



## Quarterly Newsletter



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### From the President's Desk

The calendar is full of great bridge events in the next few months. The Northern Kentucky Sectional wrapped up another successful event – see details inside. Many CBA members are heading to Chicago for the summer nationals the following week as the CBA has Grand National Team participants in flights A, B and C. Mid-September is the Flying Buckeye Regional in Dayton. October has the Non-Life Master and the Spooktacular Sectionals at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. Be sure to check the web site for more info on these and other bridge news and events.

Congratulations and thanks to AJ Stephani and his team of volunteers for running another great Flying Pig Regional.

This year Unit 124 donated around \$15,000 to Alzheimer Association between the CBC, NKY bridge club and other clubs in the area. There should be other articles in the Alert on Longest Day events. Thanks to all that contributed to making the Longest Day event a great success again this year.

I'd like to welcome Al Beaupre, Iris Libby and Rob Weidenfeld as our new directors to the CBC's Tuesday night game. Thanks to Potter Orr and AJ Stephani for their years service in directing that game.



John Meinking  
President, CBA Board of Directors

### Tuesday Night Ambassador

By Amy Fisher



The CBA board has recently asked me to be the Ambassador for Tuesday evening bridge. As you know, our NLM game on Tuesday is alive and prospering, but the Open game is sputtering. I don't know right now how I will carry out my charge, but I will start with trying to find out as much information as I can

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from you, my friends and fellow Cincinnati players. Already, I have talked to cynics, pessimists and enthusiasts. I am open to any kind of comments you have to give about the Tuesday evening game.

Why do I want the Tuesday game to be saved?

First, I enjoy playing in the evenings, and our Tuesday game is the only open pairs game left at the CBC. I know my brain is somewhat warped, but I divide up my day into three parts: morning, afternoon, and evening. I have a difficult time planning to do more than two things in any one part. So when I play in the evening, I have two parts of the day left. But when I play in our 11:00 am games, I only have one part left since the game spills over from morning to afternoon. Ah, well,

that's my problem. Secondly, I see people in the evenings that I don't see in the daytime games. I very much want to keep an evening open game so that those players that have daytime commitments have a game to enjoy. I want a game that is welcoming to all so that when our NLM players want to advance to an open game, they are comfortable and happy to do so. And they will still have a game on their regular night out.

Please send me any comments or suggestions you have concerning our Tuesday evening game. My email address is [amy.fshr@gmail.com](mailto:amy.fshr@gmail.com).

## A Reflection

We can't run the fourth largest Regional in the Midwest without generous support of time and talent from our members. The same is true for the growing, successful Northern Kentucky Spring Getaway Sectional. If that were not enough we seem to find time to support Alzheimer's Fund through the "Longest Day" Charity event at leadership levels.

We are truly blessed by the number of members who actively participate to help make Bridge in Unit 124 a high-quality and enjoyable experience.

One ingredient we need to continue improving **OUR** bridge experience in the Unit is our **FEEDBACK**. Have an idea or suggestion? Need to lodge a complaint? Find a board member and contact us. We want to hear from you. Your ideas are the chief source of improvements for the Unit. Likewise the sanction holders and directors are always more than happy to hear from you about ideas and improvements. You can find the Board contact information at: <http://www.cincybridge.com/CBA-Board-of-Directors-2015.html>

Our contributors to this **ALERT** offer much for your enjoyment. We are lucky to have many high quality authors who make this newsletter a pithy read. **Amy Fisher** asks you to join the fun on Tuesday Evenings and help bring this game back to prominence. **Greg Brinker** reports on Club News from Northern Kentucky and **Helen Ogle** from Anderson. **Mike Purcell** updates us on the popular growing Supervised Bridge program. **AJ Strephani** reports in the success of the 2015 Flying Pig Regional. **Elaine Jarchow** regales us with the success that is the Northern Kentucky Summer Getaway Sectional. **Potter Orr** continues his excellent series on bridge ethics discussing proprieties at the table. **Rob**

**Weidenfeld** relates how a "Modern Family" bids Grand Slams. **Robers S Brown** takes us to the outer reaches of human vocabulary as he opines on . Not to be outdone, **Steve Felson** delights with Star Wars Episode 13. **Bill Combs** brings Cincinnati History to life with tales from the Whist Club. **Eugene Siutsau** gives us two interesting bridge problems from the Polish Bridge Magazine. We report on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the Anderson Bridge Club, News from District 11, and continue the excellent series on preempts by Andrew Gumperz.

Included in this issue are flyers and Hold the Date announcements for **Upcoming Tournaments** including:

<b>The Chicago Summer NABC</b>	Aug 6 – 16, 2015
<b>Louisville NLM Sectional</b>	Aug 22-23, 2015
<b>Dayton Sectional</b>	Aug 28-30, 2015
<b>Lexington Sectional</b>	Sep 12-13, 2015
<b>The Flying Buckeye Regional</b>	Sep 15-20, 2015
<b>The Cincinnati NLM Sectional</b>	Oct 10-11, 2015
<b>The Cincinnati Spooktacular Sectional</b>	Oct 23-25, 2015

Be sure grab a partner, make a team, choose upcoming events and plan to play more!

See you at the tables,

*Steve*



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**NKBC NEWS by Gregory Brinker**

### Recent Club Champions

Tuesday: **Howard Simon and Tim Martin**  
 Wednesday: **Norm Combs and Dave Britt**  
 Thursday: **Sheila Dippel and Mary Smith**  
 BAM: **Jack Mehalko and Gerry Mirus**

**Monday Game** - We now have a game on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. It starts at 11:30 and all are welcome.

**Spring Potluck Dinner** - All enjoyed good food , even lobster , plus plenty of desserts . We had time to talk with old and new friends. All the card players left feeling like a winner!

**Longest Day Event** - Our Alzheimer Fundraiser surpassed our goal and we donated almost \$6000.00. Thanks go to Gerry and Howard who organized this event. Many thanks to all who donated their time and money to the cause.

## BEST TOURNAMENT EVER

by **Greg Brinker**

My friend Linda needed 6.78 points to make Life Master : 4.75 gold and 2.03 red . The Flying Pig was starting in a few days . She and Mike asked Bob and I to team up for the tournament to win those needed points . Linda really wanted to get those points this week ! The pressure was on .

We began with the Knock-out on Tuesday. We won our first match. The next match was a 3-way. Each team won one and lost one. We ended up with a -5 score. Another team was worse and we moved on as a lucky loser. We had won 4.74 gold points, 1/100 less than the gold points needed. Agonizingly close, must do well tomorrow!

We rendezvous Wednesday morning to ride to Sharonville together. Linda is giddy. After scanning the "Bridge Bulletin", she discovered that all she needed was 4.73 gold points, so she did have all of her gold points. Now all she needs is 2.03 red points . We should be able to do that. The pressure was off. On the lighter side. During a game, the declarer, our opponent, accidently played two cards at the same time. I was going to call the director, but her partner jumped in and said "As declarer, my partner can expose herself any time she wants"! We all had a good laugh. Wednesday morning we played a better bridge team and lost. Now, how to get 2.03 red points?

Linda suggested the Swiss game on Thursday and we all agreed. We must get 2.03 red points. The Swiss game awarded gold, but those could be substituted for the red. Mike spoke to a director and they figured sixth or seventh place out of 24 teams should give us those points. We all played well going into the eighth and final round. We were in fourth place! We had to hold on! We had to play well against a good team. It all came down to one hand . Their North / South pair bid and made a slam. It was the last hand of the day for our North/South pair. All week came down to this last board. UGH ! We did not bid the slam. Everyone was deflated. Anxiously we waited for the results to be posted. We came in 7<sup>th</sup> and won 2.02 points. Again 1 / 100 of a point short of our goal. The agony of defeat! The hospitality room beckoned to help us forget. Then Linda remembered, she received an extra 1 / 100 of a point yesterday! Sadness turned into laughter. She had won her Master points exactly , not anything to spare. What are the odds on that! Also she gets her name forever on the Flying Pig Trophy! This was the best tournament ever!!

## ANDERSON BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

By **Helen Ogle**

### WINNERS

- 6/9 **Jane Duncan/Amy Gerowitz**  
**Frank Guiher/Herb Behr**
- 6/10 **Barb Levinson/ Patty Eber**  
**Rick O'Connor/Lynn Schomaeker**
- 6/16 **John Taylor/Bob Fisk**  
**Donna Glover/Jan Willenborg**
- 6/23 **Belen Suarez/Mary Pat Latham**  
**Dave Dressman/Peg Ammon**
- 6/24 **Judy Ruehl/Patty Eber**  
**Betty Murphy/Jean Schmidlin**
- 6/30 **Cappy Peter/Herb Behr**  
**Ray Tolston/Peter Dehaan**

**John Taylor** recently was the Director for five of our June games. He is 15 years old but everybody agreed he did an excellent job. We were delighted to have **Elizabeth Nolte**, grand-daughter of **Bill Atteberry** with us. We are happy to have young players at our game and welcome them with open arms.

While we celebrate our 50 years in existence (*there is a separate article in this issue – Ed.*) we are very sadden to lose one of our best players, **Dick Day**, passed away July 1. Bridge was his passion for many years and he seldom missed a game. I always saved him seat #2 and will see his smiling face every time I look at that seat. His favorite partner was **Ray Wulf** and it was a standing challenge among the players to beat them.

Our game starts 11:30 Tuesday and Wednesday and is held at Anderson Senior Center 7970 Beechmont Ave. 45255.

We welcome everyone especially new players.

If you need a partner call Helen Ogle at 232-2240.

## CBA Education News

By **Mike Purcell,**

**Education Committee Chair**

**Sep 12<sup>th</sup> N2B and Fall Classes**



With the start of fall we will be holding our **New to Bridge (N2B)** event Saturday **September 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9 to 12 at the Cincinnati Bridge Club (CBC). N2B teaches the most basic bridge concepts with hands on play. Attendees can then continue on with beginner lessons in the fall complemented with Informal



Supervised Play Saturday mornings. Attendees - register for this free event by contacting me at [mikpur@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mikpur@cinci.rr.com) or by phone at 513-702-4007.

Saturday Informal Supervised Play continues to be a huge success with our members. These sessions from 9:30 AM to noon at the CBC are open to new players up to 99ers and are a great way to improve your game in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Cost is \$3/person (\$1 for juniors/youth) and you do not need a partner to play.

Fall classes are not quite set yet but look for an announcement in **August**.

## Flying Pig Regional Report

By AJ Stephani, Tournament Chair

I hope you had a great time at the Flying Pig Regional! Every 6 years, we "split" our Regional with Evansville, and this was our year. We expected this would mean a lower table count, and we indeed finished down a little bit. However, in almost every other way, the Regional was a huge success!

How many sessions at the Regional do you think the typical player played? I'm pleased to report that this year's number was 5.83 -- the highest it's been in at least a decade. This is excellent news, as it means we're becoming "stickier": a higher number means that the typical player tends to stay and play more sessions. If you didn't make it this year, you missed a great time.

We kicked the Regional off this year with our inaugural Pro Am Event, and kudos go out to Nancy Luetge and Margaret Young (with a ton of assistance from our resident Partnership guru, Joanne Earls) on a fantastic event. We introduced tournament play to a quite a few NLMs, and the turnout of 34 tables was remarkable.

Every Regional has its share of minor problems, but this year's tournament was largely crisis-free. The Director staff, led by Director-in-Charge Ken VanCleve, did a fantastic job. There are so many moving parts in a Regional, and I'm profoundly grateful to the Tournament Committee for their many hours of service:

**Nancy Luetge and Margaret Young** (Pro Am Game)  
**Susan Wisner** (Treasurer)  
**Mike Lipp** (Prize Desk)  
**Joyce Tedrick** (Hospitality)  
**Lorna Davis and Bob Fisk** (Partnerships)  
**Barb Levinson and Jane Duncan** (Supplies)  
**Steve Moese** (Communications)

### More Facts:

22 top players from the US and Poland joined the field of over 710 players. The inaugural ProAm Grass Roots Fund Pairs Contest kicked off the competition. **Julian Kurtzman and Gloria Over** won the ProAm Pairs Grass

Roots Charity Game with a 62.95% by the slimmest of margins over **John Taylor and Robert Fisk** (69.86%)



**2015 ProAm Champions**  
Gloria Over & J. D. Kurtzman



**ProAm Section Top**  
Bob Fisk & John Taylor

besting players at 34 tables. Both Julian and John are area Youth Players - well done indeed! Pro Am Pairs were drawn by lot from two pools: 5-299 MPs and LMs just prior to game time!

### Pegasus Trophy Honor Roll – New Life Masters!

**Erwin Johnson** - Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Kevin Smyth** - Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Gail Arnow** - Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Michelle A. K. Brosius** - Columbus, Ohio  
**Mary Karen Halmstad** - Brookfield, Wisconsin  
**Lois Louis** - Louisville, Kentucky  
**Linda Flesch** - Villa Hills, Kentucky  
**Ed Schlaack** - Dayton, Ohio  
**Nancy Sage** - Cincinnati, Ohio

We'll be back next year from **May 30-June 5, 2016** at the Sharonville Convention Center -- mark your calendars now!

### UNIT 124 TOP 25 Results

- 1 **85.66** Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH
- 2 **85.66** William Higgins, Cincinnati OH
- 22 **63.21** Norman Coombs, Brookville IN
- 24 **54.50** Robert Fisk, Cincinnati OH
- 27 **48.79** Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH
- 28 **48.66** Arun Goyal, West Chester OH
- 29 **47.13** Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH
- 32 **42.96** Rachna Goyal, West Chester OH
- 36 **41.79** Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH
- 37 **38.45** Rob Weidenfeld, Lebanon OH
- 38 **37.75** Michael Lipp, Trenton OH
- 39 **37.73** Karen Kendall, Middletown OH
- 40 **36.70** Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH

- 44 **34.05** Joe Fisher, Cincinnati OH  
 45 **34.02** A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH  
 46 **33.25** Jackie Toth, West Chester OH  
 47 **32.84** Agnes De Lany, Cincinnati OH  
 48 **31.97** Deborah Cummings, Villa Hills KY  
 49 **30.68** Julian Kurtzman, Cincinnati OH  
 51 **29.17** Amul Shukla, Cincinnati OH  
 52 **28.92** Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH  
 57 **28.26** John Meinking, Maineville OH  
 67 **27.12** Nancy Luetge, Cincinnati OH  
 69 **26.40** Lorna Davis, West Chester OH  
 71 **25.59** Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH

#### ACBL Top 500 Players & Stars [Top 500 Rank 6/8/15]

- 1 **85.66** Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH [280]  
 2 **85.66** William Higgins, Cincinnati OH [210]  
 8 **81.60** David Grainger, Roseville CA [15]  
 10 **78.15** George St Pierre, Columbus OH [468]  
 11 **77.96** Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa [INTL]  
 12 **77.96** Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Chapel Hill NC [INTL]  
 15 **70.54** Josef Blass, Chapel Hill NC [161]  
 16 **70.54** Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC [14]  
 17 **70.54** Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV [16]  
 18 **70.54** Chris Compton, Dallas TX [1]  
 19 **68.60** Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH [434]  
 20 **63.56** Larry Jones, Pickerington OH [327]  
 21 **63.56** Douglas Millsap, Columbus OH [230]  
 22 **63.21** Norman Coombs, Brookville IN [384]  
 25 **51.00** Eddie Wold, Houston, TX [11]  
 30 **47.13** Suman Agarwal, Hilliard OH [107]  
 33 **41.79** Sam Lev, New York NY  
 34 **41.79** Russell Ekeblad, Portsmouth RI [256]  
 35 **41.79** Roger Bates, Las Vegas NV [173]  
 36 **41.79** Matt Granovetter, Cincinnati OH  
 53 **28.80** Stephanie Alexander, Mentor OH [436]  
 54 **28.80** Robert Alexander, Mentor OH [375]

## NKy Summer Getaway Sectional

By Elaine Jarchow

Judging from various measures - both statistical and anecdotal - the second annual NKBC's summer sectional, July 31-August 2, was a **SUCCESS**. On the statistical side, the 3-day event drew 323 players, up from 260 in 2014. Of the 323, 276 earned 1062.44 silver points. There were 258 tables in play, an increase from last year's 207.5. The increase is especially gratifying because no evening sessions were scheduled this year. Last year there were 12.5 tables on Friday and Saturday evening.

Both Gretchen Snyder and Isaac Stefani became Life Masters. Congratulations to you both! A modest Split the Pot was introduced on Friday and Saturday and

Sandy Orr and Arun Karnik were the winners. A KO game of remembrance honored Jackie Swango and the Sunday Swiss was dedicated to Sonya Wilson for her generous support of the new NKYBC decals. Lectures by Sheila Dippel (Losing Trick Count) and Steve Moese (Bidding the Big Hands) were very well received.

Fantastic hospitality throughout the tournament and a never ending candy bowl were praised by attendees. The CBA, as always, was most helpful with its advice, tables, and supplies. We thank Helen Ogle and the Anderson bridge club for their support and supplies - we used their bridge mates and bidding boxes. Our DIC, Donna Coker, and her assistant, Tim Crank, did a wonderful job for us. The Airport Doubletree staff was great as were the caddies from Beechwood HS National Junior Honor Society.

As with events of this nature, many, many persons are to be thanked for their financial and in-kind generosity, organization, and hard work.

SAVE THE DATE for next year's sectional - July 15-17 at the CVG Airport Doubletree.

Here are the Top 20 point winners:

H Gordon - 23.27  
 Susan Bullard - 23.27  
 William Higgins - 22.14  
 Amitabh Raturi - 22.14  
 Yauheni Siutsau - 22.14  
 Isaac Stephani - 22.14  
 Howard Simon - 16.81  
 Dallas Moore - 16.36

Sandra Marlin - 16.36  
 Mike Marlin - 16.36  
 Brian Ross - 16.36  
 Mike Glatt - 16.27  
 Steve Moese - 14.11  
 Sandra Holt - 14.04  
 Terrell Holt - 14.04  
 Mary Ann Boyle - 13.64  
 Elaine Jarchow - 13.64  
 Mike Purcell - 13.39  
 Cliff Pleatman - 12.64  
 Patti English - 12.49



## District 11 News

by Steve Moese, VP Unit 124

Four times a year the District 11 Board of Directors meet and conducts business relevant to the Units and our tournaments. I have had the pleasure and responsibility as one of two voting members on that Board. I thought you might like to see what has been done in the past s meetings.

### Major Decisions:

- 1) Revision and adoption **District 11 Bylaws**. This is no small undertaking. Credit to Terrell Holt (President) and Marybeth Ransell (Secretary) for finding consensus and closure on a major improvement. Of note is a specific reference to the fiduciary responsibilities of the District Board members and our need to avoid actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.
- 2) **District 11 Tournament Handbook** – This is a heroic effort by AJ Stephani (District 11 Tournament Coordinator). This procedure document enables smooth operation of all planning and execution for sectionals and Regionals in our District.

<http://www.district11bridge.com/20150527-District-11-Tournament-Handbook.pdf>

Our tournament committees would help future Unit Leaders by documenting best practices for the Flying Pig Regional and Spooktacular Sectional – a Procedures Manual for Unit 124.

- 3) **NAP Finals Site Decision** – After a positive experience at the CBC in one dedicated weekend last year, the Board unanimously approved **Cincinnati as the PERMANENT SITE** for the D11 NAP Finals. The basis for the decision was our facility, our central location in the D11 geography and the proximity of hotels and restaurants.
- 4) **GNT Finals Site Decision** – After much discussion, there was agreement that all Units may propose hosting this tournament. Cincinnati will host the 2016 event and Dayton will host the 2017 event. While Indianapolis had expressed a desire to have this site rotate among the Units, not everyone was able to support their turn.
- 5) **District Assets** – We determined that the District owns bidding boxes and they will no longer be available for use by Sectional Tournaments.

- 6) **District Tournament Calendar** – AJ Stephani has published a forward looking event calendar to both the D11 website: <http://www.district11bridge.com> and the Unit 124 website <http://www.cincybridge.com> Here is the link: [http://www.district11bridge.com/District\\_11\\_Tournament\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_Tournament_Calendar.pdf)
- 7) **Board Minutes** are of high quality and rich detail. Marybeth Ransell uses an audio recording to capture decisions, supporting facts, and Q&A form the discussion. Here are the more recent meeting minutes:
  - Nov 2014  
<http://www.district11bridge.com/Minutes/20150305-DISTRICT-11-november-2014-minutes-approved.pdf>
  - Mar 2015  
<http://www.district11bridge.com/Minutes/20150630-DISTRICT-11-Minutes-February-2015-as-corrected.pdf>
  - Jun 2105  
<http://www.district11bridge.com/Minutes/20150630-District-11-June-2015-minutes-draft.pdf>
- 8) **Financial Summary** – The District has a small operating budget. Adrienne Netherwood is the District 11 Treasurer. The District delegates Regionals to Units who manage the gain/loss from the tournament. The District manages Grass Roots Fund monies to supplement payments to NAP and GNT qualifiers. Please refer to the Board Minutes for details.

### Unit 124 Members serving the D11 Board:

AJ Stephani – D11 Tournament Coordinator, D11 First Alternate to ACBL Board of Directors  
 Adrienne Netherwood – D11 Treasurer  
 John Meinking - Unit 124 Voting Representative  
 Potter Orr – D11 Co-Web Master  
 Steve Moese – Unit 124 Voting Representative & D11 Co-Web Master, ACBL D11 BoG Member

I will look to bring the Unit Board reports on these activities from time to time. One change that the District Board leadership wants to see is permanent representation from the Units, including all Unit Presidents. Not everyone can comply (the meetings are held at the Regionals in our district) so there is some flexibility. There is a shared need to reduce the revolving door representation and communication issues that created in the past.

One final note – Bill Sentman (past Board President of District 11 and member of the WVa Unit) has resigned from the Board of Governors. Terrell Holt asked me to serve the District as a member of the ACBL Board of Governors. I will replace Bill through the end of this year, then serve my term for three years ending in 2018.

**Please get me your thoughts and ideas that you want the ACBL to accomplish.**

The Board of Governors is a source for motions that the ACBL Board of Directors address. The BoG also serves as the “listening” body for membership to the reports from ACBL Management.

BoG minutes:

<http://www.acbl.org/about-acbl/administration/board-of-governors/meeting-minutes/>

BoG Members: <https://web3.acbl.org/BOG>

BoD minutes:

<http://www.acbl.org/about-acbl/administration/board-of-directors/meeting-motions-and-minutes/>

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## The LONGEST DAY 2015

**Northern Kentucky Bridge Club – by Sheila Dippel**

Our Longest Day Event to raise funds for Alzheimer's Association was held on Monday, June 22. We were only able to hold one game, since the Senior Center was not available to us.....But, we still had a very fun and successful day. We had pizza and cake for lunch and held a raffle for a split the Pot and door prizes. Layne Haas from the Cincinnati Chapter of Alzheimer's Association stopped by and took some pictures. Our total up to today: \$5931.93 and hoping to get to \$6000.00. NKBC members and friends were extremely generous and passionate about curing this terrible disease that has affected some many of us.

## Cincinnati Bridge Center – by Jusie Clendening



Layne Haas (Alzheimer's Assoc.),  
Jusie Clendening & Nancy Luetge

Just finished counting all money and checks from “The Longest Day” and donations. Our effort was very successful. Between the dues and donations for the games and Nancy’s “Silent auction” we collected about \$9000.00, donations and fees collected Monday

came to \$4800.00 and the auction brought \$4100.00.

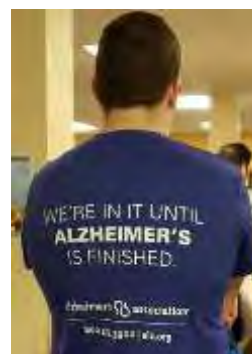
Special thanks to all our volunteers is certainly due:

**Jusie Clendening** coordinated the fund raising and food. **Nancy Luetge** ran the silent auction with some help from **Pam Campbell**. **Nancy Sage** and **Sue Wheeler** made coffee and helped set out the food.



Jusie Clendening, John Meinking  
(CBA President) and Nancy Luetge.

CBC Directors **Deborah Cummings** and **AJ Stephani** contributed their time and the Unit contributed the table rents (about \$1600 toward the total).



Isaac Stephani



CBA Players

## Play Proprieties

By Potter Orr

While not an actual “rule”, you might give some thought to how you sort your cards. Few people I know can leave their cards in random order like a certain 24,000 MP member of our club, but there are issues. Consider this hand:



I managed red-black and have only 4 suits but it is still not perfect. Imagine yourself as an opponent of the person holding this hand. Clubs are lead and the King comes out as the **SECOND** card from the end. What does that mean?

On the first lead of spades, the **SECOND** card from the right end of the hand is played. What could that mean? While it is not exactly proper, some opponents will watch where a card comes from. The solution is simple. Here is the same hand:



Short suits are in the middle and whichever suit ends up on the left end is sorted low to high. Now cards from the end of the hand are all small and high cards come from the middle. This is not to say that an opponent might not try to guess, but if you suspect that, missort your hand for that person just for fun.

As long as we are on the topic of playing cards, let’s talk about the rules.

**Defenders** A card is deemed played as soon as it is in a position where it **could** be seen by defender’s partner. Whether it was seen is not relevant, if it could have been seen, it is played. A defender may not play a card until it is their turn (no surprise) **and** they may not detach a card from their hand even if face down before it is their turn. Pulling a card early is both rude and against the rules as it might impart information to the defender who has not played yet. The sole exception is

that if declarer leads and calls for a card from dummy before 1<sup>st</sup> defender plays, the 2<sup>nd</sup> defender may play a card.

**Declarer** A card is deemed played when it is detached from his hand and placed on or near the table. A card is deemed played from the dummy when declarer calls for its play. There is no “same breath” correction exception. A card is played when called for. If declarer simply says “play”, it means the lowest card in the suit. If declarer says “play anything”, **either defender** may specify which card from dummy will be played. If declarer leads from the wrong hand and defenders do not accept that lead, the lead reverts to the correct hand with no penalty cards. If declarer leads a spade from dummy when lead was in his hand and defenders object, declarer must lead from hand but does not have to lead a spade.

**Bidding Box Use** We all know what they are for and the basics of their use, but there are a few issues still. First and foremost – do not move your hand anywhere near the bidding box until you **know** what you want to bid. Massaging the bid cards is wildly inappropriate. Moving your hand between the bid cards and the pass/double cards clearly send a message. Touching any card and then pulling your hand back is just as bad. That said, the rules make allowance for pulling out the wrong bid. If you **intend** to bid 1 spade and pull 1 NT by mistake and place it on the table and then realize your mistake, you may change the bid without penalty. Note that this only applies to an actual mechanical mistake. If you realize that you have made a mechanical mistake you may correct it any time before your partner bids even if your left hand opponent has bid. Please call the director in this case. By the way, the rules consider that mechanical mistakes can only occur in one section of the bidding box. Pulling a double instead of a pass or one bid instead of another can be mechanical but not pulling a pass instead of a bid or vice versa.

## My Old Friend

By Dean Congbalay

I hadn't seen my old friend in at least a year.

"What's new with you?" she asked earnestly, looking me straight in the eye. We were beginning a round at a pairs game at the Flying Pig Regional, so our time was limited.

"Oh, same old stuff, different day," I said perfunctorily. "How 'bout you?"



"A lot!" she said, smiling. "We need to catch up!"

I bid 1NT. My partner announced, "15 to 17." And 15 minutes later, after playing two hands, my friend and her partner proceeded to the next table.

I never gave our mini conversation another thought until I drove home that evening.

"Same old stuff, different day." I chuckled.

There was so much I could have shared with her. She didn't know that in the past year, I have traveled to four continents. I saw polar bears in Manitoba and penguins in the Falkland Islands. I went to Scotland and cruised behind the old Iron Curtain. I climbed the Great Wall and rode as a duke on a Mardi Gras float in New Orleans.

I could have told her about the joy I get every time I talk with my nephews, either in person or through the magic of FaceTime. I could have told her that work has been busy -- and productive. That my bridge game has been pretty good -- and downright awful. And that I made some great friends but was saddened that others were laid to rest.

Same old stuff, different day. I'm certain that her year has been just as eventful; I'd love to hear all about it.

I think I owe her a call.

## FORBEARANCE - KEY QUALITY IN RUBBER BRIDGE

By Bill Coombs

The spotlight is on **you**. You hold ♠x, ♥10xx, ♦1098xxx, ♣10xx and the bidding has proceeded rapidly: 1♣ on your left, 4NT on your right, 5♥, 7NT. You lead the 10 of diamonds.

I joined the Cincinnati Whist Club about 20 years ago. It is certainly one of the oldest bridge clubs in the country, now in its third century. We have a framed certificate of enrolment in the American Whist League dated Nov. 1896, and it has been in continuous existence since at least that time. When I joined, the Club was located downtown adjacent to the Mercantile Library. Members had been playing bridge during their lunch hour and after work. Just as in the ACBL, they became older and retired. So we moved to a new building out in the suburban area. A number of our stalwarts died, others drifted away, and the economy may have had some effect. At any rate, we are no

longer able to afford our own premises, so we have had to move into the old home where our leading member resides.

But we still have a lively bridge game several days a week. Our tradition is to play Chicago, changing partners every four deals. Scoring by green points serves to concentrate one's attention, at every level. In duplicate, when the game is not going well, there is no incentive to finish at the same level of attention you start out with. In tournaments, your team may get knocked out in the first or early round, and you cannot succeed that day. But in money bridge, like investing, you never know when opportunity for gain (or loss) may arise. Even on the worst of hands.

Here is the story of your 10-high hand. On the first hand of the set, right hand opponent opens 1NT and plays it, making three. The dummy produces ♠xx ♥xx ♦AJxxx ♣Kxxx. Now the opponents are perhaps our two youngest members, but they insist upon playing the Col. Buller system that one time brought down the Culbertson team. Most other members play a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century style, so that you can change partners without slowing down for discussion of bidding. The dummy, an author and skilled poker player, has a firm belief that one should have a part score when vulnerable on the next deal. Declarer, with ♦KQx, couldn't agree on this hand. (It was a perfect hand for their system. Even 1NT could go down. Responder should bid 2♦, and opener with his fit and stoppers will try 2NT, which responder can raise to game.) As happens often in this game, the point is made on the very next hand. I open 1NT, you bid 2♣, 2♠, 2NT, 3NT (not vul. vs. vul.). The captain of industry leads the 5♥ (2 and 3 missing), the dummy puts down ♥Qxxx and 9 nondescript points, and third hand has ♥A10. What's the right play? If you play the ace, the queen could become the ninth trick. So he tries the ♥10. I win with my ♥J, knock out LHO's entry and score 400 while cutting off their partial. The captain is not happy, as playing the ♥A and returning the ♥10 would work on this hand, since he could force out the queen, get in with his entry and cash two more hearts.

So LHO opens in second seat (not. vul vs. vul.) on ♠Qxxx ♥Axxx ♦x ♣AJ9x and the captain checks for aces and goes right to 7NT. What can you do with that worthless hand. Seemingly, only protect the diamonds. Your 10 lead is covered by partner with the queen. Declarer wins and plays two high hearts. Partner throws a diamond on the second. So declarer has 5 heart tricks, ♠A, surely ♣KQ, and ♦AKJ. But that's 13

tricks, and no claim. He proceeds to run the hearts. Partner throws another diamond\* and then, after thought, two clubs while you let go two diamonds. He now plays the ♠A and over to the ♠Q. You must throw all your diamonds as he takes two more spades. His last three cards are ♣Kx and ♦J. Partner has ♣Qx of clubs and ♦K. If you keep ♣10xx and play low, ten, you may beat the contract.

Of course, anyone could have bid seven of a major, but the captain so enjoys frustrating me as he scores up his triumph. On the fourth hand (all vul.), he opens 2♥ (strong) and we each hold very nearly the same hands. But this time, after some exchange, they take pity on us and stop at 4♥. Naturally, this time there is no squeeze, and they just make five.

Rubber bridge isn't for everyone. But nearly every week there is some high drama that is unavailable in any of the other forms that I have played.

*\*Now there are no cards left that your 1098 can beat.*

## Can Cincinnatians Do Better?

By Yauheni Siutsau

All problems are from the Polish Bridge Magazine.

### Problem 1:

IMPs #1  
 ♠9xxx  
 ♥AQ  
 ♦Jxx  
 ♣xxxx

Contract: 6♠ (S).

Opening lead : ♦10 (4<sup>th</sup> best).  
 You win and cash ♠A. Spades are not 4-0.

### Plan your play

♠	W	N	E	♠
♥				♥
♦				♦
♣		S		♣

♠AKQxx  
 ♥x  
 ♦AKQ  
 ♣AKJx

### Problem 2:

E	You	W	N
4♥	5♣	AP	

IMPs #2  
 ♠AJxx  
 ♥10xx  
 ♦K109xx  
 ♣x

Contract: 5♣ (S)

Opening lead : ♠10  
 You win the ace and E drops ♠K.

### Plan your play.

♠	W	N	E	♠
♥				♥
♦				♦
♣		S		♣

♠x  
 ♥9xx  
 ♦AQ  
 ♣AKQJ10xx

## The System for Making Grands

By Rob Weidenfeld [elianadad@gmail.com](mailto:elianadad@gmail.com)

Jay had been playing a lot of golf lately and decided he needed to be the intellectual, as well as the athletic pacesetter of his family. As the commander-in-chief of the "Modern Family," he had a unique opportunity to diversify them by teaching the game he had learned during the "War." So they gathered for several evenings learning bridge lessons until he thought they were ready to play.



Gathered were Jay, Gloria, Phil and Claire. They had several non-descript hands which were either overbid or underplayed. Then this beauty came up:

<b>Gloria</b> ♠954 ♥A87653 ♦7 ♣987	<b>Jay</b> ♠AQ1075 ♥9 ♦AQ32 ♣AQ	<b>Claire</b> ♠J32 ♥2 ♦65 ♣K1065432
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Everybody was vulnerable and Ty was the dealer. He remembered Jay telling him the importance of having and failing to bid a five card major so even though it wouldn't be everyone's taste, he

opened one heart. Jay had support for the three other suits, but he also had a five card major so he bid one spade (yes, it was a little hefty-except for a maybe a few fanatics, your current author notwithstanding). Now Gloria knows support when she sees it and knew exactly what to do. She bid four hearts. Of course Claire wasn't bidding four spades over 4 four hearts so she passed.

Now Ty knew she had a lot of hearts and thought Jay only bid one spade, so maybe Gloria has two or three aces. He whipped out a new version of Roman KeyCard he had just learned. Jay was a bit perplexed looking at his hand but when Gloria bid five clubs showing one or four, the exuberance of Ty took over. He bid seven hearts, fully confident he could make it! Now Jay had not known such excitement since Gloria had asked him to partake of her enchiladas. He promptly said

<b>Ty</b> ♠K8 ♥KQJ104 ♦KJ10984 ♣-	<b>Jay</b> 1♠	<b>Gloria</b> 4♥	<b>Claire</b> P
1♥	P	5♣	P
4N	DBL	All Pass	
7♥!!			

“double” and safely led his singleton heart. Here was the auction:

Ty won the heart lead in hand and feeling a bit confused about the auction led his singleton diamond off the dummy toward his unannounced 6 card suit. “Not so fast,” chuckled Jay. “You won that in your hand and must play from your hand” he said with an air of leading the lamb to the proverbial slaughter. So Ty shrugged his shoulder and led his four towards dummy.

So who can blame Jay? Could he envision that Ty had all the higher spots in his hand? Did he not want a club lead or a spade lead through declarer? So he played low! As E. A. Bucchianeri once said, “It was not curiosity that killed the goose who laid the golden egg, but an insatiable greed that devoured common sense.”

Gloria smiled sheepishly as she could not win the trick as Jay asked with teeth clenched, “You can't beat the seven?” Ty ruffed a club back to hand, ruffed out the A and Q of diamonds, and made 7 by pitching spade losers on the winning diamonds.

Some of these players, in addition to lacking the basics of bidding, play, and defense, had also not quite mastered the art of the post-mortem. Jay resented his daughter's suggestion that he should not have doubled the slam. “With three aces you would not double a grand slam?” he asked. “Not if I didn't intend to cash any of them,” she replied. Ty sat in an ethereal glow and said dreamily, “I know of no other system by which we could have reached a grand slam with those cards.”

*based on a Victor Mollo story in [Grand Slams](#), p. 12, by Alan Truscott*

### EPISODE 13: NAMYATS, SPAMYATS

**As Long as It Gets You Where You Want to Go**  
By Steve Felton


*Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.*—Albert Schweitzer

*Mem'ries ... light the corner of my mind.*—“The Way We Were” (1973, written by Marvin Hamlisch and Alan and Marilyn Bergman)

*It ain't got a back seat or a rear window But it still gets me where I wanna go.*—“Surf City” (1963, written by Jan Berry & Brian Wilson, first recorded by Jan & Dean)

*An elephant never forgets; unfortunately, we're not elephants.*—Anonymous

My partner, the inestimable Robert S Brown, has an astounding memory. He can recite so many poems by heart that the [Oxford University Press](#) is seriously considering putting him on the dust jacket of its upcoming edition of *The New Oxford Book of English Verse*. Really. So when we recently put NAMYATS on our card I had to assume he'd remember it, right? As I've been telling everyone for years, I trust my partner even if no one else does.

West Deals	♠ AJ10973	Next thing you know we pick up the following hand at a galaxy-wide, double-points shindig on Hymenopt
Both Vul	♥ J4 ♦ 76 ♣ KQ9	
♠ 2		♠ K854
♥ 53		♥ AQ6
♦ AJ10985432		♦ K
♣ 8		♣ AJ1063
	♠ Q6	
	♥ K109872	
	♦ Q	
	♣ 7542	

era, a sociable and mostly insect-inhabited planet somewhere in a distant galaxy. (I'll save for a future episode the story of how insects learned to play bridge.) Bob is sitting West.

Naturally, I alert Bob's opening 4♦ bid and my RHO, six legs and a lisp, I kid you not, asks me about it. “Transfer to spades, solid 7-card suit, stronger than a preempt.” Of course, something must be out of the ordinary since in my solar system “solid” includes the king and I was pretty sure I could see that gentleman lurking just behind my right thumb. However, an agreement is an agreement and I dutifully bid 4♠.

At this point a normal West might have said to himself, “Holy Belladonna, I forgot about NAMYATS, my partner thinks I have a solid seven-card spade suit plus extras, I have to do something so let's bid 5♦ and hope we get out of this on the cheap.” But a player of Bob Brown's caliber is far from a normal West. In fact, Bob is far from a normal North, South, East, or anything else. A player of Bob Brown's caliber jumps to 6♦.

I never asked him to explain the so-called “thought process” behind the 6♦ bid because I was afraid if I knew it I might be tempted to use it. However, my best guess is that it went like this:

- I love my 9-card suit, even if it's missing 2 front teeth (the king and queen);
- We probably already have a bottom score, so if we are in for a penny let's go in for a pound;
- I have to make up for our bottom score on the previous deal, even though it was *technically* not *totally* my fault;
- If partner has a couple of aces, who knows, we might even make six diamonds.

Well, as you can surmise by now, North leads the ♠A and it is all over, with Bob's losing heart going on the good ♠K. Even an opening ♣K lead would not have beaten this sagacious contract, since obviously Bob would've been clever enough to win with the ♣A, unblock the ♦K, drop his losing spade on the ♣J, and later get rid of his losing heart on the ♣10. Fabulous bid, partner!

Of course, we don't want to go too far with this Brown-is-a-genius business – quite a few of our competitors reached the same slam and made it. Sadly, we'll never know if any did so by using Bob's absolutely amazing feat of memory loss.

## Ruminations

by Robert S Brown

The pairing patterns of Bridge players are not mere stochastic variables.<sup>1</sup> Remarkably, these duads of kaleidoscopic mutability have not received the rigorous sociological, psychological, and biological analyses they richly deserve. The Ruminator is venturing into this void – not with any hope of providing definitive insights, but only to adumbrate areas of inquiry for elucidation by more diligent researchers.



### EMPIRICAL DATABASE

For this Article, all CBC games played during the calendar years 2009-2014 (the "Time Frame") were analyzed.<sup>2</sup> During the Time Frame, 68,640 "Raw

<sup>1</sup> Admittedly, at first blush they may resemble the frenzied couplings of tripped-out Woodstockers: "as if a magic lantern threw the nerves in patterns on a screen"

ELIOT, *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* (1919).

<sup>2</sup> In addition, data for the calendar year 2008 was used for background purposes – i.e., any 2009 player who had not played at the CBC during 2008 was deemed to

Pairings" occurred at the Club. This includes Swiss and Knock-Out teams counted as two pairs each totaling 5040 pairs. Eliminating these teams left 63,600 "Pure Pairs" whose evolutionary permutations are discussed *infra*. Among the Pure Pairs were 516 "New Players"<sup>3</sup> of particular interest. Unfortunately, of this number only 183 were deemed "Longitudinally Significant" for this study.<sup>4</sup>

### STASIS STATISTICS

Excluding New Players from the Pure Pairs database is heuristically assumed to generate a pair population with stabilized pairing patterns (the "Stasis Pairs").<sup>5</sup> The Stasis Pairs during the Time Frame totaled 58,551 (63,600 Pure Pairs less 4941 New Player appearances). The Stasis Player Population is predominately females who play 5% more games per year than their male counterparts:

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be a "New Player" as that term is used throughout this Article.

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<sup>3</sup> New Players were deemed to be anyone who had not played at CBC during the calendar year prior to their first appearance in the 2009-2014 time frame. See also note 2 *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> I.e., they played at CBC for five or more instances during the Time Frame. From this the calculated "Adhesion Factor" of the CBC is an unimpressive 35% (183/516).

<sup>5</sup> Some supporting statisticians to this study (see Note 2 *supra*) have vehemently argued that pairs containing both a New Player and a "Old Player" (e.g., spouse, friend, acquaintance, standby, etc.) should be included in the Stasis Population. The prevailing side argued, *contra* and persuasively (to most of us), that this would deleteriously decrease the size of the New Player data set (with the most significant nominative implications) remaining for analysis.

### STASIS PLAYER STATISTICS

Female 1130 (65%)                      Male 612 (35%)  
 Games Played/Year 10.8                10.25  
 Female players tend to pair homogeneously significantly more and change partners significantly less than males:

### STASIS PAIR STATISTICS

Sex:

Homogeneous 37,978 (65%)    Heterogeneous 20,450 (35%)<sup>6</sup>

Male Pairs:

Homogenous 13,754 (58%)    Heterogeneous 10,125 (42%)

Partners/Yr. 8.2                      Partners/Yr. 5.3

Female Pairs

Homogenous 31,549 (76%)    Heterogeneous 10,125 (24%)

Partners/Yr. 6.4                      Partners/Yr. 2.7

### **NEW PLAYER STATISTICS**

New Players differ remarkably from the Stasis population in the number of different partners they have in a given year (ranging from 1.8 in their first year to 5.7 in their fifth year). Their primary partner is of the same sex in 80% of the pairs studied. Fidelity to that partner decreases steadily over time.<sup>7</sup>

Hours played per week (“HPW”) by New Players advance over time in perfect congruence to the average crack cocaine consumption pattern found among new addicts<sup>8</sup> - increasing steadily for twenty seven weeks to a maintenance level reflecting time, tolerance, and financial resources. Although some medications can reduce drug dependence none have yet been found with similar efficacy for bridge addiction.

### **CONCLUSION**

The cultural anthropologists who have reviewed this data so far are divided on its significance. Some deem it merely a reflection of aging population demographics while others suggest more profound implications

<sup>6</sup> Gender of one or both pair members was not determined in 123 instances.

<sup>7</sup> This term is used without any moral opprobrium attached although the Ruminator must admit to increasing angst as the Albatross finds more and more occasions to desert him. Apparently I am more mindful of Matthew Arnold’s injunction “Let us be true to one another” *Dover Beach* (1867) while the Albatross heeds Robert Herrick’s suggestion to “Gather ye rose buds while ye may” *To the Young Virgins* (1647).

<sup>8</sup> Halberton, *Patterns of Addiction* pp. 72-84 (2005).

paralleling the Kinsey Reports or Wilson’s theory of eusociality and group evolution.<sup>9</sup> Until more definitive research has been done – which the Ruminator hopes to report in future issues – he will advance no conclusions of his own.

## **Measuring Your Performance**

**By Amitabh Raturi**

*“When I bowled, no one ever asked me what the total number of pins I knocked down was, but a lot of bowlers wanted to know what my average was. Master Points is the total number of pins. Power Ratings is the bowling average.” - Chris Champion*

The system of tallying Masterpoints was created in 1936 by William McKenney – they tell how well you did at a tournament, or over your Bridge career. They are not a measure of how well you play the game today. Your Power rating is.

What is wrong with the Master Point rating system? Every time you play, your rating goes up or it stays the same, no matter how poorly you do. Master Points measures 4 attributes simultaneously:

- (1) A bridge player’s expertise
- (2) A bridge player’s partner’s expertise
- (3) A bridge player’s opponent’s expertise
- (4) How many ACBL sanctioned games a bridge player has competed in.

The creation of Masterpoints is regarded as one of the best examples of excellent marketing by ACBL. In 1936, Masterpoints became both a rating system and an awards system by default. Many members felt that bridge players would object to seeing their rating go down. In 1975, the first flighted event was held. When the first flighted event was played, a few players realized that if they had fewer Masterpoints, they could play in lower flight. In 1985 the first Stratified event was played using Masterpoints for stratification, once again to gain numbers in the games. Finally in 1995 the first bracketed KO was created. Eventually, Masterpoints became a weaker indicator of playing ability. Master Point Rating system is a great system for awarding exceptional play, but a poor rating system. Power Ratings is a rating system based on a bridge player’s ability today. **Power ratings** measures just one attribute of each player -- his or her expertise at the bridge table. It looks only at a bridge player’s average game percentage over the last two years; the number

<sup>9</sup> See Edward O. Wilson, *The Meaning of Human Existence*, 61-75, 189-202 (2014).

of games played is not considered. It calculates the player's opponent's average rating for each and every game as well, and the player's game percentage is adjusted up or down according to how much the opponents are above or below average. This eliminates the opponent's expertise. This system also subtracts the partner's rating from the player's game percentage. This eliminates the partner's expertise. The remaining percentage is the bridge player's expertise, or "Power Rating".

Power Rating (PR) is your average game % when you are your own partner (or your partner has exactly the same bridge ability/skill as you) and you compete against average players (PR = 50). . A PR may or may not be a measure of your bridge ability or level of expertise but it is always a measure of your average level of play. Every match point game you play has a final game percentage. The game % for each game is a combination of your game % and your partner's game %. If you and your partner are equally strong, your game % is ½. Otherwise the game % is split in proportion to your and your partner's strength, the stronger partner getting the larger share. All of your game %'s during the past 24 months are averaged to give you ½ of your PR.

Since your PR is your average game % against average competition, your actual average game % is adjusted to show what it would be against average competition. DOD is this adjustment. To calculate degree of difficulty, add up the PR's for all of your competitors (the players sitting your direction in your section and other sections if scoring across the field) during the past 24 months and divide by the total number of competitors. Subtract 50 from this result to find your degree of difficulty (DOD). Let's say that your average competitor has a PR of 52, and you and your average partner have an average game percentage of 51%. You must be a little better than your competition that has a PR of 52. So add your DOD, 2, to your average game percentage, 51, to get a PR of 53 for you and your average partner.

Your adjusted average game % is a combination of ½ of your PR (Self) and ½ of your average partner's PR (Part). If you play 10 games with Partner A, 100 games with partner B and 1 game with partner C, multiply A's PR by 10, B's PR by 100, and C's PR by 1. Add these results together and divide by 111 to get your average partner's PR.

This is the formula used to prove that the correct Power Ratings have been found: **(Self PR + Part PR)/2 = Game % + DOD**. So if you have a 60% game in a field where degree of difficulty is 3%, then the combined PR

is 63% to be shared between you and your partner. Since partner's PR is 50% and your PR is 55%, your average rating is  $(50+55)/2=52.5$ . So you get proportionately more of the spoils – you get a whopping  $(63\% * 55/52.5) = 66\%$  PR rating and your partner gets  $(63\% * 50/52.5) = 60\%$  PR. And you deserve it. You played with a weaker partner, and had a good game in a tough field.

Lucky and unlucky games, with occasional partners, can distort a player's PR, especially when a player plays more than 2/3's of his games with the same partner. The two partners PR's will fluctuate up and down in opposite directions of each other. To minimize this, all of each player's PR's during the past 24 months are averaged. The actual (top) PR is this average. The (bottom) average of the SELF column is ½ of the current month's calculated PR. To become a rated player you need 12 games with other rated players. 11 of those games need to be with rated players other than your favorite rated partner, the rated partner you play the most games with. The only way to become a rated player with only 12 games is to play one game with each of 12 different rated players.

Power ratings assume that everyone has an average level of play and over the long run their scores reflect that average level of play. But this is real world. Some players make more mistakes with some partners than with others. Power ratings cannot tell if your partner is making more mistakes, you are making more mistakes, or a combination of both. I doubt that any rating system, including Master Points, and Lehman Ratings which are found on OKBridge, will ever figure that one out. When power ratings see bad results, it assigns lower ratings to both partners. You can see where this is happening by looking at your personal summary on the Power ratings home page. From [www.cincybridge.com](http://www.cincybridge.com), select Unit 124 Power ratings. Or from the Power rating home page (<http://www.coloradospringsbridge.com/> under "Unit Power Ratings" select Other Unite and then Unit 124 Cincinnati. Then find your name in the yellow box at the top of the page. If your name is not listed, send an email to [ckchampion@netzero.net](mailto:ckchampion@netzero.net) to get your name added and you will receive a personal summary of your history (it's very informative).

**DISCLAIMER: I have rewritten and paraphrased a number of descriptions of the system from Chris Champion's web site.**

Here are some interesting stats from the Power ratings home page for our unit. These players have a "level of play" that is higher than the top of their stratification. What this means is, that while on the Masterpoint

chart, they maybe in strat B, they play like strat A players.

A players in strat B				
Rank	PR/MP's	MP's	UR	Name
1	8132	915	8.46	FRANKLIN, Sanford
2	17318	1754	8.31	STEPHANI, A
3	4394	917	6.09	BEAUPRE, Albert
4	3297	960	5.11	SCHULTZ, Dennis
5	3560	1605	3.37	VASUDEVAN, Vijay
6	2687	1253	3.29	COY, Cordell
7	2947	1504	3.05	RUEHL, Judy
8	3514	1954	2.60	BODROGI-PODOABA, Romeo
9	2889	1799	2.30	BARRETT, Peggy
10	2417	1411	2.22	PLESHEK, Richard
11	2237	1446	1.73	EBER, Patty
12	2426	1750	1.43	LONG, Edward
13	2111	1880	0.49	OWENS, Laura
A players in strat C				
1	4485	563	7.64	WISNER, Susan
2	2996	554	6.55	MALHOTRA, Jagmohan
B players in strat C				
Rank	PR/MP's	MP's	UR	Name
1	1990	402	5.40	KOPPENHAFFER, Daniel
2	1802	388	5.10	TEDRICK, Joyce
3	1149	308	3.92	STEPHANI, Isaac
4	1145	324	3.80	GEROWITZ, Amy
5	1239	474	3.01	WELLER, Sue
6	890	357	2.75	DUNCAN, Jane
7	1320	573	2.72	YALAMANCHILI, Laliitha

Here is the list of Most Improved players over the last six months. PR/inc columns tells you the increase in Power Ratings of these players over the last six months.

Rank	last/PR	PR/inc	Name
1	51.88	3.24	GEROWITZ, Amy
2	47.76	3.09	PRETZ, Linda
3	59.04	2.89	KENDALL, Karen
4	61.72	2.36	STEPHANI, A
5	64.71	1.93	RATURI, Amitabh
6	50.36	1.78	YALAMANCHILI, Laliitha
7	51.41	1.67	PSCHESANG, Paul
8	58.73	1.50	YOUNG, Margaret
9	52.17	1.36	BERLIANT, Carol
10	55.00	1.27	ZEFF, Ann
11	57.43	1.25	LUETGE, Nancy

12	49.46	1.09	CAMPBELL, Pam
13	58.83	1.03	LANY, Agnes
14	52.07	1.00	WELLER, Sue
15	49.45	0.97	JOHNSON, Sandy
16	56.39	0.87	SCHULTZ, Dennis
17	49.53	0.84	ARNOW, Gail
18	62.84	0.84	WEIDENFELD, Rob
19	53.30	0.82	RICHARDSON, Stephanie
20	52.71	0.69	RINGEL, Howard
21	57.74	0.64	TOTH, Jackie
22	52.63	0.52	BARDACH, Sue
23	56.09	0.50	WISNER, Susan
24	50.65	0.48	DUNCAN, Jane
25	58.31	0.47	TRAVIS, Diane
26	50.00	0.38	BEHR, Herb
27	59.75	0.25	FISK, Robert
28	52.04	0.19	ETSON, Donald
29	52.51	0.12	LIPP, Michael
30	58.18	0.08	KLEIN, Larry
31	50.32	0.07	ABRAHAMSON, Linda
32	56.26	0.03	VASUDEVAN, Vijay
33	58.66	0.03	PLEATMAN, Cliff
34	47.26	0.01	SHORES, Beverly

And finally, here is the list of leaders in each Masterpoint category as of July 15, 2015.

#### District 11 Power Ratings

Masterpoints	Rank	PR	Name
5 to 20	1	45.30	THOMPSON, Phyllis
20 to 50	1	47.92	BRENDAMOUR, Reeta
	2	44.02	ROOS, Susan
50 to 100	1	49.79	ROARK, Robert
	2	48.96	LUCAS, Judith
	3	43.03	KOSTER, Sharon
100 to 200	1	50.20	KEREIAKES, Annette
	2	48.50	LUBOW, Judith
	3	44.17	LIN, Liz
200 to 300	1	51.87	STEPHANI, Isaac
	2	51.86	GEROWITZ, Amy
	3	50.42	PIERCE, Cyril
300 to 500	1	54.02	KOPPENHAFFER, Daniel
	2	53.62	TEDRICK, Joyce

	3	52.16	WELLER, Sue
500 to 1000	1	59.59	FRANKLIN, Sanford
	2	57.29	WISNER, Susan
	3	57.22	BEAUPRE, Albert
	4	56.38	SCHULTZ, Dennis
	5	56.14	MALHOTRA, Jagmohan
1000 to 2500	1	61.83	STEPHANI, A
	2	59.38	FISK, Robert
	3	59.21	GOODMAN, Diane
	4	58.48	PLEATMAN, Cliff
	5	58.10	MEINKING, John
2500 to 5000	1	63.49	COOMBS, Bill
	2	62.29	WEIDENFELD, Rob
	3	60.55	LANY, Agnes
	4	60.18	DAVIS, Lorna
	5	59.33	YOUNG, Margaret
5000 to 7500	1	64.92	RATURI, Amitabh
	2	60.35	CRANK, Tim
7500 to 10000	1	NA	Siutsau, Yauheni
	2	62.52	HIGGINS, William
	3	56.42	PARENT, Bruce
10000 +	1	NA	Granovetters, P/M
	2	61.57	COOMBS, Norman

**Interested in improving your game?**  
**Check out these links:**

**Learn to Play Software (Free – Windows PC):**  
[Learn Bridge Basics](#)  
[Intermediates: Beyond the Basics](#)

**New to Bridge? Check Out these Bridge Resources:**  
[CBA Unit 124 Bridge Class Schedule](#)  
[CBA Unit 124 Newcomers Page](#)  
[Improve Your Bridge Page](#)  
[CBA Unit 124 Learning Guide](#)

## Anderson DBC 50th Anniversary Celebration!



Helen Ogle and the Anderson Senior Center hosted an major Birthday Party on June 10th for the Anderson Duplicate Bridge Club. The food and desserts were out of this world. Oh, yes, there was a bridge game too! 17.5 Tables turned out to celebrate and play. Let's congratulate the Top Pairs in each Flight:

### # **Flight A**

1	Margaret Young	Anton Habash
2	Lynn Schomaker	Rick O'connor
3	Ray Tolston	Peter Dehaan

#	<b>Flight B</b>	
1	Ray Tolston	Peter Dehaan
2	Joan Rogers	Joan Meyer
3	Elaine Jarchow	Mary Ann Boyle

#	<b>Flight C</b>	
1	Micky Dasenbrock	Charles Gribi
2	Myron Snoke	Geo. Ahlrichs
3	Connie Dettmer	John Dettmer



Happy Anniversary Cake!!!



The FULL SPREAD

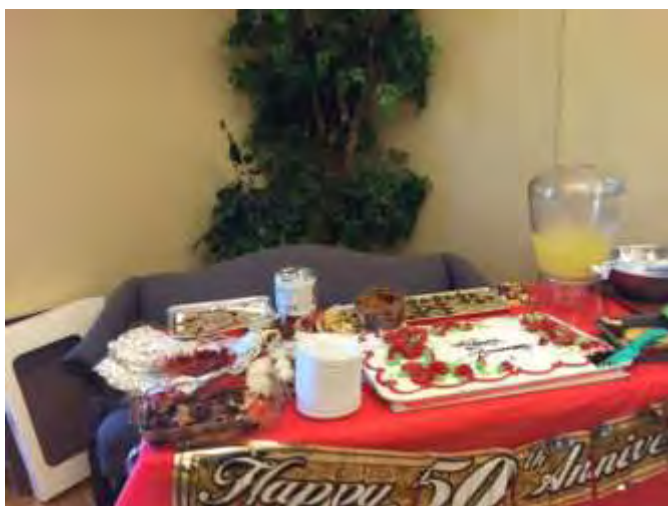


Helen Ogle Directing





The Anderson Senior Center Staff and Helen Ogle



Goodies Galore!!!



Let's Play Bridge!

“Our language is the reflection of ourselves. A language is an exact reflection of the character and growth of its speakers.”  
 — Cesar Chavez

## Can Cincinnatians Do Better?

From Page 10

**Solution Problem #1** – 6♠ (S).

Opening lead : ♦10

We have 11 top tricks: 5

♠s, 1 ♥, 3 ♦s and 2 ♣s.

We can get 12<sup>th</sup> trick if:

1. Clubs are 3-2
2. ♥K is onside
3. Clubs are 4-1 or 5-0 but ♣Q is onside

Fortunately, we don't have to guess here. This is a classic example of a **safety play**.

Let's look at the full deal:

IMPs #1

♠9  
♥  
♦  
♣xxx

♠  
♥J  
♦  
♣Q109

	N	♠
W	E	♥xxxx
	S	♣

♠x  
♥  
♦  
♣KJx

We can guarantee 12 tricks by playing ♠K, ♠Q, ♥A, ruffing ♥Q, cashing all diamonds, ♣A and **exiting with small club**. The ending (before giving up small club) would be:

If clubs are 3-2 we can claim the rest, otherwise defender with long clubs will be forced to underlead

♣Q or to give you ruff and sluff.

**Solution Problem #2**

5♣ (S). Opening lead : ♠10 We didn't get a ♥ lead, so, we can assume 0-7 break. It looks like we need to establish extra trick

in ♦ in order to make our contract. Since defense has removed our entry to dummy we should hope that W has ♦J (or E has ♦J/♦Jx) and try to endplay LHO.

Let's look at the full deal :

We should **ruff small ♠ at trick 2** (just in case E has ♠KQ tight), **draw trumps, cash ♦A and overtake ♦Q with the ♦K.**

IMPs #2

♠AJxx  
♥10xx  
♦K109xx  
♣x

♠Q1098xxx  
♥  
♦Jxxx  
♣xx

	N	♠K
W	E	♥AKQJxxx
	S	♦xxx

♠x  
♥9xx  
♦AQ  
♣AKQJ10xx

The ending would be:

IMPs	♠Jx			
#2	♥10			
	♦109x			
	♣x			
♠Q1098		N		♠
♥		W	E	♥AKQJxxx
♦Jx				♦
♣		S		♣
	♠			
	♥9xx			
	♦			
	♣J10x			

Now we can **play ♦10 and discard small heart**. W will play ♠Q back but we will **pitch second small ♥**.

Defense can get only two tricks : ♦J and ♠Q.

## UNIT 124 EVENING BRIDGE QUESTIONNAIRE

By Steve Moese

Thanks to the 92 Members who took the time to share their thoughts with us about Evening Bridge Games in our Unit. The survey results were reviewed by the Board in June 2015 and the Board appointed Amy Fisher in July to help identify ways to increase attendance.

### Evening Bridge Questionnaire Summary June 16, 2015

92 Respondents (28% of CBC Players)

#### Executive Summary

60 Respondents are inclined or neutral toward evening play (66%).

#### People who don't play at night

Do not want to play then for a variety of reasons. Not wanting to be out or drive at night is common – most indicate their bridge needs are met by daytime play

#### People who (might) play at night want

- 1) Earlier start and finish / Better time management of games.
- 2) A ride – they don't like to drive at night
- 3) Friendly inviting atmosphere and players at the table
- 4) Opponents at their level (NLM)
- 5) Excitement (Food, Drinks, Social environment)
- 6) Larger Games
- 7) Partners
- 8) Better lighting/footing in the parking lot.

### 1) In the past year, how many times have you played duplicate bridge in the evenings in the Cincinnati area (CBA club games - not including sectional or regional tournaments)?

%	TOTAL (92)	Likely to Play (59)
None	27	9
0-10 times	28	24
11-20 times	8	12
21-40 times	16	24
41-60 times	11	17
60+ times	11	15
Total	100	100

### 2) How likely are you to play duplicate bridge in the evening?

%	(92)	(60)
Definitely	43	66
Probably	16	24
Undecided	7	10
Probably Not	24	-
Definitely Not	10	-
Total	100	100

### 3) If you do not now play in evening games, or reduced the number of times you play in the evenings, please tell us why.

Reason for NOT playing % Total / Likely to Play	Mon CBC	Tue CBC	Wed NKy	Thu CBC
Don't play on this evening	26/12	21/5	33/24	24/10
Don't like driving at night	23/15	23/14	19/9	23/14
I get home too late	17/12	22/17	16/17	20/14
The game starts too late	12/12	14/15	10/9	14/15
The game end too late	18/14	22/24	12/9	19/19
The game is too small	2/3	13/19	1/2	7/10

Other reasons received less than 10% mention.

There was little interest for games on other nights. Nighttime players are not looking for lectures or classes.

## SAVE THE DATES

2015 Summer NABC – Chicago August 6-16, 2015

2015 LouLex Regional

November

D11 North American Pairs Finals

November 14-15, 2015

Check the Unit Calendar for Mentor Games

The **North American Pairs Qualifiers** continue in August at designated qualifying games in District 11. Check the Unit 124 Calendar for dates and times near you. For more information go to [http://www.district11bridge.com/District\\_11\\_NAP\\_FAQ.html](http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html)

**ACBL Calendar August:** NAP Qualifier Games

**ACBL Calendar September:** Club International Fund Games

**ACBL Calendar October:** Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games

October 16<sup>th</sup> ACBL Wide Instant Matchpoint Game Friday Morning.

## Inspirations – Reflections

“Friends are the family you choose.”

— Jess C. Scott, *The Other Side of Life*

“Did you ever wonder if the person in the puddle is real, and you're just a reflection of him?”

— Bill Watterson

“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.”

— Søren Kierkegaard

“We always see our worst selves. Our most vulnerable selves. We need someone else to get close enough to tell us we're wrong. Someone we trust.”

— David Levithan

“I am a writer of books in retrospect. I talk in order to understand; I teach in order to learn”

— Robert Frost

“Sleep seems to hammer out for me the logical conclusions of my vague days, and offer them to me as dreams.”

— D.H. Lawrence

“Habit rules the unreflecting herd.”

— William Wordsworth

“Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.”

— Francis Bacon, *The Essays*

“If not in the moment, where do you propose to live?”

— Na'ama Yehuda

“Love your Enemies, for they tell you your Faults.”

— Benjamin Franklin

“By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.”

— Confucius

“I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection.

'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but they whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves their conduct, will pursue their principles unto death.”

— Leonardo da Vinci

“Without deep reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people.”

— Albert Einstein

“Follow effective action with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action.”

— Peter Drucker

“Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.”

— John Quincy Adams

“It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment.”

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

“Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful.”

— Margaret J. Wheatley

**DOG DAYS OF SUMMER NLM SECTIONAL  
AUGUST 22-23, 2015  
LOUISVILLE BRIDGE CENTER  
4014 DUTCHMANS LANE 40207**

**FROM I-264 (WATTERSON EXPRESSWAY) TAKE  
EXIT 18B (BRECKENRIDGE LANE NORTH). TURN RIGHT ON  
DUTCHMAN'S LANE, AT THE 2ND LIGHT TURN RIGHT  
ONTO DUPONT CIRCLE. TAKE 2ND LEFT INTO PARKING**

**Saturday, August 22**

**Stratified Pairs.....1:00 & 7:00 P.M.**

**Games will be stratified as warranted.**

***Registration gifts, raffles, and refreshments all day***

**Sunday, August 23**

**Stratified Swiss Teams.....10:00 A.M.**

**Stratification based on team's average masterpoints.**

**Stratifications: 0-200-C; 200-300-B; 300-500-A**

**Play thru. Lunch available.**

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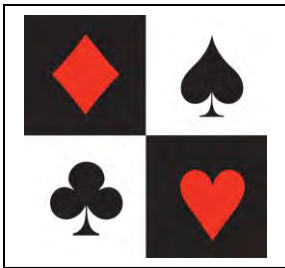
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**Hotels in the Area:**

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**Breckenridge Inn 502.456.5050**

**Extended Stay 502.897.2559**



# Dayton Summer Sectional August 28 - 30, 2015

**All Events Stratified by Average Masterpoints of the pair or team**

<b>NON LIFE MASTERS...</b>	<b>...OPEN...</b>
A... 200 – 500	2000 +
B... 50 – 200	500 – 2000
C... 0 - 50	<i>*750-2000 when NLM game is scheduled at same time</i>
<i>* if attendance warrants</i>	0 – 500
	<i>*0-750 when NLM game is scheduled at same time</i>

### Friday – August 28, 2015

**11:00 AM Non Life Master Pairs & \* Open Pairs**  
**4:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & \* Open Pairs**

ALL POINTS  
you earn  
WILL BE SILVER

ACBL MEMBERS  
WITH ONLY 0-5  
POINTS  
PLAY FREE ALL  
WEEKEND

### Saturday – August 29, 2015

**11:00 AM Non Life Master Pairs & \* Open Pairs**  
**4:00 PM Non Life Master Pairs & \* Open Pairs**

ALL SESSIONS  
just \$10 each  
*(\$3 additional for  
non or unpaid  
ACBL members)*

### Sunday – August 30, 2015

**11:00 AM Stratified Swiss Teams (play through)**  
**Famous Dayton Complimentary Buffet served during session**

**Tournament Chair: Joseph Camillus [joe44c@gmail.com](mailto:joe44c@gmail.com) (937) 272-7930**  
**Partnership Chair: Marilyn O'Connor [wandmoconnorpb@yahoo.com](mailto:wandmoconnorpb@yahoo.com) (937) 885-4395**

**DIRECTIONS:Cincinnati:** I-75N to I-675 Exit 43 N (Columbus), to Exit 4B Kettering. Merge right onto 48/Far Hills Ave. Travel .9 miles to Whipp Rd.. Turn Right on Whipp, proceed .6 miles to Marshall Rd. Turn Left, travel 1.6 miles to E. David Rd. Turn Right on David, after .2 miles turn Right on Presidential Way to 4701.  
**Columbus:** I 70W to Exit 44; I-675 South to Exit 7 for Wilmington Pike. Turn Right onto Wilmington and travel 1.8 miles to E. David Rd. Travel .7 miles to Hempstead Station Rd; Turn left and travel .3 miles to Presidential Way. Turn Right onto Presidential Way to 4701 immediately on your left.  
**Indianapolis:** I-70 E to Exit 44, I-675 South to Exit 7. (Follow above directions from Exit 7 onto Wilmington Pike).  
**Motel: Holiday Inn Express (breakfast incl):** 5655 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. 937-424-5757. Off Exit 7, I-675.  
**Ask for Special Rate Code: IL6XR Bridge Strategy.**

**Miami Valley Bridge Association**  
MVBA Bridge Center  
4701 Presidential Way  
Dayton, OH 45429 937-439-1969





# Sizzling Silver Swiss

Lexington's 1st Swiss  
Teams Sectional  
Tournament!



September 12 & 13, 2015

Saturday and Sunday  
10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**2-Session Stratified Swiss Teams**  
**2-Session Stratified 299er Swiss Teams**

Stratified based on team's average masterpoints.  
Stratifications: 0-750 (C), 750-2500 (B), 2500+ (A)

Daily Entry Fees: \$80 per team (2-sessions)  
\$3 additional per non or unpaid ACBL members

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**Directions:** From Rt. 4 (New Circle Rd.) take Exit 19 (Hwy 27/Nicholasville Rd.) South. Turn left on Reynolds Rd. Turn right on Lansdowne Dr. Turn right immediately into parking lot (Post Office). Club is on right side in the back. (See map on reverse.)

# Flying Buckeye



## Regional

Sept 15 - 20, 2015

Sponsored by COBA (Columbus) and MVBA (Dayton) Bridge Associations  
Hope Hotel and Conference Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Area A, Gate 12A,  
Fairborn (Dayton), Ohio, 45433, 937-879-2696 Bridge Rate: \$89.95 (Call by Aug 20)  
Many other hotels in Fairborn area – Comfort Inn, Red Roof, Holiday Inn, etc.

**Directions:** **From South of Dayton:** I-675 N toward Columbus to exit 17, bear left onto OH 844, take exit 3 to 444. Turn left at the light, ten left at the next light towards Gate 12A. Bear to the immediate right before the gate to the entrance to Hope Hotel. **From Columbus:** I-70W to I-675 S toward Cincy. Take exit 20 then turn left onto Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. Follow toward Fairborn; after the RR tracks, turn left onto OH 444 to gate 12A. At the next light, turn right as if to go to Gate 12A. As you turn, bear right and turn into the entrance to the Hope Hotel. **From Indy:** I-70 E (past I-75) to exit 41 and merge onto OH 444. Follow 444 to left at light at Gate 12A, bear right before Gate to entrance to Hope Hotel. **From North Ohio:** I-75 to exit 61B for I-70 toward Indy. Take exit 41 and merge onto OH 4 S to OH 444. Follow 444 to left at light at Gate 12A, bear right before Gate to entrance to Hope Hotel.

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- **Non-Life Master Events** — All sessions stratified. *Note: Not eligible for GOLD pts*  
ACBL members with 0–5 points play free.

- Free **Non-Life Master** mixer following Wednesday AM session
- Free Lectures - Between 10 AM and 2:30 PM Sessions
- Daily Bulletin • Free Parking • Free Registration Stickers
- Great Hospitality — 9:00 coffee+ in Hospitality Room  
Great snacks after afternoon sessions  
(chips & dips & pop after eve sessions)

Stratified Open Pair Events Sat, all Side games & Single Session Swiss:

A=Unlimited, B=750-2000, C=0-750

Stratified Open Pairs on Gold Rush days: A=unlimited, B=1500-3000, C=0-1500

Gold Rush Pairs: D=300-750, E=100-300, F=0-100 *but no one person over 750*

Thursday Stratified Open Swiss *beside Gold Rush Swiss*: A= unlimited, B=1500-3000, C=0-1500

Thursday Gold Rush Swiss: D=300-750, E=100-300, F=0-100 *but no one person over 750*

Stratiflighted Sunday Swiss: [A= unlimited, A/x=0–3000]

[B=750–1500, C=300–750, D=0-300, *but no one person over 1500*]

Strats for Pair and Swiss events based on average masterpoints of pair/team members

*Entry fees \$13 per person. Non ACBL members pay \$4 extra per session. KO events may be handicapped. ACBL Mid-Chart Conventions allowed only in top bracket of a bracketed KO if that bracket contains no team with an average masterpoint holding of less than 1500. Side series open pairs, single session swiss, and Non-Life Master Pairs held only if attendance warrants.*

Check [www.mvba.com](http://www.mvba.com) for updates

Tues Sept 15	Compact KO I <sup>1</sup> 1-2	10:00	2:30	
	Stratified Open Pairs	10:00	2:30	
	A=Unlimited, B=1500-3000, C=0-1500			
	Gold Rush Pairs <sup>4</sup>	10:00	2:30	
	D=300-750, E=100-300, F=0-100			
	Morn/Aft/Eve Side Series Open Pairs <sup>3</sup>	10:00	2:30	7:30
	Single Session Stratified Swiss		2:30	
	<b>**Non-Life Master Stratified Pairs<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>2:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>
Evening Knockout II round 1			7:30	
Wed Sept 16	Knockout III round 1 & 2	10:00	2:30	
	Stratified Open Pairs (see above)	10:00	2:30	
	Gold Rush Pairs <sup>4</sup> (see above)	10:00	2:30	
	Single Session Stratified Open Swiss		2:30	
	<b>**Non-Life Master Stratified Pairs<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>2:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>
	Morn/Aft/Eve Side Series Pairs <sup>3</sup>	10:00	2:30	7:30
	Evening Knockout II round 2			7:30
	Evening Knockout IV round 1			7:30
Thu Sept 17	Knockout III 3-4	10:00	2:30	
	Stratified Open Swiss Teams	10:00	2:30	
	A=Unlimited, B=1500-3000, C=0-1500			
	Gold Rush Teams <sup>4</sup>	10:00	2:30	
	<b>** Non-Life Master Stratified Pairs<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>2:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>
	Morn/Aft/Eve Side Series Pairs <sup>3</sup>	10:00	2:30	7:30
	Evening Knockout II round 3			7:30
	Evening Knockout IV round 2			7:30
Fri Sept 18	Knockout V 1-2	10:00	2:30	
	Stratified Open Pairs (see above)	10:00	2:30	
	Gold Rush Pairs <sup>4</sup> (see above)	10:00	2:30	
	<b>** Non-Life Master Stratified Pairs<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>2:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>
	Morn/Aft/Eve Side Series Pairs <sup>3</sup>	10:00	2:30	7:30
	Single Session Stratified Swiss		2:30	7:30
	Evening Knockout II Final (if needed)			7:30
	Evening Knockout IV round 3			7:30
Sat Sept 19	Knockout V 3-4	10:00	2:30	
	Compact KO VI <sup>1</sup>	10:00	2:30	
	Single Session Stratified Swiss		2:30	
	Stratified Open Pairs	10:00	2:30	
	A=unlimited, B=500-2000, C=0-500			
	<b>** Non-Life Master Stratified Pairs<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>2:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>
	Morn/Aft/Eve Side Series Pairs <sup>3</sup>	10:00	2:30	7:30
	Evening Knockout IV Final (if needed)			7:30
Sun Sept 20	Stratiflighted Swiss Teams [A=unlimited, A/x=0-3000], [B=750-1500, C=300-750, D=0-300, <i>but no one person over 1500</i> ]	10:00	Play-thru	

<sup>1</sup>Compact KOs - Limit 4 per team

<sup>2</sup> NLM (Non-Life Master) sessions are single session events  
*not eligible for GOLD Points & held if attendance warrants*

<sup>3</sup> Side Series Pairs - Play in at least two side games at same time period on different days to be eligible to win an overall Gold award for side games held that time of day.

<sup>4</sup>Gold Rush pairs – no one over 750 mp and DOES pay GOLD for overalls/section top in B.



# Cincinnati Non Life Master Sectional

October 10-11, 2015



Saturday, October 10

10:00 AM 0-NLM Single Session Pairs\*  
0-50 Single Session Pairs

(Brown bag lunch and hand record review with  
experts between sessions)

3:00 PM 0-NLM Single Session Pairs\*

Sunday, October 11

10:00 AM Two Session Swiss (team game)  
Lunch included!

**Silver Points  
Just for You!**

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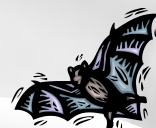
\* Stratifications: 0-50, 50-200, 200-NLM



- \$10 entry (\$5 Youth)  
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# CINCINNATI SPOOKTACULAR SECTIONAL

October 23-25, 2015



Cincinnati Bridge Center  
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Friday and Sunday  
2-Session Swiss!

**Stratifications**  
0-750/750-2000/2000+  
**Friday Swiss:** Stratified  
**Sunday Swiss:** Stratified with  
Bottom Bracket

## Friday, Oct. 23

Open Pairs . . . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM  
NLM Pairs . . . . . 10:00AM  
Zombie Apocalypse Swiss (2 sessions)  
. . . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM

## Saturday, Oct. 24

Open Pairs . . . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM  
NLM Pairs . . . . . 10:00AM  
Black Cat Compact KO. . . . . 10:00AM and 2:30PM

## Sunday, Oct. 25

Spooktacular Swiss (2 session playthrough). . 10:00AM  
(Pizza lunch included in entry)

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### **AREA HOTELS**

Hilton Garden Inn / 513-772-2837 / 3.7 Miles  
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LivInn Suites / 513-772-7877 / 4.2 Miles