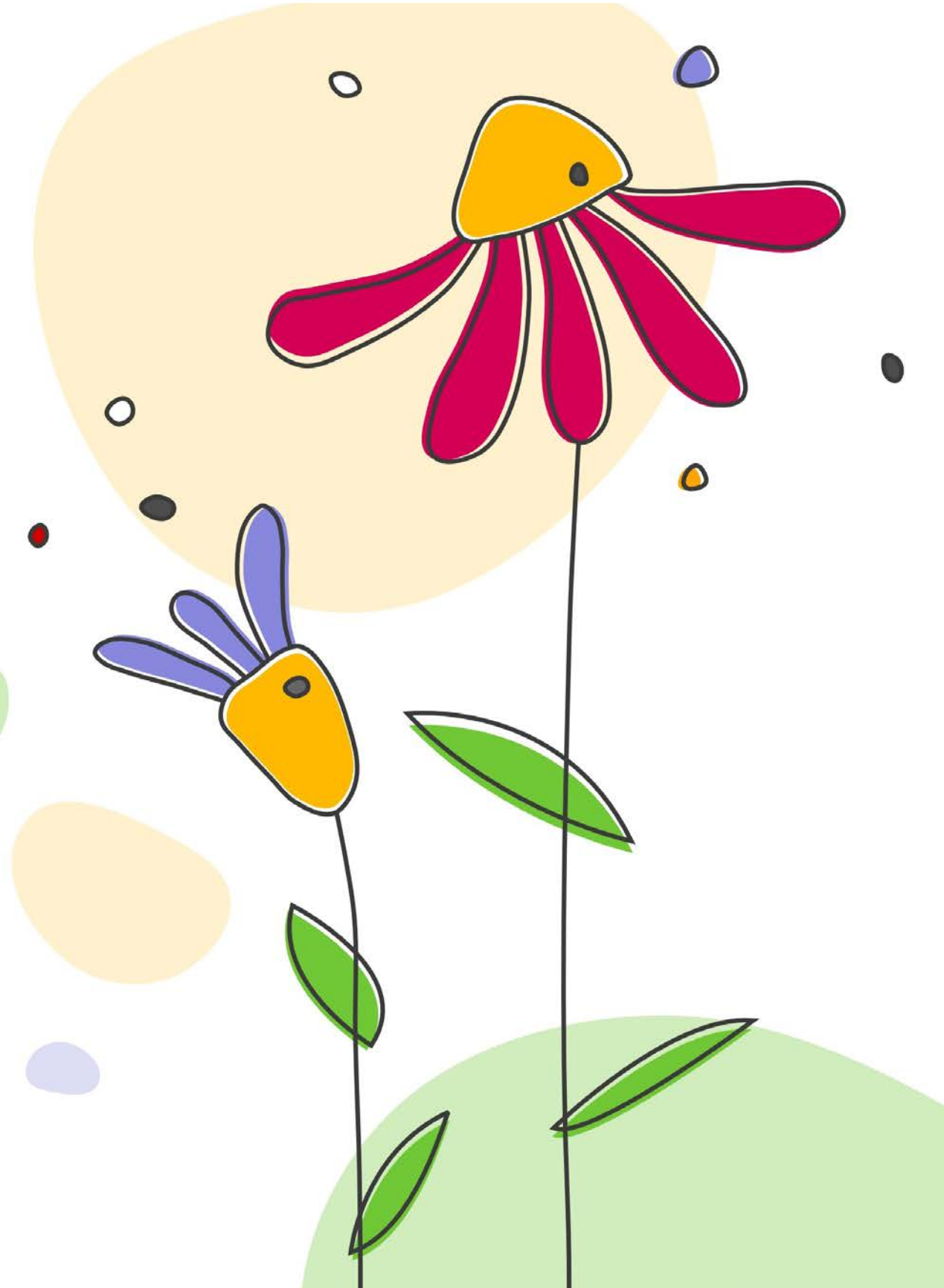
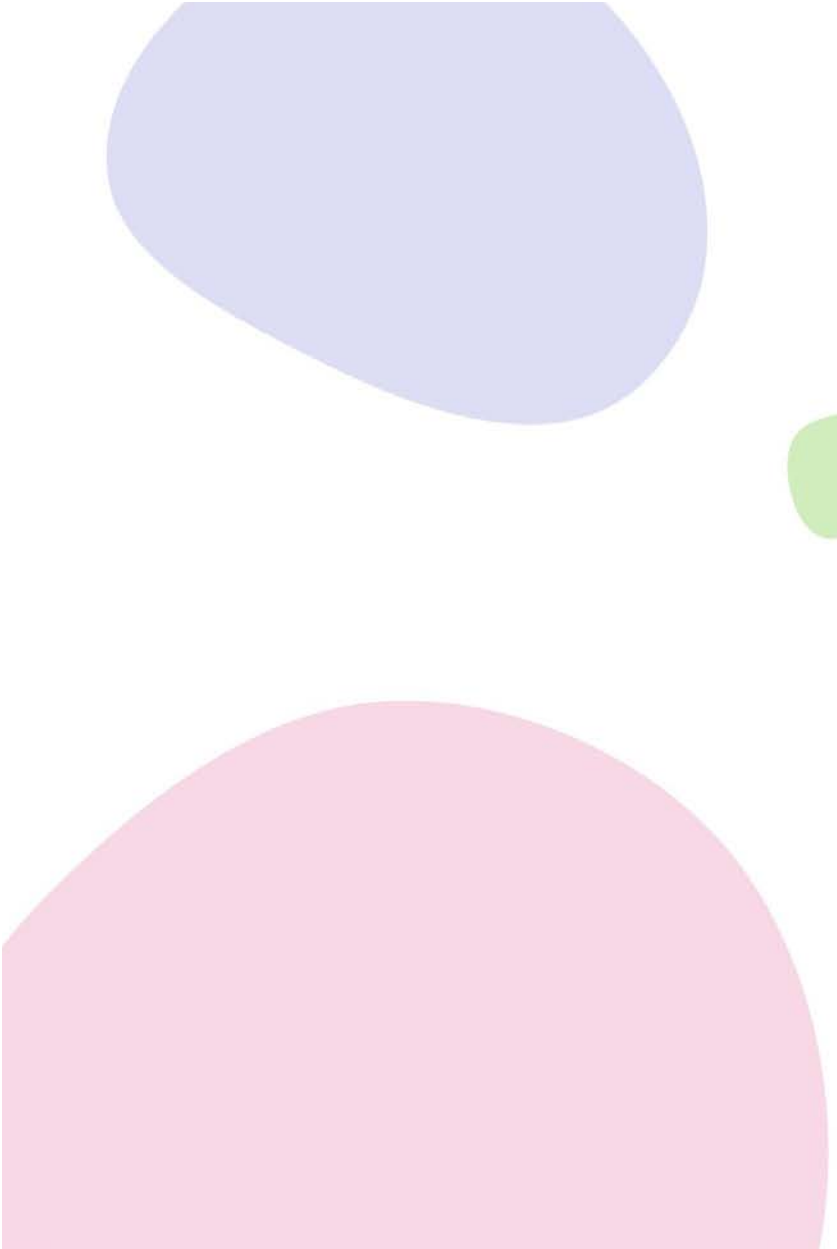
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August 19 - 20, 2017

Louisville
Swiss Sectional
October 14 - 15, 2017

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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

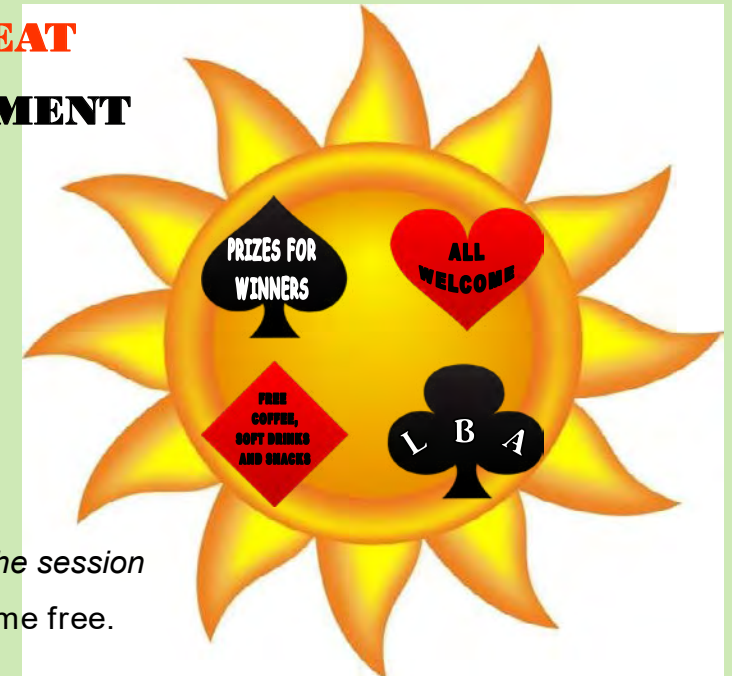
Education Session2:15pm

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

****+\$3 per game for non or unpaid ACBL members****



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October 14 - 15, 2017

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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

All events are stratified by average points of teammates.

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UNIT 122 CENTRAL OH BOB JOBU

AWARDS DINNER
Along with the Tony awards, Country Music Awards, and Met Grand Opening, we held our Award Dinner in April. We annually celebrate the accomplishments of our members, and pay special attention to new Life Masters. This year, we happily recognized these new Life Masters:

Joan Borger
Faith Fraser
Paul Grygier
Daniel Loveland
Margo Olson
Frank Paynter
Jo Anne Paynter
Philip Shafer
Fahn Tishkoff
Leslie Weichenthal
Douglas Whaley



▲ Left to right: Front row: Faith Fraser, Margo Olson, Jo Anne Paynter • Back row: Paul Grygier, Frank Paynter • Not pictured: Joan Borger, Daniel Loveland, Philip Shafer, Fahn Tishkoff, Leslie Weincenthal, Douglas Whaley ◀

Congratulations to all!!!!

We also recognized the people who have won the most total points at our sectionals during the past year.

For non-life master, the award (Davis trophy) went to Daniel Loveland.
For life master, the award (Obetz trophy) went to Gene Eikleberry.

COBA further honored seven members who made the Barry Crane Top 500:

Mary Gladfelter:	791 points
Michael Gladfelter:	791 points
Douglas Millsap:	773 points
Jim Bachelder:	750 points
Larry Jones:	734 points
George St. Pierre:	615 points
Suman Agarwal:	513 points

Ace of Club winners were:

Anne Redner, Joan Buffington, Ron Rybak, Bob Davis, Jo Anne Paynter, Frank Paynter, Faith Fraser, Jane Witherspoon, Martin Seltzer, Sam Hinkle, Gary Shade, Joyce Penn, Cheryl Schneider, George St. Pierre, and Jim Bachelder.

Mini-McKenney Winners were:

Tom Bishel, Joan Buffington, Ron Rybak, Bob Davis, Jo Anne Paynter, Daniel Loveland, Eva Allen, Alex Khrakovsky, Kim Music, Mike and Mary Gladfelter, Doug Millsap, Larry Jones, Cheryl Schneider, George St. Pierre, and Jim Bachelder.

Huzzah and hurray to all our winners. and we thank Jim Bachelder for being the master of ceremonies and for putting together the program and award lists.

March Sectional

At our last Sectional, held March 24-26, we had an unusual and pleasant outcome:



In the Sunday Swiss competition, the entire Bishel family teamed up to win their bracket. The team was composed of John, Stephen, Tom, Sue, and James.

And a few months later at the Cincinnati Regional in June, Sue, James, Tom, and Stephen Bishel teamed up to win their section of the Sunday Swiss.

Congratulations to the Bishel family!

More Family Kudos

Linda Biery and her son, Karl (age thirteen) and daughter, Julia (age fifteen) have started showing up at the Columbus Bridge Center. They are learning the game. They often split up, and Doug Millsap (an experienced bridge maven) is mentoring Karl and Julia.

I recently played against Doug and Julia. My partner opened one heart, Julia bid next, two diamonds. I had an eighteen-point hand and six spades, and said to myself, "What is she doing?" So, I bid two spades, and I eventually drove the contract to six spades. When the dummy came down, it had a grand total of ten points and one spade. Not quite what I expected. After the bloodletting was over, Doug said to me, "From now on, who are going to believe? Your partner, or Julia?"

And...

Margaret Galbreath recently celebrated her one-hundredth birthday. Sharp as a razor, up-and- about, and playing a mean game.

◀ Ingrid Biery (mom), Karl, 13, Doug Millsap, mentor, and Julia, 15.

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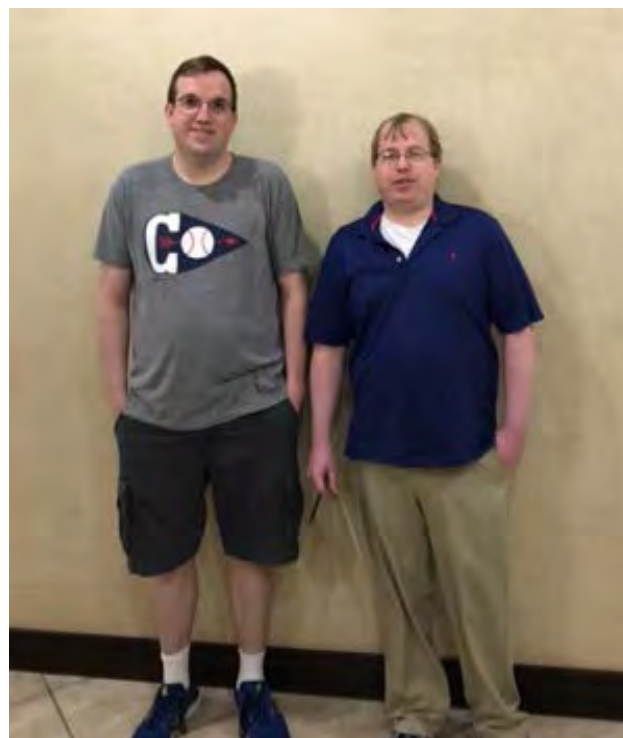
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COBA ELECTIONS

COBA will have three board members whose term will expire this year. We are therefore holding an election of new board members at our upcoming Sectional tournament, July 7-9. The details of the election are being worked out, and the slate of candidates has yet to be finalized. When you attend, please be sure to vote.



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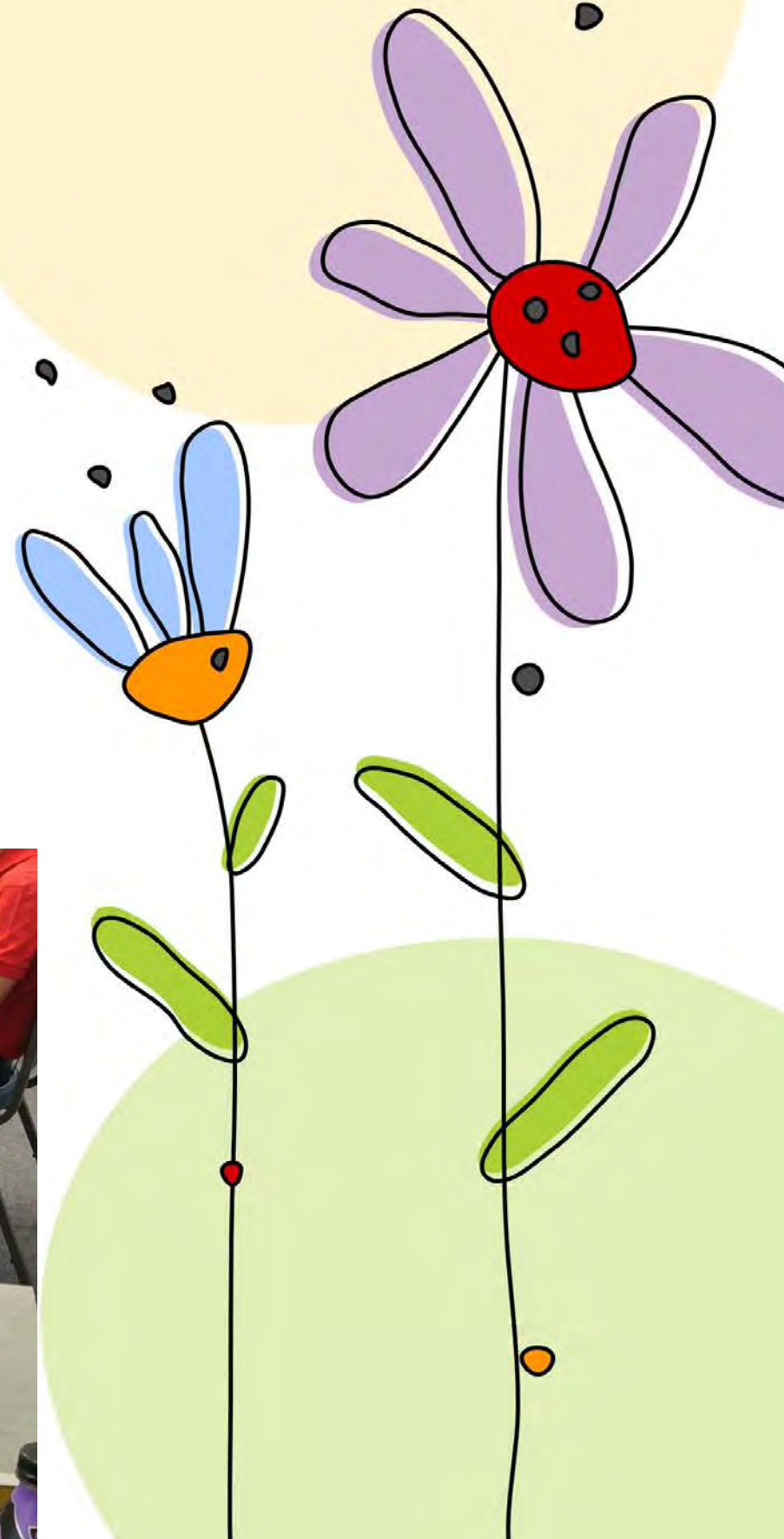
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Family



Margaret Galbreath, at her 100th birthday celebration at the Columbus Bridge Center. Playing with Jim Bachelder, she had 59% game and was fourth overall with twenty-two tables.

Oh, what a gal!



Central Ohio Sectional *October 20 - 22, 2017*

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Friday, October 20

9:00 AM

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Earn Silver points and learn from experts in a relaxed, friendly environment. Play fewer boards followed by hand analysis and discussion (hand record and analysis and lunch included). A Life Master with fewer than 750 points may play if paired with a non-Life-Master. **Participants will receive a \$10 voucher for the Sunday Swiss game.**

1:30 PM

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

7:00 PM

ACBL GRASS ROOTS CHARITY GAMES

40% MORE SILVER POINTS – NO EXTRA CHARGE

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

Saturday, October 21

10:00 AM

&

3:00 PM

(single sessions)

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

Sunday, October 22

10:30 AM

Bracketed Swiss Teams
Play through; lunch may be purchased on site
Teams divided into brackets of eight

General Information

Stratification for all games is based on average masterpoints

*No player above 1500 / **No player above 299 masterpoints

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UNIT 124 Tom Mess CINCINNATI

RESULTS OF THE Flying Pig Regional or The Case of the Missing Trailer
It was about 2½ weeks before the Regional. The Cincinnati Bridge Association had purchased a trailer several years ago to store bridge equipment for its Regional. It was stored at the Cincinnati Bridge Center with a padlocked chain. In mid-May, the President of the Cincinnati Bridge Association, John Meinking, asked a simple question. Did someone already move the trailer with our bridge equipment to prepare for the Regional? Short answer: Someone did move the trailer, but not in preparation for the Regional!



MISSING

Have you seen me?
If found, call 513-563-2218

We contacted the local police, who are reviewing traffic cams to see if there is a picture of the missing trailer leaving nearby intersections. In the meantime, we had 2½ weeks to find material for running our regional.

The good fellowship among District 11 units came to the rescue. Units 117 (Louisville) generously offered the use of their equipment. A huge thank you to the heroes of Units 117 who lent us their helping hands to make our Regional successful.

Aside from the stolen trailer, we have good news to report about the Flying Pig Regional:

1. The ProAm event on the opening day had a record number of seventy-five pairs of “Pros” and “Amateurs” playing together to encourage the development of better bridge players. Norm Coombs and Richard Freiberg (strata A) were the Flying Pig Pro-Am Champs with a 64.25% game, followed closely by Helen Ogle and Stephen Vogel (strata B) at 62.46% and Philomena Dillhoff and Stephen Messinger (strata C) with 61.95%



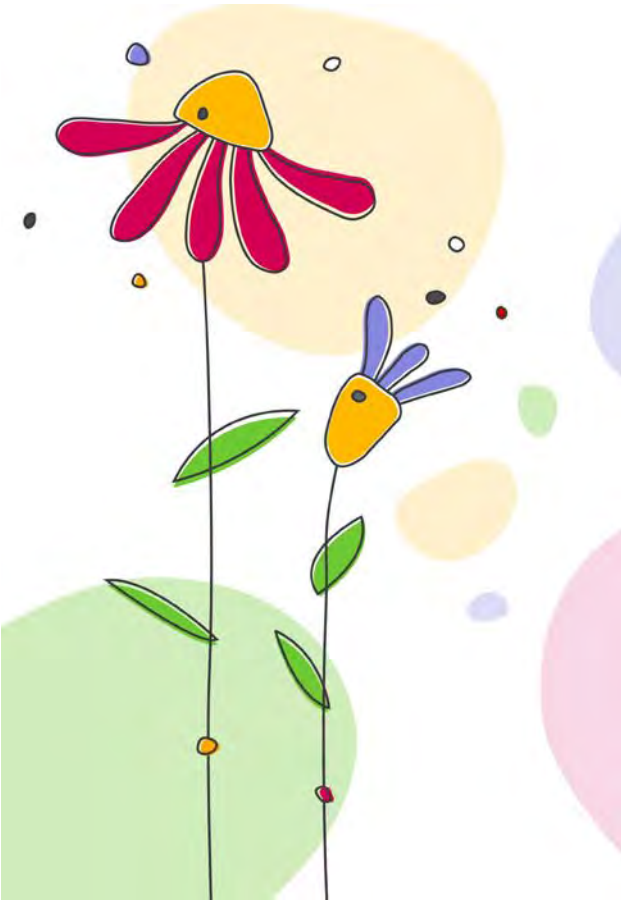
2. We had over 6,855 masterpoints awarded to 815 players.
3. We had 1191 tables – an increase of 59 tables (or +5.2%) over last year.
Here are the top fifteen winners of masterpoints at the Flying Pig:

Mike Cappelletti, Delray Beach FL	116.65
Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA	116.65
Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL	113.50
Ron Smith, Chicago IL	112.50
Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	106.98
Chris Compton, Dallas TX	97.54
Frederic Pollack, Laval QC	95.40
Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	72.42
William Higgins, Cincinnati OH	72.42
Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH	71.90
Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH	67.29
Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH	60.85

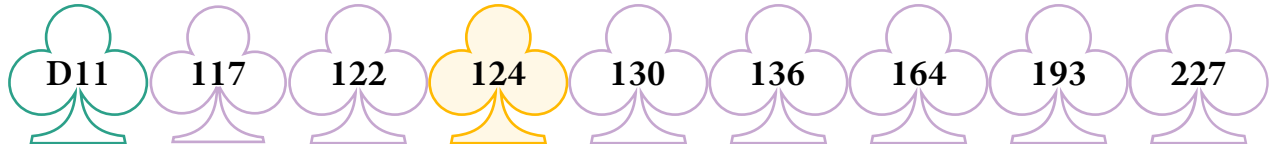
Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	60.85
Eddie Wold, Houston TX	60.10
David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	59.01

The top winners were from six different U.S. states and two Canadian provinces.

We had great directors, caddies, and a new venue that added to the fun in Cincinnati.



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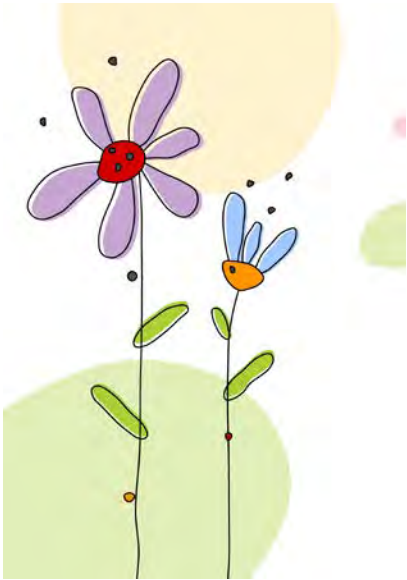
The 2018 Flying Pig Regional will be held June 11-18 at the Sharonville Ramada Plaza.

In 2018, we will have our own Regional supplies again, including our clear signage for the partnership and prizes desks (assuming no nefarious thieves), the Ramada Plaza will have remodeled rooms, and Cincinnati will continue to offer excellent restaurant choices and thousands of hotel rooms within ten minutes of the Ramada Plaza.

Milestones

We have several Unit 124 members reaching new milestones in the 2nd quarter of 2017

- Sapphire Life Master – Cliff Pleatman
- Gold Life Master – Terry Mays
- Ruby Life Master – Herb Behr
- Silver Life Master – Albert Beaupre
- Bronze Life Master – Pam Campbell, John Wolfe



And, of course, we have an outstanding Flying Pig Regional Volunteer Team headed by A. J. Stephani.



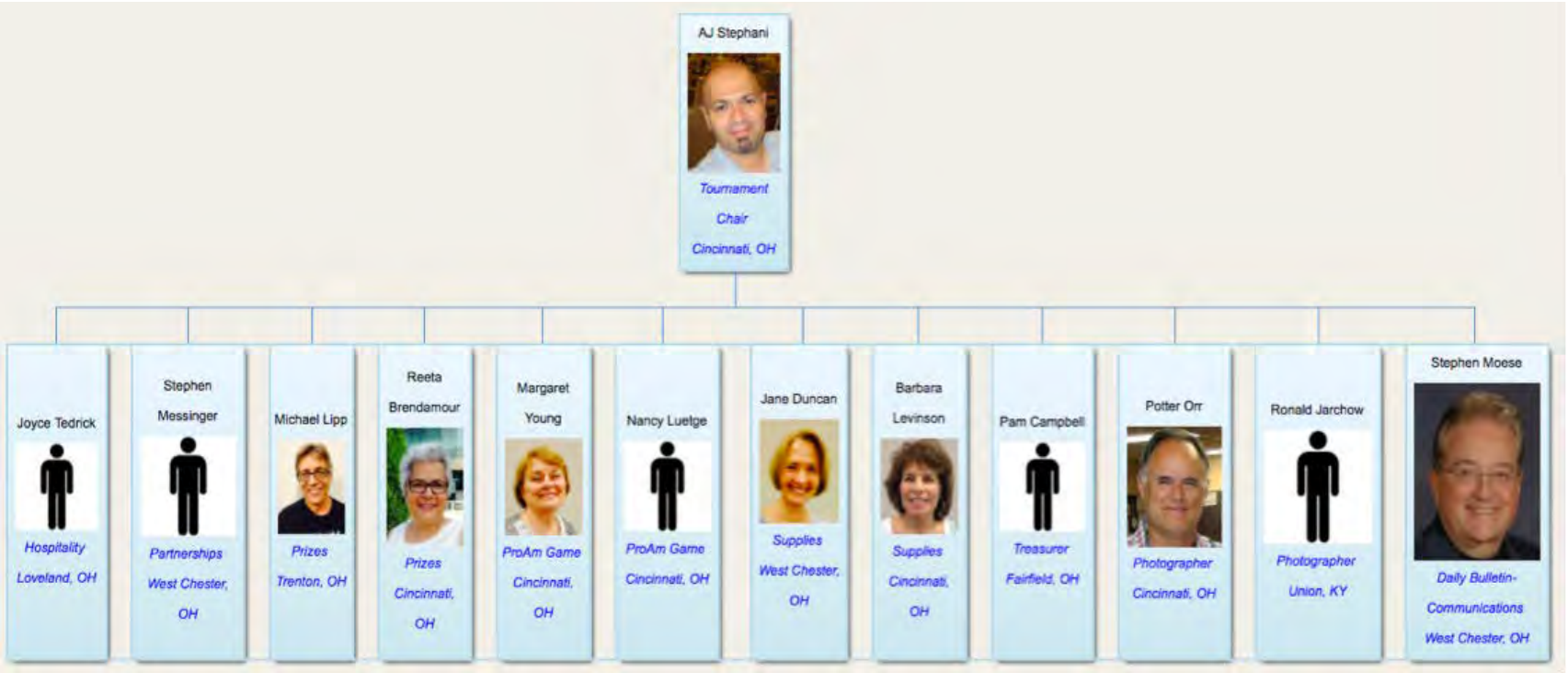
The Future of Bridge

After completing the Flying Pig Regional, A. J. Stephani provided a chart showing table count at District 11 and other nearby Regionals for the past 10.5 years. This is a sobering chart. Except for Crystal Lake, St. Louis, and Cincinnati, all Regionals are down versus the table count in 2007 versus the most recent Regional.

Gatlinburg had 10,544 tables in 2007 versus 7,936 in 2017. Before claiming that the reduced Gatlinburg table count was attributable to the disastrous November 2016 Smoky Mountains/Gatlinburg fire, look at the table count in 2016. It was 326 tables fewer than 2015.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cleveland (winter)	945	921	895	978	753	867	844	807	733	687	719
Indianapolis	772	815	729*	873	845	747	717	773	782	939	807
Evansville			433*								
Gatlinburg	10544	10345	9712	10064	8918	9114	9261	8776	8649	8323	7936
Lake Geneva (spring)	1415	1305	1155	1173	1062	989	1023	943	880	754	545
Detroit (spring)	876	730	915	963	912	905	907	901	777	836	805
Champaign	864	751	811	858	732	833	821	780	612	608	599
Cleveland (spring)	1183	1028	1129	1125	1142	1120	943	1020	932	902	913
Cincinnati	1171	1222	1068	1183	912	1095	1176	1206	1144	1132	1191
Toledo		494		514		688		476		450	
Crystal Lake	883*	1054*	1173*	1158*	1166*	1128*	1097*	1109	943	1000	
Various†	758*	650*	859*	802*	593*	443*	369*		430*	403*	
Chicago	1132	1097	1097	972	1053	865	1004	1182**			
Dayton/Columbus	1149	1043	1092	1047	1084	944*	843	806	739	730	
Evansville						432*			531*		
St. Louis	1350	1427	1563	1501	1450	1610	1399	1331	1378	1365	
Pittsburgh	1216	1154	1094	1084	1001	1105	963	941	902	973	
Fort Wayne	999	1052	1038	848	823	926	755	836	657	785	
Detroit (fall)	913	894	913	873	776	845	843	885	778	845	
Lake Geneva (fall)	1638	1395	1352	1298	1203	1103	1124	958	838	734	
Louisville/Lexington	1349	1225	1378	1290	1149	1315	1247	1252	1174	1087	

† Rockford/Paducah/Metropolis/Effingham
*split
** Moved to Northbrook in 2014



What are our choices? First, let’s recall what is the ACBL’s mission:

The mission of the ACBL is to promote, grow and sustain the game of bridge and serve the bridge-related interests of our members.

What is the focus of Nationals, Regionals, Sectional, and most Club games? It is duplicate bridge. If we were to take a survey of many duplicate bridge players about how they started playing bridge, I think the most likely answers are:

- 1) I learned from my parents (or other relatives);
- 2) I started playing bridge at school;
- 3) There was a neighborhood party bridge game; or
- 4) My local church, synagogue, or mosque had a bridge night

My point is that it is more typical for bridge players to become interested in duplicate bridge rather than for players to start out as duplicate players.

If this premise is correct, then necessarily we need to think more about how to get more people playing bridge, not just duplicate bridge. How many of us know someone who likes playing cards, but does not enjoy the competitive nature of duplicate bridge? Some card players simply enjoy playing cards and are willing to have the luck of the draw determine how well they do. If the mission of the ACBL is to promote, grow, and sustain the game of bridge, then what ideas do we have about growing the game at the base level?

Inevitably, when you have a larger base of individuals playing bridge, there will be those interested in learning more about the game and how to play it better, allowing the luck of the draw and the skill of the player to determine outcome.

Is there hope for the future of bridge? Absolutely—bridge is too challenging of a game for it to fade away.

I was inspired by both an article by Rob Weidenfeld in the Cincinnati Bridge Association April 2017 ALERT, a quarterly newsletter and the 3rd Season of Fargo on FX.

Here is Rob’s article:

BRIDGE MAXIMS
DONT WORK
AT THE PONDEROSA
By Rob Weidenfeld



There was a time when you would have to say to a younger person that a certain TV program was before your time. No longer. With a thousand channels at everyone’s disposal and all the recycled TV shows, everyone will know that the Ponderosa was the locale of Bonanza, the most popular TV show of its time. It featured the wise father Ben, the elder intellectual son Adam, the gargantuan Hoss, and the somewhat wild youngest son Little Joe. Adam had spent much time trying to acculturate his seemingly hopeless brethren. He tried reading them poetry, playing ballads on his guitar, and as a last resort, bridge. He was lecturing them one evening on why bridge maxims were so important. “In order to achieve a degree of competence in this game,” he said with the wisdom of the eldest, “you must apply knowledge that has a time-proven value. Such notions as “eight ever, nine never”, “when in doubt, draw trump”, and “second hand low” are there for a reason. They have been learned after years of practice and should never be ignored,” he continued sounding a bit this side of pompous.

Little Joe, who preferred a game with a little more action, agreed to play but could not abide with this concept. “There are too many rules in this game,” he blurted out. “ When everybody plays by the rules, it takes all the fun out of it,” he said. “The fun is in winning, Little Joe, but let’s try a few hands and see if I can make the point,” Adam countered. There was no need to wait. The very first hand proved instructional.

Adam picked up this hand:

Playing a system remarkably similar to what might be popular today here was the auction:

Adam
♠ AKQJ107
♥ KJ
♦ AK2
♣ K8

Adam	Little Joe	Ben	Hoss
2♣	P	2♥ ¹	P
3♠ ²	P	4♣ ³	P
4♦ ³	P	4♥ ³	P
7♠ ⁴	ALL PASS		

1= Positive
2= Solid Suit AKQ10xx/
AKQxxxx
3= Control bid
4= Adam could count 12 tricks.

If Ben had any queen seven was laydown. If he had length in any side suit, seven had to have a good play. Little Joe led the ♦Q and this is what Adam saw:

Contract 7♠
Lead: ♦Q

Ben
♠ 63
♥ A9842
♦ 764
♣ A62

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Adam
♠ AKQJ107
♥ KJ
♦ AK2
♣ K8

Adam surveyed the dummy and was not displeased. No extra honors, but ♥ length which would allow a ♦ discard if ♥ were 3-3 or if Little Joe had a doubleton ten or queen. Pretty straightforward he assessed.

He won the lead in hand, rapidly led three rounds of trumps while Little Joe discarded a small ♠, and then played the ♥K and then ♥J. Joe followed small to the first but played the ♥10 under the ♥J. “That’s all I need gentleman,” Adam declared confidently as he won the ♥A in dummy. Knowing that Joe could not

have the ♥queen-ten and not cover, he played the ♥9. If Hoss played the ♥Q he would ruff and get back to dummy with the ♠A and pitch a losing ♦ on the good ♥. When Hoss followed small he pitched his losing ♦ and claimed making seven. His Cheshire grin quickly dissipated when Joe produced the ♥Q and said, “Down One.” “I can’t believe that you didn’t cover the ♥J when you were only left with the ♥QT,” bemoaned Adam finding this loss to his clearly inferior brother hard to swallow.

Here was the full hand:

Contract 7♠
Lead: ♦Q

Ben
♠ 63
♥ A9842
♦ 764
♣ A62

Little Joe
♠ 52
♥ Q105
♦ QJ10
♣ Q10543

N
W E
S

Hoss
♠ 984
♥ 763
♦ 9853
♣ J97

Adam
♠ AKQJ107
♥ KJ
♦ AK2
♣ K8

“You forgot to mention one of the maxims, big brother,” said Little Joe with the Cheshire grin that he had just stolen from Adam. “Always cover an honor with an honor is one of the silliest ideas you ever tried to teach me,” he declared triumphantly. And bridge was never again the same at the Ponderosa.

Fargo on FX
A recent “Fresh Air” NPR broadcast featured “ Fargo.” This FX series, based on the 1996 film by Joel and Ethan Coen, is now in its third season. The first season was nominated for 18 Emmy Awards. The Fresh Air guest was the series creator, Noah Hawley.

The 1st episode of Season Three is entitled “The Law of Vacant Places” and features a regional bridge tournament. Ray Stussy (Ewan

McGregor) is a parole officer dating a recent parolee, the alluring Nikki Swango (Mary Elizabeth Winstead). She is a competitive bridge player and urges him to join her in a regional tournament as a way to earn some quick cash. For research, the actors attended a bridge tournament in Calgary, Alberta, and actual players were used as extras in the bridge-playing scenes. “It’s the first time in history bridge has looked sexy,” McGregor jokes. “Noah Hawley has achieved the unachievable.”

Here were comments by Noah Hawley on the game of bridge:

But the more I looked at the game of Bridge, the more fascinating it became because it really is a hugely complicated game that touches on elements of quantum mechanics. And there are 58 octillion possible deals and all of these very—you know, that she refers to the Murray Appelbaum discovery play. The language of Bridge is really fascinating and fun as well. And I wanted the sense that Nikki, that Mary Winstead’s character, is really the brains of the operation and that she’s a strategist. And Bridge is a huge game for strategy.

(As a footnote, Noah Hawley did not look at bridge closely enough. The number of hands is 53.6 octillion—more precisely, 53,644,737,765,488,792,839, 237,440,000. See Bridge Odds for Practical Players by Hugh Kelsey and Michael Glauret.)

Why am I encouraged by Bonanza and Fargo?

When bridge is part of popular culture, it generates interest. When a favorite TV series and a well-received mini-series both have serious bridge hands or games, there will be people who will begin to express interest in learning bridge. Our challenge is whether we will have the creative ideas, volunteers, and strategy to engage these wannabe bridge players. ☁

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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Cincinnati NLM Sectional

September 29 - 30, 2017

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September 29-30, 2017



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Friday, September 29

10:00 AM NLM Single Session Pairs*

(Brown bag lunch and hand record review with
experts between sessions)

3:00 PM NLM Single Session Pairs*
0-50 Single Session Pairs

Saturday, September 30

10:00 AM NLM Single Session Pairs*
0-50 Single Session Pairs

(Brown bag lunch and hand record review with
experts between sessions)

3:00 PM NLM Single Session Pairs*

* Stratifications: 100/300/NLM <500



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Cincinnati Sectional

October 26 - 28, 2017

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CINCINNATI SPOOKTACULAR SECTIONAL

October 26-28, 2017



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**Thursday-Saturday
Schedule!**

Stratifications
0-750/750-2000/2000+
All Events Use Average MPs

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Zombie Apocalypse Open Pairs...10:00AM and 2:30PM*
Zombie Apocalypse NLM Pairs...10:00AM and 2:30PM*
Eight is Eerily Enough Swiss7:00PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

Witches' Brew Open Pairs10:00AM and 2:30PM
Witches' Brew NLM Pairs10:00AM and 2:30PM

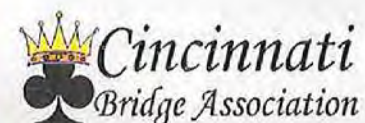
SATURDAY, OCT. 28

Spooktacular Open Pairs.10:00AM and 2:30PM*
Spooktacular NLM Pairs10:00AM and 2:30PM*

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UNIT 130 CENTRAL IN

THE CIBA SPRING Sectional was well attended and CIBA members captured eight of the top ten point slots. Congratulations to John Hinton, Bob Lyon, Don Florida, Annette Clark, Randy Helmink, Noel Helmink, Max Arora and Jerry Premo on being part of the “Indy top ten.” The winners of the Cyndy Cradick Swiss were John Hinton, Bob Lyon, Craig Satersmoen, and Sheng-Hung Wang. Their names will be added to the event plaque.

Quickly after the sectional, CIBA volunteers led by Mona Loft, Liz Brown and Wanda Cole, put their plan in place for the 2017 Youth Camp. The three-day camp was held at the Indianapolis Bridge Center, and welcomed sixteen future life masters, 18 and under. Graduates of this year’s camp are: Andrew Miller, Nate Miller, Elaina Fletcher, Ellie Nolte, Reyna Stark, Sammy Stark, Owen Cole, Eli Fox, Cole Lanishan, Margaret Riddell, Eli Backus, RJ Lyon, Brady Lyon, Kevin Jones, Ellie Salmon, and Jack Salmon. Congratulations to all. May you have many master points in your futures.

CIBA still has several events from now until the end of 2017. We will sponsor our second 299er Sectional from August 26 through 27, to be held at the Indianapolis Bridge Center. Chairs, Jan Vernia and Suzi Pratt send a shout out to all of you 299ers who are trying to build your cache of silver points. Make your plans now.

From September 22-24, be sure to attend the Banks of the Wabash Sectional in Terre Haute. The final major tournament of the year will be the Indianapolis Fall Sectional which will occur November 17-19 at the Northside Knights of Columbus. Lots of silver points available from now through year’s end. See you at the table!

Indianapolis Bridge Center

The IBC has added three new directors to its staff. We welcome Jeff Bridges, Yolanda Wallace, and Kathy Garity.

We are celebrating outstanding achievements by two of our players: Don Florida has achieved the rank of Emerald Life Master (7,500 points) and his party is scheduled for July 15th; and Jerry Premo has reached the level of Platinum Life Master (10,000 points). The date for Jerry’s party has not been set yet.

Sharon Austin, our club manager, would like to express her thanks for the many donations to the Longest Day Alzheimer’s Event in memory of the passing of her late husband Bill. Donations are currently approaching \$7,000.00.

The IBC is mourning the loss of one of our long-time and well-liked

players and bridge teachers. Ken Gilliland suddenly and unexpectedly passed away June 9th. A memorial service will be announced at a future time.

Muncie/Richmond Bridge Clubs—Ella Reff reporting

Mr. Bob Delaney has the honor of being the sole player in the Richmond and Muncie clubs to have the rank of Diamond Life Master. He has played at tables from coast to coast, Los Angeles to Baltimore, as well as in London and Spain. The highlight of his journey was winning seventy-two gold points in two events in Reno. Another pleasant memory for him was getting sixty-nine gold in two events in Ft. Wayne. When asked what was most important, whether bidding, making overtricks, or play of the hand, he replied, “Count the cards and watch the spots.”

His favorite system is precision with 2/1 principles. He began playing this fascinating game in 1982 and learned from men with surnames of Locke, Mc Feeley, and Sexton. He would read regularly the wisdom imparted by Bernie Chazen in the monthly publication called *Bridge Sense*.

In July, Bob will again host the Kathy Delaney Memorial Game at his home in Richmond, where over fifty guests will enjoy lunch and a challenging game.

Two Muncie club members advanced in the ranks. Robin Baugh is now a Club Master, and Tim Lacey is now a Regional Master.

Congrats to Charles McPeck for becoming a Silver Life Master and to Beth Sendre and Shari Smith for the new rank of Sectional Master.

We are saddened to report the passing of Rodney Ford of New Castle.

Terre Haute Bridge Club

The Spring season brought with it lots of parties at the Terre Haute club. On Monday, April 24 the date the club celebrated Connie Shattuck’s attainment of the rank of Life Master. Hugs abounded on May 3 when the club held an Au Revoir Pizza Party for Marge Kintz who is moving to Texas.

Later in May, the club hosted a party that celebrated Jane Ann Gormong achieving the rank of Sapphire Life Master.

The June issue of the *Bridge Bulletin* brought reminders of club members’ Spring successes. “Life Master Milestones” recognized Mary Lunsford’s advance to the rank of Silver Life Master. The “Big Game” listings applauded club members Michael Miedema and Laura Bright for their 78.13% game.

In January 2016, the Terre Haute Bridge Club moved its base of operations to a new venue in Suite 21 of the Ken Bell Plaza located at 1400 E. Pugh Street, Terre Haute 47802. Improvements at the new site continue thanks to

the generosity of club members. This quarter, Joanna Hebermehl donated four beautiful framed works of art to brighten the club walls. To enhance the practical side of club life, she also donated a new garbage disposal. Thanks to Joanna for your generosity and creative thinking!

Woodstock Club Duplicate Bridge

This spring Woodstock Duplicate Bridge Club welcomed its snowbirds back, including several players who spent the spring reaching new milestones. Helen Newmark became a silver life master in Florida; Caryl Shideler became a life master, earning her final piece of gold in the Tucson Regional Tournament, playing with Penni Brodey; and Delora Burkhart completed her points for bronze/life master during a cruise. WDBC also wants to congratulate Cindy Faris, Jan Tindall, Barbara Porter, and Barbara Arlington for becoming Life Masters in 2017.

On May 30th, following the afternoon game, players of WCDB celebrated Caryl’s achievement with toasts and good wishes. We also applauded Barbara Solomon and Nancy Fields who smiled happily after their seventy-four percent game.

Players at WCDB have also benefitted from taking lessons to learn about bidding, defending, or playing a hand from club director and ACBL teacher, Marsha Sandersen. In the morning before each game, Marsha provides a one-hour class: the first half hour for discussion of selected topics such as making the “killer lead,” defending against no trump, or responding to a weak two. The second half hour Marsha provides quizzes and set hands to reinforce what she has taught. Those who participate agree that Marsha’s thoughtful lessons have sharpened their game and increased their enjoyment of duplicate bridge. ♡



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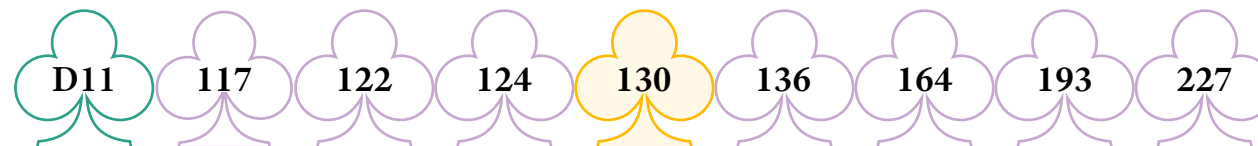
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◀ The Terre Haute Club helped Jane Gormong celebrate attaining the rank of Sapphire Life Master ▶



◀ The Terre Haute Club celebrated its newest Life Master, Connie Shattuck, at a party on April 24 ▶



◀ Long time club member Sharon Strassler (right) delivers one of the many hugs received by Marge Kintz at Kintz's Au Revoir Party ▶



▲ Helen Newmark - Silver Life Master ▲



▲ Caryl Shideler - New Life Master ▲

▼ Barbara Solomon & Nancy Fields 74% Game ▼

▼ Delora Burkhart - New Life Master ▼



Indianapolis NLM Sectional

August 26 - 27, 2017

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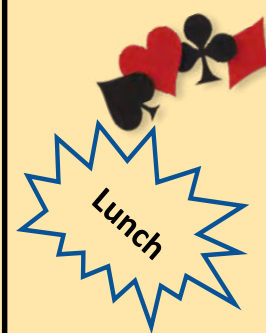
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Saturday, August 26

- 9:00 AM Registration
- 9:30 AM Lesson with teacher **Gary Thomas**
- 10:15 AM 0-20 Single Session Pairs
Stratified Single Session Pairs
- Lunch *Meet and Greet* - Lite lunch provided with Q/A time with teacher **Kendra Bridges** who'll answer questions about morning hands.
- 2:30 PM 0-20 Single Session Pairs
Stratified Single Session Pairs

Sunday, August 27

- 11:00 AM Stratified Two Session Swiss Teams
Play through with lite lunch served
- Stratified Events: C 0-100; B 100-200; A 200-300



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Terre Haute Sectional September 22 - 24, 2017

International Union of Operating Engineers

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2017

Banks of the Wabash Sectional Tournament

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Terre Haute, Indiana 47802
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Schedule of Events

Friday, September 22nd

Single Session
Stratified Open Pairs 7:30 pm
Stratified Open 299ers

Saturday, September 23rd

Single Session
Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am
Stratified Open 299ers

Single Session
Stratified Open Pairs 299ers &
Emerging Players 0-100 (\$5) 2:30 pm

Sunday, September 24th

Stratified Swiss 10:30 am

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Tournament Directors:

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Stratification Regular Strata

Stratum A: 2000+
Stratum B: 750 - 2000
Stratum C: 0 - 750

Entry Fees:

\$10 a Session (\$13 Non Members)
\$27 For Swiss (\$30 Non Members)

Host Hotel: Holiday INN

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UNIT 136 Sandy Forsythe MIAMI VALLEY

SPRING BROUGHT TOURNAMENTS and special games aplenty to the Miami Valley Bridge Center, beginning with the ACBL-wide Senior game in late March. Janet Lee and Beth Grismer placed first at the club and fifth in the District with 64.07%. A month later, Joyce Dennis and Conrad Renneman were first at the club and fourth in the District in the ACBL-wide Charity game. They scored 65.28%, with eleven tables in play.

Joe Camillus ably chaired this year’s Dayton Spring Sectional, and Marilyn O’Connor did her usual stellar job as Partnership Chair. Total attendance was a respectable 125 tables. Vickie Sebastian and Sudheer Pimputkar (of Columbus) tied for top masterpoint winners for the weekend. Unit players turning in first-place finishes in open games were Vickie & Sudheer, and Janet Lee & Gary Hatten. Eva Izenson & Joan Isaacson, Joe Camillus & Joann Findlay, and Mary & Cyril Horvath won non-Life Master games. Bob Sulgrove, Lori Harner, Scott Gates and Jeff Gargrave won the Sunday Swiss.

Janet Lee won the most masterpoints of any Miami Valley player at the spring STaC in early April. Unit players finishing first overall in STaC games were: Janet Lee & Gary Hatten; Joe Camillus and Ernest Spegele; Fred Vescio & Kay Wortman; Brad Martin & Anita Brand; David Whitesell & Ulker Mutlu; and Steve Forsythe and this reporter.

At the Unit’s annual Medallion game, the top three finishers in each category in the 2016 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney masterpoint races were recognized. Along with medallions and certificates, the top player in each category was treated to a free play in the thirteen-and-a-half-table Grass Roots Fund charity game, won by Ilse Tebbetts and Beth Grismer, that followed the awards ceremony and a tasty potluck lunch.

► MVBA President Georgia Banziger announced the masterpoint race winners pictured on the next page ►



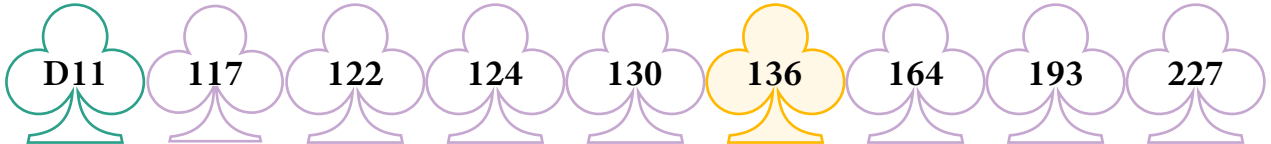
Ace of Clubs Winners		Mini-McKenney Winners
(with their rank District-wide in parens if they were in the top 25)		
Mary Horvath/Cyril Horvath (tie)	0 to 5	Debbie Luongo (8 th)
Jim Rachal (1 st)	5 to 20	Jim Rachal (1 st)
Sandi Rachal (5 th)	20 to 50	Sandi Rachal (2 nd)
Judy Simmons (18 th)	50 to 100	Connie Wiest (15 th)
David Whitesell (9 th)	100 to 200	David Whitesell (10 th)
Joe Camillus (4 th)	200 to 300	Joe Camillus (4 th)
Don Snyder (14 th)	300 to 500	Don Snyder
Bonnie Papini	500 to 1000	David Kennedy
Joe Keim (7 th)	1000 to 1500	Ryan Schultz (1 st)
Conrad Rennemann (8 th)	1500 to 2500	Conrad Rennemann (20 th)
Joanne Coyle	2500 to 3500	Joanne Coyle
Audrey Dybvad (10 th)	3500 to 5000	Janet Lee
Ron Babcock (4 th)	5000 to 7500	Scott Gates (3 rd)
Jeff Gargrave (6 th)	7500 to 10,000	Dallas Moore (6 th)
Vickie Sebastian (2 nd)	10,000+	Vickie Sebastian (7 th)

School may be out for summer, but bridge players are always ready to learn! Georgia Banziger, Lori Harner, Donna Moore and yours truly worked hard to recruit and match up eager non-Life Masters with willing Life Masters for the Unit’s summer Mentor program. Mentor-Mentee pairs can play for just \$10 (or \$12 for Unit and charity games) in the Tuesday evening, Wednesday noon, Thursday evening and Friday morning games at MVBC throughout the summer. Jeff Gargrave and Kelsey Jouanicot were the winners of the first special Sunday Mentor-Mentee game in early June, with eleven tables in play.

Also in June, the Bridge Center closed its doors for a week so Unit players could attend Cincinnati’s Flying Pig Regional. Lots of fun bridge was enjoyed by all! Bob Sulgrove won the most masterpoints of any Unit player: an impressive sixty-seven points. Several Unit players claimed new Flying Pig T-shirts for earning section tops, and some had overall wins: Scott Gates & Bob Sulgrove were part of a geographically diverse winning knockout team, Steve Boehmer & Janet Turber-Boehmer won a NLM pair game, and Jerry & Peggy Grogan tied for first in a Gold Rush pair game.

In Bellefontaine, Jim Rash hosts Bridge in the Barn on the last Sunday of the month from April through September. The afternoon begins with hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings at 12:30, followed by a Swiss team game at 1:30, and finishes with homemade ice cream! At just \$5 per person, it’s a deal that can’t be beat. To reserve your spot, email Jim at jrash308@yahoo.com or call 321-960-4315.

Sadly, our bridge family lost several members this quarter: Barbara Leese, Don Snyder, Tom Holyoke, Ken Dixon and Lenore Sonnenschein passed away. Our condolences go to their families, friends and partners. ☹️



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△ Ace of Clubs 2: Vickie Sebastian, Ron Babcock, Audrey Dybvad, Joanne Coyle, Bonnie Papini, Joe Keim △

▽ Ace of Clubs 1: Cy Horvath, Mary Horvath, Jim Rachal, Sandy Rachal, Judy Simmons, Joe Camillus ▽



▷ Jeff Gargrave and David Whitesell ▷

▷ Mini-McKenney 1: Jim Rachal, Sandi Rachal, Connie Wiest, Joe Camillus, Ryan Schultz ▷

▽ Beth Grismer & Janet Lee won the ACBL-wide Senior game ▽



▷ Beth Grismer & Ilse Tebbetts won the Medallion game ▷



▷ Mini-McKenney 2: Vickie Sebastian, Scott Gates, Janet Lee, Joanne Coyle ▷



Dayton Summer Sectional

August 04 - 06, 2017

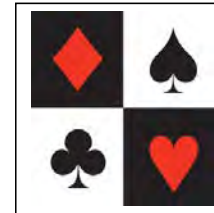
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Dayton Summer Sectional

August 4 – 6, 2017

All Events Stratified by Average Masterpoints of the pair or team

NON LIFE MASTERS...

A... 200 – 500
B... 50 – 200
C... 0 – 50

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2000 +* if attendance warrants
500 – 2000
*750-2000 when NLM game is scheduled at same time
0 – 500
*0-750 when NLM game is scheduled at same time
* if attendance warrants

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POINTS
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WEEKEND

Friday – August 4, 2017

10:00 AM Non-Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
2:30 PM Non-Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
7:00 PM Non-Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs

Saturday – August 5, 2017

10:00 AM Non-Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs
2:30 PM Non-Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs

Sunday – August 6, 2017

10:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (play through)
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UNIT 164 Nancy Colby BLUE GRASS

BRAD WALDEN ACHIEVES Gold Life Master—with research and notes Growing up in a bridge playing family, I learned a bit just by observation. In college, after lunch, a few of us set up a table for a one hour break between classes. I never heard of duplicate bridge and the only convention I knew was Blackwood. Then came marriage, followed by a tour in the Army and graduate school, preparing for ministry. During those years I had no time for bridge. When I retired from an active ministry in 2004, I was eager to get back to bridge. My wife had no interest, so I found the Bridge Center of Lexington and invited myself in to observe.

The director at that first visit was an experienced player, Sandra Marlin. She began asking questions: "How many master points do you have? Do you play Standard American, 2/1?" I never had heard any such terms. After a few more questions, she said, "I know how you play. Just stay and play and I will be your partner to make an even number of pairs." Throughout the session, I continued to speak my bids aloud and play each card in the center of the table. Gradually, I learned the routine and had some fun. Sandra said, "We came in first." So I was hooked and began taking classes, studying books, plus playing online.

Much of my learning has come informally at the club from partners. The members of the club are always helpful. Their attitude is not: How can I beat you, but how can I help you expand your game. I took Anita Pettus' class for beginners and Carol Fox's class on defense. That introduced me to Audrey Grant's series of books, twenty-five bridge conventions you should know and then twenty-five more bridge conventions. I love the Marty Bergen books, too.

I kept a notebook, three ring binder for my notes which I could download after a Google search Very handy. So you want to learn Jacoby 2NT? Splinters? etc. etc. Just Google it. Tournaments? I have gone to several over time. Fun... but exhausting.

Naresh B. Shah Achieves Gold Life Masters.... "Bridge" engineer teaches "Bridge"

I was born in Ahmedabad, India and may be a result of my parents' mistake as my brother and were eighteen and twenty years older than I. . Growing up, I played many card games: hearts, spades and rook; I also played chess as well as other games in India that are not played in the United States. Cricket, softball, basketball, volley ball, snow skiing, and golf also brought me enjoyment.

I studied at L.D. Engineering in India and then came to the University of Kentucky in 1967 and got my Masters in Structural Engineering. I worked

in Kentucky transportation and had the pleasure to be involved in designing the state's first cable-stayed bridge, the William H. Harsha Bridge over the Ohio River from Maysville KY to Aberteen OH.

At my "bridge designing" office, three colleagues wanted to play the game of "bridge" and were looking for a fourth. I had never played before; but because of my love of games, I volunteered to play. In the beginning, they all chuckled at my inexperience in the bidding and play of the hand. I gave everyone a chuckle and some confusion when I bid and made a slam/doubled/redoubled bid with only five points. My partner at work Edward Cottrell also played duplicate bridge and tried to teach me the more sophisticated game. He gave me books by Alan Truscott and Dorothy Hayden and invited me to the bridge club. We played twice and then tried playing in a Lexington sectional tournament and won the open pair section with eighty-two tables which in 1984, was not stratified. Competing and winning peaked my interest and we started playing once a week at the bridge club. Suddenly, I knew I loved bridge.

The real "bridge loving/bridge crazy" person I met was Mike Marlin. At my office, I gathered players at lunch and we played bridge. He was working in transportation about one mile away, but he never missed a game. Mike and I won at team games and pair games in tournaments in Lexington, Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton, Gatlinberg, West Palm Beach, and Indiana. We also won a free trip to Salt Lake City, Utah won in the Knock Outs.

I became more deeply involved in bridge when the club separated into two clubs: smoking at Pimlako Club and non-smoking at Chevy Chase. Chevy Chase, needing a director, asked me to direct; so I took the test and began directing. The members asked me to teach a class. I volunteered to have two kinds of bridge classes, the standard class and precision class.

I have enjoyed many partners over the years: Arthur Anderson, Mike Marlin, Paul East, John Thomas, Sue Leaf, Carl Foxx, Ron Hart, Albert Fulz, Paul Moss, Bell Collis, Laura Guthery, Jerry Hess, Jackie Merkel, Steve Vuotto, Bill Adams, Jack Robinet, D.L. Proctor, Peggy Southerland, Kelly Butler, Bill Fine, Brad Walden, Kathy and Ray Linck, Sheila Bello, and Nancy Gordon. I thank them all.

Norma Greely Achieves Life Masters...brings love of challenges work and people to her bridge

I started playing bridge as a freshman at the University of Kentucky in the Student Center—no lessons, just learning by watching. Fortunately, I managed to pass my courses despite cutting many classes to play bridge.

I started taking bridge classes only a few years ago and see classes as a lifetime endeavor. I also am grateful for my teachers at the Lexington Bridge Club, especially Georgia Ringo, Jackie Merkle, and Sondra and Mike

Marlin. I wish I could remember all they have diligently tried to teach me.

There are not many humorous incidents in this hobby unless it counts when I played a hand in the wrong contract thinking I had made it only to hear my partner's horrified "What were you doing?" I enjoy the competitive side of bridge, but I love the social aspect of bridge as well. I love being with people and have made many friends at the bridge club. I enjoy many partners and my favorite partners and friends are Pat Matheny, Linda Keller, Beverly Sparrow, Walt Brewer, and Jackie Merkle. I am a member of our Unit 164 board and have been co-hospitality chair for several years. Recently I was Hospitality Chair for the Lexington Bridge NLM Tournament.

I am originally from Lexington and have traveled many years with my husband Bill for his career. We returned to Lexington in 1972 when Bill began his positions at Keeneland and we raised our three children here. I taught English at Lexington Catholic High School and LCC. After teaching, I originated, designed and, developed the Paddock Shop at Keeneland. I directed the shop and designed many original items to sell there for many years until I retired. We own a home in Hialeah, FL and I enjoy playing bridge there .

Along with bridge, I enjoy reading, cooking, and traveling.

Peggy and Jim Rucker -- will be missed.

My wife Peggy began playing bridge while in high school. She played with a group called the " Eight 8alls" and some of the mothers of the "eights" played bridge.

I learned the basics of the game from an aunt but did not really play until attending Centre College, where I met Peggy and played bridge. There was a perpetual game in the college Hangout where one sat in. If someone got up to go to class, someone else took the vacant place. The girls had an additional "running" game in the dormitories.

From the days at Centre when we began playing together, we decided we would play and enjoy the game, not argue—however, we have had some strenuous discussions over the years; and Peggy has been right almost always. During those years we have played in several social bridge groups and first began playing "party duplicate" in 1962. Since then we have played in several such groups—one of which I had to serve as "the director," tally the scores from travelers, and try to keep peace. Peggy played sanctioned duplicate for the first time in Albuquerque in the late '80s. We played in our first ACBL tournament in Louisville—at the Galt House—and had no idea what we were doing. We were so poor at playing at that level that no one knew what we were doing and we ended up earning our first part of a point on our way to becoming Life Masters. Since then we have played everywhere we have lived—New Mexico, Wyoming, Kentucky.

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When we moved to Danville fifteen years ago, we began playing serious duplicate together in a local (un-sanctioned) game directed by Max Hoover; and many of those playing also played in the Lexington Bridge Club where we soon found a home with terrific players, kind people, a wonderful atmosphere. We have enjoyed it ever since and have grown by our exposure to so many who exceed us in skill but who have been willing teachers.

We enjoy playing in tournaments and have been partners with two other Danvillians—Martha Foster and Jackie Kohler. With them we have traveled to several states, numerous tournaments, and all achieved our life master's playing together.

Over the years I have partnered with Martha and Jackie on frequent occasions and most often with Peggy; and for the last ten or twelve years with Max Hoover—with whom I have played at least once and most often two times a week. All of them have been my mentors and I deeply appreciate the help they have so freely offered and generously given.

In March of this year Peggy and I moved to Louisville; and while it was not the only factor, one significant reason we chose our present home location is its proximity to the Louisville Bridge Club (just seven or eight minutes from us) where we have visited, met some very nice people, some excellent players, and will, no doubt, become involved and play frequently.

Last, and most important of all, bridge has been for me, and for Peggy, a lifetime enjoyment—of the game, of the tournaments, and particularly of the many people we have known and grown to both respect as players and love as people. We look forward with anticipation to a continuation of all we have enjoyed in the game. Come join us!

Ellen Hume, Director of Bridge Camp 2017

Dear Fellow Bridge Club Members and Friends,

I thank members for the contribution of their time, home-baked goods, snacks, and simple verbal support of the successful 2017 summer bridge school. I want to especially thank this year's teachers: Chuck Dean, Peggy Saunier and Morgan Schreffler—they did a tremendous job and the kids enjoyed the teachers. Parents and children told me so. Frank Colby designed our eye-catching handouts we posted around town and attracted twenty-one kids age eight to thirteen.

Also, thank you to volunteers who spent a significant amount of time being at camp to assist the leaders. These volunteers, in no specific order, are Rohit Patel, Bill Adams, Linda Keller, Cyrus Hettle, Paul Moss, Marshall Robertson, Brad Beck (co-director), Marcia Zack, Mary Linda Mills, and Mary Bell. We also took pictures of teachers and children enjoying the game for scrapbook.

A lot of you contributed snacks for our campers. Thanks to Liz Wise, Kathy Linck, Sue Leaf, Sue Distler, Lisa Estes-Cheatham, Marcia Zack, and there are others. I'm sorry if I missed you, but I know that we also had contributions from anonymous sources. We appreciated and enjoyed it all.

And finally, I want to thank the Thursday afternoon players who were more than happy to allow our campers to come into the "big room" and Kibbitz. The kids watched what a real duplicate bridge game is like. The competition was exciting for them.

Thanks again and I'll see you soon across the bridge table, ☁

Pictures Record our "Spirited Slam Seeking" Players



► Michael Kanotz, Jimmy Helton, and Georgia Ringo join celebration for memory of Charlotta Helton. Other members remembered and celebrated were Paul Carpenter, Eugenia Herrington, Wayne Davis, Nancy Gordon, and Ron Hart. ►



▲ Peggy and Joe Rucker ▲

▼ Naresh Shah ▼



▲ Ann Abney Celebrates Derby Day ▲

▼ Ellen Hume and Brad Beck / Camp Students ▼



▲ Brad Walden ▲

▼ Norma Greeley ▼



Lexington Swiss Sectional

September 16 - 17, 2017

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September 16 and 17, 2017

SATURDAY

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Stratified 299'er SWISS TEAMS*10:00 AM play through
\$88.00 per team-Free lunch included

SUNDAY

Stratified OPEN SWISS TEAMS.....(2 session event).....10:00 AM play through
Stratified 299'er SWISS TEAMS*10:00 AM play through
Based on Team Averages. *As attendance warrants. \$100.00/team-Lunch included

Open session strats:	A 2500	B 750-2500	C 0-750
299'er session strats:	A 100-300	B 50-100	C 0-50

SIGNIFICANT PRIZES FOR WEEKEND OVERALL WINNERS IN A, B, C, AND 299'ER

LOCATION: BRIDGE CLUB OF LEXINGTON

3517 Lansdowne Drive
Lexington KY 40517

Directions: From Rt. 4 (New circle Rd.) take Exit 19 (Hwy 27/Nicholasville Rd.) South. Turn left on Reynolds Rd. Turn right on Lansdowne Dr. Turn right immediately into parking lot (Post Office). Club is on right side in back.

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Additional \$3 for each session for non ACBL members and unpaid ACBL members

UNIT 193 DISTRICT 11

DURING THE BEAUTY of spring in southern Indiana, the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club (EDBC) celebrated the accomplishments of seven member who achieved Life Master or an advanced Life Master level.

On March 23, 2017, Jane Perkins shared her journey from novice player to Life Master with EDBC members. As a novice, Jane played almost daily. Soon, however, she began to travel to numerous tournaments seeking enough red, silver and gold to become a Life Master. Her dream became a reality during the March tournament in Indianapolis.

For her Life Master party, Jane invited many of her “social” bridge friends. Not only did her friends enjoy the party but they stayed and played in a duplicate game arranged especially for them. This was the first time some of them had been exposed to duplicate bridge. Because of this experience, several of Jane’s friends have returned to take lessons.



▲ Willie Alley & Jane Perkins
celebrating Jane’s LM party ▲

On June 9 three other members who recently became Life Masters were honored. Nancy Traylor and Ann Cooper both became Life Masters this past winter in Florida. Nancy and Ann usually spend their winters in sunny Florida where they were able to accomplish their goal. We are happy to have them both back at EDBC for the summer months. Our third member, Charles Manion, became a Life Master when he was sailing on a Larry Cohen cruise. His partner was his grandson, Michael Mehringer, from Chicago. During the cruise, they were known as “Michael & Grandpa”. What a memorable time for both of them.



▲ New LM’s Nancy Traylor,
Ann Cooper and Charles Manion ▲

Parties will follow for Linda Palmer and Melba Patberg who recently made Life Master and for Lon Bell who has become our newest Gold Life Master.

Congratulations to everyone!
Your Club is very proud of each of you and your accomplishments.

GOLDEN AGE MASTER PARTY:
Ellen (Tookie) Watson was honored during a celebration on April 5 when she was presented with a certificate acknowledging her as a Golden Age Master. Tookie graciously accepted the award of a beautifully framed certificate from ACBL and expressed her appreciation to all her friends at EDBC. In particular, she acknowledged Peggy Dunkel as the person responsible for bringing her to our Club. When the bridge club in her hometown of Mt. Carmel, IL disbanded, Peggy suggested she travel with her to the EDBC. Thank you, Peggy, for bringing such a lovely lady to join us. Congratulations, Tookie, for an honor well deserved.



▲ Tookie Watson and her
Golden Age Master Certificate ▲

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Memorial Day Celebration:

EDBC was dressed in its finest red, white & blue as we celebrated Memorial Day. Chairpersons Carol Lambert and her committee members, Pete Lambert, Christine & Andy Guagenti, Pam Schultz and Janice Wheeler did an outstanding job of providing a very enjoyable afternoon. Delicious fried chicken and side dishes provided by the attendees were ummm delicious!

Andy Guagenti recited Lt. Col. John McCrae’s somber poem, IN FLANDERS FIELDS to honor our veterans. A moment of silence was observed as Phyllis Kincaid read the names of the members who died during the past year, namely: Hal Bootz, Jane Guant, John Heumann, Larry Higdon, Paul Lewis, Ruth Mitchell (Henderson Club) and Mary Lou Tonamacher. Willie Alley went home happy with a beautiful wreath she won (a creation made by Janice Wheeler) by having the closest guess of the number of M & M’s in the glass jar! Our day concluded with a bridge game of seventeen-and-a-half tables. It was a perfect day!



▲ Gloria Bridges enjoying the Memorial Day party! ▲

CONGRATULATIONS to our Unit 193 President and our EDBC member and friend Billie (Katie) Brown. District 11 President Terrell Holt has appointed Billie to the 2nd alternate post of the National Board of Directors of ACBL for the remainder of 2017. This will automatically put her on the delegation to the Board of Governors of ACBL from District 11. Billie said, “I hope my

involvement in the District, etc. will carry over to more support in our little corner of the world.” This is an honor for Billie and for our Club. Kudos also go to Billie for acquiring 54.50 master points at the Gatlinburg Regional held in April, 2017. Billie placed 160th out of 3,270 master point winners. Quite an accomplishment!

CONTINUING EDUCATION At EDBC:

Phil Fassett and Ron DeLuca are offering classes titled “Learn to Play Bridge” for beginners, social bridge players and long- ago players. The classes are held on Thursday evenings and include topics contained in the book BIDDING IN THE 21ST CENTURY. Sallie and Cal Wade presented four workshops for the intermediate player using Eddie Kantar’s “Thinking Bridge” material. The workshops were limited to six tables and focused on concepts presented for each dealt hand. Barb Ahlers will teach a class on “End Plays” in July. EDBC is fortunate to have such dedicated teachers who are willing to help us continue to improve our game.

The LONGEST DAY At EDBC:

A sunrise to sunset event will take place at EDBC on June 21 to raise funds to assist in combating the dreadful effects of Alzheimer’s disease. Bev Nikolajewski will chair this event which begins with a head to head “pajama” team game at 5:30 a.m. There will be pair games at 9 and 1 p.m. with a Swiss team game at 5 p.m. Food will be provided throughout the day. Last year EDBC raised \$4,566 for this cause. Our hope this year is to beat that record amount.

POCKET-CITY SECTIONAL:

The EDBC Pocket-City Sectional will be held July 21-23 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Evansville. We welcome all of you to this event. For further details, please refer to the flyer in this issue of The Midwest Monitor.

EDBC Winners at Madisonville Unit Championship Game on April 15, 2017:

- Overall:
1st A – Bernie Kay & Pete Lambert
3rd A – LeRoy Breimeier & Jason Liao
4th A – Katie Brown & Bill Lea
5th A – Steve Early & Jef Franklin
Winners of Unit 193 Championship Game at EDBC on May 6, 2017:
1st in A – Billie Brown and William Lea, Jr.
2nd in A, 1st in B & C – K.C. Jain & Carl Armstrong
3rd in A – Peggy Dunkel & Fred Kent
4th in A – Bernard Kay & Barbara Ahlers
5th in A – Ray * Patricia Andersen
5th in A & 2nd in B – Jeffrey & Donna Chapman
3rd in B – Karen Nunn & Sherry Alexander
4th in B – Bob & Betsy Becker
2nd in C – Patti Lodato & John Lawler

Winners of Unit 193 Championship Game at EDBC on June 3,2017:

- Overall:
1st in A – Bernie Kay & Pete Lambert
2nd in A, 1st in B & C – Jeffrey & Donna Chapman
3rd in A, 2nd in B – Steve Early & Jane Kempin
4th in A – John Fullenwider & Bernice Cornette
Tied for 5th in A, 3rd in B & 2nd in C – Dorothy Parsons & Janet Wempe; Tookie Watson & Joannie Lockyear

70% Games at EDBC:

- March 9 – Sarah Fischer & Betsy Barth Stearns
March 30 – Pete Lambert & LeRoy Breimeier: 73.61%

- April 12 – Linda Palmer & Alice Huus: 73.40%
May 11 – Tom North & Pam Schultz: 72.50%

UPGRADED PLAYER STATUS:

- New Sectional Master: Jim Perkins, Sharon Price
New Club Master: Susie Burdette
New Life Master: Ann Cooper, Charles Manion, Linda Palmer, Melba Patberg, Jane Perkins, Nancy Traylor
New Bronze Life Master: Jason Liao, Pat Probst
New Ruby Life Master: Pat Andersen
New Gold Life Master: Lon Bell, Stu Hoffher

HENDERSON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:

There is always plenty of good food and laughter at the annual Derby bridge party hosted by the Henderson Bridge Club. This year was no exception. The party was held on May 3 and began with a pot luck featuring ham and side dishes supplied by our good cooks. The decorations of roses added to the ambiance as the ladies modeled their creative Derby hats. Although it was difficult to choose just one winner, Judge Robert Bonger declared Neal Franklin the winner of the most creative hat. Phyllis Kincaid was the runner-up. The horseshoe toss brought forth a lot of oohs and aahs as well as laughter. After several hits and misses, K.C. Jain triumphed as the winner with Willie Alley coming in second. Both received a paper weight made in the shape of a horseshoe. A bridge game of 8.5 tables followed. A very special thanks to Susie and Dale Hill who were responsible for providing us with a lovely evening.



▲ Neal Franklin (3rd from left) is the Winner for the Most Original Derby Hat ▲

JASPER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:

The Jasper Duplicate Bridge Club will be hosting a party for two of their young-at-heart members. Dolores Habig (96) and Marilyn Wassmer (89) will receive the Golden Life Master certificate awarded by ACBL. The ladies will be honored during the open game on June 5.

LeRoy Breimeier and John Fullenwider posted 70% games at the Jasper club. On April 26 Leroy and John had a 75.35% game, and on May 24 they scored a 70.66% game.

MADISONVILLE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB:

Jeff Chapman and David Smithfield (both from the Hopkinsville KY/Clarksville, TN Club) have completed the director’s course and are now directing at the Madisonville Club as well as at Hopkinsville/Clarksville Clubs.

Congratulations to Donna Chapman who became a Life Master while

attending the Gatlinburg Regional.

OWENSBORO DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

(submitted by Doris Mills)

Celebrations: In the past five years, the Owensboro Duplicate Bridge Club has recruited ninety-nine new ACBL members, and will soon hit the one hundred mark. Most of these ACBL members have joined and continue to play in the ODBC games. They have, in fact, tripled not only our club's ACBL membership roster, but have also tripled the number of games we now hold weekly and the number of players at those games. On Monday, April 14, the most recent group of these new members, the 2017 EasyBridge! Program completers, were presented with their personalized name tag pins and then they played in their first novice game.

The Owensboro Duplicate Bridge Club hosted a celebration party and bridge game introducing twenty-three new club members who have completed the fifteen weeks EasyBridge! Program. Seventy-eight players were in attendance. **The new members are from left to right: Shirley Dexter, Camilla Taylor, Glenn Taylor, Gerri Small, Julie Turner, Suzanne Witbeck, Bill Dexter, Regenia Sims, Patricia Daic, Rose Cobb, Cindy Thompson, Bill Kelley, Mary Cabell, Wes Schrooten, Carol Payne, Charlotte Puckett, and Paul Puckett, Jr.** New members not pictured are Elaine Small, Sarah Ebelhar, Jenny Glaser, Cathy Graham, Joan Hayden and Lori Whitehouse.

Owensboro Supports Columbus, Ohio's 2020 North American Bridge Championship Tournament:

At their February 24 meeting, the ODBC Board approved supporting the 2020 NABC Tournament to be hosted by Columbus by contributing \$4 per table of those playing in special club games during May of the current year and in the years leading up to the event. \$108 has been sent from the Owensboro Club along with \$24 from the Friday Club.

Other Special Games and Tournaments:

On Saturday, July 29, Owensboro will host an annual Unit 193 Championship game at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Munday Activity Center, 1650 West Second Street. We invite all new players to attend. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Another important event to note is ODBC's annual fall sectional which is scheduled for September 29 through October 1. Please note this is one week earlier than usual due to other ACBL events. It will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center. Please see flyer in this issue of the Midwest Monitor.

Thank you to the reporters for their contributions: Susie & Dale Hill, Cynthia Kluemper, Richard Sarles, Doris Mills; photographers Diane Harris, Bev Nikolajewski, Karen Nunn; proofreader Phyllis Kincaid ☺

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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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Pocket-City Sectional

July 21-23, 2017

Holiday Inn Airport

7101 US Hwy 41

Evansville, Indiana 47725

8 miles south of I-64

& 8 miles west of I-69

- 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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Coalfield Classic Sectional

August 25 - 27, 2017

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8th Floor, Baptist Health Tower

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August 25, 26, 27

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Stratifications:

Team Average

A

1000+

B

300-1000

C

0-300 (No Life Masters)

Friday, August 25

1:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

6:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, August 26

10:00 am

Stratified Open Pairs

3:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, June 25

10:00 am

Stratified Open Swiss Teams
(Lunch Included)

Owensboro Sectional

September 29 - October 01, 2017

Riverfront Convention Center
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OWENSBORO BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Western Kentucky Sectional • ACBL Sanction Unit # S1710020

September 29, 30 and October 1, 2017



EVENTS

FRI. 1:00 PM

Novice Pairs (0-50) (50-100) (100-200)

Open Pairs (0-750) (750 – 2000) (2000 +)

FRI. 6:30 PM

Novice Pairs (0-50) (50-100) (100-200)

Open Pairs (0-750) (750 – 2000) (2000+)

SAT. 10:30 AM

Novice Pairs (0-50) (50-100) (100-200)

Open Pairs (0-750) (750 – 2000) (2000+)

BREAK

Lunch Available on Site

SAT. 3:15 PM

Novice Pairs (0-50) (50-100) (100-200)

Open Pairs (0-750) (750 – 2000) (2000+)

SUN. 10:30 AM

Open Swiss Teams * (0-750) (750-2000) (2000+)

Lunch Available on Site

* Average Masterpoints



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(Note: \$3.00 Additional Per Session for Non or Unpaid ACBL Members)

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