



SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT at CLUB

District-Wide Event -- All SILVER Points!!

Monday, June 26 - Sunday, July 2, 2006

Check with other local bridge clubs for their scheduled STaC games

Cincinnati Bridge Center Schedule

2860 Cooper Road

(All Single Session Events)

Open Stratified Pairs

Strat A 1250+ Strat B 500-1250 Strat C 0-500

Monday, June 26 1 PM & 7 PM

Tuesday, June 27 1 PM & 7 PM

(also a Stratified NLM* Game at 7 PM)

Wednesday, June 28 1 PM & 7 PM

Thursday, June 29 1 PM & 7 PM

(also a Stratified NLM* Game at 7 PM)

Friday, June 30 1 PM & 7 PM

(also a Stratified NLM* Game at 1 PM)

Saturday, July 1 1 PM & 7 PM

Open & NLM* Stratified Swiss Teams

Sunday, July 2 1 PM

**NLM games will be held if the attendance is sufficient.*

NLM Stratats: A:200-NLM (500 max.) B:50-200 C:0-50

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COMING EVENTS

ABA/ACBL Unity Game

Potluck at Noon

Saturday, June 24, 1:00 PM

Middletown Sectional
August 18-20

Instant Matchpoint Game
September 14, 7:00 PM

Mentor-Mentee Finale Pot Luck
Sunday, September 17

CBA Fall Sectional & Elections
October 13-15
NAP District Finals
Saturday, October 14

CBA Charity Game
Sunday, October 29

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*I am only one.
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything.
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that
I can do.*

- Edward Everett Hale

At the first meeting as your new CBA President, I referred to the first week in May as "R and R"! Now...not the typical "R and R" that one would think of! REGIONAL and RENOVATION! That's the "R and R" to which I refer. It is amazing the amount of man hours members our association spent preparing for the Regional and the remodeling of our facility.

*Think of the volunteer jobs that people did for the Regional: set up, take down, prepare the supplies for every session for every day, man the registration desk, hand out prizes, pair anyone and everyone that asks for a partner, secure enough caddies for each session, compile the daily bulletin, give lectures, bring food for hospitality, donate money,....the list is endless. Night after night, attendees marveled at the hospitality suite----- a direct result of the dedication of Executive Secretary, **Sandy Orr**. The coordination of the menu for each evening is only the beginning for what she had to do to prepare the room for the social and then clean up afterwards.*

*Meanwhile, back at the ranch, tearing down, throwing away, and pulling up.... the agenda for the day! The metamorphous of the bridge center from what it was to what it is when you walk in today is phenomenal. **Alex Pappas** made sure that all supplies were prepared and placed at the regional site, and then headed to the bridge center to help with the renovation. Never have I known an individual to accomplish so much in so little a time. Then to think that **Mike Dickman** single handedly built the wonderful director's ensemble, when he could have been playing bridge, makes me feel inadequate for having the job of being just the co-chair!*

*To pull both activities together and make sure that one makes enough to pay for the other, **Potter Orr**, our Treasurer, took charge. He coordinated the renovation project, serving as the liaison for the center with all subcontractors, and yet he still had time to be the treasurer for the Regional too. I have been told he even has a gadget to remove the "balls" off of the newly cleaned blue chairs.*

I am only one. These people are only one. You are only one.

Patti English

**The First ABA/ACBL
Nationwide Unity Game**

Saturday, June 24

at the newly renovated

Cincinnati Bridge Center 2860 Cooper Rd.

Same hands will be played in both

*ABA and ACBL for **Sectional Points!***

Winners in ABA & ACBL!

Extra Prizes!

Extra fun! \$10 to play

Bring a dish for the Pot Luck Lunch at noon.

Play begins at 1 p.m.

Strats:	ACBL	ABA
A	1500+	3000+
B	500-1499	1000-2999
C	0-499	0-999

For more information, contact co-chairs

Annease Comer, 513-281-2027, or Sandy Orr, 513-271-6318



Mentor-Mentee Kickoff Game Winners



Sunday, May 17, 2006

- 1st Cyril Pierce - Jerry Katz*
- 2nd Ellen Jackson - Joe Fisher*
- 3rd John Caster - Pat Dutson*
- 4th Larry Linder - Potter Orr*
- 5th Tonya Glendening - Gerry Mirus*
- 6th Dennis Kalberg - Kay Mulford*



BRIDGE LESSONS

Spring/Summer 2006 Cincinnati Bridge Center

BEGINNERS	Saturday mornings	10:00 AM - Noon
	Beginning	April 29
REVIEW THE BASICS	Thursday evenings	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Beginning	April 27
INTERMEDIATE I	Monday evenings	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Beginning	May 1
INTERMEDIATE II	Saturday mornings	10:00 AM - Noon
	Beginning	April 1
ADVANCED SUPERVISED PLAY	Wednesday afternoons	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
	Beginning	May 17

A complete schedule of the class sessions will be discussed at the first class. Each series includes six two-hour lessons. **The fee for a series is \$70 per person.** The fee is based on a class size of 12 to 16 students. An adjustment will be made for classes with fewer than 12 or more than 16 students. **Individual classes are \$15 per class.**

SPECIAL CLASSES

Class; Play in Duplicate Game; Review Hands Played
9:45 AM Tuesdays - May 23, June 6, July 11
Fee: \$15 per class

STUDENT GAME Sunday, June 4

Duplicate game with Hand Analysis Sheets, Master Points, Prizes, and Refreshments
Fee - \$6.00

Information and/or reservations: Nancy Sachs, 561-1766, or Linda Wolber, 522-1771

MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM

by Jim Myers and Tom Deddens

The Mentor/Mentee Program kicked off on May 21 with a potluck luncheon and a game in which 38 of the 78 Mentor/Mentee pairs competed. The program will run through Sunday, September 17, when all will come back together for a final potluck and celebratory game. In the interim, each of the participating pairs will play together at least four times.

Special night games will be offered every Monday at 7:00 PM with a special Mentor/Mentee stratification.

The pairs who have signed on for these events are:

Linda Abrahamson	Roz Sommer	Larry Meyer	Ed Schmidt
Gordon Adkins	Suzanne Ruehr	Geri Mirus	Tanya Glendenning
Carolyn Ahlert	Larry Putt	Beth Morgan	Elaine Lazarus
Pat Armstrong	Tom Talmadge	Joe Muenks	Cathy Feldman
Herb Behr	Diane Hawkins	Kay Mulford	Dennis Kalberg
Gerry Black	Carolyn Davidson	Jim Myers	Richard Freiberg
Barbara Boswell	Holly Morris	Gayle Nieman	Marilyn Beiting
Hobie Brooks	Lynn Callif	Joy Norris	Sue Baum
David Britt	Elissa Chisholm	Melanie Onnen	Carolyn Ludwig
Bobby Carter	Larry Lazarus	Potter Orr	Larry Linder
George Charrier	Gene Vaughn	Sandy Orr	Joan Linder
Marian Charrier	Marilyn warner	Sandy Orr	Carol Jacobs
Debby Cummings	Joy Cronin	Laura Owens	Barb Schoenfeld
June Cushman	Ken Kushman	Alex Pappas	Sally Tieke
Lorna Davis	Jane Coleman	Bonnie Parker	Mary Smith
Mike Dickman	Susan Moskowitz	Dave Parker	Bruce Smith
Pat Dutson	John Caster	Paul Pschesang	Mike Gundrum
Patti English	Adreanne Freiberg	Myrna Rosen	Harriet Edwards
Amy Fisher	Dixie White	Herb Schapera	Julie Beers
Joe Fisher	Ellen Jackson	Pat Scheimann	Leeanne Schmidt
David Frey	Sue Terwilliger	Harriet Spiegel	Lois Spahn
Evan Gay	Marilyn Williams	Lilam Stanley	Ellen Mazer
Arum Goyal	Govind Gupta	Belin Suarez	Pat Holm
Elena Hickman	Karen Grosser	Ralph Terbruggen	Grace Pedoto
Bill Higgens	Sue sale	Tom Terwilliger	Jerry Glendenning
Rose Hornsby	Joyce Hendy	Marshall Tully	Bill Coleman
Betty Hurst	Beverly Broomhead	Heroldine Ukelson	Zelda Penn
Joann Katz	Marlene Pierce	Bob VeVerka	Shirley Reischman
Karen Kendall	Everett Kitchen	Jerry Violetta	Betty Bradbury
Doris Kehow	Bill Scheimann	Tony Viscomi	Erleen Masram
Larry Klein	Brian Pleshek	Barb Wagner	Terri Mackey
Julie Lane	Carol Macksey	Barb Wagner	Pam Carter
Elaine Lazarus	Beth Morgan	Otto Walter	Gail Schimf
Ed Lee	Larry Wilbers	Rob Weidenfeld	Jackie Tepe
Barbara Levenson	Sharon Kreitzer	Linda Woodham	Gerri Heineman
Frank Lichtenberger	Rob Hilb	Ann Zeff	Phyllis Ringle
Millie Lockert	Cheryl Clark	Mary Lou Zimmer	Joann Porter
Nancy Luetge	Rica Hodesh		



Flying Pig Regional



CBA members who won the most Masterpoints

- 52.43 Lorna Davis, West Chester OH
- 43.31 Gene Owens, Grand Blanc MI
- 43.31 Christine Owens, Grand Blanc MI
- 37.03 Jackie Toth, West Chester OH
- 34.26 Nancy Luetge, Cincinnati OH
- 31.41 Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH
- 30.72 Ronald Babcock, Wilmington OH
- 29.08 Yauheni Siutsau, Cincinnati OH
- 28.88 Patti English, Cincinnati OH
- 28.10 Norman Coombs, Brookville IN
- 27.56 William Higgins, Cincinnati OH
- 26.28 Arun Goyal, Cincinnati OH
- 26.04 Daniel Hance, Walton KY
- 24.17 Nancy Sachs, Cincinnati OH
- 23.81 Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH
- 23.25 James Edmiston, Cincinnati OH
- 22.57 Peggy Ammon, Burlington KY
- 22.47 Patrick Dutton, Cincinnati OH
- 21.83 Marshall Tuly, Fairfield OH
- 21.52 Everitt Kitchen, Cincinnati OH
- 21.24 Vince Netherwood, Cincinnati OH
- 21.24 Adrienne Netherwood, Cincinnati OH
- 21.11 Laura Owens, Loveland OH
- 19.79 Cindy Tretter, Edgewood KY
- 19.35 Rachna Goyal, Cincinnati OH
- 19.02 Rob Weidenfeld, Lebanon OH
- 18.03 Anthony Brockman, Florence KY
- 17.78 Gary Fan, Florence KY
- 17.54 Myrna Rosen, Cincinnati OH
- 17.18 Deborah Cummings, Villa Hills KY
- 16.67 Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH
- 16.21 Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH
- 15.87 Stephen Moese, West Chester OH
- 15.62 John Stoppiello, Hamilton OH
- 15.46 Jack Burns, Milford OH
- 15.32 Diane Thaller, West Chester OH
- 15.06 Dorothy Slaughter, Cincinnati OH
- 15.04 Sue Mandell, Cincinnati OH
- 14.86 Joe Fisher, Cincinnati OH
- 14.56 Kenneth Kenfield, Cincinnati OH
- 14.50 William Nicolai, Maineville OH
- 14.14 Donna Gisondi, Lebanon OH
- 13.94 Sheila Dippel, Florence KY
- 13.83 Linda Woodham, Loveland OH
- 13.33 Terry Briscoe, Cincinnati OH
- 13.21 Suzanne Sale, Cincinnati OH
- 13.06 Howard Ringel, Cincinnati OH
- 12.96 Donald Duritsch, Florence KY
- 12.75 Gayle Niemann, Cincinnati OH
- 12.66 Peggy Simpson, Villa Hills KY
- 12.53 Rick O'Connor, Villa Hills KY
- 12.52 Nicholas Gisondi, Lebanon OH
- 12.52 Marian Charrier, West Chester OH
- 12.52 George Charrier, West Chester OH
- 12.46 Gloria Over, Loveland OH
- 12.41 Marilyn Beiting, Cincinnati OH
- 12.35 Phyllis Downey, Morrow OH
- 12.35 June Cushman, Cincinnati OH
- 12.13 Bill Coombs, Hamilton OH
- 12.04 Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH
- 11.50 Vivek Choudhury, Cincinnati OH
- 11.50 Michael Purcell, Burlington KY
- 11.50 A Stephani, Cincinnati OH
- 11.16 Lynn Shannon, Cincinnati OH
- 11.06 William Brewer, Oxford OH
- 11.06 Todd Barker, Cincinnati OH
- 10.99 Scott Hickey, Loveland OH
- 10.86 Agnes De Lany, Cincinnati OH
- 10.62 Larry Klein, Cincinnati OH
- 10.57 Talmadge Dunkle, Maineville OH
- 10.33 Jerry Violetta, Cincinnati OH
- 10.24 Herb Behr, Cincinnati OH
- 10.04 Bruce Smith, Cincinnati OH
- 9.87 Sue Leslie Wheeler, Cincinnati OH
- 9.85 Gayle McCann, Florence KY
- 9.81 Mary Latham, Batavia OH
- 9.67 Gordon Adkins, West Chester OH
- 9.64 Joseph Muenks, Cincinnati OH
- 9.57 Suzann Wurster, Middletown OH
- 9.57 Robert Wurster, Liberty Township OH
- 9.55 Harriet Spiegel, Cincinnati OH
- 9.51 Rick Green, Cincinnati OH
- 9.47 Susan Hermans, West Chester OH
- 9.05 Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH
- 8.78 Sherby Chernin, Cincinnati OH
- 8.62 Mary Smith, Cincinnati OH
- 8.53 Sanderson Orr, Cincinnati OH
- 8.06 Janice Austerman, Loveland OH
- 8.01 Walter Jackson, Hamilton OH
- 7.91 Larry Putt, Cincinnati OH
- 7.90 Gerri Heineman, Cincinnati OH
- 7.85 Donna Miller, Cincinnati OH
- 7.78 Shirley Aloisio, Cincinnati OH
- 7.69 Patricia Armstrong, Cincinnati OH
- 7.69 Dona Letourneau, Cincinnati OH
- 7.64 Jacqueline Meyers, Cincinnati OH
- 7.52 Joy Norris, Cincinnati OH
- 7.40 Charles Ross, Maineville OH
- 7.35 Herb Schapera, Cincinnati OH
- 7.18 Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH
- 7.04 Frank Guiher, Cincinnati OH
- 6.98 Mary Lou Zimmer, Mason OH
- 6.91 Judith Gehr, Cincinnati OH
- 6.88 Marilyn Edwards, Cincinnati OH
- 6.88 George Edwards, Cincinnati OH
- 6.86 William Coleman, Cincinnati OH
- 6.86 Jane Coleman, Cincinnati OH
- 6.75 Potter Orr, Cincinnati OH
- 6.71 Pravin Bhutta, Cincinnati OH
- 6.71 Narendra Mehta, Cincinnati OH
- 6.64 Doris Kehoe, Cincinnati OH
- 6.50 Patricia Newman, Cincinnati OH
- 6.47 Carolyn Ahlert, Cincinnati OH
- 6.32 Marvin Kolodzik, Cincinnati OH
- 6.23 Richard Day, Cincinnati OH
- 6.09 Joan Fox, Cincinnati OH
- 5.94 Louis Ukelson, Cincinnati OH
- 5.94 Heroldine Ukelson, Cincinnati OH
- 5.93 Judy Rouse, Hebron KY
- 5.93 Eileen Fischer, Villa Hills KY
- 5.83 Ann Zeff, Cincinnati OH
- 5.76 Karen Kendall, Middletown OH
- 5.68 Al Paster, Mason OH
- 5.67 Joseph Lutz, Cincinnati OH
- 5.67 Don Freeland, Hamilton OH
- 5.61 Gerald Olson, Hamilton OH
- 5.61 Bruce Abel, Cincinnati OH
- 5.37 David Parker, Springdale OH
- 5.30 Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY
- 5.30 Joe Pike, Edgewood KY
- 5.30 Carl Willig, Fairfield OH
- 5.26 Anton Habash, Oxford OH
- 5.24 Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH
- 5.17 Carole Howard, Cincinnati OH
- 5.16 John Meckstroth, West Chester OH
- 5.08 Rose Hornsby, Cincinnati OH
- 4.95 Denis Daly, Edgewood KY
- 4.95 David Britt, Erlanger KY
- 4.88 Sylvia Maltz, Cincinnati OH
- 4.88 Susan Moskowitz, Cincinnati OH
- 4.85 Elizabeth Platt, Cincinnati OH
- 4.80 Mary Raispis, Park Hills KY
- 4.80 Betty Bradbury, Villa Hills KY
- 4.72 Kay Mulford, Cincinnati OH
- 4.64 Carol Greve, Cincinnati OH
- 4.57 Bill Osborn, Frisco TX
- 4.56 Jerry Fink, Cincinnati OH
- 4.54 Timothy Martin, Ft Thomas KY
- 4.54 Jackie Swango, Fort Thomas KY
- 4.45 John Woeste, Cincinnati OH
- 4.41 Bob Ve Verka, Cincinnati OH
- 4.33 Mary Peter, Cincinnati OH
- 4.19 Bonnie Parker, Springdale OH
- 4.17 Zelda Penn, Cincinnati OH
- 4.12 Erna Herre, Cincinnati OH
- 3.87 Joann Katz, Cincinnati OH
- 3.87 Jerry Katz, Cincinnati OH
- 3.86 Robert Smith, Oxford OH
- 3.86 Paula Byrket, Oxford OH
- 3.86 David Groggel, Oxford OH
- 3.86 Don Byrket, Oxford OH
- 3.85 Eunice Abel, Cincinnati OH
- 3.80 Charlene Comeaux, Mason OH
- 3.80 Alice Price, West Chester OH
- 3.79 Otto Walter, Cincinnati OH
- 3.73 Nathaniel Reid, Cincinnati OH
- 3.71 Barbara Wagner, Cincinnati OH
- 3.66 Ed Lee, Terrace Park OH
- 3.66 Carol Macksey, Mason OH
- 3.60 Diane Goodman, Cincinnati OH
- 3.58 Ralph Terbruggen, Cincinnati OH
- 3.55 Sharon Kreitzer, Cincinnati OH
- 3.53 Albert Beaupre, Cincinnati OH
- 3.40 Betty Hurst, Ft Mitchell KY
- 3.37 Frank Lichtenberger, Cincinnati OH
- 3.36 Harold Norris, Cincinnati OH
- 3.33 Ethyl Blatt, Cincinnati OH
- 3.22 Kevin Smyth, Cincinnati OH
- 3.22 Joseph Bagby, Cincinnati OH
- 3.22 John Caster, Westchester OH
- 3.22 Jack Moore, Cincinnati OH
- 3.22 Erwin Johnson, Cincinnati OH
- 3.20 Thomas Deddens, Cincinnati OH
- 3.20 Lindsley Schutz, Covington KY
- 3.18 Sarah Beckman, Maineville OH
- 3.18 Anna Ratledge, Cincinnati OH
- 3.13 Gene Vaughn, Cincinnati OH
- 3.11 Mike Broida, Oxford OH
- 3.09 Suresh Kamat, Fairfield OH
- 3.09 Jayant Sudame, Middletown OH
- 3.04 Lynn Callif, Cincinnati OH
- 3.03 Joseph Stegmaier, Cincinnati OH
- 3.03 Barbara Stegmaier, Cincinnati OH

For a complete list of winners see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2006/05/0605023.htm>

THANKS!!

*Sandy Orr, the Flying Pig Regional's Hospitality Chair, would like to give a special thank you for Saturday's Derby Party by **Mary Clifton** and **Julie Thomas**.*

Lots of other people helped with hospitality throughout the week, including:

Marilyn	Beiting	Erne	Herre	Helen	Ogle
Carol	Berlient	Bill	Higgins	Potter	Orr
Phyllis	Bishop	Rica	Hodesh	Cappy	Peter
Loretta	Brausch	Carole	Howard	Chuck	Reynolds
Jane	Burpee	Betty	Hurst	Nancy	Sachs
Sherbie	Chernin	Joann	Katz	Suzanne	Sale
Mary	Clifton	Doris	Kehoe	Lynn	Shannon
Mary	Clifton	Karen	Kendall	Dottie	Slaughter
Debbie	Cummings	Frank	Lichtenberg	Harriet	Spiegel
June	Cushman	Mary	Lipp	Jo Ellen	Spitz
Lorna	Davis	Nancy	Luetge	John	Stoppiello
Phyllis	Downey	Sara	Lutz	Belen	Suarez
Talmadge	Dunkle	Patricia	Marrs	Diane	Thaller
Pat	Dutson	Erleen	Masram	Barbara	Thoman
Sharon	Elgin	Gerry	Mirus	Julie	Thomas
Patti	English	Kay	Mulford	Jerry	Violetta
Adrianne	Freiberg	Jackie	Mullins	Barbara	Wagner
Dorothy	Gard	Joy	Nash	Verdell	Walker
Judy	Gehr	Pat	Newman	Dorothy	Weirwille
Carol	Greve	Gayle	Niemann	Jeanne	Weyers
Karen	Grosser	Joy	Norris	Linda	Wolber

The CBA would like to thank the Flying Pig Regional Tournament Committee for all their hard work:

Chairpersons: Pat Newman & Patti English
Partnerships: Lorna Davis
Prize Desk: Michael Lipp
Supplies: Alex Pappas
Registration: Dottie Slaughter

Caddies: Gerry Mirus
Finances: Potter Orr
Hospitality: Sandy Orr
Daily Bulletin Editor: Carolyn Ahlert

For our wonderful, newly renovated, Bridge Center on Cooper Road, the CBA would like to thank the following for their contributions of time and handiwork:

*Debbie Cummings
Tom Deddens
Mike Dickman
Patti English
Don Etson
Frank Lichtenberger
Pat Newman*

*Potter Orr
Alex Pappas
Larry Putt
Myrna Rosen
John Stoppiello
Jerry Violetta
Erv Wolber*



2006 North American Pairs



The North American Pairs is a grassroots effort starting at the club level and leading all the way to the Spring 2007 North American Bridge Championship in St. Louis, MO. Club level masterpoints are half red and half black.

There will be no Unit Final to qualify – only the District 11 NAP Finals, Saturday, October 14, during our Fall Sectional. Your partner may be any other club-qualified player from District 11. District Final masterpoints are set awards with GOLD for section first and overalls.

Three Flights: Flight A (unlimited), Flight B (0-2000), and Flight C (NLM with fewer than 500)

Great Prizes!

Win a Trip to the Spring NABC in St. Louis

March 8-18, 2007

First-Place District Winners in each Flight: Roundtrip Airfare and Three Night's Lodging

Second-Place District Winners in each Flight: Roundtrip Airfare

Third-Place District Winners in each Flight: \$100 per pair from District 11

**Unit Qualifying Games will begin in June.
Watch for the schedule to be posted
on the CBA website (www.cincybridge.com)
and at the Bridge Center.**

**Complete Conditions of contest are posted at the Bridge Center.
For additional questions or information, please contact Barbara Levinson, 513-530-0953.**

Di – rec – tor !

by
Kay Mulford, Director

Players often think that they every time they are damaged, they are entitled to an adjustment. This is not true. The term “rub of the green” is a good example.

North (Dealer)	East	South
--	--	1NT (opening bid out of turn)

Ruling is that North is barred from bidding, but South can bid whatever he wants. Typically South will gamble and bid “3NT.”

If 3NT makes, and North only had 7 high card points opposite a 1NT opener, then E/W may get a bottom board and the “rub of the green,” since other N/S pairs will bid only 1NT. No adjustment will be made.

A

New Location!

Middletown Sectional

August 18, 19 & 20, 2006



Friday, August 18

Stratified Future Masters Pairs – A. 200-300, B. 50-200, C. 0-50...10:30 am & 3:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs – A. 1500+, B. 500-1500, C. 0-50010:30 am & 3:30 pm
Handicapped Bracketed Knockouts (1st Round).....3:30 pm

Saturday, August 19

Handicapped Bracketed Knockouts (Rounds 2 & 3).....10:30 am & 3:30 pm
Stratified Future Masters Pairs – A. 200-300, B. 50-200, C. 0-50...10:30 am & 3:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs – A. 1500+, B. 500-1500, C. 0-50010:30 am & 3:30 pm

Sunday, August 20

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (Play-through).....12:00 noon
A1. 2500+, A2. 0-2500, B. 500-1500, C. 0-500, D. 0-100
A1 and A2 play together. B, C, and D play together.

Sandwiches and Snacks will be available for purchase.

No smoking in building. We will have smoking breaks.

CHAIRMAN

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Barb Peltier
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Christ United Methodist Church

at the corner of Grand Avenue and Marshall in Middletown, Ohio

Take I-75 to Exit 32, go west on State Route 122, past the Town Mall.

At the fork, go right on Grand Avenue.

At the next light turn right on Marshall.

Price Reduced. \$9 per session for ACBL members!

(The Bridge Center on Cooper Road will be closed Friday, August 18, through Sunday, August 20, during the Middletown Sectional.)



Unit 124 Awards Party



Sunday, March 26, at the Bridge Center

<u>2005 ACE OF CLUBS AWARDS</u> (most masterpoints won at clubs)	MPs		<u>2005 MINI-McKENNEY AWARDS</u> (most masterpoints won overall)	MPs
		ROOKIE OF THE YEAR		
Frances Brothers	16		Vijay Sanghvi	27
Carey Eckler	11		Beverly Broomhead	22
Carolyn Gaker	11		Cheryl Clark	22
		JUNIOR MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Brian Pleshek	25		Brian Pleshek	40
Mary Raispia	20		Elaine Lazarus	29
Kevin Smyth	17		Charlene Comeaux	28
		CLUB MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Daniel Hance	43		Daniel Hance	135
Mary Zurborg	32		Betty Bradbury	83
Betty Bradbury	29		Mary Zurborg	75
		SECTIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Anthony Brockman	40		Anthony Brockman	115
Sue Mandell	35		William Coleman	75
Mary Cay Singleton	32		Sue Mandell	72
		REGIONAL MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Rick O'Connor	64		Patrick Dutson	199
Peggy Ammon	53		Cindy Tretter	153
Cindy Tretter	48		Rick O'Connor	141
		NABC MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Sanderson Orr	46		Sanderson Orr	124
Timothy Martin	41		Timothy Martin	104
Michiko Natsume	38		Michiko Natsume	91
		LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Cliff Pleatman	48		Dorothy Wierwille	124
Myrna Rosen	41		Cliff Pleatman	121
Michael Dickman	40		Myrna Rosen	81
		BRONZE LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR		
James Myers	79		Brenda Mehalko	157
Brenda Mehalko	69		Betty Hurst	156
Patti English	64		Amy Fisher	152
		SILVER LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Diane Goodman	101		Larry Klein	520
Jacqueline Meyers	99		Amitabh Raturi	354
Amitabh Raturi	96		Karen Kendall	212
		GOLD LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Ronald Babcock	151		Michael Oechsler	268
Nancy Luetge	88		Ronald Babcock	235
William Higgins	65		William Higgins	183
		DIAMOND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Nancy Sachs	84		Frederic Pollock	390
Frederic Pollack	29		Nancy Sachs	327
Marshall Tuly	24		Bruce Parent	307
		GRAND LIFE MASTER OF THE YEAR		
Norman Coombs	84		Norman Coombs	784

(Winners are listed in the appropriate categories that they started in on January 1, 2005)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members and Transfers

*Dorothy Caster
Dean Congbaly
Matt Granovetter
Pamela Granovetter*

*Bill Jackson
Gayle Kearney
Ron Neal
Mary O'Dwyer
Alan Riedinger*

*Madison Sewell
Forrest Smith
Helene Sweeney
Robert Verville*

Congratulations New Life Masters

Patricia Armstrong John Garrett Rick O'Conner Potter Orr Al Paster

Member Upgrades

JUNIOR MASTERS

*Jan Hardy
Susan Hoffheimer
Barbara Schanzle
Gene Vaughn*

SILVER LIFE MASTERS

*Walter Bunker
Helen Ogle
Laura Owens
Jackie Swango
Mary Lou Zimmer*

CLUB MASTERS

*John Ammon
Julia Beers
Sandra Gadd
Daniel Pritkin
Carol Rauf
Evelyn Sellman
Mary Smith
A. J. Stephani
Jacqueline Tepe*

SECTIONAL MASTERS

*Betsy Bradley
Tonya Glendening
Karen Grosser
Sharon Kreitzer
Mary Raispia*

BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

*Helen Armstrong
Mary Clifton
Patricia Scheimann*

REGIONAL MASTERS

*Martha Howard
Robert Smith
Dorothy Garrett*

NABC MASTERS

*Daniel Hance
Heroldine Ukelson*

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Larry Klein

In Memoriam

Mary Elizabeth Grafe – Shirley Oder -- Steve Shamroy

Ethics Matters

by Jim Myers

You have just finished playing a hand and are feeling pretty good because you have made an overtrick. Then an opponent points out the fact that you could have bid and made a slam had you been in clubs rather than spades. You suspect that she is right.

You are defending a hand in which you have doubled the opponent's 4-heart contract. About halfway through you notice that your opponent has started snapping his cards in celebration of the fact that he knows he is going to make it. He smiles at you and says, "You're going to eat that double." You have known since the diamond void swallowed your ace that your double was doomed.

You are bidding a hand and your left hand opponent reaches for the 4-spade card, but thinks better of it and places a green pass card on the table. You think about calling the director but don't. Your partner passes and right hand opponent bids a thin game. Did she notice that her partner had been tempted to bid on (showing nine or ten points, rather than six), and did she take advantage of that knowledge to bid the game, or did she make a bad call that just happened to work out? Should you call the director now, or should you make some cutting remark, or be silent and resolve to call the director next time?

You lead against 3NT and the dummy puts down his hand, remarking that he had bid 3NT because his KJxxxx were good as gold. Opponent with two of the suit likes the suggestion and knocks out your AQx while she still retains an entry to the board. You aren't sure that this inexperienced declarer would have set up the suit, but it worked like a charm.

Duplicate bridge players experience these situations several times per round. Many of us are guilty of one or the other, and we all suffer at the hands of others as well. Some of us develop hard shells so that we barely notice. Others become frustrated and angry. Others decide that playing in the "open game" is simply too hazardous because we are being accused so often of things that have never even entered our minds. Ethical problems, both of etiquette and of rule breaking, arise more often in bridge than in any other game that I know, with the possible exception of marriage.

Several weeks ago, a group of Cincinnati bridge players was having lunch when the conversation came around to matters of ethics. They agreed that someone ought to write about these matters for the *Alert*. I was not present at that lunch and thus the assignment seemed just right for me. My plan is to write several columns, each focusing on a matter of bridge behavior for beginners and more experienced players alike. Surely experts do not need my advice. I welcome, nae, I solicit your ideas on matters that deserve attention in such a column (jmyers9@cinci.rr.com).

I leave you with the best advice on the subject that I have ever heard. It comes from *Bambi*:

Mrs. Rabbit: Thumper!

Thumper: Yes, mama?

Mrs. Rabbit: What did your father tell you this morning?

Thumper: [*clears throat*] If you can't say something nice... don't say nothing at all.

Note: I use ethics here in its broadest sense, including "rules of conduct" and "moral principles."

CBA Board Meeting Summaries

Complete minutes of each board meeting are posted on the bulletin board. Meetings are usually held at the Bridge Center on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM unless a conflict requires rescheduling. All CBA members are welcome to attend. The June meeting will be on June 6th, the first Tuesday of the month.

MARCH

- CBA experienced \$13,000 less income for the fiscal year 2005. Assets are \$122,367.
- Sanctions for the entire year have been obtained from ACBL.
- The NAP will be held during the Sectional this fall.
- At the Regional Tournament, Matt Granovetter, Nancy Sachs, and Steve Adelson will lecture.
- The Awards/Member Appreciation Game will be held Sunday March 26th.
- \$20,000 was allocated for the complete renovation of the center.
- The teaching room was renamed the Allan Bradley Conference Room.

APRIL

- President Frank Lichtenberger resigned from the Board.
- There was a report on the planned renovation of the Cincinnati Bridge Center.
- Cleaning of the remaining blue upholstered chairs was agreed.
- The CBA's Balance sheet shows virtually no difference from year to year.

- Renovation expenses will be capitalized over a period of three years.
- At the Regional Tournament the charge per session will be increased to \$12.00.
- \$200 will be spent for the purchase of books for the bridge library, many suitable for beginners.

MAY

- Patti English was elected president and Potter Orr was elected vice-president.
- The Mentor-Mentee program will be kicked off with a potluck luncheon on June 21.
- The District 11 STAC will be held the June 26-July 2.
- The Cincinnati Regional Tournament netted a profit of \$5,500.
- Costs for the Cincinnati Bridge Center remodeling came in well under the \$15,000 budget.
- The Worldwide Pairs game is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, June 4.
- The ABA/ACBL Unity Game will be held Saturday, June 24, and will be preceded by a potluck luncheon at noon.
- The Director and Associate Director's fees for the Tuesday evening game were increased modestly.

CBA WEBSITE

All committee chairs, directors, teachers, etc.,
 who want to post information
 on the CBA Website (<http://www.cincybridge.com>)
 need to email the information to Potter Orr, our webmaster, at
pottero@fuse.net.

CBA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Profit & Loss	Jan 1 - May 12, 06	Balance Sheet	May 12, 06
Ordinary Income/Expense		ASSETS	

Income		Current Assets	
ADMIN INC		Checking/Savings	
ACBL	1,517.14	Firstar M M	50,406.95
Interest income	54.04	Star Checking	9,609.47
Total ADMIN INC	<u>1,571.18</u>	US Bank CD	<u>50,000.00</u>
BRG CTR INC		Total Checking/Savings	<u>110,016.42</u>
CBA Games	940.00	Total Current Assets	<u>110,016.42</u>
Coke - Pepsi		Fixed Assets	
Income	179.90	Leasehold Improvements	<u>13,835.03</u>
Lessons	430.00	Total Fixed Assets	<u>13,835.03</u>
Pepsi-Cola	56.00	Other Assets	
Table fees	<u>25,760.50</u>	2860 Building	1,945.38
Total BRG CTR INC	<u>27,366.40</u>	ACBL Bridge Bucks	11.00
TOURN INC		Sharonville Conv Center Deposi	1,000.00
NAOPI\GNT	1,437.00	Short Pays	<u>271.50</u>
Regional Income	<u>25,065.00</u>	Total Other Assets	<u>3,227.88</u>
Total TOURN INC	<u>26,502.00</u>		
Total Income	<u>55,439.58</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>127,079.33</u>
Expense		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
ADMIN EXP		Equity	
Alert Postage	155.97	Opening Bal Equity	23,247.02
Alert Printing	700.65	Retained Earnings	100,717.72
Awards Party	284.54	Net Income	<u>3,114.59</u>
Badges	173.55	Total Equity	<u>127,079.33</u>
Bank Fee	30.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>127,079.33</u>
Midwest Monitor	828.00		
Miscellaneous	-41.00		
Postage	<u>33.71</u>		
Total ADMIN EXP	<u>2,165.42</u>		
BRG CTR EXP			
ACBL fees	442.37		
Cleaning	3,885.00		
Director Pay	3,545.00		
Free Plays	383.00		
Library	200.00		
Rent	13,953.15		
Repairs	1,243.30		
Supplies	2,752.33		
Util.	5,087.89		
Total BRG CTR EXP	<u>31,492.04</u>		
TOURN EXP			
NAOPI\GNT	951.00		
Regional Expense	17,328.02		
STaC Expense	<u>388.51</u>		
Total TOURN EXP	<u>18,667.53</u>		
Total Expense	<u>52,324.99</u>		
Net Income	<u>3,114.59</u>		

Note that during the Regional week, the Bridge Center was remodeled. This involved new carpet, repainting and a new desk for the directors. The project was completed within the budget set by the board. Renegotiation of the lease renewal will yield savings over the next few years to cover the expenses.

Deschappelles (Invitational game, Monday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) **The June 26 game will be moved to 1:00 PM and will be a STaC game open to all bridge players.**

****PM Homestyle Bridge** (Open, fun, non-duplicate game, Monday 7 PM at the Bridge Center) Always a partner available!
No Homestyle game on June 26 during the STaC.

Century Club (Open strat game, Monday 7 PM at the Bridge Center) **June 26 will be a STaC game.**

Middletown Duplicate (Open game, Monday 7 PM at Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village in Monroe) There were 9.5 tables at the 3/13 Club Championship – Winners: 1st Marilyn O'Connor-Wayne O'Conner; 2nd Harold Sebourn-Paul Wayne English.

NKY Bridge Club (Open game, Tuesday 10 AM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) **The June 27th game will be a STaC game.**

Tuesday Morning Duplicate (Open strat game, Tuesday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) The last Tuesday of each month is a Team Game, **except June 27th which will be changed to a 1:00 PM pairs STaC game.**

Duplicators (Open game, Tuesday 11 AM at the New England Club) **The June 27th game will be a STaC game.** 4/25 winners: N/S 1st Dick Day-Ray Wulf, 2nd Tom Hassert-Paul Ferguson; E/W 1st Bob & Sue Wessinger, 2nd Ruth Green-Helen Ogle. 5/9 winners: N/S 1st Vila Sill-Ann Hagerty, 2nd Arch Ott-Dan Sherman; E/W 1st Chris Pugh-Sue Haerr, 2nd Dorothy Mulvey-Mae Finkbeiner. 5/16 winners (Howell): 1st Dick Day-Pat Newman, 2nd Ray Wulf-Helen Ogle.

****Springboro DBC** (Open game, Tuesday noon at the Springboro YMCA) There were 5.5 tables at the 3/14 Club Championship – Winners: 1st Carole Marcroft-Ken Marcroft, 2nd Jennifer Stiles-Carol Stiles.

****CBA Game (Open strat game, Tuesday 7 PM at the Bridge Center)** **A CBA Board member is always available as a Standby partner.** The June 27th game will be a STaC game.

“I/N” Intermediate/Novice Game (Limited game 0-50 mps, Tuesday 7 PM at the Bridge Center) Novice-oriented lecture each week at 6:45 PM before the game. **On June 27th there will be no I/N game or lecture, but there will be a Non-Life Master STaC game.** Anyone interested in the I/N game can contact Tom Deddens at Tom1118@cinci.rr.com.

Kings and Queens DBC (Open game, Wednesday 11 AM at the New England Club) **The June 28th game will be a STaC game.** 4/16 winners: N/S 1st Elizabeth & Tom Platt, 2nd Pat Newman-Irene Lewis; E/W 1st Geroge & Marilyn Edwards, 2nd Ruth Green-Dorothy Mulvey. 5/10 winners: N/S 1st Jackie & Mitch Meyers, 2nd Joan McElwee-Joan Rogers, E/W 1st Mike Dickman-Michele Staats, 2nd Chris Pugh-Cynthia Schultz. 5/17 winners: 1st VilaSill-Joan Rogers, 2nd Arch Ott-Dan Sherman; E/W 1st George & Marilyn Edwards, 2nd Chris Pugh-Cynthia Schultz.

****AM Homestyle Bridge** (Open, fun, non-duplicate game, Wednesday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) Great snacks and always a partner available! **No Homestyle Game on June 28th during the STaC.**

****Lebanon Countryside Y Duplicate** (Open strat game, Wednesday 12 Noon at the Lebanon Countryside YMCA) There were 6.5 tables at the 3/15 Club Championship -- Winners: 1st Carole Marcroft-Ken Marcroft, 2nd Charles Ross-Joe Hemsky.

NKY Bridge Club (Open game, Wednesday 6:30 PM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) New game: 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesday evenings only. **June 28th will be a STaC game.**

InterClub (Invitational Swiss Team game, first Thursday of the month, May-December.) 2005 Winning Team was “Ridge A”: Ann Zeff (Captain) -Ethyl Blatt-Diane Goodman-Linda Abrahamson; Runner-Up Team was “Independent A”: Dottie Slaughter (Captain)-Irene Lewis-Belen Suarez-Susan Westerling-Shirley Aloisio.

Thursday Morning Duplicate (Open strat game, Thursday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) **The June 29th game will be changed to a 1:00 PM STaC game.**

Thursday Night Limited Pairs (Limited 0-500 strat game, Thursday 7 PM at the Bridge Center). **On June 29th there will be both an open and a non-Life Master STaC game.**

NKY Bridge Club (Open game, Thursday 6:30 PM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) Change from past schedule: new starting time and games only 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday. **June 29th will be a STaC game.**

Friday Morning Duplicate (Open strat game, Friday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) Every game is stratified. The 3rd and (when possible) 5th Friday of each month there is an additional stratified Non-Life Master game with a free lesson at 10:45, **except on June 30th the game will be changed to 1:00 PM and there will be both an open and a non-Life Master STaC game.** Winners of the NLM games: 3/17 Sue Mandell-Verdell Walker; 4/21 Gloria Over-Sue Wheeler.. Winners of the 3/31 Upgraded Club Championship Game: Flt A Kathy Gerend-Meinking-Shirley Gilmore; Flt B Jackie Cohen-Otto Walter; Flt C Melanie Onnen-Larry Putt; NLM A Verdell Walker-Sue Mandell; NLM B Sue Baum-Sue Sale; NLM C Roz Sommer-Jackie Tepe. Winners of the 5/19 Club Championship: Flt A Agnes De Lany-Kay Mulford; Flt B Diane Thaller-Melanie Onnen; NLM Justine Clendening-Sue Wheeler.

NKY Bridge Club (Friday, 10 AM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) 0-49 Game the first Friday each month. Open Games on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays. Swiss Teams on the 5th Friday of the month, **except on June 30th there will be a pairs STaC game.**

Saturday Stratified (Open strat game, Saturday 1 PM at the Bridge Center) **July 1 will be a STaC game.** There will be a NLM and an Open Game the 2nd Saturday of the month, attendance permitting.

**** Standby Partner available at these games.**



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