



Valley Tally



Miami Valley Bridge Association

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**Fall 2019
Election
Issue**

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President's Corner

It's that time again! This issue of the Valley Tally constitutes written notice of the annual meeting and election of officers, and will be available on the MVBA website and some copies will be printed for the MVBC. The names and short statements of all the candidates are included. The president, vice president, and secretary are elected for one-year terms. Six candidates are running for four open positions on the Board. They will be elected for three-year terms. The fifth-place candidate will be appointed to fill a two-year vacancy created by a member who is resigning. We will have ballots available on or about November 25th.

Winners will be announced at the annual meeting, which will be held during the MVBA Holiday Party on Friday, December 6. We will also be presenting awards and recognizing eight new Life Masters.

The 2019 Election Slate

* = Incumbent

These members are running unopposed for the one-year term of:

President – Georgia Banziger*

Vice President – Jim Rachal

Secretary – Ilse Tebbetts*

Candidates for the MVBA Board of Directors:

Tom Coyle*

Roger Himmell

Merilace Huff

Stuart Petersen*

Sandi Rachal*

Mike Thill

Unit and Bridge Center News

Pardon our dust! We're in the middle of a large renovation of our café (or kitchen), which was recommended by committee for Bridge Center improvements. It's expensive, but we spent four times this amount when we moved into the Presidential Way site. It will be beautiful when finished. Meanwhile, please excuse the disruption and the noise.

There are four "reserved" parking spots near the front door for Lifepointe Church staff and visitors. They're not in the office on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or in the evenings, so you may use the reserved spots at those times.

PRESIDENT: Georgia Banziger, *incumbent*

I have been a MVBA Board member for 12 years, including seven years as President. I have been attending the District 11 Board meetings for over ten years and have a good relationship with the members of the District 11 Board. I am also Membership Secretary, direct the Thursday morning game, collect the recycling, decorate, and serve as the Webmaster for MVBA.com. I would appreciate your vote to re-elect me as President of the Miami Valley Bridge Association.

VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Rachal

I have been a member of ACBL and MVBA for four years and have served on the MVBA Board for the last three years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to play bridge with some truly excellent players and some wonderful people. This has been a great learning experience. I have enjoyed serving on the MVBA Board and participating in the activities of the Bridge Center. I would appreciate your vote for Vice-President.

SECRETARY: Ilse Tebbetts, *incumbent*

I'm running to retain my position as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Miami Valley Bridge Club. Among other duties, writing the minutes of the meetings takes high-speed listening and (failing shorthand skills) considerable effort to read and recreate pages of scribbled notes into a coherent account of the proceedings. By now, I've had several years experience and believe I can continue to do a reasonably good job.

Members running for the Board of Directors

Tom Coyle, *incumbent*

I have been a member of the MVBA Board since my appointment as MVBC club manager in 2007. Since MVBA Unit 136 operates *solely* as the owner of Miami Valley Bridge Center, and not truly as a "Unit" as defined by ACBL guidelines, Board decisions directly impact day-to-day operations at MVBC. As club manager, it is my responsibility to represent the directing staff, control discipline at the club, schedule all ACBL special events, report the club financial status to the MVBA Board, and manage the countless other facets of operations at the BC. Therefore, it is imperative the club manager have a voice in decisions made by the MVBA Board.

Roger Himmell

I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, in 1953. I worked in public accounting for six years and received my CPA. I moved to Dayton in 1968 when NCR offered me a job. I have played duplicate bridge since 1950, and formerly served as MVBA Treasurer. I would enjoy giving back to the game by serving on the MVBA Board.

Merilace Huff

I've enjoyed working on hospitality for our Mentor-Mentee games and for tournaments, and I'm hoping to get more involved by serving on the MVBA Board. As a non-Life Master, I would like to support our club's efforts to reach out to newer players. I would appreciate your vote.

Stuart Petersen, *incumbent*

I began playing bridge in junior high, and have played off and on ever since. In the late 1990's I directed a variety of non-sanctioned games, and about 10 years I began directing ACBL-sanctioned games, both here in Dayton and at my brother's club, The Bridge Connection in Michigan. I've been on the MVBA Board since 2014. I would like to continue to contribute as a Board member and game director.

Sandi Rachal, *incumbent*

I have been an ACBL and MVBA member since August of 2013. I started my bridge journey at MVBC by taking the Saturday morning classes and playing in the NLM games on Monday and

Wednesday nights. I enjoyed playing so much that I am now playing four or five times a week. I have also been playing in both local and out-of-town tournaments. We have a wonderful facility, great educational opportunities for all players, and a membership that is supportive of newer players. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve on the MVBA Board.

Mike Thill

I am a native Daytonian and attended Chaminade High and UD. I spent my working life in sales and

marketing. I started playing duplicate bridge about four years ago, and still consider myself a rank beginner. I have truly enjoyed the challenges the game has provided. Even more, I've enjoyed the friendships which have developed.

I think our club is in good shape, but there is always room for improvement. I think our biggest challenge is to grow our membership. Current efforts (beginner lessons, etc.) are great and should be expanded. I would like to see us extend effort to attract younger players to this great game.

**Winter/Spring
Schedule of Events**

December Membership Games – Tues 3rd
2:30, Sat 7th 1 pm, Mon 16th 7 pm

Club game holiday parties (so far) –
Sat 14th 7 pm (& Club Champ),
Mon 16th 7 pm, Tues 17th 2:30 pm (CC),
Wed 18th noon (upgraded CC),
Thurs 19th 11 am (ICC),
Mon 23rd 11 am (CC)

MVBA Holiday Party Dec 6th 5 pm
Unit Game 7 pm

ACBL-Wide International Fund Game
Dec 16th 11 am

Winter S.T.@C. – Dec 26th – Jan 1st

ACBL Wide Games - Jr Fund Sat Jan 24th,
Senior Game Tues Mar 3rd,
Charity Tues Mar 31st

Dayton Sectional Mar 13th-15th

Spring NABC Columbus! March 19th -29th

Spring S.T.@C. (Dayton) April 6th – 12th

GNT Finals – Dayton, April 18th & 19th

**Simmons & Forsythe
Win 2019 Mentor/
Mentee Series**

Judy Simmons and Sandy Forsythe were the overall winners of this year's mentor/mentee series! About 25 pairs participated in this year's program, which was held at MVBC during the summer months.

**Happy
Holidays!**

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION:

The annual membership meeting will be held on December 6th at about 6:20 p.m. at Miami Valley Bridge Center. The meeting is held during the Holiday Party and before the game. You do not need to participate in the party or the game to attend. Awards will be presented to new Life Masters and others.

2019 Christmas/Holiday Buffet & Party

Friday, December 6th

**The Miami Valley Bridge Association's annual holiday party
will be held at the Miami Valley Bridge Center.**

5 to 7 p.m. : cocktails and lots of hors d'oeuvres

6:20 p.m. : awards and annual meeting

(eight people are getting their Life Master plaques, plus other awards)

7 p.m. : bridge game

Mark your calendar now and plan to join the fun!

**Tickets will be on sale starting November 25th and may be purchased
from any director.**

**The MVBA Unit will provide the shrimp, chicken wings, two types of
meatballs, a cheese tray and a sheet cake.**

**Each pair of attendees are asked to bring a savory or sweet
hors d'oeuvre to share.**

\$18 for Cocktail Buffet and bridge

\$12 for Buffet only

\$8 for bridge only

