

# Unit 109 I/N Newsletter

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## I/N Chairman and Editor's Notes:

Here is the inaugural I/N newsletter. ("I/N" is the term used by ACBL for Intermediates and Novices). Unit 109 is lucky that we have a lot of people in these categories. This newsletter is intended to challenge you, further your education, and provide a place to find information intended for those players with fewer than 500 points. We are also lucky that there are a lot of games and classes intended for us. In some areas there is a charge for classes. In Richmond and Fredericksburg not only are there free classes, but also the teachers give out free books to the students. Originally there was the Goren Book, now there is the "[Green Book](#)"! If you want more information, there are additional options to learn from other teachers and workshops, so the possibilities are endless. I hope this newsletter helps in your bridge knowledge growth. If you have any questions, suggestions, or requests, please get in touch with me. In the future there will be a guest columnist.

You can receive an electronic version of this newsletter by sending an e-mail to [Unit 109 IN-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Unit_109_IN-subscribe@yahoo.com). The electronic version will have links that work and will have larger print.

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# Lesson Page

## Novice Convention - Garbage Stayman

Ever had a hand with less than 8 points but do not want to leave your partner in 1NT because you have 1 club or even worse no clubs? If you bid Stayman (2♣) with a hand similar to xxxx xxxx xxxx x, your partner will answer if they have a 4 card major and then you have an 8 card fit, or if your partner does not have a 4 card suit and replies 2♦, your best fit will be in diamonds and you pass.

## Intermediate Convention - Creeping Stayman

Your partner opens 1NT and you have a hand with 0-4 points but 4/4 in the majors, what do you do? If you bid 2♣ and your partner has a 4 card major you are in like Flynn. What happens if your partner replies 2♦, saying he/she does not have a 4 card major? What do you do if you do not have diamonds? It would be better to be in a 4/3 fit at the 2 level than 1 NT with no help. If your agreement is to play "Creeping Stayman" then you bid 2♥ and your partner will know that you are 4/4 with not much support, so your partner will either leave you in 2♥ or will bid 2♠. (If you have 5-7 points, you have some support for your partner's 1NT.)

Answers to Yahoo Group questions this month.

[http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/Unit\\_109\\_IN/](http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/Unit_109_IN/)

No 1. If you have 2,3,4 across the A,J,10 you make 2 tricks 75% of the time.

No 2.. With KQ6 you will have 1 quick trick

No 3. Old Goren Style is 26... now closer to 24

If you did not get these questions with the full explanation you can get the free weekly questions and answer by joining the Unit109 I/N Yahoo group. To sign up, send an e-mail to

[Unit\\_109\\_IN-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Unit_109_IN-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## Upcoming Games and Special Information

[Friendly Bridge Workshops](#) Started again on Saturdays June 5th. Go to the website for schedules and times.

[RBA Monthly Unit Game](#): The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month is a unit game played at the Bridge Center in Richmond which alternates between a pair games and Swiss teams. July 14<sup>th</sup> is a team game and August 10<sup>th</sup> is a pair game. This is a game open to all levels. Mark Dahl will give a lesson before the game.

[Virginia Beach - NLM sectional July 31 – Aug 1](#)

[Richmond NLM Sectional Saturday and Sunday Sept 18th & 19th](#)

If you need a partner or a team for the Sectional contact Peggy Ward at [thewardsofva@yahoo.com](mailto:thewardsofva@yahoo.com)

### New Members

Toni Brown	Rose Wesson	Emma Gilbert
Karen Evans	Martha R Donato	Hussein Ari Maavouf
Betty Jarrett	Josephine B Kogan	Betty Beverly
Anne Atwood		

If you are not a member of ACBL and would like to join, please talk to your club director. Not only can your director get you a discounted price for the first year, but your club can get credit for the membership. Your club can get special games, and your director will have your ACBL number in the computer.

### High Games with I/N Partners

[May 13<sup>th</sup> Fauquier - Joyce Andrick and Sylvia Coffman](#) received a 70%. This was a special game, ACBL's International Fund game. They had the #1 game in District 6 and 12<sup>th</sup> nationally.

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Golden & Stuart Clayman had a section top at the Raleigh Regional.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Joe Cagnina and Monical Betler – 64%

# Intermediate/Novice Friendly Games and Classes

Check website for more information

[Unit 109 I/N Games and lessons](#)

## Fredericksburg

### **Monday, Thursday am & Thursday evening open games**

Jo Petranka (540) 371-3648

### **Tuesday and Friday noon open games**

Judy Haney (540) 775-2245

### **Wednesday Class for Novice and Intermediates 1:00**

(Restarting in Sept) Judy Haney (540) 775-2245

### **Saturday – once a month Non Life Master Game**

Lesson starts at 6:00, game to follow

Next games 7/11 & 8/7 Judy Haney (540) 775-2245

## Northern Neck

### **1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Open games Betty Thornton (804) 462-0742

### **1st Wednesday & 2nd and 4th Tuesdays**

Open games Beverly Oren (804) 435-3441

## Fauquier

Thursday open game Neil Spokes (540) 364-3861

## Richmond

### **Saturday 1 pm and Sunday 6 pm Novice/Beginner**

Class Ed Kinlaw (804) 744-4870

and Game 0-20 Paul Anderson

### **Sunday 1:30 & Tuesday 7:30 Non Life Master Game**

Free 30 min lesson prior to game

(Linda MacCleave & Richard Deyerle, teachers)

Bob MacCleave (804) 744-6577

### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday am Open game**

And Thursday night mixed master where only 1 LM in partnership

Mimi Pustilnik (804) 303-9993

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Ginter Park Paul Anderson (804) 740-7850

Tuesday 12 pm – Colonial Heights Stanley Ford (804) 233-6517