



The Valley Tally

Jan Gimbrone, editor

Miami Valley Bridge Association

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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. 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. This year the three elected officer's positions are unopposed. The nominations committee, headed by **Judy Berberich**, asked several people to run for Vice President, but had no takers. (I think they know that it usually leads to President) The Treasurer's position is appointed, and then approved by the Board. **Roger Himmell** has held the position this year, but since holding a full time job has interfered with his duties as treasurer, he has decided to resign in January. I have appointed **Jerry Grogan** to the Treasurer's position starting next year and the Board approved the appointment. We thank Roger for his work this year.

We do have eight people running for the Board of Directors this year. You can only vote for four people for the four, three-year positions open. There will be more positions available for some members' unexpired terms. **Don Messer** (two years remaining term) and **Tom Kerns** (one year remaining term) have decided to resign, and **Janis Gimbrone's** (running unopposed for Vice President) position will be open for the year. These will be appointed po-

sitions, taken in order from the results of the vote. The person with the fifth highest number of votes will be appointed to the available two-year term, the two people with the sixth and seventh highest number of votes will get one-year appointments. We thank Don Messer (can't really make the meetings because of his full time job) and Tom Kerns (just tired of meetings) for their service on the Board.

The Bridge Center is looking great with **Joanne Deutsch's** decorating flair at work. I would like to thank her for her efforts, and all the furniture and accessory items she has donated or loaned. Some people seem to be concerned about the cost of the painting and trim work, and may think it is coming out of the increased fees for the players at the Bridge Center. Let me explain a little about the finances. The Bridge Center is owned by the MVBA Unit. The increase was made so the Bridge Center would return to self-sufficiency in its on-going operational expenses. For the previous year the Unit was giving money to the Bridge Center for regular expenses like rent and utilities. Now the Bridge Center is solvent and the \$80,000 or more the unit has is not being drained. Any one-time expenses for the Bridge Center, like painting, the Dealmaster4, etc. are paid

for by the owner (the Unit). The five or six hundred dollars we have spent so far on decorating this year was a small expense for our Unit. The decor will be enjoyed by the Bridge Center patrons for years to come, whether at regular games or at the three Sectional tournaments we are having this coming year.

About two hundred and fifty dollars of our Unit's money was used to buy and hang the new White Board and an additional bulletin board for education purposes. We are also looking into the possibility of having automatic door openers to ease the burdens of our handicapped (and frail) players. We may even be looking into instant scoring devices at the tables that would send scores to the computer wirelessly! These last two types of expenses are larger, and of course, would be voted on by the MVBA Board. We should not be worried about money with the financial cushion we have, and the fact that we are a non-profit organization. We make money each year on tournaments and dues. Our number of members and tournaments are increasing this year. The proceeds should be used for the benefit of our members!

NOTICE: Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held during the Christmas Party on the evening of December 11.

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



**2009-10 Nominations
for Officers of the Board
of the Miami Valley Bridge Center are:**

PRESIDENT

Georgia Banziger...I am running as an incumbent for the position of President of the Miami Valley Bridge Association. Since retiring from teaching and returning to the Bridge community, I have served as board member for one year, Vice President for 2 years, and President for the last year. The first full year in the new Miami Valley Bridge Center has been an interesting and enjoyable year. We now have our Sectionals in a comfortable setting. We have increased to 3 sectionals a year starting in 2010. We also acquired the Dealer4 machine which most are now enjoying. I'm looking forward to the next year as your President.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Jan Gimbrone...I was elected to the board of the Miami Valley Bridge Association last year, and have enjoyed serving my first year in our new surroundings, having attended all but one of the monthly meetings. I am working part time, playing bridge at the Center on a regular basis 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 the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer in many organizations over the years, including the office of Vice President of my condominium association, and VP of the Officers' Wives Club at Wheeler AFB. I would be happy to serve as Vice President of MVBA.

SECRETARY

Joanne Trecaso...My last twenty years as a secretary were spent as Executive Assistant to the President of a large manufacturing company. Duplicate bridge has been a pleasant addition to my social life since joining the MVBA several years ago. I would like to give something back by continuing as secretary another year.

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

Steve Boehmer...I have been affiliated with the MVBA for almost three years and can truly say that the association members have made me feel at home and always welcome. Maybe it has something to do with the good scores folks get when they play against me !! When I was asked if I would be interested in being a MVBA Board Member I eagerly said yes for two reasons. First, I enjoy being part of a governing body for an organization so you can learn why things are as they are, but also to see if new ideas could improve the organization. Secondly, since learning to play bridge, Janet and I, as we travel around, always make it a point to visit and play at other bridge associations and perhaps those experiences can bring new ideas to the MVBA. Thanks for your time and if you play bridge on Tue, Wed, or Thu night there is a good chance we may meet

Darin Campo...I am a Huber Heights resident, and a 30 year old father of twins. When I have the free time available, you can usually find me playing in the Thursday night game at MVBA. I learned to play bridge while studying chemistry at Wright State University, and had a long hiatus before finding the bridge club. I am always interested in learning more about the game, and am willing to play with any partners I can find. I would like to join the board because I enjoy helping promote the game of bridge.

Beverly Dana... I have been on the board for a few years now and have also become a director. Most of you know me as the Hospitality Lady or the Tuesday Evening Director. I would like to continue working on the board as a way to pay back some of the enjoyment I have received from being involved with Miami Valley Bridge Association. The board positions have historically been working positions and we need people who are willing to work to keep our unit and club running smoothly.

Patti Demirjian...I feel that I am qualified to serve on the board of MVBA in that since 1983 I have held several board positions including: President of the Montgomery County Medical Alliance, Sec'y of the Ohio State Med. Assn. Alliance, Exec. Board Dayton Opera Guild, Exec Board OperaFunicatics, Exec. Board Dayton Philharmonic Volunteer Assn., Advisory Board PMI-Practice Management Institute. I have been a member of MVBA since the mid 90's. However, in 1998 I stopped playing bridge and just recently returned. During this 10 year interval I obtained five national certifications in the field of medical practice management, insurance specialization, billing, and coding. I managed all areas of my husband's practice (17 employees) and was a consultant for several other practices. While I would be agreeable to serve in any capacity, my main interest is in the area of fund raising. I have received a lot of enjoyment from being a member of MVBA and would only be too happy to give back to our club.

Joanne Deutsch...Although I have only been playing duplicate bridge for a couple of years, I have come to enjoy the game enormously and consider the time spent at the bridge center one of the most challenging and rewarding times I have ever experienced. I now play there regularly several times a week and have volunteered on the hospitality committee at special events during the past year. I am also the chair of the decorating committee which is an on-going endeavor to create a warm and inviting atmosphere at the new club. By serving as a board member, I feel I would be better able to coordinate these efforts with the overall goals of the Unit.

Steven L. Forsythe...I am a Bronze Life Master and a Club Tournament Director. I ran a very successful I/N program in Washington, DC, and have been teaching bridge to beginning and intermediate players on Monday nights at the Bridge Center. In the past two years, about a dozen new members have joined our unit due to the efforts

of my wife Sandy and myself. I work for Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory supporting Wright-Patterson AFB as the C2ISR Project Manager. I holds 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 with expertise in Command and Control, Modeling and Simulation, and Optimization.

Stephanie Ginger...Many of you know me as a player but I have been involved with Miami Valley Bridge Center in many ways. I was the Unit Game Manager for many years, started directing the Sat game at its inception and have served on various committees. I would like to see us continue to grow this great game we love and would appreciate serving on the Board again.

Donald E. Snyder...I have played bridge for 50 years, and would enjoy serving on the board of the Miami Valley Bridge Association. 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 19 years, and lived in various areas of the United States, including New Jersey, Georgia, St. Louis and Chicago, finishing with 8 years in Centerville, OH.

Again, you may vote for 4 (four) of the above candidates. Ballots will be available at the bridge center 1-2 weeks before the Dayton Sectional. Ballots will also be available during the Sectional.

It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents.

...Alfred Sheinwold

CONGRATULATIONS

...TO **Wayne & Marilyn O'Connor**.

for their recent National Goodwill Appointments. They were originally nominated by Unit 136 when all District 11 Units were asked to submit nominations. We recently received the good news from District 11...

" Friends,

This year's appointments to the National Goodwill Committee are **Wayne and Marilyn O'Connor of Dayton**; and to the National Charity Committee are Jean Donoho and Jane Naiser, both of Louisville.

Please congratulate these most worthy contributors to our game when you next see them!

*A. Beth Reid
District 11"*

SUNSHINE CARDS WERE MAILED

...TO the following MVBA members who were ill or had surgery...

**Rosemary Duncan
Pat Kramer
Shirley Lee**

**Sandy Milford
Barbara Nixon
Terry Parker
Evelyn Tuck**

CONDOLENCES

...TO **Carol Pappas** and her husband, **John** on the recent death of their son, **Mark**

SADLY, WE MARK THE PASSING OF MVBA MEMBERS

...**William E. "Bill" SIZELOVE**

...**Richard L. OBER**

...**Stafford MCGUIRE**

REMEMBRANCE DONATIONS...

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING GAME

STRATIFICATION CHANGES:

By Georgia Banziger

I am using ACBL's new stratification option on Wednesday mornings. It allows us to use the average of both players' masterpoint holdings to stratify the game. The strats are: A - unlimited, B - under 2000, C - under 800. This should make it more attractive for some players to play in this rather tough game. For example: If an A player holding 2500 points plays with a B player holding 1200 points, they would play in flight B. If a B player holding 1300 points plays with a C player holding 200 points, they would play in C. This also would encourage mentoring.

CHANGES IN FRIDAY/SATURDAY GAMES...EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2010

By Tom Coyle

As previously announced, due to a change in his work schedule, **Bob Stitt** will be unable to direct after December.

I will be directing the Friday game starting January 8.

Also in January, **Stephanie Ginger** will resume directing, after a 9 year hiatus, and take over the Saturday afternoon game.

Stephanie was the originator of the Saturday afternoon game at the old Beaver creek site in the early 90's, and also directed the Tuesday Evening Limited game prior to **P J Lorrigan & Beverly Dana**.

Please give your thanks to Bob for a great run over the past few years. He certainly has mine.

.....Big shoes to fill.....

DONATIONS

TO THE BRIDGE CLUB...

And of course, for the benefit of the Bridge Club, if 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

Call or email **Tom Coyle, 433-5986 or stkpikrtom@aol.com**.

TOPS IN NEW MEMBERSHIPS?

Yep, this quarter, out of all District 11 units, our Unit 136 had the most new members, much thanks, no doubt, to the Forsythe's and their efforts on Monday evenings. Keep it going!!! Tell a friend about Monday night beginner-intermediate-refresher bridge.

It's a great way to begin playing, refresh and reinforce skills, or "convert" from social to duplicate. If you know someone who is interested, they should contact **Steve or Sandy Forsythe** at **937-912-5601** or MAJSLF@aol.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

Carmen Courtney, Carol Erwine, John Strack, Cindy Van Vliet, Rosalyn Bullock, John Garrett, Donna Hock, Joan Isaacson, Kathleen Johnson, Warren Johnson, Doris Martin, Gregory Novak, Helen Potter, Chris Ross, Jane Walker, Nan Whaley, James Hudson, Janet Cisna Lee, Susan Durnbaugh, Betsy Harris, Robert Heap, Louis Hoffman, Laura Humphrey, John MacIlwaine, Connie Martin, and Carole Pappas.

ACCORDING TO ACBL'S LATEST

REPORTS, the following persons obtained new 2009 rank:

Junior Masters...

Roy Baldrige, Donald Snyder, James Albright, Marilyn Brinkman, Cherie Mulcahy, Les Parker, Mary Anne Parker, Alma Beth Payne, Maxine Ankeny, Rosalyn Bullock, and Darin Campo

Club Master...

Kelsey Jouanicot, Jerry Kerns

Sectional Master...

Sandra Haack, Joseph Keim

Regional Master...

Paul Heintz, Richard Welch, Marilyn Hockback

NABC Master...

Ann Levy

Life Master...

William Wild, Linda Puthoff

Bronze Life Master...

Richard Garlough, Robert Leonard

Silver Life Master...

Stuart Petersen

As a matter of interest, Unit 136 contains **479 total members**, consisting of **Rookies** (0-5 pts) 63; **Junior Masters** (5-20) 41; **Club Masters** (20-50) 45; **Sectional Masters** (50-100) 38; **Regional Masters** (100-200) 41; **NABC Masters** (200+, NLM) 35; **Life Masters** 41; **Bronze Life Masters** 80; **Silver Life Masters** 67; **Gold Life Masters** 20; **Diamond Life Masters** 4; **Emerald Life Masters** 0; **Platinum Life Masters** 2; **Grand Life Masters** 2.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING LIFE MASTER

will increase for those who join ACBL after January 1, 2010. If you know anyone thinking about joining ACBL, NOW IS THE TIME!

THIS YEAR'S MENTOR-MENTEE COMPETITION WAS WON BY

Gary Hatten and Joan Kiralfy

Congratulations to Gary & Joan. There were many pairs who played, and a good time was had by all during this popular annual program!

CHARITY GAME

There is an ACBL-Wide Charity game on Monday night, November 30th. **Steve Forsythe** is going to run only a Non-Life Master Section that night. There will be a hand analysis pamphlet. There won't be a lesson, so that there will be time to play the minimum required 18 boards.



Two Special Holiday Events At the Bridge Center

Christmas-Holiday Party/Unit Game December 11
Delicious Dinner and Bridge!!!
5:00 Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner (\$20), 7:00 Game (\$6)

New Year's Eve Party/Unit Game December 31

I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you're never sure they're going to get back to you in time
...Oswald Jacoby at 77

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself... Alfred Sheinwold

October 31st

Halloween Bridge Game.

Winner received a free ticket to this year's December 11 Christmas Party

Tom Coyle



Costume winner.....Beth Grismer!!!

And the lovely harem...Cecilia Brown, Beth Grismer, Jeanie Walsh, Georgia Banziger, Janet Lee, Tony Funk



A little serious play...

NEWLY ACBL SANCTIONED BRIDGE CLUB!

As many of you are aware, for some time now, Sycamore Creek County Club has been the site of a fun and growing duplicate bridge game, held monthly at 10 am on the last Wednesday morning of each month, managed by MVBA member **Lynda Brown Walker**. As of mid-September 2009, this club became sanctioned by the ACBL. They bill themselves as playing "relaxed, friendly duplicate bridge" *Check out their website at www.forebridge.com.*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS AND PLASTIC/GLASS BOTTLES

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

One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts
...Alfred Sheinwold

MVBA SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

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December 4 - 6, 2009

At our very own MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB On Presidential Drive
What could be easier and more inviting!

Friday - December 4, 2009

Stratified Future Masters Pairs 1:00 P.M.

A: 200 - 300 B: 50 - 200 C: 0 - 50

Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 P.M.

A: 1500 + B: 500 - 1500 C: 0 - 500

Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 P.M.

A: 1000 + B: 300 - 1000 C: 0 - 300

Saturday - December 5, 2009

Handicap Bracketed Knockouts:

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

Stratified Future Masters Pairs 1:00 P.M.

A: 200 - 300 B: 50 - 200 C: 0 - 50

Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 P.M.

A: 1500 + B: 500 - 1500 C: 0 - 500

Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 P.M.

A: 1000 + B: 300 - 1000 C: 0 - 300

Sunday - December 6, 2009

Stratified Swiss Teams (Playthrough)

11:00 AM Complimentary Buffet Served

Based on Teams average Masterpoint Holdings:

A: 1500+; B: 500 - 1500 C: 0 - 500

Tournament Chair: Tom Coyle

(937) 433-5986 email: Stkpikrtom@aol.com

Partnerships: Marilyn O'Connor (937) 885-4395

*** All ACBL players with 0-5 points play free ***



The Duck
...A declarer has four small opposite a doubleton king. He leads a low card, plays low from dummy, and the ace appears on his right. What is the name of this play???
From "The New York Times Bridge Book", by Dorothy and Alan Truscott:
The answer to the question is obvious; it is called "A Peeking Duck".

Card sense is when it's technically right to do something, the little man that sits on my shoulder or anyone else's shoulder says, "Don't do that." And you say to yourself, "Well, wait a minute, that's the right way to play." And he says, "Yeah, but you don't wanna play that way." That instinct is card sense. It's almost an ability to feel where the cards are. It's something that you can't buy, you can't find; you're born with it. The ability to do the right thing at the wrong time or really to do the wrong thing at the right time

...Barry Crane

Some creative people have already purchased 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.

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Schedule of Up-coming Events:

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

Wednesday, **Nov. 18** Unit game, 7pm
Thursday, **Nov. 26** Thanksgiving *
Monday, **Nov. 30** ACBL Wide Charity Game, (Non-Life Masters only), 7pm
Friday-Sunday, **Dec. 4, 5, & 6** Dayton Sectional at M V B C
Friday, **Dec. 11** MVBA Christmas/Holiday Party & Unit game
Saturday, **Dec. 12** Hanukkah begins
Thursday, **Dec. 17** Logan County Bridge Club's Christmas Party
Thursday, **Dec. 24** Christmas Eve*
Friday, **Dec. 25** Christmas*
Thursday, **Dec. 31** New Year's Eve – Party at MVBC
Friday, **Jan. 1** New Year's Day*
Saturday, **Jan. 16** Unit game, 1pm
Wednesday, **Jan. 20** Unit game, 7pm
Sunday, **Jan. 31** Grand National Teams Final in Cincy
Monday—Friday, **March 8 – 14** Sectional Tournament @ Clubs (**changed from January**)

The last word... Georgia B says: “Keep your information current!”

“There are several 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 901-332-5586, ext. 1259 for membership. You can also do it online at www.acbl.org, but I have had some people say they still have problems this way (especially with emails or office/cell numbers). *The Directory will be going to print in less than two months.*”