



The Valley Tally

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Miami Valley Bridge Association

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Election Issue

I have enjoyed serving as your President for the last 3 years. It was a lot of work, but I think we have made some nice improvements.

We all need to spread word about our great game of bridge, our tournaments, and the Bridge Center. I challenge each of you to try to get one new or returning player to come to the Bridge center during the coming year! The Monday night game is a great place to try out duplicate for the first time, spruce up the

game they learned in college, or learn bridge from the beginning.

I hope every one has a great Fall, Holiday season, and New Year. See you at the tables.

Georgia

Notice to all members of Miami Valley Bridge Association:

The annual membership meeting will be held on December 9th at about 6:30 pm at the Miami Valley Bridge Center. The meeting is held between the dinner and the game at the Christmas party. You do not need to participate in the dinner or game to attend.

Changes to games at the Miami Valley Bridge Center:

Starting times:

Both the Wednesday afternoon and the Thursday morning games will change to a starting time of 11 am as of Dec 1st.

Limited to Open:

Two games have changed as of November 1st from "Limited" to "Open" games. The Thursday evening game and the Sunday game (the one Jerry Grogan runs twice a month) are now Open games for all to enjoy.

Schedule of Up-Coming Events

(*Denotes no games that day @ MVBC - am or pm)

Monday-Sunday, Nov. 7-13	.....	Louisville-Lexington Regional
Wednesday, Nov. 16	.....	Unit game, 7pm
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20	.....	Indy Sectional
Thursday, Nov. 24	.....	Thanksgiving*
Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 24-Dec. 4	.....	Seattle NABC
Saturday, Nov. 26	.....	Unit game, 1pm
Monday, Nov. 28	.....	NLM Charity Game, 7pm
Friday-Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 & 4	.....	Dayton Sectional at M V B C
Friday, Dec. 9	.....	MVBA Christmas/Holiday Party & Unit game
Wednesday, Dec. 21	.....	Hanukkah begins
Saturday, Dec. 24	.....	Christmas Eve*
Sunday, Dec. 25	.....	Christmas*
Monday, Dec. 26-Sunday Jan.1	.....	ST@C
Saturday, Dec. 31	.....	New Year's Eve – Party/game at M V B C
Sunday, Jan. 1	.....	New Year's Day*
Friday-Sunday, Jan. 6-8	.....	Columbus Sectional
Wednesday, Jan. 18	.....	Unit game, 7pm
Saturday, Jan. 21	.....	Unit game, 1pm
Friday-Sunday, Jan. 20-22	.....	Lexington Sectional
Saturday, Jan. 28-Sunday, Jan. 29	.....	Grand Nat'l Teams Finals at M V B C

Looking Ahead:
Monday, Apr. 9-Sunday Apr. 15 **ST@C**

Thanks to all from the Prez,
Georgia Banziger,
and the entire
Unit membership.



The election for the officers and members of the Miami Valley Bridge Association will take place during our December 2, 3, 4, 2011 tournament. If you prefer, you may vote early at the MV Bridge Center between November 1 and the December election.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF THE MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION:

(Vote for one for each office listed.)

Please be aware that again, the openings for these offices have been posted on the bulletin board at the Miami Valley Bridge Club for several weeks, and on the MVBA website. Announcements were made encouraging participation, but no other candidates have indicated a desire to run for these offices. Thanks to these individuals for stepping up to serve:

President

Jan Gimbrone

After serving as a Board member, I was elected as Vice-President of the board of the Miami Valley Bridge Association two years ago.. I am working part time, play bridge at the Center regularly, was in charge of the August 2011 Sectional Tournament, and currently produce the Valley Tally. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater with a major in Business Education and English. I have held various offices in several organizations over the years, and would be honored to serve as President of MVBA.

Vice President:

Steve Forsythe

I hope to help the unit improve its long-range planning and budgeting. I also hope to grow the unit and enhance the enjoyment of bridge for all our members. I am a Club Tournament Director, a member of the American Bridge Teachers Association, and a recent Silver Life Master. My wife, Sandy, and I ran a very successful I/N program in Washington, DC, and we've been teaching bridge to beginning and intermediate players at the Bridge Center since 2008. More than 20 new members have joined our unit as a result. I work for Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory supporting Wright-Patterson AFB as the C2ISR Project Manager. I have a B.S. in Physics from Kent State University, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Operations Research from the Air Force Institute of Technology. I'm a retired Air Force Officer.

Secretary

Rosie Sullivan

I have been a member of MVBA since 1994. I have been serving as secretary for the past year and am willing to continue to serve the club.

(Please be aware that the office of Treasurer is a position which is appointed by the President, and confirmed by the Board of Directors as set forth in the By-Laws of the MVBA.)

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF THE MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MVBA members who are willing to volunteer their time to serve on the Board are as follows:
(Vote for four)

Georgia Banziger

I have been the President of the MVBA Board of Directors for the last 3 years. Prior to that, I served as board member for three years, the last two years as Vice President. I attend the District 11 meetings regularly and now serve as Vice President of District 11. I serve as Membership Secretary; updating the membership list for mailings. I publish the Directory for the Unit and serve as Webmaster. I am a Director and a Regional Tournament Chairperson. I would like to continue to serve on the MVBA Board of Directors, with a vote again! (The President doesn't vote except to break ties!) I would very much appreciate your vote in this year's election.

Susan Googash

My first duplicate bridge game was played in West Lafayette, IN and my first opponents at table one were high school students Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth. Yes, they called the director on me! I am a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Dayton. I had a long and happy career teaching high school mathematics and computer science. My children are all adults and out of the nest. After retirement I returned to bridge and I now have the desire, time and energy to serve on the board. I see bridge as a game that promotes serious competition while also fostering a warm and friendly atmosphere where people can spend time with old friends and make new friends too. I would like to see our bridge center sincerely welcome all levels of players and see our membership grow.

Lori Harner

I moved back to Dayton last year after being in the South for four years. I played bridge twenty years ago with my mother, and then took time off to have kids. I have been actively playing duplicate since December, and would like to bring a newer player's perspective to the board. My goals would be to find ways to attract more and younger members, and keep the friendly atmosphere already in our club.

Al Kuchinka

Fellow members: It is not right to accept the benefits of an organization without being willing to serve in the administration that provides them. It is my turn in the barrel. However, I will pass my turn if others want to serve instead.

Janet Lee

I am dedicated to working for the club members. Some of my duties are Coordinator of Unit/Special Games. A few of them are making certain we have an enjoyable and delicious Christmas Party, a Happy New Years Eve Party, and organizing teams to beat Columbus in our grudge match. Also getting feedback from the members and presenting their wishes to the Board. I would like to continue working for you and helping to keep our Club/Unit up to date and among the best.

Marilyn O'Connor

Being a member of the MVBA is one of the highlights of my life. I currently serve as Partnership Chairman for the Sectional and Regional Tournaments, and as Sunshine Chairman. I would enjoy serving as a Board member and working to support and improve our Club.

Wayne O'Connor

Being a member of the Board would enhance my ability to chair the Education Committee and improve the efforts we have to provide continuing educational options to our members. I enjoy participating in MVBA activities and would consider it a privilege to serve again on the Board.

**Again, please vote for 4 (four), casting your ballot either at the December Sectional or at the MVBC
November 1-December 5**

WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

(Since January, 2011)

Shirley Heintz, 885-1889
Carolyn Phelan, 526-5674
Frigga Brown, 878-1775
Rene Piper, 513-825-8925
Allen Hadley, 593-9245

Richard Hoback, 433-5488
Deanna Ewers, 429-9939
Prakash Wagaj, 433-7234
Shirley Bindel, 225-7298
Nancy Keller, 293-4778
Joyce Fisher, 432-0321
David Kennedy, 276-9126
Patricia Newman, 328-0523

Stephen Keys, 520-5050
Patricia Kelsey, 306-2705
Randy Moffitt, 498-4003
Ellen Brewer, 667-1601
Jacque Lyons, 832-0836
Melita Minnis, 885-2654
Patricia Paine, 433-0887

Congratulations to **Pat & Tom Kelsey**, MVBA members who were married August 18, 2011!

"WELL-WISHES" CARDS were sent to the following individuals who were ill or had surgery:

Stella Turner
Cecilia Brown
Rosette Haddad
Toni Funk
Mary Schuck

Bill Schleman
Janet Turber
Fred Gillotti
Jim Malas
Joe Weinreich

Peggy Grogan
Mary Lou Eigsti
Joan Kiralfy
Davey Smith

MVBA DEATHS We are saddened by the passing of

Alberta Haverstick, February, 2011

Thomas Kaple, MVBA member, February, 2011

Cathy Furry, March, 2011

Ella Anderson, March, 2011, Life Master & MVBA member

Ken Champney, April, 2011, Life Master & MVBA member

Sandra Low, May, 2011, Grand Life Master, & MVBA member

Condolences to Sandra's husband, Mark Lowe, Grand Life Master & MVBA member

Edward Bibb, May, 2011

Martha Farmer, June, 2011

Carol Fullmer, June, 2011

Mary Ryan, June, 2011, Silver Life Master & MVBA member

Sue Austin, August, 2011, MVBA member

Fritz Kasischke, October, 2011, MVBA member

OUR CONDOLENCES to

Shirley Reichmann, on the passing of her son.

Lee Monnin on the passing of her mother.

Barbara Leese on the passing of her mother.

Ann Levy on the passing of her mother.

Ilse Tebbetts on the passing of her husband

ACBL REPORTS that the following MVBA members have moved forward by obtaining new rank:

New *Junior Masters*:

Paula Macilwaine
Gregory Novak
Barbara Bitticker
Mannie Costales
Matthew Kuhn
Helen Potter
Kathryn Wilson
Shirley Heintz
Susan Durnbaugh
Prakash Wagaj
Carol Adam
Nancy Keller
David Kennedy
John Taylor

New *Club Masters*

Charles Hemm
Eleanor Bahns
Eugene Bahns
Chris Ross
Maxine Ankeny
Joann Findlay
David Whitesell
James Hudson
Cathy Keely

New *Sectional Masters*

Roy Baldridge
Robert Mulcahy
John Griffin
June Hoffmaier

Janet Turber
Carol Levitan
Karen Scott
Ron Scott
Steven Boehmer

New *Regional Masters*

Peter Ryder
Rose Ann Samuels
Darin Campo
Bharati Samant
John Hoffmaier
Edward Schlaack
Gail Norris
Donald Snyder
Lori Harner

New *NABC Masters*

Joanne Deutsch
Algene Kuchinka

New *Life Masters*

Janis Gimbrone
David Camillus
William Gottschall
Joseph Keim

New *Bronze*

Life Masters
Lois Gschwender
Patricia Whalen
Tom Kerns
Thomas Surd
Rosalyn Abrams

New *Silver Life Masters*

Bill Schleman
Steven Forsythe
Sandra Forsythe

New *Gold Life Master*

Joseph Weinreich

New *Diamond*

Life Master
Dallas Moore

New *Emerald*

Life Master
Jeffrey Gargrave

MVBA DONATES 6000 DOLLARS TO THE FOODBANK

During the August MVBA Board Meeting, the members authorized this donation in the name of our organization. This donation is funded from the ACBL Charity Foundation Headquarters in Mississippi. The Board, working with Beth Reid our representative on the ACBL Board, was able to make this timely donation which will help support 70 area food banks in the Miami Valley.

We have already received the following thank you from the Foodbank:

"Hello, Jerry...We received a very generous gift today from the ACBL Charity Foundation!

Thank you so much for directing this wonderful donation to The Foodbank. I am speechless...this is amazing!

Thank you, again!" Rosemary Dannin,

Development & Public Relations Manager

The Foodbank, Dayton, Ohio 45402

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Leading the charge to relieve hunger for our Miami Valley neighbors

NOVICE CONTEST

\$100 first place prizes were offered by an anonymous donor to MVBA members with less than 50 points as of July 1, 2011, to compete for (1) the most accumulated points, and (2) for playing in the most games at MVBC. Second place was given several free plays at the MVBC.

WINNERS:

FIRST PLACE, winning both categories:

David Whitesell

SECOND PLACE, winning both categories:

Barbara Bitticker

Congratulations, Dave & Barb!

G N T January 28-29. **Whhhhat?**

Finals....In Dayton....At the MV Bridge Center!
GNT=Grand National Teams

How it Works: The GNT is an ACBL Wide "grass roots" competition that starts at the District level for Teams in 4 separate categories that will qualify to determine a National Champion in each of these categories, the Finals being held at the Summer Nationals each year:

(For the 2012 competition, eligibility for each Flight is based on the Master Point holding of players **as of the ACBL August 6, 2011 listing**):

Championship Flight.... Open to anyone

Flight A.... For team members who have <5,000 MP's, each player

Flight B.... For team members who have <2,000 MP's, each player

Flight C.... For team members who are Non LM's with <500 MP's, each player

Each of the 25 Districts in ACBL will send Teams from each of the 4 Flights to compete in the National Finals at the Summer Nationals.

In District 11 (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia), the selection process for the winner in each Flight will be determined in a competition conducted at Miami Valley Bridge Center (Dayton) on January 28 & 29, 2012. Teams of 4, 5, or 6 members will face off against Teams in their own Flight to determine a winner in each Flight to represent the District at the NABC Summer Nationals in Philadelphia July 12, 2012.

District 11 subsidizes expenses for the District 11 winners for the National competition, \$500.00 to each team provided the home Unit matches the amount. MVBA, Unit 136 commits to matching this amount, so that any winning Team from our Unit is guaranteed \$1,000.00 for expenses to the GNT National Finals.

The Conditions of Contest for the District 11 Finals in Dayton are contained on page 8 of the 4th Quarter Midwest Monitor.

Team selection in each Flight will be determined by a knockout (KO) format after a preliminary Round Robin, or Swiss competition. The preliminary round will be held Saturday January 28, and the KO will be held Sunday January 29. The winning Team in each Flight will advance to the National Final event in Philadelphia on July 12, 2012. A preliminary Swiss Team event for the 25 Teams in each Flight to qualify 16 Teams to play in a KO format to determine the winner (s) in three (3) matches.

ST@C=

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS AT CLUBS!

Silver points available.

Monday, December 26 through Sunday January 1
play at the MVBC at sectionally rated games.

Also mark your calendars for spring:

ST@C Monday, April 9 through Sunday, April 15!

THERE'S A NEW GAME IN TOWN!

Starting on January 21, the MVBC will host a potluck dinner and bridge game one Saturday each month, directed by Steve Forsythe. (Subsequent dates TBA.) This will be a sanctioned, invitational game with an emphasis on fun; ideal for newer players, social players and teacher-student pairs. The optional potluck dinner will start at 6 p.m. and the game will start at 7. Cost will be \$6. Please RSVP to Sandy Forsythe at MAJSLF@aol.com or call (937) 912-5601 if possible. We want to make this the friendliest game in town!

Steve Forsythe

2011 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Miami Valley Bridge Association's Annual Christmas/Holiday Party will be held at the MV Bridge Center,

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4:45 pm Cocktails

5:45 p.m. Dinner

@ 6:30 Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m. Unit Game



A good time to plan now to attend with a partner.

Tickets will be on sale soon, and may be purchased from any director.

The cost will remain the same this year,

\$25.00 per person which includes cocktails and dinner.

Unit Game follows, not included with dinner.

TOP 100...

After the ACBL Top 50 Club list (pertaining to table count) was published, as a matter of interest, Tom Coyle, our Club Manager, wrote to Carol Robertson, Director, Club and Member Services of ACBL to determine where the MVBA placed in 2010 in table count size, compared to the other 3,200 Bridge Clubs in ACBL. He received this reply:

"I asked our programmer to produce another list to find out where the MVBA (#197415) appeared. It was number 95. However, if you don't count the on-line sites, it would be #92.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you in the future. Sincerely, Carol Robertson"

IS IT JUST A GAME?

CHILDREN AND BRIDGE:

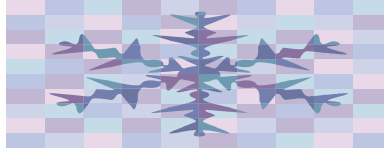
Recently, an article, "**Versailles 9-Year-Old Improves Grades By Playing Bridge**"

written by Darbi Southers, new ACBL marketing project supervisor, was picked up & printed by Lexington Family Magazine this spring. Darbi wrote about a 9 year old Versailles girl, Konner Spalding, who did improve her grades by learning and playing

bridge. She actually began playing bridge with her grandparents at the age of 5. In addition, a researcher from Carlinville Ill performed a five-year study to determine the impact playing bridge may have on the standardized testing scores of its younger players, using a six groups of fifth-graders from the Carlinville public schools who were similar in academic ability. One group learned to play bridge as part of its math instruction, but the other five groups did not. All of the students took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITSB) before bridge instruction began and then again in sixth grade and seventh grade. The results were overwhelming. Students who learned to play bridge showed greater improvements during their junior high years than their non-bridge playing classmates in the subject areas of reading, language, math, science and social science. Most notably, the young bridge players out-scored their counterparts by 39.31% in science, 24.22% in math, and 22.74% in social science.

Darbi Southers is an educator, writer and publicist living in Memphis. To find your child or grandchild a Bridge teacher, or to learn more information about bringing the game of bridge into their classroom, visit www.acbl.org/teachers/index.html.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in his shoes. That way, when you criticize him, you're a mile away and you have his shoes.



**DAYTON WINTER SECTIONAL
December 2 – 4, 2011**

**Do you need Silver points? Points awarded at a Sectional Tournament are just that. Silver!
Come, sparkle.**

*At spacious Miami Valley Bridge Center
4701 Presidential Way
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All Events Stratified:

<u>Non Life Masters</u>	<u>Open</u>
A... 200 - 300	2000 +
B... 50 - 200	500 - 2000
C... 0 - 50	0 - 500

Friday - December 2, 2011

**1:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & Open Pairs
7:00 PM Open Pairs**

Saturday - December 3, 2011

**11:00 AM Non Life Master Pairs & Open Pairs
4:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & Open Pairs
(Separate Events, play in one or both, same or different partner)**

Sunday - December 4, 2011

**11:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (Playthrough) Based on Team Avg MPs
Famous Dayton Complimentary Buffet served during session**

Tournament Chair: Tom Coyle (937) 433-5986 Stkpikrtom@aol.com

Partnership Chair: Marilyn O'Connor (937) 885-4395

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The last word...

Georgia B says: “Keep your information current!”

“There were some errors in phone numbers in the Directory this year. Each month we get an update from ACBL for our computer, and it wipes out any information that I have previously entered and puts in what they have on record. The only way this can be corrected is by your calling ACBL and correcting the information with them. **Call ACBL at 662-253-3100, & ask for membership.** You can also make your changes online at www.ACBL.org, but I have heard some people still have problems this way (especially with emails or office/cell numbers).”