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From the President's Desk

Unit 124 Members,

Congratulations to **Pam Campbell, Nalin Mehta and Steve Messinger** on their election to 3 year terms on the CBA Board of Directors. Thanks to **Gail Zimmer** and **Joy Singerman** for running the elections and **AJ Stephani** for performing the recount. Yes, the election was that close. Thanks to **John Williams** for making the commitment to bridge in Cincinnati by running for the Board.

The CBA Board is hosting the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday November 14 at 5:30PM. Free food during the meeting and free bridge at 7PM. Meet your current and future board members. Report from ACBL national board by AJ Stephani.

The local bridge calendar quiets down for the rest of the year. The Holiday Party and Game will be Saturday December 16th. Bar opens at 11:30AM, Brunch at Noon, Game at 1PM. The final STaC week of 2017 is December 26 thru January 1.

The Unit Board is still working on additional parking. It seems that everything that involves real estate is difficult. Thanks to all that have been parking at the remove lot for the past couple of months.

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



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Unit 124 Club Games

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

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Calling all Unit 124 Members – Unit Membership Meeting

Come to the Cincinnati Bridge Center November 14 from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM and stay to play at 7 PM. You will be able to ask questions of the Board of Directors and our District 11 Board Representative. Motions from the membership will be entertained if we have a quorum (47 members present). Free food during the meeting and FREE BRIDGE (Open and NLM attendance permitting) for those who attend.

Where to Find Growth

by Steve Moese

The Average age of an ACBL member is 71 years. The ACBL reports that the average age of the new member is 65.5 years old. This means we are not very effective at recruiting and retaining youth players. It also means that the number of membership years we can expect from newer members is about 1/3 that when 20 somethings were joining in larger numbers. To address this, the ACBL and the Education Foundation is emphasizing creation of peer run bridge clubs at Colleges and Universities. Please see the www.acbl.org website for more details if you are interested in starting a college club.

Many of us think Bridge is all about Club games and Tournaments. For the lucky few, there is international competition.

Bridge is still a game with deep social roots. Playing games at home has declined from the all engaging family event on a Saturday evening to virtual reality games (X-box, play station) and games on smart devices – both more individual than partnership). Perhaps you've seen the commercials on TV mocking how these screens pervade family dinners (Scene: shift to father/grandpa using metal detectors to stop kids from bringing their smart devices to the dinner table). Even the advent of legal casinos has meant the decline of private money bridge games.

Poker for a while captured peoples' imagination, but that wave has crested.

Changes have hit us at home too. We continue to lose members in the unit and table count at the Cincinnati Bridge Center on the order of 1-2% per year. We have struggled to keep evening bridge (for our working members) and there is now only one regularly scheduled open game one a weekday evening in the Unit (NKy Wed Eve).

Yes, The ACBL does get revenue from sanctioned games hosted online by BBO. We've reported earlier that the decline in evening bridge at clubs has been matched by the increase in games played online. As a result the total number of sanctioned tables has remained constant for a very long time.

We are happy to welcome new players and have many offerings from one of the most developed bridge lesson

plans to supervised bridge twice weekly – Saturday Mornings and Tuesday Afternoons.

The appeal of supervised bridge is unmistakable – people can learn at their own pace with experienced players available to answer questions when the question arises, not after the hand has finished. This high level of support and an environment that encourages social interaction translates to FUN!

We can expect a new emphasis on social bridge from the ACBL. Mr. Bahar Gidwani has a long agenda of change that he hopes will re-ignite broad interest in our games. Social Bridge is one of the planks. Jeff Bayone, manager of the Honors Club (NYC), the largest bridge club in the ACBL, claims that recently adding supervised bridge to his crowded calendar (he does more than 20,000 sanctioned tables per year) he easily got 55 tables of beginning players. His idea is simple – bring people in to enjoy a fun session of bridge. They will gravitate toward Masterpoint[®] games and tournaments as their own interest develops. He is able to convert many of these players into members. Prices in NYC are high for bridge. The table fee at Honors is \$23 per session per person. For the Supervised play, Jeff instituted the "Easy Pass" (a play on the electronic toll paying service known to many in the NY, NJ and CT area) whereby new players pay \$100 per month then can play as many games as they like for \$5 per session. Jeff is growing new members regularly because he has a full-service program with offerings for all player levels, several well-respected bridge teachers (including our own Adam Parrish) and demographics that offer a higher than average density of people interested in bridge.

To this we add an amazing insight – very few people are attracted to Bridge through advertising. Most engage us through word of mouth – friends who bring friends. That's right – the most powerful tool we have to grow our membership is our members themselves – That's you!

There's great sensitivity to the changing demographics and we have seen some changes in clubs and tournaments already. NLM Games are more popular than ever (in fact finding open games of decent size is becoming more and more difficult).

There are more NLM Sectionals and Regionals on the schedule. In Regional Tournaments we have seen the popularity of Gold Rush Events. By adopting a 5-day

Gold Rush Schedule, the Cincinnati Flying Pig has resisted the attendance decline hitting other regionals around the country.

There are some downsides to the Gold Rush. Flight A bridge, particularly the KO Team events have suffered, typically limited to one undersized top tier, one second tier and lower overall awards that the equivalent of winning two 2-session open pair events. Some thoughts to get Flight A players larger fields and better awards:

- People are looking to recalibrate the MP awards for a fairer match between team games and pair games.
- There is a proposal to allow a swiss qualifier for a one day full KO (4 teams) in the top flight when fewer than 9 teams are available (instead of running a 3-session event).

One Idea I like a lot is to promote one or two **Gold Rush KO events**. This will require a great Partnership desk to match pairs into teams. The notion would be to have KO teams only on Day One once or twice during a Regional (No open pair events to compete and draw off people from the team game). Gold Rush players would have their own brackets!! All others would play bracketed KOs.

I can still remember becoming a Life Master in 2003 when our team won a flight #4 KO. If I recall correctly, there were 7 flights that year. Why? Because they were the best way for people to earn GOLD Points. Gold Rush games changed this dynamic.

Why do I think it matters? KO Teams is a premier event played at the very highest levels of bridge (NABC+ Events Vanderbilt and Spingold) and the WBF World Championship events (Bermuda Bowl). Regionals are the first regular tournament venue for this form of the game. (Sectionals can run them but the field is usually too small to draw enough teams and a handicapped game is common).

Our own Education Committee (Larry Newman, Chair) has put together a very comprehensive learning plan and has engaged Osher Life Lone Learning at the University of Cincinnati to offer an introduction to bridge. The first classes have attracted 24 people with a waiting list half again as long (Well done to Larry Newman for getting this started). The real measure of success however is how many of our new friends turn

to supervised bridge and extended lessons and eventually join the ACBL. The jury is out on that.

There are some exciting ideas on the horizon. ACBL management will propose that clubs be allowed to run Regionals at Clubs for real Gold Points. Details are being worked.

If we think about what bridge teachers and club managers need, finding incentives for players to play more can be difficult. Higher cost special games for extra master points don't really put more hands at tables. The good news is that current management is much more sensitive to the needs of these stakeholders. I await concrete change backed by the ACBL Board of Directors that really makes a difference for this front line of duplicate bridge.

Please enjoy this issue and thank our contributors when you see them. If you'd like to share a story or ask a question, be sure to e-mail me at moesefamily@aol.com

I'd like to hear from you.

Wishing You Good Bridge and Good Luck,

Steve

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70% Games JUL-SEP 2017

Date	Game	Player	%
9/8	CBC Fri NLM	Erin Oblinger Betty Murdock	71.25
8/29	CBC Tue Eve NLM	Pam Kennedy Mike Burns	75.69
8/15	NKy Tue AM	Peggy Ammon Dave Dressman	70.60
7/18	And	Lalitha Yamalchili Kay Mulford	70.14
7/10	And	Helen Ogle Margaret Young	71.63
7/11	NKy AM STaC	John Taylor Peggy Ammon	74.07

Mike's Games at the CBC

Monday Night 7PM

Invitational Game 0-2500 MP. This game is a friendly game Mentor Mentees are welcome to play as I will average the points and allow new players to play with more experienced players. We play 24 boards so we generally leave at 10:00 to 10:15.

Bob Fisk does analysis of all the boards and sends a file that I upload with the results so it's like getting a booklet every week. Look at some of the Monday Night results to see how interesting the comments are.

Tuesday Morning 11AM

This game is known around the city as the most competitive game. We usually have around 8 or 9 tables and it is Stratified. When I first started playing bridge the players all encouraged us to play against the best competition or else how would we get any better? That axiom seems to have gone by the wayside much to the detriment of this wonderful game we all play. The players at the Tuesday game are all really nice and more than willing to help the newer less experienced players in our Unit. Come give the Tuesday game a try. I am sure you will be glad you did.

Wednesday Morning 11AM

The Wednesday Morning game is a mixture of two games. We have a "social" game called Homestyle. It is shuffle and play rubber bridge. It is a great place to start out after lessons to "get your feet wet". Fewer conventions are used and the play is at a more relaxed pace.

There is also a 0-999 group that plays duplicate. All the above games offer a standby partner for singles. See the calender on www.cincybridge.com for special games coming up at the Center.

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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Trust Your Partner



By Dean Congbalay

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Every bridge player knows The Big Rule: Trust your partner. Finally, I have proof that my buddy Carl really does!

Carl, whom I have been playing with for longer than either one of us would care to admit, received a lottery ticket for his birthday. He scratched off the card and got the good news.

A winner!

Four bucks!

Four!



But there was one problem. The ticket was for the Florida Lottery. Carl, of course, is here in Cincinnati. So just before I returned home to Longboat Key, Carl handed me his ticket and asked me to cash it.

Cha ching!

On my way back from bridge one day in Sarasota, I eagerly stopped by the customer service desk at my neighborhood Publix to claim the loot.

"Is this where I turn in lottery tickets?" I asked Ian, one of the assistant managers. "I've never done this

Starting NOV 9 - Announcing a NEW 0-10 Pairs Game 11 AM Thursdays at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

Join this relaxed game to play among your peers, meet new friends and hone your bridge skills. Reservations required. \$4 per person. Contact Debbie Wiest debbiewiest@hotmail.com or Phyllis Bishop pbb23@fuse.net to reserve your spot and get your questions answered.

before!"

"Yes, it is!" the young man said confidently from behind the counter.

"A buddy of mine got this as a birthday gift!" I said.

And before I could call my UBS guy, four sketches of George Washington were in my grubby hand!

Jackpot!

With my wallet bulging, I returned to my condo and relayed the profitable development to Carl.

"I'm told that according to Florida law, the person who turns in the ticket gets the money!" I said.

He wasn't buying it. Sigh. Guess I gotta keep working...



No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress. You're still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.

Tony Robbins

ACBL Board of Directors Update

By AJ Stephani



ACBL Board Member Update - District 11

The ACBL Board of Directors has had a busy few months since the Summer NABCs – our new CEO, Bahar Gidwani, has a ton of ideas and has asked a lot from the various ACBL Board Committees and Task Forces. I've had no fewer than 7 conference calls in the last 6 weeks of at least 90 minutes, and used several pounds of virtual ink in e-mail correspondence.

Most of these calls and e-mails were prompted by "Bahar's Big Ideas," as they're coming to be known. Some of these ideas are terrific – some not so much – but they all need some serious work before they're implemented. The "Tournaments" proposal, for example, would dramatically transform the ACBL tournament landscape by (in its current form) eliminating all sectionals and moving a lot of the silver and gold point opportunities to clubs. This affects our Units, our District, and our clubs in complex ways, not to mention the tournament experience for our players. For more information on this Idea, and others, check out:

<https://web3.acbl.org/myacbl/user/content/big-ideas>
(you will need to log in to your MyACBL account to view the page).

San Diego NABC

The Board of Director's agenda for the San Diego meetings this Fall is (mostly) set, and I think we have somewhere around 70 different motions and discussion items. This will certainly make up for the relative lack of motions in Toronto last summer – we'll be busy. We have to fly in 4 days before the games begin, and we will continue to meet for a day or two into the tournament. I'll have a full report after the meetings in my District report and the next Alert.

Convention Charts

One of the big changes coming to your local club is a change in the convention charts. Likely gone will be the General Convention Chart, Midchart, and Superchart, and in their place will be 2 streamlined charts for MP-limited games and newer players (the Basic Chart and Basic+ Chart) and 2 charts for all other games (the Open Chart, and Open+ Chart).

I won't attempt to list the likely changes you will see at tournaments (and probably clubs – the charts indicate that “[t]he Open Chart is recommended for most open club games”), but if you are interested in those kinds of things, the biggest change is that the Open and Open+ Charts will be “Blacklist” charts. This means that all bidding agreements will be allowed unless they are specifically disallowed. This is different from the current convention chart structure, all of which are “Whitelist” charts (bidding agreements disallowed unless specifically allowed). Make sure you're reading the charts properly when you use them.

Upcoming NABCs

Most of you have attended a Sectional or Regional at some point in your bridge journeys. Most of you have not attended an NABC (North American Bridge Championship), but I want to encourage you to check out opportunities in the next few years to do so. The ACBL hosts 3 NABCs (Spring, Summer, and Fall) each year at locations around North America, and they are truly a different experience than you can find locally. We've got a great reputation here in Unit 124 of attending NABCs (better attendance historically than any other Unit in our District), and I want to do what I can to keep that up. Although San Diego (this Fall) is a bit far for most of us, we've got accessible NABCs coming up in Spring 2018 (Philadelphia) and Summer 2018 (Atlanta). Memphis hosts the Spring 2019 NABC, and if that isn't close enough, GET READY FOR COLUMBUS Spring 2020! There's nothing more I would love to see than charter busses running from Greater Cincinnati to Columbus several days throughout the tournament, with a Masterpoint Winner list filled with players from the Cincinnati area. So, put March 19-29, 2020 on your calendar now!

As always, thanks for the opportunity to be your representative on the ACBL Board of Directors, and I welcome your feedback and input. I am always available by phone (513-313-0488) or e-mail (AJStephani@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

How do You Make 3NT on a Cross Ruff and Bridge Yoga?

By Amit Raturi

Some nights I can't sleep because I keep dreaming of coming up with a hand where you make 3NT on a cross ruff. Rueful Rabbit is playing the hand and the Hideous Hog is a defender.ⁱ Clyde Love's book Bridge Squeezes Complete is in a trash bin as I

have read and understood every page of it. Hypermodern systems in which bad hands must bid and good hands must pass are the law of the land.ⁱⁱ Great bridge articles are written by esteemed lawyers who footnote every inconsequential detail.ⁱⁱⁱ I bid and make 7♣ with 6 points in my hand and dummy when West leads a ♣ (Figure 1). Or I develop a new bidding system where 1♠ - P - 7♣ shows a hand like ♠AKQx, ♥AKQJxxxx, ♦A, ♣ - with a ♣ void asking partner to bid 7♠ without the ♣A and 7NT with the ♣A but only in a team game where the 10 point differential results in a 0 IMP gain but a moral victory that leads to the opponents capitulating on subsequent boards.^{iv}

Contract ♠ -
7♣ ♥ -
♦ 1098765432
♣ AQ108

♠ AKQ	N	♠ J109876
♥ AKQJ	W	♥ 109876
♦ AK	E	♦ QJ
♣ KJ97	S	♣ -

♠ 5432
♥ 5432
♦ -
♣ 65432

Figure 1: The Duke of Cumberland Hand, Bath, 1800s

But then some of you are already wondering how in the world can anyone dream up such crap when they are not even sleeping.

Aha! The trick is Bridge Yoga. So for those of you who want to improve your game, what is Bridge Yoga?

Yoga (Sanskrit, meaning union) is a group of physical, mental, and spiritual practices or disciplines which originated in ancient India. Bridge yoga was developed by a Cincinnati resident in the early 21st century. Tired of continuously losing money in the then popular portal BBO, this sage from Mistymorn prayed for 3 years continuously and the Gods showered on him the ultimate truth that has since been called Bridge Yoga.

The essence of Bridge Yoga is to build a physical, mental and spiritual bridge to 52 cards so that they reveal to you the truths of missing queens, two way finesses, restricted choice, finesse or drop, Rabbi's rule, bid one more, phantom sacrifices,

and, of course, how to deal with the Fisherian psyche.^v The 9 Bridge Yoga rules that follow are guaranteed to improve your bridge game.

Physical Rule 1: Get to the bridge center on time or else you won't find parking.

Physical Rule 2: Don't wait for the announcement for the lunch break or the only thing you will get are leftover shriveled grapes

Physical Rule 3: Get an EW table – that is the only exercise you will get in the next 3.5 hours

The following 3 mental practices all center on the cardinal mental rule of bridge – count, count and countess.

Count Dracula Rule: If the idea is to suck blood, what are your fangs? The way to use the rule in bridge is straightforward. If you are good at card play, bid more often. If you are good at defense, bid less often. And if you are good at bidding, you have achieved nirvana, so who cares. Have you ever thought about what are you really good at in bridge? Why not?^{vi}

Count of Monte Cristo Rule: If the idea is adventure, what are your flights of fancy? Nobody at the club has bigger and better adventures than our infamous grand life master. **Normal** conversation in a team game with him goes something like...“we were -1400”...“we were +1700”...“oh well +7 IMPs”...

So, if you have not yet been on a Coombs adventure trip, you have not played bridge yet.^{vii}

Lady Godiva Rule: Godiva, countess of Mercia gave us bridge players a great gift...flash naked when confronted with oppressive taxation. Oppressive taxation in bridge looks like the Alpha Beta Gamma convention in Precision, the more recent XYZ convention, convoluted Precision auctions, bids by opponents that even they don't understand or remember etc.^{viii} When confronted with such dilemmas, just make the “naked” bid. So RHO bids 1♣, alerted as “16+ points, 7♠s, 5♥s and 1♣ with at least 2 of the top 5 honors in ♠s and 3 middling cards in ♥s”. This is oppressive taxation and it's time to go naked.

Naked Overcalls to 1♣:

1♦ = 13 cards

1♥ = 12 cards in hand and 1 on the floor,

1♠ = Still sorting my hand

1NT = you have a hand where you can beat 6♠ but not 6♥, thereby clarifying to partner when to save in 7♦.

So we get to the spiritual and here is where things get complicated. For example, the first essential question is why do we play bridge?

Rule 1: Me or Us. Bridge is a partnership/team game. When you lose a team match, what is the first question that comes to your mind? Is it, “what could I have done to improve the outcome”, or is it, “how could my teammates possibly play so bad”. So my first spiritual rule is “Go figure out what the heck are you playing this game for”.

Rule 2: Nothing beats winning ethically. The events of the last 2 years have created a cloud in our game. Names that I revered and cherished have been shown to be cheaters. How can anyone possibly be happy as a bridge player if they won based on unethical behavior? I do have temptations to cheat against players that I want to beat real bad. But the most gratifying result in bridge is always the result where you did not get lucky, did not fix the opponents, and won on the true merits of your effort and analysis. I refer all of you to Michael Rosenberg's last chapter in his book “Bridge, Zia and Me” as the bible on bridge ethics. Normal auctions like 1♠ – P – 1 NT – P – 2♣ – P – 2♠ (bid quickly sometimes and with hesitation at other times) create ethical dilemmas for Michael. We should all aspire to those heights!!

Rule 3: Winning versus playing. The fundamental conversation here is whether we are interested in the process or in the outcomes. My religion (as probably yours) tells me that it is always the process.^{ix} At the risk of being accused of promoting Hinduism, I quote Krishna telling Arjun in Mahabharata:

You have a right to perform your prescribed duties, but you are not entitled to the fruits of your actions. Never consider yourself to be the cause of the results of your activities, nor be attached to inaction.

I am not religious, but this quote I will live by any day. So learn new systems, develop statistical

insight, practice counting cards, invest time and effort in your partnerships and take all the actions needed to improve your game and win. But NEVER conclude that you won.

- i. My favorite bridge book is [Bridge in the Menagerie](#) by Victor Mollo.
- ii. <http://www.nytimes.com/1985/06/20/nyregion/bridge-ultramodern-systems-bring-oddities-and-recriminations.html>
- iii. Such vicious ad hominem attacks can only be targeted on friends with last names that rhyme with frown and nelson.
- iv. I call it WTHY0 convention which stands for "What the hell why not" convention.
- v. Not the common Joe variety but more complex than that...
- vi. This is the favorite quote of my least favorite opponent YS...
- vii. You often want to ask, what is the Norm, but can't
- viii. See <http://www.bridge-wiese.de/konvent/ALLKONV.HTM> for a great summary of all conventions
- ix. <http://www.holy-bhagavad-gita.org/chapter/2/verse/47>

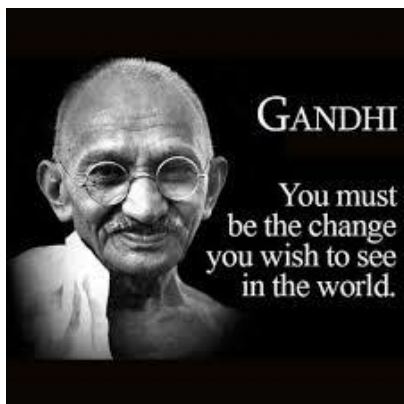
Saying Goodbye to Birchcroft

by Pam Campbell

It has been 3 wonderful years that we have had the pleasure of vacationing as a bridge group to Stacy Vanstone's lovely family summer home in Lake Leelanau, MI. Much to our dismay, the family has sold the home, but fortunately we had one last year to say goodbye.

Mike enjoyed one day, but was called home for a family emergency. He was missed by all, but Pam stepped in as director. We recruited a local player who generously played multiple sessions. It took a little food and beer to coax him. The only other casualty was Stacy's phone. That's right, it went in the lake! She was enjoying her last Birchcroft sunset and all we could see was Martin jumping in the lake.

The week was full of fun, laughs, bridge, shopping and fabulous meals. Sharon Koster was the big winner earning 5.72 points for the week and Martin Gibler and Sharon has a 74.73% game! It was a memorable time and we will all miss Birchcroft.





CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

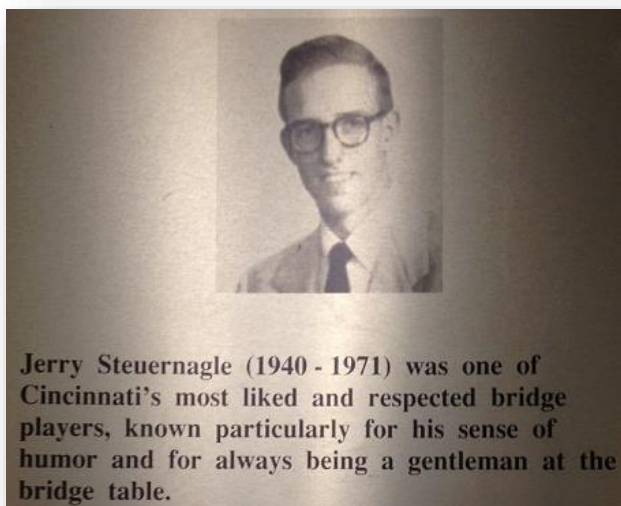
Call for Nominations - Jerry Steuernagle Award and Patty Eber Award. Please send nominations for the Jerry Steuernagle award to Debbie Cummings dcummings@twc.com or John Meinking jokingme71@gmail.com

The Jerry Steuernagle Award is presented annually to the duplicate bridge player best exemplifying

the principles of ethics, kindness, and high character in bridge.

This award is based on 4 factors:

- 1) Contribution to the promotion of duplicate bridge,
- 2) Action in setting high ethical standards,
- 3) Compassion, sportsmanship and sense of humor,
- 4) Willingness to help less experienced players.



Jerry Steuernagle (1940 - 1971) was one of Cincinnati's most liked and respected bridge players, known particularly for his sense of humor and for always being a gentleman at the bridge table.

The **Patty Eber Award** is given to an individual demonstrating extraordinary service to the Unit and to Duplicate Bridge.

EPISODE 20: GOING FOR BROKE IN A RISKY BUSINESS

By Steve Felson

"Okay, you've got six people hiding out in a town of 4 million people [Tehran] who chant Death to America all the live-long day, you want to set up a movie in a week, you want to lie to Hollywood, a town where everybody lies for a living, then you're going to sneak 007 over here [Ben Affleck as Tony Mendez] into a country [Iran] that wants CIA blood on their breakfast cereal, and you're gonna walk the Brady Bunch [US personnel hiding out in the Canadian embassy in 1979] out of the most watched city in the world... Look, I gotta tell you, we did suicide missions in the Army that had better odds than this."— Alan Arkin as Lester Siegel in Argo (2012; screenplay credit to Chris Terrio).



True: You've got your penny-ante risk and then you've got your suicide missions. Bob Brown and I saw plenty of the latter in our pre-bridge past. For example, while the Company Manual strongly discouraged agents from "trying to move multiple dead bodies while under fire," on several occasions we just had to go against the odds and hope for the best.

Another tradecraft risk we were supposed to avoid – now we're talking way back – is "never use Eastern Bloc cardboard suitcases to carry classified material." Good advice, especially in wet weather, but sometimes you just have to take a chance, especially when the nearest fancy luggage store is many *versts* distant. And I'd say pretty much the same thing about splitting up loose currency in a high wind – you can never have too many paperweights, right Bob?

With all this history, it shouldn't be surprising that Bob is feeling a little risk-frisky in a late round against a weak field in a stratified regional pairs tournament on Emphatimina (grab lunch on Remulak, then turn right). How weak was the field? So weak that my partner, looking around at the hall full of misshapen, winged, and crawly creatures, said, "Even we can't lose to these bozos." Several of said bozos, too far away to have heard him with ordinary human ears, turned and glared, but we ignored them and found our table.

Another pretty weird thing about this field – the chocolates brought around by the caddy-bots came with instructions on how to eat them. In other words, this place really is a backwater, or, to be more accurate, a back-CH₃OH (methanol).

So, on to risk assessment of the Robert Brown variety. Vulnerable vs. vulnerable, Bob (North) holds:

Partner

♠ QTxxxxx
♥ xxx
♦ -
♣ xx

	N	
W		E
	S	

Me

♠ Axx
♥ xxx
♦ KQJTxx
♣ x

East, the dealer, opens 1♦, which I pass. West bids 2♣, forcing to game, and Bob presses his 4♠ button. (I note, apropos of nothing, that our opponents are able to bid without pressing anything, but that is not uncommon this far from Earth.)

East-West may not have been experts but they weren't about to let themselves be intimidated by 2 guys with spots of aging cream showing through their shirts. They quickly push to 6♣.

I watch Bob. His ears are wiggling. That is a sign that he is thinking back, way back. I suspect that what might be going through his mind is, if the Russkies couldn't outbid us for Wernher von Braun and his V-2 rocket team, these bozos are not going to outbid us in a low-stakes bridge tournament in the middle of nowhere. Bob bids 6♠ and they double.

I'm not too worried because it looks like we have 10 or 11 ♠s to the A, we can hold our ♣ losers to 1, and my ♦s might have some value. However, Bob is suddenly deep in thought again. He asks our opponents whether they mind if he checks something on the scoring matrix. They don't. What's he doing? Could he be trying to remember the highest score we ever got so he can top it? Sure enough, he redoubles.

I should be used to this by now. Even though it looks like the intrepid declarer has four quick losers plus a trump problem, on the lead of the ♦A we've got 2470 in the bank as long as ♦s are no worse than 5-2, which they aren't, and trumps are 1-1, which they are. Besides an absolute top on the hand itself, at the end of the tournament we each receive a small trophy having to do with the highest score multiplied by the distance to the players' sun divided by the speed of light; at least I think that's what they said.

Bob, I salute your stretch for the big win. If you can move a dead body with one hand and with the other cart away a cardboard suitcase full of Swiss Francs, you can redouble 6S any time you like.

RUMINATIONS

By Robert S Brown



[Author's Note: The following was intended for publication in the July edition of the Alert and was 50% complete when our OCD afflicted Editor S.M. peremptorily decreed the submission deadline expired (Guilty as charged – ed.). As a result, I'm certain many of you were bitterly disappointed by its omission. The fact that I have received neither correspondence nor comment to that effect I attribute to the resultant emotional trauma sustained by my readership which rendered them, at least temporarily, incapable of communication on this subject.]

It appears that many of the Game's devotees share an unhealthy and obsessive compulsion over timeliness. My partner's stately rate of deliberation¹ has forced us into many "Late Plays" at the Club – the CBA equivalent of detention. And what's with this Directorial hovering at the tables whose pace of play he

¹ The Albatross believes "quick thinking is an oxymoron".

finds displeasing? It's just another form of public shaming that I can't abide. And now I've just received a communique from our bedlamite Editor insisting that the issue is going to press without further delay. Well, that tears it, but I know how to respond . . .]

The police report provided little information to the Ruminator – sometime between Friday, May 12, 2017 and the following Tuesday, the theft occurred. The Club's trailer containing the paraphernalia and accoutrements necessarily attendant to the staging of a regional tournament vanished. No ransom demands were received or expected. When the trailer was recovered May 19th on Foster–Mainville road, it was filled with other purloined property, but the 135 bridge tables and their normal complement of bidding boxes, table guide cards, and section indicators were gone.

The Albatross, my alliteratively attentive amanuensis, blithely attributed the felony to "some hash-head hippies" ². "Stephen" I remonstrated "refrain from these purblind ultracrepidarian observations and I won't allude to those intemperate youthful escapades when you were of the same ilk."

The Albatross then suggested either the Anderson or Northern Kentucky Club were gearing up to stage their own regional tournament. Certainly, both institutions had many members with the moral turpitude and criminal bent necessary for such a theft. But even those cretins would know they could not publicly employ the pilfered property without detection.

I was compelled to explain the obvious. John Meinking, our President, delayed three days before reporting the theft. Meinking filed the insurance claim and reinvested their payout in new equipment. Meinking lives in Mainville. The trailer was recovered on Foster–Mainville road. "You mean" the Albatross explained "Meinking is the meanie?" ³

"No, you jobbernow!" I replied "That's what the perpetrator wants us to think. The perp is obviously a germaphobe⁴ and only one Club member fits that description – namely . . ."

² Oblivious to his own colorful past as the sax blowing front man for Gordie Main and the Mainiacs in the 60's.

³ Thus, validating his alliterative proclivities referenced in paragraph two *supra*

⁴ *Cui bono* double dative Latin construction literally meaning "for whose benefit".

Great Haste Makes Great Waste

By Rob Weidenfeld



The great patriot, Benjamin Franklin, was known as a prolific inventor and statesman. He was also a renowned author whose many quotations covered the landscape of American life. Having conducted extensive studies of his life, I have come to the conclusion that many of his famous quotes can easily be applied to the world of bridge.

This is not hard to imagine when you consider just a few. "Games lubricate the body and mind" could only be discussing the game that we all so admire. "A penny saved is a penny earned" must surely apply to saving your gunpowder for just the right moment at the bridge table. "God helps those who helps themselves" surely has to mean that it makes no sense to complain about the bad hands you are dealt when you have no idea what to do with the good ones you are dealt!

Finally there's this: "He that displays his wife and his wallet too often is in danger of having both of them borrowed." Ok...so this has no application to bridge, but I couldn't resist including it! But I digress... I recently played a bridge hand which made me think of Franklin's famous aphorism—"Great haste makes great waste." I actually dreamed about how he would have played it at his bridge club.

The duplicate game had been played in colonial New England and Franklin was comparing notes after the game with Alexander Hamilton, well-known for his mathematical mind. Hamilton was complaining about a board on which he got close to a zero. He laid out the hand with a borrowed quill on a sheet of parchment.

Contract ♠ K63
6♠ ♥ KQ5
Lead: ♦9 ♦ AJ74
♣ K82

♠ Q72
♥ A1087
♦ 98
♣ J743

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J
♥ J9643
♦ Q1032
♣ Q107

♠ A109854
♥ 2
♦ K65
♣ A109

Hamilton narrated as follows: "North-South got to a bad 6♠ contract on a tortured auction so I decided to make the safest lead I could. I led the ♦9. Suspecting the lie of the cards, declarer decided not to finesse and he played low, winning in hand with the ♦K as East also played low. Then he

immediately led the ♥2 and I didn't have to think very long. I had a potential trick with the ♠Q (as Hamilton was at this point Franklin could only think to himself,

"He who lives upon hope, will soon die of fasting") and further, what if the ♥2 was a singleton? I could not afford to duck it. So I flew with the ace and got out with my remaining ♦. Declarer also chose not to think, winning the return in dummy with the ♦A. Then he quickly played his two winning ♥s pitching a ♣ and a ♦ from his hand. Then he played a ♣ to his ♣A in hand, a ♣ back to the ♣K in dummy and ruffed a ♣ in hand. This was the position at trick 9 with South to play where South cannot afford to lose another trick:

Contract ♠ K63
6♠ ♥ -
Lead: ♦9 ♦ J7
♣ -

♠ Q72
♥ 10
♦ -
♣ J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J
♥ J9
♦ Q10
♣ -

♠ A10985
♥ -
♦ -
♣ -

He laid down the ♠A and, seeing the fall of the ♠J, took time to think. He figured I had a doubleton ♦ from my lead and follow up and marked me with 4 ♣s watching fall of partner's ♣ honors. So he marked me for 6 minor suit cards. He assumed that since my partner and I had

9 ♥s between us and had never bid, the ♥s were likely to be evenly divided, hence I had either 4 or 5. That meant I could only have 2 or 3 spades. Partner meanwhile could only have 1 or 2 spades. So seeing the fall of the ♠J, he decided I was more likely to have the ♠Q (today we call that restricted choice) and he finessed me for it, making 6! What a tale of woe!"

Franklin countered: "Alex the only woe to be notated is my woeful apprehension about the state of your defense! This slam should never make! It simply drives me crazy when I see defenders scoot to win a trick with an Ace simply because declarer is (presumably) leading towards an honor. Does second hand low mean nothing to you? What did you hope to accomplish by making declarer's path so simple? Let me loan you a copy of my recently published [Poor Richard's Almanac](#). Please read the section entitled "Great haste makes great waste."

I made the same lead against 6♠. When declarer won in hand at trick one and promptly led a ♥, I ducked! I knew if it was a singleton that rising with the ace would give declarer 2 valuable pitches with no certainty that I

would ever score a trump trick. Declarer won in dummy but he was doomed. He did what he could by ruffing a ♥, returning to the ♣K and ruffed his last ♥. Then he played his ♣A and exited with a ♣ putting my partner on lead in this position:

Contract ♠ K63
 6♠ ♥ -
 Lead: ♦9 ♦ AJ7
 ♣ -

♠ Q72 ♠ J
 ♥ A ♥ J9
 ♦ 8 ♦ Q103
 ♣ J ♣ -



♠ A109854
 ♥ -
 ♦ 65
 ♣ -

So long as partner did not lead a diamond in this end position, the slam would fail. Well rest easy my friend ... perhaps bridge is not your game. You know your life story is quite compelling. Perhaps you should write an autobiography. If

you get lucky, it may one day be turned into a stage production! But do it soon as "you should never leave 'til tomorrow what you can do today!"



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Stratified Side Game Series 1 9:00 1:00 7:00

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Stratified Swiss (single sessions) 9:00 7:00

Wednesday

AM Compact KO 1 (4 people) 9:00

(Continue Thursday morning)

Stratified Side Game Series AM 9:00

Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+) 1:00 7:00

Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750) 1:00 7:00

Barbaro KO (Rd 1 & 2) 1:00 7:00

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Stratified Side Game Series 2 1:00 7:00

Swiss Stratified (single session) 7:00

Thursday

AM Compact KO 1 (Cont.) 9:00

Stratified Side Game Series AM 9:00

Stratified Swiss 9:00

Stratiflighted Swiss (1500/3000/Open) 1:00 7:00

Ft. Knox Gold Rush Swiss Teams (100/300/750) 1:00 7:00

Barbaro KO 2 (Rd. 3 & 4) 1:00 7:00

Stratified Side Game Series 2 1:00 7:00

Open Pairs 1:00 7:00

Stratified Swiss 7:00

Friday

Stratified Side Game Series AM 9:00

AM Compact KO2 (4 people) 9:00

(Continue Sat AM)

Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+) 1:00 7:00

Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750) 1:00 7:00

Churchill Downs KO (Rd 1 & 2) 1:00 7:00

Stratified Side Game Series 3 1:00 7:00

Stratified Swiss 7:00

Saturday

Stratified Swiss 9:00

Stratified Side Game Series AM 9:00

AM Compact KO 2 (Cont'd) 9:00

Churchill Downs Knockouts (Rd 3 & 4) 1:00 7:00

Stratified Side Game Series 3 1:00 7:00

Open Pairs (0/1500/3000+) 1:00 7:00

Ft. Knox Gold Rush Pairs (100/300/750) 1:00 7:00

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MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Cincinnati NLM Sectional 10/06 - 10/07/2017

Fri Morn NLM Pairs - 17.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.09	1	1		Mike Burns - Pamela Kennedy, Cincinnati OH	64.58%
2.32	2	2	1	Janet Willenborg - Donna Glover, Cincinnati OH	58.71%
1.74	3	3	2	Kathy Rice - Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH	58.14%
1.30	4	4		J Laubie, Englewood OH; Harry Gerla, Dayton OH	57.58%
0.98	5	5		Stephen Creed, Fairfield OH; Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH	57.39%
0.73	6	6		Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH	57.01%
1.09		3		James Barrett - Clare Hoesl, Cincinnati OH	56.06%
0.70		4		Cecilia Kloecker - Debra Chavez, Cincinnati OH	54.36%
0.52		5		Rex Miller, Massillon OH; Rex Miller II, Columbus OH	52.84%

Fri Aft NLM Pairs - 12.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.52	1	1	1	Debra Chavez - Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH	63.69%
1.66	2/3	2/3		Connie Wiest, Dayton OH; Tom Griswold, Centerville OH	58.63%
1.66	2/3	2/3		Joseph Hammann, Tipp City OH; Bradley Martin, Middletown OH	58.63%
1.06	4	4	2	James Barrett, Cincinnati OH; Steve Messinger, Mason OH	57.44%
0.88	5	5		Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH; Jan Thurnau, Cincinnati OH	56.25%
0.60	6	6		Carol Scovic, Blue Ash OH; Carol Wilson, Cincinnati OH	55.95%
0.78		3		Janet Willenborg - Donna Glover, Cincinnati OH	52.08%
0.58		4		Joel Bromley - Dick Paulsen, Cincinnati OH	51.79%

Sat Morn NLM Pairs - 13.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.75	1			Liz Lin - Larry Milbrandt, Cincinnati OH	67.91%
2.17	2	1		Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH	63.36%
1.63	3	2		Anirudh Pandit - Arun Pandit, Mason OH	63.29%
1.22	4	3		Peggy Jervis - Pat Lindeman, Cincinnati OH	62.28%
0.97	5			Barbara Slade - Norma Hampton, Lexington KY	60.93%
1.47	6	4	1	Karen Clemency - Diane Halloran, Columbus OH	60.62%
0.69		5		Judith Lucas - Linda Drasnin, Cincinnati OH	57.35%
0.72		6		Michael Thill, Dayton OH; Tom Griswold, Centerville OH	56.31%
1.10		2		Steve Messinger, Mason OH; Carol Wilson, Cincinnati OH	52.07%
0.83		3		Janet Rebman - Linda Silvati, Cincinnati OH	49.66%
0.62		4		Rex Miller II, Columbus OH; Rex Miller, Massillon OH	47.83%

Sat Aft NLM Pairs - 8.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.18	1	1	1	Patt Olexsey - Jan Thurnau, Cincinnati OH	67.93%
1.64	2	2		Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH	61.27%
1.23	3			Joy Singerman - John Williams, Cincinnati OH	60.51%
1.05	4	3	2	Rex Miller II, Columbus OH; Rex Miller, Massillon OH	60.21%
0.78	5	4		Philip Wysong - James Wysong, Danville KY	55.92%
0.59	5			Brian Van Vliet - Cindy Van Vliet, Xenia OH	54.23%

Total masterpoints: 99.86 earned by 60 players.

Total attendance: 51 tables.

1	4.62	Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH	31	1.47	Karen Clemency, Columbus OH
2	4.54	Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH	32	1.47	Diane Halloran, Columbus OH
3	4.54	Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH	33	1.40	Cindy Van Vliet, Xenia OH
4	3.47	Pamela Kennedy, Cincinnati OH	34	1.40	Brian Van Vliet, Xenia OH
5	3.47	Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH	35	1.25	Cecilia Kloecker, Cincinnati OH
6	3.22	Debra Chavez, Cincinnati OH	36	1.22	Peggy Jervis, Cincinnati OH
7	3.10	Janet Willenborg, Cincinnati OH	37	1.09	Clare Hoesl, Cincinnati OH
8	3.10	Donna Glover, Cincinnati OH	38	0.98	Stephen Creed, Fairfield OH
9	3.06	Jan Thurnau, Cincinnati OH	39	0.97	Norma Hampton, Lexington KY
10	2.75	Liz Lin, Cincinnati OH	40	0.97	Barbara Slade, Lexington KY
11	2.75	Larry Milbrandt, Cincinnati OH	41	0.83	Linda Silvati, Cincinnati OH
12	2.64	Tom Griswold, Centerville OH	42	0.83	Janet Rebman, Cincinnati OH
13	2.29	Kathy Rice, Cincinnati OH	43	0.78	Susan Mosher, Cincinnati OH
14	2.19	Rex W Miller, Columbus OH	44	0.78	Sara Geier, Loveland OH
15	2.19	Rex Miller, Massillon OH	45	0.78	Philip Wysong, Danville KY
16	2.18	Patt Olexsey, Cincinnati OH	46	0.78	James Wysong, Danville KY
17	2.16	Steve Messinger, West Chester OH	47	0.72	Michael Thill, Dayton OH
18	2.15	James Barrett, Cincinnati OH	48	0.69	Linda Drasnin, Cincinnati OH
19	2.10	Joseph Hammann, Tipp City OH	49	0.69	Judith Lucas, Cincinnati OH
20	2.10	Bradley Martin, Middletown OH	50	0.61	Amy Connett, Fort Thomas KY
21	1.93	J Laubie, Englewood OH	51	0.60	Carol Scovic, Blue Ash OH
22	1.93	Harry Gerla, Dayton OH	52	0.58	Joel Bromley, Cincinnati OH
23	1.92	Connie Wiest, Centerville OH	53	0.58	Dick Paulsen, Cincinnati OH
24	1.90	John Williams, Cincinnati OH	54	0.36	Betty Murdock, Cincinnati OH
25	1.86	Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH	55	0.30	Nancy Grote, Cincinnati OH
26	1.70	Carol Wilson, Cincinnati OH	56	0.30	Mercer Reynolds, Cincinnati OH
27	1.67	Joy Singerman, Cincinnati OH	57	0.29	Terry Raulin, West Chester OH
28	1.63	Arun Pandit, Mason OH	58	0.29	Stephen Baldwin, Cold Spring KY
29	1.63	Anirudh Pandit, Mason OH	59	0.23	Tom Kereiakes, Cincinnati OH
30	1.60	Pat Lindeman, Cincinnati OH	60	0.23	Annette Kereiakes, Cincinnati OH

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Thursday Zombie Pairs - 16.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.58	1			Suman Agarwal, Hilliard OH; Rob Weidenfeld, Lebanon OH	56.45%
5.69	2			Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH; Steve Vogel,	56.11%
4.26	3			Mike Ma - Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH	55.85%
3.20	4			Jackie Toth, West Chester OH; Karen Kendall, Middletown OH	55.62%
3.98	5	1		Marilyn Prorise, Cincinnati OH; Laura Owens, Loveland OH	55.56%
2.99	6	2		Anne Finn - Elaine Reubel, Cincinnati OH	55.44%
2.24	7	3		Frances Brothers, Union KY; Courtney Thurman, Ft Mitchell KY	55.21%
1.90	8	4		Joe Pike, Edgewood KY; Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY	54.95%
1.33		5		D Byrkett - P Byrkett, Oxford OH	54.44%
2.14		6	1	Amy Gerowitz, Cincinnati OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	53.79%
1.61			2	Joanne Earls, Cincinnati OH; Jane Duncan, W Chester OH	47.50%
1.20			3	Tak (Oliver) Yip, Ft Mitchell KY; Ronald Jarchow, Union KY	46.25%

Thursday Zombie NLM Pairs - 6.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.48	1			Joseph Kammer - Gail Zimmer, Cincinnati OH	69.05%
1.86	2			Stephen Baldwin, Cold Spring KY; Terry Raulin, West Chester OH	62.67%
1.63	3	1		John McHugh, ; Carol Wilson, Cincinnati OH	54.86%
1.22	4	2		Janet Willenborg - Donna Glover, Cincinnati OH	53.50%
0.92	5	3		Frances Morrison - Jan Kiefhaber, Cincinnati OH	53.24%

Thursday Zombie Pairs - 13.5 Tables / Based on 17 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.88	1			Stephen Vogel, Cincinnati OH; Anton Habash, Oxford OH	61.63%
5.91	2	1		Joe Pike, Edgewood KY; Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY	59.94%
4.43	3	2	1	C Willig, Fairfield OH; Gary Busch, Cincinnati OH	57.46%
3.32	4			Peggy Barrett - Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH	56.73%
2.49	5	3	2	Gregory Brinker, Crescent Spring KY; Robert Frey, Villa Hills KY	56.42%
1.87	6	4		Paula Byrkett - Don Byrkett, Oxford OH	56.09%
1.11	7/9			William Higgins, Cincinnati OH; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	55.04%
1.11	7/9			Agnes De Lany - Patty Eber, Cincinnati OH	55.04%
1.11	7/9			Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH; Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	55.04%
1.20		5		Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH; Dave Claar, Union KY	51.21%
1.38		6	3	Brian Van Vliet - Cindy Van Vliet, Xenia OH	50.96%
1.03			4	Joyce Tedrick - Lewis Temples, Loveland OH	48.40%

Thursday Zombie NLM Pairs - 3.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
1.90	1			Mercer Reynolds - Nancy Grote, Cincinnati OH	63.00%
1.43	2			Gail Zimmer - Joseph Kammer, Cincinnati OH	58.00%

Thu Eve 8 is Enough Swiss - 13 Tables / Based on 12 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
3.23	1	Vijay Vasudevan - John Williams - Annette Kereiakes - Reeta Brendamour, Cincinnati OH	102.00
2.42	2	John Meinking, Maineville OH; Norman Coombs, Brookville IN; Erin Oblinger - Betty Murdock, Cincinnati OH	88.00
1.82	3	Kevin Henry - A J Stephani - Monica Ibarra, Cincinnati OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	74.00
1.36	4	William Atteberry - Micky Dasenbrock, Cincinnati OH; W Mike Glatt - Howard Simon, Florence KY	68.00

Friday Open Pairs - 23.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
10.77	1			Anton Habash, Oxford OH; Agnes De Lany, Cincinnati OH	62.33%
8.08	2	1		Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH; John Williams, Cincinnati OH	61.36%
6.06	3	2		Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH; Peggy Barrett, Cincinnati OH	60.75%
4.54	4	3		Peggy Ammon - David Dressman, Burlington KY	58.83%
3.41	5			Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH; Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH	58.22%
2.56	6	4		Howard Ringel, Cincinnati OH; Laura Owens, Loveland OH	56.73%
1.92	7			William Higgins, Cincinnati OH; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	56.21%
1.32	8/9	5		Sharon Kreitzer - Joseph Muenks, Cincinnati OH	56.03%
1.32	8/9			Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH; Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH	56.03%
1.08	10			Jackie Toth, West Chester OH; Nancy Luetge, Cincinnati OH	55.68%
0.92		6		Daniel Hance, Crittenden KY; Donald Duritsch, Florence KY	54.28%
1.80		1		Gregory Brinker, Crescent Spring KY; Robert Frey, Villa Hills KY	52.01%
1.35		2		Martin Mc Tighe, Cincinnati OH; Terry Brausch, West Chester OH	51.40%
1.01		3		Reeta Brendamour - Annette Kereiakes, Cincinnati OH	50.00%
0.76		4		Richard Freiberg - Adrienne Freiberg, Cincinnati OH	48.95%

Friday NLM Pairs - 14.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.75	1	1		David Francis, Lebanon OH; Carl Wahsum III, Waynesville OH	66.67%
2.06	2	2	1	James Dearwester, West Carrollton OH; Joel Bromley, Cincinnati OH	62.34%
1.55	3	3		Sara Geier, Loveland OH; Pattie Jamison, Cincinnati OH	59.29%

1.17	4	4	2	Janet Willenborg - Donna Glover, Cincinnati OH	56.73%
1.38	5	5		Carol Scovic, Blue Ash OH; Deborah Luongo, Kettering OH	56.41%
0.97	6	6	3	Nancy Grote - Betsy Coith, Cincinnati OH	56.25%
0.69		4		Janet Rebman, Cincinnati OH; Grace Kahl, Loveland OH	55.77%
0.49		5		Elaine Rothstein - Frances Hamilton, Cincinnati OH	54.17%

Friday Open Pairs - 15.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
5.96	1			Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH; Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	68.75%
4.47	2			John Meinking, Maineville OH; A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH	67.31%
3.35	3			Albert Beaupre - Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH	62.64%
3.13	4	1		Patty Eber - Sheldon Kushner, Cincinnati OH	58.93%
1.89	5			Norman Coombs, Brookville IN; Lorna Davis, West Chester OH	58.48%
2.35	6	2		Donald Etson, Hamilton OH; Daniel Koppenhafer, Mason OH	56.87%
1.06	7			Georgia Banziger - Donna Moore, Dayton OH	55.91%
1.80	3/4	1		Joy Singerman - John Williams, Cincinnati OH	55.36%
1.54	3/4			John Taylor, Burlington KY; Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH	55.36%
0.99	5			Carl Tollison - Rick O'Connor, Villa Hills KY	53.16%
0.82	6			Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH	51.79%
1.35		2		Betty Torello, Blue Ash OH; Joanne Earls, Cincinnati OH	48.21%
1.01		3		Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH; Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH	46.84%
0.76		4		Richard Freiberg - Adrienne Freiberg, Cincinnati OH	46.73%

Friday NLM Pairs - 9.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.29	1	1		Betty Murdock - Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH	64.92%
1.72	2	2	1	Joel Bromley, Cincinnati OH; James Dearwester, West Carrollton OH	61.14%
1.29	3			Charlie Kobida - Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH	60.11%
0.98	4	3	2	Patt Olexsey - Janet Thurnau, Cincinnati OH	58.96%
0.74	5	4		Peggy Jervis - Pat Lindeman, Cincinnati OH	57.30%
0.55	6	5		Martha Grant - Andrew Grant, Cincinnati OH	56.42%
0.72		3		Janet Willenborg - Donna Glover, Cincinnati OH	54.14%

Saturday Open Pairs - 13.5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
10.21	1			Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH; Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH	62.50%
7.66	2			Nancy Luetge - Howard Ringel, Cincinnati OH	61.63%
5.74	3	1	1	Reeta Brendamour, Cincinnati OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	60.74%
4.31	4			Joseph Keim, Dayton OH; Vickie Sebastian, Beavercreek OH	59.29%

3.23	5		Robert Fisk - Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH	58.68%
2.42	6		Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH; William Higgins, Cincinnati OH	58.17%
2.42	7	2	John Taylor, Burlington KY; Cordell Coy, Villa Hills KY	57.12%
1.81	3		Margaret Young - Dave Tollison, Cincinnati OH	55.55%
1.36	4		Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH; John Williams, Cincinnati OH	55.29%
1.61	5	2	Robert Frey, Ville Hills KY; Gregory Brinker, Crescent Spring KY	53.82%
1.20	3		Arun Gupta, West Chester OH; Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH	50.35%

Saturday NLM Pairs - 11.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.06	1	1	1	James Dearwester, West Carrollton OH; Joel Bromley, Cincinnati OH	61.11%
2.30	2	2	2	Patt Olexsey - Jan Thurnau, Cincinnati OH	59.26%
1.51	3/4	3/4		Tim Oppelt - Joanne Oppelt, Cincinnati OH	59.03%
1.51	3/4	3/4	3	Leonard Kanterman, Cincinnati OH; James Jacobson, Dayton OH	59.03%
1.07	5			Anirudh Pandit - Arun Pandit, Mason OH	57.41%
0.75	6	5		Sara Geier, Loveland OH; Pattie Jamison, Cinti OH	56.94%
0.74		4		Greg Chrzanowski, ; Phyllis Rozof, Loveland OH	51.39%

Saturday Open Pairs - 11.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
7.88	1	1		Peggy Ammon, Burlington KY; David Dressman, Burlington KY	60.37%
5.91	2			Robert Fisk - Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH	59.81%
4.43	3			Suman Agarwal, Hilliard OH; Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH	57.78%
3.32	4			Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH; Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	57.41%
2.49	5	2		Cordell Coy, Villa Hills KY; John Taylor, Burlington KY	56.30%
1.87	6			Michael Purcell, Loveland OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	55.93%
1.49	3			Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Michael Lipp, Trenton OH	52.78%

Saturday NLM Pairs - 6.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.33	1	1		Sara Geier, Loveland OH; Pattie Jamison, Cinti OH	63.75%
1.75	2	2		Steve Messinger, Mason OH; Sandra Fielman, Loveland OH	61.25%
1.31	3	3		Pamela Kennedy - Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH	55.83%
0.98	4	4		Debbie Luongo, ; Susan Sadlier, Dayton OH	55.42%

Cincinnati Spooktacular

Total masterpoints: 614.48 earned by 173 players.

Total attendance: 156 tables.

1	24.01	Amitabh Raturi, Cincinnati OH	88	1.86	Stephen Baldwin, Cold Spring KY
2	22.90	Robert Sulgrove, Centerville OH	89	1.86	Cindy Van Vliet, Xenia OH
3	19.51	Anton Habash, Oxford OH	90	1.86	Brian Van Vliet, Xenia OH
4	15.37	Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH	91	1.81	Margaret Young, Cincinnati OH
5	15.04	Suman Agarwal, Columbus OH	92	1.79	Jane Duncan, West Chester OH
6	14.47	John Williams, Cincinnati OH	93	1.76	Georgia Banziger, Dayton OH
7	13.84	Vijay Vasudevan, Cincinnati OH	94	1.76	Donna Moore, Dayton OH
8	13.57	Steve Vogel, Cincinnati OH	95	1.75	Steve Messinger, West Chester OH
9	13.35	Peggy Ammon, Burlington KY	96	1.75	Sandra Fielman, Loveland OH
10	13.35	David Dressman, Burlington KY	97	1.65	Charlie Kobida, Cincinnati OH
11	13.11	Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	98	1.63	John McHugh, Cincinnati OH
12	12.38	Agnes De Lany, Cincinnati OH	99	1.62	Arun Gupta, West Chester OH
13	11.58	Robert Fisk, Cincinnati OH	100	1.56	Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH
14	10.22	Howard Ringel, Cincinnati OH	101	1.53	Joe Fisher, Cincinnati OH
15	10.11	Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH	102	1.53	Amy Fisher, Cincinnati OH
16	9.98	Reeta Brendamour, Cincinnati OH	103	1.52	Richard Freiberg, Cincinnati OH
17	9.38	Peggy Barrett, Cincinnati OH	104	1.52	Adrienne Freiberg, Cincinnati OH
18	8.74	Nancy Luetge, Cincinnati OH	105	1.51	Leonard Kanterman, Cincinnati OH
19	8.35	John Meinking, Maineville OH	106	1.51	James Jacobson, Cincinnati OH
20	8.17	Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY	107	1.41	Rick O'Connor, Villa Hills KY
21	7.81	Joe Pike, Edgewood KY	108	1.39	Lewis Temples, Loveland OH
22	7.71	John Taylor, Burlington KY	109	1.36	William Atteberry, Cincinnati OH
23	7.58	Rob Weidenfeld, Cincinnati OH	110	1.36	W Mike Glatt, Florence KY
24	7.30	Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH	111	1.36	Micky Dasenbrock, Cincinnati OH
25	6.88	Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH	112	1.36	Howard Simon, Florence KY
26	6.84	Joel Bromley, Cincinnati OH	113	1.35	Terry Brausch, West Chester OH
27	6.84	James Dearwester, W.Carrollton OH	114	1.35	Martin Mc Tighe, Cincinnati OH
28	6.54	Laura Owens, Loveland OH	115	1.35	Betty Torello, Blue Ash OH
29	6.29	A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH	116	1.32	Sharon Kreitzer, Cincinnati OH
30	6.08	Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	117	1.32	Joseph Muenks, Cincinnati OH
31	6.08	William Higgins, Cincinnati OH	118	1.30	Edward Long, Liberty Twp OH
32	5.90	Robert Frey, Villa Hills KY	119	1.20	Tak(Oliver) Yip, Fort Mitchell KY
33	5.90	Greg Brinker, Crescent Spring KY	120	1.20	Ronald Jarchow, Union KY
34	5.77	Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	121	1.20	Dave Claar, Union KY
35	5.25	Sara Geier, Loveland OH	122	1.20	Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH
36	5.25	Pattie Jamison, Cincinnati OH	123	1.10	Sanderson Orr, Cincinnati OH
37	4.99	Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH	124	1.07	Arun Pandit, Mason OH
38	4.99	Betty Murdock, Cincinnati OH	125	1.07	Anirudh Pandit, Mason OH
39	4.91	Cordell Coy, Lakeside Park KY	126	1.03	Joyce Tedrick, Loveland OH
40	4.71	Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH	127	1.01	Sharon Koster, Blue Ash OH
41	4.43	Gary Busch, Cincinnati OH	128	1.01	Robert Roark, Cincinnati OH
42	4.43	C Willig, Fairfield OH	129	0.99	Potter Orr, Cincinnati OH
43	4.31	Vickie Sebastian, Beaver creek OH	130	0.98	Susan Sadlier, Dayton OH
44	4.31	Joseph Keim, Dayton OH	131	0.97	Betsy Coith, Cincinnati OH
45	4.28	Jackie Toth, West Chester OH	132	0.92	Jan Kiefhaber, Cincinnati OH
46	4.25	Marilyn Prosise, Cincinnati OH	133	0.92	Frances Morrison, Cincinnati OH
47	4.24	Patty Eber, Cincinnati OH	134	0.92	Donald Duritsch, Florence KY
48	4.24	Annette Kereiakes, Cincinnati OH	135	0.92	Daniel Hance, Crittenden KY
49	3.98	Albert Beaupre, Cincinnati OH	136	0.90	Jagmohan Malhotra, Lawrenceburg IN
50	3.91	Joseph Kammer, Cincinnati OH	137	0.74	Phyllis Rozof, Loveland OH
51	3.91	Gail Zimmer, Cincinnati OH	138	0.74	Peggy Jervis, Cincinnati OH
52	3.37	Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH	139	0.74	Pat Lindeman, Cincinnati OH
53	3.29	Elaine Reubel, Cincinnati OH	140	0.74	Greg Chrzanowski, Mason OH
54	3.28	Patt Olexsey, Cincinnati OH	141	0.69	Janet Rebman, Cincinnati OH
55	3.28	Janet Thurnau, Cincinnati OH	142	0.69	Grace Kahl, Loveland OH
56	3.25	Daniel Koppenhafer, Mason OH	143	0.69	Debbie Wiest, West Chester OH
57	3.22	Carl Tollison, Villa Hills KY	144	0.63	Sanford Franklin, Cincinnati OH
58	3.20	P Byrkett, Oxford OH	145	0.63	Paul Pschesang, Cincinnati OH

59	3.20	Karen Kendall, LibertyTWP OH	146	0.62	Sherry Leblond, Cincinnati OH
60	3.20	D Byrkett, Oxford OH	147	0.62	Kathy Dewitt, Cincinnati OH
61	3.13	Sheldon Kushner, Cincinnati OH	148	0.55	Martha Grant, Cincinnati OH
62	3.11	Janet Willenborg, Cincinnati OH	149	0.55	Andrew Grant, Cincinnati OH
63	3.11	Donna Glover, Cincinnati OH	150	0.54	V Netherwood, Cincinnati OH
64	2.99	Anne Finn, Cincinnati OH	151	0.49	Frances Hamilton, Cincinnati OH
65	2.96	Joanne Earls, Cincinnati OH	152	0.49	Elaine Rothstein, Cincinnati OH
66	2.87	Nancy Grote, Cincinnati OH	153	0.47	Stacy Vanstone, West Chester OH
67	2.75	David Francis, Lebanon OH	154	0.45	Patricia Burnam, Cincinnati OH
68	2.75	Carl Wahsum III, Waynesville OH	155	0.45	Liz Lin, Cincinnati OH
69	2.50	Michael Purcell, Loveland OH	156	0.42	Ambrish Bansal, West Chester OH
70	2.45	Carol Wilson, Cincinnati OH	157	0.36	William Cook, Cincinnati OH
71	2.36	Pamela Kennedy, Cincinnati OH	158	0.36	Kay Mulford, Cincinnati OH
72	2.36	Deborah Luongo, Kettering OH	159	0.36	John Drew, Florence KY
73	2.35	Donald Etson, Hamilton OH	160	0.36	John Altman Sr, Cincinnati OH
74	2.32	Stephen Moese, West Chester OH	161	0.36	Joann Katz, Cincinnati OH
75	2.32	Amy Gerowitz, Cincinnati OH	162	0.36	Jerry Katz, Cincinnati OH
76	2.24	Frances Brothers, Union KY	163	0.33	Deborah Cummings, Villa Hills KY
77	2.24	Courtney Thurman, Ft Mitchell KY	164	0.30	Melanie Onnen, Cincinnati OH
78	2.16	Joy Singerman, Cincinnati OH	165	0.29	Jan Polk, Southgate KY
79	2.12	Michael Lipp, Trenton OH	166	0.27	Robert Prosise, Cincinnati OH
80	2.05	Monica Ibarra, Covington KY	167	0.27	Janet Venosa, Cincinnati OH
81	2.05	Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH	168	0.27	Al Venosa, Cincinnati OH
82	1.92	Carol Scovic, Blue Ash OH	169	0.18	Stephen Felson, Cincinnati OH
83	1.90	Mercer Reynolds, Cincinnati OH	170	0.18	Robert Brown, Cincinnati OH
84	1.89	Lorna Davis, West Chester OH	171	0.18	Patrick Hoffman, Cincinnati OH
85	1.87	Tim Oppelt, Cincinnati OH	172	0.18	Lanny Cai, Nicholasville KY
86	1.87	Joanne Oppelt, Cincinnati OH	173	0.18	Frank Lichtenberger, Cincinnati
87	1.86	Terry Raulin, West Chester OH	OH		