



Valley Tally

Winter 2014

President's Corner

Happy New Year, to all of our Miami Valley Bridge Association family! Family is the right term for our members, who help each other out in many ways. It's great to have bridge friends ask about family members (including pets). It's a good feeling to know that they are concerned about our problems and happy to hear about our achievements. Like family, we don't always agree. But we all have one another's best interests at heart. I am dedicated to making improved communications a priority. The Board meeting agendas will be on the bulletin board a week or so in advance. The drafts of minutes will be on the website and bulletin board as soon as possible after the Board meetings. And accepted corrections of minutes will also be posted as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the new and/or re-elected or appointed members of the MVBA Board of Directors: Barbara Bitticker, Darin Campo, Tom Coyle, Joseph Keim, Stu Petersen, Ilse Tebbetts, Diane VonderBrink, and officers: Georgia Banziger, president, Joanne Deutsch, vice president, David Kennedy, secretary, and Jeff Gargrave, treasurer. Thank you to outgoing MVBA Board members, Jan Gimbrone, Rosie Sullivan, Richard Garlough, Steve Boehmer, and Don Snyder. We are starting a new year, with a new Board of Directors, anxious to make the MVBA (and the MVBC) even better.

We need to try to increase, and retain, our membership. The Forsythes are doing a great job attracting new attendees to their newbie games. Many of them become members of MVBA. Please spread the word among your friends, family, co-workers, etc. about the Monday night short lesson and game. No partner is necessary; nor is any bridge experience. Just come! When you see any of these newer folks, please encourage them to come to the regular games too. But remember that many of them are driven away by snappiness and bad manners at the table. Just one bad experience can keep them away for good. Encourage them especially to come to Tuesday morning and smaller games, like Wednesday noon (free lunch) and Thursday and other nights. The friendliness at these games is outstanding, and we're hoping friendliness will spread to every game when newer players are brave enough to come. We all could benefit from more smiles!

I am sure you are all happy to have the new Directory. Soon the website's Directory page will be updated too. You can always look there if you have misplaced your book. The Calendar section has lots of information about up-coming events. Also, the "New and Noteworthy" page and the bottom of the "Home" page have important information. Explore and enjoy our website, www.mvba.com.

It may be cold and snowy outside, but our parking lot is always clear and the Bridge Center is warm. Best wishes, and see you at the tables!

Georgia Banziger

New and Noteworthy

Welcome to New Members:

Keith Besecker, 4194 Arcanum Bears Mills Rd., Arcanum, 937-548-3983

Thomas Kemp, 816 Timberlake Ct., Dayton, 937-294-3186

Philip Bogan, 6700 Statesboro Rd., Dayton, 937-438-9708

Welcome to Members Transferring into Unit 136:

Tod Laurvick, 1556 Reese Dr., Apt 2, Fairborn, no phone listed

Jo Anne McDowell, 5050 Pebble Brook Dr., Englewood, 954-414-1625

Jane Petersen, 590 Isaac Prugh Way, Apt 366, Kettering, 937-297-4058

Col. William Scarpero, 1555 Mapleton Dr., Dayton, 210-677-2406

John Swart, 56 Cranston Ct., Dayton, 949-581-2914, or 937-474-7897

(John has about 100 MPs and is looking for partners)

Recent Rank Increases - Congratulations to:

Junior Masters:

Linda Bracken, Kathryn Brown, Kathleen Glass, Trish Hughes, Janet Cisna Lee,

Steve Simmons, Sue Stephens, Bruce Stewart, Fred Swaisgood, Joy Wish

Club Masters:

Dipankar Datta, Frederick Gillotti, Judith Simmons

Sectional Masters:

Diane Herman

Regional Masters:

John Griffen

NABC Masters:

Roy Baldridge (Lima), Brian Clausing, David Kennedy, Marcie Pavlo, Edward Schlaack

Silver Life Masters:

Patrick J Lorrigan

Congratulations to:

MVBA members Janet Turber and Steve Boehmer on their marriage!

Get Well Cards Sent to:

Jim Malas, Shirley Lee, Peggy Grogan, Ken Marcroft, Janet Lee, Roger Dybvig

Passages:

Shirley Heintz, passed away in October.

Joan Vogel, Life Master, passed away in December.

Toni Funk, Silver Life Master, passed away in late December.

Sandra Milford, Life Master, passed away in January.

Marilyn Monroe, Life Master, passed away in January.

Laverne Marchetti, Life Master, passed away in January.

Condolences to:

Paul Heintz on the passing of his wife, Shirley

Theresa Mershad on the passing of her husband

Sue Ensley on the passing of her husband

Chris Ross on the passing of her mother

Upcoming Events

Event	Dates
February - Junior Fund Month - Junior Fund Games (so far)	Mon - 11 am, 10 th & 24 th ; Thurs - 11 am, 13 th & 27 th
February Unit Games	Saturday, 8 th 1 pm & Wednesday, 12 th 7 pm
President's Day	February 17 th
MVBA Board meetings 5:30 pm	February 19 th , March 19 th , April 16 th
Sectional Tournament @ Clubs (ST@C)	February 17 - 23
Steve's Goodtime Games	Saturdays, 7 pm - February 22 nd , March 15 th , & April 5 th
ACBL-Wide Senior Game	March 3 rd 11 am
Toni Funk Memorial Game & Dinner	Sunday March 2 nd , 1:30 pm game & dinner afterward
Indianapolis Regional	March 4 th - 9 th
March Unit games	Saturdays, 1 pm, 15 th & 29 th (Unit Charity), & Wed 7 pm, 29 th
NABC (Nationals) in Dallas	March 19 th - 30 th
April - Charity Month	All club games are charity games
Columbus Sectional	April 4 th - 6 th
Dayton Sectional	April 11 th - 13 th
April Unit Charity Game	April 16 th 7 pm
Easter	April 20 th
Gatlinburg	April 21 st - 27 th

DAYTON SECTIONAL

April 11 - 13, 2014

ALL EVENTS STRATIFIED (BASED ON AVERAGE PLAYER POINTS):

ALL POINTS

you earn

WILL BE SILVER!

ACBL MEMBERS WITH

ONLY 0-5 POINTS

PLAY FREE ALL

WEEKEND!

...NON LIFE MASTERS...

A... 200 – 500

B... 50 – 200

C... 0 - 50

...OPEN...

2000 +

500 – 2000

* 750-2000 when NLM game is scheduled at same time

0 – 500

* 0-750 when NLM game is scheduled at same time

Friday – April 11, 2014

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

7:00 PM Open Pairs

Saturday – April 12, 2014

11:00 AM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs

4:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & *Open Pairs

Sunday – April 13, 2014

11:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (play through) Based on Team Avg MPs

Famous Dayton Complimentary Buffet served during session

DIRECTIONS:Cincinnati: I-75N to I-675 Exit 43 N (Columbus), to Exit 4B Kettering. Merge right onto 48/Far Hills Ave. Travel .9 miles to Whipp Rd.. Turn Right on Whipp, proceed .6 miles to Marshall Rd. Turn Left, travel 1.6 miles to E. David Rd. Turn Right on David, after .2 miles turn Right on Presidential Way to 4701.

Columbus: I 70W to Exit 44; I-675 South to Exit 7 for Wilmington Pike. Turn Right onto Wilmington and travel 1.8 miles to E. David Rd. Travel .7 miles to Hempstead Station Rd; Turn left and travel .3 miles to Presidential Way. Turn Right onto Presidential Way to 4701 immediately on your left.

Indianapolis: I-70 E to Exit 44, I-675 South to Exit 7. (Follow above directions from Exit 7 onto Wilmington Pike).

Motel: **Holiday Inn Express** (breakfast incl): 5655 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. 937-424-5757. Off Exit 7, I-675.

Ask for Special Rate Code: **IL6XR Bridge Strategy.**

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ALL SESSIONS
just \$10 each

(\$3 additional for non or
unpaid ACBL members)

