



The Valley Tally

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A Happy New Year to all
Filled with warm times and bridge with friends!

President's Corner

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year! I hope you were able to come out and enjoy the December Sectional, the Christmas/Holiday Party and the ST@C Tournament. Thanks to Janet Lee for planning the Party and Tom Coyle for the tournaments.

Our MVBA elections were held at the December tournament.

The results are:

President - **Georgia Banziger**

Vice President - **Janis Gimbrone**

Secretary - **Rosie Sullivan**

MVBA Board of Directors -

Steven Boehmer

Darin Campo

Tom Coyle

Don Snyder

We have one vacancy which we will be filling soon. Our first meeting was held January 19th and we are all looking forward to serving the Unit.

Included with this Valley Tally is your new Bridge Directory. If you don't see your email address, this may be what happened. About 100 emails were blacked out and marked "confidential" in the ACBL membership downloads. If you

want to have it in next year's directory, you can login to My ACBL, go to "Manage my ePrivacy", at the bottom of the left-hand side, go to the bottom of the page and at ePrivacy Option, check the bubble that says "shared" not "private". If you don't want to do it by email you can call ACBL. There are some changes in tournaments this year, as many of you already know. Our Spring Sectional tournament is April 1st - 3rd. And we have added an August Sectional tournament Aug 5-7. This is when our Regional usually is held. This year the Regional will be Sept. 6-11.

I am sad to report that one of my partners, Terry Parker, passed away a few days before Christmas. Terry took me under his wing when I came back to bridge about 5 years ago. We played at least once every two weeks since then. He was really a nice guy, patient with me most of the time as I tried to play his complicated system. I was playing with him when he had his stroke at the Bridge Center. I would like to encourage all players to update (or fill out) your Med-Alert file at the bridge center. We need to have current contact and medication/condition information.

It is exciting to have a National Tournament in District 11! (See article on page 3) I hope to see many of you in Louisville in March!

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



visit us at our website www.mvba.com

Schedule of Up-Coming Events

Saturday & Sunday, Jan 29 & 30	Grand National Teams in Dayton! 1:00 p.m. & TBA Saturday qualifying rounds / 10:00 a.m. & TBA Sunday finals
Saturday, February 5	International Fund game , 1 pm
Saturday, February 12	Dallas Moore lessons/play begin , 11:30 am
Wednesday, February 16	Board meeting , 5:30 pm
Wednesday, February 16	Unit game , 7 pm
Saturday, February 26	Unit Charity Championship game , 1 pm
Monday, February 28	ACBL wide Senior Pairs , (after am game) 2:15 pm
March 4 through 6	Indianapolis Regional
March 10 through March 20	Louisville Nationals!
Wednesday, March 23	Board meeting , 5:30 pm
Wednesday, March 23	Unit game , 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 26	Unit game , 1 pm
April Charity Fund Month	all club games are charity games
April 1-3	Dayton Sectional!
Saturday, April 9	Unit Charity Championship game , 1 pm
Wednesday, April 20	Board meeting , 5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 20	Unit game , 7 pm
April 26 through May 1	Cincinnati Regional
Wednesday, May 11	ACBL wide Int'l Fund game 12:30 pm
Wednesday, May 18	Board meeting , 5:30 pm
Wednesday, May 18	Unit game , 7 pm
Sunday, May 22	Medallion (Unit) Game- 1:30 pm; food at 12:30
June 1- August 31	NAP Qualifiers
August 5-7	Dayton Sectional!
September 6-11	Dayton-Columbus Regional!

CONGRATULATIONS

to MVBA member

...Gary Hatten!

who has passed the ACBL Assistant Tournament Director exam with a score of 48 out of 50.

Gary will be assigned as assistant to the Director In Charge at the Dayton Sectional being held April 1-3 of this year.

(Remember, be sweet, we're his first).

A SUNSHINE CARD was sent to
...Stella Turner **wishing you well!**

WELCOME to newest MVBA members!

Phyllis Nedelman

Springfield, OH 937-399-1117

Alessio Valle

Beavercreek OH 937-581-3553

Lori Harner

Dayton OH 45419 937-723-9395

David Whitesell

Yellow Springs, OH 831-277-1895
transferred from California

Jeff Gargrave

Kettering, OH 937-279-7677
transferred from Las Vegas

ACBL REPORTS that these MVBA members have moved forward, by obtaining the rank of:

...Junior Master (5-20 pts):

Kathleen Johnson, Warren Johnson,
Connie Martin, Carol Gillotti, Jane Walker

...Club Master (20-50 pts):

Surendra Joshi, John Scharf

...Sectional Master (50-100 pts):

Cherie Mulcahy

...Regional Master (100-200 pts):

Marilyn Gans

...NABC Master (200-LM):

Joseph Keim, Deanna Kissell

...Life Master

Berna Anderson, Bob Anderson

...Bronze Life Master

Bob Anderson

...Silver Life Master

Ken Champney

...Emerald Life Master

Vickie Sebastian

Hot off the press; both **Beth Duncan & Jerry Grogan** are new Life Masters. Congrats!

DEATHS

...SADLY, WE MARK THE PASSING OF MVBA MEMBERS:

Robert Stahler, Logan County Bridge Club, living in Bellfontaine, passed away Monday, December 13. He was a member of Unit 136 and thoroughly enjoyed the game of bridge. Condolences to **his wife, Wanda**, also a member of Unit 136.

Terry Parker, Life Master and long time active member of MVBA, passed away Saturday December 18. Condolences to **his son, Jason Parker**, also a member of MVBA, Unit 136.

BATHROOMS IN HEAVEN???

I really love to play bridge, but I was a mere pauper compared to the love that Terry Parker had for playing bridge. Until his health started failing him, he would play bridge at anytime with anybody. I can remember him telling me stories about how he would go to a tournament and try to play every session...including midnights and mornings. He was indefatigable in his quest to find a perfect bidding system and was always tinkering with new ideas. At times, this quest for the ideal bid or play would overwhelm him and his partner (as he followed you into the bathroom asking you what you were thinking about); but his heart was in the right place and the partners who played him appreciated his zest for good play and his candor for not-so-perfect play. Stef and I play "Parkerkranz"....a modified version of Rosenkranz....an idea that Terry championed. It was a running gag that whenever I got him within earshot, I would say loudly enough that I would rather give up Blackwood or Stayman then give up Parkerkranz. Terry taught me a lesson at a Christmas party years ago about playing in tempo....a lesson I still use today. Many years ago, Arlus Stephens died and Fred Sigler gave his eulogy. During his eulogy, Fred said that bridge would never be the same for him with Arlus gone. I feel the same way about Terry...may he rest in peace....at least until he is giving Goren and Blackwood heck about why they should have bid a certain way.....Do they have bathrooms in heaven? **Bob Stitt**

OFF TO THE NATIONALS!

What a treat to have the Nationals, or North American Bridge Championship (NABC), right here in our District! Louisville will be hosting the Nationals from **Thursday March 10th, through Sunday March 20th**. We have been talking and preparing for this for the last 3 years at the District 11 board meetings. We have also been sending in \$1 per table in all our tournaments for the last 3 years (happy that that's over). If the tournament is very successful we may see some of that money again. The Miami Valley Bridge Association would like to support this tournament as much as possible. We hope that many of you will go down to Louisville for a few days. It's very exciting to be playing the same hands as all the top players who are there. You might even play against one of them. At the very least you will see some world renowned players. If you plan on coming, please see the next paragraph too. We would like you to pick from a certain 5 days to go to Louisville, if possible.

MVBA has been asked to have 8 volunteers per day from Saturday, March 12th through Wed, March 16th to work mainly the registration desk, prize desk, and information desk. A Hospitality Suite will be provided daily for the volunteers working that day. It will be open from one hour before the morning session to one hour before the evening session. There will be food available for lunch or dinner for those who are working so that they don't have to hurry back from a restaurant. Workers are needed for one hour before each session, morning (9 am), afternoon (1 pm), and evening (7:30 pm). More volunteers will be needed in the afternoon than any other time. There will be a sign-up sheet and information soon at the Bridge Center or call me (Georgia – 937-439-4073) or Stefanie (937-554-0005) for information. We may be able to work out some car-pooling and/or room sharing arrangements.

NEW! NON-LIFE MASTER GAME

1:00 on Saturdays, beginning FEBRUARY 12.

Includes an 11:30 LESSON by Dallas Moore (first 12 games)

\$6 per lesson including game, or \$60 "package deal" for the 12 lessons/games.

Topics include:

- Hand evaluation...before the bidding, during the bidding & after the bidding.
- Why NO TRUMP is so attractive and when to avoid it.
- Math is hard, counting to thirteen not so hard
- Have a Positive Bridge Attitude; adds points to score!

Hand analysis after some games included

To help in planning, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the Bridge Center.

Contact Tom Coyle if you have a question... 433-5986 or stkpikrtom@aol.com.

**IF INTERESTED, LIFE MASTERS MAY
ATTEND LESSONS & PLAY IN THE
REGULAR GAME FOR \$6 ALSO!**

DISTRICT 11

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2011

It's Great in Dayton,

...but GRAND IN TORONTO!!

Flights:

Championship, A,B & C Finals, January 29 & 30,
at the Miami Valley Bridge Center.

1 p.m. & TBA Saturday / 10 a.m. & TBA Sunday
(All flights play all day Saturday)

Win expenses to the Toronto Summer NABC

Repeat the success of the 2010 District 11 teams in New Orleans:

Championship & Flight C Teams...1st Overall
Flight A...Tie 3rd/4th

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MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAM

The traditional and popular MENTOR-MENTEE program begins in March, and runs through August!

Mentees are non-life masters who wish to have a "close encounter" with an experienced player, who will be considered their *Mentor*, (usually a Life Master) and agrees to the partnership. The pair may play as little or as much as they like during the program time, by common agreement. There are three specific times designated as Mentor-Mentee games in which the partnership may play, again by common consent, one of which is a team-by-draw Swiss team (One Mentor-Mentee pair will randomly be matched with another Mentor-Mentee pair). This rewarding program is an excellent opportunity for non-life masters of any classification to hone their skills and expand their horizons in the bridge world. On the other end, it allows the Mentor to reinforce their skills, and promote the great game of bridge, while performing a heart-warming service to the less experienced player.

Sooooooooo, prospective Mentees, now is the time to begin giving those big smiles to a prospective Mentor! *Go ahead, ask, (or offer, as the case may be)* although there will be a sign-up sheet posted to help match up Mentor-Mentee pairs.

Dayton Spring Sectional



April 1 - 3, 2011

Miami Valley Bridge Center

4701 Presidential Way

Dayton, OH 45429

937-439-1969

Directions: From Cincinnati, I-75 North to I-675 **Exit 43** North toward Columbus, take **Exit 4B** for Rt 48N toward Kettering. Merge onto Far Hills/Oh 48. Turn right at E Whipp Road (0.9 mi), Turn left at Marshall Road (0.6 mi), Turn right at E David Road (1.6 mi), Turn right at Presidential Way (0.2 mi) to the site, past the Presidential Banquet Center, on the right, just prior to Hempstead Station Rd
From Columbus: I-70 West to **Exit 44, I-675** South, Take **Exit 7** for Wilmington Pike. Turn right on Wilmington Pike. Go 1.8 miles to E David Rd. Turn left on E David Road. Go 0.7 miles to Hempstead Station Rd. Turn Left at Hempstead Station Rd (0.3 mi) to Presidential Way. Turn Right on Presidential Way (0.1 mi) to MVBC. From Indianapolis: **I - 70 East to Exit 44, I - 675, then as above.**

See Map www.mvba.com.

Motel: Holiday Inn Express; 5655 Wilmington Pk, Centerville, Oh, 45459; 877-863-4780.

Off Exit 7, I-675, adjacent to Morris Furniture just West of the exit from I 675.

Friday - April 1, 2011

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: 2000 + B: 500 - 2000 C: 0 - 500

Stratified Open Pairs 7:00 P.M.

A: 2000 + B: 500 - 2000 C: 0 - 500

Saturday - April 2, 2011

Stratified Future Masters Pairs 11:00 A.M.

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

Stratified Open Pair 2 Session Play Through 11:00 A.M. Session 1

(May play in one or both sessions)

A: 2000+ B: 500 - 2000 C: 0 - 500

4:00 P.M. Session 2

Stratified Future Masters Pairs 4:00 P.M

(New Format)

Sunday - April 3, 2011

Stratified Swiss Teams (Playthrough) 11:00 AM

Based on Team's Average Masterpoint Holdings: A: 2000+: B: 500 - 2000 C: 0 - 500

Dayton's Famous Complimentary Buffet Served During Session

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

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