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From the President's Desk

Unit 124 Members,

The first big bridge event of 2016 is the Grand National Teams District 11 Finals at the Cincinnati Bridge Center Saturday January 30 and 31st. Four separate flights available for all levels of master point holders. See the GNT link on the CBA web site or flyers available at the CBC for details.

Three new board members were elected to the CBA board at the October sectional. Dan Koppenhaffer, Kay Mulford and Barry Wauligman were elected to 3 year terms. The board met in December to elect Unit officers for 2016: John Meinking (President), Steve Moese (VP), Tom Mess (Secretary) and Pam Campbell (Treasurer) were elected.

We held a membership meeting in December to discuss the status of the CBC. We want to thank the many members that took the time to attend and provide valuable feedback to the board as we move forward with improvement plans at the CBC. This remains the biggest item on the CBA Board's 2016 agenda. Special thanks to Robert Brown for his part in negotiating a 10 year lease extension that includes significant building upgrades paid for by the building owner and a 5 year rent freeze starting in 2017. The board will review several maintenance and upgrade projects in the coming months.

Congratulations to Isaac Stephani whose under 21 team won the Junior USBF championship held in Atlanta (during our winter STaC). He will travel to Italy this summer for the World Junior Bridge Championships. Julian (JD) Kurtzman was on the second place under 21 team.



See you at the tables in 2016,
John Meinking
President Unit 124

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**Interested in becoming a
Director? Contact any Unit Board
Member or current director. Unit
124 needs NEW Directors!**

Accomplishment

All of us know the feeling we get when we do something well. Perhaps it's cooking a great meal or getting recognition at work for a job well done. Sometimes it's making a hand or an overtrick with good technique. Do you remember the first time you made a squeeze happen? No doubt accomplishment builds confidence, feeding motivation, passion and enthusiasm.

Time to thank the many volunteers who help the Unit make playing bridge available, affordable, and fun. First we need to recognize our sanction holders. Shiela Dipple in Northern Kentucky – have you played at the NKy Club in Elsmere? The people are friendly, the

games start and finish on time, the bridge is sound, and the homemade cookies are to die for. They've started lecture series too!

Jodie Kieffer has just taken over the Anderson Bridge Club. We hear that is one of the friendliest venues in town. Did you know that Anderson, NKy and the Cincinnati Bridge Center have a Unit Game on the 3rd Tuesday of every month? This game pools results across the sites and you can win extra master points for finishing overall.

Mike Lipp runs the Monday Evening and Wednesday Morning Duplicate games. Mike's Monday evening game is the largest evening game in the Unit (limited to under 2500 MPs). Mike also directs on Tuesday Morning and runs the Unit Wide Pair Game every month.

Kay Mulford continues to throw her energy and effort into Friday, Saturday, Wednesday Homestyle, and Tuesday Evening Bridge. She has a thriving NLM game most Friday Mornings. She offers a lecture on Fridays often by respected teachers.

Debbie Cummings runs the Deschappelles game on Monday Mornings at the CBC and Thursday Morning Duplicate as well.

AJ Stephani, when not teaching Psychology and Law, runs the Tuesday Morning Game. AJ is not only a past Unit President, he is the Tournament Coordinator for District 11, The Disciplinary Chair for Unit 124 and the 1st Alternate for the ACBL Board of Directors.

Isaac Stephani directs the Thursday Evening Swiss Team Games (1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month). While Isaac directs only in the evening, he has begun looking at colleges for when he graduates from Walnut Hills High school. If that's not enough, Isaac will be one of possibly 5 people from District 11 playing in World Championships this year. Intrigued? See the article later in this issue.

The Unit revolves around these our sanction holders. However it runs on the efforts of all out volunteers. Joyce Tedrick has helped make hospitality a hallmark of the Flying Pig Regional and our Unit Celebration. Joanne Earls helps create lasting partnerships and keeps us all in name tags. Sonya Wilson has been the Unit's one-person welcoming party for many years. Potter Orr keeps all our technology up to date, running and bug free. He spends countless hours no one sees to make the CBC experience top notch. Sue Wisner,

past Unit Secretary, created the current cost center account management that lets us all see clearly where our income is earned and where it goes.

Mike Purcell, Bob Fisk, Lorna Davis, Pat Hoffman, Phyllis Bishop, Joyce Tedrick, Richard Pleshek, Cliff Pleatman, Judy Ruehl, Barry Wauligman and others have given freely of their time on Saturday Mornings to welcome new players and people eager to learn bridge in a very friendly and supportive environment. We've not found a better way to invite and keep potential new duplicate bridge players.

Our teachers cannot go without mention. Potter Orr, AJ Stephani, Linda Wolber, Betty Hurst, Amy & Joe Fisher offer several classes appealing to anyone wanting to jump-start their progress toward mastery of this fine game.

Last, but not least, there's our very own Board of Directors. We think you should know more about us than you do so look for short bios about each of us. Our board works hard at what we do. None works harder than our President, John Meinking.

John and I met in 1976 when I first got to Cincinnati. John has set about managing convergence on the future of our Bridge Center, leading a committee that evaluated dozens of properties in our target geography. The committee engaged Bob Brown to renegotiate our lease and earned a stable rent with major capital improvements that will serve our needs well for the next 10 years. Our current lease expires in February 2017. We expect to conclude the new lease shortly. The owner will pave the parking lot, improve outdoor lighting, and repair the handrails in the rear entrance. We will upgrade the restrooms in the common building area. We intend to invest in a new ceiling, carpet, an updated kitchenette, and a renovation for the Women's rest room inside our space.

The new direction and future improvements are exciting indeed. There's more.

The Board continues to pursue sound business practices. We have policies on communication and appropriate use of Personally Identifiable Information consistent with the ACBL policies. We have a cost center approach to managing income and expense so that Bridge Center and Unit Tournament financials are clearly identified. We have active and accomplishment oriented committees managing key Unit work.

AJ Stephani chairs our Tournament Committee that manages the fourth largest mid-western Regional and two sectionals every year.

We have top-notch websites and calendars for upcoming events. Your game results and hand records are always available on line. You can find out who's on a hot streak in the unit (look under Unit 124 Power Ratings in the Milestones tab on our website), or basic through experienced player materials for self-directed learning about our game. We update our website at least once a week! You'll find several ways to keep abreast of activities and tournaments in our area. There's lots to do.

Again I thank all our contributors for their painstaking efforts to make THE ALERT a most enjoyable quarterly. If you would like to contribute content (news, bridge interest, bridge analysis or commentary), please contact me! We'd like to hear from you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Unit I want to offer the Lipp Family our sincerest condolences and deepest sympathies on the tragic loss of Mike and Becky's daughter DeeAnn only weeks ago. We all stand by you and your family in your grief. We offer our full support.

We hope Rob Weidenfeld has a speedy recovery from recent Kidney Transplant Surgery. Rob had only just completed heart surgery weeks before. Robb is a long time contributor to these pages and we miss his wit and creativity. We hope he returns here soon.

See you at the tables,

Steve

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ANDERSON BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

By Jodie Kieffer

I'm new to directing the Tuesday Game and being club manager for both games for the Anderson Bridge Club, so I appreciate your patience while I get on my feet. You can contact me at jodie41071@gmail.com or 513.729.7798. It's good to see old friends and new!

Upcoming special games for our club include the Unit Wide Games on Tuesday February 16 & Tuesday March 15. We play the same hands as all the clubs in our unit (Northern KY, CBA, and any others) that day, then

when the results are tabulated there are overall winners with lots of extra points! The month of April will be charity month with extra points available.

Our Unit Game winners in December were:

A: Mickey Dasenbrock & Henry Jackson, (A&B) Jane Duncan & Paul Pschesang, Bill Bohmer & Jodie Kieffer,

B: Jeanne Dell & Bill Atteberry,

C: Ann Rinaldi & John Boyd, Jan Willenborg & Donna Glover.

Our Junior Fund winners so far in January have been:

A: Helen Ogle & Patti Eber, Bill Bohmer & Jodie Kieffer, Hobie Brooks & Jodie Kieffer, Dave Claar & Dave Tollison (A&B),

B: Dave Claar & Dave Tollison, Mickey Dasenbrock & Ray Tolston, Doris Kehoe & Pat Lammers,

C: Joan & Howard Simon, Nancy Dever & Howard Simon. Congratulations to all our winners!

NKBC NEWS

By Howard Simon

Let me present your 2016 Northern Kentucky Bridge Club Board Members: Howard Simon- President, Henry Jackson-Vice President, Diane Drew- Treasurer, Dave Tollison- Secretary and Gerry Mirus and John Wolfe.

The recent club champions are:

Dec. 14, 2015 – Courtney Thurman and Mary Lou Zurborg

Jan. 7, 2016 – Henry Jackson and Howard Simon

Jan. 13, 2016 – Lawrence Newman and Dennis Schultz

Past Junior Champions

In an ALERT article last year we wrote about NKBC's junior bridge whiz John Taylor and his accomplishments at the ripe old age of 14. This led me to research some of our games' past early achievers, the age they won their first major titles and what has since become of them. I came across 2 past junior champions named Michael Rosenberg and Barnet Shenkin who grew up across the pond, formed a successful partnership when they were 18 and 22 respectively, eventually moved to U.S. and are still active in the American bridge scene.

Shenkin was born in 1950 in Glasgow and at the age of 13 was already playing in the top bridge clubs in Scotland. At the age of 22 he had won several Gold Cup tournaments in his country. He moved to the U.S. in

1997, won countless events, authored many bridge books and is an occasional contributor to the Bridge Bulletin.

Rosenberg was born in New York in 1954, moved to Scotland and returned to the U.S. in 1978. He also won multiple world pairs events and major invitational tournaments including the World Open Pairs at the age of 24. He is now a full time professional player and has an ACBL ranking of Grand Life Master.

These two met in Scotland while playing with other partners and eventually formed a world-class partnership first in juniors and later in world open events. Their first major world invitational tournament as partners came in 1976 when they were fortunate enough to play in what was called the Sunday Times event which was the leading invitational pairs tournament of its time and only 16 pairs world-wide were invited to play. Brazils' Gabriel Chagas was there, as was French superstar Paul Chemla, Italian legend Benito Garozzo, and film star Omar Sharif. England was represented by Irving Rose and Britans' #1 player Terence Reese and the U.S. by Eddie Kantar and Billy Eisenberg. The event took place at the Churchill Hotel in London, a venue so exclusive that all players had to wear tuxedos. Amazingly enough these two young upstarts won the tournament with prescient plays like this one.

	♠ Q963		
	♥ Q10643		
	♦ AQ3		
Shenkin	♣ 7		
♠ 10862		♠ 4	
♥ K7		♥ J952	
♦ K86		♦ J1097	
♣ QJ43		♣ A962	
	♠ AKJ5		
	♥ A8		
	♦ 542		
	♣ K1085		

The contract was 4♠ and west led the ♠2. At every table but theirs' declarer made the contract and some made an overtrick by way of 4 ♠s, 3 ♥s, a ♥ ruff, 2 ♦s and sometimes a ♣ to boot. But at this table when declarer led the ♥A at trick 2, Shenkin (West) played the ♥K so that South, try as he might, could take only 2 ♥

tricks. The motto – When everything looks right for declarer try something unusual to change his course.

In this issue I would like to borrow a short story from "HAVE I GOT A STORY FOR YOU!" by Patty Eber

THE NAME GAME

Around the Washington D.C. area, friend and foe alike refer to me as the Iron Man because of my rigid adherence to certain unflinching bridge laws and my unwavering devotion to a distinctive bridge cant. As declarer, when I call for a rattlesnake, I want a diamond

back. A request for a Cavendish translates to playing the king of clubs. Whenever my partner or an opponent loses an ace by forgetting to cash, it's called a Maytag because it was lost in the wash. If two winners go uncashed, it's a washer and dryer. If someone at my table leads a bullet to look at dummy, I yell "sky marshal" because it's a flying ace. Finally, at a recent Nationals in Honolulu, whenever the trumps broke five-zero I shouted "Aloha" because the declarer was obviously the victim of the dreaded Hawaii 5-0.

Submitted by Glenn Lublin Silver Springs Maryland

CBC Tuesday Evening Game

By Kay Mulford

The Tuesday Evening Crowd is growing – the NLM Game has become a 7-8 table event with lots of fun. Kay Mulford has taken over directing duties and has plans to make this night special for all players.

Unfortunately the Open game has shown signs of decline – and we want to reverse that immediately.

We appeal to all bridge players looking for a fun time and good food to join us at 7 PM on Tuesday Evenings. Here are a few specails for the month of February. Check the Unit Calendar on our website for details for later months:

Feb. 9 Pizza Night – Come to play and eat!

Feb 16 Team game (come as a pair or a team of 4)

Feb 23 Honor a Board Member!

What would make you want to play Tuesday Evenings? Let Kay or any other Board Members know!

Kay's Games

Saturday Feb. 6 Sat. ACBL International Game with booklets of hand analyses.

Friday Feb. 12 Valentine Days Special - Club Championship and the 0-20 trophy for over all winners.

On to Salsomaggiore, Italy!

The 2015 Juniors USBC was held in Atlanta the week of December 31, 2015 to choose teams to send to the 2016 World Junior Championships, to be held in Salsomaggiore, Italy, from August 3 to 13, 2016. The USA will send two teams to compete in the Patiño Cup (Under 26), one team to compete in the Damiani Cup (Under 21), and one team to compete in the Rona Cup (Women under 26).

Unit 124's very own **ISAAC STEPHANI** qualified with his team (Soukup) to play in the Junior World Championships in the Damiani Cup. The Soukup Team will add one more pair for the World Competition.



Nolan Chang, Hakan Berk, **Isaac Stephani**, & David Soukup

Best of Luck to You from Unit 124!

UNIT 124 - Coming Events

Looking forward to early 2016, the following events are on the horizon:



January 30-31, 2016: The Cincinnati Bridge Center hosts the **2016 District 11 Grand National Pairs Finals**. Teams will compete in Flights: **Championship** (Open), **A** (<6000MPs), **B** (<2500 MPs), and **C** (Non-Life master, <500 MPs). The winning teams get **GOLD POINTS** and a cash stipend from the Unit, District and ACBL to attend the National Finals in their flight at the 2016 Summer NABC Tournament this coming July in Washington DC.

February 22-28, 2016: The end of February finds the first District 11 Regional of the Year – Indianapolis. Check out the new hotel and playing site! Be sure to grab your partner and get your fair share of **RED** and **GOLD** points!



March 10 - 20, 2016

March 10-20, 2016: The ACBL converges on Reno from for the **Spring NABC**. This is the first of three Major Tournaments that attract the best players not only from the ACBL but worldwide! If you are a skier, Reno is close to Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe – March figures to have snow still on the slopes!



April 4-10, 2016: The **District 11 Spring Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)** will happen. Be sure to get your favorite partner and play at your favorite clubs for **SILVER POINTS**.

TBD April 2016: Unit 124 Awards Party. Don't miss this special evening and game at the CBC. There will be many Unit Awards for accomplishments and contributions in 2015. Celebrate all our **NEW LIFE MASTERS!**



APRIL 11-17, 2016: Gatlinburg Regional. Easily the largest Regional in the Country is just 5 hours away from our Unit. This is one of the most affordable and fun regionals of the year. Don't miss out!



May 30 - June 5, 2016: Flying Pig Regional. It's not too early to put this on your calendar! We've added a two-session Swiss this year (and a few other twists), and we're back with our fabulous t-shirt prize desk.



Where can one go to find the sectionals available throughout the year? Well, the ACBL website www.acbl.com has a wonderful interactive tournament schedule page that can help you find tournaments anywhere at any time. If that's more than you want, you can always go to the District 11 Website www.district11bridge.com for a listing of events closer to home. Our Unit website www.cincybridge.com has links to these and a detailed plan for all area tournaments for the next several years just for the finding.

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MEET THE BOARD

There are nine of us with our unique talents and interest who come together to serve you and Unit 124. We'd like to hear from you about what you want your bridge experience to be. Since we don't all know one another we thought it might be good for you to know a little bit about each of us.

Barry Wauligman



I work part-time for the Social Security Administration, and I keep busy by caring for my grandchildren two days a week. Another hobby is golf, which means that my summer bridge is much less frequent than my winter bridge.

I learned to play basic Goren bridge in college, but played very little after that. In December, 2013, I joined the ACBL and CBA, after wanting to get back into the game. Joanne Earls matched me with two excellent partners – Joyce Tedrick and Dale Kenrich. Playing with these two exceptional individuals allowed me to transition from Goren bridge to more modern bridge conventions. I would also recommend the book “25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know” by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith, for beginners wanting to build a foundation for many popular conventions.

The highlight of my bridge play began in November 2014 when Joyce Tedrick and I were one of three pairs to qualify to represent our district for the NAP flight C national tournament, subsequently held in March 2015 in New Orleans. There were 89 pairs from all over the United States and Canada for this 4 session bridge competition. After the first session, Joyce and I were actually in first place. And after the second session, we were still close to the top in second place. The third and fourth sessions did not fare as well and we finished overall in 14th place. But we were still thrilled, especially, for our play in the first two sessions. While bridge play is great at the club level, I encourage beginners to experience play at higher levels, including sectionals, regionals, and national tournaments. But be warned that the interaction and dynamism can become addictive.

Larry Newman

For those who don't know me, allow me to introduce myself. I'm from Chicago, and went to school at University of Michigan (undergrad and med school). I

am a physician and specialize in allergy and asthma (pediatric and adult). I have been in practice (Allergy and Asthma Associates, Inc.) in Cincinnati since 1982 and currently have offices in Montgomery and West Chester. My wife, Leslie, is very active in philanthropy. I have two great children, Zach and Andrea. And I have lots of other hobbies/interests: tennis/platform tennis, baseball (no, not the Reds I still play), skiing, cycling, hiking, golf (this has suffered a lot for bridge), travel, folk music (I don't play - I just listen though I recently started guitar lessons.)



I played bridge with my friends in high school and a little in the first year or two of college. I always loved it, but it sat on a back shelf for 40 years. I began playing again at the CBC in 2010, and was quickly hooked.

Kay Mulford

I was born into a family who loved bridge. My parents, started many bridge games throughout Cincinnati. My mother directed, taught, and played as a professional (she got to play bridge and make money!), and my father directed major tournaments around the U.S. One of his developments of bridge activity was the Industrial Team games that occurred once a month. It was Board-A- Match team game, which was the only kind of team play at that time. This helped increase attendance at local club games.

My sister, Ann, took up bridge before me. I was jealous that she would be able to speak that other “language” with my parents, and I could not. I became motivated and started watching players at tournaments while I worked as a “Pick Up” (now called Caddies). One of my favorite cohorts, (another Pick Up at the tournaments) and now bridge professional, Jeff Isralsky. His parents were as active as mine were.

I watched CBA board members and issues come and go. In 1988, I was on the board and attempted to increase bridge attendance at Sectionals since they were eroding. Steve Cohen and I started a “On to the Sectional” (From the idea that Louisville used for nationals years ago) games to give free entries to the Dayton Sectionals. We worked with Dayton Board members to get this going. These special games were held all over Cincinnati at that time- East, West, North, and South of our city. I even had my players, I was director, at the Hyde Park Country Club go to

Dayton. Each player had to pay an extra \$1.00 which help pay the entries.

I have been directing since my twenties, just a few years ago (Just kidding), and teaching bridge, and playing as a professional but very rarely. I prefer to play with my students and just ask them to pay my entry. I love to direct because of the intellectual stimulation of interpreting the rules, which change over the years. I like challenges, and I like to discuss the rules with other experienced directors. I take rulings very seriously, and I always call or ask another director for input if the player disagrees or I am not sure of my ruling (the book can be hard to interpret).

I have lots of ideas about how to improve bridge, but I really want to hear what you want.

John Meinking



My bridge story starts at an early age. When I was 8 or so my parents were learning bridge and drafted my older brother and I to make a full table at home. We used the Goren table cloth and flip bidding charts as our "convention card".

I played my first duplicate in 1974 while still in college and got my ACBL membership that year. This was before the age of computers changed the game. Club games were scored with traveling score slips for each board and players manually computed the matchpoints during the last round of play. Directors would record the matchpoints on recap sheets and then total and crossfoot the scores. Oh what fun!

Started playing tournaments in 1975. I moved to Springfield OH and became a life master in 1978 while a member of the MVBA. I was president of the MVBA during the mid-80's. I'm sure I hold the record for the most years between GNT Flight B District 11 championships. Won in the mid-80's when the team lost in the semi-finals at the Nationals and in 2015 when the District 11 team won the GNT Flight B championship at the Chicago Nationals.

I enjoy new convention gadgets that truly solve more bidding issues than they create and in general are easy to remember. Of course, I always find it easier to remember a new convention after I've screwed it up at least once.

More next issue!

Youth Bridge?

By Dean Congbalay

Every once in a while, I still get knocked off my rocker.

We were nearing the end of a duplicate bridge game when the friend to my left led the 9 of spades.

"Any special carding, young lady?" I routinely asked my other opponent.

"That's rude," she replied succinctly.

I was confused -- and more than a bit surprised. This woman wasn't exactly a friend, but I did know her.

"You shouldn't call someone young when you know she isn't," she said. She wasn't smiling.

She was old enough to be my mother, but age is just a number, right? And aren't we all only as old as we feel?

I started to explain to her that not all the women in the room were ladies. But I decided to let the issue rest.

"Please play the 2," I told George, my kind partner du jour.

When the hand was over, we returned our cards to the plastic tray. I approved the score in the computer and knew that we had done well -- but didn't say a word. We promptly proceeded to the next puzzle.

Gentlemen don't gloat, especially in the presence of two ladies -- of any age.

It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

Leonardo da Vinci

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment. **Jim Rohn**

Polish Bridge Magazine Problems

By Yahueni "Eugene" Siutsau

Problem 1:

♠ Kx
♥ xx
♦ AKxxx
♣ Kxxx

IMPs

W	N	E	You
-	1♦	1♥	Dbl
P	2♣	P	3N
All Pass			

	N	
W		E
	S	

3NT(S). Opening lead : ♥2.

Plan your play.

♠ QJxx
♥ AQ
♦ xxx
♣ Axxx

Problem 2:

♠ xxx
♥ Ax
♦ xxx
♣ AQxxx

IMPs.

W	N	E	S
-	-	1♠	2♥
P	3♣	P	3♥
P	4♥	All Pass	

	N	
W		E
	S	

4♥(S). Opening lead: ♠K.
Plan your play.

♠ AJ
♥ KQJ10xx
♦ Kxx
♣ xx

Answers Page 10.

EPISODE 15: THE SPY WHO CAME DOWN WITH A COLD

By Steve Felson

So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.— Last line of "The Great Gatsby" (1925) by Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald, 1896-1940, used as an epigraph for columns and articles of every sort, by authors of every height and weight, over and over for several hundred years. *Enough already.*



"The Spy Who Came Down With a Cold," poems by [Arthur McMaster](#) (Paperback ed.)

2011), not to be confused with John Le Carre's novel, "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold" (1963), or with "The Guy Who Came Up With Coleslaw," discussed in Rombauer and Becker's "The Joy of Cooking" (1997 ed.).

[As many of my friends and relatives know, I can go on like this forever. Could this be the reason they don't invite me to dinner?]

Yes, we get older and older, the decades wear on, and we are borne back ceaselessly, universal to galaxial, galaxial to national, national to regional, regional to sectional, back, back, back to the 0-50 game on Cooper Road early in the 21st century. And the way this anti-aging cream is working, there are many years ahead for the Felson-Brown partnership, many, many, many years of misleading bids, sub-standard signals, shaky declarer play – in short, declining concentration. "True it is that we have seen better days." As You Like It, Act II, sc. 7.

So it should be no surprise that on our long cruises through the dark matter Bob and I often reminisce about old times, when we regularly took more dramatic risks than bidding a small slam needing two finesses. Even though four different countries claim their Official Secrets Act jurisdiction extends to the edge of known space, perhaps the time has come to share a few memories, without naming names of course. In other words, White House conferences on the Bay of Pigs invasion are off-limits.

Still, how about those one-way tickets to Guantánamo we used to write out like so much scrap paper. And the time we breached security at the Farooq Federation Thermal Energy Facility disguised as shepherds, bribing the guards with scrawny chickens supplied by intelligence services now long amalgamated and clandestine operatives now long retired. Lordy, Lordy, the camels, the camels

I'm also pretty sure I can legally disclose how Bob and I funded and trained the short-lived Radical Unitarians on a Remulak sister moon, and at least mention briefly the time we influenced the outcome of the improbable civil war on a Melmac twin planet between the Soldiers of Odin and the Librarians of Thor. I must admit, the Soldiers of Odin had me a little worried as we blended into their ranks totally unarmed – those guys were nasty, brutish, and none too short. But still, the cash, the cash

And, now that I think of it, there was the one time we did play bridge all day, over the sometimes turbulent River Kwai, until the guards heard us bidding (no bidding boxes in Burma in 1943, remember?) Oh, sweet memories, plus the explosives, the explosives

And how could we forget Operation Snow White, the Scientologist conspiracy plot we broke from the inside? We were in great physical shape when that was over from all those hours trampolining with Tom Cruise before he finally spilled his guts. Still, the baloney, the baloney

We weren't quite so healthy after two months in a Balkan infirmary, building up a resume for the incredible caper Steven Spielberg claimed to put on the screen in "Bridge of Spies" (2015). Okay, we concede that Tom Hanks is a big star and perhaps a little better looking than we are, but if we could only tell you the inside story of that adventure, about how we really came up with our colds, about the sad-looking coleslaw from the hospital kitchen, and about the inhalers, the inhalers

But I digress – let's move on to senility. How to introduce it? Let me count the ways; in other words, first we go back to the Bard. Sadly, however, Shakespeare had nothing at all to say about bridge, let alone senility and bridge. He did speak of customs "more honor'd in the breach than the observance" (Hamlet, Act I, sc. 4), but I'm pretty sure he was not talking about Bob Brown's attitude toward our bidding system. He also never used the words "concentration" or "Alzheimer's." Nevertheless, Lear puts out a pretty good description of Bob and me heading into our third hour of play:

I fear I am not in my perfect mind.
Methinks I should know you, and know this man;
Yet I am doubtful for I am mainly ignorant
What place this is; and all the skill I have
Remembers not these garments; nor I know not
Where I did lodge last night.

King Lear, Act IV, Sc. 7.

Like Lear, our concentration also dissipates as time and the duplicate session near its end. Still, sometimes "Luck is All You Need," as a couple of other Bards sort of said in "Magical Mystery Tour" (1967). Science has now proven that luck is merely a complex chemical reaction, but Bob must have ingested an extra dose of the luck pill when, at a regional on Corellia, homeworld of Han Solo, he somehow opened two spades, a pre-

empt he loves, especially non-vulnerable against vulnerable, holding this hand:

♠ Q 9
♥ Q J 6 5 4 3
♦ J 5 2
♣ J 8

Yes, I said two spades! I had the other two queens and the missing jack plus a few small spades, leading to a score of -600 based entirely upon poor concentration. However, our opponents had only "a dream, a breath, a froth of fleeting joy" (Rape of Lucrece, line 262), as every pair in their direction made either 10 or 11 tricks in NT, giving these grease balls – and if you've ever played bridge on an inner moon of Meckwell you know this is *not* a metaphor – a big fat zero for the benefit of Felson-Brown.

Oh, the irony, the irony

[sound of inhalers trailing off to silence; fade to black]

Ruminations

by Robert S Brown

The Ruminator was recently honored to join an Elite Committee of Club Members¹ tasked with securing a suitable structure for our future activities. Ultimately, we failed in that endeavor – victims both of our own ineptitude and of a malevolent array of forces aligned against us. Yet, the saga of our travails, its quixotic underpinnings, and our ultimate defeat and humiliation may serve as a cautionary tale to those who might otherwise embark on a similar endeavor.²



We began our ill-fated quest by surveying representative members of our constituency. The Albatross wanted sybaritic surroundings appropriately complimenting his hedonistic lifestyle. Amit Raturi argued for a discipline room (with various implements of torture) where he could appropriately vent his wrath on offending partners. Amy Fisher insisted on a sound system playing Irish flute music on a continuous loop.³

¹ *Id est*: N.M.; J.M.; S.W.

² *Confer*: T. Hardy, *Jude the Obscure* (1895): "I may do some good before I am dead -- be a sort of success as a frightful example of what not to do; and so illustrate a moral story."

³ *Confer*: W.B. Yeats, *Sailing to Byzantium* (1922):

Rob Widenfeld led a cohort of members (including some of Amit’s partners) demanding an outpatient surgical suite to which they could repair for repairs between sessions. Other requests too outlandish to enumerate were received.

After months of harrowing searches which, by comparison, would make the Revenant’s trek seem but a Sunday picnic, we located a suitable structure – a Jewish temple at 6280 Kugler Mill Road (pictured below) – available for a proverbial song⁴ and containing both the playing space and ancillary facilities needed.



Unfortunately, a few obstacles arose including zoning restrictions, inadequate parking, and operating expenses. Ultimately, all of these seemed surmountable. However, the selling Congregation also insisted, contrary to the normal non-proselytizing stance of the Jewish faith, that all Gentile members of the Club convert by Mikveh to the Hebrew religion. Although the Committee believed that most Club Members would not object to this innocent naked immersion ceremony,⁵ we tried unsuccessfully to negotiate an exception for the few hold-outs who might not be willing to make this small sacrifice. Thus, this location’s great potential failed to bear fruit.⁶

“Caught in that sensual music all neglect
Monuments of unageing intellect.”

⁴ In this case: “If I had \$1,000,000, I would buy you a house.” Barenaked Ladies (1988).

⁵ Vide: Rabbi M. Berkowitz, *Taking the Plunge: A Practical and Spiritual Guide to the Mikveh* (2007).

⁶ Confer: T. Gray, *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard* (1751):

“Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.”

Vanquished in our efforts to find a new home, the Committee prostrated themselves before our Landlord and begged for a Lease Extension on any terms he desired to impose. Our groveling was rewarded with a ten-year tenancy on terms slightly less onerous than those traditionally offered by Attila the Hun:

“There, where I have passed, grass shall never grow again.”

So, on behalf of my fellow Committee Members I respectfully submit with deepest regret this report “of what is past, is passing, or to come.”⁷

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Solution 1:

We have 6 top tricks : 2♥+ 2♦+ 2♣; so we need to establish 3 more. Diamonds can provide only two extra tricks (if they are 3-2); besides, if we give up third diamond, opponents will knock out our last stopper in hearts and we will be one trick short.

Spades can provide two tricks as well, but, if we play small spade from the right hand defense must duck, otherwise we will get 3 tricks (in other words, we don’t want defender with ♠A to capture our spade honor). And if we steal one trick in spades we can revert back to diamonds since we need only 2 extra tricks now.

Where is ♠A? Since E has made an overcall it would be reasonable to assume that he’s got it.

Let’s look at the full deal:

We should **win first trick**, cross to dummy using ♦A and **play small spade**.

If E plays ♠A we have 3♠+2♥+2♦+2♣ = 9 tricks; if E ducks **we win ♠Q and give up a diamond** (1♠+2♥+4♦+2♣ =9 tricks).

IMPS	♠ Kx
North	♥ xx
Deals	♦ AKxxx
	♣ Kxxx
	♠ 10xxx
	♥ Jxxx
	♦ xx
	♣ Jxx
	♠ Axx
	♥ K109xx
	♦ QJx
	♣ Qx

♠ QJxx	
♥ AQ	
♦ xxx	
♣ Axxx	

⁷ Note 3 *supra*.

Solution 2:

We have 14+10 = 24 HCP, defense's got 16 HCP; E opens and W has ♠K. Conclusion : E has ♦A and ♣K.

It looks like we have to lose 4 tricks: spade, 2 diamonds and a club. We can't establish and use long club suit in dummy since we don't have an entry.

Our only hope is to get two club tricks in addition to 1♠, 1♦ and 6♥. We can do it if E has singleton or doubleton ♣K.

Let's look at the full deal :

IMPS
North
Deals

♠ xxx
♥ Ax
♦ xxx
♣ AQxxx

♠ Kx
♥ xxx
♦ xxxx
♣ Jxxx

N	E
W	S

♠Q10xxxx
♥xx
♦AQJ
♣K10

♠ AJ
♥ KQJ10xx
♦ Kxx
♣ xx

We should **win first trick, draw trumps and duck a club**. E will probably cash ♠Q and play a spade. We **ruff, club to the ♠A (♣K falls) , ♠Q pitching a diamond and small diamond from dummy to the ♦K**.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE

By Steve Moese

The ACBL created new Masterpoint Ranks at the Denver NABC Board of Directors Meeting. The changes are:

- Life Master 300 MPs (500 after 1/1/10)
- Bronze Life Master is 500 MPs (750 after 1/1/10)
- Silver Life Master requires 1000 MPs
- New! Ruby Life Master requires 1500 MPs
- New! Sapphire Life Master requires 3500 MPs

As a result of these changes Unit 124 celebrates those with the new ranks:

NEW Ruby Life Masters:

Peggy E Ammon, Peggy L Barrett, Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba, Barbara Boswell, Terry F Briscoe, Anthony J Brockman, Mike S Broida, Jane B Burpee, Lou P

Campbell, Geraldine V Chavez, Ann S Coombs, Sheila R Dippel, Patty Eber, James P Edmiston, Donald F Etson, Amy A Fisher, Bob D Fisk, Joan F Fox, Michael D Freeman, Diane K Goodman, Arun Goyal, Daniel D Hance, Erna Herre, Betty J Hurst, Jerry A Katz, Joann H Katz, Jodie Kieffer, Marvin P Kolodzik, Irene Lewis, Michael Lipp, Edward J Long, Mike Ma, Patricia Marrs, Terry L Mays, Brenda J Mehalko, Jack W Mehalko Gerry L Mirus, Stephen A Moese, Adrienne Netherwood, Vincent Netherwood, Rick A O'Connor, Helen Ogle, Laura N Owens, Mary K Peter, Michael W Purcell, Nathaniel Reid, Nancy Reynolds, Myrna F Rosen, Perrin W Rountree, Judy Ruehl, Harriet L Spiegel, Jo Ellen Spitz, A J Stephani, Belen R Suarez, Ms Cindy H Tretter, Vijay K Vasudevan, Barbara L Wagner, Penny Weatherwax, William H Wright Jr, Ray Wulf, Ann L Zeff.

NEW Sapphire Life Masters:

Sherby M Chernin, Bill V Coombs, Lorna R Davis, Mr Joe W Fisher, Mary A Frees, Anton S Habash, Karen V Kendall, Larry Iein, Barbara S Levinson, Jackie L Toth, Diane E Travis

These rank changes are in response to members who felt the rank distances after 1000 MPs were too far apart. The new ranks have pigmented point requirements as well. Here are all the details (see the ACBL website for up to date requirements):

Title	Masterpoints Earned***
Rookie	Fewer than 5
Junior Master	5
Club Master	20
Sectional Master	50 (at least 5 silver)
Regional Master	100 (at least 15 silver, and 5 red, gold or platinum)
NABC Master	200 (at least 25 silver, 20 red or gold/platinum, of which at least 5 must be gold or platinum)
Advanced NABC Master (after 1/1/10)	300 (at least 50 black, 50 silver, 50 red or gold/platinum, of which at least 25 must be gold/platinum)

Life Master	300 (500 after 1/1/10) (at least 50 black*, 50 silver, 50 red or gold/platinum,** of which at least 25 must be gold or platinum)
Bronze Life Master	A Life Master with 500(750 if after 1/1/10)
Silver Life Master	A Life Master with 1000 (at least 200 silver, red, gold or platinum)***
Ruby Life Master	A Life Master with 1500 (at least 300 silver, red, gold or platinum)***
Gold Life Master	A Life Master with 2500 (at least 500 silver, red, gold or platinum)***
Sapphire Life Master	A Life Master with 3500 (at least 700 silver, red, gold or platinum, of which at least 350 must be gold or platinum)***
Diamond Life Master	A Life Master with 5000 (at least 1000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which at least 500 must be gold or platinum)***
Emerald Life Master	A Life Master with 7500 (at least 1500 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which at least 750 must be gold or platinum)***
Platinum Life Master	A Life Master with 10000 (at least 2000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which at least 1000 must be gold/platinum, with a minimum of 100 platinum)***
Grand Life Master****	A Life Master with 10000 (at least 2000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which at least 1000 must be gold/platinum, with a minimum of 100 platinum)***

The Board of Directors didn't stop there. Costs for NABC tournaments have risen sharply. The ACBL projects a deficit of about \$200,000 for this year. The recent fee for players using screens was considered a burden and unfair. As a result the Board of Directors raised the table fee for all NABC Events from \$20 to \$25 per person. In addition, all team events at NABC tournaments every individual on a team will pay an entry fee. That means a 6 person team pays 50% more than a 4-person team.

Finally, the ACBL passed a resolution requiring that the sanction holders must run a STaC game the same way they run their club game. This change is in effect as of January 1, 2016. Many sanction holders have been

limiting their games to under 2000 to 2500 MPs. When the STaC game came they would run the game as an open game to enable higher overall awards.

There were two forces behind this change.

NLM games have become popular and many NLM plyers do not want to play against open players in the STaC.

From a different direction there appears to be a growing resentment about sanction holders who limit their games week to week but open them to earn more money from a larger crowd during a STaC.

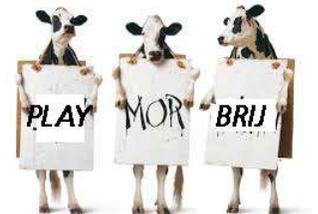
We believe this new rule is unjust, and meddles too deeply in the affairs of sanction holders. On my motion at the Board of Governors in Denver, this decision was sent back to the Board of Directors for a new vote in March at the Reno NABC BoD Meeting. More soon on this topic.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP OUT?

There are many ways you can volunteer to make the Unit run smoothly and keep the quality of the bridge experience at tour clubs at a high level. Do you know what the one most important thing is you can do for other members?

PLAY MORE! That's right – this is no joke.

If we all made an effort to play two more games a month than we do now, our games would be bigger and more fun, and the number of tables per year would grow instead of the steady 1-2% decline we see today.



Do your part – **PLAY MORE BRIDGE!**

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MONDAY February 22nd

Indy GOLD RUSH Charity Pairs (2 sessions)	1:30	7:00
Indy A/B/C Open Charity Pairs (2 sessions)	1:30	7:00
Circle City Bracketed KO Teams (1/2 of 4)	1:30	7:00
Single Session Stratified Charity Swiss		7:00

TUESDAY February 23rd

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (1 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (1 of 4)	9:30	
299er Pairs	9:30	1:30
A/B/C Choice Open Pairs (play 2 sessions)	9:30	1:30 7:00
Circle City Bracketed KO Teams (3/4 of 4)		1:30 7:00
Compact KO Teams (1/2)	1:30	7:00
Tuesday Single Session Stratified Swiss		7:00
After Dinner Side Series (1 of 4)		7:00
Newcomers 0-20 Pairs (FREE)		7:00

WEDNESDAY February 24th

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (2 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (2 of 4)	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (1 of 4)		1:30
Hoosier GOLD RUSH Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Hoosier A/B/C Open Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Crossroads Bracketed KO Teams (1/2 of 4)		1:30 7:00
Wednesday Single Session Stratified Swiss		7:00
After Dinner Side Series (2 of 4)		7:00

THURSDAY February 25th

** Rise 'n Shine Side Series (3 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (3 of 4)	9:30	
Thurs/Fri Morning Compact Kos (1 of 2)	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (2 of 4)		1:30
Bicentennial GOLD RUSH Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Bicentennial ABC Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
Crossroads Bracketed KO Teams (3/4 of 4)		1:30 7:00
After Dinner Side Series (3 of 4)		7:00

FRIDAY February 26th

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (4 of 5)	9:30	
Early Bird Bracketed KO Teams (4 of 4)	9:30	
Thurs/Fri Morning Compact KOs (2 of 2)	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (3 of 4)		1:30
Open Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:30
Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (1/2 of 4)		1:30 7:00
299er Pairs (Single sessions)		1:30 7:00
Friday Evening Stratified Swiss		7:00

SATURDAY February 27th

**Rise 'n Shine Side Series (5 of 5)	9:30	
AM Single Session Swiss	9:30	
0-20 Pairs FREE	9:30	
199er Pairs	9:30	
Afternoon Side Series (4 of 4)		1:30
Weekend Bracketed KO Teams (3/4 of 4)		1:30 7:00
White River GOLD RUSH Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
White River A/B/C Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30 7:00
After Dinner Side Series (4 of 4)		7:00

SUNDAY February 28th

Stratified Swiss (2 sessions)	10:00 (Play through)
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District-wide regulations for all 2016 District 11 Regional Events:

- KO events may be handicapped
- Open events w/o Gold Rush: C 0-750 B 750-2000 A 2000+
- Gold Rush/ABC Pairs and Gold Rush/ABC Swiss: GR: 0-100 100-300 300-750 & ABC Pairs: C 0-1500 B 1500-3000 A 3000+
- ACBL Mid-Chart allowed in top bracket of KO and Flight A events

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MONDAY, APRIL 11

All 1 p.m. games benefit the ACBL Educational Foundation.

All 7:30 p.m. pair games benefit local charity.

Millard Nachtwey Monday Open KOs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Continue 1 & 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs (single session) ... 1 / 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Open (0–5000, 5000+) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Trillium Stratified 300/750 Gold Rush Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Rocky Top Stratified Side Game Series 1 / 7:30 p.m.

(1st & 2nd of 6 sessions)

Clingman’s Dome Dinner Bell Compact KOs 4:45 p.m.

First of four 12-board matches. Finish approximately 6:30.

Continue 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

100/200/300 Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Gregory Bald (0–5000, 5000+) Swiss Teams 9 a.m.

Laurel Falls Mid-Flight (0–1500/1500–3000) Swiss Teams 9 a.m.

Columbine Gold Rush (300/750) Swiss Teams 9 a.m.

Gregory Bald, Laurel Falls, and Gold Rush Swiss Teams all continue 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Early Bird Stratified Open Pairs 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Laurel Falls Compact Morning KOs 9 a.m.

Two 12-board matches. Finish by noon. Continue 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) 9 a.m.

Sunrise 100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 9 a.m.

Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Open (0–5000, 5000+) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Dogwood Stratified 300/750 Gold Rush Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Gene Roy Tuesday Open KOs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Continue 1 & 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Rocky Top Stratified Side Game Series 1 / 7:30 p.m.

(3rd & 4th of 6 sessions)

0-5 Pairs (Free Today) 1 / 7:30 p.m.

100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30 p.m.

Susie Clayman Dinner Bell Compact KOs 4:45 p.m.

First of four 12-board matches. Finish approximately 6:30.

Continue 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30 p.m.

100/200/300 Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

The Sinks Open KOs 9 a.m.

Three sessions. Continue 9 a.m. Thursday & Friday.

Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions) 9 a.m.

Sunrise 100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 9 a.m.

Marci Buehler Wednesday Open KOs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Continue 1 & 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Open (0–5000, 5000+) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Azalea Stratified 300/750 Gold Rush Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Rocky Top Stratified Side Game Series 1 / 7:30 p.m.

(5th & 6th of 6 sessions)

100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30 p.m.

Tremont Dinner Bell Compact KOs 4:45 p.m.

First of four 12-board matches. Finish approximately 6:30.

Continue 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30 p.m.

100/200/300 Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Sugarlands (0–5000, 5000+) Swiss Teams 9 a.m.

Abrams Falls Mid-Flight (0–1500/1500–3000) Swiss Teams 9 a.m.

Violets Gold Rush (300/750) Swiss Teams 9 a.m.

Sugarlands, Abrams Falls, and Gold Rush Swiss Teams all continue 9 a.m. Friday.

Early-Bird Stratified Open Pairs 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Metcalf Bottoms Compact KOs 9 a.m.

Two 12-board matches. Finish by noon. Continue 9 a.m. Friday.

Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions) 9 a.m.

Sunrise 100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 9 a.m.

Vince Carcello Thursday Open KOs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Continue 1 & 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Open (0–5000, 5000+) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Rhododendron Stratified 300/750 Gold Rush Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Mt. LeConte Stratified Side Game Series 1 / 7:30 p.m.

(1st & 2nd of 4 sessions)

100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30 p.m.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30 p.m.

100/200/300 Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 – Goodwill Day!

Chimneys Compact Morning KOs 9 a.m.

Two 12-board matches. Continue 9 a.m. Saturday.

Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions) 9 a.m.

Sunrise 100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 9 a.m.

Marlene Wass Friday Open KOs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Continue 1 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Open (0–5000, 5000+) Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Iris Stratified 300/750 Gold Rush Pairs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Mt. LeConte Stratified Side Game Series 1 / 7:30 p.m.

(3rd & 4th of 4 sessions)

100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 1 / 7:30 p.m.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams 7:30 p.m.

100/200/300 Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

Lose-N-Snooze KOs 11 p.m.

Second-Chance Late Night Speedball Bracketed KOs 12 a.m.

Gold Point Events in Bold

☐ KOs are matched by random draw every round and are guaranteed to finish in 3 or 4 rounds. Compact KO teams limited to 4 members. All KO events are bracketed and include 0–300 MP players.

☑ Unless otherwise indicated, master point ranges for stratified events will be 3000+/750-3000/0-750. Strati-Flighted events will be A=5000+, X=0-5000, B/C/D=1500-3000/750-1500/0-750.

☑ The top bracket may be handicapped.

☑ Single session pairs are always accommodated. I/N partners are guaranteed one hour before game time. **Under 300 MP events stratified at director’s discretion.**

• All events are stratified by average MPs. (Exception: When an event has an upper MP limit, all players must have fewer than that number of master points.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Grotto Falls Compact KOs..... 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Four 12-board matches. Finish in one day.

Elkmont Stratified Side Game Series (Final session)..... 9 a.m.

Sunrise 100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs..... 9 a.m.

Cades Cove Compact KOs 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Four 12-board matches. Finish in one day.

Stratified Mid-Flight (0–1500, 1500–3000) Pairs..... 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Open (0–5000, 5000+) Pairs..... 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Redbud Stratified 300/750 Gold Rush Pairs..... 1 & 7:30 p.m.

Newfound Gap Stratified Side Game Series 1 / 7:30 p.m.

(1st & 2nd of 4 sessions)

100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs..... 1 / 7:30 p.m.

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams..... 7:30 p.m.

Stratified Board-a-Match Teams..... 7:30 p.m.

100/200/300 Swiss Teams 7:30 p.m.

“Groundhog Day” Zip KOs (Free) 11:00 p.m.

New matches and new brackets added until the last player falls asleep

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Two-Session Swiss: Seven 7-Board Matches..... 10 a.m.

Entry includes lunch.

A/X/Y Swiss (0-4000, 4000-6000, 6000+);

Bracketed Flight B Swiss Teams (no player over 3000 MPs);

8 team brackets by MPs – 3 teams in each bracket win Gold.

SUNDAY (cont.)

Newfound Gap Stratified Side Game Series..... 10 a.m. / 2 p.m.

(3rd & 4th of 4 sessions)

100/200/300 & 5/20/50 Stratified Pairs 10 a.m. / 2 p.m.

500/300/100 Stratified Swiss Teams *(single sessions)* 10 a.m. / 2 p.m.

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Course offered Fri., April 8, through Sun., April 10.
Convention Center—Room 12

EASYBRIDGE! Accreditation

9 a.m.—Noon, Convention Center Hall 1
Wed., April 13, or Sat., April 16

For information on the above courses,
call Priscilla Smith, (770) 973-7717.

TAP SEMINAR

Thurs. (April 14), Fri. (April 15), & Sat. (April 16),
8:30–Noon

To enroll, email education@acbl.org

Following are our *Host* hotels.

All are within walking distance of the Convention Center or provide shuttle service.

Clarion Inn & Suites

1100 Parkway

(800) 933-0777 clariongatlinburg.info

HB,WiFi,R,M,CM,Fit,HP,HT,TR,Bal

Your top choice for affordable luxury.

\$110 (double queen or single king). \$160

(1-BR suites featuring J,FP). Other hotel
fees may apply. Reserve by 3/15.

Econo Lodge on the River

310 Cottage Drive (800) 933-8670

reaganhotels.com WiFi,R,CM,TR

3 blocks from Conv. Ctr. Rooms with
private balconies overlooking the river
available. From \$76.99.

The Edgewater Hotel

402 River Road

(800) 423-9582 edgewater-hotel.com

CB,WiFi,R,M,CM,Fit,G,TR,Bal

Interior corridors w/covered parking—
within walking distance to Conv. Ctr.

Gatlinburg Inn

755 Parkway (865) 436-5133

gatlinburginn.com B,WiFi,HP

Great downtown location, 100 yds to

Conv. Ctr. Rooms from \$79 to \$199.

Newly remodeled rooms.

Glenstone Lodge

504 Historic Nature Trail

(800) 362-9522 glenstonelodge.com

R,CM,WiFi,FP,HP,HT,TR,Bal,I/O

Newly remodeled spacious rooms. \$86
(double Q or K). Use code “bridge.”

4-min. walk to Conv. Ctr. Restaurant
with breakfast buffet (\$8.95).

Outstanding customer service.

Hampton Inn

967 Parkway – 50 yards from Conv. Ctr.

(888) 476-6597 or (865) 436-4878

hamptoninngatlinburg.com

HB,WiFi,M,R,HP,Bal

Recently remodeled; located 1/2 block
from Conv. Ctr. Close to downtown
restaurants and attractions.

Hilton Garden Inn Gatlinburg

635 River Road (877) 742-8444

hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com

WiFi,R,M,CM,TS

Gatlinburg’s newest premier hotel in the
heart of downtown. Restaurant with full
bar, in-room dining. Variety of rooms.
Reserve before 3/16.

Mountain House Inn Downtown

247 Newton Lane

(800) 462-7298 or (865) 436-6626

mountainhousemotorinn.com

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From \$60 double queen or king
w/sleeper sofa, 40" smart flat screen TV,
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Old Creek Lodge

680 River Road (888) 430-7200

oldcreeklodgegatlinburg.com

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Large riverfront rooms with many extras!
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rate to get lowest rate available starting
@ \$91.

Quality Inn Creekside

125 LeConte Creek Drive (800) 473-8319

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Secluded but convenient to Conv. Ctr.

Some rooms w/balconies over a
mountain stream. From \$90.

Reagan Resorts Inn

938 Parkway (800) 933-8674

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main Parkway. Jacuzzi rooms available.

From \$111.99/night.

Royal Townhouse Motor Inn

937 Parkway WiFi,CM,R,TR

(800) 433-8792 or (865) 436-5818

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\$67.95+tax, 1–4 guests.

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610 Historic Nature Trail

(800) 876-6888 sidneyjames.com

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Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional

**Monday 2:30
Pro Am!**

Sharonville Convention Center May 30-June 5, 2016

	10:00AM	2:30PM	7:30PM
Monday May 30		Pro Am Pairs* (reservation required – see details in sidebar) Open Pairs Side Series I*	Open Pairs Evening Side Series I
Tuesday May 31	Hog Wild Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Evening Side Series I NLM Pairs
	Miss Piggy KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series I NLM Pairs	Miss Piggy KO (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series I Piglet Single Session Swiss	
Wednesday June 1	Road Hog Gold Rush Swiss Teams and Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 2) Hogwash Horizontal Swiss (Round 1) Open Pairs Evening Side Series I
	Miss Piggy KO (Round 3) Open Pairs Side Series II NLM Pairs	Miss Piggy KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Side Series II	
Thursday June 2	Pig in a Poke Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 3) Hogwash Horizontal Swiss (Round 2) Open Pairs Evening Side Series II NLM Pairs
	Baby Back KO (Round 1) Open Pairs Side Series II NLM Pairs	Baby Back KO (Round 2) Open Pairs Side Series II Piglet Single Session Swiss	
Friday June 3	Hog Heaven Gold Rush Swiss Teams and Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		Pig in Mud Evening KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Evening Side Series II
	Baby Back KO (Round 3) Open Pairs Side Series III NLM Pairs	Baby Back KO (Round 4) Open Pairs Side Series III Piglet Single Session Swiss	
Saturday June 4	Curly Tail Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs (2 sessions)		Open Pairs Evening Side Series II
	Pig Out Compact KO (Rnds 1-2) Open Pairs Side Series III NLM Pairs	Pig Out Compact KO (Rnds 3-4) Open Pairs Side Series III	
		Three Little Pigs Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	
Sunday June 5	Flying Pig Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough)		Swiss Teams in Red NLM Events in Blue * Charity Game - Championship Rated

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Reserve by May 23
Margaret Young
margyoung@msn.com
(513) 284-5731

♥ Hotel Information ♥

LivINN Suites
11385 Chester Road
(513) 772-7877
\$79/Night \$89/Studio
Ask for "Flying Pig" Rate
Reserve by May 2, 2016

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
11440 Chester Road
(513) 842-9112
\$99/Night Double or King
"Bridge Tournament" Rate
Reserve by April 29, 2016

Stratifications

- ♥ Open Pairs & Side Games (w/o Gold Rush):
0-750/750-2000/2000+
 - ♣ Open Pairs & Swiss (with Gold Rush):
0-1500/1500-3000/3000+
 - ♦ Gold Rush Pairs & Swiss:
0-100/100-300/300-750
 - ♠ Stratiflighted Swiss:
B/C/D 750-1500/300-750/0-300
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