

What's Trumps?



THE BRIDGE CENTER

August-September 2010

CELEBRATE



Richmond now has some new Life Masters. We are throwing them a party to celebrate their accomplishment on **Friday, August 13**. Our new Life Masters are **Sue Sims, Virginia Stewart, Virginia Cash, Mona Thiss, Susan Dunbar, John Wisk, and Diane Banks**. If there are any more that we don't know about, please contact Mimi at **303-9993**. We want to include everyone at this party.

TROPHY GAMES

On **Friday, August 27**, we will be playing for the **Battleaxe Trophy**. This trophy will go home with the best husband and wife pair. Defending are **Mimi and Bob Pustilnik**. The game will be a regular stratified game. **Thursday, September 30**, the **Rosenbloom-Shapiro Trophy** will go home with the **best non-life master pair**. Defending are now new Life Masters **Sue Sims and Virginia Cash**.



SPECIAL INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME

This game will be held on **Thursday night, September 16**. It will be an open stratified game. **THERE WILL NOT BE A MIXED MASTERS GAME THAT NIGHT**. This special event is always popular. You will be playing the same hands with people all over the country and you will know how you did on every hand immediately. Cost for this game is **\$9.00** Come join us.

IN MEMORIAM

May 2010

June 2010

July 2010

Gloria Ender
Jean Lee

Margaret Edwards

Brad Routson
Helen Rolfe

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NEWS FROM THE BBC by Ben Gibson

Dale Dermer and **Geoff Mallette** lead for Players of the Year honors with **John Kloke II** in third, **Mimi Pustilnik**, fourth, and **Mike Fine** and **Dickie Hamilton** tied for fifth. **Nitin Shah** and **Francis Terminella** lead for top non-Life Master, just ahead of **Katherine Miller**. **August 4** will be an **Upgraded Club Tournament** (extra master points).

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Friday, August 20
Monday, August 23

Thursday, September 2
Friday, September 24

HANDICAP GAMES

Monday, August 9
Thursday, August 19
Tuesday, August 31

Tuesday, September 7
Monday, September 13
Thursday, September 23

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

May

1. Harry Gellis (A) 12.21
2. Pat McDermott (A) 8.01
3. Mike Fine (A) 7.88
4. Neil Moran (B) 7.48
5. Tony Graziano (B) 6.93
6. Joan Shirrefs (C) 5.56
7. Estelle Moncure (C) 5.06

June

1. Dale Dermer (A) 9.19
2. Harry Gellis (A) 9.15
3. Nancy Noonan (B) 8.83
4. Becky Duty (B) 8.82
5. Bill Bugg (C) 7.24
6. Francis Terminella (C) 7.19

HIGH % GAMES

In May **Bob Pustilnik** and **Laura Soles** won with a 71.78% game. In June it was **Jacki Shuman** and **George Lewis** with a high game of 66.99%. Nice going!

NEW 0-100 POINT GAME

The Bridge Center will be starting a new 0-100 point game on Friday nights along with the regular stratified game. This new game will start on **Friday, September 3**. We hope we can have a big turnout, so tell your friends.

SPECIAL 0-500 GAME

The Bridge Center will be holding a 0-500 point game on **Saturday afternoon, August 28**. Get your partners lined up now and plan to play.

CLEAN UP TIME



We will be cleaning out the Bridge Center of everything that people have left there. Please check to see if you have any plates, coats, sweaters or anything else there. By the end of August, everything that doesn't belong there will be thrown away.

RBA News by Peggy Ward

Please join us at the Richmond Bridge Association, Unit 109 **Summer Sectional** on **August 6th, 7th, & 8th** at the **Tuckahoe Moose Lodge**. Note the **NEW GAME TIMES** for the **FRIDAY GAMES – 10:30 am and 3:30 pm**. Saturday games are also at 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. **Mark Dahl** will lecture before the Saturday morning game and **Harry Gellis** will provide analyses of the hands from the Saturday a.m. session (Think “Coulda, Shoulda, Woulda” !!!) directly after the game. Sunday Swiss starts at 10:30. **Ellen Hartenburg** is gearing up to coordinate the tournament’s goodies so please show our wonderful Southern Hospitality by bringing in a dish for one session to help in her efforts!!!

Congratulations to our newest Gold Life Master, **Felix Maddox IV** (Culpeper) as well as to our newest Life Master, **John Wisk** (Richmond). Congratulations also go to **Joyce Andrick** (Warrenton) and **Sylvia Coffman** (Amissville), from Unit 109’s Fauquier County Duplicate Bridge Club for their excellent performance in the ACBL’s **International Fund pairs session May 13** in which they scored top in District 6 and 12th out of 32,000 pairs in the world! Way to Go!

Now some information on what some of your Board members have been up to! **Ruth Miles**, our Unit 109 Secretary, has been coordinating all of our information and activities, ranging from the myriad of reports the ACBL sends to arranging our next Board meeting and generally keeping us all informed and on the right track. The workload is never ending and Ruth is tireless!

Pat McDermott has stepped forward to form and chair a “**Goodwill Committee**.” Please notify Pat of any member news for which congratulations, get well wishes or sympathy are in order along with the person’s email address if there is one, and she will send a card from our Unit. You can contact Pat by emailing her at pattimcdee@gmail.com, calling her at 804.330.0963, or just letting her know when you see her at a game. Pat is also our **Membership Chair**, and she and her committee (Becky Duty and Toni Morton – thanks ladies!) are busy contacting new members to welcome them to our unit!

Paul Anderson has been busy promoting the North American Pairs qualifying games during June, July, and August! Every club is entitled to two games per month, and those pairs that qualify can register for the playoffs in October. For the first time ever, District Six has selected our Unit 109 as the Southern playing site for the playoffs for all fights except the open flight. The event will be held October 23-24 (October 24 only for the NLM flight) at the Tuckahoe Moose Lodge. See Paul for additional details.

Linda Seamster has provided us with a variety of homemade goodies for our unit games – both tasty and artfully arranged. **Harry Gellis** has worked to have our open Unit Games designated as charity games so they not only benefit a charity but also provide additional points! We had a record turnout of 22 tables for our July 14th open Unit Game but, as fate would have it, a transformer blow-out left us in the dark and without air conditioning, so we have rescheduled our Unit SWISS TEAM game for **Wednesday, August 11**. Thank you so very much to each team who came and a special thanks to the 19 teams who are prepaid for the August 11 game!

Ed Kinlaw, **Richard Deyerle**, and **Linda MacCleave** have continued to engage our Novice and Intermediate Players at our Unit Friendly Bridge games Tuesday, Saturday, and twice on Sunday as well as serving as **Educational Liaison**, **Treasurer**, and **Webmaster/Bulletin Board Coordinator** respectively. **Stuart Clayman** has been busy as **Intermediate/Novice (I/N) Chair** welcoming new members, coordinating a Yahoo I/N Group, and publishing an I/N newsletter. Also thanks to **Paul Anderson** and **Bob MacCleave** who direct our I/N games!

Our next **0-500 Non-Life Master Sectional** is **September 18 and 19** at the **Tuckahoe Moose Lodge!** The Friendly Bridge lessons and games will be there as well! Game times 10:30 and 3:30 with lessons prior to both on Saturday and prior to the Swiss on Sunday! If we have a large enough turnout there will be a special 0-50 section and a single session 0-50 Swiss with a lesson on Swiss prior to the game!

Finally, in August we say farewell to our Past President **Doug Jennings** and his lovely wife Pat, and wish them well as they make their new home in Abingdon, Virginia.