

# What's Trumps?



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THE BRIDGE CENTER

December 2011-January 2012

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## GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

It's time again for the Grand National Team events. All games are stratified A: Open, B: 0-5000, and C: 0-2000. Entry fees are \$8.00 per person. The points are 1/2 red and 1/2 black. Dates are **Monday night, December 12; Wednesday night (BBC), December 21; Wednesday night (BBC), January 4; Monday night, January 30; and Thursday, January 19 (STRATAS B AND C ONLY)**. Put your teams together now.

## TROPHY GAMES.

The **Irene Klinchock Mixed Masters Trophy** will be up for grabs on **Thursday, December 22**. Defending are **Susan Dunbar** and **Yale Himelbloom**. On **Tuesday morning, January 10**, the **Mixed Master Trophy** will go home with the winning pair. Last year's winners were **Carole Weinstein** and **Mark Dahl**.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Board of Directors of the Bridge Center and all our game Directors want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa, as well as a Happy New Year. May all of our Bridge partners have a healthy and happy New Year.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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## NEWS FROM THE BBC by Ben Gibson

The **Little Ben Trophy** game on **December 7** kicks off a busy holiday schedule. 2010's winners were **Mark Rosenbloom** and **Stan Schenker**. **December 21** will be a **Grand National Team** event. On **January 4** we get to say thank you and congratulations on **Player Appreciation Night**. **January 18** is again **GN Teams**. The month ends up with the **January 25 Handicap game**. Whew!

**Bob Pustilnik** has the led down the stretch for **Player of the Year** honors. **Mike Fine & Dickie Hamilton** (tied 2/3), **Harry Gellis**, and **Mike Spooner** are in closest pursuit. **Mark Warner** tops the **Non-LM** race with **David Prior** (met 20ll eligibility), **Steve Chaplin**, **Hussein Maarouf**, and **Nitin Shah** conceding nothing.

## CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Tuesday, December 20      Thursday, January 19  
Wednesday, January 25

## HANDICAP GAMES

Monday, December 5      Thursday, January 5  
Thursday, December 15      Monday, January 16  
Tuesday, December 27      Tuesday, January 31

## PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### September

1. Becky Duty (A) 13.58
2. Miriam Smolkin (A) 8.58
3. Willem Vet (B) 8.15
4. Neil Moran (B) 7.58
5. Hussein Maarouf (C) 6.45
6. Symone Scales (C) 4.49

### October

1. Dale Dermer (A) 12.31
2. Bob Pustilnik (A) 11.34
3. Willem Vet (B) 11.01
4. David Bartoldus (B) 8.37
5. Hussein Maarouf (C) 7.20
6. Judith Quate (C) 6.80

## HIGH % GAMES

In September the high game was played by **Martha and Mark Dumas** with a huge 73.33%. In October the big game was played by **Pat McDermott** and **Ron Heisler** with a 70.83% game. Good going!!

## Unit 109 News by Ed Kinlaw

Our annual **Christmas Mother game** (pairs) is coming up at the Tuckahoe Moose Lodge on **Wednesday, December 14**. The Lodge will be providing meat, poultry, vegetable, potatoes, and drinks. Participants have the option of bringing an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. The cost is \$10 per person (includes dinner and bridge entry). In addition, the Christmas Mother game gives us all an opportunity to give to those less fortunate – participants are encouraged to provide an optional donation for the Henrico Christmas Mother and/or can(s) for the Central Virginia Food Bank. The Christmas Mother will be in attendance to accept donations, which Unit 109 will match (up to \$1,000 in total).

Dinner starts at 5:45, followed by a business meeting at 6:30 and bridge at 7:00. At the business meeting, we will be voting whether to change Unit 109's name from the Richmond Bridge Association to the Central Virginia Bridge Association. The Christmas Mother game is always a festive occasion, and I hope you can join us.

Please join me in recognizing our newest life masters - **Mary Ellen Anderson**, **Barry Fratkin**, **Winnie Fratkin**, and **Susan Wagner**.

Thanks to those of you who participated in our Sectional on October 28-30<sup>th</sup>. I'd especially like to thank **Barry and Winnie Fratkin**, who graciously volunteered to serve as Tournament Chairpersons and **Mark and Ellen Hartenburg**, our long-suffering Hospitality Chairpersons. **Mark Dahl** was the leading point earner with 20.64. **Mike Lowden** and **Richard Nuckols** were the leading earners among non life masters with 15.55, which included an astounded second place in the Open Sunday Swiss, along with **Jane Brockenbrough** and **Corbin Rankin**. Way to go! Our next open Sectional is **January 20-22<sup>nd</sup>**.

The Unit library has been up and running for over two months. To date, only four out of the hundreds of books that were generously donated have been checked out. I hope you will take a look at the books at the Bridge Center – it seems a shame that more people haven't taken advantage of this resource.

If you know of anyone who is ill or has experienced a death in the family, please contact our Goodwill Chairperson, **Pat McDermott** at [pattimcdee@gmail.com](mailto:pattimcdee@gmail.com) or 330-0963. If you have any concerns regarding Unit 109 business, please contact me at [mekinlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:mekinlaw@yahoo.com) or 744-4870.

