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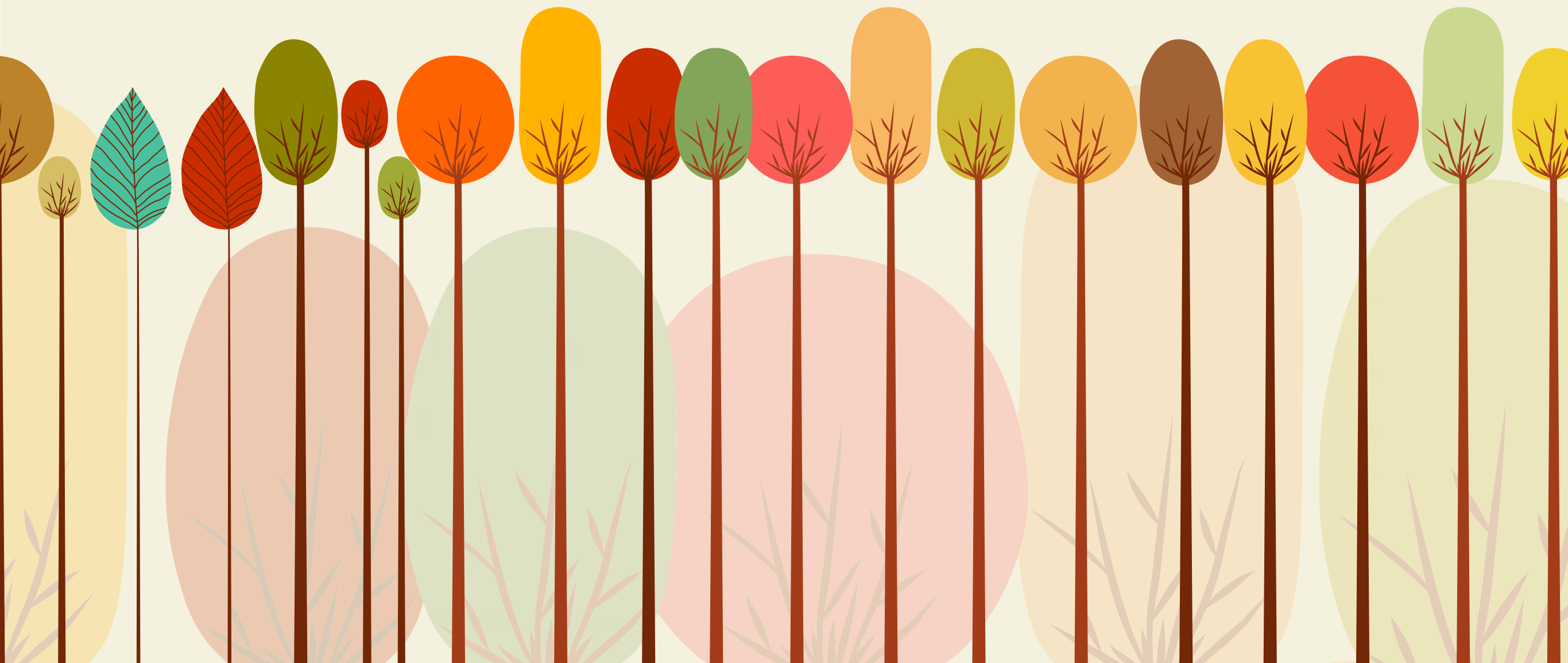


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MONITOR DEADLINES

First Quarter - 2018	December 15, 2017
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SAN DIEGO NABC						

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DISTRICT 11 A. J. Stephani DIRECTOR

TORONTO NABC
Hi All! The Toronto was a terrific NABC all around (except, at least for some of us, our performance at the bridge table). Uniform acclaim for the tournament venue and organization, higher than expected attendance, and a productive set of meetings for the ACBL Board of Directors produced a fun-filled two weeks north of the border. We had fewer motions than normal, which thankfully reduced the overall formality of our meetings. As I mentioned in the Spring, I want to keep these newsletters focused on decisions that matter most to our players while maintaining a reasonable length. I also want to balance the informational content (what did the Board decide?) with opinion (why did I vote a certain way?). Of course, I will continue to give shout outs to wins and high level finishes at NABCs by players from our District.



New CEO

I'm thrilled to introduce Bahar Gidwani as the ACBL's new CEO! Bahar succeeded Robert Hartman, who resigned to manage his family's business in Florida, on July 1st.

Bahar's credentials are impressive (a full bio can be seen here:

<http://www.acbl.org/gidwani-accepts-position-as-acbls-top-executive/>.)

but his passion and enthusiasm for our great game really stand out. He was also born in Columbus, OH, further enhancing the reputation of District 11 as the birthplace of bridge greatness! One of my colleagues noted the remarkable speed with which he has understood the entire complicated ACBL ecosystem—we're lucky to have found him. To me, he takes a long-term view on the role of the ACBL and the future of bridge that we desperately need. I suspect that changes are afoot at ACBL HQ in Horn Lake, and though you may not notice them at the club level right away, keep an eye on developments. They may affect you more than you suspect.

In the meantime, if you have the pleasure of meeting Bahar in person, I'm sure you will find him as charming, witty, and brilliant as the rest of us have.

Future NABC Locations

You may have noticed that the response to the hotel and venue at the Orlando NABC last fall was underwhelming, to say the least. Restaurant choices were very limited, and Disney pricing was in full effect. Parking was a nightmare for local players, and it all added up to attendance figures well below estimates. Unfortunately, we were scheduled to return to the same venue in 2022 (contract negotiation with large hotels is complicated, and often involves a multi-year commitment). However, ACBL Management heard the concerns from our Orlando NABC attendees and set about canceling the contract with the Orlando hotel.

I'm pleased to announce that we unanimously approved a new contract for the Fall 2022 NABC with the Phoenix Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel. ACBL Tournament staff are really excited about the growth and development in downtown Phoenix, and we expect to easily recoup the cancellation fee we paid to get out of the Orlando contract. We also approved the Summer 2023 NABC to be held at the Sheraton Grand in Chicago—this is a different venue from the last time we were in Chicago, but it's a terrific waterfront location just north of Navy Pier. You'll love it.

"Stop" Card Gone

The Stop Card (and the skip bid warning) is now gone (21-4-0)*, effective January 1, 2018. The Board agreed that it was used inconsistently, and quite often for inappropriate purposes (i.e., to alert one's partner that they are making a skip bid).

** Where votes of the Board are noted, the tally will be given with the Ayes first, then the Nays, then the Abstentions (e.g., 15-9-1 would be 15 in favor, 9 opposed, with 1 person abstaining).*

Three notes:

1. This does NOT change the requirement to wait ten seconds after an opposing player's skip bid. The rule advises the person waiting the mandatory ten seconds to give "the appearance of studying his hand and not in excess time to determine a choice of bids."
2. The rule will be in effect in all ACBL tournaments, but clubs remain free to use the Stop Card. I recommend slowly phasing out its use over a period of time.
3. The Board took this action based largely on the near-unanimous recommendation of the Competitions & Conventions (C&C) Committee, one of the many Committees and task forces that the Board of Directors uses to investigate complex or technical questions. I believe strongly that the Board should defer to these Committees whenever possible, as they are typically much better situated to determine the appropriate course of action. In this case, the C&C Committee is a fantastic resource (the Committee has many national and world champions), and vastly more qualified than the BOD to balance the pros and cons of decisions like these. We on the Board of Directors should respect

Toronto was a blast! Including BOD meetings, I was there for two full weeks, so it became a home away from home. I saw many of our players, and I think most everyone came home with lots of great memories (if not lots of MPs).



The Blue Jays were in town the second week of the tournament, and many of us got away from the bridge tables to take in a game or two. The Rogers Centre (also known as the Skydome) was about twenty steps away from the tournament venue! Toronto has a surplus of fantastic restaurants, and it proved to be an ideal location to blend bridge and some sightseeing.



If you haven't seen it already, check out this clip from CBC's The National, Canada's flagship news show:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/for-card-loving-bridge-players-attracting-youth-is-ultimate-puzzle-1.4230018>

It's perfect for re-posting on your Facebook page or forwarding to your non-bridge playing friends. I've already had four people tell me they want to learn bridge after seeing this!

Next up on the NABC schedule is San Diego, which takes place November 23-December 3. SoCal's famous weather promises a respite from our late fall blues, so make your reservation today!

the process we've established. The C&C Committee is working on a complete re-write of our convention charts, so look for news on that front in coming newsletters.

CDR Revisions

Anyone who has needed to use our Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) understands how complex our disciplinary processes are. The Board passed (24-0-1) a number of changes that will hopefully clarify and simplify the process in some situations.

Some of the most significant changes include:

- Negotiated resolutions, commonly known as plea bargains. If a reasonable agreed resolution can be reached, we can reduce the work on our committees and eliminate all appeals.
 - Simplified procedures, including the elimination of formal motion practice
 - An expanded "Definitions" section that clarifies some ambiguous terminology
 - More flexibility for sanctions involving the removal of masterpoints
- Club Game Lesson Hands

Regular club games with a masterpoint limit of twenty or less (0-5, 0-10, 0-20) are now allowed to use prepared lesson hands for teaching purposes. A prepared hand is one set up to allow students to practice a specific skill. The game must consist of at least six but no more than twelve boards and be held in conjunction with lessons. The Board unanimously believed that our first ACBL masterpoints often serves as the bait for the ACBL membership hook. We're not talking huge numbers of MPs here (.12 might be typical for the winner), so reports of masterpoint inflation because of this measure are greatly exaggerated.

WBF Dues

Perhaps the most complex, and controversial, motion before the Board in Toronto was the question of whether we should continue to pay dues to the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and how to manage our relationship with our National Bridge Organizations (NBOs). The ACBL is the largest bridge organization in North America, but not the only one: The United States Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation, and Mexican Bridge Federation, as NBOs, are responsible for selecting and supporting their respective countries' teams in international competition. They also must pay dues to the WBF proportional to their membership (which is substantially the same as the ACBL membership). It's a complicated tangle of relationships, with a complicated history. As ACBL members, our support for bridge played in international settings comes from different sources, pays for different kinds of expenses, and has different levels of support among the members of the ACBL Board of Directors.

Through last year, the ACBL effectively paid the WBF dues on behalf of our NBOs (totaling around \$155,000). The motion in Toronto gradually reduced ACBL support for these dues over a period of years, zeroing out in 2022. We had a spirited debate, soliciting input from both Presidents of the USBF and CBF. The motion passed by the narrowest of margins (12-11-2).

I voted against the motion, for several reasons. First, I have concerns that the NBOs will have the tools and capacity to raise the funds necessary to pay these dues. The ACBL created these organizations at the behest of the WBF in 2001, and now it seems a little like we're hanging them out to dry. Supporters of the motion spoke about how we would assist the NBOs with fundraising opportunities, but I was not convinced there would be any kind of concrete plan

put in place. Most critically, I believe the WBF funding question is inseparable from the WBF governance question (the ACBL currently elects all the members to its five allocated spots on the WBF Executive Council). The motion did not address the question of who would elect these representatives going forward, and I thought that both issues must be addressed at the same time.



Lexington Players Top WorldWide Bridge Game

Despite the absence of District 11 players at the top of National Championship leaderboards in Toronto, I want to give a shout out to Lexington area players Blaine Mullins and Morgan Schreffler, who topped the entire ACBL in the Worldwide Bridge Contest held on June 2-3 with a 74.47% game! This year's game had a little extra incentive, as the top twenty-four pairs in the world won a trip to China to play for a \$20,000 prize in the 2017 World Wide Bridge Finals in September. Four of those pairs are ACBL members, and Blaine and Morgan head the list. Way to go, guys!

Personal Thoughts

I'm now a couple of meetings into my term as member of the Board of Directors, and I'm acquiring a sense of the culture of the Board. Culture is a largely a product of its people, and though twenty-five people is a large group, I've gotten to know most of them quite well. For the most part, I'm impressed by their dedication to our great game and the hard work they put into our Board and Committee meetings.

One idea that's starting to crystallize is how our Board of Directors thinks about itself in terms of NABCs. We talk about "the Washington meeting," or date Board actions as "in Seattle" . . . you get the idea. One of the more outlandish motions we decided in Toronto would have changed the meeting schedule of the Board to twice per year: once at the Summer NABC and once in January at a location near ACBL Headquarters. Everyone knew the motion was doomed—it was outlandish because it would have required the Board to completely re-think its work flow, its structure, its relationship to the rest of the organization, and, in essence, its identity. I voted for the motion (it failed, 3-22-0), in large part because I believe this kind of soul-searching is exactly what we need.

We are privileged to host ACBL President Bob Heller at the Louisville/Lexington Regional in November, so make a point of introducing yourself if you see him. We've got the Dayton Regional coming up September 4-10, so I hope to see you there. Until then, I am always available by phone (513-313-0488) or e-mail (AJStephani@gmail.com) with questions or concerns. ☁

May At Least Half Your Finesses Work,

TOP DISTRICT 11 MP WINNERS
AT
TORONTO NABC

1.	Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	59.19
2.	Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	38.02
3.	Michael Gladfelter, Columbus OH	38.02
4.	Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH	35.17
5.	Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN	32.50
6.	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	31.24
7.	Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN	30.50
8.	Reeta Brendamour, Cincinnati OH	29.67
9.	Larry Jones, Pickerington OH	28.07
10.	Douglas Millsap, Columbus OH	28.07
11.	A.J. Stephani, Cincinnati OH	27.85
12.	Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH	27.59
13.	Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN	24.28
14.	Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH	22.76
15.	Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH	22.50
16.	Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH	22.50
17.	John Williams, Cincinnati OH	22.50
18.	Kimberly Music, Lewis Center OH	19.39
19.	Russell Shoup, Dayton OH	18.03
20.	Bill Cook, Louisville KY	17.86
21.	Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	17.34
22.	Howard Sanders, Hilliard OH	17.26
23.	Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH	14.75
24.	Peter Whipple, Mason OH	14.75
25.	Marc Low, Centerville OH	12.77
26.	Peggy Saunier, Lexington KY	12.42
27.	Judy Wright, Georgetown KY	12.42
28.	Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	11.94
29.	Bobby Carter, Cincinnati OH	11.53
30.	Carolyn Lewis, Louisville KY	11.36
31.	Sandra Forsythe, Centerville OH	10.75
32.	Steven Forsythe, Centerville OH	10.75
33.	Craig Satersmoen, Huber Heights OH	9.81
34.	John Bishel, Columbus OH	9.67
35.	Tom Bishel, Columbus OH	9.67
36.	Judith Auer, Dublin OH	8.47
37.	Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH	8.44
38.	James Bishel, Columbus OH	8.22
39.	Martin Gibler, West Chester OH	8.20
40.	Stacy Vanstone, West Chester OH	8.20
41.	Sarah Sentman, Scott Depot WV	7.22
42.	Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	7.17
43.	Judy Barron, Cincinnati OH	6.98
44.	Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	6.59
45.	Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	6.52
46.	Cheryl Schneider, Westerville OH	6.52
47.	Joyce Penn, Columbus OH	5.74
48.	Gail Slater, Louisville KY	5.31
49.	Katherine Zimmerman, Louisville KY	5.31
50.	Michael Hill, Columbus OH	5.09
51.	Mae Hill, Columbus OH	5.09

TOURNAMENT TALES

Jerry & Denny Clerkin

Rare Bird

♠ 9
♥ K J 9 4
♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ A K T 3

♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ Q T
♦ A 6 5
♣ 9 7 5

♠ A 4 3
♥ A 8 7 4
♦ J T 4 2
♣ 3 2

♠ T 7 6 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q J 6 4

HERE IS A hand from the recent World Championships in Lyon, France.

We were playing board-a-match scoring and the auction was:

North	East	South	West
			1♠
Double	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass	*Good Spade Raise		

A typical partscore battle and East had the last word. The last double was a matchpoint double that says we are making two spades and we can't let them play undoubled.

Three clubs is a poor contract and West got off to the best lead of a trump. Jerry was South and his bidding is by no means obvious. After a trump lead he was in deep trouble.

He won the Club lead in dummy and led a Diamond to the King. This lost to the Ace and a trump came back. Jerry won in hand and with little hope led a Heart. When the ten came up, so did Jerry's interest. If LHO had the queen-ten doubleton of Hearts, there was hope. He put in the Jack and RHO won the Ace. East now underled the Ace of Spades to West who won the Queen and led the last trump. Jerry stopped and took stock.

He played the ten of Clubs from dummy and East was in deep trouble. If he, East, discarded a red card Jerry could let the lead hold in dummy and set up that suit with a single ruff. East, therefore, let go a Spade.

It did him no good as Jerry won the Club in hand, ruffed a Spade taking out East's last Spade and now Jerry played the King of Hearts from dummy felling the Queen from West. Jerry now cashed the good Nine of Hearts, ruffed the last Heart in hand and led a Diamond and put in the Eight from dummy to endplay East to make the ninth trick!

East was caught in the rarest of squeezes, the Entry Shifting Trump Squeeze. I have never seen one of these when declarer was a trick short, so a trick had to be conceded after the squeeze trick. ♣



LIFETIME MASTERPOINT LEADERS ACBL DISTRICT 11		
1.	Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN	27,449
2.	Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	25,737
3.	Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN	25,196
4.	Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	19,715
5.	Russell Shoup, Dayton OH	17,279
6.	Ulker Mutlu, Dayton OH	16,381
7.	Pamela Granovetter, Cincinnati OH	14,454
8.	Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH	14,229
9.	Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH	13,430
10.	Marc Low, Centerville OH	12,595
11.	Dennis Hesthaven, Louisville KY	11,096
12.	Vickie Sebastian, Beavercreek OH	11,009
13.	Anita Torrence, Bexley OH	10,826
14.	William Higgins, Cincinnati OH	10,592
15.	Douglas Simson, Columbus OH	10,423



District 11 NAP Finals

November 4 & 5, 2017

Cincinnati Bridge Center

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Cincinnati, OH 45241

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District 11 Final: 2-Session Pairs **Saturday, November 4 OR** **Sunday, November 5**

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Sunday, 11/5, 11:00 and 4:00: Flights A (Open) and C (NLM, <500)

Play in the District 11 Finals in more than one Flight!
You may play in Flights A and B, or Flights B and C.

Questions about the NAP?
Go to cincybridge.com and click on NAP logo

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Louisville/Lexington Regional

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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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PLEASE NOTE: GOLD RUSH EVENTS
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UNIT 117

Kit Overpeck

LOUISVILLE

WHEW! NEVER HAS there been a more exciting time to be an up-and-coming player in Unit 117. Along with the excellent classes offered by Verna Goldberg and Mauri Malka, two new educational programs make the Louisville Bridge Center the place to be for anyone dedicated to improving their game. Wait! Do not fret if you are an experienced player. I also have news for you.

The first new educational opportunity is hosted by Matt Just on Tuesday nights. This program consists of two parts. The first part begins at 5:30 pm, and consists of Matt offering a hour-long lesson on a topic decided on by the group the week before. This lesson is open and available for free to all skill levels. The second and culminating piece of the evening begins at 6:30 pm and consists of a 0-200 short-game. What is unique and special about this game—and why this game is a must-attend for any 0-200 player—is because each player is allowed to ask one question per round of an experienced moderator. These questions can involve bidding problems, leading problems, or insights into how to declare a hand. The initial response to this program has been overwhelmingly positive. I invite you to gain more information about this program and then disseminate that information among your friends. Oh—I almost forgot—if you are eligible to play, I want to invite you to come out and give it a whirl.

The second educational opportunity is called “Learning the Savant’s Secrets”. This program focuses on developing good, sound judgment in all three aspects (bidding, defense, and declarer play) of the game. This program does not focus on new-fangled gadgets or the latest conventional craze. This class—instead—delves into how to read spot cards, inferential assumptions, purity, and many more subjects integral to sound judgment. This program is designed and taught by Kit Overpeck. Look for it in the near future.

Are you sad, my experienced player? Well, turn that frown upside-down—we are finally to you. There are two big changes in the ACBL. The first change is that there is a massive overhaul of the Laws of Contract Bridge that go into effect towards the end of September. Be forewarned that you may receive a different ruling on certain infractions in the near future than you have in the past. The second thing is that the ACBL is putting a STOP to the STOP card. The ACBL has begun to phase out the STOP card, and the STOP card will no longer be legal beginning Jan. 1, 2018.

I must stop a moment here and relay sad news. Vangie Smith will be leaving the presidency of the LBA at the end of this year. If you see her and think of it—please tell her what a wonderful job she did as our president.

This also means that the nominating committee is gathering to recruit volunteers to help assist and guide our club into the future. If you are earnest in

having a desire to work for the benefit of all bridge players, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Dotty Losey, Bill Toutant, Norman Smith, Hannah Davis, or Marsha Kyle.

Save the date for our upcoming Sectional and Regionals, the details of which can be found in the Midwest Monitor on the ACBL Website or on the Louisville Bridge Club website. Also plan on playing in the 2017 NAP and 2018 GNT (hosted in Louisville.) ♣



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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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We are located in the Plainview Shopping Center. Take the Hurstbourne Parkway (KY-1747 N/S) exit 15 – toward Middletown - off Interstate 64, then Hurstbourne Parkway to Linn Station Road.

Nearby hotels

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UNIT 122 CENTRAL OH

Bob Jiobu

THE “DOG DAYS OF SUMMER” have been rather “doggie” for the Central Ohio Bridge Association. Attendance at our summer sectional was not inspiring, but it was not disheartening, either. Overall, it was “doggie.”

Still, we are moving forward. We have started investigating ways to enhance our Basic Bridge program at the sectional. Designed for newer players, the program involves a reduced number of hands coupled with a lecture.

Siraj Haji is currently in charge of the program and will be meeting with a committee to thrash out possible changes. Anyone with ideas, or who would like to participate in the committee, should contact him directly. Siraj is listed in our 2017 directory.

And speaking of our 2017 directory, we would like to express our thanks to Michael and MaryJane Gladfelter for printing it at reduced cost and in a nicely improved format. It is much easier to read, especially for those of us who have less than 20-20 vision.

And speaking of 20-20 vision, if you were at the recently concluded Dayton regional, you might have seen players wearing a button advertising the NABC that will be held in Columbus in 2020. The year 2020 might seem like a long way off, but before you know, it will arrive. So, please keep 2020 open for bridge.

At the Dayton regional, which our unit co-sponsors, I was with a group of players sitting outside. Just next to us were two young airmen in uniform. As usual, we were discussing the game, and one player said, “We went for 1,400 on that hand!” One airman who overheard the comment, piped in “You play for a lot of money.” After we duly explained that “1,400” referred to points, not spending cash and that we did not really know what we played for, the other airman said, “I looked in at the people and I thought you were playing bingo.” That comment must tell us something, but I’m not sure what.

As you might know, in conjunction with the Toronto National Tournament, the ACBL sponsored an online, robot tournament. It drew some 2,500 participants from around the world, and two of our members scored in the “Top 50”: Boris Tenchov and Kevin Cadmus.

Good going!!!

In conclusion, are proud to recognize the achievement of George St. Pierre, who recently became a platinum life master.

Like many players, George St. Pierre learned to play bridge in college and had an off-and-on relation with the game as he went about building a family and working on career as an engineer. Originally from Massachusetts and MIT,

he is now an Ohio State University distinguished, emeritus professor.

He became a life master in 1963, a time when few life masters were awarded. He now has thousands of points and the total keeps climbing because George keeps active in local club games and various tournaments. At the table, he has a reputation for being patient, deliberate, and thoughtful—and always very nice. Based on his years of experience as a player and as a student of life, his advice is to “believe in yourself” and “stay optimistic.”

Well, reconsidering what transpired, the summer was not so “doggie” after all. ☁

▼ George St. Pierre of Columbus becomes a Platinum life master. He played with one of his regular partners, Cheryl Schneider, in a Columbus Bridge Center game. ▼



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Central Ohio Sectional *October 20 - 22, 2017*

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CENTRAL OHIO SECTIONAL October 20 - 22, 2017

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Exit 116 on I-71 (Morse Road)
East on Morse for 0.8 miles (on right)

Extra Silver Points – Great Hospitality – Free Parking

Friday, October 20

9:00 AM

[BridgePlusBrunch](#)

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

Stratified Open Pairs (Unlimited/2000/750)

&

Stratified 299er Pairs**

3:00 PM

(single sessions)

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

THE FURTHER ADVENTURES in the Case of the Missing Trailer
As reported in last Midwest Monitor, the Cincinnati Bridge Association had its trailer stolen with its Regional bridge equipment two and a half weeks before its Regional in early June. After the completion of the Regional, we received a phone call from the Hamilton Township (Warren County) Sheriff's Department that our trailer was found! They reported that the trailer was damaged, but now contained assorted lawn furniture rather than bridge equipment.

We immediately notified our intrepid insurance agent to determine how damaged was the trailer and whether any bridge equipment could be recovered. Our agent reported back to us that the bridge equipment was gone and that the damage to the trailer was so great that it was considered a total loss.

We still liked the idea of having a trailer with the Regional bridge equipment, so we went shopping again. We are now in the process of procuring a bright red trailer, which will be stocked with brand new bridge equipment.

This time, we will be storing the trailer in a locked storage facility with security cameras.

The remaining mysteries are:

1. What did the thieves do in the trailer that caused it to be considered a total loss?
2. Where did the assorted lawn furniture come from?
3. What happened to the bridge equipment?
4. And, most importantly, were any of the thieves sufficiently intrigued by all the bridge equipment to want to learn how to play bridge?

Net, it was traumatic to have this occur before the Regional, but we solved that problem through the generosity of other District 11 units. Our insurance largely covered the loss of the trailer and the equipment. We are taking the additional precaution of storing the trailer in a locked facility. In a way, it's like bridge. You're dealt a bad hand, you make the best of it at the time, and then decide what to do differently to handle it better in the future.

Milestones

We have several Unit 124 members reaching new milestones in the 3rd quarter of 2017

Gold Life Master – Rick O'Connor

Ruby Life Master – Cordell Coy

Bronze Life Master – Howard Simon; Thomas Terwilliger; John Taylor

Life Master – Alice Price, Terry Brausch; Reeta Brendamour; Janet Hanses; Mary Ann Marx; Linda Pretz

Upcoming Events

School has recommenced. It's time to think about your Fall Bridge events. Here is what is coming up in Unit 124

October 6-7:
Cincinnati NLM Tournament
at the Cincinnati Bridge Center
2860 Reading Road

October 26-28:
Spooktacular Sectional at the Cincinnati Bridge Center
2860 Reading Road
Feel free to wear costumes!
We always have several bewitching players in both manner and dress.

November 4-5:
North American Pairs (NAP) Finals at the Cincinnati Bridge Center
2860 Reading Road
Flight B (<2500) is on November 4.
Flight A (Open) and Flight C (<500, NLM) are on November 5.

June 11-17, 2018:
The 2018 Flying Pig Regional
will be held at the
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October 06 - 07, 2017

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Spooktacular Sectional
October 26 - 28, 2017

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July 09 - 15, 2018



Cincinnati Sectional *October 26 - 28, 2017*

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CINCINNATI SPOOKTACULAR SECTIONAL

October 26-28, 2017



Cincinnati Bridge Center
2860 Cooper Road, Cinti OH 45241
513-563-2218
Extra Parking Behind
9884 Reading Road — Back Lot

**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 Pairs 10:00AM and 2:30PM*

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\$10 entry (\$5 Youth)
(\$3 surcharge non-ACBL members)

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UNIT 130 CENTRAL IN

Maribeth Ransel

A BIG NOTE OF “thanks” to Jan Vernia and Suzi Pratt and their wonderful team of volunteers who conducted the 299er Sectional held at the Indianapolis Bridge Center in August. Over 100 attendees participated in the two-day event and won lots of silver, many trophies, and enjoyed great food and a welcoming tournament staff. Thanks as well to John Nichols and Heather Harmeyer who directed the events for the weekend, and to Sharon Austin, Kendra Bridges, Joan Flynn and others who brought great food for the famished guests. Gary Thomas’ lecture on bridge etiquette was a great help to newer players who want to be ready for competition at larger tournaments, and Kendra Bridges’ “Tips Over Lunch” helped attendees to understand the hands they played during the Saturday morning session.

We tip our hats to these summer achievers: Life Master – Janet Freedman; Bronze – Mona Loft, Russ Beale, Bill Bockstahler, Jo Ann Bretsch, Barbara Porter, Linda Scites, and Ryan White; Silver – Charles McPeck; Ruby – Sandy Holliday. In addition, some of our Central Indiana bridge gurus have climbed to high mountains this year. Having reached the level of Sapphire are Jane Gormong, Donald Van Arman and Mel Ward. Receiving Diamond acclaim is Annette Clark. Pushing higher yet, we witnessed Don Florida achieve Emerald status, and our new Platinum Life Master is Jerry Premo. We salute you all on your fine bridgemanhip!

Don’t let the upcoming holiday schedules take away your time from the bridge table. The Indianapolis Sectional is just around the corner. Join us at the Northside Knights of Columbus from November 17th through 19th. The Colts will not be playing that Sunday, so it is a great time to bring your team for our Swiss event with a new start time of 10:30 AM. (There will be a brief unit meeting at 10:15 to announce the results of the CIBA election. Watch your clubs for ballot and voting information.)

Muncie Duplicate Bridge Club

Ella Reff reporting

The Muncie DBC had an annual meeting with Tom Charles reporting that at the end of July, the club had attendance of 517.5 tables. We are still the fourth largest club in Unit 130. We appreciate the faithful attendance of members from Anderson, New Castle, and Richmond. We have one very prominent new member, Robin Baugh, and she plans to bring in several new members from New Castle soon. Stratification of games has been possible because the ACBL now allows the number of master points for a pair to be averaged, rather than placement by the highest-rated member of a pair.

Our dealing machine recently produced a hand with thirteen black cards! After research, several statistical results were given with differing numbers, but only with two-suited hands, not considering colors. The probability of getting a 7-6-0 hand is less than 5%.

Woodstock Club Duplicate Bridge

Judy Libby reporting

Woodstock Club Duplicate Bridge meets each Tuesday, with the game beginning at 12:15. All women with 1500 points or less are welcome to play, and no invitation is necessary. Jan Vernia is the partnership chairman. If you and a partner want to play, or if you need a partner, email Jan at bobjanv@comcast.net to let her know you will be coming. On any Tuesday, you are likely to meet women who may be new to the game as well as others who have been playing forty or more years.

One newcomer to bridge, Marcia Fisch, had never played any card games while growing up, but she decided to challenge herself by learning a new skill “totally outside of her comfort zone.” She began playing bridge in the fall of 2014, and this year started coming to Woodstock. Marcia said that she “loves the people . . . and whenever possible, I sign up for the lesson prior to the game. I love all aspects of the game and enjoy meeting all the people who play.” Clearly, Marcia’s efforts have paid off because on August 31st, Marcia and her partner had a 74% game.

Unlike Marcia, Gloria Ryan, began playing bridge more than forty years ago, once her three children had left home. A regular participant at Woodstock’s games, she welcomes ladies to her table with warmth and encouragement. Although Glo said that she enjoys the social part of bridge, she also likes to learn new conventions as a way to improve and also to stay mentally sharp. Glo added that once her golf and tennis ended, bridge became a necessity, and her goal is to keep improving.

In the coming months, other new and veteran players will be featured, each having benefitted from the opportunity to meet and become friends and partners at Woodstock’s bridge table.

Finally, a “shout out” to two Woodstock players, Susan Garelick and Jayne Spahn, who came in first in the Swiss Teams game on August 27th at the 299er Sectional sponsored by CIBA. Both ladies were full of smiles and pride in this accomplishment.

The Terre Haute Bridge Center

Art Western reporting

The Terre Haute Bridge Center lost one of its most revered members when Phillip Frank DeSanto passed away July 5, 2017 at the age of ninety-one. Frank moved to Terre Haute from Ohio in the early sixties and immediately became an ardent and enthusiastic bridge player. He garnered nearly 2000 masterpoints and achieved the prestigious rank of ACBL Ruby Life Master. Managing the THBC was DeSanto’s vocation for over a quarter of a century beginning in the late 1980s.

Frank was known for his remarkable ability to recall club members’ home, work, and cell phone numbers from memory. He kept meticulous records of the club’s activities and “never threw anything away.” DeSanto took great care with his personal appearance and was usually attired in suit and tie for weekly bridge sessions.

His second most favorite hobby was dancing. Often, after an evening of bridge, he would visit local night spots and join with other local dance enthusiasts to shuffle his feet rather than cards. Frank’s colorful lifestyle and dedication to the club earned him the moniker “Our Most Unforgettable Character.”

Following the game on Friday afternoon, July 28, the Terre Haute Bridge Club adjourned to the Cannon Inn for a party in recognition of two of the club’s long standing members. Guests of honor were Sharon Strassler and Don Reuland. Strassler and Reuland were praised and thanked for their decades-long participation and support of the club. Reuland started playing at the club in the early 1990s. He served as the club treasurer for twenty years. Strassler has been playing at the club for over thirty years. She has served on the club’s Board of Directors and was elected club President for two terms.

In August, Terre Haute Bridge Club member Shafaat Dalal paired up with former THBC member Ed Hardwidge to win first place in Section A of the Saturday morning 299er pairs competition at CIBA’s “Silver Lining 299er Sectional” tournament at the Indianapolis Bridge Center. Their first-place finish, plus other high scores at the tournament, earned each of them 3.42 silver master points.

Terre Haute Bridge Club members are hard at work preparing another successful Banks-of-the-Wabash Bridge Sectional this September.



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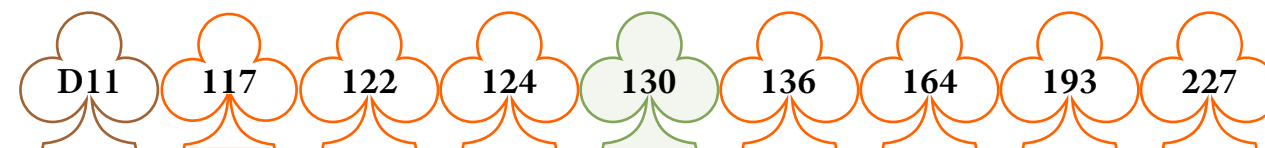
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Phillip Frank DeSanto passed away at his home of the last three years, Maryvale Senior Living in West Terre Haute, on July 5, 2017, at the age of 91.

Always a stylish dresser, he looked sharp every day, sported a special colorful outfit on every holiday, and will be remembered for his Halloween costumes. He loved live music and spent many evenings dancing at Be Bops, the Apple Club, and the TeePee Tavern, outliving most of his favorite nightspots. He was still dancing on his 90th birthday.

In his own words, as written on his personal calling card, Frank was an: Aesthete, Raconteur, Semanticist, Bridge Aficionado, Poet Laureate, Bibliophile, Philanthrope, Diplomat, and Incurable Romanticist. The Incomparable, Frank DeSanto

Which in translation means:

A lover of art, music, and poetry, skilled storyteller, specialist in the study of meaning, bridge enthusiast, recognized poet, collector and lover of books, lover of mankind, a person who dealt with people in a sensitive and effective way, and forever sentimental and optimistic.



▲ Marcia Fisch's happy smile after her 74 percent game ▲



▲ Gloria Ryan ▲



▲ Susan Garelick and Jayne Spahn win first place in Swiss teams ▲



▲ At a party on July 28, Don Reuland was thanked for his 20 years of service as the THBC's treasurer ▲



▲ At a party at the Cannon Inn, the THBC celebrated Sharon Strassler's many years of service to the club ▲



► Shafaat Dalal (left) and Ed Hardwidge won a first place in the August CIBA "Silver Lining 299er Sectional" ▲

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INDIANAPOLIS

2017 Fall Sectional

November 17-19 — Northside Knights of Columbus



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - November 17

- ▶ 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
\$6.00 for your first game, and receive a coupon for one free game.

SATURDAY - November 18

- ▶ Stratified Open Pairs 9:00
- ▶ 49ers Pairs 9:00
- ▶ 299ers Pairs 9:00 1:30 7:00
- ▶ 0-20 Pairs 1:30
\$6.00
- ▶ BOB WALLACE Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 7:00
- ▶ CYNDY CRADICK Open Stratified Swiss 1:30 7:00
2 Sessions

SUNDAY - November 19

- ▶ CIBA Business Meeting 10:15
- ▶ Bracketed Swiss Teams 10:30 *Note New Start Time*

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.

- Friday evening Snacks provided by the CIBA Board and Friends.
- Saturday AM Coffee and doughnuts provided.
- 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 Brief Business Meeting of Central Indiana Bridge Association

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Directions: Northside Knights of Columbus 2100 E. 71st 317-253-3471

From I-465 (on the northside), turn south on Keystone to 71st. Turn right on 71st and the facility will be on the right, just one-half block from your turn.

Nearby hotels: There are a number of motels of varying price ranges along the East 86th/82nd St. corridor. Google Indianapolis northeast motels for information.

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

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UNIT 136 Sandy Forsythe MIAMI VALLEY

THE LIVING WAS easy this summer in the Miami Valley! Miami Valley Bridge Center hosted another successful Longest Day event to support Alzheimer's research, beginning with a special 10 a.m. game which was won by Wayne & Marilyn O'Connor. Lori Harner & Ron Babcock won the afternoon game. Alok & Nancy Mohan won the evening non-Life Master game, just as they did last year! Will they three-peat next year?

As the only player to participate in all three Longest Day games (with three different partners), Joe Camillus wins the stamina award! He came close to three-peating, earning masterpoints in two of the three games.

Many thanks are due to all who played on the Longest Day or in Alzheimer's charity games during ACBL Charity month in April, and especially to those who filled the purple collection bucket with their generous donations. MVBC collected \$2561 in total, in addition to Longest Day sanction fees, surpassing our goal of \$2500.

The Dayton Non-Life Master Sectional brought fireworks to MVBC on the first weekend in July, smashing previous attendance records! Total attendance was forty-nine tables, a big jump from last year's thirty-three. Tom Coyle served as Tournament Chair and yours truly handled partnerships.

Contributing to the better turnout was the decision to hold two single-session pair games on Sunday instead of the traditional two-session Swiss. We've learned that newer players tend to avoid team games! Personally, I didn't like playing teams when I was a newbie, either, because I'd have three people to disappoint instead of just one.

Dorothy (Dottie) Kemp and George Clawson tied as the top masterpoint winners for the weekend, earning 4.64 points each. David Francis was next with 4.26 points. George and Dottie each received a free two-session entry to the Flight C North American Pairs District Final, and Dave received a free one-session entry to the NAP Final. Watch out for them when you're competing in Cincinnati this November!

The lazy days of summer were not so lazy for about thirty eager non-Life Masters, who studied hard under the guidance of patient Life Masters in MBVA's summer Mentor program. As I reported in this space previously, Jeff Gargrave & Kelsey Jouanicot won the Mentor-Mentee kick-off game in June. Marilyn O'Connor, Janet Turber-Boehmer, Wayne O'Connor and Steve Boehmer won the Swiss team game in July (which was part of the summer STaC). Scott Gates & Joe Camillus won the final game in August. Jeff & Kelsey were the overall winners of the series, based on their performance in the three Sunday games.

Area players turned out in force for the summer STaC in mid-July. Matt Bone won the most masterpoints of any Unit player. Unit players turning in

first-place STaC finishes were: John Horner & Neil Friedman in the Monday night non-life Master game; Jim Laubie & Harry Gerla in the Tuesday morning invitational pairs; and Jeff Gargrave & Vickie Sebastian on Saturday night.

The Dayton Summer Sectional, held in early August 4, didn't break any attendance records, but lots of good bridge and great hospitality were enjoyed by all. Joe Camillus was at the helm as Tournament Chair, and Marilyn O'Connor served as Partnership Chair. Unit players scoring first-place finishes in open games were: Bob Sulgrove & Amitabh Raturi (Cincinnati); Vickie Sebastian & Sudheer Pimputkar (Columbus); Russ Shoup & Marc Low; and David Kennedy & Brian Clausung. In non-Life Master games, Unit first-place finishers were: Harry Gerla & Jim Laubie; Joe Hammann & Brad Martin; and Connie Wiest & Anita Brand. Bob Sulgrove was the top Unit masterpoint-scorer of the weekend.

On the day after Labor Day, players went to work chasing red and gold points at the Flying Buckeye Regional. Tournament Chair Georgia Banziger and Partnership Chair Marilyn O'Connor worked hard to provide an enjoyable experience for all, aided by their Columbus counterparts, Cheryl Schneider and Larry Jones.

Unit 136 players scoring first-place finishes in open events were: Ron Babcock, Steve Forsythe, Jeff Gargrave, Scott Gates, Beth Grismer, Lori Harner, Marc Low, Dallas Moore, Connie Renneman, Craig Satersmoen, Ryan Schultz, Russ Shoup and Ilse Tebbetts. Scott Gates scored the most points of any Unit player. Russ Shoup, Marc Low and Bob Sulgrove were also among the top ten masterpoint-earners for the week.

I'm sorry to have to report that the barn is now empty: Bridge in the Barn has been cancelled due to lack of participation. The Logan County Bridge Club welcomes you to their weekly Thursday evening game at the Friendly Senior Center in Bellefontaine. ♣



◀
Director
Mike Roberts
presents a lesson
during the
NLM Sectional
◀

►
Mentor/Mentee
winners
Jeff Gargrave
and
Kelsey Jouanicot
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**Dayton
Sectional
December 01 - 03, 2017**

**Dayton
Sectional
March 23 - 25, 2018**

**Dayton
Sectional
JUN 29 - JUL 01, 2018**



▲ Club Manager Tom Coyle presented NAP District Final free plays to Dottie Kemp, George Clawson and David Francis ▼



▲ Nancy & Alok Mohan won the 6 p.m. Longest Day game ▲



◀ Joe Camillus played in all three Longest Day Games ▶



► Decked out in purple:
Front Janet Lee, Sandy Forsythe;
Back Stu Petersen, Tom Coyle,
Georgia Banziger ►



► Wayne & Marilyn O'Connor won the 10 a.m. Longest Day game ►



UNIT 164 Nancy Colby BLUE GRASS

SUMMER FUN
FIRST, think about summer fun. Travel here.... and travel there. Lexington Bridge Club members brought pictures of their vacations from all over the world for our bulletin board. Some pics were from years ago and we enjoyed guessing who was in the picture and where it was taken. Check out these picture on the bulletin board.

Travel also happens for bridge competition. We had members traveling to experience Canadian competition and have members getting ready to travel to China for world competition. Sounds like fun and it was and it will be.

Check out the pictures for STaC winners, Kentucky tournament winners, Canadian tournament winners, and Tennessee winners. STaC winners don't even have to pack a suitcase or fill the tank with gasoline. Steve Vuotto and Bill Adams teamed up at home to win fifteen MPs and Judy Wright and Roland Case won 14.87 MPs.

Harry Gordon and Susan Bullard teamed up with Patrick Williams (Greenbriar TN) and Dot Blue (Nashville TN) earning 34.62 GOLD points in Nashville City Thursday-Friday Regional/Knock Out in July. Peggy Saunier and Judy Wright rented a van and traveled with six other Lexington ladies to leisurely drive to Toronto, Canada, and win twelve MP and enjoy vacation sights and delicious dining.

Chuck Dean, on the other had, had a busy summer organizing and directing a beginners 0-99MP on Wednesday night. It has been well attended and continues to grow. Chuck tells us that "the viability of a club relies on its ability to bring novice players along. The prospect of providing new players the opportunity to play with players of similar abilities is what makes the game appealing." New players are going to appreciate this new opportunity.

We are also delighted that some of our "new and younger" bridge players Blaine Mullins and Morgan Schreffler, after winning at our club and in Oakridge TN, are going to China to compete in the World Wide Bridge Championship. They took lessons here beginning three years ago and zoomed to the top while attending UK earning their PhD and teaching classes. They have only had time to play enough to be at about 300 MPs. Limited playing time certainly did not hold them back in this stiff competition. Blaine is still here, but Morgan graduated and accepted a position to teach in Kansas. They practice long distance and will meet in China!

We are also proud of another young math major graduate at UK, Cyrus Hettle. He began taking bridge lessons at our club for young students in the summer, caddied at our tournaments since he was home schooled, and then began to play with us. He has been a consistent winner here and at tournaments.

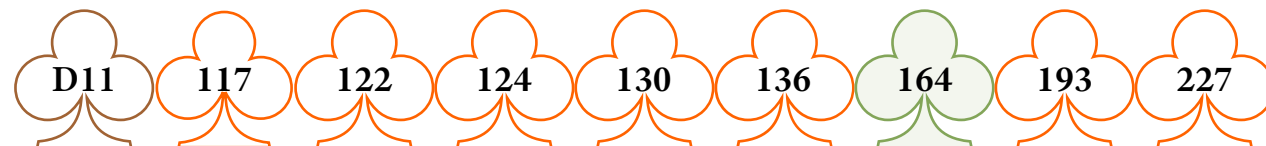
We wish him the best in Atlanta at Georgia Tech while he pursues his PhD. Well, it wasn't a "lazy" summer.....but it was certainly memorable. ♣



▶ Roland Case
and
Judy Wright
smile
after
BIG
win ▶



◀ Cyrus Hettle and
Blaine Mullins enjoy
covered dish lunch
recognizing successes
and future challenges
◀



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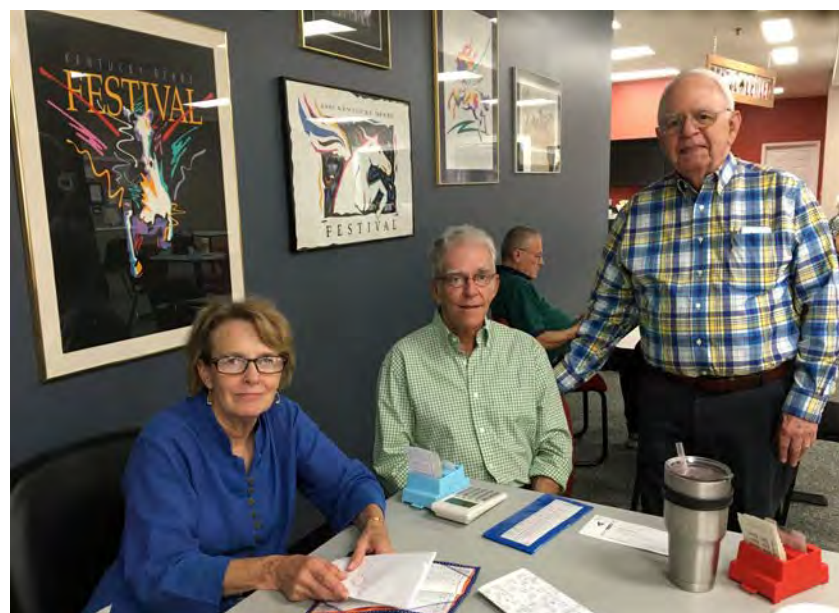
**Lexington
Sectional**
January 19 - 21, 2018

**Lexington
Sectional**
May 18 - 20, 2018

► (L to R) Jim Wysong, Kent Mann, Bill Davis, Susan Dance and Powell Melvin (seated) brought home tournament points ►



▼ (L to R) Ellen Humes, Linda Keller and Bill Davis return home winners ▼



▲ (L to R) Janet Miller, Kent Mann, Bill Davis travel, compete, and win ▲

▲ (L to R) Jim Wysong, Jim Merkel, and Phillip Wysong share victory smiles ▲



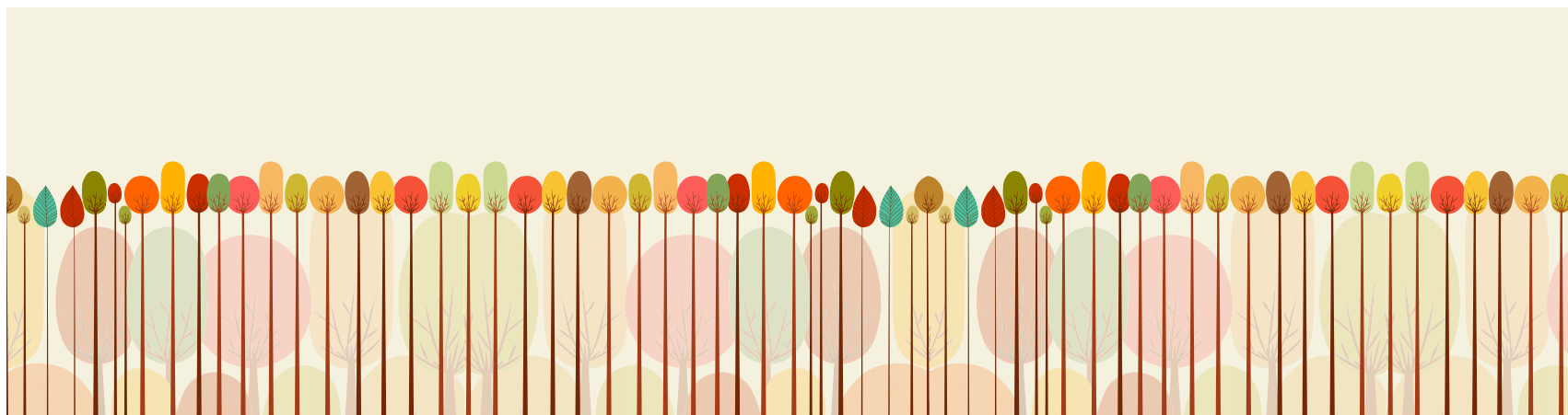
► (L to R) Morgan Schreffler and Blaine Mullins will travel to China for competition ►



▲ Chuck Dean director (seated R) with his new 99ers group ▲



► L.ove O.ur Traveling Time - Bulletin Board pictures show a L.O.T.T. of members' world wide travels from Hawaii, to Galapagos to England and home again. ►



► (L to R) Bill Adams and Steve Vuotto finish #1 in our district to gain 15 MP ►



Cabin Fever Sectional

January 19 - 21, 2018

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CABIN FEVER SECTIONAL

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
JANUARY 19-21, 2018

FRIDAY

Stratified Single Session Open Pairs ----- 1:00/7:00 PM
299'er Single Session Pairs ----- 1:00/7:00 PM

SATURDAY

Bracketed Knockouts ----- 9:00 AM, 1:00/7:00 PM
Stratified Single Session Open Pairs ----- 1:00/7:00 PM
299'er Single Session Pairs ----- 1:00/7:00 PM

SUNDAY

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

All Swiss Teams based on averages

Box lunch between sessions included in team entry fee

NOTE: On Friday or Saturday, players with 0-50 MP's can buy one entry and get a second one **FREE** (Limit one per player per tourney)

Top bracket of KO's may be handicapped based on averages

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

*Prizes for tournament top point winners in each strat:
A, B, C & 299'er.*

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UNIT 193 DISTRICT 11

Pat Probst

ON AUGUST 21 about a third of our nation was in the grip of solar eclipse fever! That was especially true for the bridge members in Madisonville and Hopkinsville, KY as they saw the moon journey between the sun and earth and create a total lunar eclipse! Bridge players at Evansville, IN, were just as excited to see the nearly total eclipse. The afternoon bridge game was interrupted as members ventured outside, making sure to wear those funny glasses while straining their necks upward toward the sky for a peek at the phenomena of Mother Nature.

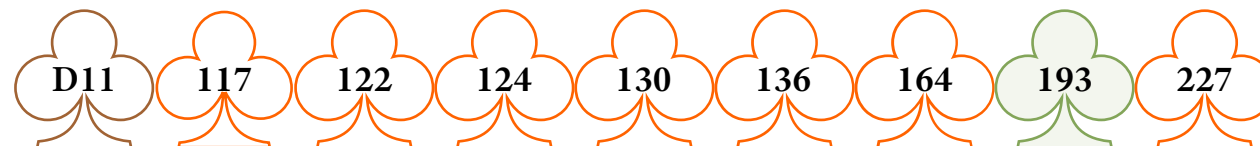
There have been other enjoyable and lively events happening at EDBC this summer. On August 24 the Club took on a country/western atmosphere as members came wearing jeans, cowboy boots and a bandana around their neck. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and more bandanas! Live music was provided by local guitarist, Cal Dentino. Members Linda Palmer and Phil Fassett serenaded us with some old familiar and catchy tunes, causing everyone to tap their toes and sing along.

The judges had a difficult task in choosing the best costume, but finally gave the honors to Mary Lucas followed by Pat Green and Jerlene Peach as runners up. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal of barbeque prepared by Willie Alley and accompanied by side dishes brought by the members. This festivity was followed by an open game of bridge with twenty tables in attendance. Special thanks to Willie Alley and Phyllis Kincaid who made this wonderful



▲ Steve Early found the perfect spot
to view the eclipse ▲

◀ Mary Lucas, Andy Guagenti, Pat Green, Jerlene Peach
& Phyllis Kincaid enjoying the Bandana Party! ▶



afternoon of fun, laughter and bridge possible.

The Longest day

Twenty sleepy players clad in pj's and robes arrived at 5:30 a.m. on June 21, the longest day of the year. Their purpose was to support the EDBC's participation in raising money for Alzheimer's research. It was quite a busy day with local TV personalities dropping by for live broadcasting of the event. Food was provided by local restaurants throughout the day. The 9:00 a.m. open game drew twenty-two players, and the afternoon game fifty-two. The evening team game was attended by twenty-four. EDBC was very fortunate to have a matching pledge given by Phil Fassett, Linda Palmer and Mr./Mrs. Anonymous. If the Club raised \$3,000, the trio would match it. No problem! This year the money raised was over \$8,000! Five years ago, EDBC raised \$1,638. We have come a long way due to the generosity of our members and friends! As chairman Bev Nikolajewski and co-chair Dale Hill stated: "It was an exhausting long day but a GREAT day". A big Thank You to everyone who participated.

Pocket City Sectional

It takes a lot of people to run a tournament! That is the sentiment of Patti Lodato (chairperson) and Nancy Erwin (co-chairperson) of the Pocket City Sectional held in Evansville, IN. July 21-23. Because of the leadership of these two ladies, their committees and many volunteers, the Sectional was deemed a success. There was a total of 142 tables, and 172 players received masterpoints. Four tutorials were presented prior to the sessions. They were given by Ron DeLuca who lectured on "Overcalls"; Phil Fassett spoke on the "Value of the Hand"; Bernie Kay presented a talk on "The Defender Who Counts"; and Barbara Ahlers emphasized "Counting". The top ten Masterpoint winners of the Sectional are as follows:

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Sweetheart Swiss

February 10 - 11, 2018

Evansville

Sectional

July 06 - 08, 2018

Evansville

Split Regional

September 03 - 09, 2018



▲ The EDBC “early birds”
enjoying the 5:30 a.m. "Longest Day" game ▲

Masterpoints	Player	Club
27.70	Phelps Lambert	Henderson, KY
27.70	Bernard Kay	Evansville, IN
20.76	Barbara Ahlers	Evansville, IN
15.88	Robert Freeburn	Evansville, IN
15.79	Philip Fassett	Evansville, IN
15.79	Gary Gentry	Evansville, IN
15.65	John Fullenwider	Owensboro, KY
15.65	Bernice Cornette	Madisonville, KY
15.64	Leroy Breimeier	Vincennes, IN
15.64	Brandon Liao	Madisonville, KY

Educational Opportunities

EasyBridge! 1 is back! Veteran teacher Jan Tucker will resume the popular class at EDBC beginning September 12. Presently there are seventeen people who have registered to attend. This program has been very successful in increasing the membership at our Club. Popular teacher Bobby Tapp will bring his humor and bridge expertise to intermediate players as he presents a series of lessons starting September 19. Bridge instruction at EDBC has also gone high-tech as Ray Andersen conducts on-line tutoring for thirty-one of our novice players.

New Life Masters

There was a lot of joy at EDBC as three members achieved the rank of Life Master. We were very happy to know that Melba Patberg accomplished her goal while playing with Jane Perkins at the Champaign, IL, Regional in May. Linda Palmer, and her partner/ husband, Phil Fassett, were sailing on a Larry Cohen “Sea of Cortez” cruise when she became a Life Master. She expressed how wonderful the cruise was, as the ship sailed from Los Angeles to the Baja Peninsula and back. She also enjoyed Mr. Cohen’s daily lessons. Waves of

elation erupted at our Club when news came that Peggy Kincaid became a Life Master at the age of 95! Peggy says there has never been a time when she did not play bridge. Although Peggy had enough points, she needed a few more gold. Earlier this year, Peggy made her decision to get those gold points. She was on a mission! With her daughter, Jane Perkins, as her partner, Peggy traveled to three tournaments and attained her goal at the St. Louis Regional. All three ladies will be celebrating their accomplishments during a party held in their honor in the near future.



▲ New Life Master Peggy Kincaid with daughter
Jane Perkins celebrating Peggy’s 96th birthday! ▲

Upgraded Player Status at EDBC:

New Junior Masters:

Martha Holder, Martha Lease, Ann Raibley, Pam Schultz

New Club Masters:

Charlye Griggs, Linda Cleek, Carey Morton

New Sectional Master:

Sue Salm

New NABC Master:

Sherry Alexander, Nancy Erwin

New Life Masters:

Peggy Kincaid, Linda Palmer, Melba Patberg

New Bronze Life Masters:

Jef Franklin, Linda Palmer

New Ruby Life Master:

Gary Gentry

New Gold Life Master:

Lon Bell

70% Games at EDBC:

May 30	Jim George & Barbara Pickle	73.51%
June 15	Andy Guagenti & Mary Barth Sterns	72.50%
June 22	Phyllis Ward & Charlye Griggs	77.06%
June 29	Nadine Coudret & Linda Cleek	7.90%
July 11	Phyllis Ward & Charlye Griggs	70.30%

Evansville Winners at Jasper Unit Championship Game 8-19-17:

Overall:

1st A – Barbara Ahlers & Bernie Kay

3rd A – Katie Brown & Bill Lea

4th A – LeRoy Breimeier & Pam Corrora

5th A – Peggy Dunkel & John Lawler

2nd B – Steve Early & Jef Franklin

Section:

3rd A – Pete Lambert & Connie Gustafson

HENDERSON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS:

(submitted by Dale Hill)

BIG NEWS FLASH! Christian Jolly, a member of the Henderson, KY, Duplicate Bridge Club, participated in the World Junior Championships in Lynn, France in August. Christian was on the team who won the event! Their team also won the BAM event. This followed a very successful NABC in Toronto in July. Christian and his partner were 4th in the North American Bridge Championships. Christian came away from Toronto with a “respectable” 95.82 points. Not bad for a kid who has been playing bridge for only five years!

Also from Henderson, Susie and Dale Hill were first overall in the Unit Championship held in Owensboro in July.

One of the Henderson members experienced Hurricane Harvey first hand. Madison Sewell had flown to Houston on a personal trip on Friday and ended up on the roof with his girlfriend after her house flooded. They were rescued by emergency teams. We are grateful for their safety during the hurricane.

Madisonville Duplicate Bridge Club:

Overall winners at the Madisonville Sectional are follows:

August 25 afternoon – Tied for 1st in A: Doris Mills & Barb Ahlers and Phelps Lambert & Bernard Kay;

1st in B: Jane Perkins & Patricia Probst; 1st in C: Sandra Porter & W. Kay Lancaster

August 25 evening – 1st in A: Vicki Helms & John Fullenwider; 1st in B&C: Jeanne & Ralph Hines

August 26 morning – 1st in A: Elaine Said & Richard Roiseman; 1st in B – Jeff & Donna Chapman

August 26 afternoon – 1st in A: Bernard Kay & Phelps Lambert; 1st in B: David Lilly & Julia Mesplay

August 27 Swiss – 1st in A&B: Jeff Chapman, Donna Chapman, Lloyd Russell, Brandon Liao’ 1st in C: David Alan Smithfield, Nancy Smithfield, Sandra Porter, W.Kay Lancaster

Owensboro Duplicate Bridge Club

(Submitted by Doris Mills)

Winners

District 11 Summer StaC games winners were as follows:

On July 10 at ODBC’s **Monday evening** StaC games, **District winners in the 299er Pairs** game were Jenny Wilson and Wes Schrooten, First in A and B; Charlotte Moore and Larry Moore, Second in A and B; Sarah Ebelhar and Lori Whitehouse, third in A & B, and first in C; Marsha Hardesty and Sue Koett, fourth in A; Ondra Edds and David Edds, fifth in A and fourth in B; Richard Moman and Jim Wilson, second in C. **Winners in the Open Pairs** game were

John Fullenwider and Vicki Helms, First in A.
On July 12 at the **Wednesday afternoon open pairs** game, District winners were Vicki Helms and Donald Hayes, first in A and B; Shirley Bradley and Frances Lewis, third in A; Sherry Lambert and Doris Mills, fourth in A, third in B, and first in C; Ron Garrett and Bob Bastin, Sr., third in C; and Sarah Ebelhar and Lori Whitehouse, fourth in C.

Unit 193 Game First Place Winners were:
At Owensboro's Unit Game with 18 tables on July 29, in the **0-300 game**, Nancy Wilson and Dot Cates won first with 62.50%; in the **Open Pairs game**, Dale Hill and Susan Hill won first with 61.90%.

Celebration
On August 14, eighty players and guests gathered at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Monday evening bridge games of the ODBC at the Munday Activity Center. The occasion was a dinner and celebration party for Pat Satterwhite for her achievement of Life Master and, subsequently, Bronze Life Master as well since she had exceeded 750 masterpoints.

Fall Tournament
Owensboro's Fall Tournament, two weeks earlier this year due to other District conflicts, starts Friday, September 29, and concludes, Sunday, October 1 with the traditional play through Swiss games event. **New this year at this Sunday Swiss event**, will be a **dedicated Swiss Game for 0-300 players** qualifying with masterpoint averaging just as in the open Swiss game. Novice pairs games are also available on both Friday and Saturday for players with 0-200. The flyer for this tournament, which will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center, is posted on ACBL's tournament website and included in this issue of the Monitor. ☁



▲ Pat, and the team members who helped her complete her requirements at the Nashville Regional Tournament, July 8, are pictured above from left to right:

Vicki Helms,
Dian Fleming,
Pat, and Doris Mills ▲



Sweetheart Swiss

February 10 & 11, 2018

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OWENSBORO SWEETHEART SWISS TEAMS SECTIONAL S1802010

FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, 2018



EVENTS

CST

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Swiss Teams 10:30 A.M.
(Playthrough: Lunch available on site)

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Swiss Teams 10:30 A.M.
(Playthrough: Lunch available on site)

Stratification*

Open:

C0-750
B750-2000
A 2000+

Novice:

C0-50
B50-100
A 100-300

(based on attendance)

* Team Average
Victory Points: 20 Point Scale



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Saturday, Feb. 10th Swiss Teams – 2 Sessions . . \$96.00

Sunday, Feb 11th Swiss Teams – 2 Sessions . . . \$96.00

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

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Holiday STaC
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