



The

Valley Tally

Fall 2014

Election Issue

Miami Valley Bridge Association

4701 Presidential Way, Dayton, Oh, 45429

President's Corner

Welcome to the Election issue of the Valley Tally. The MVBA Bylaws require a notice of the election to be sent out to our members. The President, Vice President, and Secretary positions are elected for one-year terms. We have four regular three-year terms to be elected as Board of Directors members. In addition we have two one-year appointments to be filled for Board of Director members who are running for an officer spot. Even though we have six members running for these spots, you will be voting for four members to be elected. The members coming in 5th and 6th will be appointed. Voting will start at the Bridge Center the week of November 17th and continue through Sunday December 7th at the MBVA Sectional Tournament.

I have enjoyed serving as your President this year. It's been a lot of work, but I think we have made some progress. Improvements have been made in financial reporting and communications. We have ordered more cup holders for the tables (needed for the Holiday party and tournaments). We are planning to have a Non-Life Master tournament in the spring.

The MVBA Holiday Party is on Friday December 12th. Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres will be served at five pm, dinner at six, a short awards & membership meeting at 6:30, and game at seven. The tickets for the Holiday Party will be available

from directors starting about November 17th. Prices are \$25 for both the dinner & game, and \$20 for just the dinner.

You can stop searching your mailbox for the Midwest Monitor. It won't be there. But don't despair. The Monitor has become electronic. A link to its hiding place is available on the MVBC website (www.MVBA.com). Or you can access it directly at <http://www.district11bridge.com/Monitors/eMonitor.pdf>

We all need to continue to spread the 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. We have a very successful lesson program going on, run by Dallas Moore and Gary Hatten. Right now many new faces are at the Bridge Center on Saturday mornings in the Diamond Series class. Watch our website www.mvba.com for information about future classes. Also we now have the Wednesday Evening game for 0-199ers.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy fall, Holiday season, and New Year. See you at the tables.

Georgia Banziger,

President MVBA

Candidates Stand for the MVBA Board of Directors

Election of officers and members of the board of directors of the Miami Valley Bridge Association will take place at the Miami Valley Bridge Center starting Nov 17th and during the upcoming sectional tournament to be held December 5-7, 2014.

Following are statements from candidates for positions as officers elected for one year:

For President . . .

Georgia Banziger (incumbent)

I have been an MVBA board member for nine years, including four years as president. I have been attending the District 11 board meetings for over seven years and have a good relationship with the members of the District 11 board. I do quite a lot of other work for the unit: I serve as membership secretary updating the membership roster for ACBL Score and for the mailings; I have done the directory for the last eight years. I am the Webmaster for the MVBA website; and, I am the director of the Thursday morning game at the Bridge Center. I would very much appreciate your vote to re-elect me as president of the Miami Valley Bridge Association.

For Vice President . . .

Joanne Deutsch (incumbent)

I am seeking the office of Vice President of the MVBA because I want to contribute to the responsible and efficient running of the organization. I have been a board member for 6 years. Because our bridge association is a nonprofit organization owned by its members, the continued success of the bridge club is very much dependent on its volunteers as well as its paid bridge staff. I want to be a substantial part of this volunteer effort.

For Secretary . . .

Ilse Tebbetts

After a year's fill-in term, I'm now running for secretary of the MVBA board. I have a considerable amount of experience recording and writing minutes, including many years as clerk of the Yellow Springs Board of Zoning Appeals. Currently, I also keep the minutes for the development committee of another regional nonprofit on which I serve as a board member. It's something I know I can do well . . . maybe better than making a slam missing two aces, despite my partner Fred Vescio's view that a Zedwitz double backward squeeze and endplay should make it easy.

For the Board . . . (four to be elected)

Darin Campo

I am running for re-election to the MVBA board to continue to serve as technology chairman. I have served for four years and would like to continue. Thank you for your consideration and good luck at the tables.

Ron Babcock

I am pleased to have been asked to be a candidate for membership on the MVBA Board of Directors. Duplicate bridge is a big part of my live-alone retiree's (electrical engineer) life, and it is natural to want to give a little back to the game. I've been involved in this great game for over 50 years, acquiring Diamond LM status with over 6000 master points and reaching for Emerald. I have served several terms on the Cincinnati Bridge Association's Board of Directors. After moving to the Dayton area seven years ago, I transferred my ACBL membership to the Dayton unit; however for many years before that I commuted from my Wilmington home to be a regular participant in MVBA activities with some great local partners. Thanks for your consideration.

Lori Harner

I am running for reelection to the board because I believe that I can contribute to the bridge community. During my past term, I have been involved in chairing the mentor/mentee program, helping with the regional tournament, and serving as caddy master. It is important for our club to focus on what we love and that is bridge. We need to attract and maintain our membership. I feel that I listen to what people are saying both when playing and directing and want to encourage newer players to continue to grow and enjoy the game. I hope that I can continue to be of help by being a member of the board in the coming years.

Joe Camillus

I enjoy playing bridge at the club—so much so that I now play five or six times a week. I started, as a rank beginner, in early 2010 and then had to take a break for a little over a year. I have been playing pretty regularly now from about September 2012. Our club is rather special—not only in the physical facilities and the educational programs it offers, but also in the people in the club who are invariably friendly and pleasant. I hope to serve on the board of directors to help the club continue to be a great place to play bridge, to be responsive to the needs of its current members, and to attract a new generation of members.

Judith Simmons

Hello, my name is Judith Simmons and I am running for the MVBA Board. I have been a member since October of 2012, so I'm still a "newbie." My husband, Steve and I play mainly in the Monday and Wednesday night games and in the monthly "Goodtime Game" on Saturday nights. We have also played in MVBA tournaments. I was lucky enough to be recognized at the Medallion Game this year for my Masterpoint category. I am willing to become more involved in the MVBA by serving on the Board of Directors.

Sue Stephens

Hi everyone! Many of you do not know me as I am a fairly new member. I joined in the fall of 2012 after taking a class on Saturday mornings (at the urging of Georgia). I have become quite active playing on Monday and now Wednesday evenings, and sometimes on Tuesday mornings. I also took part in the Mentor Mentee program this year and played on Thursday nights. My partner & I have even gone out of town to some tournaments! I have decided to become more involved by running for the MVBA Board and would appreciate your vote.

MVBC Members appointed to ACBL Committees

MVBC president **Georgia Banziger** has been selected to represent District 11 on the ACBL National Goodwill Committee. **Lee Monnin** will represent the district on the ACBL National Charity Committee. Both are lifetime appointments.

Thompson and Birnbaum 2014 Mentor-Mentee Winners

Two lifelong friends combined to win the mentor-mentee tournament this year. **Marilena Thompson** and **Margaret Birnbaum** had the best performance in the three-game mentor-mentee combo

played last summer, to beat out all other contending pairs. Both players agreed it was a great experience. The program, which will start again next spring, has many fans. As board member Dave Kennedy, who has gone through it three times, says, “it’s a really good way for emerging players to become competitive players.”

Schedule of Upcoming Events

(* denotes no game scheduled)

Monday-Sunday, Nov. 3-19	Louisville-Lexington Regional
Wednesday, Nov. 5	ACBLwide Charity – 12 noon
Tuesday, Nov. 11	VETERAN’S DAY – Ihampionship – 7 pm
Saturday, Nov. 15	Steve’s Goodtime Game – 7 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 19	Unit Game – 7 pm
Thursday, Nov. 27	Happy THANKSGIVING*
Thursday-Sunday Nov. 27-Dec. 7	NABC – Providence, RI
Friday-Sunday, Dec. 5-7	Dayton Sectional
Thursday, Dec. 11	Inter-club Championship – 7 pm
Friday, Dec. 12	HANUKKAH begins. MBVA Christmas Party: Cocktails- 5 pm; Dinner – 6 pm; Game – 7 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE*
Thursday, Dec. 25	Merry CHRISTMAS*
Friday-Wednesday, Dec. 26-Jan. 1	District ST@C
Wednesday, Dec. 31	New Year’s Eve Party/ST@C game: Party-7 pm; Game-7:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 1	Happy NEW YEAR – St@c game – 11 am
Friday-Sunday, Jan. 9-11	Columbus Sectional
Friday-Sunday, Jan. 16-18	Lexington Sectional
Monday, Jan 19	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Wednesday, Jan 21	Unit game – 7 pm
Saturday, Jan. 31	Unit game – 1 pm

Looking Ahead

Monday-Saturday, Feb. 23-Mar. 1	Grand National Team Finals
Monday – Sunday, Mar.3-Mar. 9	Indianapolis Regional



Dayton December Sectional

Dec 5 – 7, 2014

All Events based on Average
Masterpoints of the pair or team

...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

All Sessions

Just \$10 each

*(\$3 additional
for non or un-
paid ACBL
members*

Friday – December 5, 2014

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

7:00 PM Open Pairs

Saturday – December 6, 2014

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

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

Sunday – December 7, 2014

11:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (play through)

Famous Dayton Complimentary Buffet served during session

Tournament Chair: Wayne O'Connor wandmoconnorpb@yahoo.com (937) 885-4395

Partnership Chair: Marilyn O'Connor wandmoconnorpb@yahoo.com (937) 885-4395



ACBL members
with 0-5 points
will play free all
weekend!

All Points you
earn will be
Silver!

Welcome to New Members

Colleen Bossi, Dayton, 45459, 937-433-1362
Conchetta Dedek, Dayton, 937-275-1199
Michael Dedek, Vandalia, no phone listed
Dr Roger Saul, Bellefontaine, 937-599-4806
Dr. Patrick Marecic, Van Wert, 419-203-1982
Margaret Van Hoose, Mech'burg, 937-441-5197
Marjorie Brown, Centerville, 937-885-7106
Mr. Pankaj Kumar Datta, Dayton, 937-242-7445
Nancy Sharp, Brookville, no phone listed
Betty Leve, Englewood, 937-836-9484
Charles Thompson Jr., Xenia, 937-604-4035
Cheri Fett, Lima, no phone listed
Yvonne Jacobson, Centerville, 937-434-9630
Carol Blaugh, Kettering, no phone listed

Welcome to Members Transferring into MVBA

Philip Bantz, Waynesville, 513-897-0816,
(from Cincinnati)
Roger Husbands, Yellow Springs,
no phone listed, (from California)
Sharrel Sellman, Centerville, 937-570-9642,
(from Cincinnati)
James Dearwester, West Carrollton,
513-207-0539, (from Cincinnati)
Judy Moakler, Fairborn, 941-966-8923
John Odell, Dayton, 513-459-9217
(from Cincinnati)
Nazih Gharfin, Centerville, 937-831-1726
(from Virginia, but was here before)
Roy Hobson, West Liberty, no phone listed
(from Columbus)
Dr. Frank Johnson, Kettering, 859-356-3725
Shirley Orth, Lakeview, 614-854-7688,
(from Columbus)

Movin' on up to . . .

Junior Masters:

Alice Lockrem, Gary Peirson, James Dearwester,

Patricia Nelson, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Datta, Keith Besecker, Margaret Birnbaum, Michael Dedek, Sandi Rachal

Club Masters:

Steve Jonas, John Kennel, Robert Heaps, Myron Coleman, Carol Gillotti, Bonnie Murray, Carol Adam, Judy Moakler, Nancy Mohan, Michael Thill, Bruce Stewart, Duane Wood

Sectional Master:

George Clawson, Jerry Kerns, John Strack, Ellen Forshaw, H. A. Forshaw, Cindy Van Vliet

Regional Master:

Steven Boehmer, Sandra Pahl, David Parker, Janet Turber, John Scharf, Ernest Spegele, Theresa Mershad, Joseph Camillus, Joann Findlay

NABC Master:

Charles Hemm, Sandra Haack, Carol Parker, Barbara Bitticker, Linda Fadely, John Hoffman

New Life Master:

Lenoard Solganik, Bhaskar Samant, Lee Monnin, Susan Childers

Bronze Life Master:

Janis Gimbrone, Joan Reeves, Darin Campo, Joan Kiralfy, Kenneth Sagstetter

Silver Life Master:

Joseph Keim, Bill Gottschall, Ryan Schultz

Diamond Life Master:

Craig Satersmoen, Tom Miller

Emerald Life Master:

Wayne Penrod

Passages:

Leonard Solganik, Dorothy Kraus, Judith Dalton, John Kennel. Condolences to Ben Kraus and Ernie Dalton on the los of their spouse.

District 11 Grand National Team 2015 Finals (GNT)

Miami Valley Bridge Center

Jan 24, 2015 1:00 PM & TBA

All Teams Play Both Sessions Saturday

Jan 25, 2015 10:00 AM & TBA

Lavish Dayton/MVBC Hospitality plus

Complimentary Buffet between Sessions Sunday

For questions, contact:

Tom Coyle: 937-433-5986...Stkpikrtom@aol.com

Vickie Sebastian Sweeps the Field at Flying Buckeye Regional

Vickie Sebastian and her partner Sudheer Pimputkar from Galena, OH each won 72.06 points to top the list of winners at the Flying Buckeye Regional held at the Hope Hotel in early September. Although the table count was down somewhat, MVBC president Georgia Banziger said, "everyone had a good time."

Dayton Players Shine At NAP Semi-Finals

Up and coming MVBC star Ryan Schultz and his Columbus partner Doug Millsap were the Flight B winners of the North American Pairs (NAP) semi-finals held in Cincinnati, recently. Mark Low and Russell Soup also did Dayton proud by coming in third in the NAP Flight A contest. Both pairs will receive District 11 grants to compete in the NAP finals to be

held at the Spring Nationals in New Orleans

Improving Your Game . . .

Steve Forsythe and Dallas Moore unravel some of the mysteries of good bidding and play Monday and Wednesday evenings in informal classes designed for non-life masters who want to improve their games.

Steve's short lesson, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Monday evening, is followed by a two-hour duplicate game at 7:30 during which he circulates to answer questions and help solve problems. "We usually play about 12 boards," he says.

Dallas Moore presides over the Wednesday evening session which begins at 5:00 p.m. He goes over convention cards and answers questions for some 45 minutes. Participants have a chance to stoke up on hot dogs and chips before a regularly scheduled 6:00 p.m. 0-199ers duplicate game.

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 Holiday party. You do not need to participate in the dinner or game to attend.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

2014 Christmas / Holiday Party

Friday, December 12

The Miami Valley Bridge Association's annual holiday party
will be held, once again, at the Bridge Center

5 p.m: cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

6 p.m: dinner and awards

7 p.m: bridge game

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Tickets will be on
sale starting November 17th and may be purchased from any director.



\$25 for dinner and bridge

\$20 for dinner only

\$7 for bridge only

