



## Quarterly Newsletter



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### From the President's Desk

Unit 124 Members,

A special thank you to the Louisville Unit for lending us their trailer, tables and other supplies for the Flying Pig Regional last month. Our trailer containing our tournament supplies was stolen from the parking lot at the CBC in early May. We are in the process of purchasing replacements and settling with the insurance company. We have the needed supplies for the NKY sectional at the Airport Doubletree Hotel on August 11-13. See our web site at [www.cincybridge.com](http://www.cincybridge.com) for schedule and other tournament information.

Congratulations to AJ Stephani and the Tournament Committee on another successful Flying Pig Regional. Our regional continues to outperform regional tournaments held at similar size units.

Barry Wauligman, Pam Campbell and Nalin Mehta coordinated the renovations to the CBC kitchen during the regional. We now have a fantastic new kitchen floor, cabinets and countertops.

The Education Committee chaired by Larry Newman has been approved to hold an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute thru Univ. of Cincinnati) class starting on September 21st at the CBC. This "Welcome to Bridge" class will be taught by Elaine Jarchow, Jane Duncan, Larry Newman and John Meinking. Details will be on our web site and the UC OLLI web site soon.

The Education committee will also hold a 3 hour "Welcome to Bridge" seminar at the CBC on Saturday September 9th. Flyers are available at the CBC. Elaine Jarchow will hold a similar event in Northern Kentucky on September 16th.

**Parking:** The building behind the CBC where many of us park has been sold. The new owner will not allow us to park there after 9/1/2017. We are working on

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CBA "Welcome to Bridge"	16	Sep 9
NKY "Welcome to Bridge"	17	Sep 16
Cincinnati NLM Sectional	18	TBD
Spooktacular Sectional	19	Oct 27-29

### Unit 124 Club Games

Day	Time	Event
Mon	AM Aft PM	CBC*11:00 Inv NKy 11:00 2nd/4th only MIDM 1:00 CBC 7:00 (Limited) - OXF 7:00
Tue	AM PM	NKY 10:00 AND 11:00 CBC 11:00 MIDS 11:00 SP 2:45PM CBC 7:00* NLM (Open Coming 3/23)
Wed	AM Aft PM	CBC* 11:00 - SCC* 10:00 - AND 11:00 MIDL 12:00 NKY 6:30
Thu	AM Aft PM	INT* 9:00 - CBC 11:00 - NKy 11:30 AM WHC* 12:00 - EAB 12:30 SP 2:45 CBC 7:00 "8 is ENOUGH" Swiss Teams 1&3
Fri	AM PM	NKY 10:00 - CBC 11:00
Sat	AM Aft	CBC 10AM-Noon Supervised Play (SP) CBC 1:00

Researchers have discovered that mentally challenging games such as bridge are well suited for older people because the games offer intellectual and social stimulation on a routine basis.

Bridge's intricacies make it particularly appealing for those who want to sharpen acuity with mental gymnastics. A study in 2000 at the University of California, Berkeley, found strong evidence that an area in the brain used in playing bridge stimulates the immune system. Researchers suggest that is because players must use memory, visualization and sequencing. <http://www.aarp.org/health/brain-health/info-2015/bridge-for-brain-health.html>

alternatives and will post them on the web site and at the CBC.

See you at the tables,

**John Meinking,**

President Unit 124



## One Personal Journey

by Steve Moese

**I've always found bridge fun. The more I learn the more I'm fascinated by all that it offers.**

I remember a time when TV was limited and family fun centered around card games and board games when the weather was bad. My mother had her ladies group that played Rummy for nickels and dimes once a week. The Mom and Dad played pinochle and rummy on Saturday Nights to pass the time with Aunts and Uncles living nearby. There was always lots of conversation and laughter. Never did I see anyone get angry about anything. After all it was fun, a game.

I didn't see a game of poker for money until I was in college. Gambling wasn't in my family's DNA. I did see the bridge column in the newspaper but didn't understand it and failed to get interested in the game until my freshman year at college. Many new friends played the game and I fell into learning rubber bridge with little/no formal preparation. After all, it was fun.

One new friend suggested we play in something he called duplicate bridge. Well, I knew no fear and we went to the nearby YMCA to join a game (10 tables if I recall correctly; it was 48 years ago). I felt like a fish out of water. The rules were different and the mood serious. Didn't hear much conversation and found the presence of a referee (they called him "Director") made everything seem, well, constrained. Anyway, through no fault/effort on my part we finished in the money – taking home script worth 0.14 Master Points granted by the ACBL.

My pursuit of bridge in college caused me to do what seemed natural – look for good books. Watson's "Play of the Hand" was my first.

I would never take a bridge lesson, instead preferring to read and discuss hands and strategy with my fellow bridge players. I did look forward to the December issue of Sports Illustrated and Eddie Kantar's article/quiz on the game. I liked how he wrote (and do still to today – he is my personal favorite author).

I took up ACBL Membership in 1974 while in graduate school and played regularly at the area club. I also started attending sectional and regional tournaments.

I continued to look for and collect good books teaching all aspects of the game. Kelsey, Lawrence, and many more filled my shelves. My first NABC Tournament was Pittsburgh in November 1976. It was hard not going home for Thanksgiving but I had made a new friend in Cincinnati and had two good friends coming in from California to play. I recall two things about that weekend – I won my first Gold points and suffered a 16" snowfall and a 10 hour return drive from Pittsburgh.

In 1978 I married and within the year I gave up bridge for 21 years. Three children and a professional career later I returned to the game thanks to the efforts of a good friend from work (Thanks, Joe!).

The game had changed with colored master points, new ranks, STaCs, flights and strata, a plethora of special games for extra points, and Gold Rush Events. KO Teams grew tremendously while I was gone. So had teaching. We are blessed to have 10 teachers in the Cincinnati metro area teaching at all levels. One change I rue – we have lost the pipeline of young players from college.

In 2008 I decided to volunteer and haven't turned back.

What fascinates me is how easy it is to become proficient at Bridge and how hard it is to master this game. While experience and judgment will often win, it is true that on any given day anyone can win. Anyone can learn to play, but learning to play well takes dedication and effort. Some of the skills feel more like work than fun.

Everyone has different goals, and a unique preferred learning style. Most adults prefer to learn by doing. I like that Bridge has a gigantic umbrella that can cover all these diverse goals and approaches to self-improvement.

Are you taking advantage of what's around you? What is your bridge journey? Is your goal pleasant social engagement? Are you seeking to become a life master (Why?). Do you want to win tournament events or play among and against the best? Are you looking for peer recognition? Do you seek the thrill of competition at any level? No two people are necessarily alike on any of these questions.

If you are on your journey now and want help, talk to a member of the Education Committee or check out the CBA/Unit 124 website for your many learning options.

#### RESOURCES:

You can find great software (Windows Only, not iOS) to learn basics:

<http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb1setup.exe>

<http://www.bridgebase.com/download/ltpb2setup.exe>

To sharpen your current game:

#### For Newcomers

[http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/Newcomers\\_Bridge.html](http://www.cincybridge.com/NLM/Newcomers_Bridge.html)

#### CBA Learning Guide

[http://www.cincybridge.com/2012\\_CBA\\_Learning\\_Bridge\\_Series.html](http://www.cincybridge.com/2012_CBA_Learning_Bridge_Series.html)

You can find great content and resources to explore:

#### Improve Your Game

[http://www.cincybridge.com/Improve\\_Your\\_Game.html](http://www.cincybridge.com/Improve_Your_Game.html)

Great classes for beginners and intermediates as well as advancing players.

#### Bridge Class Page

[http://www.cincybridge.com/CBA\\_Lessons\\_3.html](http://www.cincybridge.com/CBA_Lessons_3.html)

#### CBA Mentor Program – Not involved? Get involved!

<http://www.cincybridge.com/CBAMentoringProgram.html>

There are wonderful bridge sites you should know if you are at all serious about improving your skill:

BBO - Play online and learn in their forums. Watch major tournaments.

<http://www.bridgebase.com/>

Bridge Winners - Expert bidding, play and defense advice, great convention card editor. (If you join, follow me! I will follow you).

<http://www.bridgewinners.com/>

CBA Bridge Library – Many of the best books on the game for players of all levels. Check them out at the Cincinnati Bridge Center.

<http://www.cincybridge.com/Bridge%20Library.htm>

The Common Game – shared hand records uniting clubs across the country expanding the field to learn where you compare. No extra master points, but many hands get expert analysis. If you are a member of Bridge Winners you can ask questions of experts about their analysis. There is no cost to join.

<http://www.thecommongame.com/>

**Saturday Supervised Play** – 9:30 AM for a lecture and two hours of coached play. Ask all your questions

while playing. A great way to sharpen your game. 0-100 MP players only.

#### Power Rankings – Colorado Springs Bridge

This services uses a mathematical regression to establish your strength of play based on pair results. You can determine if you are among those playing above their master point level.

[http://www.coloradospringsbridge.com/PR\\_FILES/WEB\\_PAGES/U124WEB/U124UWP.HTM](http://www.coloradospringsbridge.com/PR_FILES/WEB_PAGES/U124WEB/U124UWP.HTM)

#### Master points – Unit 124

[http://www.coloradospringsbridge.com/PR\\_FILES/WEB\\_PAGES/U124WEB/U124MPS.HTM](http://www.coloradospringsbridge.com/PR_FILES/WEB_PAGES/U124WEB/U124MPS.HTM)

Planning your Tournament Journey? Take a look at the ACBL app for what's near you!

[http://web3.acbl.org/finda/?country=US&city=Cincinnati&radius=100&tournament\\_dates=90&tournaments=1&clubs=1](http://web3.acbl.org/finda/?country=US&city=Cincinnati&radius=100&tournament_dates=90&tournaments=1&clubs=1)

#### **Teachers and Club Owners**

District 11 invited area teachers and club managers to meet during the Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional. You can find the meeting and summary here. Attendees numbered 25 and there was overwhelming interest in having a meeting during all D11 Regionals. Topics will be prepared in advance.

The ACBL Board of Governors Committee reported on the Teachers and Club Managers Survey conducted in June. See the following links for details:

Report: <http://cdn.acbl.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/20170630-Draft-Summary-Teachers-Club-Owners-Survey.pdf>

Slides: <http://cdn.acbl.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/20170723-BoG-Teacher-and-Club-Owner-Survey-Presentation-Toronto1.pdf>

Meeting Audio: <https://soundcloud.com/jaomm/2017-summer-nabc-board-of-governors-lower-quality>

As a result, there is great leadership attention being brought to Clubs and Teachers at all levels in the ACBL. An integrated approach to the ACBL infrastructure focusing on how the Board of Directors, Board of Governors, Units, Districts, Clubs, Teachers and the New Education Foundation can coordinate recruiting, training and retaining efforts should jump-start membership, classes, and tables.

Here is a link to the Canadian News Video immediately after the Toronto NABC about the puzzle we face attracting youth to bridge:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/for-card-loving-bridge-players-attracting-youth-is-ultimate-puzzle-1.4230018>

This ALERT is well stocked with great bridge reads. If you have a Kindle or other reading tablet, consider downloading this issue to your device to read at your leisure. I thank each and every contributor for a richness that spans the breadth and depth of this game. Thanks to Potter Orr, Mike Lipp, Amy Fisher, Elaine & Ron Jarchow, Jodie Kiefer, Barry Wauligman, Dean Congbalay, AJ Stephani, Robert Brown, Steve Felson, and John Meinking.

As Spring turns to Summer we hope to see you often at the Club games and tournaments in our area.

Wishing You Good Bridge and Good Luck,

**Steve**

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## 70% Games May-Jul 2017

Date	Club	Pair	Result
7/18	AND	Lalitha Yamalchili Kay Mulford	70.14
7/10	AND	Helen Ogle Margaret Young	71.63
7/11	NKy	John Taylor Peggy Ammon	74.07
6/28	AND	Bill Higgins Eugene Siutsau	71.7
6/24	CBC Sat AFt	Bill Higgins Eugene Siutsau	72.92
6/21	NKy Wed Eve	John Taylor Steve Moese	77.98*
6/13	CBC Tue NLM	Pete Outcalt Lonnie Ingram	70.16
6/2	CBC Fri AM	Bill Higgins Eugene Siutsau	74.85
5/16	CBC Tue NLM	Doug Reams Joe Nurre	74.08
5/4	CBC Thu AM	Amit Raturi Norm Coombs	72.30
5/4	Erie Ave Belles	Barb Schoenfeld Sally Jones	77.48

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

By Elaine Jarchow

Northern Kentucky Bridge Club's (NKBC) Longest Day successful fund raising of \$7181 to benefit Alzheimer's Research was due, in large part, to the efforts of 17-year-old John Taylor. Not only did John co-chair the

## TOP 10 Games Past 10 Years

Date	Game	Player	%
9/5/07	CBC Wed Home Style	Sue Ellen Thesing Pat Dion	85
2/19/14	CBC Wed AM NLM	Stacy Vanstone Joyce Tedrick	79.35
10/28/08	NEC	Sue Wessinger Bob Wessinger	79.17
11/10/12	Sat 0-50	Joanne Oppelt Lyle Smith	78.75
6/21/17	Wed Eve NKy	John Taylor Steve Moese	77.98
2/14/11	Deschappelles	Gail Arnow Pam Granovetter	77.78
5/14/13	Tue Eve NLM	Stacy Vanstone Martin Gibler	77.73
3/11/08	NEC	Chris King Al Fultz	77.5
5/4/17	Erie Ave Belles	Barb Schoenfeld Sally Jones	77.48
2/14/14	Fri AM	Bill Higgins Eugene Siutsau	77.24

day's events with his grandmother Peg Ammon, but also he directed all three games; contributed his salary; and posted a 77.98% game with Steve Moese.

Three additional games during the past three months saw an above 70% score. Henry Jackson and Mike Glatt had a 72.22% score. Peg Ammon and Dave Dressman had two games; one was a 71.62% and the second a 77.55%.

Some of the Northern Kentucky Bridge players are contributing their time and effort to play bridge with some of the occupants of the Emerald Trace Senior Care by Rosedale Green Facility on Turkeyfoot. The effort provides a supportive, understanding, and encouraging environment for bridge players who are experiencing memory impairment, or the beginning stages of Alzheimer's disease.

Northern Kentucky Bridge Club Championship games were held in May and June.

Jeanne Theissen and Mitchie Natsume won the Friday, Pairs Club Championship Game on May 12. The team of Mary Ann Boyle, Elaine Jarchow, Bart Jacobs and Tim Marten were the winners of the Tuesday, May 30, Swiss Team Club Championship Game. The Thursday, June 16, Pairs Club Champions were Brenda Mehalko

and Patty Eber. The Tuesday, July 25, Pairs Club Championship winners were Jan and Al Venosa.

Northern Kentucky Bridge Club members were saddened to lose one of their players when James Hurst passed away July 12. Jim not only was a player but also he directed games.

President Greg Brinkman, assisted by various club members, has been very successful in conducting a supervised play game on the first two Wednesdays of each month. Twenty to thirty beginning players participate. Elaine Jarchow and Mary Ann Boyle have recently completed teaching a class for four beginning bridge players and are currently conducting a class for eight intermediate players.

The club is looking forward to our Summer-Get-Away Sectional tournament co-chaired by Joe Pike and Gerry Mirrus and held at the Airport Doubletree hotel on Friday-Saturday and Sunday, August 11, 12, and 13. Mark your calendar now if you have not already done so, and plan to attend.

## ANDERSON BRIDGE CLUB

By Jodie Kiefer

I want to thank everyone who played in the Anderson Bridge Club's International Fund Game on Tuesday July 11 for their patience in getting the results. The bridgemates stopped working after 2 1/2 rounds which I didn't discover until the end of the game. With the help of all the players I was able to recreate the results, and complete the scoring of the game. Everybody was very nice about it, and I really appreciate that, as I was a bit frantic!

We have a few members on the move this quarter; Betty Murphy and Judy Painter have moved up to Sectional Masters, Judy Barron has become an NABC Master, Mary Ann Marx a Life Master, Howard Simon a Bronze Life Master and Cordell Coy a Ruby Life Master. Congrats to all!

Upcoming Events at our club include; August 1 & 2 Club Championship Games, August 15th, Educational Fund Game, all of September is International Fund Month with extra points all month long, October 10 & 11 Club Appreciation Days.

Don't forget to join Northern KY for their Sectional August 11-13 at the Airport Doubletree Inn. There are discount tickets available for NLM games if you buy them prior to the event. See Gerry Mirus (jewelwithgerry@yahoo.com) or Cordell Coy

(cordellcoy@gmail.com) for those. I hope you all come out to help make their sectional a huge hit!

## CBC NEWS

**All games run at the Cincinnati Bridge Center are Common Games.** Common Games share hands with other participating clubs around the country. The Common game also provides expert analysis of select hands. Be sure to sign up for the common game so you can see how you do!

**Common Game:** <http://www.thecommongame.com/>  
**Bridgewinners:** <https://bridgewinners.com/commongame/>

**John Meinking** offers "8 is Enough" Swiss Team every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evenings. Players are given a Point value based on the number of master points as follows: 1 Point: <500 Masterpoints; 2 Points: 500-2000 MPs; 3 Points: > 2000 MPs. No Team can have more than 8 Points. Great Fun. Sign up with John: [jokingme71@gmail.com](mailto:jokingme71@gmail.com)

## Partnerships!

By Joanne Earls

Need help finding partners? I will help find you a partner interested in a standing game. Of course, if you are looking for a partner you can still call the director of the game you want to play in or call me to see whether anyone else is looking. Thanks for your support! **Need a CBA Name Tag? Contact Joanne Earls**

Joanne Earls

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## Deep in the ♥ of Sharonville



By Dean Congbalay

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Deep in the heart of Sharonville, a Wendy's manager is thankful that this former journalist is not a purveyor of fake news.

Just before the Flying Pig Tournament, I stopped by the fast-food restaurant on Kemper Road for a quick lunch. It wasn't very busy.

As the manager placed my chicken sandwich on my tray, I took her aside.

"I just want to warn you that a bridge tournament will be held at a nearby hotel during the next few days," I said.

"A bridge tournament?" Jamesia asked, obviously not knowing what I was talking about.

"Yeah, you know, like cards," I said. "Every day for the next few days, at about 1 or 1:30, you're gonna be slammed, so you might want to staff accordingly."

"Uh, OK," she said.

"And I gotta tell ya," I continued, "a lot of them will be cranky!"

While the tournament was well under way, I stopped in again. It was 1:18 p.m. The line was six people deep, but it didn't look too overwhelming.

Before I reached the register, Jamesia looked at me and smiled.

"Every day?" she said, chuckling.

"I wouldn't lie to you, young lady!" I exclaimed.

We laughed. I brought my double cheeseburger, plain, to the table and joined Steve, my partner of the day, and Peggy, one of our charming teammates visiting from Charlotte.

We reveled in our morning victory. And as I savored my (free!) Frosty, I thought how cool it was that I did my part in making sure that all of us made it to our afternoon games on time.

## A Funny Thing Happened to Me on the Way to 4♠ Down 200!

By Kay Mulford

I was playing bridge in a team game and had a strange experience as I went down 200 in a 4♠ contract.

N	E	S	W
1N	P	2♥ <sup>1</sup>	X
P <sup>2</sup>	P	4♠	

Where

1= Jacoby Transfer

2= You bid ♠ partner

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ QJ8765  
 ♥ Q43  
 ♦ A5  
 ♣ 83

I did not transfer again because I wanted a ♥ lead up into my ♥Q rather than through it. So I got a ♥ lead, and I was glad when I saw dummy (top of next column).

The lead was the ♥9 (I thought that was odd since he had doubled my ♥ bid).

1. So I happily called for a small ♥ from dummy (♥6) and then East played the ♥K, which won the trick!!!!

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 108  
 ♥ A86  
 ♦ KQJ8  
 ♣ KQJ7

2. East next led back a small ♥ which West ruffed!!! (I now started laughing so hard I could barely play another card.)

3. West dutifully lead his partner's suit preference signal (Low ♥ says lead back the lower outstanding suit - ♣).

4. East led another ♥ which West ruffed. Well, they were going to get the A&K-spades for down 2. Who were West and East? Mike Lipp and Pam Campbell. I complimented , in between peals of laughter, Mike and Pam on their great defense and, especially, Mike's creative

double of the transfer bid of mine , 2♥!

I continue to say "You have to have a sense of humor to play this game" and I showed mine.

## ON THE ROAD

By Steve Moese

I spent the week of July 4 in Northern New Jersey visiting family. As luck would have it, an acquaintance I'd met on Bridge winners was willing to play, so I headed over to the Glen Rock Bridge Center, just outside of Hackensack NJ. I met the club manager and talked about how she sees her club. Recruiting has been steady. They had 27 tables that Wednesday for a noon game. A full lunch (egg salad and tuna salad seem ubiquitous in NJ) and coffee/tea were included in the entry fee: \$15. The facility is about the size of ours (with better parking though) and all games are Common Games. Leonard Helfgott and I played in the open game. Our very first board was a bidding misunderstanding. I go to 4♠ opposite a void where partner bid a forcing NT and went down two for a bottom. After that we settled into the game. All players were very welcoming and willing to engage in conversation. There was a marked absence of immediate post mortems at the table, but the bridge mates were programmed to show the previous results on the board once scored. This tended to slow the game down at certain tables. I do not like that feature and I am glad we don't do it at the CBC.

Some of the wins and losses along the way:

We played 1EW and the very first handout of the gate tested bidding and judgment.

Playing 2/1, partner's initial pass is expected. West holding 15 HCP and a void is not good enough for a Jump Shift so 2♥ it is. 2N should show a relatively balanced hand (singleton ♠

Board 1 ♠J975  
 Deal: N ♥J7  
 Vul: None ♦AT92 ♣987

♠AQ T432 ♠-  
 ♥AQ92 W N E ♥K83  
 ♦K87 W S E ♦Q654  
 ♣- ♣KQT532

EW: 3♣  
 3/4♦ 3♥♠  
 2NT ♠K86  
 ♥T654  
 ♦J3  
 ♣AJ64

N	E	S	W
P	P	P	1♠
P	1N	P	2♥
P	2N!	P	4♠

acceptable) and 10-11 HCP. Now West's hand supports game as long as all East's values are not in ♣. 4♠ was a disaster, down 2 for 1.5 /11 MPs. Had partner rebid 3♣ naturally, we would have settled into a makeable 3♠ the top MP Spot. Par: -140 3♠-EW/3♥-EW Not an auspicious start.

N	E	S	W
	1♣	P	1♠
P	1N	P	4♠

I thought I failed the imagination test on the very next hand. Once

partner rebids 1N, there is no reason to stop short of game in ♠. We have at least an 8-card fit and partner should offer 3 cover cards for the game contract in ♠. The opening lead was the ♦K, felling my ♦J. North thought for a bit and switched to the ♠3. This is a passive lead into a dummy that cannot ruff profitably. won the ♠K and reasoned that I needed to avoid a ♣ loser because I had one loser in each of the remaining suits. By playing the ♦Q and pitching a low ♣ from hand, I can later pitch the losing ♥ on the ♦J. This was good for +420 and 6.5/11 MPs. Par is 4♥ +5 for 650. What did I miss?

Board 2 ♠Q83  
 Deal: E ♥K76  
 Vul: NS ♦AK53 ♣Q32

♠AJT7642 ♠K  
 ♥Q9 W N E ♥AT43  
 ♦J W S E ♦QT6  
 ♣K95 ♣AT864

EW: 4♣ 1♦  
 2♥ 5♠ 2NT ♠95  
 ♥J852  
 ♦98742  
 ♣J7

On the defense given, I should not have taken the loser on loser play in ♦. Instead, there's a tightrope line that squeezes North in a devious way. Overtake the ♠K with the ♠A and continue the ♠J. North must win and must

return the 3<sup>rd</sup> ♠. Win in hand and run ♠s to get the shown 6-card ending.

Board 2 ♠  
 Deal: E ♥K7  
 Vul: NS ♦K ♣Q32

♠2 ♠  
 ♥Q9 W N E ♥AT  
 ♦ W S E ♦Q10  
 ♣K95 ♣AT

EW: 4♣ 1♦  
 2♥ 5♠ 2NT ♠J85  
 ♥9  
 ♦9  
 ♣J7

Now the last ♠ (Don't hold onto the last trump – put the pressure on the opponents to discard) and North has no play – This is a compound squeeze in 3 suits. Sweet, and difficult to find at the table because it assumes North has an opening hand not in evidence in the bidding.

One opportunistic hand on defense was Hand 15, a simple 1N by S (they are vulnerable). The auction was (1N) - all pass. I was on lead, thought tempted to start with a ♠ I chose the mundane ♦ 6 (4<sup>th</sup> best).

Board 15 ♠7652  
 Deal: S ♥Q1073  
 Vul: NS ♦32 ♣Q65

♠Q9 ♠KJ83  
 ♥AK6 W N E ♥9854  
 ♦A1076 W S E ♦984  
 ♣10874 ♣A9

EW: 4♣ 1♦  
 2♥ 5♠ 2NT ♠A104  
 ♥J2  
 ♦KQJ5  
 ♣KJ32

T1: ♦6-2-8-K  
 T2: ♣2-4-Q-A  
 T3: ♦9-Q-7(!)-3  
 T4: ♣K-7-5-9  
 T5: ♠J-8-5-♥9  
 T6: ♥J-K-3-5  
 T7: ♠Q-2-3-A  
 T8: ♥2-K-7-4  
 T9: ♣10-♠6-♥4-♣3  
 T10: ♠9-7-J-4  
 T11: ♠K-10-♥6-♥10  
 T12: ♦4(!)-K-A-♥Q  
 T13: ♦10

What thrilled me about this hand was the delicate defense (ducking ♦ twice that allowed declarer to misplace honors, knowing declarer's pattern, attacking the 4<sup>th</sup> suit on time). Declarer made a technical error in winning the ♠Q although that's a double dummy comment as my hand count is unknown. Down 2 was 8.5 out of 11.

Leonard and I, playing for the very first time using a "standard" 2/1 card cobbled together on Bridge winners, finished first overall and 67 out of over 2232 tables played country wide, in a field averaging 2236 Master Points. Not bad for a couple of Bridge Winners bloggers. Thanks for the game, Len!

The Glen Rock Club has a great facility in a tight real estate market. Director Lila March and I talked about table counts and recruiting. Both are doing well here

but take effort. Daytime bridge is the rule. Evening bridge has indeed faded. People were very friendly and proprieties were well respected. I enjoyed my visit and recommend this club to anyone wanting a good experience. For us Cincinnatians, consider the deal we have today with \$5 entries at Anderson and NKy, and \$7 fees at CBC. Glen Rock charges \$15 and provides a full meal (soft drinks and bottled water are \$1 each). Lia uses the ACBL game results and all games are Common Games so results are found there immediately after posting. She provides individual score summaries after the game for players who want it. These are hard copy by-hand results from ACBLScore. If you are in Northern NJ give Lila a call. Here's the Club web page:

<http://www.glenrockbridge.com/index.html>

## FLYING PIG REGIONAL

By AJ Stephani



We survived the theft of our tournament trailer in May and pulled off a terrific Flying Pig Regional! As we scrambled to replace our tables and other supplies, the good fellowship among District 11 units came to the rescue. The Louisville and Lexington Units generously offered the use of their trailer, without whom we would all still be sitting on the floor. A huge thank you and shout out to these heroes who helped us pull off a successful tournament!

Overall, our experience with our new home at the Ramada Plaza was overwhelmingly favorable, though challenges remain. Bathrooms are always a challenge when 450 people use them at the same time, construction debris is less than ideal, and we had our predictable punch list of things we forgot whenever we move to a new venue. Next year, we will have our own

Regional supplies again, including our clear signage for the partnership and prizes desks (assuming no nefarious thieves), the Ramada Plaza will have remodeled rooms, and Cincinnati will continue to offer excellent restaurant choices and thousands of hotel rooms within ten minutes of the Ramada Plaza.

Our overall table count increased to 1191 – an increase of 59 tables (or +5.2%) over last year. However, this included 62 tables of our online-only event, which meant a decrease of 3 tables in face-to-face table play. This is still a terrific result, as many Regionals in our peer group are down double digit percentages over last year. The savings from moving to the Ramada Plaza also meant a net profit of almost \$27,000! (*currently Regionals across ACBL are down 8% - Ed.*)

Here are some highlights:

**Monday Pro Am:** A record 38 tables! I know the effort it took to reach that number, and congrats to winners Richard Freiberg and Norm Coombs.

**Online-Only Event:** We had 31 tables, and we didn't even know it. This event took place from 4:45-8:30 on Tuesday, and it took zero effort on our part. We'll get a share of the proceeds, and we count the tables in our overall table count (up 59 YOY). Overall winners and section top winners will have t-shirts mailed to them -- they're part of the Regional, too! We received fantastic feedback from these players as far afield as Montana and Nova Scotia.

**Eight is Enough Swiss:** We tried it this year as a Thursday evening single session experiment, and I think it was sufficiently successful to expand on it next year. Director-in-Charge Mike Roberts was wonderful in giving us the flexibility to run it, and I'd love to use the Pro Am as a platform for building the event. I've already moved some evening events around next year



Norman Coombs  
Richard Freiberg  
Flying Pig Pro-Am Champs

Pro-Am Pairs

Bright New Venue!  
Ramada Plaza

Barbara & Gerald Gray  
81% Side Game!!

to clear space for it.

**Flying Pig Pairs Championship:** We were all disappointed in the low turnout, but everyone in the final certainly got exactly what they were coming for: great bridge, and a fantastic experience. We all agreed we couldn't find this anywhere outside an NABC, and we all committed to recruiting additional pairs for next year. Far from being discouraged about the turnout, I'm really excited about growing this event -- it seems that word of mouth and reputation will get the job done.

**The 2018 Flying Pig Regional will be held June 11-17 at the Sharonville Ramada Plaza.** Put in on your calendars now!

None of this would be possible without the engagement and energy from the tournament committee:

**Margaret Young & Nancy Luetge** - Pro Am Pairs

**Steve Messinger** – Partnership Desk

**Joyce Tedrick** – Hospitality

**Mike Lipp & Reeta Brendamour** – Prizes

**Jane Duncan & Barbara Levinson** – Supplies

**Pam Campbell** – Treasurer

**Potter Orr & Ron Jarchow** – Photographers

**Steve Moese** – eBulletin

You're the best!

### Top Unit 124 Finishes:

Total masterpoints: 6855.84 earned by 815 players.		
Total attendance: 1191 tables.		
Rank	MPs	Name
5	107	Norman Coombs, Brookville IN
8	72.42	Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH
9	72.42	William Higgins, Cincinnati OH
13	60.85	Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH
22	53.7	Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH
23	53.63	Arun Goyal, West Chester OH
30	43.76	Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH
32	42.37	Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH
35	41.93	Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH
36	41.93	A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH
37	41.39	Michael Lipp, Trenton OH
39	37.16	Stephen Vogel, Cincinnati OH
40	35.75	Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH
46	33.84	Lorna Davis, West Chester OH
47	33.75	Reeta Brendamour, Cincinnati OH
49	32.84	Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH
53	32.14	Larry Newman, Cincinnati OH
54	32.03	William Atteberry, Cincinnati OH
55	32.03	John Taylor, Burlington KY
59	26.65	John Meinking, Maineville OH

See all e-Bulletins (Daily Results) here:

[http://www.cincybridge.com/CFPR\\_Results.html](http://www.cincybridge.com/CFPR_Results.html)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cleveland (winter)	945	921	895	978	753	867	844	807	733	687
<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>729*</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>939</b>
<b>Evansville</b>			<b>433*</b>							
Gatlinburg	10544	10345	9712	10064	8918	9114	9261	8776	8649	8323
Lake Geneva (spring)	1415	1305	1155	1173	1062	989	1023	943	880	754
Detroit (spring)	876	730	915	963	912	905	907	901	777	836
Champaign	864	751	811	858	732	833	821	780	612	606
Cleveland (spring)	1183	1028	1129	1125	1142	1120	943	1020	932	902
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>1183</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>1132</b>
Toledo		494		514		688		476		450
Crystal Lake	883*	1054*	1173*	1158*	1166*	1128*	1097*	1109	943	1000
Various†	758*	650*	859*	802*	593*	443*	369*		430*	403*
Chicago	1132	1097	1097	972	1053	865	1004	1182**		
<b>Dayton/Columbus</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>1047</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>944*</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>730</b>
<b>Evansville</b>						<b>432*</b>			<b>531*</b>	
St. Louis	1350	1427	1563	1501	1450	1610	1399	1331	1378	
Pittsburgh	1216	1154	1094	1084	1001	1105	963	941	902	
Fort Wayne	999	1052	1038	848	823	926	755	836	657	
Detroit (fall)	913	894	913	873	776	845	843	885	778	
Lake Geneva (fall)	1638	1395	1352	1298	1203	1103	1124	958	838	
<b>Louisville/Lexington</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>1378</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>1247</b>	<b>1252</b>	<b>1174</b>	



## TEXT ALERT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

By AJ Stephani



Has your partner for next week's game at the club canceled? Looking to play an extra game? Want to know who's looking? I've started a text-based partnership service called "Remind" that allows you to receive text messages for players looking for partners for specific games. This service is different from other group text apps because it does not allow you to "Reply All" to everyone on the list. I've been trying it out at the Cincinnati Bridge Center for about a month, and I'd like to offer to all the clubs in our Unit. Here's how to Receive Partnership Requests:

- Send me a message at [AJStephani@gmail.com](mailto:AJStephani@gmail.com) telling me you'd like to sign up. I need your name and cell phone number -- remember, this is a TEXT-based service. You will receive a text message confirming you've signed up. I will place you in NLM partnership service or with the Open partnership service, depending on your MP total and experience.
- You will receive additional messages when someone is looking for a partner. If you're not interested, do nothing. If you'd like to contact the person looking for a game, contact them directly to set it up.
- You will NOT receive text replies from anyone else, there's no obligation, and you can cancel at any time.

### To Request a Partner

- Send a text to me through "Remind" or e-mailing me at [AJStephani@gmail.com](mailto:AJStephani@gmail.com), providing your: (1) name; (2) number where you want to be reached; and (3) specific game and club for which you need a partner.

That's it! If you're interested, give me your name and cell number and you're all set!

## CBA MENTOR PAIRS PROGRAM 2017

By Bob Fisk



### August/September Schedule

Here's the updated schedule for special Mentoring Games in Northern Kentucky and the CBC. Be sure to play often!



**Guidelines:** We suggest you

play Bridge together at least four times between now and the end of September. Designated Mentor/Mentee dates at the CBA in Cincinnati:

**Sunday August 6, 1:00pm**

**Wednesday August 30, 7:00pm**

**Sunday September 17, 1:00pm**

Designated Mentor Game dates in Northern Kentucky at the Elsmere Senior Center:

**Thursday August 3, 11:30am**

**Wednesday August 9, 6:30pm**

If you play at NKBC, you'll play in the mentee strata and pay the going rate. None of the games are mandatory, but they are always fun, educational and enjoyable.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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In recent years scientists have become intensely interested in what could be called a super memory club — the fewer than one in 200 of us who have lived past 90 without a trace of dementia. It is a group that, for the first time, is large enough to provide a glimpse into the lucid brain at the furthest reach of human life, and to help researchers tease apart what, exactly, is essential in preserving mental sharpness to the end.

"These are the most successful agers on earth, and they're only just beginning to teach us what's important, in their genes, in their routines, in their lives," said Dr. Claudia Kawas, a neurologist at the University of California, Irvine. "We think, for example, that it's very important to use your brain, to keep challenging your mind, but all mental activities may not be equal. We're seeing some evidence that a social component may be crucial."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/22/health/research/22brain.html>

## ACBL Board of Directors – D11 Update

By AJ Stephani



Last fall, I promised to provide regular updates on my experience on the ACBL Board of Directors. These are intended to supplement my official reports to the entire District, not replace them. In my last update, I noted that I saw my role on the

ACBL Board of Directors as falling into one of three areas: Collaborating, Agitating, and Innovating. My experience in Toronto confirmed this.

### COLLABORATION

My work on various Board Committees and Task Forces is, for the most part, quite rewarding. These committees work very hard, as does the entire Board. Whether these groups work efficiently is a separate question, but I am impressed with the dedication of our volunteers. We took the recommendation of the Competition and Conventions Committee (“C&C Committee”) and got rid of the “Stop” Card, effective January 1, 2018. I’ve also begun working with the C&C Committee as they work through the monumental task of revising the convention charts to replace our current General Convention Chart/MidChart/Superchart structure.

### AGITATION

I was one of three members of the Board to vote for a motion to drastically reduce the meeting schedule and improve the workload efficiency of the Board. Everyone on the Board knew this motion would fail (it failed spectacularly in Committee), and I think several people were surprised I voted in favor of it anyway. I believe sincerely that the Board needs to rethink its role vis-à-vis management and the other governing bodies of the ACBL. My vote was something of a protest vote, we’ll see if the spirit of the motion survives to fight another day.

### INNOVATION

By far, the most interesting development for me from the Toronto Board meetings was a series of discussions concerning what I’m calling the “cross-gaming space.” We sometimes pride ourselves on having 170,000 members in the ACBL, but did you know that there are over 1 million registered (read: tournament) players of “Magic: The Gathering”? Do you even know what

“Magic: The Gathering” is? Here’s a shot of a recent Magic tournament:



At first glance, you might think it’s a shot of Gatlinburg, or maybe an NABC. The similarities are too eerie to ignore. And Magic is just a tiny part of what some people call the “Analog Game” movement – a resurgence in popularity of challenging board games over the last 25 last year. I’m not talking video games, but actual people playing cardboard games with other people. There are millions of these players, and we in our cloistered bridge communities hardly know they exist.

So, I’m working within the Board and ACBL management to do something in this space. It’s a work in progress, but the possibilities are exciting.

As always, thanks for the opportunity to be your representative on the ACBL Board of Directors, and I welcome your feedback and input.

## EPISODE 19: BUTTERFINGERS

By Steve Felson

*Waterboarding means never having to say you’re sorry.*— Universal Manual of Espionage, p. 1



Back around 2035 the Freezons invented the Famous Futurizer, which allowed you to mix an incredible amount of objective data with your own neurons, put on a headset, and experience a supposedly semi-accurate vision of your future. I tried it once, requesting a prediction only of my *bridge* future (cheaper). I was ecstatic to find myself in a large roomful of duplicate players where, right in front of

me, sat Robert Brown opposite a partner who was *not me*. That was the good future.

However, something seemed to be going wrong. The partner frowned at several of Bob's bids. His agitation increased during Bob's play. At the end of the hand he stood up, tears in his eyes, jaws working soundlessly, fingers tapping on an imaginary keyboard. Then he made a sound like an old-fashioned typewriter bell and ran out of the room. As if on cue, two bearded meatballs wearing "Director!" hats lifted me off the ground by my elbows and plunked me down in the vacated chair. Bob smiled and handed each a large tip. That was the bad future.

I left the Futurizer lab resigned to my fate – either stop using anti-aging cream and volunteer for an early grave or *Keep on Truckin'* (Eddie Kendricks, Motown 1973) with Bob across the table. And so, here I am with more tales of macabre bidding and bizarre play.

But wait! In keeping with my recent conversion to praise rather than criticism, love rather than denigration, and happiness for all rather than conflict for many, I will now add to the long list of excellent qualities of my apparently forever partner.

For example, Bob has a knack for getting himself and others out of terrible messes, some of which changed history even though they were never publicized. Here's a typical story.

Background: I have seen Bob walk a tightrope across several buildings while chasing enemy agents, jump onto a hang glider from the wing of a single-engine biplane to recover national secrets, and track down explosive-laden sled dogs in a blinding ice storm while the radio crackled, "Hurry, Bob, they're ready to blow." In other words, he is fantastic on the physical side of our business.

Still, he does drop stuff. Take that incident with the nuclear suitcase. First of all, and to his credit, Bob took full responsibility, stating for the record to the head of the Service, "I had the darn thing right in my hands and I lost it – sorry about that, Chief."

In fact, it may not have really been his fault. To this day I believe that our adversary, known as "Polar Bear Pants" for reasons which are still classified, somehow pulled off the old slippery-handle trick. If only we'd been able to recover that case from the bottom of the North Sea I'm sure we'd have been able to prove that Bob's agency-wide nickname, "Butterfingers," was not wholly deserved.

On the other hand, fingers of butter can be quite helpful, as you can see from this deal played in a sectional on a small moon of Sullust, so sticky-surfaced they supply you with special shoes as soon as you set down. Bob is sitting South, declarer in a reasonable 3NT game.

♠J3		♠2			
♥A9432		♥8765			
♦73		♦10985			
♣AKQ5		♣10873			
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♠Q1054					
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West leads a low ♠ and the dummy's ♠J holds the trick. It's late and the air is damp. Three of the four directors glow like *photuris lucicrescens* (fireflies) in heat. The lights are weak and Bob is tired. The cards seem slippery and gummy at the same time.

Should he finesse the ♦J? Where in space to find a 9<sup>th</sup> trick, where oh where? And is that sweat dribbling down his face or some kind of gooey condensation?

An insect I don't recognize – a tiny species which *still* hasn't learned to play bridge – buzzes past his ear. Bob swats at it with his free hand and whoops! – the ♦2 drops onto the table face up. He tries to grab it back but the grotesque piece of protoplasm on his left stops him by growling out something which appears in translation on what passes for his chest – "a card laid is a card played." The same LHO happily takes the trick with his singleton ♦Q, but – check it out yourself, I'm not kidding – that and only that (or the ♦4 or the ♦6) gives Bob five ♦ tricks and the contract.

Great play, partner.

Better yet, "*Bombs Away*."

## DECEPTION IS FROWNED UPON IN CAMELOT

By Rob Weidenfeld



The members of the Round Table had gathered for their weekly jousting tournament. The stalwart knights had come from across the kingdom, putting aside the saving of damsels in distress, just so they could please their king who always enjoyed an unabridged coterie of lieges in attendance. Alas all was not well in Camelot as the weather was not cooperating. It was thunder storming

so fiercely that the King decided that discretion was the better part of valor and called off the tourney. But the knights were there to play, and play they would. He decided it would be a great time to conduct a bridge tournament. What better way to spend a rainy day than playing a game of duplicate.

Because he was one knight short of an even number, he called upon his wife, Lady Guinevere to fill in for this one occasion. He knew women did not play bridge in Camelot, but he had spent other rainy days trying to teach her the rudiments of the game.

Partners were determined by drawing lots and the games began. It was midway through the game when the new pair approached the mini-round tables (which were in vogue back then) at which he sat.

He noticed that his wife had drawn the handsome Sir Lancelot. The first two boards were kind of flat, but the last one was of interest. It was as follows:

Contract	<b>Lady G.</b>		
7N	♠ A32		
Lead: ♠J	♥ KQ3		
	♦ KJ8		
	♣ KJ53		
<b>Gawain</b>		<b>K. Arthur</b>	
♠ J1095		♠ 876	
♥ J862		♥ A104	
♦ 653		♦ 9742	
♣ 42		♣ 1087	
	<b>Lancelot</b>		
	♠ KQ4		
	♥ 975		
	♦ AQ10		
	♣ AQ96		

Here was the bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	1N	P	5N
P	7N	AP	

The King would love to have been on lead as he would have made a joyful double. He was pretty sure he would beat the contract no matter what, but decided to be cautious and passed.

When the lead was made, all surveyed the dummy. Sir Lancelot realized immediately that his partner's correct bid was 4NT, inviting a small slam. He might have excused an immediate 6NT with her flat 17 count as those jacks might be pulling extra weight. But 5NT? That invited the grand slam, which Lancelot gladly bid. He was more than crestfallen when he opined about what could have been.

"The rest of the room will be in 6NT and they may not make that if the ♥A is offside," thought Lancelot. "Even if it is onside, I can only take in 12 tricks and that will be a clear bottom..."

As Lancelot pondered, the King turned gleefully to his wife and said, "Just a bit overzealous my dear?" Guinevere smiled demurely as the King proclaimed to the rest of the table, "What folly it must have been to think I could teach a woman to play bridge!"

The King's Speech gave Lancelot a moment to collect his thoughts. He realized he knew something that the others playing in 6NT would not know at trick one. Clearly the King had the ♥A as Sir Gawain would have led it at trick one had he held it. Therefore the best he could hope for was to produce only 11 tricks. If only there was a way to score 12. Then it dawned on him. The King might not have the ♥J. So he won the ♠A in dummy and immediately led the ♥3 from dummy.

Put yourself in the King's place. There was a possibility that Lancelot was trying to sneak a trick playing to the jack and with a long suit might be able to scramble 13 tricks. Taking no chances he grabbed the ace. At that point Lancelot claimed for down one. You might deem it to be a major loss being in 7 but going down one. In some forms of the game, perhaps, but matchpoints is unique. You don't have to make every hand...you just have to do as well or better than the others who held your hand.

In this case, everyone else was in 6NT and nobody made more than 11 tricks. Some even made less when East ducked the first heart lead towards the heart honors in dummy, and tried it again. Therefore down one was really good bridge, as no one could be better than down one. They actually received 9 matchpoints out of 12, quite a respectable score under the circumstances!

So Lancelot asked Guinevere what she was thinking when she bid 5NT. Gawain wanted to know why the King had decided to not double 7NT. The King wanted to know why Lancelot would try to deceive him by leading towards nothing in his hand. "Amazing," remarked Lancelot. We bid a grand slam and go down, and no one is happy! "Further your majesty, I would never deceive you," he said furtively as he winked at the Lady sitting across the table.

*a Hand from New York Times Bridge Series Grand Slams, 1983, p. 44*

## SAVE THE DATES

### Summer Getaway Sectional

Aug 11-13, 2017



Right in the middle of "Vacation Month" comes NKY's Summer Getaway Sectional. Don't miss this event!

Don't forget – NAP Qualifying games continue during the month of August.

June-July-August

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Come join the premier NLM event at the CBC Friday-Saturday Sectional! **NOTE: At press time the planned date was being changed. Check the website for the latest news.**

New days for our Premier Sectional – Thursday – Friday – Saturday



NAP Finals at the CBC – Be sure to Qualify in August!

"A knowledge of the mechanics will suffice to put a player in a commanding position in the post-mortem. To become a member of the upper crust calls for more, much more. Resilience, imagination, occasional flashes of inspiration, these are the hallmarks of quality. And this transcends the realm of science." — Victor Mollo

"Many games provide fun, but bridge grips you. It exercises your mind. Your mind can rust, you know, but bridge prevents the rust from forming." — Omar Sharif

## Welcome to Bridge!

**September 9 – 9-11 AM**

**Cincinnati Bridge Center**

**2860 Cooper Rd, Cincinnati OH 45241**

**Brunch & Materials Provided –**

**Pre-Register by 9/5/17**

**513-580-4229 [LTPBridge@gmail.com](mailto:LTPBridge@gmail.com)**

**<http://www.cincybridge.com>**

**September 16 – 9-12 Noon**

**Rosedale Green Activity Center,**

**4250 Glen Ave. Covington, KY 41015**

**Preregister by 9/5/17.**

**859 816 4581 <http://www.nkybridge.org/>**

### Bridge and the Secret to Longevity

Simony is a model of successful aging. At 93, she remains an influential figure in the worldwide bridge community and was even profiled in an in-depth Wall Street Journal article titled, "[A One-Woman Campaign for the Ladies' Bridge Lunch.](#)" She is also participating in a study of people aged 90+ that aims to find factors linked to longevity.

She is convinced that bridge is among the reason she has lived so well for so long: "Nonagenarians like me know that taking up bridge is one of the best life decisions they ever made... I won't be satisfied until learning to play bridge is included in every article on how to age well."

Simony, who is an aficionado of social bridge rather than competitive bridge, described how playing bridge helped her develop a new social circle after moving to a new place: "I moved to Florida to live near my daughter in in 2003 when I was 83. Do you realize how hard it is to make new friends at that age? But with bridge, it's different. I joined the Newcomers Club and I went to the Senior Center. Within a year or two I had a circle of totally new friends (in many cases much younger than me) who I play bridge with."

<http://www.aplaceformom.com/blog/9-24-13-bridge-players-benefits-longevity/>

# Summer Getaway Sectional

## August 11-13, 2017

### Event Schedule

#### Friday

Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 10AM  
Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 2:30PM  
*Afternoon event is GRASS ROOTS FUND, 40% More Silver Points*

#### Saturday

Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 10AM  
Stratified **Open** Pairs & Stratified **NLM** Pairs 2:30PM  
*Afternoon event is GRASS ROOTS FUND, 40% More Silver Points*

#### Sunday

Strati-flighted Play-Through Swiss Teams 10AM  
*Sunday teams with any player over 1500 must play A/X  
(lunch may be purchased)*

*All events stratified by average master points*

Stratified open pairs: 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+

Stratified NLM pairs: Director Discretion

Strati-flights: A/X: open/0-2500

B/C/D: 750-1500/300-750/0-300

- ★ **Southern Hospitality**  
5:30 Fri & Sat evenings  
Wine, beer, appetizers,  
**Homemade Pies** on Fri
- ★ **Daily 50/50 Drawing**
- ★ **Concessions Each Day**
- ★ **\$11 Entry Fee**  
Half-price under age 21  
(\$3 additional for non or  
unpaid ACBL members)
- ★ **40% Bigger Awards,**  
At the afternoon events,  
No extra fee!
- ★ **Sensational Support  
and Supplies:**  
Anderson Bridge Club  
Cincinnati Bridge  
Association



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2826 Terminal Drive, Hebron, KY 41048

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[www.doubletree.hilton.com](http://www.doubletree.hilton.com)

NKBC bridge rate \$97 (online code KBC)

**FREE parking in hotel lots**

Take I-275 Exit 4 (4B if westbound) onto Terminal Drive towards airport. Hotel is immediately before terminals. Follow Hotel signs and exit left onto hotel access road.

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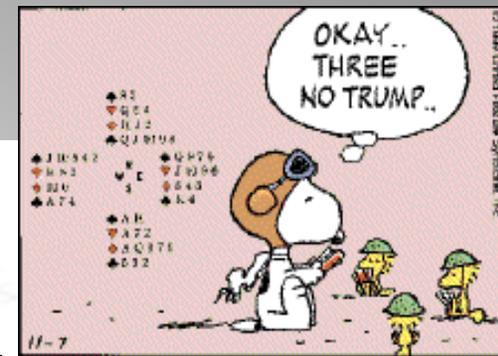
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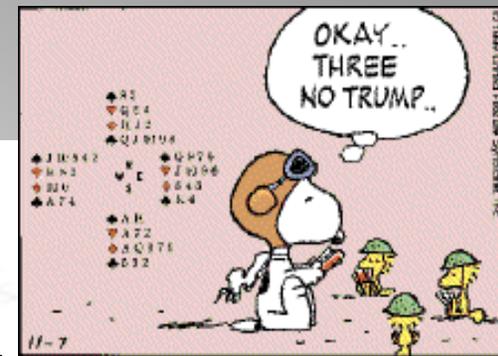
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October 26-28, 2017



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513-563-2218  
Extra Parking Behind  
9884 Reading Road — Back Lot

**Thursday-Saturday  
Schedule!**

**Stratifications**  
0-750/750-2000/2000+  
All Events Use Average MPs

## THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Zombie Apocalypse Open Pairs...10:00AM and 2:30PM\*  
Zombie Apocalypse NLM Pairs...10:00AM and 2:30PM\*  
Eight is Eerily Enough Swiss .....7:00PM

## FRIDAY, OCT. 27

Witches' Brew Open Pairs .....10:00AM and 2:30PM  
Witches' Brew NLM Pairs .....10:00AM and 2:30PM

## SATURDAY, OCT. 28

Spooktacular Open Pairs.....10:00AM and 2:30PM\*  
Spooktacular NLM Pairs .....10:00AM and 2:30PM\*

**Tournament Chair**  
Mike Lipp  
513-467-8054  
lipp.michael@gmail.com

**Partnership Chair**  
Debbie Wiest  
941-266-6620  
debbiewiest@hotmail.com

\$10 entry (\$5 Youth)  
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Wingate by Windham / 513-733-1142 / 3.2 Miles  
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