



The **Valley Tally**

Jan Gimbrone, editor

Miami Valley Bridge Association

Fall, 2010
Election Issue

President's Corner

Hi, bridge players! This is the election issue. Our Miami Valley Bridge Association's annual elections will be held at the December Sectional. I would like to thank the nominations committee, headed by **Joanne Coyle**, who worked tirelessly to find candidates. This year the three elected officer's positions are unopposed. We have five people running for the Board of Directors this year. You can vote for four people for the four, three-year open positions. If, for some reason, you will be out of town that weekend, or cannot come in and play, there will be election forms a week or so ahead of time at the Bridge Center. Also if you just cannot make it in, you can contact Joanne Coyle for an absentee ballot. Her info is: jocoyle38@yahoo.com, 937-294-6880, 249 Greendale, Kettering 45429.

This will serve as notice to all members of Unit 136, MVBC that our **annual membership meeting** will be held during our Christmas/Holiday party,

Friday, December 10th, at approximately 6:30. The agenda will include a Treasurers' Report, election results, yearly awards, and any other new business appropriate. There will be more information coming forth about the Holiday party on the website and at the bridge center.

The Bridge Center is now solvent and the unit treasury is not being drained. The unit makes money each year on tournaments and dues. Our number of members and tournaments (including the District 11 Grand National Team finals in January) are increasing this year. For the safety of our players, we have installed automated door openers, acquired a Defibrillator, and trained 11 people to use it. The MVBA Treasury is doing well with about \$84,000. Even with holding aside close to 2/3 of this for emergencies, we have about \$30,000 discretionary funds to use in the future for activities or pur-

chases that enhance the Bridge experience. Any one-time expenses for the Bridge Center, such as the Bridgemates, Heating and Air Conditioning improvements etc. are paid for by the Unit.

I'd like to thank all the people who helped us at the Flying Buckeye Regional this August. I'll be co-chairing it again next year (in September – the 6th through 11th) and hope to have lots of help then too! I also will need several volunteer workers to help out on our days at the District 11 NABC in March of 2011. We may rent a large passenger van to take a bunch down to work two days. This would be before or after the games, so you could still play in the Nationals. More will be coming on this topic.

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



**2010-11 Nominations
for Officers of the Board
of the Miami Valley Bridge Center**

(Vote for one for each office listed.)

Please be aware that 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 have been made, but no other candidates have indicated a desire to run for these offices. Thanks to these individuals for stepping up to serve:

Georgia Banziger, President

I am running as an incumbent for the position of President of the Miami Valley Bridge Association. I have served as board member for one year, Vice President for 2 years, and President for the last 2 years. We have increased to 3 sectionals a year, starting in 2010, and the District 11 Grand National teams are being held here in January. We acquired the Dealer4 machine which allows us to have hand records to improve our game. We have installed automated door openers, and acquired a Defibrillator for the safety our players. I hope this year we will improve the evenness and efficiency of our Heating/Air Conditioning. I also hope we will purchase the wireless scoring devices (Bridgemate IIs are being tried out as I write this). With the help of Wayne O'Connor and his Educational team, we have held several new bridge classes. I'm looking forward to serving one more year as your President.

Jan Gimbrone, Vice-President

I was elected to Vice-President of the board of the Miami Valley Bridge Association a year ago, and have enjoyed serving in our new surroundings. I am working part time, play bridge at the Center regularly, am 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 offices in many organizations over the years, including the office of Vice President of my condominium association, and also VP of the Officers' Wives Club at Wheeler AFB. I would be happy to continue to serve as Vice President of MVBA.

Rosie Sullivan, Secretary

I have been a member of the MVBA since 1994 and play regularly with my husband. I have traveled, am well educated, and taught school in Japan. I have grown children and work part time in a quilting store. I enjoy bridge and want to contribute to the MVBA's success by serving on the board as secretary.

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

The following 5 individuals are running for
Open Positions on the Board
(3-year terms)
Please plan to vote
for 4 (four) candidates...

Steve Boehmer

Greetings MBVA Members - I am one of the appointed 2010 MVBA Board Members, interested in continuing as an elected/appointed 2011 Board Member. As a Board Member I have 1) learned more about the operation of the MVBA and the MVBC; 2) become more familiar with ACBL policies; 3) investigated, and presented to the Board issues asked of me by MVBA membership; and 4) acquired a better appreciation for orchestrating a bridge tournament though my involvement with the Dayton-Columbus Bridge Tournament in Aug 2010. If my name is unfamiliar to you, hopefully my face would not be, for I regularly play Tue, Wed, or Thu evening, and occasionally on Saturday and at Unit games. Thank you for your time and 'Happy Bridge Playing'.

Darin Campo

In 2010, I was appointed for a single year term to the MVBA board of directors. I have enjoyed my term on the board and would love to serve for a longer term. I work full time as a research chemist, and regularly play in one of the weekday evening games. I am interested in serving on the board again to help promote the game to new players, and continue to improve our wonderful club. I am willing to help the club and unit whenever needed.

Tom Coyle

As MVBC Club Manager since 2007, I have served on the Unit Board since then and feel that the MVBC Club Manager should continue to serve on the Board to represent the players at MVBC, the largest group of players in Unit 136.

My philosophy as MVBC Club Manager has been and will continue to be to schedule all of the special games & events offered by ACBL so that MVBC players have the opportunity to

benefit from all of the higher Master Point awards.

I continue to assist the Unit for the Sectional Tournaments conducted at MVBC. In this regard, I have been Tournament Chair for the past 3 December Sectional Tournaments, and the upcoming 2010 December Sectional.

Don Snyder

I have played bridge for 50 years, and have enjoyed serving on the board of the Miami Valley Bridge Association this past year. I graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree, and was employed at Alcoa for 34 years. The last 8 years I served as President, Alcoa Building Products. I have been retired for over 20 years, and lived in various areas of the United States, including New Jersey, Georgia, St. Louis and Chicago, finishing with 9 years in Centerville, OH. I would be happy to continue to serve on the board of the MVBA.

Richard (Dick) Welch

I was born in Detroit, Michigan, and attended Wayne University, then served in the US Army 1950 to 1952. I became a General Contractor Layout Engineer, and married Marilyn in 1955. I became an Architectural Engineer, and worked for several Dayton companies including Price Brothers, Dayton Sure Grip, Concrete Tech Founder (Pres. & Chmn.) before becoming a self-employed engineer in 1991. I joined the Miami Valley Bridge Association in 1993, and enjoy playing on a regular basis, although have my doubts about ever becoming Life Master! I'd like to contribute my time to the Board of MVBA, and would very much enjoy serving and helping on the various committees involved.

Again, you may vote for 4 (four) of the above candidates. Ballots will be available at the bridge center at least a week before the Dayton Sectional. Ballots will also be available during the Sectional.

**SADLY, WE MARK THE PASSING
OF MVBA MEMBERS
DEATHS**

Mary E. Lange, Springfield, died on January 17, 2010 in Fort Worth, Texas, following a brief illness. She was a Bronze Life Master and ran a game in Springfield for years.

James P. Huchison, Kettering, passed away January 28. Jim was a Life Master and had been a long time member (although inactive lately) of the MVBA. Condolences to his son & daughter-in-law, *Richard & Diane Huchison* (both members of MVBA).

Bonnie Schultz passed away in January, and was a long time member of MVBA.

Shirley F. Fahrner, Dayton, passed away February 2. Shirley was a Life Master and member of MVBA.

Armand Fahrner, Dayton, passed away February 24. Armand was a Life Master and member of Unit 136 MVBA.

Richard F. Kinsinger, Huber Heights, passed away February 28. Richard was a member of MVBA Unit 136 for many years.

Georgina Wood, passed away March 21. Georgina was a longtime Life Master, director, board member, and bridge teacher at MVBA.

Alfred L. McCray, Dayton, passed away May 15. Al was a Silver Life Master.

Charles J. Britain, Kettering, passed away September 8. Charlie was a Bronze Life Master, director, and member of Unit 136 MVBA.

Ellen Jellison, Dayton, died Friday, October 15. Ellen was a long time member of the MVBA, Unit 136.

Norma J Schmitz, Vandalia, died Sunday, October 17. Norma was a Life Master and long time member of the MVBA, Unit 136.

WELL WISHES...

SUNSHINE CARDS WERE MAILED

to these members who were ill or had surgery since the last Valley Tally issue...

Katie Wagner

Ken Hahn

Vivienne Himmell

Bill Schleman

Sandy Low

Marcie Pavlo

Norma McCann

Terry Parker

(If you know of a MVBA member who is ill, please let Sunshine Chair Marilyn O'Conner know, so a card may be sent).

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Tom Miller, who lost his father this year,
and

Cecelia Brown who lost her mother.

REMEMBRANCE DONATIONS...

If you would like to memorialize a loved one's passing, a plaque (without the dollar amount) may be engraved with the name of the deceased. You may call or email **Tom Coyle, 433-5986 or stkpikrtom@aol.com**.

**DONATIONS
TO THE BRIDGE CLUB...**

If, however, you just wish to make a donation, please consider the following levels of contribution...

Grand Slam \$5,000.00

Small Slam \$1,000.00

Game \$500.00

Part Score 50.00

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**NEW GOODWILL & CHARITY
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
SELECTED**

Once again, members of the MVBA have been honored by District 11 with appointments to the ACBL Goodwill & Charity Committee. Each Unit in District 11 may nominate and submit candidates. We recently received the following notification from Beth Reid, District 11 Director:

"Friends—I am pleased to inform you that I have made the following appointments to the Goodwill and Charity Committees for 2010:

Goodwill

Jim Bachelder—Columbus
Sandra and Mike Marlin—Lexington

Charity



Jean Walsh--Dayton
Tom Coyle—Dayton

Please join me in congratulating these wonderful folks and thanking them for their many contributions to our District and to bridge.
...A. Beth Reid"

**NEW DISTRICT 11
VICE-PRESIDENT
ELECTED**

It is a pleasure to announce that **Georgia Banziger** was recently elected Vice-President of the Board of Directors, District 11 at the quarterly meeting held during the Dayton Regional. District 11 encompasses many clubs in many cities in Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. This is a certainly an honor and speaks well for our MVBA President. Congratulations, Georgia!

**PLEASE GIVE A WELCOME TO
NEW MEMBERS**

Mary Castle
361-2634

Ben Curtis
429-8567

Sharon Harmer
434-8952

Michael Mullen
419-999-3130

Brian Pennington
339-5896

(transferred from Unit # 130-Central Indiana)

Daniel Blaettler
751-0755

(transferred from San Antonio, Texas).

Dennis Hicks
723-7421

(transferred from England!)

Barbara Bitticker
513-604-1469,

Mannie Costales
723-7503

David and Evie Freimuth
298-6422

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS
AND
PLASTIC/GLASS BOTTLES**

at the Bridge Center. A receptacle is provided for this purpose. *And please remember NOT to throw any Styrofoam or other trash in these TWO recycle containers...Thanks!*

BRIDGE MILESTONES !!!Congratulations!!!

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS...

**Dorothy W Savage-Kemp
Joseph C Camillus
John H Garrett
James P Hudson
Michael J Mullen
Cathy Keely
Constance J Reynolds
Dianne F Herman
John T Strack
Chris Ross
Charles Hemm**

NEW CLUB MASTERS

**Donald E Snyder
Ginger Brickner
Les Parker
Mary Anne Parker
Matthew C Ramsey
Robert E Mulcahy
Cherie Mulcahy
Gerald S Sharkey
Julia Gill
Mary Schuck
Roy Baldrige**

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

**Lee E Monnin
Darin J Campo
Darrell Clay
Joan Isaacson
Cindy Meek**

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

**Joseph Keim
Robert J Dillhoff
Carol Parker
Bhaskar R Samant
Harold E Powell
Joanne Deutsch**

NEW NABC MASTERS

**Jan Gimbrone
Bill Gottchall
Susan E Googash
Norine A Kmett
Beth E Duncan
Thomas P Faulkner
Donald Holsapple**

NEW LIFE MASTERS

**Bill J Childers
Bonnie G Papini
Thomas R Stahl
Lynda Brown Walker
Esther R Feldman
Joe Hemskey
Peggy Grogan**

**NEW BRONZE
LIFE MASTERS**

**Don Messer
Ryan R Schultz
W Lynn Swinger
Bill J Childers
Barbara L Leese
Thomas R Stahl
Emma L Stewart
Clee Rhodus**

**NEW SILVER
LIFE MASTERS**

**Rosie M Sullivan
David F Sullivan
William W Hartung
Dorothy R Kraus**

**NEW DIAMOND
LIFE MASTERS**

**Scott Gates
Patrick J Moran**

Reminder: You can purchase MVBA "free plays" to give to friends as Christmas gifts. What a great idea for the recipient and the MVBA! Contact Tom Coyle, 433-5986 or stkpikrtom@aol.com.



Dallas Moore conducts a Saturday class for Advancing Intermediates. on *How To Be A Good Partner*.

A definite no-no...
I didn't say
I knew it was your fault.
I said I was going to blame you.

MVBA SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



Dayton December Sectional

December 3-5, 2010

Miami Valley Bridge Center

4701 Presidential Way

937-439-1969

Friday - December 3, 2010

<i>Stratified Future Masters Pairs</i>			1:00 P.M.
A: 200 - 300	B: 50 - 200	C: 0 - 50	
<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>			1:00 P.M.
A: 1500 +	B: 500 - 1500	C: 0 - 500	
<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>			7:00 P.M.
A: 1500 +	B: 500 - 1500	C: 0 - 500	

Saturday - December 4, 2010

Handicap Bracketed Knockouts (Rounds 1, 2 and 3) 9:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

<i>Stratified Future Masters Pairs</i>			1:00 P.M.
A: 200 - 300	B: 50 - 200	C: 0 - 50	
<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>			1:00 P.M.
A: 1500 +	B: 500 - 1500	C: 0 - 500	
<i>Stratified Open Pairs</i>			7:00 P.M.
A: 1500 +	B: 500 - 1500	C: 0 - 500	

Sunday - December 5, 2010

Stratified Swiss Teams (Playthrough) 11:00 AM

Complimentary Buffet Served During Session

Based on Teams average Masterpoint Holdings: A: 1500+: B: 500 - 1500 C: 0 - 500



Evenings at the Bridge Center always find a cross-section of the membership enjoying themselves!

The recent Dayton-Columbus Inter-City Match, which has not been played since 2006, was held October 2 at the Bridge Center, with 18 swiss teams (3A, 3B, 3C from each city) competing. The traveling Trophy which Dayton won handily, is visible, center back, standing tall!

Thank you to Janet Lee for helping to resurrect and organize this enjoyable event.



Miami Valley Bridge Association

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Kettering, OH 45429

visit us at our website at:

www.mvba.com
937-439-1969

Schedule of Up-coming Events:

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

Saturday, **Nov. 13**.....Unit game, 1pm
Wednesday, **Nov. 17**Unit game, 7pm
Thursday, **Nov. 25** Thanksgiving*
Thursday, **Dec. 2** Hanukkah begins
Friday-Sunday, **Dec. 3, 4, & 5**Dayton Sectional at M V B C
Friday, **Dec. 10**MVBA Christmas/Holiday Party & Unit game
Thursday, **Dec. 16**Logan County Bridge Club's Christmas Party
Friday, **Dec. 24** Christmas Eve*
Saturday, **Dec. 25** Christmas*
Friday, **Dec. 31** New Year's Eve – Party/game at MVBC
Saturday, **Jan. 1** New Year's Day*
Monday, **Jan. 10**-Sunday **Jan.16**..... [ST@C](#)
Wednesday, **Jan. 19**Unit game, 7pm
Saturday, **Jan. 29**-Sunday, **Jan. 30**.....Grand National Teams Finals in Dayton

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 will be corrected is if you call ACBL and correct the information with them. The number is 662-253-3100, & ask for membership. You can also do it online at www.ACBL.org, but I have had some people still have problems this way (especially with emails or office/cell numbers)."

The directory list, as it stands now, is posted on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to check your listing.