ALERT

Quarterly Newsletter

Cincinnati Bridge Association UNIT 124

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank You! to all our members who have stepped forward to support in-person bridge in the greater Cincinnati Area.

Thank You! to AJ Stephani for leadership and remarkable crisis management guiding the Flying Pig Regional to a successful conclusion. Kudos to all volunteers and players who gave their time, effort and treasure to the Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional. Heroic effort overcame the 2-day blackout.

Thank You! to **Pam Campbell**, peerless Club Owner and Board Member. Pam has done more for bridge in the Cincinnati area these past few years than anyone might imagine. She will be leaving us for a snow-bird experience starting September. We will miss her tremendously. We wish her well in this new, next big step for her and husband Bob. You have a home with the CBC, Pam!

CBC Needs New Game Directors – With Pam planning to step away we need people interested in running club games at the CBC to step forward. Please see the announcement regarding the Club Director Class starting in later August later in this issue. Open to all ACBL members in good standing. Contact **John Altman** with interest and questions. Altmanj.87@gmail.com

Bert Luken was appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the remaining term vacated by Robert Lail. **Gary Herrington** was appointed to fill the remaining term for Bert Luken. Congratulations to both and thanks for your service.

Pending draft minutes from the July 7 Board Meeting, I report that the Board has agreed to a path forward for a CBC Player Card. Implementation details are being developed. The general idea is that players will purchase a card for a fee, and receive a $1 reduction in table fees at

the CBC. We hope this approach will incentivize in-person play while allowing the Unit to raise money toward the expense of leasing the CBC space.

Much of what we share comes from volunteers like you. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all our members. For those of you who haven't volunteered yet, take time to share your skills with our members. Reach out to any member of the Board of Directors. We will find something that needs doing.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the tables in the coming weeks. Play lots of bridge!

Steve

Steve Moese
President, Unit 124 Board of Directors

ONE STEP FORWARD

This **ALERT** reflects our community and our game. We see a waning of contributions by long time authors. We do depend on our members for content. One of the difficult results from the Covid-19 pandemic has been the loss of volunteers. This shows up in many ways – harder to find people to contribute to the **ALERT**, harder to find people to contribute to hospitality at Unit events, harder to retain skilled people to support our tournaments – the list is lengthy. While we all look forward to the days when Covid is truly behind us, there is no escaping that much has changed. We need new people to step up and ask what they can do to help. We need experienced volunteers to mentor our newcomers to share their expertise forward. We need all of us to find the energy to put back into this wonderful game of ours what we have enjoyed in our lifetimes.

Thanks go out to Dean Congbalay who has provided amazing insight to the social and introspective benefits of bridge in his many ALERT articles. This month's article is no different – I recommend it! John Altman Jr discussed the need for new directors. AJ Stephani provides a brief overview of the Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional. John Altman offers the Club Director Training Course – If you have any interest at all, please plan to attend. Mike Burns contributes the recent edition of the local version of the Bridge Quiz. Check your choices against local experts.

You will find more information about the ACBL and the current issues faced about in-person bridge and membership. Bridge players who are successful have a sound understanding of probability. You'll find a refresher (without the complicated equations) for your entertainment.

I note here that the Unit Mentor Program is underway. Only 7 pairs had signed up at this writing. If you are still interested in having or being a Mentor, please go to http://www.cincybridge.com/CBAMentoringProgram.html and sign up now.

Wishing You Good Bridge and Good Luck,

Steve

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UNIT 124 NEWS

WE NEED DIRECTORS - Free director class at the Cincinnati Bridge Center

by John Altman Jr.
As you may already know, the Cincinnati Bridge Center is in need of a fresh crop of new directors and club managers. The Cincinnati bridge community is soon going to be losing one of our most important assets and ambassadors to the game, Pam Campbell. Despite all of our best efforts, we could not prevent her from answering the siren's call to Florida. If you don't already know, Pam has almost single-handedly been the driving force behind Cincinnati's post-pandemic return to face-to-face bridge. At her peak, Pam had been running almost 80% of the club games at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. This includes at least one game per day every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. While no one will be able to completely fill Pam's shoes, we are in dire need of the next generation of directors, sanction holders, and club managers to help maintain and grow face-to-face bridge in Cincinnati.

Now I am intimately familiar with the fact that trying to run a club game can seem intimidating or stressful. Back when I first became a director at the ripe age of 15, I was pretty much immediately thrown into the fire directing the old Tuesday night open game which was full of the club's best players. While I was absolutely terrified at the time, I learned that it really wasn't as intimidating or confusing as I initially thought and as proof of that I am still here directing games 12 years later. Even now, with my experience as a director I still make mistakes. My Monday night crowd can certainly attest to this as there was even one night that I had to break out the old paper scoring slips because I somehow managed to mess up the movement so bad in ACBLScore. While it certainly took me a little more effort to manually enter scores, everybody still had a good time, especially those who got to reminisce of time before we had to feverishly press the accept button on the BridgeMate fifteen time before it submits the score. The moral of this story is that short of you unplugging the computer, taking it outside and running it over with your car, there is always a way to fix any issue or mistake that comes up and provide a good game of bridge to the community.

In order to help train this next generation of directors at the Cincinnati Bridge Center, I will be offering a FREE director class at the end of August. There will be a total of four sessions split over two Saturdays. The purpose of this class will not be to overload people with enough information to become tournament directors. Rather this class is designed to equip new directors with the base knowledge and tools to be able successfully run a club game. The first half of the class will be devoted to teaching you the rules of the game with a focus on those rules that actually come up frequently in club games. The second half of the class will focus on how to actually run a club game at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. We will talk about making boards, setting up the game, and most importantly how to unravel and demystify the horror show that is ACBLScore. By the time the class is over, you will have all the tools necessary to be able to run your very own club game at the Cincinnati Bridge Center.

In addition to the class, I will be making my Monday night bridge game open to any new directors who want to give their new skills a test drive. New directors who are interested will be welcome to direct a Monday night game or two with me so that you can build the confidence to run your own games while having someone close by to work with and ask questions.

As a final word, I want to make it clear that there are no real experience requirements to become a director. If you have a basic understanding of the game of duplicate bridge and can operate a mouse and keyboard, you have the requisite skills to run your very own game.

If you would like to attend this class, please email me at altmanj.87@gmail.com . I am looking forward to having some familiar faces on the other side of the director's desk in the near future.

SCHEDULE:
AUGUST 20
9:00A-Noon – Introduction to the rules of duplicate bridge
Noon-1:00P – Lunch Break
1:00P – 4:00P – The mechanics of ruling and the top 5 most common club game rulings

AUGUST 27
9:00 A – Noon – How to actually run a club game
Noon – 1:00 P – Lunch Break
1:00 P – 4:00 P – ACBLScore Masterclass
Contact John Altman to register for this class.
altmanj.87@gmail.com

CBA Mentor Program
Games are underway at both Northern Kentucky Bridge Club and the Cincinnati Bridge Center. Check the Northern Kentucky Website for their scheduled games.

CBC Schedule:
Monday, August 1, 7:00 pm
Monday, August 8, 7:00 pm
Monday, August 15, 7:00 pm
Monday, August 22, 7:00 pm
Monday, August 29, 7:00 pm
Monday, September 5, 7:00 pm
Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm
Monday, September 19, 7:00 pm
Monday, September 26, 7:00 pm

Questions?

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859-384-8042	
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NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Those of you who have participated in this largest grass roots pair tournament know the excitement. I want to call out the benefits for our newer players who might not be aware or who might even feel intimidated about the prospect of playing in a District Final let alone traveling to an NABC tournament to participate in an NABC Final.

Details for this year's competition can be found on the D11 website at:
http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html

Cost:
Every club runs NAP Qualifying games twice a month during June, July, and August. These games cost $1 extra per person, and those funds go to subsidize stipends and grass roots budgets for Units to support the NAP and GNT.

How it Works:
You must finish above 50% or in the top half of your stratification (assuming the stratifications match NAP criteria). Players qualify as individuals and play according

to the MP holding they have as of May 6, 2022. Masterpoint won aafter that date do not count toward your stratification.

Benefits

NAPQ Games – **earn 3x masterpoints ½ black and ½ red.** Qualify as many times as you like with as many partners as you want.

Once qualified plan to play in the D11 Finals – **Sat Oct 15 for Flight B (<2500 MPs)** and **Sunday For Flight C (<500 MPs/NLM) and Flight A (Open).**

The finals pay GOLD and RED Points at Regional Rating. That's right – Losts of GOLD Points available.

Play the **D11 finals at the Cincinnati Bridge Center** – that makes this a home tournament for all Unit 124 members.

If you finish in the top 4 places at the D11 Finals you qualify for the NABC finals in New Orleans LA in March 2023. You also receive a **stipend**:

Place/Flight	Subsidy
1st Place, A/B/C	$700 per individual from the ACBL
2nd Place, A/B/C	$300 per individual from the ACBL
3rd Place, A/B/C	$200 per individual from District 11
4th Place, B/C	$150 per individual from District 11

Proof of participation required for D11 subsidies. ACBL subsidy paid on site with participation.

ATTENTION NON LIFE MASTERS

Please give serious consideration to qualifying for the NAP District Finals. You will have the chance to earn red and gold points at the CBC and perhaps have a chance at earning a travel stipend to attend the NABC in New Orleans. You are under no obligation to attend New Orleans. However, who wouldn't jump at the chance?
For the History of the NAPsee go to:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_Pairs

NAME TAGS

Contact Joanne Earls – 772-4395; jolman@fuse.net

Your Name Here
Cincinnati Bridge

PARTNERSHIPS!

If you're looking for a partner for a single game, call the director of the game - s/he knows others who are available for that game. Find directors' names on the Bridge Club's websites. You can meet prospective partners at lessons or during supervised play.

RANK PROMOTIONS

2022	May	June	July
Junior Master	Michael Wheeler	Huan-Chia Chang	
Club Master	Linda Costura Craig Himes		
Sectional Master			Marilyn Greenbaum Jim Steinke Bruce Tepper
Regional Master			Mary Jacobs
NABC Master			Stephen Baldwin James Eger Tony Liming
Adv NABC Master			Sandra Fielman Anne Rinaldi
Life Master			Adrianne Freiberg Kwan Cha Hurley Betty Murdock
Bronze LM	Judith Lucas		Adrianne Freiberg
Silver LM		Barton Jacobs	
Ruby LM	Michiko Matsume		
Gold LM			John Williams
Sapphire LM		Arun Goyal	

Congratulations to all our members who achieved new ranks this past quarter. You can check your recorded Masterpoints and rank through MyACBL at www.acbl.org. Once on the website click on MyACBL. (If you haven't registered, it will help you create your password). The ACBL will create a current status report for you!

Ranks Promotions **Masterpoints**

Supervised Play

Supervised play is a fun, informal opportunity for I/N players to play with peers and hone skills at the same time. Experienced coaches advise every table and answer your questions as they occur. Hand records reinforce learning. While these games do not award ACBL Masterpoints, they reward I/N players with improved skill, new friends, and a deeper appreciation of the fun that bridge offers. Don't forget the free seminar 1/2 hour before supervised play begins!

Aug 6
9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams
Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis
Regular Volunteers: Jane Duncan, Mike Purcell

Aug 13: Dayton Sectional & Louisville I/N Sectional
9:30 Seminar Speaker: Bob Fisk
Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis
Regular Volunteers: Mike Purcell

Aug 20
9:30 Seminar Speaker: Bob Fisk
Sign In Sheet: Mike Purcell
Regular Volunteers:

Aug 27
9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams
Sign In Sheet: Terry Brausch
Regular Volunteers: Jane Duncan, Bob Fisk

Sep 3: Labor Day (Atlanta and Pittsburg Regionals)
9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams
Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis
Regular Volunteers: Mike Purcell

Sep 10: Fairborn (Dayton) Regional
9:30 Seminar Speaker: Bob Fisk
Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis
Regular Volunteers: Terry Brausch, Jane Duncan

Sep 17: Lexington Sectional
9:30 Seminar Speaker: Bob Fisk
Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis
Regular Volunteers: John Williams, Mike Purcell

Sep 24: Louisville Sectional
9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams

Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis
Regular Volunteers: Bob Fisk, Jane Duncan

Oct 1
9:30 Seminar Speaker: John Williams
Sign In Sheet: Lorna Davis
Regular Volunteers: Terry Brausch, Bob Fisk

NORTHERN KENTUCKY BRIDGE CLUB

Website: https://www.bridgewebs.com/nkbc/
Currently offers games Tuesday and Friday Mornings, and Wednesday Evening. Check their website for details.

ANDERSON BRIDGE CLUB

Website: https://www.bridgewebs.com/anderson/

The new location is the **Mt Washington Rec Center, 1715 Beacon St., Cincinnati, OH 45230** Players will pay a $10 annual membership to the MWRC. Games then cost $5 each. The annual membership entitles all players to use of the MWRC facility.

CINCINNATI BRIDGE CENTER

Website:
https://www.bridgewebs.com/cincinnaticenter/

All games are subject to change, so please stay current by checking the websites.

We note with sadness that the decades long run of the Women's **Deschapelles Club** has been suspended until and unless attendance improves. The Monday morning game is on hiatus until further notice. Please contact Debbie Cummings dcummings@twc.com about a possible return to active play. Now, let's take a look at how well our clubs are doing.

Clubs Count!
Table counts are the best measure of attendance in bridge. Four people playing in one session are a table. If the same four people play in 2 sessions, that's 2 tables.

Here are the total number of tables played in the NKyBC and the Cincinnati Bridge Cen, the CBC and Anderson BC. The Cincinnati Bridge Center is home to 5 different bridge clubs (3 of which are currently operating) and many bridge related activities.

Northern Kentucky Bridge Club

2022 NKBC Table Count					
Tables	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
Jan	10	4	5	9.5	28.5
Feb	16	0	0	16.5	32.5
Mar	34.5	21.5	5.5	28	89.5
Apr	29.5	11	0	44.5	85
May	44.5	15.5	4	35.5	99.5
Jun	33.5	10.5	0	17.5	61.5
Jul	32.5	17	0	47	96.5
Total	201	79.5	14.5	199	493

NKBC Total Tables 2022

NKBC TABLES BY DAY 2022
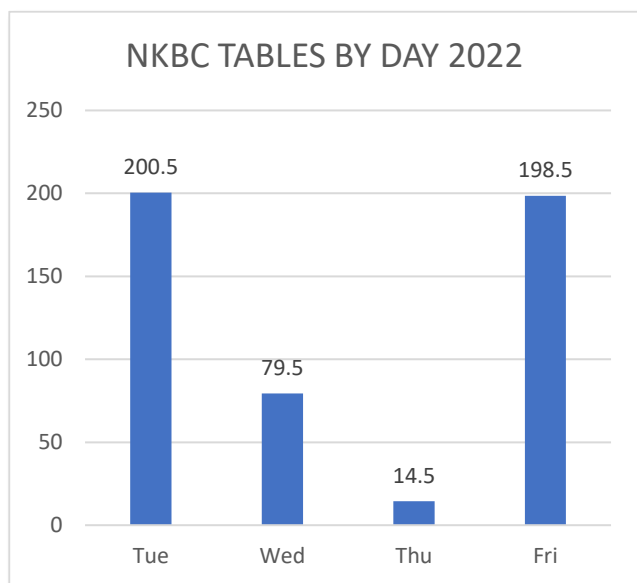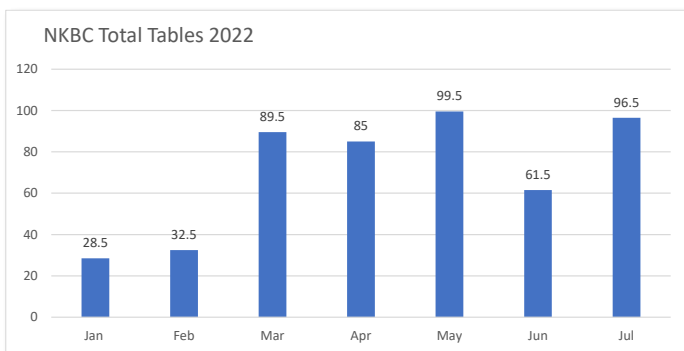
CINCINNATI BRIDGE CENTER

2022	CBC Tables						
Tables	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Total
Jan	24	0	12.5	21	16.5	10.5	84.5
Feb	35	0	21.5	38	22	15.5	132.0
Mar	44	4	46.5	71.5	24	32	222.0
Apr	41.5	10	43	52.5	35	33	215
May	51	0	41	48	29	28	197
Jun	28	0	24	41	14.5	6.5	114
Jul	25.5	0	42	49.5	33	17.5	167.5
TOTAL	249	14	231	322	174	143	1132.0

2022 Cincinnati Bridge Center TABLES

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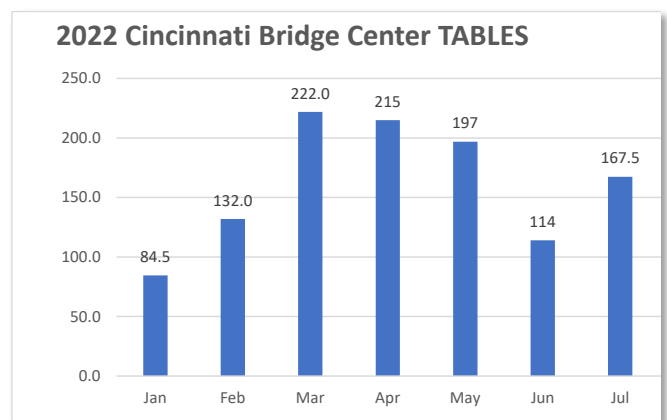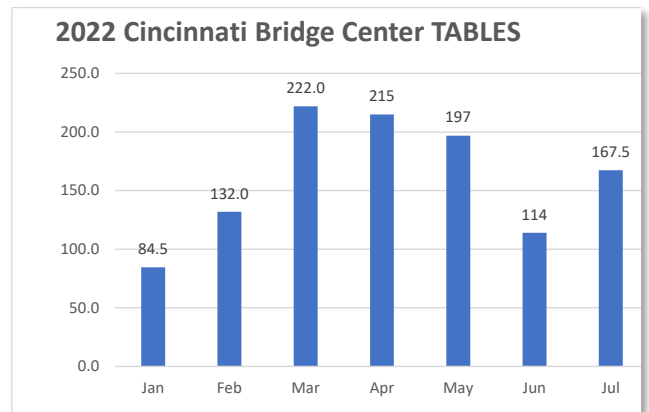
June attendance dropped because of the Flying Pig Regional June 13-17. All but one game at the CBC was canceled the following week due to Covid-19.

Attendance at the CBC is well below expectations and trending in the wrong direction as the summer continues.

Anderson Bridge Club
Games at th4e Mt. Washington center are steady at 4 tables. This is well under the massive games we enjoyed in 2018 at the Anderson Senior Center.

We need more players playing more.

70% GAMES

John Altman Jr and BK Kolkman enjoyed 72.29% game on June 27, 2022 at the Altman's Monday Night U2000 game.

A Guy Collapsed at Bridge…

By Dean Congbalay
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A guy collapsed at bridge today, and it has really gotten me thinking.

We were two-thirds the way through the game when I heard another player say that someone was on the floor toward the back of the room.

I got up from Table 9. A retired doctor was already at his side, elevating the 82-year-old man's legs onto a chair.

I called 911. He seemed to be in good spirits and was even smiling -- a rarity for a bridge player! A paramedic voiced that perhaps he was dehydrated. Firefighters placed him on a stretcher and took him to Lakewood Ranch Hospital.

I'm still thinking about the incident.

Before he was taken away, he shared that he lives alone. I asked him if there was anyone he would like us to contact. He asked us to call his son up in New England. His son would then alert his daughter in Denmark.

The guy lives alone. So do I.

If something were to happen to me, I wouldn't have any family nearby either.

Last summer, a very good friend fell in a parking lot. An employee at his building called me, and I went there immediately. He would have been my emergency contact -- but he passed away this spring.

It all makes you think...

A couple months ago, I had my yearly physical. Dr. Oppenheimer told me that I'm due for a routine colonoscopy. He referred a gastro guy here, but I decided to get the procedure done in Columbus, where my mom could take me.

Yes, I could use his referral, but who would drive me? I know that I could ask a neighbor, but that's an hours-long commitment. It just doesn't feel comfortable.

As I was standing at the bridge center waiting on the paramedics today, my buddy Paul looked at me. He's a good egg, and something tells me that he read my mind.

"I would take you anywhere you needed to go if you needed me," he said. I know his words were genuine. I'd do the same for him.

A guy collapsed at bridge today, and it has really gotten me thinking.

2022 Flying Pig Regional

By AJ Stephani
Whew . . . We'll never forget this one!

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who made last week possible -- the team effort in managing an unmanageable situation was amazing. We certainly didn't get everything right, but we managed to navigate the waters and lose only 30 minutes.

The stories of community, kindness, and cooperation will live for years -- it will take several weeks to document all those little moments that made the week really special. If you know of an anecdote or have a favorite story that you'd like to share, send it along. I'll try to weave everything into a narrative.

Some highlights:

* The Directors were terrific in taking the lead on their end. I think I had a 30-second conversation with Mike Tuesday morning, he said he had it, and he took over from there. We couldn't have done it without you, Mike.

* The hotel was amazing -- ACBL President Joanne Glasson marveled at how Nidhi marshalled her troops that morning and throughout the daylong outage. Your efforts to protect and care for our players in an emergency can't be understated, Nidhi. We extend our heartfelt thanks to you, your family, and your entire staff.

* To the untold players who scrambled to set up tables, scrounge for chairs, find hidden space in the building, grab a broom and prepare the Bridge Center for its biggest

challenge in our 25-year history, well done! We stepped up when we knew people were counting on us, and you represented Cincinnati at its best.

* To Elenya and the rest of the caddies (who were learning on the fly) -- your flexibility and extra hands to do whatever was needed was remarkable. You provided the glue that held everything together in so many ways.

* Joanne and Bob, we're honored by your presence, and we're so glad you came out of the week with one whale of a story to tell. It was wonderful having you with us.

* We had 10 new Life Masters this year! That's the highest number of new engravees on the Pigasus trophy since we started this tradition 10 years ago. Congrats to all the new LMs!
* We have no idea how many tables we lost due to the power outage, but we still eeked out 45% of the 2019 table count. Before the tournament. I said I would have been ecstatic to reach 50%, so I think we can consider it a huge success.

The future is in good hands with Arun at the helm, and I'll be around and available for advice and information. You will certainly take the Flying Pig in a different direction, and I'm excited to see where it goes. Good luck!

Again, my thanks to everyone, and I wish the Cincinnati bridge community all the best. You've been my home since I entered the ACBL family, and you'll always have that special place in my heart.

Farewell,
AJ

(Ed: AJ retired after this year's Flying Pig Regional having served the Unit and District 11 for many many years as Tournament Chair for the Pig. He has passed the baton to Arun Goyal who brings both bridge and business skills to this role. We welcome Arun and offer our support to help keep the Flying Pig Regional among the most attractive regionals in the Mid-West).

Addendum: The Tournament reached 496 tables in 6 days compared to 1150 in 7 days in 2019. Even so, the tournament returned about $9000 to the Unit treasury. While this is substantially less than what 1100+ tables yield, we can certainly celebrate the earnings as we put them to good use in the Unit.

Interactive Attendees Map   **Bulletins**

Bidding Quiz - Problems

Bob Jones Quizzes – Unit 124
Every Saturday morning participants get an advanced copy of the Bob Jones quiz. If you'd like to participate, please send an email to Mike at rmikeburnsi@gmail.com . Feel free to send questions to any commenters. There is rarely one correct answer to bidding problems. You can see all past quizzes on the unit 124 website:
http://www.cincybridge.com/CBA-Weekly-Bidding-Quiz.html

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE JULY 30, 2022
Q1 – Neither vulnerable
♠K Q J T 2 ♥6 4 ♦8 7 5 4 ♣8 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1D	Pass	1S	Dbl
1NT	2H	?	

What call would you make?
Q 2 – North-South vulnerable
♠3 2 ♥A K Q 8 5 ♦J 9 4 ♣K 9 6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1H	Pass	2H	Dbl
Pass	2S	Pass	Pass
?			

What call would you make?
Q 3 – East-West vulnerable
♠A Q 3 ♥A K 7 6 3 ♦7 ♣K 7 6 2

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1C	1H	Pass	5D
Pass	?		

What call would you make?
Q 4 – Both vulnerable
♠K 9 4 2 ♥J 8 3 ♦Q 5 3 ♣K J 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1H	P	?	

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable
♠A K T 7 5 ♥K 9 8 6 ♦7 3 2 ♣8

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable
♠K 8 4 ♥J 9 7 ♦Void ♣A K 8 7 6 4 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Answers on p. 16

## Tables, Clubs, Players, Members

By Steve Moese

This comes from the July 17, 2022 Advisory Council/ACBL Membership meeting and Management's report. Let's take a close look at the ACBL market for club bridge. How have things changed since 2019 (pre-Covid)?

Share of Club Tables

2022						
Month	March	April	May	June	Total*	%
F2F Clubs	63228	60633	63707	61625	249193	19.5
Virtual Clubs	59090	54554	48331	45485	207460	16.2
BBO ACBL Club	216019	205840	205499	193949	821307	64.3
Total	338337	321027	317537	301059	1277960	100.0
F2F Clubs Active	1425	1504	1520	1497	1486.5	
	*=where F2F Clubs report average for 4 months					

SHARE OF CLUB TABLES
Mar-June 2022
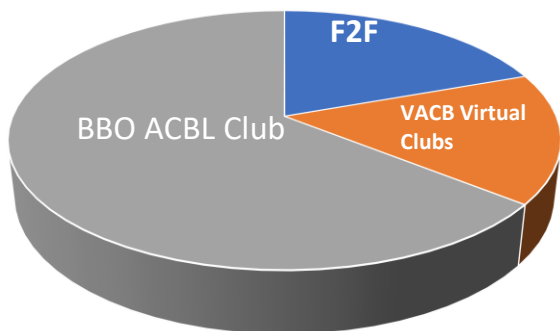
September 2019 Report	#	%
Club (In-Person) tables:	1,532,433.3	65.1
Online tables	822,331.0	34.9
Total Tables	2,354,764.3	
Clubs in Operation*:	2665	

Current share of tables for in-person bridge has grown since March form 12.5% to about 19.5%, however this is far less than pre-Covid shares. Pre- covid, the table counts were 2:1 In-person to face to face. Post-covid they are now 5:1 in favor of online bridge. We have asked management to repurpose Support Your Club Games to compete on PRICE with "Clear Point" BBO games so that a revenue stream appears for clubs struggling to reopen.

In-Person Clubs Active 2022

	Total	Minus Unit Sanctions	Index
2019 F2F Active Clubs	2665	2457	100
June '22 Active Clubs	1486	1278	52

Face-to-Face clubs (excluding Unit sanctions for special Unit events) are only at 52% of pre-covid levels.

Member Participation In-Person Bridge
Members playing in F2F bridge now number about 80,000/mo. vs 110,000/mo. in 2019, down about 30.000, but up from March 2022 when only 50K were playing monthly. **We need all players to return to in-person bridge.**

ACBL Membership Trends
Membership at 138,328 is down 8,471 (-5.8%) versus 1 year ago. Not include over 3000 Guest Members since 2020 of which 468 are active. 1,241 have converted to membership.

We can talk about membership change from two sources – recruitment and existing member retention. Data shows retention losses have begun to subside. However, since many clubs have closed or moved to online play, **we are seeing the pipeline for new members drying up.**

We can use the ACBL monthly In/Out reports that document changes in membership to highlight the trends over the years. We focus on year end membership data. In 2020 with the onset of the pandemic we see member retention losses skyrocket to levels more than 50% above recent history. Initial focus by Marketing was to stanch those losses and entice current members to remain members. Marketing Strategy 101 – it is much easier to

get a current member to return than it is to create a new member.

As the pandemic wore on and online bridge took hold, people began returning to their lives. They did not return to in-person bridge. Unfortunately, the loss of in-person clubs (-48%) correlates well with the low of new recruits compared to historical levels.

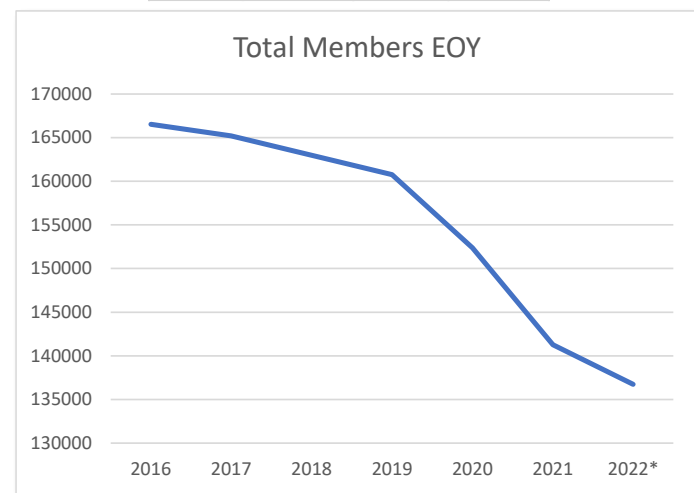Recruiting and Retention
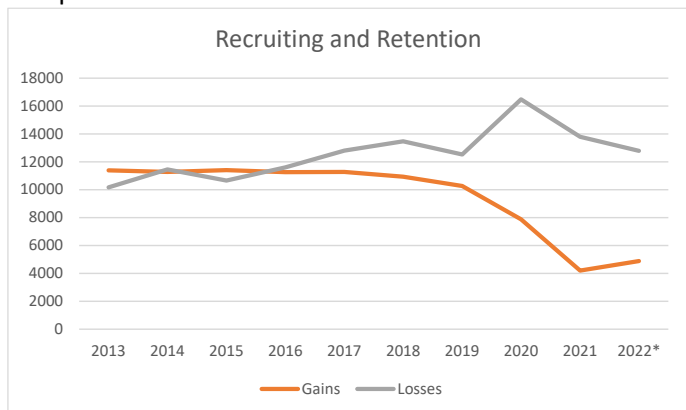
| ACBL Membership Trends			
EOY	Total	Gains	Losses
2013	166430	11384	10157
2014	166182	11273	11456
2015	166897	11407	10651
2016	166512	11248	11602
2017	165207	11263	12791
2018	162978	10934	13460
2019	160767	10264	12522
2020	152385	7866	16474
2021	141285	4193	13786
2022*	136731	4877	12789
* through June			

Total Members EOY

The ACBL and the Education Foundation are collaborating on a recruitment program **pilot** where some 75 teachers (and clubs) with proven recruitment achievement will receive additional support to prove they can turn recruitment around at in-person classes and clubs. The pilot will be expanded if successful, and what the ACBL learns about recruitment will be available to all clubs and teachers. The ACBL will provide additional social media advertising support for pilot introductory programs.

Teachers have found that teaching classes online allows them to vastly expand their reach and, using technology like Shark Bridge, provide individual attention in a self-directed learning environment that students prefer.

What's missing is the BRIDGE to in-person clubs from online teaching and play. That's the immediate focus. Note that BBO has no interest in supporting in-person play.

Bridge Whiz – Fall 2022
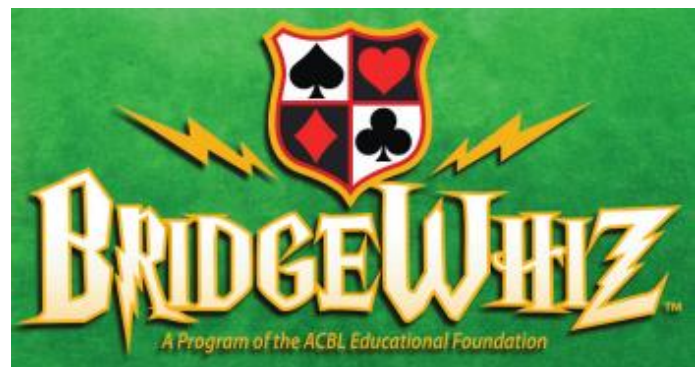
From the **ACBL Education Foundation** website:
"As a parent, you'd do anything to give your child a happy, successful life. Now you have a wonderful opportunity to do just that – through the mind-building challenge, great fun, and competitive excitement of contract bridge.

The ACBL Educational Foundation introduces BridgeWhiz, a FREE online course designed to teach children in grades 4 through 12 the essentials of a fascinating game whose benefits, intellectual stimulation, and adventure will last a lifetime.

Learning to play bridge will nurture your child's team and individual competitive spirit. Build social skills. And enhance deductive reasoning and math abilities.

In fact, young bridge players outscored their non-playing counterparts on the 2007 Iowa Test of Basic Skills by

39.31% in Science, 24.22% in Math, and 22.74% in Social Science.

- BridgeWhiz is designed for beginner bridge players, with opportunities for graduates to continue lessons at all skill levels through grade 12.
- Twenty 90-minute online classes with class sizes of 20-40 students.
- Classes offered weekly in all time zones.
- Uses Zoom for lessons, SharkBridge platform for structured play and BridgeBaseOnline (BBO) for competitive play
- All teachers are fully vetted and experts in bridge.
- Opportunities to play in youth tournaments locally, nationally and internationally.'

For more information see:
Overview   Register   Flyer   Flyer(Spanish)

This is a great opportunity to attract family and friends to learn bridge together. Pass it along!

What Are the Odds?

By Steve Moese
(Derived from a 2017 lecture on probability).

As bridge players grow our skills, we notice that many of our choices can be improved by attention to the odds of success. Probability is at once fascinating and off-putting. Fascinating because understanding probabilities and how to calculate them offers great reward when we get it right. Off-putting because the theory and equations for many calculations are complex and difficult if not impossible to use at the table. Instead let's have some fun with probabilities to sharpen our thinking without having to become a PhD in statistics.

Some language and definition of terms:

> **Probability** is *the likelihood that an event will occur - a number between 0 & 1 (0 = impossibility & 1 = certainty).*
>
> *Probability = # Win cases /Total (# Win + # Loss) cases*
>
> **Risk** is the potential of gaining or losing a thing of value. **What's the best to minimize the risk my contract fails?**
>
> **Odds** reflect the payout necessary to bring a choice to even. **Odds are the probability an event will occur divided by the probability that that event will not occur.**

What goes into the calculation? We have a random event with a known number of outcomes. When it comes to bridge, the number of outcomes is known, but the possibilities are so many that we use probabilities to guide our bidding and play decisions. Absent information to the contrary, and assuming a truly random deal of the cards, we can calculate that the likelihood of suit distributions:

Pattern	Combinations	Unique Permutation	Share of Hands	Cumulative Share
4432	11,404,407,300	12	21.55%	21.55%
5332	8,211,173,256	12	15.52%	37.07%
5431	3,421,322,190	24	12.93%	50.00%
5422	5,598,527,220	12	10.58%	60.58%
4333	16,726,464,040	4	10.54%	71.11%
6322	2,985,881,184	12	5.64%	76.76%
6421	1,244,117,160	24	4.70%	81.46%
6331	1,824,705,168	12	3.45%	84.91%
5521	1,679,558,166	12	3.17%	88.08%
4441	4,751,836,375	4	2.99%	91.07%
7321	497,646,864	24	1.88%	92.96%
6430	350,904,840	24	1.33%	94.28%
5440	657,946,575	12	1.24%	95.52%
5530	473,721,534	12	0.90%	96.42%
6511	373,235,148	12	0.71%	97.13%
6520	172,262,376	24	0.65%	97.78%
7222	814,331,232	4	0.51%	98.29%
7411	207,352,860	12	0.39%	98.68%
7420	95,701,320	24	0.36%	99.04%
7330	140,361,936	12	0.27%	99.31%
8221	101,791,404	12	0.19%	99.50%
8320	28,710,396	24	0.11%	99.61%
6610	38,280,528	12	0.07%	99.68%
7510	28,710,396	12	0.05%	99.74%
8410	11,962,665	24	0.05%	99.78%
9211	9,425,130	12	0.02%	99.80%
9310	2,658,370	24	0.010%	99.81%
9220	4,350,060	12	0.01%	99.82%
7600	2,944,656	12	0.006%	99.82%
8500	1,656,369	12	0.00%	99.83%
9400	511,225	12	0.001%	99.83%
Sub Total			99.83%	
10 Card suits +			0.17%	
TOTAL			100.00%	

Calculating the frequency of these combination is eye-rolling. What matters are some of the ideas we can cull from this table:

The most balanced shape 4333 is only 5th most likely.

6430 is the most likely shape **with a void** and 5431 with a singleton.

7321 is more than 3.6 times as likely as 7222.

Any 5 card suit	45.05%
Any 5 card+ Suit	64.75%
Any 6-card suit	13.11%
Any 7	3.84%
Any 55+	5.50%
Balanced Hands	47.60% **4432-5332-4333**
Semibalanced hands	16.74% **5422-6322-7222**
Unbalanced Hands	35.66% **Any 0/1**

What can we say about High Card Points?

HCP	Honor Cases	Probability	Cumulative P	HCP	Honor Cases	Probability	Cumulative P
0	1	0.004	0.004	19	4584	0.010	0.983
1	4	0.008	0.012	20	4658	0.006	0.989
2	10	0.014	0.025	21	4584	0.004	0.993
3	24	0.025	0.050	22	4380	0.002	0.995
4	51	0.038	0.088	23	4064	0.001	0.996
5	96	0.052	0.140	24	3582	0.001	0.997
6	170	0.066	0.206	25	3176	2.64E-04	0.997
7	284	0.080	0.286	26	2680	1.17E-04	0.997
8	445	0.089	0.375	27	2184	4.91E-05	0.997
9	664	0.094	0.468	28	1620	1.86E-05	0.998
10	952	0.094	0.562	29	1280	4.45E-06	0.998
11	1304	0.089	0.652	30	952	2.20E-06	0.998
12	1716	0.080	0.732	31	660	6.11E-07	0.998
13	2184	0.069	0.801	32	439	1.72E-07	0.998
14	2680	0.057	0.858	33	268	3.52E-08	0.998
15	3160	0.044	0.902	34	68	6.05E-09	0.998
16	3650	0.033	0.936	35	64	9.83E-10	0.998
17	3876	0.023	0.959	36	25	9.45E-11	0.998
18	3972	0.014	0.973	37	4	6.30E-12	0.998

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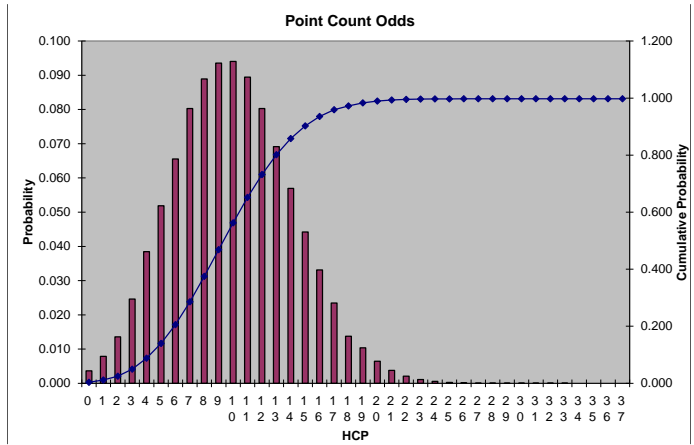
From which we can see –

- The most common hand strength is 10 HCP (by a whisker over 9). Of course since there are only 40 HCP in a deck, and 4 players, the average HCP holding is 10.
- 7-12 HCP hands account for over half the hands we see (52.7%).
- In a 26 board session it is very unlikely any one hand will hold over 24 HCP.
- An opening 1N (12-14) will likely hold 12 or a poor 13.
- An opening 2N (20-22) will likely have only 20 HCP.
- 0-5 HCP hands occur more frequently than 15-37 HCP hands (14% to 13.9%).

What is the average holding for a 15-17 HCP 1N opening?

(Assume no upgrades or downgrades): **15.8 HCP.** 15-point hands represent 44% of

HCP	%	Wt.HCP
15	4.4	6.6
16	3.3	5.3
17	2.3	3.9
Sum	10.0	15.8

1N (15-17) openings. 16 are 33% and 17 are 23%.

Concepts

When it comes to play one of the first lessons about probability is the finesse. Assume there is no additional information affection what we know about the distribution of the opponent's hands.

AQx xx	Chance a simple finesse succeeds – 50%
AJ10 xx	Chance we get two tricks from this holding – 75%

We can expand the list to discuss the chance one of two finesses in different suits will succeed (about 75%).

Table In %	Split (Cards in either hand)			
# Out	0*	1	2	3
7	0.5	7	30.5	62
6	1.5	14.5	48	36
5	4	28	68	
4	10	50	40	
3	22	78		
2	48	52		

Understanding the probabilities for cards missing from one of our longer fits (2 hands) helps us make good choices.

Where * indicates the SMALLER number of cards held by either opponent. # Out is the number of missing cards held by opponents. The table values are in %.

An odd number of missing cards are most likely to split evenly. An even number of cards will most likely split unevenly (except when 2 cards are missing!).

Another observation is for the rare case we are missing just two cards. In this case we can calculate the odds shown using the concept of **VACANT SPACES**. Assume we know nothing about the distribution. When we lead at trick 2 toward dummy's AQ in our 11 card trump holding, Left hand Opponent plays low. Do you finesse the missing K or play for the drop?

Count the spaces left in each hand just before you make your play. Left Hand Opponent has 11 cards left, and Right Hand Opponent has 12 card left. That means at trick 2, Right Hand Opponent is 12/(11+12) = 12/23 or 52.17 % likely to hold the missing K. (If we wind back the play to before trick 1, the calculation says LHO has 12 and RHO has 13 spaces for a 12/25 likelihood or exactly 52%). We can use this information to create a success table that suggests the likelihood that a missing honor will drop:

# Out	% H	% Hx	%Hxx
2	52	48	
3	26	52	22
4	12	41	37
5	6	27	41
6	2.4	16	36
7	1	9	27
8	0.4	4	18

H stands for an Honor like K, Q or J. We can use this table to define some very useful guidelines.

Let's rearrange what's in the table to express it in a more useful easy to read way:

Probability that this honor drops:				
# Out	K	Q	J	10
2	52	100	100	100
3	26	78	100	100
4	12	52	90	100
5	5	31	73	96
6	3	19	54	87
7	1	9	38	71

How is this useful? Well, if a finesse is 50%, then knowing when a drop is a better play might help find the line with lowest overall risk.

Why does that matter? This speaks directly to the concept of combining chances in the play of the hand.

To combine INDEPENDENT chances, we multiply the probabilities. Remember our fair coin? Well, what is the probability that if we flip the coin we get 4 heads in a row? Since the coin is fair and the flip is a random event we simply multiply as follows:

4 flips = ½ x ½ x ½ x ½ =1/16 = 6.25%   (0.0625)

When we multiply fractions less than 1, we always get a smaller fraction.'

The same logic applies to finesses. Assuming randomly dealt hands with no additional information about distribution, 4 finesses would have the SAME poor probability of succeeding.

4 finesses = ½ x ½ x ½ x ½ =1/16 = 6.25%   (0.0625)

That argues against taking all possible finesses.

The Whole Bridge Hand – Plan your campaign
1) Use **ALL** your information – Bidding & Play
2) **Start** with a flexible picture of **declarer/opponent**
3) Count hand **winners and losers** ("off the top") and **SLOW LOSERS**
4) Count **entries**
5) Count **stoppers** in threat suits.
6) Count **HCP** - Your total and their total
7) **Combine your chances** – Source of Tricks/Trick Packets
8) Avoid the **DANGER HAND.** Assume perfect defense.
9) **Modify plan** as you learn - Show-outs are **GOLD**

Yes, this is a bit of work, but you did say you wanted to improve your game. Right? How to play suits – wrong when done alone – right when done in the context of whole hand. Know the # tricks needed.

KEY:
What Plan has the Best Chance? (make my contract).
How do we combine chances???

The total chance cannot exceed 1 nor be less than zero.

1) Choose so that when chance fails, you are still ALIVE.
2) Your best first chance will maximize your success for all remaining chances.
3) Leave short suits until the end.
4) Cash winners in your long side suit (drop honors)
5) Finesse long suits into safe hands.
6) Avoid finesses completely if possible

Let's try a simple example. Your contract depends on a finesse in one suit or on a 3-3- break in a different suit. If the 3-3 break fails you are down immediately. If the finesse fails you can still try for the 3-3 break.

Without an example hand to look at, you can see that we should try the finesse first then if it fails, we should try the 3-3- break. But what is our likelihood of success?

Total = p(Win) + P(Loss) x (P option 2 win, etc.)

Here we have only 2 options. If the finesse wins, we make the contract. That's 50%. If it doesn't win then we have the 3-3 break. That probability is not 36%, but 36% of the remaining 50% left by the failed finesse.

$$P_{success}= 50\% + 36\%(50\%) = 68\%$$

a pretty sound chance for a game.

Let's try a few more examples. **Example 1:**

♠ QJ432	N	♠ 1098
♥ AK2	W E	♥ 1064
♦ Q3	S	♦ AK65
♣ J456	Lead ♥3	♣ KQ2

Planning your campaign is outlined in shorthand under the thumbnail assessment

Contract 4♠   (Opps pass throughout)
Thumbnail assessment
W: 5 **L:** 3 Fast, 1 Slow **Entries** W3 and E2
Stoppers: ♥2, **SoT:** ♠ (3), ♣(2) (Source of Tricks)
If you attack Trumps immediately, you will lose to the ♠A and they will continue ♥. Another trump or ♣ by you and they will win the 3rd ♥, leaving you down 1 (you have either a ♠ or a ♣ left to lose). What is you plan? _____ (Answer 1)

Answer 1

Example Hand: Contract 4♠ (Opponents pass throughout)

♠ QJ432	N	♠ 1098	W: 5 L: 3 Fast, 1 Slow
♥ AK2	W E	♥ 1064	Entries W3 and E2
♦ Q3	S	♦ AK65	Stoppers: ♥2,
♣ J456	Lead ♥3	♣ KQ2	SoT: ♠ 3, ♣2

The threat to making 4♠ is the slow loser in the ♥ suit! You cannot draw trumps (2 losers) - you lose the ♥ stopper race (2 stoppers – they started first). You must bank on the ♦ splitting 4-3 (87%) and cash 3 ♦ tops for a ♥ discard. Now you can afford to lose 2♠ and 1♣. Note – if they lead a ♦, draw trumps immediately. Your slow stopper will go away on the 3rd ♦, but there's no need to take the 13% risk of a bad ♦ split. Now you make if ♦ are 5-2!

Example 2: Suit Split Decision

AQ1076 K3	Do you finesse for the **J**? Why/Not? (Answer 2)

ANSWER 2

Absent additional information the finesse is worth 50%. If we are looking for the J, then we can win when the J is singleton, doubleton or Jxx in either hand. Combining those chances results in 2.4 + 16 + 36 = 54.4% so cashing tops is better.

Example 3 – Suit Split Decision

AJ975 K1086	You play the K and LHO follows with the 2 RHO with the 3. You play the 6 toward dummy and LHO plays the 4. **Finesse or drop?** (Answer 3)

ANSWER 3

The Qxx w/ LHO is 6.21%. The Qx with RHO is 6.78%. The ratio 6.78/13 = 52.2%. Any 2-2 break is 40% while a 3-1 break is 50%. 2-2 has 12 cases. 3-1 has only 8. So the specific case for 3-1 is more likely (absent additional information). Vacant spaces says LHO has 11 while RHO has 12 before declarer's choice. 12/23 = 52.2% the Q is with RHO.

Example 4 – Suit Split Decision

AQ97 K108	You play the 10 to the Q and the 7 to the K, RHO playing 2,4 and LHO playing 3, 5. Now you continue the 8 and LHO plays the 6. **Finesse or drop?** (Ans 4)

ANSWER 4

You have seen 3 insignificant cards from LHO and 2 from RHO. That leaves 10 spaces for LHO and 11 for RHO. Therefore the probability that the J is with LHO is 11/(10+11) = 52.4%. **DROP!** (Taking more than 1 finesse **REDUCES** your chance of success in many cases).

Example 5: What is your chance of success?

♠ AQ	N	♠ 98	**Thumbnail assessment**
♥ AKJ72	W E	♥ Q10654	**W**: 9
♦ AQ	S	♦ J65	**L:** 0 Fast, 3 Slow
♣ J456	Lead-♥3	♣ AK10	**Entries** W5 and E3

Stoppers: 1♠ 1♦ 2♣ **SoT:** ♣ (3); ♦(2) Plan 6♥ (Answer 5)

ANSWER 5 - A *finesse-aholic* will look at this hand and see 3 finesses, draw trumps in 2-4 rounds and begin. 3 Finesses here are independent (different suits, different players) so the odds of all 3 are ½ x ½ x ½ or 12.5 %. They need only 2 of the 3 finesses. How do you calculate the probability? Consider this "success table" for the possible outcomes:

A	W	W	W	W	L	L	L	L
B	W	W	L	L	W	W	L	L
C	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L

The 3 different suits are A, B, and C. W is a winning finesse, and L is a losing finesse. The table shows all possible combinations of W's and L's. We can count 4 cases where there are 2 or more W's and 4 cases where there are fewer than 2 W's. The probability that 2 of 3 independent finesses succeed is 50%. (The calculation for three independent cases with one of 2 outcomes is 2^n. Here $2^3 = 8$ total cases)

The **intermediate player** might realize that after pulling trumps if the ♣ finesse works and they split 3-3, they can pitch a losing ♠ on the long ♣, Combining chances that way means:

50% ♣ finesse x 36% 3-3- split   = 18%
50% ♦ Finesse x 82% remaining   = 41%
TOTAL CHANCE: 59%
a useful improvement.

A **budding expert** reasons that
Cash the ♣ AK   = 18% +
% Time North has 0, 1, 2 ♣   = 26%   (NOT Q, Qx)
♦ Finesse (50% x 56%)   = 28%
TOTAL   72+%

♠ QJ432	N	♠ AK987
♥ AK	W E	♥ 64
♦ KJ3	S	♦ A65
♣ AJ4	Lead ♥3	♣ K102

Satisfied? **Look deeper!** Treat the hand as "one of 2 finesses": Finesse ♣. If win, cash ♣ tops. If no ♣Q, finesse ♦. If lose, long ♠ goes away on 3rd ♦. Likewise if ♣ finesse loses, we need only the ♦ finesse to win (Pitch the losing ♠ on the ♣) - a 75% play.

Steve's Tips:
1) Always choose the plan with the best probability
2) Find a good plan? **LOOK AGAIN. FIND ANOTHER**
3) When faced with equal choices, choose the option that allows you to **STAY ALIVE** longest (Take more chances)
4) **Any Chance** is better than NO Chance
5) **NEVER** take a **PRACTICE FINESSE**.

Rank the Numbers Solution:
1) The number of auctions possible in contract bridge. **128,745,650,347,030,683,120,231,926,111,609,371,363,122,697,557**
2) The number of hands 4 people at the same table can hold in bridge. **53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000**
3) The number of hands one person can hold in bridge. **635,013,559,600**

BONUS QUESTIONS – Use the IMP chart to estimate the probability for game and slam. *(MP pairs depend on what pairs do – this is unpredictable and cannot be used to estimate game chances as each field is different (skill, people, aggressiveness, etc.).* BREAKEVEN is the success probability that makes the expected gain equal to the expected loss – over a large number of contracts.

	Games		Small Slam		Grand Slam			
Type	V	NV	V	NV	V	NV	V	NV
Score+	620	420	1430	980	2210	1510	2210	1510
Score-	-100	-50	-100	-50	-100	-50	-100	-50
Not Bid	170	170	680	480	1460	1010	710	510
Win	**+450**	**+250**	**750**	**500**	**750**	**500**	**1500**	**1000**
Lose	**-240**	**-190**	**750**	**500**	**1530**	**1030**	**-780**	**-530**
IMPs W	**10**	**6**	**13**	**11**	**13**	**11**	**17**	**14**
IMPs L	**-6**	**-5**	**-13**	**-11**	**-17**	**-14**	**-13**	**-11**
Break Even	38%	45%	50%	50%	57%	56%	43%*	44%*

If opponents bid game, then bidding a Grand Slam is **Poor.*
With 12 tricks, a slam gains +11NV & +13V IMPS, the grand loses -11NV Imps and -13V, swinging -22NV & -26V Imps. Avoid grand slams when they only bid game. Need 14 tricks.

Vulnerable games are worth extra and require less of a success chance to pay off. Nonvulnerable games actually a better chance to pay out. Small slams should be no worse than 50%. Grand slams should be bid only when better than 50% (57%) But if opponents only bid game, you risk losing more than you gain – a small slam would be a big enough gain.

BQ2: Contract 6♠. Trumps are 2-2.
What are your chances? Which finesse do you take? Remember a practice finesse is a finesse that creates no tricks and only adds risk to your plan. Get this right and you are not a *finesse-aholic.*

ANSWER: **NO FINESSE!** Clear ♠&♥. Play 3 rounds of ♦ from the top. 100% 12 tricks. Check out why.

Some useful percentages:	%
Need 1 of 2 finesses	75
Missing cards split 3-2	68
Missing cards split 4-3	62
Q drops in 3 rounds when holding 7 cards	54.4
Pure Finesse	50
Need 2 finesses of 3 available	50
Q drops in 3 rounds when holding 6 cards	37
Need 3 finesses of 4 available.	31
Need 2 finesse of 2 available	25
Need Finesse & 3-3 split same suit	18

Odds against a player being dealt
(Playing 26 boards twice a week expect)

13 card suit = 169,066,442 to 1	Once every 60 000 years!
8 cards in 1 suit = 213 to 1	Once a month
7 cards in 1 suit = 28 to 1	Once a session
6 cards in 1 suit = 6 to 1	Four times a night
at least 1 singleton = 2 to 1	Once a 2- board round
at least 1 void = 19 to 1	Once a session
AKQJ10 in a suit = 500 to 1	Once every three months
four Aces = 378 to 1	Once every two months
a hand with no points = 278 to 1	Once a month
a Yarborough (no10) = 1827 to 1	Twice a year
a pair having 26+ HCP = 8 to 1	Three times a night
33+ HCP 6 NT = 288 to 1	Once a month
37+ HCP 7 NT = 11600 to 1	Once every two years

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Card sense is when it's technically right to do something, the little man that sits on my shoulder or anyone else's shoulder says, "Don't do that." And you say to yourself, "Well, wait a minute, that's the right way to play." And he says, "Yeah, but you don't wanna play that way." That instinct is card sense. It's almost an ability to feel where the cards are. It's something that you can't buy, you can't find; you're born with. The ability to do the right thing at the wrong time or really to do the wrong thing at the right time. **-- Barry Crane**
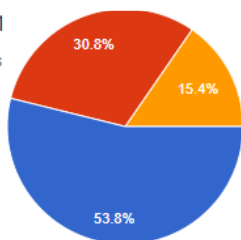
Bidding Quiz - Answers

Q1 – Neither vulnerable
♠K Q J T 2 ♥6 4 ♦8 7 5 4 ♣8 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1D	Pass	1S	Dbl
1NT	2H	?	

Question 1
39 responses

Pie chart: 2S 53.8%, Pass 30.8%, 3D 15.4%

Bob Jones 2♠   4-card support for partner's diamonds gives us courage. Not to bid 3♦, but to compete once more in our excellent suit. Bid 2♠.

Bob Fisk 2♠   This is the same bid you were about to make before your RHO so rudely interrupted—weakish and to play with 5+ Spades. You don't really care that your partner has only two Spades (well, I don't care).

Joe Muenks 3♦   Playing support doubles or not I bid a non-forward going 3♦ given partner has shown 4 diamonds (we only open 1♦ with 3 when 4-4 in the majors).

Steve Vogel 2♠   I have a near self-sufficient spade suit, and I am not willing to sell out to 2♥. 3♦ is a possibility, but I would prefer not to bid to the 3-level with this minimum hand.
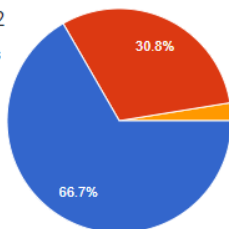
Steve Moese 2♠   More important to tell partner I can compete with 5 spades than to compete to 3♦ in what might be only an 8-card fit. Besides, this hand is all about spades, right?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable
♠3 2 ♥A K Q 8 5 ♦J 9 4 ♣K 9 6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1H	Pass	2H	Dbl
Pass	2S	Pass	Pass
?			

Question 2
39 responses

Pie chart: Pass 66.7%, 3H 30.8%, Double

Bob Jones Pass   Bidding again would just be rebidding the same values. Pass.

Bob Fisk X   This isn't for penalty—this simply says that you aren't willing to sell out to 2♠. Partner

might hold something like xxx Jxx KQTxx Qx, and you're cold for three Hearts (opponents are making 2♠).

Joe Muenks Pass   Act or do not act over the double but do not get pushed to the 3 level with half the points and only 8 trump. 3♥ over double shows 6 hearts and a minimum; 3♥ over 2♠ by partner shows 4 hearts and a minimum. Here play good defense and try for +50 which scores well compared to those with -100 in 3♥.

Steve Vogel Pass   I have a minimum hand and my balanced distribution is less than ideal. Partner would likely have bid 3♥ with 4-card support, so I will follow the law of total tricks and pass.

Steve Moese Pass   This tests your partnership discipline. What matters in a competitive auction for a partial is how many trumps we have, not how many HCP we have. We compete to the 3-level when we have a 9-card fit (and useful shortness in the short trump hand). By passing 2♠, North says "I don't have 4 trumps" (or I have 4333 and too weak to compete).

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable
♠A Q 3 ♥A K 7 6 3 ♦7 ♣K 7 6 2

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1C	1H	Pass	5D
Pass	?		

Question 3
39 responses

Pie chart: Pass 56.4%, 6D 33.3%, 6NT 7.7%, No Answer
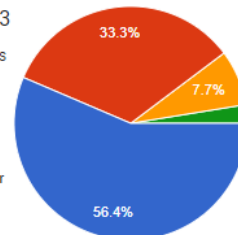
Bob Jones Pass   You have a great hand for partner but bidding again is not justified. Pass

Bob Fisk Pass   What else? Partner isn't bidding 5♦ to get your opinion on where to play the contract. If 5♦ goes down, and you were supposed to be in 3NT, guess whose fault it is? It's hard to construct a hand where 5♦ could be the right bid. Let me know if you come up with one.
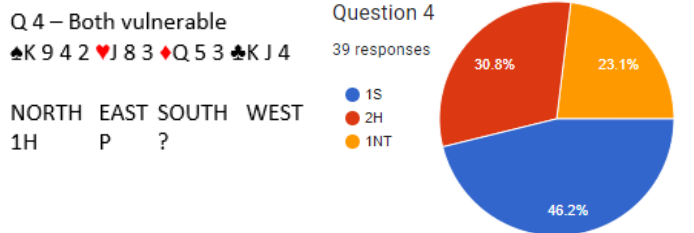
Joe Muenks Pass   Epls, I play jumps so many ways, but if partner fails to bid 2♣ first, hearts is not trump. If partner bids 2♣ then any number of diamonds that is game forcing with diamonds (a good hand).   Here partner wishes to play 5♦ (xx, x,

KQJxxxxxx, x) and you have enough cards it should be an easy make.

Steve Vogel **6NT**   Partner bid 5♦ knowing only that I had a 5-card heart suit and 7+ points. I expect partner to have a solid diamond suit (probably 9 of them) and likely nothing else. My holdings in the other suits should provide enough to come to 12 tricks in notrump. Could partner have long diamonds without the Ace? I suppose so, but you live only once.

Steve Moese **Pass**   Partner has alternatives to show us a hand that is strong and that might support a slam opposite an average opening bid. They did not choose those approaches. (All would start with a simple 2♣ cuebid, or, if your methods require, a GF Jump Shift in diamonds (Some require the cuebid to show a fit with overcaller's suit).

WARNING - Some might think that 5♦ could be exclusion Key Card Blackwood - That is remotely possible (I would not use it after a simple overcall), but requires agreements not in evidence for this problem. Also holding a singleton diamond with neither opponent mentioning diamonds, partner cannot possibly hold a void in diamonds (what Exclusion Keycard shows).

Q 4 – Both vulnerable
♠K 9 4 2 ♥J 8 3 ♦Q 5 3 ♣K J 4

NORTH   EAST   SOUTH   WEST
1H   P   ?

Question 4
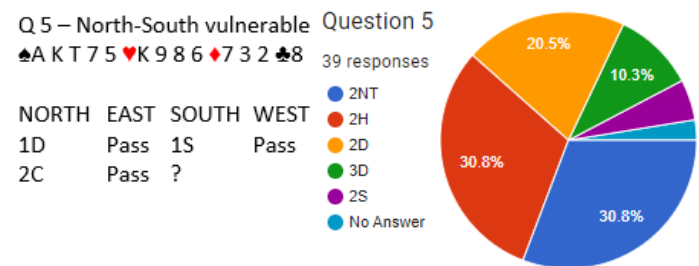39 responses
- 1S: 46.2%
- 2H: 30.8%
- 1NT: 23.1%

Bob Jones **2♥**   When you have heart support, you should not bid 1♠ unless you are good enough to jump to 3♥ at your next turn. Is this hand good enough? We don't think so. Bid 2♥.

Bob Fisk **1♠**   Unless you play Flannery, partner could easily hold QJxx AQxxx J QTx, and a Spade contract will play better than a Heart contract. If partner doesn't have four Spades, you'll simply bid Hearts at the appropriate level when it gets back to you.

Joe Muenks **1NT**   Playing 2/1, our goal is to find an 8 card major so we run through a forcing NT to show a 3 card limit raise in hearts since we found one. Playing standard, we bid 1♠ then jump in hearts to show the 3 card limit raise.

Steve Vogel **2♥**   I have 10 hcp, but my hand is aceless, I have no ruffing value and my spots are poor. I will downgrade the hand to a constructive raise, but I will accept any game try partner may make.

Steve Moese **2♥**   Yes, we have 10 HCP. However we also have 9-9.5 losers - not the shape for an Invitational Heart raise with 3 trumps. I do not bid spades on 4 when I want to make only a mixed raise. I require 5 spades or a better hand (8 losers). So I settle for a rich 2♥ and plan to accept any game try that makes sense.

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable
♠A K T 7 5 ♥K 9 8 6 ♦7 3 2 ♣8

NORTH   EAST   SOUTH   WEST
1D   Pass   1S   Pass
2C   Pass   ?

Question 5
39 responses
- 2NT: 30.8%
- 2H: 30.8%
- 2D: 20.5%
- 3D: 10.3%
- 2S
- No Answer

Bob Jones **2NT**   2♥ would be fourth suit forcing – an artificial game force not even promising hearts. Choose between 2♦, 3♦, and 2NT. We prefer 2NT.

Bob Fisk **N/A**   I bid 2♠ over 1m with this hand to show exactly five Spades, four Hearts, and invitational values. Perfect! Without that gadget, this hand is hard to bid.

Joe Muenks **2NT**   This is close to warranting a try with 2♥ (game forcing), but when the hands are a mismatch, stay low, so even with my good 5 card suit and 10 prime points, I'll just invite with 2NT. If partner has 14 or more, or a good 13, they can bid 3♥ [with 4], 3♠ [with 3] or 3NT [1-2 spades and 1-3 hearts] to show their hand.

Steve Vogel **2NT**   I cannot bid 2♥, as that would be 4th suit forcing to game. My choices are 2NT, 3♦ or 2♠, which I would rank in that order. I believe 2NT

best describes the value of my hand. If my spades were A10xxx and my diamonds were Kxx, I would choose 3♦ instead.

Steve Moese 2NT   The value bid. Yes, I have 4 hearts, but I cannot rebid them here because hearts is the fourth suit and a 2♥ bid would be game forcing. 2NT says I have invitational values and stoppers in the majors (in context of this auction). If partner has 4 hearts, they can bid 3♥ if they are willing to accept my invitation. While I am unbalanced, I reserve the jump to 3♦ for hands that hold 4 diamond cards and cannot stop hearts.

Theme - when partner bids a new suit after an invitational bid, we are forced to game.

Second theme - When partner opens a minor suit, hands that hold 5 spades and 4 or 5 hearts can be difficult to bid. There is an expert treatment that solves the rebid issues well:

UMJOODO (aka Reverse Flannery or YrennelaF) stands for Unusual Major Jumps Over One Diamond (Minor) Opening. The original mnemonic was derived from its use in Precision. (There the 1♣ opening is reserved for strong hands so many hands 2/1 or Standard players open 1♣ are opened 1♦ instead). For details see:
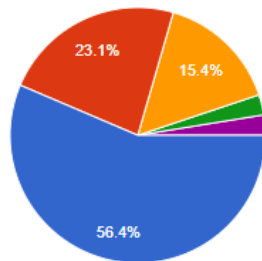
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If you adopt Reverse Flannery, be sure to discuss what 1m - 1♠ - 1NT - 2♥ means - not trivial.

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable
♠K 8 4 ♥J 9 7 ♦- ♣A K 8 7 6 4 3   39 responses   Question 6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
?			

- 2H 56.4%
- 3C 23.1%
- 3H 15.4%
- 4H
- 5C

Bob Jones 3♥
This hand will be a powerful dummy for hearts. Bid 3♥.

Bob Fisk 2♥   Partner's 2♦ bid is forcing for one round, and often artificial although we rarely alert it. If partner wasn't looking for 3-card Heart support, they'll clarify that with their next bid, and you'll end up in 3NT.

Joe Muenks 3♥   We open a suit and rebid it with 6 and a minimum or stretch hand, so our 2♣ has

hidden a lot of our actual playing strength. Whether playing 2♦ natural or artificial (NMF), partner shows 5♥. The jump to 3♥ is game forcing but reserves room for your unlimited strength partner to cue spades and hear of your diamond control, which might be just what she needs for slam.

Steve Vogel 2♥   Partner's bid is New Minor Forcing for one round, and my first obligation is show 3-card support for his/her major suit. My hand is not strong enough for a splinter bid in diamonds (4♦).

Steve Moese 3♥   Our hand has gone up in value after partner's 2♦ bid. We have 3 cover cards, and a useful void. We fully expect partner to have at least 5 hearts. Let partner know about our interest in a heart game. (Since we never rebid 2 ♣ when holding 4 Hearts in this auction, partner cannot be misled by our jump raise).

When partner is unlimited (as here) it's usually good to avoid jumping directly to game - partner might have interest in slam. Jumping might shut down important exploration, rendering slam a guess at best.

Flying Pig Results

Road Hog Open Pairs - 13.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables

MPs	A B C	Names	Score
25.73	1	**Tom Bishel - Siraj Haji, Columbus OH**	61.69%
19.30	2	Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Richard Chan, Markham ON	57.46%
14.47	3	Adam Burton, Dayton OH; Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH	57.11%
14.25	4 1	**Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH**	55.32%
8.58	5	Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	54.91%
10.69	6 2	Stephen Lonski, Englewood OH; Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH	54.74%
6.43	7	William Higgins, Cincinnati OH; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH	54.33%

MPs			Names	Score
8.02	3	1	**Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Robert Lail, Beckett Ridge OH**	52.28%
6.01	4	2	Sherry Allison - Rick Ramey, Columbus OH	51.93%
4.75	5		David Whitesell, Yellow Springs OH; Anne Frayne, Dayton OH	50.92%
2.67	3		David Wolfgang, Bowling Green KY; Allen Rudd, Madisonville KY	50.20%

Road Hog Gold Rush Pairs - 11.5 Tables

MPs	7	5	3	Names	Score
5.79	1			**Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH; Betty Murdock, Milford OH**	59.27%
4.99	2	1		**Stephen Messinger, West Chester OH; Sandra Fielman, Mason OH**	56.37%
3.74	3	2	1	**Charles Middleton, Dayton OH; James Rader, Fairborn OH**	56.25%
2.81	4	3	2	Jim Steinke, Loveland OH; Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH	55.80%
2.11	5	4	3	Diane Russell, Columbus OH; Kathrin Fellows, Powell OH	55.30%
2.02	6	5		Philip Hinkle - Arianne Hinkle, Columbus OH	55.04%

Porky Pig KO-1 Final - 4 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
29.12	1	**Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH; Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH; Jeffrey Gargrave, Dayton OH**
20.38	2	Timothy Martin, Fort Thomas KY; Gail Zimmer, Cincinnati OH; Peggy Ammon - John Taylor, Burlington KY
13.10	3	Amy Fisher - Joe Fisher - Mike Ma - Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH; Arun Goyal, West Chester OH
5.82	4	Michael Purcell, Loveland OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH; John Williams, Cincinnati OH

Porky Pig KO-Bkt 2 KO - 4 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names

MPs			Names	Score
12.49	1		**Nalin Mehta - Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH; Arun Gupta - Ambrish Bansal, West Chester OH**	
8.74	2		Michael Thill - Cyril Horvath - Mary Horvath, Dayton OH; Tom Griswold, Centerville OH	
5.62	3		John David Adkins, Lucasville OH; John Matuszkiewicz, Logan OH; Sue Gross - Nancy Donaldson, Columbus OH	
2.50	4		Amy Gerowitz - Joanne Earls - Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH; Betty Torello, Blue Ash OH; Jeremy Lewis, Lexington NC	

Pig in a Poke Open Pairs - 18.5 Tables / Based on 51 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
33.08	1			**Richard Chan, Markham ON; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA**	61.44%
24.81	2			Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ	60.76%
18.61	3	1	1	**William Davis, Lexington KY; R Blaine Mullins, Frankfort KY**	60.07%
13.96	4	2		Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH; A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH	58.31%
11.03	5			Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH	58.00%
9.45	6			Darrow Neves, Indianapolis IN; Wagner Van Vlack, Carmel IN	57.79%
8.27	7			Michael Hellmer, Indianapolis IN; Kendra Bridges, Chicago IL	56.19%
7.35	8			Michael Gladfelter - Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	55.42%
6.62	9			Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH; Robert Zangri, Centerville OH	54.79%
10.47		3		Margaret Young, Cincinnati OH; Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH	54.60%
7.85		4	2	Mark Ambrose - Beth Dlutowski, Louisville KY	54.55%
6.20		5		Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH	53.91%
5.32		6		Joe Pike, Edgewood KY; David Dressman, Burlington KY	52.30%
4.11			3	Charlene Richardson, Mount Forest ON; Rick Jordan, London ON	49.62%

| 3.08 | 4 | Phyllis Mendoza - Janet Thurnau, Cincinnati OH | 47.50% |

Pig in a Poke Gold Rush P - 15.0 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

MPs	7	5	3	Names	Score
6.89	1			**Judy Rice - Peter Rice, Loveland OH**	60.57%
5.51	2	1	1	**Tim Oppelt - Joanne Oppelt, Cincinnati OH**	59.27%
4.13	3	2		Debbie Marhefka, Upper Arlington OH; Skip Yassenoff, Columbus OH	56.94%
3.10	4	3		Debra Chavez, Cincinnati OH; Stephanie Jones, Terrace Park OH	55.33%
2.66	5	4	2	David Frantz - Linda Frantz, Louisville KY	54.95%
1.97	6	5		Stephanie Gilchrist - James Gilchrist, Knoxville TN	53.71%
1.91	7			Betty Murdock, Milford OH; Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH	53.21%
1.57		6		Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI; Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI	51.69%
1.99			3	Wayne Dunn, Lebanon OH; Allan Reeves, Mason OH	51.34%
1.49			4	Sheila Drennen, Springfield OH; Nancy Mohan, Dayton OH	50.00%

Porky Pig KO-Bkt 2 KO - 4 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
12.49	1	**Nalin Mehta - Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH; Arun Gupta - Ambrish Bansal, West Chester OH**
8.74	2	Michael Thill - Cyril Horvath - Mary Horvath, Dayton OH; Tom Griswold, Centerville OH
5.62	3	John David Adkins, Lucasville OH; John Matuszkiewicz, Logan OH; Sue Gross - Nancy Donaldson, Columbus OH
2.50	4	Amy Gerowitz - Joanne Earls - Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH; Betty Torello, Blue Ash OH; Jeremy Lewis, Lexington NC

Side Series C - 6.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.64	1			**Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI; Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI**	58.75%
2.73	2			John Masters, Naples FL; Nancy Grote, Cincinnati OH	57.92%
2.05	3			Judy Lea Weber - Fred Weber, Concord NC	57.08%
2.21	4	1	1	**Earl Rivers - Bruce Tepper, Cincinnati OH**	56.25%
1.66		2		Jan Kiefhaber - Betsy Coith, Cincinnati OH	55.42%
1.43		3	2	Linda Bracken - Rose Ann Samuels, Dayton OH	55.00%

Side Series C - 5.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.84	1	1	1	**Janet Willenborg - Phyllis Mendoza, Cincinnati OH**	61.50%
2.13	2	2	2	Bruce Tepper - Earl Rivers, Cincinnati OH	61.00%
1.75	3			Dean Congbalay, Longboat Key FL; Dennis Kalberg, Milford OH	55.00%
1.23	4	3		Fred Weber - Judy Lea Weber, Concord NC	52.50%

Tuesday Swiss Teams - 43 Tables / Based on 97 Tables

MPs	A	X	Y	Names	Score
30.53	1/2			**Michael Heins, Cocoa Beach FL; Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA; Thomas Koralewski, Avon IN; Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH**	90.00
30.53	1/2			**Tom Bishel - Cheryl Schneider, Columbus OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH**	90.00
19.63		3		A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ; Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH	89.00
14.72		4		Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Richard Chan, Markham ON; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON	88.00

11.63	5			Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH; Barbara Levinson - Peggy Barrett - Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH	84.00
9.97	6			John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV	83.00
8.72	7			Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH; Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH; Jeffrey Gargrave, Dayton OH	82.00
18.75	8	1		**John Taylor - Peggy Ammon - David Dressman, Burlington KY; Cordell Coy, Lakeside Park KY; William Atteberry, Cincinnati OH**	74.00
6.98	9			Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH; Michael Gladfelter - Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH	73.00
12.31	10/11 2/3	1		**Kathryn Garrity - Alex Stippler, Carmel IN; Mary Ann Kanervo - Doug Day, Indianapolis IN**	72.00
12.31	10/11 2/3			George Schmid Sr - Kenneth Woodman, Richmond IN; Don Byrkett - Paula Byrkett, Oxford OH	72.00
7.91		4		Thomas Platt Jr, Burlington KY; Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH; Larry Newman, Amberley OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH	71.00
7.03	5	2		Jim Steinke, Loveland OH; Linda Costura - Joann Behr - James Jacobson, Cincinnati OH	70.00
5.27	6/7	3		Adrianne Freiberg - Richard Freiberg - Kwang Cha Hurley - Suzanne Sale, Cincinnati OH	68.00
5.03	6/7			Anne Frayne, Dayton OH; Robert Zangri, Centerville OH; David Whitesell, Yellow Springs OH; David Albrecht, Centerville TN	68.00
4.17	8	4		Mercer Reynolds - Joel Bromley - Eileen Barrett, Cincinnati OH; James Dearwester, West Carrollton OH	67.00
3.12		5		Walter Huber, Maineville OH; David Francis, Lebanon OH; Mary Millard, Middletown OH; Doug Reams, Trenton OH	62.00
2.51		6/7		Stephen Baldwin, Cold Spring KY; James Eger, Cleves OH; Sandra Fielman, Mason OH; Stephen Messinger, West Chester OH	55.00

2.51	6/7	Charles Driscoll, Westerville OH; Bob Davis, Delaware OH; Rex Miller, Columbus OH; Rex Miller, Massillon OH	55.00

Wed Eve Side Game - 3.0 Tables

MPs	A B C	Names	Score
2.95	1 1	**Ana Kovacevic - Miroslav Kovacevic, Woodbridge ON**	65.00%
2.21	2 2	Eric Soiu, Etna OH; Ronald Taylor, Columbus OH	59.00%

Miss Piggy KO-1 - 4 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
37.16	1	**Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV**
26.01	2	Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Richard Chan, Markham ON
7.43	3	John Taylor, Burlington KY; Mike Ma - Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Moese, West Chester OH
3.72	4	Reeta Brendamour, Cincinnati OH; Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH; Peggy Ammon - David Dressman, Burlington KY

Miss Piggy KO-2 - 4 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
16.09	1	**Charlie Wermine, Salisbury MD; Laughlin Campbell, Oakville ON; Sallie Reider, Beachwood OH; William Grant, Cleveland OH**
11.26	2	Bruce Ebanks - Annalisa Ebanks - Stuart Ray - Connie Noel, Louisville KY
3.22	3	Joe Pike, Edgewood KY; Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY; Anton Habash, Oxford OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH
1.61	4	Linda Benedix - Joseph Shierling - Mary Ann Kanervo, Indianapolis IN; Eric Linton, Greenwood IN

Curly Tail Gold Rush Pair - 17.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables

MPs 7 5 2	Names	Score
7.44 1 1	**Amul Shukla - Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH**	61.55%
5.58 2 2 1	**Jim Steinke, Loveland OH; Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH**	58.52%
4.19 3 3	Brian Van Vliet - Cindy Van Vliet, Xenia OH	55.97%
3.14 4 4	Deborah Luongo, Kettering OH; Susan Sadlier, Dayton OH	54.64%
2.48 5	Rohit Patel, Nicholasville KY; Linda Keller, Lexington KY	54.45%
2.13 6 5	Mercer Reynolds - Eileen Barrett, Cincinnati OH	53.50%
1.86 7	David Francis, Lebanon OH; Carl Wahsum III, Waynesville OH	53.31%
2.07 8 6	Norm Kakarala, Bloomfield Hls MI; David Mitchell, West Bloomfield MI	53.13%
1.58 7	Stephen Messinger, West Chester OH; Sandra Fielman, Mason OH	53.03%
2.34 2	Allan Reeves, Mason OH; Wayne Dunn, Lebanon OH	50.47%

Thursday Morn Side - 4.0 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
3.18 1 1 1	**Bhupen Joshi - Ketki Mody, Cincinnati OH**	60.42%
2.39 2 2	Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH; Betty Torello, Blue Ash OH	58.33%
1.88 3 3 2	Leonard Kanterman, Cincinnati OH; Alexis Dujan, Fort Worth TX	55.56%

Flying Pig Pairs - 5.0 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

MPs A B	Names	Score
29.40 1	**Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH**	127.06
22.05 2	Cordell Coy, Lakeside Park KY; Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH	120.01
16.54 3	Bob Glasson - Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ	119.12

13.07 4	Larry Klein, Cincinnati OH; John Meinking, Maineville OH	113.97
11.76 5	Dennis Hesthaven, Louisville KY; Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH	110.93
10.69 6	Terry James, Upper Arlington OH; Toni Bales, Pickerington OH	107.98

Three Little Pigs Open - 9.5 Tables / Based on 24 Tables

MPs A B C	Names	Score
21.00 1 1	**Ana Kovacevic - Miroslav Kovacevic, Woodbridge ON**	62.54%
15.75 2 2	William Atteberry - A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH	59.56%
11.81 3 3 1	**Charlene Richardson, Mount Forest ON; Rick Jordan, London ON**	56.55%
8.86 4	Joseph Shull, New Haven IN; Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN	56.14%
7.00 5 4	Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH	54.92%
3.92 5	Barbara Boswell - Peggy Barrett, Cincinnati OH	54.51%
3.08 2	Morgan Schreffler, Northfield VT; R Blaine Mullins, Frankfort KY	49.68%

Three Little Pigs G. Rush - 17.0 Tables

MPs 7 4 2	Names	Score
7.44 1	**Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI; Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI**	63.31%
5.58 2	Mike Burns - William Cook, Cincinnati OH	58.32%
4.74 3 1	**Norm Kakarala, Bloomfield Hls MI; David Mitchell, West Bloomfield MI**	58.19%
3.56 4 2 1	**Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH; Jim Steinke, Loveland OH**	57.24%
2.48 5	Norah Clark - Nancy Sage, Cincinnati OH	55.18%
2.67 6 3	Stephanie Jones, Terrace Park OH; Debra Chavez, Cincinnati OH	53.50%
2.08 7 4	Jennifer Coffman - Ellen Sutherland, Lexington KY	53.29%

MPs			Names	Score
1.65	8		Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH; Betty Murdock, Milford OH	53.28%
1.58	9	5	Shirley Carpenter, Westerville OH; Beverley Wynne, Worthington OH	53.20%
2.18		2	Eric Soiu, Etna OH; Ronald Taylor, Columbus OH	48.52%

Side Series C - 6.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.64	1			**Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI; Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI**	58.75%
2.73	2			John Masters, Naples FL; Nancy Grote, Cincinnati OH	57.92%
2.05	3			Judy Lea Weber - Fred Weber, Concord NC	57.08%
2.21	4	1	1	**Earl Rivers - Bruce Tepper, Cincinnati OH**	56.25%
1.66		2		Jan Kiefhaber - Betsy Coith, Cincinnati OH	55.42%
1.45		3	2	Linda Bracken - Rose Ann Samuels, Dayton OH	55.00%

Side Series C - 5.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
2.84	1	1	1	**Janet Willenborg - Phyllis Mendoza, Cincinnati OH**	61.50%
2.13	2	2	2	Bruce Tepper - Earl Rivers, Cincinnati OH	61.00%
1.75	3			Dean Congbalay, Longboat Key FL; Dennis Kalberg, Milford OH	55.00%
1.23	4	3		Fred Weber - Judy Lea Weber, Concord NC	52.50%

Thursday Morn Side - 4.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.18	1	1	1	**Bhupen Joshi - Ketki Mody, Cincinnati OH**	60.42%
2.39	2	2		Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH; Betty Torello, Blue Ash OH	58.33%
1.88	3	3	2	Leonard Kanterman, Cincinnati OH; Alexis Dujan, Fort Worth TX	55.56%

Side Series - 14.50 Tables / Based on 6 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
5.88	1/2	**Bruce Tepper, Cincinnati OH**	117.25%
5.88	1/2	**Earl Rivers, Cincinnati OH**	117.25%
4.52	3/4	Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI	109.75%
4.52	3/4	Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI	109.75%

Hogwash Horizontal Swiss - 12 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
7.70	1		**John Taylor, Burlington KY; Bob Fisk - Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH; Monica Ibarra, Covington KY**	81.00
5.78	2	1	**Nalin Mehta - Bhupen Joshi - Amul Shukla, Cincinnati OH; Arun Gupta, West Chester OH**	75.00
	3	2	Susan Hermans, West Chester OH; Jeanne Weyers - Harriet Edwards, Cincinnati OH; Linda Woodham, Bradenton FL	69.00
3.25	4		Jonathan Burns - Isaac Stephani - James Barrett, Cincinnati OH; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON	63.00

Miss Piggy KO-2 - 4 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
16.09	1	**Charlie Wermine, Salisbury MD; Laughlin Campbell, Oakville ON; Sallie Reider, Beachwood OH; William Grant, Cleveland OH**
11.26	2	Bruce Ebanks - Annalisa Ebanks - Stuart Ray - Connie Noel, Louisville KY
3.22	3	Joe Pike, Edgewood KY; Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY; Anton Habash, Oxford OH; Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH
1.61	4	Linda Benedix - Joseph Shierling - Mary Ann

Kanervo, Indianapolis IN;
Eric Linton, Greenwood IN

Hog Heaven Bracketed B-2 - 6 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
5.18	1	**Arun Gupta, West Chester OH; Bhupen Joshi - Amul Shukla - Hardas Rathod, Cincinnati OH**	81.00
3.89	2	Sterling Zeran - Bonnie Zeran, Lakefield ON; Pamela Schultz - M Paulina Anderson, Evansville IN	51.00

"The approach and strategies are very similar in that you gather all the information you can and then keep adding to that base of information as things develop. You do whatever the probabilities indicated based on the knowledge that you have at that time, but you are always willing to modify your behavior or your approach as you get new information. In bridge, you behave in a way that gets the best from your partner. And in business, you behave in the way that gets the best from your managers and your employees."

– Warren Buffett (in "Buffet on Bridge")

"It's a game of a million inferences. There are a lot of things to draw inferences from — cards played and not played. These inferences tell you something about the probabilities. It's got to be the best intellectual exercise out there. You're seeing through new situations every ten minutes. Bridge is about weighing gain/loss ratios. You're doing calculations all the time."

– Warren Buffett (in Forbes, issue 2 June 1997)

Hog Heaven Open Swiss - 16 Tables / Based on 36 Tables

MPs	A	X	Y	Names	Score
19.32	1			**Michael Gladfelter - Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH; Joann Glasson - Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ**	87.00
14.49	2			Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA; Richard Chan, Markham ON; Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH; William Higgins, Cincinnati OH	82.00
8.49	3/5			Sue Lan Ma, Akron OH; Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Jeffrey Gargrave, Dayton OH	70.00
9.24	3/5	1	1	**Miroslav Kovacevic - Ana Kovacevic, Woodbridge ON; Laughlin Campbell, Oakville ON; Charlie Wermine, Salisbury MD**	70.00
8.49	3/5			Toni Bales, Pickerington OH; Terry James, Upper Arlington OH; Joe Fisher - Amy Fisher, Cincinnati OH	70.00
6.93		2	2	R Blaine Mullins, Frankfort KY; William Davis, Lexington KY; Tom Bishel - Larry Jones, Columbus OH	65.00
5.20		3		Timothy Martin, Fort Thomas KY; Gail Zimmer, Cincinnati OH; Peggy Ammon - David Dressman, Burlington KY	60.00
3.90		4		Stephen Vogel, West Chester OH; Isaac Stephani - A J Stephani - Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH	57.00

Hog Heaven Bracketed B-1 - 5 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names	Score
8.34	1	**Jane Duncan - Terry Brausch, West Chester OH; Sharon Kreitzer, Cincinnati OH; Stephen Creed, Fairfield OH; Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH**	106.00
5.48	2/3	Thomas Platt Jr, Burlington KY; Gregory Brinker, Crescent Spring KY; Dave Claar, Union KY; J Woeste, Cincinnati OH	88.00
5.48	2/3	Bruce Ebanks - Annalisa Ebanks - Connie Noel - Stuart Ray, Louisville KY	88.00

Total masterpoints:

3829.72 earned by **341 players**

Total attendance: **496 tables.**

1 107.60 Richard Chan, Markham ON
2 107.60 Ming Sheng, Northbrook IL
3 80.30 Joann Glasson, Pennington NJ
4 80.30 Bob Glasson, Pennington NJ
5 75.73 Sue Lan Ma, Kirtland Hills OH
6 75.73 Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON
7 69.32 Terry James, Upper Arlington OH
8 63.19 Tom Bishel, Columbus OH
9 62.10 Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH
10 53.24 A J Stephani, Cincinnati OH
11 52.47 Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON
12 51.94 John Taylor, Burlington KY
13 50.14 Cheryl Schneider, Westerville OH
14 49.71 Toni Bales, Pickerington OH
15 48.13 Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV
16 48.13 Jon Brissman, Indianapolis IN
17 48.13 John Grantham, Bentonville AR
18 48.13 Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA
19 47.99 Barbara Levinson, Cincinnati OH
20 47.02 Stephen Vogel, Cincinnati OH
21 46.33 Jeffrey Gargrave, Dayton OH
22 44.93 Peggy Ammon, Burlington KY
23 39.34 Dallas Moore, Trotwood OH
24 38.18 Cordell Coy, Lakeside Park KY
25 37.53 Michael Gladfelter, Columbus OH
26 37.53 Mary Jane Gladfelter, Columbus OH
27 35.89 William Atteberry, Cincinnati OH
28 34.07 Bhupen Joshi, Cincinnati OH
29 33.94 R Blaine Mullins, Frankfort KY
30 33.19 Miroslav Kovacevic, Vaughn ON
31 33.19 Ana Kovacevic, Woodbridge ON
32 33.06 Cliff Pleatman, Cincinnati OH
33 31.70 Michael Heins, Champaign IL
34 31.70 Bharat Rao, Berwyn PA
35 31.48 Thomas Koralewski, Avon IN
36 31.48 Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH
37 29.87 David Dressman, Burlington KY
38 28.82 William Davis, Lexington KY
39 27.67 Laughlin Campbell, Oakville ON
40 27.67 Charlie Wermine, Salisbury MD
41 26.42 Gail Zimmer, Cincinnati OH
42 25.73 Siraj Haji, Columbus OH
43 25.58 Timothy Martin, Fort Thomas KY
44 23.73 Judy Ruehl, Batavia OH
45 23.45 Arun Gupta, West Chester OH
46 22.55 Scott Gates, Miamisburg OH
47 21.85 Yauheni Siutsau, Loveland OH
48 21.85 William Higgins, Cincinnati OH
49 21.59 Joe Fisher, Cincinnati OH
50 21.59 Amy Fisher, Cincinnati OH
51 20.90 Bruce Ebanks, Louisville KY
52 20.90 Annalisa Ebanks, Louisville KY
53 20.62 Jim Steinke, Loveland OH
54 20.53 Mike Ma, Cincinnati OH
55 19.82 Linda Costura, Cincinnati OH
56 19.63 Ryan Schultz, Dayton OH

57 19.50 Stuart Ray, Louisville KY
58 19.50 Connie Noel, Louisville KY
59 19.27 Barbara Boswell, Cincinnati OH
60 18.77 Nalin Mehta, Cincinnati OH
61 18.59 Rick Jordan, London ON
62 18.59 Charlene Richardson, Moorefield ON
63 18.40 Amul Shukla, Cincinnati OH
64 17.47 Adam Burton, Miamisburg OH
65 17.45 Dennis Schultz, Harrison OH
66 17.14 William Grant, Cleveland OH
67 17.14 Sallie Reider, Beachwood OH
68 16.41 John Meinking, Maineville OH
69 15.95 Bob Fisk, Cincinnati OH
70 15.55 Peggy Barrett, Cincinnati OH
71 15.53 Mary Ann Kanervo, Indianapolis IN
72 15.38 Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH
73 15.38 Arun Goyal, West Chester OH
74 14.75 Stephen Moese, West Chester OH
75 14.12 Robert Bell, Hillsdale MI
76 14.12 Fred Prasser, Jonesville MI
77 14.01 Jim Bachelder, Columbus OH
78 14.01 Dennis Hesthaven, Louisville KY
79 13.92 Kathryn Garrity, Carmel IN
80 13.91 Larry Klein, Cincinnati OH
81 13.39 Thomas Platt Jr, Burlington KY
82 13.22 Doug Day, Indianapolis IN
83 12.81 Alex Stippler, Carmel IN
84 12.69 Stephen Lonski, Englewood OH
85 12.49 Ambrish Bansal, West Chester OH
86 12.31 Paula Byrkett, Oxford OH
87 12.31 Kenneth Woodman, Boca Raton FL
88 12.31 George Schmid Sr, Richmond IN
89 12.31 Don Byrkett, Oxford OH
90 12.24 Anne Frayne, Dayton OH
91 12.10 Margaret Young, Cincinnati OH
92 11.87 Mark Ambrose, Louisville KY
93 11.87 Beth Dlutowski, Louisville KY
94 11.65 Robert Zangri, Centerville OH
95 11.54 Pam Campbell, Fairfield OH
96 10.78 David Whitesell, Yellow Springs OH
97 10.72 Michael Hellmer, Indianapolis IN
98 10.72 Kendra Bridges, Chicago IL
99 10.37 Erin Oblinger, Cincinnati OH
100 10.37 Betty Murdock, Cincinnati OH
101 9.99 Tom Griswold, Centerville OH
102 9.99 Michael Thill, Dayton OH
103 9.99 Mary Horvath, Dayton OH
104 9.99 Cyril Horvath, Dayton OH
105 9.92 Henry Jackson, Cincinnati OH
106 9.88 Monica Ibarra, Covington KY
107 9.45 Wagner Van Vlack, Carmel IN
108 9.45 Darrow Neves, Indianapolis IN
109 9.38 Kevin Henry, Cincinnati OH
110 9.36 Joseph Shull, New Haven IN
111 9.36 Chris Grande, Mishawaka IN
112 9.20 Jane Duncan, West Chester OH

113 9.08 Stephen Messinger, West Chester OH
114 9.08 Sandra Fielman, Loveland OH
115 8.58 Mike Burns, Cincinnati OH
116 8.54 Joe Pike, Edgewood KY
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118 8.36 Mercer Reynolds, Cincinnati OH
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120 8.34 Sharon Kreitzer, Cincinnati OH
121 8.02 Robert Lail, Beckett Ridge OH
122 7.76 Cindy Van Vliet, Xenia OH
123 7.76 Brian Van Vliet, Xenia OH
124 7.74 John Williams, Cincinnati OH
125 7.67 Norm Kakarala, Bloomfield Hls MI
126 7.67 David Mitchell, Bloomfield Hls MI
127 7.64 Eileen Barrett, Cincinnati OH
128 7.57 Stephanie Jones, Terrace Park OH
129 7.57 Debra Chavez, Cincinnati OH
130 7.50 Skip Yassenoff, Columbus OH
131 7.45 Peter Rice, Loveland OH
132 7.45 Judy Rice, Loveland OH
133 7.35 Bruce Tepper, Cincinnati OH
134 7.23 Joanne Oppelt, Cincinnati OH
135 7.23 Bob Stitt, Dayton OH
136 7.03 Joann Behr, Cincinnati OH
137 7.03 James Jacobson, Cincinnati OH
138 7.01 Adrianne Freiberg, Cincinnati OH
139 6.99 Tim Oppelt, Cincinnati OH
140 6.93 Larry Jones, Columbus OH
141 6.67 Debbie Marhefka, Upper Arlington OH
142 6.65 Dave Claar, Union KY
143 6.61 Suzanne Sale, Cincinnati OH
144 6.56 Barry Wauligman, Hamilton OH
145 6.32 Ronald Taylor, Columbus OH
146 6.32 Eric Soiu, Etna OH
147 6.20 Sterling Zeran, Lakefield ON
148 6.20 Bonnie Zeran, Lakefield ON
149 6.01 Sherry Allison, Columbus OH
150 6.01 Rick Ramey, Columbus OH
151 5.92 Phyllis Mendoza, Cincinnati OH
152 5.88 Earl Rivers, Cincinnati OH
153 5.86 Charles Middleton, Dayton OH
154 5.82 Michael Purcell, Loveland OH
155 5.81 James Barrett, Cincinnati OH
156 5.73 Stefanie Stitt, Dayton OH
157 5.73 James Rader, Fairborn OH
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161 5.62 John Matuszkiewicz, Logan OH
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165 5.48 Gregory Brinker, Crescent Spring KY
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169 5.21 Allen Rudd, Madisonville KY
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171 5.18 Hardas Rathod, Cincinnati OH
172 5.17 Leonard Kanterman, Cincinnati OH
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174 5.05 Jonathan Burns, Cincinnati OH
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178 4.83 Allan Reeves, Mason OH
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189 3.96 Bob Davis, Riverlea OH
190 3.72 Anton Habash, Oxford OH
191 3.52 Mary Mulford-Jacobs, Cincinnati OH
192 3.49 Melissa Hellmann, Cincinnati OH
193 3.49 Gary Herrington, Sharonville OH
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196 3.42 Jan Kiefhaber, Cincinnati OH
197 3.42 Betsy Coith, Cincinnati OH
198 3.36 Amy Gerowitz, Cincinnati OH
199 3.35 Richard Boyer, Centerburg OH
200 3.35 Al Holtsberry, Groveport OH
201 3.30 Mary Allen, Peoria IL
202 3.30 Kathleen Miller, Findlay OH
203 3.30 James Miller, Findlay OH
204 3.30 Bill Bulfer, East Peoria IL
205 3.28 Judy Lea Weber, Concord NC
206 3.28 Fred Weber, Concord NC
207 3.22 Vernon Goetz, Villa Hills KY
208 3.20 Linda Bracken, Dayton OH
209 3.18 Ketki Mody, Cincinnati OH
210 3.15 Linda Frantz, Louisville KY
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218 3.05 John Altman, Cincinnati OH
219 2.95 Terry Barrett, Cincinnati OH
220 2.93 Jennifer Coffman, Lexington KY
221 2.93 Ellen Sutherland, Lexington KY
222 2.84 Janet Willenborg, Cincinnati OH
223 2.81 Kathrin Fellows, Powell OH
224 2.80 G. Alan Coupland, Naples FL
225 2.80 Christy Coupland, Naples FL
226 2.74 Carl Wahsum III, Waynesville OH
227 2.73 Nancy Grote, Cincinnati OH

228 2.73 John Masters, Naples FL
229 2.58 Rex Levering, Morral OH
230 2.58 Janet Levering, Morral OH
231 2.51 Stephen Baldwin, Cold Spring KY
232 2.51 Rex Miller, Massillon OH
233 2.51 Rex Miller, Columbus OH
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241 2.48 Nancy Sage, Fort Myers FL
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243 2.47 Kay Mulford, Cincinnati OH
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245 2.40 Ann Schuyler, Bloomington IL
246 2.31 Frances Hamilton, Cincinnati OH
247 2.25 Vickie Sebastian, Beavercreek OH
248 2.25 Veida Marie Wasserman, Cincinnati OH
249 2.25 Sudheer Pimputkar, Galena OH
250 2.23 Carolyn Murray, Cincinnati OH
251 2.16 Herb Schapera, Cincinnati OH
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253 2.11 Diane Russell, Columbus OH
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260 1.88 Alexis Dujan, Fort Worth TX
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314 0.84 John Peake, Louisville KY
315 0.84 Garry Dye, Louisville KY
316 0.81 Terry Ruf, Cincinnati OH
317 0.81 Larry Cohen, Indianapolis IN
318 0.81 Jeffrey Running, Zionsville IN
319 0.81 Ann Rinaldi, Cincinnati OH
320 0.75 Sara Geier, Loveland OH
321 0.74 Michael Wheeler, Amelia OH
322 0.74 Bret Earl, Hobbs NM
323 0.72 Karen Meyer, Naples FL
324 0.69 Marcia Roesch, Maineville OH
325 0.69 Kathleen Shepard, Cincinnati OH
326 0.60 Susan Bullard, Lexington KY
327 0.60 H Gordon, Lexington KY
328 0.51 Todd Barker, Cincinnati OH
329 0.51 Michelle Barker, Cincinnati OH
330 0.50 Terry Shotwell, West Chester OH
331 0.50 Reams Perkins, Harrodsburg KY
332 0.50 Penny Phipps, Akron OH
333 0.50 Kevin Phipps, Akron OH
334 0.50 James Merkel, Lexington KY
335 0.42 Joy Singerman, Cincinnati OH
336 0.41 Merrie Williams, Findlay OH
337 0.41 Johanne Ardire, Findlay OH
338 0.41 Daniel Stone, Sheridan IN
339 0.38 Sara Helfrich, Nashville TN
340 0.38 Mickey Wilson, Nashville TN
341 0.21 Herb Behr, Cincinnati OH

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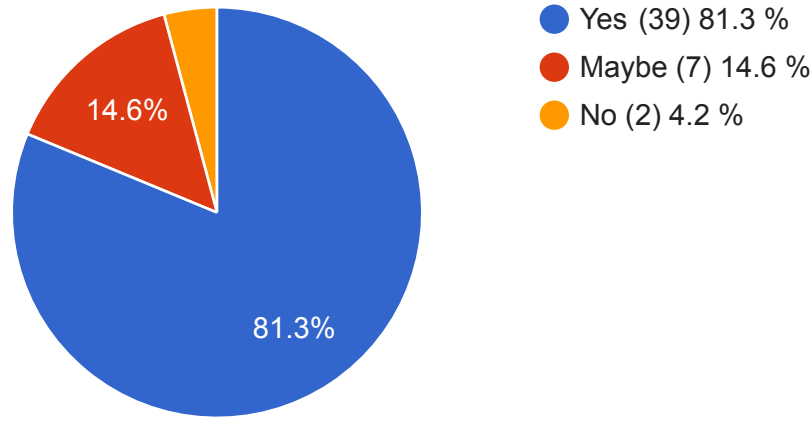For more details, go to the Unit 124 Website at:
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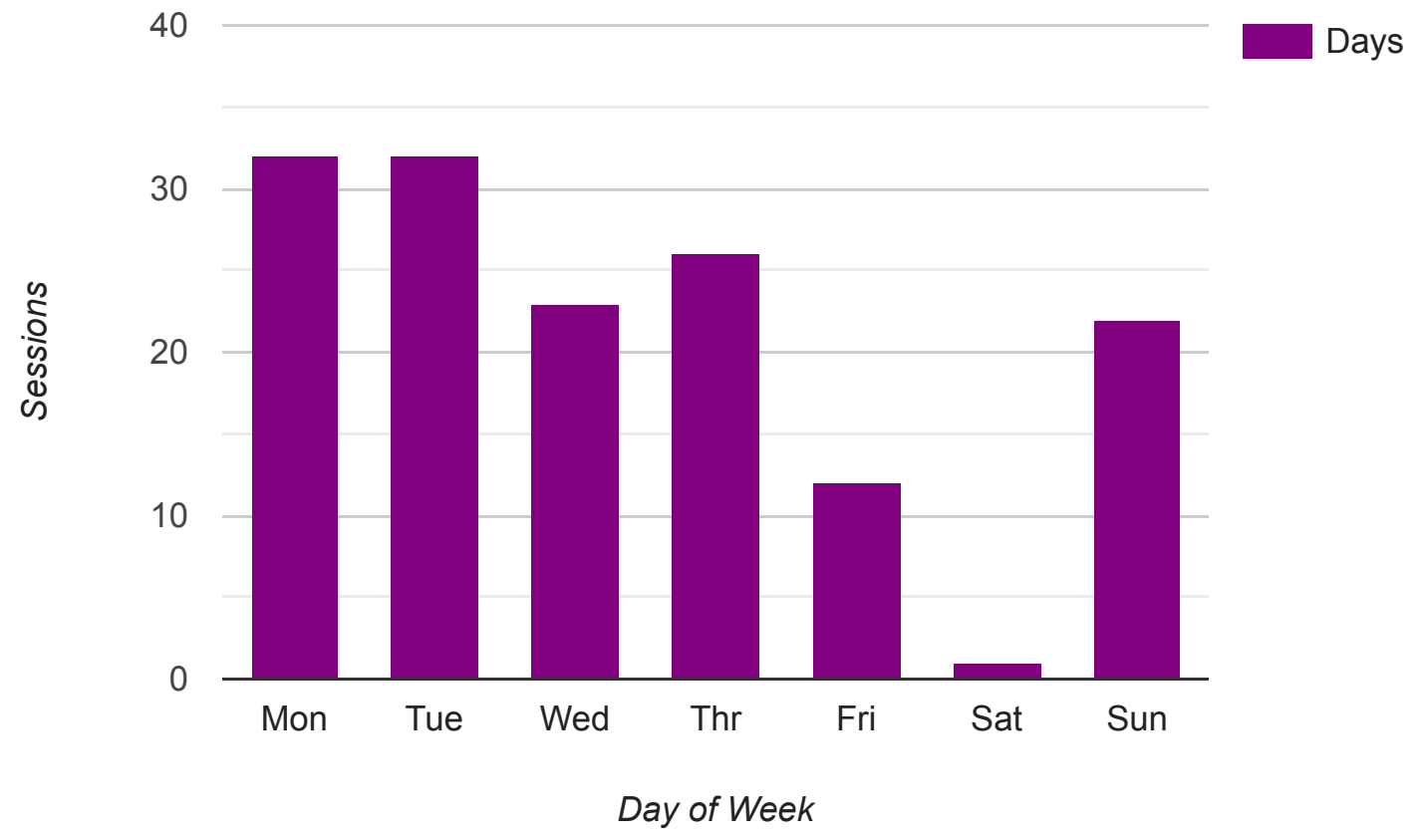
Survey Results

D11 - Cincinnati Flying Pig '22 (Cincinnati) Regional

(48 out of 329 Responses - 14.59%)

Recommend to a friend?

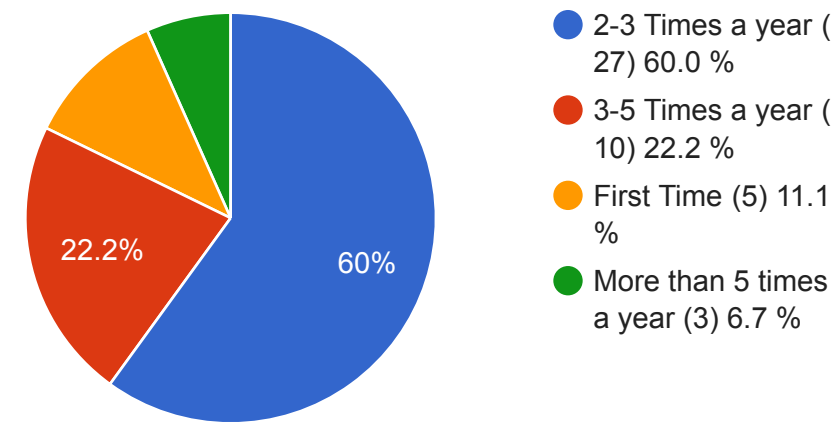- Yes (39) 81.3 %
- Maybe (7) 14.6 %
- No (2) 4.2 %

81.3%
14.6%

Respondee Attendance

Days

Sessions vs Day of Week

Most important factor?

- I live within 100 miles - Proximity (33) 80.5 %
- It has a great reputation (8) 19.5 %

80.5%
19.5%

Frequent Regionals?

- 2-3 Times a year (27) 60.0 %
- 3-5 Times a year (10) 22.2 %
- First Time (5) 11.1 %
- More than 5 times a year (3) 6.7 %

60%
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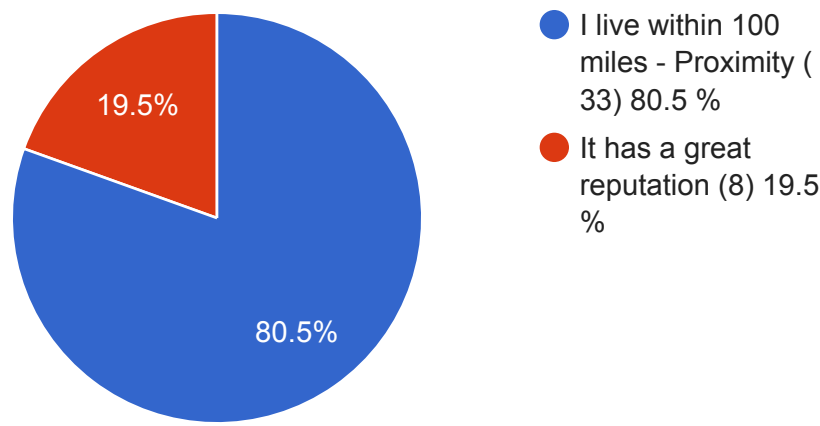
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As of 2022-04-11

Awful / So So / Okay / Good / Excellent

Desk: Welcome, Help, Partnership, Hospitality

Facility Services

Awful / So So / Okay / Good / Excellent

Facility: Playing Site, Food & Bev, Playing Cards, Boards, Bidding Boxes, Tables

Hotel Nights

- 6 (1) 2.5 %
- 4 (1) 2.5 %
- 3 (2) 5.0 %
- 2 (7) 17.5 %
- 1 (5) 12.5 %
- 0 (24) 60.0 %

60%
17.5%
12.5%

Hotel Information

Awful / So So / Okay / Good / Excellent

Hotel: Marketing, Experience
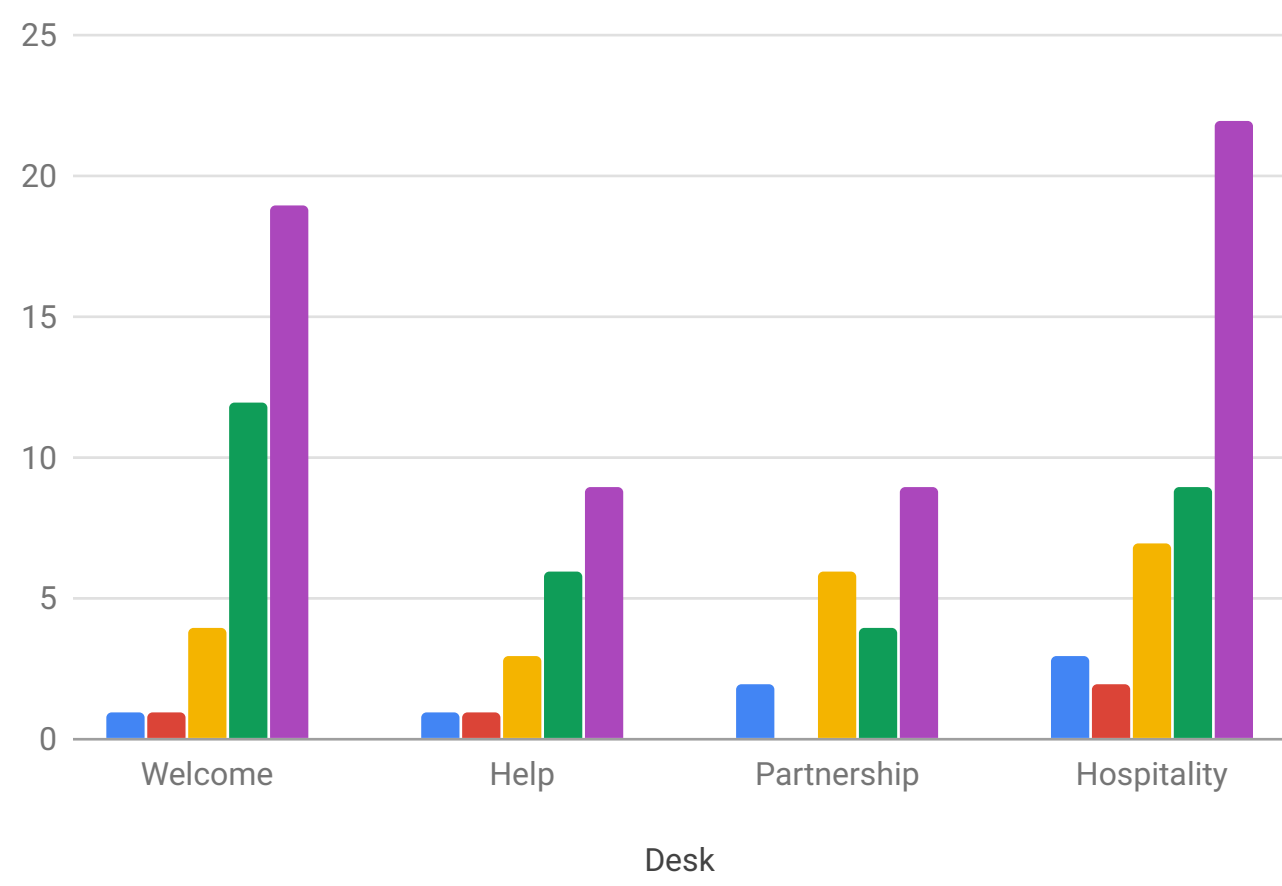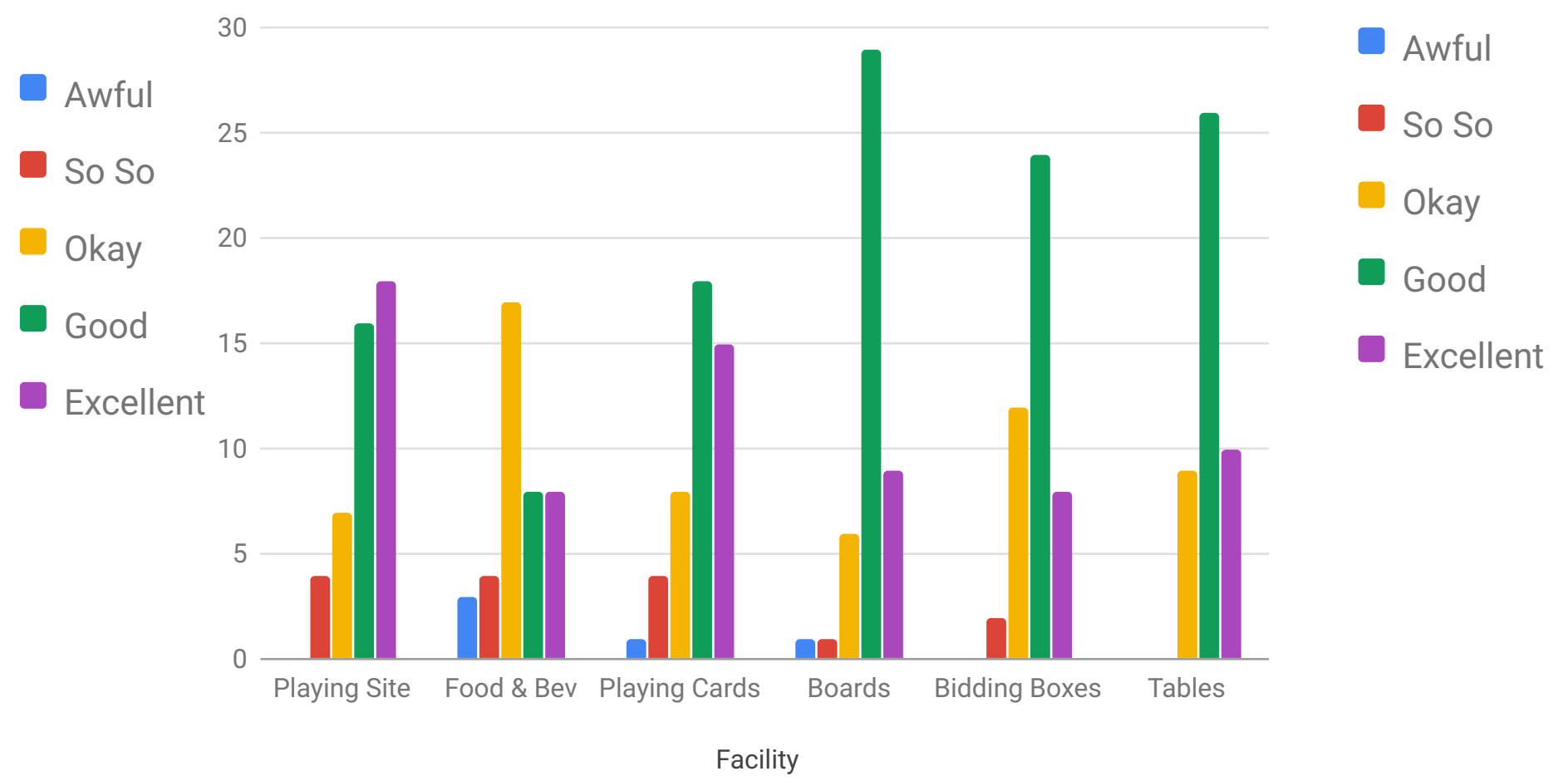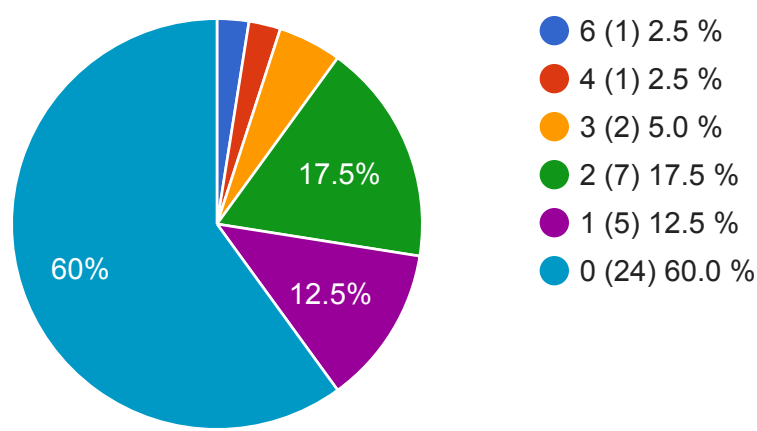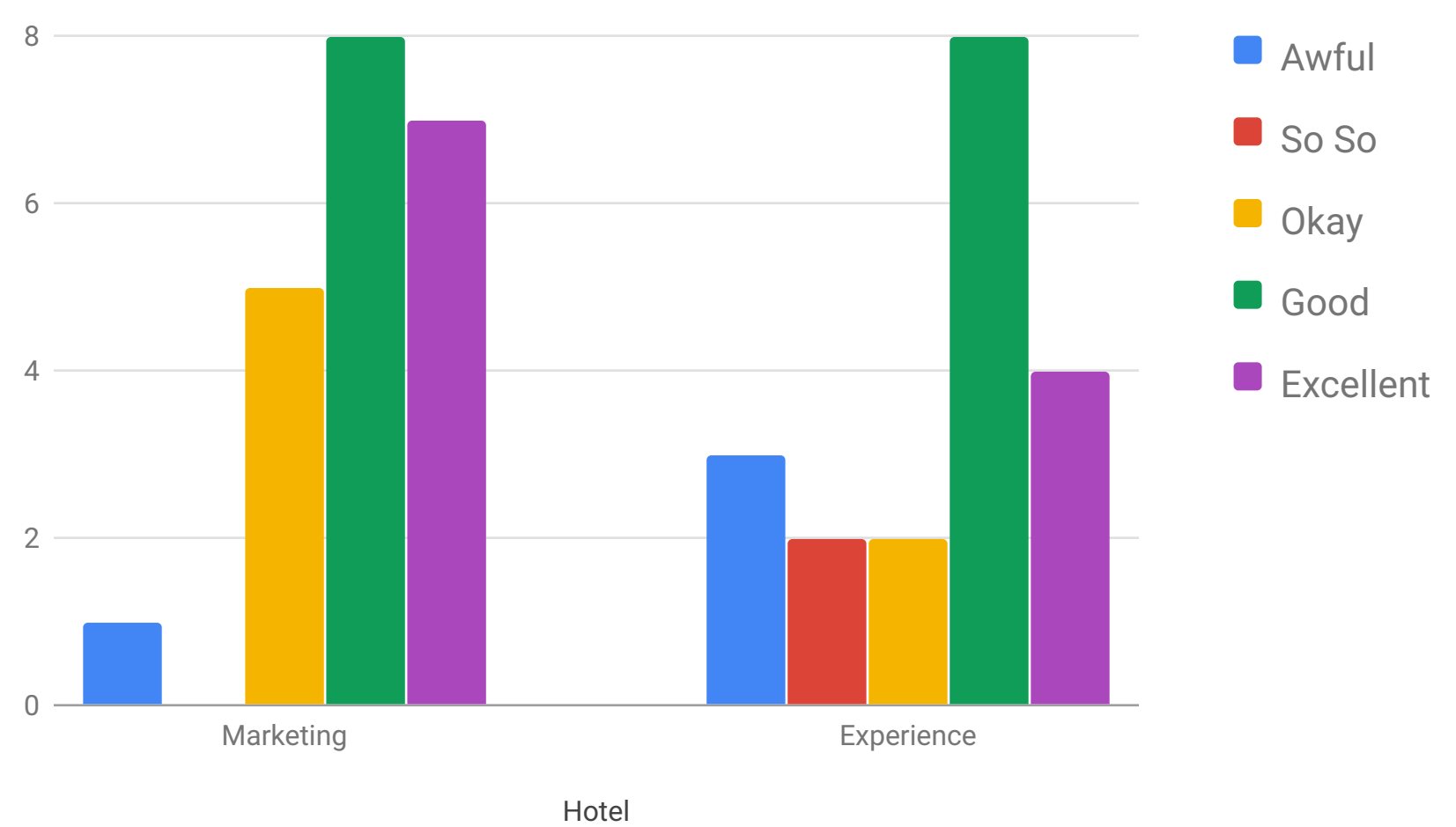
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- Cincinnati(Jun 23)
- Fairborn(Sep 22)
- Elizabeth(Nov 22)
- Evansville(Sep 22)

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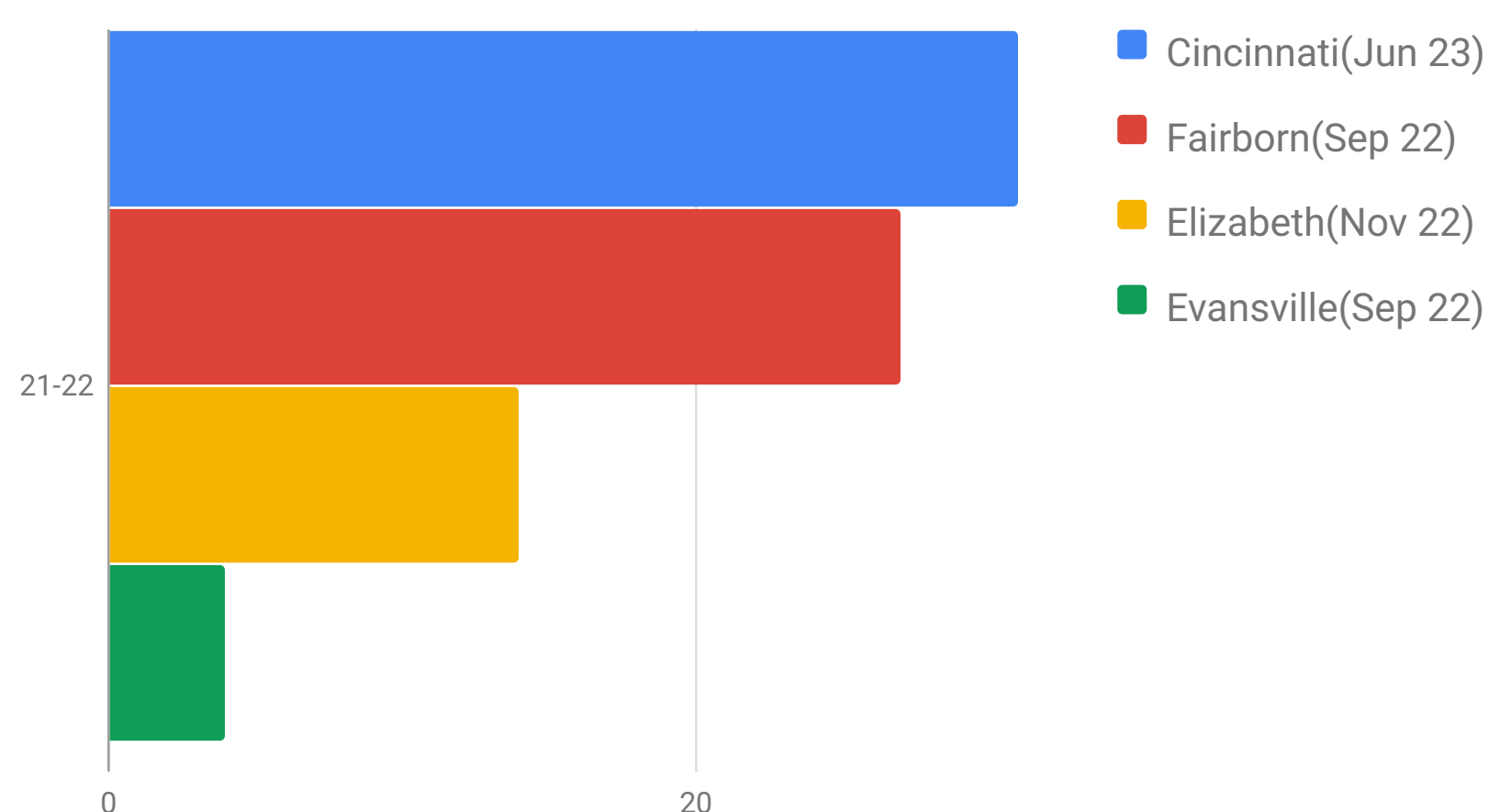
Rating Summaries:

	Grade	Votes
Overall Recommendation	B-	48
Game Directors	A-	48
Game Customer Service	A-	48
Daily Bulletin	B+	48
Facility Services	B	48
Customer Service Desks	B	48
Hotel	B-	48

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	10:00 am	2:30 pm	7:00 pm
Wed 9-7	John H Glenn – Gold Rush & Open Pairs – 2 sessions		Open Pairs 1 sess, side series B*
	Orville Wright KO – rnd 1	Orville Wright KO – rnd 2	
	*Open Pairs AM side series A – 1 sess	*Open Pairs Aft side series A – 1 sess	
Thur 9-8	Judith Resnick - Gold Rush & Open Swiss Teams – 2 sessions		Open Pairs 1 sess, side series B*
	Orville Wright KO – rnd 3	Orville Wright KO – rnd 4	
		*299er Pairs – single session	
	*Open Pairs AM side series A – 1 sess	*Open Pairs Aft side series A – 1 sess	
Fri 9-9	Jim Lovell - Gold Rush & Open Pairs –2 sessions		Open Pairs 1 sess, side series B*
	Wilbur Wright Fri-Sat KO – rnd 1	Wilbur Wright Fri-Sat KO – rnd 2	
	*Open Pairs AM side series C – 1 sess	*Open Pairs Aft side series C – 1 sess	
Sat 9-10	Donn Eisele - Gold Rush & Open Pairs – 2 sessions		Open Pairs 1 sess, side series B*
	Wilbur Wright Fri-Sat KO – rnd 3	Wilbur Wright Fri-Sat KO – rnd 4	
	*Open Pairs AM side series C – 1 sess	*Open Pairs Aft side series C – 1 sess	
Sun 9-11	Neil Armstrong - Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	(playthrough)	

Stratifications by average mp	KO teams may be handicapped
Open pairs & side games	**unlimited /up to 2500/0 -1500**
Gold Rush Pairs & Gold Rush Swiss Teams	**750/-300/-100** (no one player over 750)
Non-Life Masters 299ers	**300/150/50**
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams -	**A/X/Y - unlimited /3500/2000 -** B/C/D 1500/750/300 (no one player over 1500)
Knockouts in blue	299er Event in Green
Swiss in red	*Schedule may change based on attendance
Presented by Miami Valley and Central Ohio Bridge Associations	**Tournament co-Chairs –** **Cheryl Schneider 614-804-4815 jac2nt@aol.com** **Georgia Banziger 937-689-4885 gbanzi@sbcglobal.net**
Coffee, ice, water available in playing room. **We are a perfume/cologne free tournament. Partnerships below**	**$15 per person per session -$4 surcharge Unpaid ACBL Members** **All players must be at least temporary ACBL members.** **ACBL Members 0-5 mp play free!**
Marilyn O'Connor, 937-885-4395, **wandmoconnorpb@yahoo.com** **Bob Jiobu, 614-486-5050, jiobu.1@osu.edu**	**Must have Covid Vaccine records.**
KOs are Min-Soloway style. Bracketed. **Rounds 1 & 2 run as Swiss, or Round Robin.**	**Hope Hotel Rooms - $114 +taxes.** **Ask for "Flying Buckeye Regional Bridge Tournament 2022 room block". Reserve by Aug 16th**

Evansville Indiana, Regional
Split with Dayton, Ohio
September 6-11, 2022

Location:
Old National Events Plaza
715 Locust Street
Evansville IN 47708

Tournament Co-Chairs:
Billie K. Brown (812) 457-7268
Neal Franklin (812) 425-0600

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Evansville

Fees: $15 per person/per session. Sunday Swiss $180 for 4-person team. Fifth Person: add $15 for lunch. We will follow ACBL protocols for Covid current September 2022.

TIME CST	9:00 AM	1:30 PM	7:00 PM
Tuesday Sept. 6	Games in Red pay Gold Points. AM & PM games pay Gold if more than one session is played.	Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2) Open Pairs (1 of 2)	Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2) Open Pairs (2 of 2)
Wednesday Sept. 7	Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2) Open Pairs (1 of 2) KO #1 (1 of 4) AM Side Game	Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2) Open Pairs (2 of 2) KO #1 (2 of 4) 1 Session Swiss PM Side Game	Open Pairs
Thursday Sept. 8	Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2) Open Swiss Teams (1 of 2) KO #1 (3 of 4) AM Side Game	Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2) Open Swiss Teams (2 of 2) KO #1 (4 of 4) PM Side Game	Open Pairs
Friday Sept. 9	Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2) Open Pairs (1 of 2) Compact KO (1 of 2) AM Side Game	Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2) Open Pairs (2 of 2) Compact KO (2 of 2) 1 Session Swiss PM Side Game	Open Pairs
Saturday Sept. 10	Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2) Open Pairs (1 of 2) AM Side Game	Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2) Open Pairs (2 of 2) PM Side Game	Open Pairs
Sunday Sept. 11	Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	Playthrough	Box Lunch Provided
Strats:	Open pairs & side games 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs & Swiss Teams Non-Life Masters Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams Sunday	0-1500/-2500/-unlimited 0-100/-300/-750 0-100/-200/-500 B/C/D-0-300/-750/-1500, A/X 0-2000/-3500/unlimited	
Partner-ships:	**Jane Staton** (812) 480-5289 (mymomJane@aol.com) **Stephen Brouillette** (940) 230-5606 (sjb.2305606@gmail.com)		
Host Hotel	**DoubleTree by Hilton** is connected via skywalk to the Old National Event Center. Discounted Room Rate: $142 plus tax, Includes Free Hotel Parking. For Reservations: Call (844) 951-3505. Discounted rate applies through August 12, 2022.		

Cincinnati

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Sectional

Oct. 27-29, 2022

Cincinnati Bridge Center
2860 Cooper Road, Cinti OH 45241
513-563-2218
Extra Parking Behind
9910 Reading Road

Thursday-Saturday Schedule!

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

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

*Grass Roots Game - 40% More Points! No Extra Fee!
** Team Members Cannot Total More than 8 Points:
1 – 0-399 MP
2 – 400-1499 MP
3 – 1500+ MP

Entry Fees – $12/person

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Stratifications
0-750/750-2500/2500+
All Events Use Average MPs

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GAME SCHEDULE

LOU - LEX 2022

2022 Louisville – Lexington Regional

Pair Games in Black

SWISS Teams in RED

	10:00 AM	2:30 PM	7:30 PM
Monday NOV 7		• **Alysheba Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)** • **Sir Barton Open Pairs (2 Sessions)**	
Tuesday NOV 8	• **Triple Crown Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **Triple Crown Open Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **American Pharaoh Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)**	• 99'er Pairs *	
Wednesday NOV 9	• **War Admiral Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **War Admiral Open Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **Barbaro Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)**	• 99er Pairs *	
Thursday NOV 10	• **Pat London Gold Rush Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)** • **Pat London Open Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)**		• **"Eight is Enough" WIN GOLD Horizontal Swiss (Round 1)**
Friday NOV 11	• **Secretariat Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **Secretariat Open Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **Citation Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)**	• 99er Pairs *	• **"Eight is Enough" WIN GOLD Horizontal Swiss (Round 2)**
Saturday NOV 12	• **Seattle Slew Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **Seattle Slew Open Pairs (2 Sessions)** • **Smarty Jones Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)**	• 99er Pairs *	
Sunday NOV 13	• **Churchill Downs Gold Rush Swiss:** **0-100/100-300/300-750 (2 Session Playthrough)** • **Churchill Downs Open Swiss:** **0-1,500/1,500-5,000/5,000+ (2 Session Playthrough)**		**Be Sure to Vote By Absentee Ballot Before Coming!** V2 – 05-20-22

SINGLE SESSION PAIRS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED
*99'er PAIRS AS ATTENDANCE WARRANTS
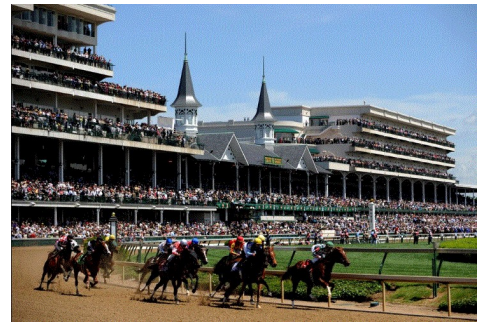
Sixteenth Annual

LOUISVILLE – LEXINGTON

REGIONAL

November 7 – 13, 2022

At CAESARS SOUTHERN INDIANA
11999 Casino Center Drive
Elizabeth IN 47117
(Across the River from Louisville KY)
Smoke Free Except in the Casino
For reservations go to:
https://tinyurl.com/2p8cva54
or call: 1-866-766-2671
Specify Group Code S11LLB1
$92 Double: Sunday – Thursday
$112 Friday/Saturday
Resort Fee Included & Processing Fee Waived
FREE PARKING
Deadline for Bridge Rate October 29, 2022

FEATURING

- **Round-Robin Bracketed Swiss Teams**
- **Gold Rush Pairs**
- **Gold Rush Swiss Teams**
- **99'er Pairs**
- **Open Pairs**

(SEE FLYER on BACK SIDE)

NEW TEAM GAMES START DAILY
PLUS GOLD RUSH EVENTS TUE – SUN
Pair games every session
Door Prizes and Hospitality
Questions?
Louisville: Hannah Davis 502-767-5589 or
Lexington: Sondra Holt 859-312-7785
Partnerships?
Louisville: Verna Goldberg 502-459-3848 or
Lexington: Terrell Holt 859-351-2023

- **Major credit cards accepted for entry fees**

- **Newly renovated venue & new Casino on land – $90 million upgrade**

- **New food venues immediately adjacent to playing area – from Mexican and Asian cuisine to burgers, chicken tenders, pizza & home-style dishes**

- **Hospitality**

Eight is Enough Swiss!

Thur–Fri Evening – WIN GOLD

♥ Players are assigned a point value based on MP

♥ A team may not have more than 8 points of players
1 point: < 400 Masterpoints
2 Points: = 400 – 1500 Masterpoints
3 Points: > 1500 Masterpoints

♥ 5 or 6 player teams are permitted, but no team may field a team with more than 8 points in any round

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Stratifications

♥**Open Pairs & Side Games**   ♦**Gold Rush Pairs & Swiss**
(w/o Gold Rush)   0-100/100-300/300-750
0-750/750-2000/2000+

♠**Open Pairs & Swiss**
(with Gold Rush)
0-1500/1500-3000/3000+

All players in events with upper MP limit must be under limit
All events stratified by average MPs
NLM games stratified

V3 – 05-24-22