

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The game of bridge.....a perplexing thing! That is why we keep coming back. Why do you keep coming back? For an afternoon or evening of entertainment....to catch up with friends....to win those elusive points that matter to no one but bridge addicts...for the love of the G-A-M-E?

On Sunday, September 1st, I received the following email from Dean Congbalaydon't know Dean? You should! He is migrating over from the I/N game. Dean has a charming personality and an infectious laugh. He is responsible for the recent article in the *Enquirer*, "Young Students take up the game of Bridge", and we laughed when we saw the photograph for an accompanying story. Dean and I connived to send it to Jay Leno's "Headline News" segment...we are still looking for it. His email to me read:

Today was neat.

A friend of mine and I traveled to Pinellas Park, FL, for two sessions of a sectional bridge tournament. On the last round of the morning event, our unlikely opponents were two incredibly charming kids who were as gregarious and outgoing as they were smart.

The girl was 11. Her father started teaching her bridge five years ago; all of her brothers play, as well. Her partner was a 13-year-old boy who has earned 49.23 master points. He learned the game from his grandmother and has already played in a national tournament. He even plays Two-Over-One.

On the penultimate board, she dealt and opened a diamond. He jumped to Blackwood. After she showed one ace, he bid 6NT.

My partner smartly cashed in her ace on the first trick. The boy then quickly proceeded to take the next few rounds. In the middle of the hand, he led a small spade. My partner followed low. He called for a low spade from the dummy; she pointed at her 6 and played it only after he muttered "yes" and nodded his head. I then plucked a good 8 from my hand, but just as it was exposed and nary a few inches from the face of the table, he realized his mistake and abruptly called for the dummy's Queen.

All of us knew what was happening. Our four sets of eyes darted from one face to another. But nobody called for the director; my very gracious partner gave him a gentle smile and told him that she would allow him to correct his error and play the winning card.

I didn't argue. He, of course, took the rest of the tricks and got a high board.

As we all put our cards back in the metal tray, my partner looked at me, obviously concerned that her decision annoyed me. "He made a bold bid," she said. "They're nice kids; I didn't want to win that way."

There was, however, no reason for her to justify her action. I smiled and immediately assured her that she did the right thing. When the final tallies were in, we perused the score sheet. We came in second place -- trailing the winner by a scant 0.62 point. That one, generous ruling made the whole difference.

I can't say enough how proud I was of my partner. I gave her a big hug, and we happily took off for lunch.

Sometimes, a loss can produce a big win.

Enjoy your holiday weekend.

Dean

What would you do?

"Sometimes, a loss can produce a big win."

Dean Congbalay

Patti English



2007 North American Pairs



Saturday, November 3, 2007

Noon & TBA

Cincinnati Bridge Center

The North American Pairs is a grassroots event starting at the club level and leading all the way to the Spring 2008 Bridge Championship in Detroit. Club level masterpoints are half red and half black.

There will be no Unit Final to qualify – only the District 11 NAP Finals on Saturday, November 3, at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. 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); Flight C (NLM with fewer than 500)

Great Prizes!

Win a Trip to the Spring NABC in Detroit

March 6-16, 2008

First-Place District Winners in each Flight: \$700.00 per person

Second-Place District Winners in each Flight: \$300.00 per person

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

(Unit Qualifying Games were held June through August.)

**For additional information about the NAP, please contact
Barbara Levinson, 513-530-0953.**



OctoberBest Sectional
Thursday – Sunday, October 25-28
at the Cincinnati Bridge Center, 2860 Cooper Road

Parking: Arrangements for overflow parking have been made at the ***Etter Golf Center*** at 9941 Reading Road. The site is about 100 yards north of the Cooper/Reading Road intersection, on the west side of Reading Road. Chauffeurs will be available as needed to shuttle tournament players to the Bridge Center. Please carpool and arrive early!

CBA Elections: Contrary to the announcement in the last ALERT newsletter, changes to the CBA Constitution will not be voted on at the Sectional. We will, however, have our normal election for new CBA Board members (details on the next page).

Committee members: Chairs, Diave Travis & Jane Burpee; Director, Jay Albright; Partnerships, Lorna Davis; Treasurer, Adrienne Netherwood; Consultant, Sandy Orr; Free Sunday Buffet, Patti English; Parking, Frank Lichtenberger; Hospitality, June Cushman & Mary Smith; Facilities, Everitt Kitchen; Caddies, Gerry Mirus; Promotion, John Burpee.

A special thanks to ***Erna Herre*** for caring for the beautiful plants outside the CBA door.

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 ELECTION TO BE HELD AT FALL SECTIONAL

Election of five members to the Cincinnati Bridge Association Board of Trustees takes place at the Fall Sectional at the Cincinnati Bridge Center, October 25-28. Polls will open one hour before all game times on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Candidates' petitions should be submitted to Carolyn Ahlert or Patti English no later than October 5, so their names can be placed on the ballot. (A copy of the petition appears on the CBA website at www.cincybridge.com.) Absentee voting instructions for members unable to vote in person follow the candidates' profiles below.

Current Board members are Carolyn Ahlert*, John Burpee*, Debbie Cummings, Tom Deddens*, Pat Dutson*, Patti English (President), Betty Hurst, Everitt Kitchen, Barbara Levinson, Michael Lipp, Adreienne Netherwood (Treasurer), Pat Newman, Potter Orr* (Vice-President), Mike Purcell, and Bob VeVerka (Recording Secretary). (* Indicates that their terms expire at the end of 2007.) As of press time, we have the following five candidates running for election to the CBA Board:

JOHN BURPEE

I was appointed to the Board in August, 2006. I've been involved in: the member survey; the promotion campaigns for the Regional and the upcoming Sectional; and increasing our membership. (It was my idea to have a booth at Coney at the Senior Expo -- wrong!) I've been the correspondent for Unit 124 to *The Midwest Monitor*. These activities reflect my career in advertising and public relations.

Looking ahead, I will work to increase membership through an expanded education program; establish better communications with other Unit games; and increase participation in existing games. These activities could require some "investment" spending.

MARY CLIFTON

I am the retired Assistant Treasurer of a small manufacturing company in Middletown, Ohio. I played bridge primarily in the Middletown area until I discovered the excellent bridge games at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. As well, I've lived in Fairfield for the past five years or so. I was co-chairman of the Middletown Sectional in August for a number of years. If elected, I feel that I would be an asset to the CBA Board as I have a good work ethic and will strive to do my best to fulfill the duties of the position.

PAT DUTSON

During the year that I have been on the CBA Board, I have assisted the Board with the member survey and promotional activities. I believe that my organizational skills, leadership skills, and experience with promotional

activities are of benefit to the Board.

I would appreciate your vote for the Board.

GAYLE KEANEY

For the past year I have volunteered as the CBA's librarian. My work background is in accounting and includes running my own businesses as a CPA and as a Homeowner Associations manager. I also served on the Board of my homeowner association and have done a wide range of volunteer work, including running an Ireland reunion from Rhode Island for my clan. I am also in the ninth year of maintaining the world-wide family trees for my surname. Before getting hooked on bridge, I got hooked on genealogy. They now vie for my attention.

I am pretty new to bridge – two years now – and have amassed an astounding 29 points (some even in colors!!!) while maintaining my sense of humor so far. Whether it be me or someone else, I think you would be well represented to have the viewpoint of a "newby" on the Board.

POTTER ORR

I am running for a second 3-year term on the CBA Board. I have been both treasurer and vice-president during my first term. In addition, I am the webmaster for both the cincybridge.com and the District 11 web sites. Working interferes with bridge for me and I mostly play on Saturday afternoons and some evenings.

Despite all of that, I manage a life beyond bridge involving a wife of 40 years, travel, golf, platform tennis, and photography

ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Contact Joe Muenks, (513) 469-6446 or jmuenks@cinci.rr.com, to request an absentee ballot no later than October 14.
2. An individual must request an absentee ballot personally; no group requests will be honored.
3. One ballot and return envelope will be mailed to the member's address of record.
4. Once an absentee ballot has been issued, that member's name will be recorded as having voted.
5. Follow instructions included in the envelope.
6. Return envelopes containing more than one ballot will be declared invalid.
7. Only absentee ballots *received* by mail through Saturday, October 27, will be counted.

NOTE: The mail is sometimes slow, so please allow ample time for your ballot to be received.

LIBRARY NEWS

by
Gayle Keaney

The cover story of this past June's *Bridge Bulletin* told about the latest bridge book surveys. Two top ten lists resulted - the *Experts Favorites* and the *Readers Favorites*. Most of the total 15 favorites (five books showed up on both lists) were already in the CBA library. Also in June's Bulletin was *New Players Reading List* by Tim Bourke, "arguably the world's foremost expert on bridge literature". The library's goal is to eventually include all of the books from these 3 lists on our bookshelves. To that end, most of the new additions recently purchased and listed below came from the lists. Proceeds from the library sale during the STAC (\$109.50) helped pay for these additions.

Safety Plays - Bird, Smith

Safety Plays, Test Your Technique - Bird, Bourke

Entry Management - Bird, Smith

Entry Management, Test Your Technique - Bird, Bourke

Simple Squeeze, Test Your Technique - Bird, Bourke

Famous Bridge Records - Bird, Sarantakos

Commonly Used Conventions - Grant

More Commonly Used Conventions - Grant

Modern Bridge Defense - Kantar

Judgment at Bridge - Lawrence

My System: Unbalanced Diamond - Miles

Murder in the Menagerie - Mollo

Four-Suit Transfers - Seagram, Stark

Jacoby Transfers - Seagram, Stark

Stayman Auctions - Seagram/Lee

Killing Defense at Bridge - Kelsey

25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know - Seagram, Smith

The library has also purchased two sets of Audrey Grant videos/dvds. These are two sets of classes - the 3-volume Bridge Brush-up and the 2-volume Bridge at Sea (the 3rd volume is no longer available). The Bridge Brush-ups are 13 half-hour PBS programs recorded in the late 90's. The Bridge at Seas, as you might guess, are recordings of classes Audrey has given on cruises. Both sets have great visual aids, top-rated teaching and short sidebars like multiple choices for bridge terms (e.g. what is a Pajama Party?). The ability to use the pause & replay buttons is a big plus.

NOTE: VIDEOS & DVDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN UNDER A SPECIAL LIMITED POLICY OF 10 DAYS ONLY AND WITH ONLY ONE SET PER CBA MEMBER AT ONE TIME. LATE FEES OF \$1/DAY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Another purchase, Audrey Grant's Bridge at a Glance, a 32-page booklet showing the bidding diagram and the bidding ladder with the meaning of all the bids, is displayed on the library's easel. Because of the nature of this item, currently it will NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN. It will, however, be displayed and available for your review indefinitely. It fits easily inside the Convention Card for quick reference. I purchased one of these for myself. It's the perfect example of one of the best uses of the CBA library - to check out an item to see if it's something to add to your own library.



CBA Gift Certificates

\$6.00 Gift Certificates for games at the Cincinnati Bridge Center are available for purchase from Sandy Orr, (513) 271-6318, Joy Norris, (513) 984-8783, or Nancy Sachs (513) 561-1766.

◆ ♥ TOURNAMENT WINNERS ◆ ♣

Cincinnati Summer STaC, July 9- July 15, 2007

Monday Day

Flight A: 2nd Barbara Dunnivant-Shirley Aloisio

Monday Evening

Flight A: 3rd Norman Coombs-Amitabh Raturi

Monday Evening 299er Pairs

Flight A: 2nd Thomas Arnson-Dennis Kalberg

Flight B: 1st Thomas Arnson-Dennis Kalberg

Flight C: 2nd Patricia Dion-Sue Ellen Thesing
3rd Norah Clark-Patricia Leikhim

Tuesday Day

Flight A: 1st Larry Klein-Norman Coombs

2nd Helen Ogle-Lou Campbell

Flight B: 1st Albert Fultz-Ray Wulf

3rd Brenda Mehalko-Jack Mehalko

Flight C: 2nd Joan McElwee-Suzy Haerr

3rd Dean Congbalay-Dennis Kalberg

Tuesday Evening 299er Pairs

Flight A/B: 1st Carol Vradelis-Ron Neal

Flight B: 3rd Sharon Kreitzer-Lynn Callif

Flight C: 1st Sandy Johnson-Betsy Handy

2nd Patricia Leikhim-Lalitha Yalamanchili

Tuesday Evening

Flight A: 2nd Ann Zeff-Ethyl Blatt

Flight B: 3rd Sue Bradach-Linda Abrahamson

Flight C: 2nd Robert Wurster-Suzann Wurster

Wednesday Day

Flight A: 1st Ray Wulf-Richard Day

Flight B: 3rd Marilyn Edwards-Louise Adams

Wednesday Evening

Flight C: 3rd Dean Congbalay-Martin Petersen

Wednesday Evening 299er Pairs

Flight A/B: 1st Mary Lou Zurborg-Mark Kellerman

2nd Cordell Coy-Karen Coy

Flight A: 3rd Vern Goetz-Joe Pike

Flight B: 3rd/4th Marlene Romer-Barry Williams

3rd/4th Carolyn Riehle-Elmer Riehle

Flight C: 1st Marlene Romer-Barry Williams

2nd Elizabeth Jarchow-Ron Jarchow

Thursday Day

Flight A: 2nd Christine Owens-Gene Owens

Flight B: 2nd Arun Goyal-Rachna Goyal

Flight C: 1st Arun Goyal-Rachna Goyal

3rd Gene Vaughn-Eileen Vanden Eynden

Thursday Evening

Flight A: 3rd Lynn Callif-Gerald Black

Flight B/C: 2nd Lynn Callif- Gerald Black

Thursday Evening 299er Pairs

Flight A/B: 1st Bruce Smith-Mary Smith

2nd Dennis Kalberg-Thomas Arnson

3rd Martin Petersen-Kenneth Cushman

Flight C: 1st Kenneth Strauss-Barry Williams

2nd Carey Eckler-Gilbert Eckler

Friday Day

Flight A: 1st Robert Lyon-Betty Ellett

Flight B/C: 1st Mark Kellerman-John Woeste

2nd Mike Glatt-Joe Pike

Friday Day 299er Pairs

Flight A: 2nd Sue Mandell-Jackie Mullins

Flight C: 2nd Judy Roth-Wendy Wasserman

3rd Judy Eilers-Nancy Tilsley

Friday Evening

Flight A: 3rd/4th Marshall Tuly-Norman Coombs

3rd/4th Gerald Black-Lilam Stanley

Flight B/C: 1st Gerald Black-Lilam Stanley

Flight C: 3rd Adrienne Netherwood-Vince Netherwood

Friday Evening 299er Pairs

Flight A: 1st Jane Coleman-William Coleman

2nd Matt Williams-Nelson Leist

3rd Elaine Lazarus-Laurence Lazarus

Flight B: 1st Matt Williams-Nelson Leist

2nd Elaine Lazarus-Laurence Lazarus

3rd Bruce Smith-Mary Smith

Saturday Day

Flight A: 2nd Marshall Tuly-Jerry Fink

Flight B: 1st Lynne Schomaeker-Mark Kellerman

Saturday Day 299er Pairs

Flight A/B: 1st Adrienne Freiberg-Richard Freiberg

2nd Ron Neal-Carol Vradelis

3rd John Boyd-Ellen Mazer

Sunday Swiss Teams

Flight A: 1st Christine Owens-Gene Owens-Bob Sulgrove-Vicki Sebastian

2nd Barbara Levinson-David Britt-Norman Coombs-Bruce Parent

3rd Cliff Pleatman- Adrienne Netherwood-Vince Netherwood- Marvin Kolodzik

Flight B: 1st Brenda Mehalko-Jack Mehalko-Lynne Schomaeker-Rick O'Connor

2nd David Parker-Bonnie Parker-Jane Burpee-John Burpee

3rd Ed Lee-Mary Segal-Harriet Spiegel-Frank Lichtenberger

Sunday 299er Swiss Teams

1st Carl Willig-Gary Busch-David Poepelman-Lucy Poepelman

♠ ♥ TOURNAMENT WINNERS ♦ ♣

Middletown Sectional, August 24-26, 2007

Friday AM Open Pairs

- Flight A:** 2nd John Garret-Norman Combs
3rd Jayant Sudame-Suresh Kamat
Flight B: 1st Jayant Sudame-Suresh Kamat
2nd Sue Leslie Wheeler-Gloria Over
3rd Donald Etson- James Huffman
Flight C: 1st Jayant Sudame-Suresh Kamat
2nd Sue Leslie Wheeler-Gloria Over

Friday AM 299er Pairs

- Flight D:** 2nd Jacquelin Tepe-Elissa Chisholm
3rd Reva Cochran-Mabel Holt
Flight E: 2nd Jacquelin Tepe-Elissa Chisholm
3rd Reva Cochran-Mabel Holt
Flight F: 2nd Jacquelin Tepe-Elissa Chisholm
3rd Carol Vradelis-Ron Neal

Friday Aft 299er Pairs

- Flight D:** 1st Mary Wackler-Sharon Collier
2nd Lois Adams-Phyllis Romans
3rd Nancy Willis-Marilyn Williams
Flight E: 1st Adrienne Freiberg-Richard Freiberg
2nd Elissa Chisholm-Jacquelin Tepe
3rd Carol Vradelis-Ron Neal
Flight F: 1st Elissa Chisholm-Jacquelin Tepe
2nd Carol Vradelis-Ron Neal
3rd Alice Price-Charlene Comeaux

Friday Aft Open Pairs

- Flight A:** 1st Ronald Babcock-Patrick Moran
3rd Jerome Katz-Aziz Ahmed
Flight B: 2nd Jerome Katz-Aziz Ahmed
3rd/4th Adam Parrish-Vijay Vasudevan
Flight C: 1st Adam Parrish-Vijay Vasudevan
2nd Howard Ringel-Sanford Franklin

Friday Eve Open Pairs

- Flight A/B/C:** 1st Alice Price-Charlene Comeaux
Flight B & C: 2nd Adam Parrish-Vijay Vasudevan

Friday Compact KO Teams

- 1st Norman Coombs-Marshall Tuly-Marc Low-Sandra Low
2nd Arun Goyal-Rachna Goyal-Larry Klein-Amitabh Raturi
3rd Jerry Katz-Joanne Katz-Michael Purcell-Paul Pschesang

Friday Compact KO Cons

- 2nd William Coleman-Jane Coleman-Bruce Smith-Mary Smith

Saturday AM 299er Pairs

- Flight D/E/F:** 1st Ann Bayou-Anna Carolyn Davidson
2nd Carol Vradelis-Ron Neal
3rd Elissa Chishom-Jacquelin Tepe

Saturday Aft Open Pairs

- Flight A:** 2nd Ronald Babcock-Beth Grismer
Flight B: 1st Gerald Black-Lilam Stanley
2nd Paul Pschesang-Margaret Young
Flight C: 1st Gerald Black-Lilm Stanley
2nd Gloria Over-Judith Gehr
3rd Patricia Myers-Lois Upton-Werder

Saturday Aft. 299er Pairs

- Flight D & E:** 1st Tonya Glendening-Jerry Glendening
2nd/3rd Marilyn Werner-Gene Vaughn
Flight F: 1st Carol Vradelis-Ron Neal
3rd Marlene Pierce-Cyril Pierce

Saturday Eve Open Pairs

- Flight A:** 3rd Paul Pschesang-Margaret Young
Flight B: 1st Paul Pschesang-Margaret Young

Saturday KO Teams Bracket A

- 1st Marshall Tuly-Norman Coombs-Larry Klein-Jim Bachelder

Saturday KO Teams Bracket B

- 1st Arun Goyal-Rachna Goyal-Adam Parrish-Vijay Vasudevan
2nd Mary Clifton-Julie Thomas-Patty Brunswick-Jayant Sudame-Virginia Getter

Saturday KO Teams Bracket C

- 1st Carl Willig-Gary Busch-Bruce Smith-Mary Smith

Flight A/X Swiss Teams

- Flight A 1st William Higgins-Yauheni Siutsau-Nancy Sachs-Amitabh Raturi
Flight X 2nd John Burpee-Jane Burpee-David Parker-Bonnie Parker
Flight X 3rd Patti English-Adam Parrish-Trey Wright-Frank Lichtenberger

Flight B/C/D Swiss Teams

- Flight B 1st Anthony Brockman-Donald Duritsch-John Woeste-Mark Kellerman
Flight B 2nd Anthony Viscomi-Bob VeVerka-Brian Pleshnek-Richard Pleshnek
Flight B 3rd Daniel Pritikin-Gerald Olson-Robert Smith-Paula Byrkett
Flight C 1st Gary Busch-Carl Willig-Bruce Smith-Mary Smith
Flight C 2nd Mary Wackler-Sharon Collier-Jayant Sudame-Suresh Kamat

The Twilight Zone

by
Jim Edmiston

	South S K9754 H QJ862 D 4 C A8	
East S J6 H K9743 D AK7 C T74		West S 83 H A D QJT986532 C 6
	North S AQ72 H T5 D C KQJ9532	

This hand cropped up at a recent matchpoint duplicate game. It was the first hand of the day for my partner and me.

My partner, sitting in first seat white vs. white, chose to pass the West hand. North opened 1♣, and I overcalled 1♥. South bid 1♠, and thereafter we were in the Twilight Zone. The next two bids were made rapidly. West came to life with 5♦, and North bid 5♠.

I thought I had a tough call and, after a considerable pause, I passed, and before my partner could bid, North announced that she was barred because of my (admitted) hesitation. I protested this remark by North, the director was called (by me) and the director correctly ruled that West was not "barred" but could not be influenced by my hesitation. West then doubled 5♠, and North passed.

I believed we could not beat 5♠, given this auction, and I corrected to 6♦. South and West passed and, after considerable thought, North bid 6♠ (as she put it "to save"). All passed. So my bidding had succeeded in pushing the opponents to a cold slam.

But wait! My partner led the ♥ Ace, I encouraged, but alas partner returned a spade, being now out of hearts to lead. South (declarer) won the ♣ Ace, drew trumps, and led the ♣ King, on which she deposited her singleton diamond, and West also played a diamond.

As this last trick was in the process of being turned over by all, I uttered these fatal words: "No clubs, partner?" My partner was indeed void, but declarer was not, and proceeded to correct her (revoking) diamond, and take the rest of the tricks -- 6♠ bid and made!

Our opponents on this hand (very competent players) proceeded to finish first overall and win the jackpot. After the game, I requested \$.25 from each of them, as I had contributed at least that much to their win. They gave me two cents! Rod Serling would have been proud.

**Cincinnati Bridge
Center
Balance Sheet
As of August 31,
2007**

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
US Bank CD 330191936963	20,000.00
US Bank CD 330191453803	55,104.38
US Bank CD 330191936971	25,000.00
US Bank Checking	7,888.33
US Bank Money Market	<u>24,076.12</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>132,068.83</u>
Total Current Assets	132,068.83
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Fixtures	
Tables	<u>3,123.89</u>
Total Furniture and Fixtures	3,123.89
Leasehold Improvement	
Carpet, Paint, Etc	14,673.42
Depreciation	<u>1,467.34</u>
Total Leasehold Improvement	<u>13,206.08</u>
Total Fixed Assets	16,329.97
Other Assets	
ACBL Bridge Bucks	11.00
Deposit - Sharonville CC	1,000.00
Rental Deposit – Savings	1,945.38
Short Pays	<u>271.50</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>3,227.88</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>151,626.68</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liability - Shamroy Memorial Fund	4,680.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	23,247.02

Retained Earnings	100,729.55
Net Income	<u>22,970.11</u>
Total Equity	<u>146,946.68</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>151,626.68</u></u>

Profit and Loss

Bridge Center Income

ACBL	3,048.51
Coke - Pepsi Income	352.71
Donations	25.00
Interest Income	5,267.20
Lessons	1,215.91
Mentor – Mentee	310.62
Recycling	3.00
Table Fees	47,558.40
Total Income	57,781.35

Bridge Center Expenses

ACBL Fees	797.72
Advertising and Promotions	929.17
Alert	906.92
Awards Party	365.61
Bank Fee	61.00
Board & District Meetings	149.81
Cincinnati Bell	772.90
Cleaning	6,216.00
Director Pay	4,798.65
Duke Energy	8,165.56
Free Plays	1,398.50
Internet	319.40
Library	373.33
Midwest Monitor	828.00
Phone Books	247.00
Rent	22,199.70
Repairs and Maintenance	4,519.98
October Sectional	366.00
Supplies	3,805.05
Tables – Storage	195.72
Total	57,416.02

Expenses		
Net Bridge Center Income		365.33
Other Income		
	January STaC	2,310.12
	July STaC	4,023.49
	NAOP/GNT	694.71
	Regional Tournament	15,576.46
Total Other Income		22,604.78
Total Net Income		22,970.11

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members and Transfers

<i>David Belka</i>	Julia Gill	Pearl Mardis	Susan Odell	Laurie Steuri
<i>Janice Belka</i>	Liz Godshall	Mary Anne Macevoy	James Schnieders	Mary Lou Walsh
<i>Dennis Bushman</i>	Mark Kellerman	Patrick Martin	Jacob Schwemlein	Ester Winston
<i>Sharon Bushman</i>	Mairianne Klekamp	John McKinney	Joy Singerman	Garen Wisne
<i>Linda Cameron</i>	Shashi Lalvani	Dorothy Neil	Alan Shushar	
<i>Nancy Dever</i>	Patricia Hastings	John Odell	Judith Spitz	

Congratulations New Life Master

Everitt Kitchen

Member Upgrades

JUNIOR MASTERS

Dean Campbell
Judy Eilers
Arthur Grieb
Gregory Harding
Pat Hassoun
May Krzywkowski
Patrick Martin
Gregory McBee
Robert Smith
Nancy Tilsley

BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Adrienne Netherwood
Timothy Martin
Rick O'Connor
Sanderson Orr
Rachelle Rosenberg

CLUB MASTERS

Gail Arnow
Robert Chaiken
Harry Gear
Ellen Jackson
Anirudh Pandit
Carol Vradelis
Lalitha Yalamanchili

NABC MASTERS

Marilyn Beitung
Mark Kellerman
Sue Mandell
Suzanne Sale
Louis Ukelson
Vijay Vasudevan
Mary Zurborg

SECTIONAL MASTERS

Mary Ann Boyle
Lynn Callif
Dean Congbalay
Ronald Jarchow
Laurence Lazarus
Ellen Mazer
Gretchen Sherman
Jean Stoops
Jayant Sudame
Marilyn Werner

SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Shirley Aloisio
Marion Charrier
Patti English
Kathy Gerend-Meinking
Hal Norris
Harriet Spiegel

REGIONAL MASTERS

Thomas Arnson
Beverly Broomhead
Frances Brothers
Vivek Choudhury
David Groggel
Suzy Haerr
Elaine Lazarus
A.J. Stephani
Gene Vaughn

In Memoriam

Talmadge (Tommie) Dunkle – Mary Cay Singleton – Flo Keifer

Organization of THE CINCINNATI BRIDGE ASSN.

by **HAL NORRIS**

On September 17, 1971, The Cincinnati Bridge Association, Unit 124 of the ACBL, filed an application with Ohio to incorporate as a non-profit corporation. The application was approved and the CBA continues to operate under this charter. THE CBA also is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a not-for-profit corporation under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(7), Social and Recreation Clubs. The CBA does not pay income taxes except on income from investments and activities unrelated to promoting, playing and teaching bridge. The CBA must, however, file an annual report of revenue and expenses with the IRS.

Every member of the ACBL who lives in the Unit 124 area is automatically a member of the CBA and a small portion of ACBL dues is returned to the CBA. We are also part of ACBL District 11, which includes central and southwest Ohio, plus parts of Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

The original organizers of the CBA also developed a constitution and by-laws. This has since been amended five times. The Constitution establishes the aims and purposes of the CBA (the promotion of bridge in all its aspects in Cincinnati and the surrounding territory) and the governing structure of the CBA.

The business of the CBA is controlled by the Board of Trustees, consisting of fifteen elected members, plus any ex-officio members; these include the immediate past President and bridge editors for the major Cincinnati newspapers (however, there are no longer any local newspaper bridge editors). Five Trustees are elected each year for a term of three years with every CBA member being eligible for nomination. Election is by secret ballot at the CBA's fall bridge tournament; however, ballots are also available by mail for those who make a request. The Board of Trustees elects officers at its December or January organizational meeting; officers are: President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. All but the Executive Secretary and Treasurer must be elected Board members. All officer terms are one year.

The seat of any Board member who misses four Board meetings in a calendar year, or who misses three consecutive Board meetings in a calendar year, is automatically vacated and the Board then has the responsibility to elect a replacement Trustee to complete that term. A Trustee can be excused for missing a meeting only because of serious illness or because of a conflict with other official CBA business.

A member of the Board of Trustees is limited to two full consecutive terms but can be elected again after being off the Board for one year. Nevertheless, the Board is given the power to by-pass this rule to elect a replacement Trustee who has left the Board in mid-term.

An executive Committee has the same powers as the Board of Trustees but only in an emergency when the President determines there is insufficient time to call a meeting of the full Board. This Committee is composed of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and three other Board members elected by the Board at its organizational meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, or by petition of fifty (50) members of the CBA. Proposed amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the CBA members present at any regular or special meeting of the CBA.

♣♫ CLUB NOTES ♣♫

Deschappelles (Invitational game, Monday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) Watch for announcements about the ACBL-Wide Senior Game in February.

Middletown Duplicate (Open game, Monday 7 PM at Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village in Monroe) Club Championship Winners: There were 10.5 tables on 6/11/07 -- 1st Stuart Peterson-Dave Balsmeyer, 2nd Brian Pleshek --Richard Pleshek.

NKY Bridge Club (Open game, Tuesday 10 AM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) 5th Tuesday is an Open Swiss Team Game. Website: www.geocities.com/nkybridge

Tuesday Morning Duplicate (Open strat game, Tuesday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) The last Tuesday of each month is a Stratified Team Game.

Duplicators (Open game, Tuesday 11 AM at the New England Club) Winners -- 7/3: Ray Wulf-Al Fultz/Vila Sill-Ann Hagerty/Alice Tateman-Joanne Jester/Cynthia Schultz-Jack Boyd; 7/10: Al Fultz-Ray Wulf/Suzy Haerr-John McElwee/Helen Ogle-Lou Campbell/Iris Shaw-Dot Richards; 7/17: (Howell) Chris Pugh-Dot Mulvey/Tom Hassert-Paul Ferguson; 7/24: Mary Connelly-Suzy Haerr/Tom Hassett-Paul Ferguson/Chris Pugh-Helen Ogle/Dot Richards-Dot Mulvey; 7/31: Ray Wulf-Al Fultz/Ed Galloway-George Ahlrichs/Dick Day-Pat Newman/Rick Green-Helen Ogle. Winners of the 8/28 Club Championship were: 1st Pat Newman-Dick Day; 2nd Iris Shaw-Barb Wagner.

****Springboro DBC** (Open game, Tuesday noon at the Springboro YMCA) Club Championship Winners: There were 5 tables on 6/12/07 -- 1st Sue Walker-Ernie Dalton, 2nd Ruth Ann Kupher-Edith Kohler.

****CBA Game** (Open strat game, Tuesday 7 PM at the Bridge Center) A CBA Board member is always available as a Stand-by partner.

"I/N" Intermediate/Novice Game (Limited game 0-50 mps, Tuesday 7 PM at the Bridge Center) Free novice-oriented lecture

at 6:45 PM before most games. Three stratifications, including 0-5 (to help beginners earn points). Players wear nametags and all are friendly and helpful. Duplicate should be FUN. Anyone interested in the I/N game should contact Tom Deddens at Tom1118@cinci.rr.com.

Kings and Queens DBC (Open game, Wednesday 11 AM at the New England Club) Winners -- 7/11: Ray Wulf-Dick Day/Joan Rogers-Joan McElwee/Marilyn Edwards-Louise Adams/Al Fultz-Chris King; 7/18: Betty Hunter-Jack Boyd/Marilyn Edwards-George Edwards/Chris Pugh-Cynthia Schultz/Carolyn Ahlert-Barb Wagner; 7/25: Millie Lockert-Irene Frey/Ed Galloway-Jack Boyd/Barb Wagner-Betty Hurst/Chris Pugh-Cynthia Schultz. Winners of the 8/29 Club Championship were: 1st Tuck Asbury-Dick Day; 2nd Joan Rogers-Ann Hagerty.

****AM Homestyle Bridge** (Open, fun, non-duplicate game, Wednesday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) Great snacks and always a partner available! Sue Ellen Thesing and Pat Dion had an 85% game one Wednesday! Club Championship Winners were Jean Morton and Paul Nystedt.

****Lebanon Countryside Y Duplicate** (Open strat game, Wednesday 12 Noon at the Lebanon Countryside YMCA) Club Championship Winners: There were 7.5 tables on 6/13/07 -- 1st Brian Freeh-Davey Smith, 2nd Donna Gisondi-Nick Gisondi.

NKY Bridge Club (199er game Wednesdays 6:30 PM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) The 5th Wednesday is a Swiss Team game.

Thursday Morning Duplicate (Open strat game, Thursday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) 8/30/07 Club Championship winners: Flight A, 1st Lorna Davis-Otto Walter, 2nd Sandra Grimes-Donna Levine; Flight B, 1st Ken Hilbrich-Dennis Bushman, 2nd Penny Weatherwax-Mary Lou Da Costa; Flight C, 1st Mabel Putt-Dorothy Gard; 2nd Marjorie Wagner-Sharon Elgin. There will be no game October 25 during the OctoberBest Sectional.

Thursday Night (Open strat game and stratified 0-299 game, Thursday 7 PM at the Bridge Center) Special Mentor/Mentee strat in open game through September. Free lectures for NLMs every week starting at 6:40 PM. Open team game plus a 0-299 game every third Thursday of the month. There will be no game October 25 during the OctoberBest Sectional.

NKY Bridge Club (Open game Thursdays 6:30 PM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) The 5th Thursday is an Open Swiss team game.

Friday Morning Duplicate (Open strat game, Friday 11 AM at the Bridge Center) Additional stratified Non-Life Master game the 3rd and (when possible) 5th Friday of each month, with a free lesson at 10:40 am. Winners of 7/20 NLM game: Flight A, Nancy Willis-Marilyn Williams; Flight B, Ron Neal-Carol Vradelis; Flight C, Patrick Martin-Greg Harding. Winners of the 8/17 Club Championship Game: NLM

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

Flight A, Martha Bunker-Louise Adams; NLM Flight B, Ron Neal-Dean Congbalay; NLM Flight C, Marianne Klekamp-Nancy Dever; Open Flight A, Vince Netherwood-Bill Coombs; Open Flight B, Adrienne Frieberg-Dick Freiberg. Winners of 8/31 NLM Game: Flight A, Jackie Tepe-Elissa Chisholm; Flight B, Carol Vradelis-Ron Neal; Flight C, Barbara Schanzle-Nancy Geiler. There will be no game October 26 during the OctoberBest Sectional.

NKY Bridge Club (Open game 10 AM at the Elsmere KY Senior Center) Additional 0-99 Game the first Friday each month. The 5th Friday is an Open Swiss Team Game.

Saturday Stratified (Open strat game, Saturday 1 PM at the Bridge Center) There will be no game October 27 during the OctoberBest Sectional.



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October 25-28, 2007

Cincinnati Bridge Center Games
Cooper Business Center, 2860 Cooper Road
Telephone: 513-563-2218

Monday

11:00 AM Deschappelles-Private Pat Newman 513-469-7172
7:00 PM Homestyle (*reservations required, call director*)
Kay Mulford, 513-631-8070

Tuesday

11:00 AM Tuesday DBC Annease Comer 513-281-2027
(*Stratified Team Game on last Tuesday each month*)
6:45 PM Lecture & 0-50 Game Tom Deddens 513-851-3857
7:00 PM** CBA Strat. 1st Tue Bob VeVerka 513-772-5115
2nd & 3rd Tue Kay Mulford 513-631-8070
4th Tue Peggy Barrett 513-745-0075

Wednesday

11:00 AM** Homestyle Kay Mulford 513-631-8070

Thursday

11:00 AM Thursday Strat. Agnes De Lany 513-777-2587
7:00 PM Strat, Open & 299ers Annease Comer 513-281-2027
(*Open Team Game every 3rd Thursday*)

Friday

11:00 AM Finesse Club Nancy Sachs 513-561-1766
(*NLM Game 3rd & 5th Friday each month-Free Lesson at 10:40*)

Saturday

1:00 PM 1st/3rd/5th Stratified Annease Comer 513-281-2027
2nd/4th Stratified Kay Mulford 513-631-8070

****indicates a standby partner is available**

Website: www.cincybridge.com

Other Unit 124 Game Locations in SW OH & N KY:

Monday

7:00 PM Oxford Duplicate Janet Newman 765-935-4263
Knolls of Oxford or Mike Broida 513-523-8008
7:00 PM Mt Pleasant Village-Monroe Fred Sigler 513-423-4140

Tuesday

10:00 AM Elsmere KY Sr. Center Peg Ammon 859-689-4791
Open Stratified Game (5th Tuesday, Open Swiss Teams)
11:00 AM Duplicators (NEC) Helen Ogle 513-232-2240
12 Noon** Springboro YMCA Fred Sigler 513-432-4140

Wednesday

11:00 AM Ks & Qs (NEC) Helen Ogle 513-232-2240
12 Noon** Countryside Y, Lebanon Fred Sigler 513-423-4140
6:30 PM Elsmere KY Sr. Center: Stratified 0-199 Pairs
(5th Wednesday, Swiss Teams) Peg Ammon, 859-689-4791

Thursday

10:00 AM InterClub League Pat Newman 513-469-7172
(Invitational - 1st Thursday, May-December)
12 Noon Western Hills Club Joyce Schiller 513-451-3894

(4th Thursday only except January)

6:30 PM Elsmere KY Sr. Center Peg Ammon 859-689-4791
Open Stratified Game (5th Thursday, Open Swiss Teams)

Friday

10 AM Elsmere KY Sr. Center Peg Ammon, 859-689-4791
Open Stratified Game (1st Friday, also a 99er Stratified Game)
(5th Friday, Open Swiss Teams)

Note: there will be schedule changes during the Sectional.