

What's Trumps?



THE BRIDGE CENTER



December 2015-January 2016

GRAND NATIONAL TEAM GAMES

It is time for the qualification rounds of the GNT. The winners will represent the District in the national finals. Be sure you qualify. There are lots of points to win, red and black, even if you just play in the local games. There are 4 flights Open flight: all players, Flight A: 0-6000 points Flight B: 0-2500 points and Flight C: Non Life Masters with less than 500 points. The entry fee is \$9.00 per person. Here are the dates: **Friday night December 11, FLIGHTS B AND C ONLY, Monday night December 14, Monday night December 21.** In January **Monday night January 4, Friday night January 15 FLIGHTS B AND C ONLY, Monday night January 18, and Saturday January 30 at 1:00.**

SPECIAL MEMORIAL GAME

On **Saturday January 9** the Bridge Center will hold a special stratified game to remember all our bridge players who passed away in 2015. The game will be a charity game and we will be able to give more points. Cost for the game is \$9.00 with all proceeds going to a charity yet to be named.

TROPHY GAMES

The **Irene Klinchock Mixed Masters Trophy** will be up for grabs on **Thursday night December 17**, Defending are **Zubair Hassan** and **Linda MacCleave**. In January the **Mixed Master Trophy** will be in play on **Tuesday morning, January 26**. Last year's winners were **Liz and Bruce Fletcher**.

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Bridge Center will be closed on **Thursday December 24** and **Friday December 25** for Christmas, **Thursday December 31** and **Friday January 1**. The Board of Directors and all our game Directors want to wish you all a very happy holiday season. May all of you have a healthy and happy 2016!!!

IN MEMORIAM

Leon Baldwin

Elaine Perrin

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What's Trumps Mailing List

If you are currently not receiving a copy of *What's Trumps* in the mail, and you would like to, or if your address has changed, call or e-mail Linda MacCleave: 744-6577, lindabmac@verizon.net.

Names are periodically removed from the *What's Trumps* mailing list if you are not active at the Bridge Center. If you are receiving *What's Trumps* and you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact Linda.

NEWS FROM THE BBC by Ben Gibson

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All good things come to an end. Ben's Bridge Club was originally brought from the St. John's Woods complex in the late 1980's as The Bridge Center's first non-smoking game (different times). The BBC has operated under its own club number and paid rent to The Bridge Center. Increased costs (insurance, BridgeMates rental, teaching fees, etc.) without viable attendance makes continuation into 2016 impossible. To the cadre of regular players: my deepest thanks for your help ("the few, the proud, the brave"). Special thanks to Ed Kinlaw, who, I hope, will be willing to transfer his fine lessons to Fridays starting in January.

Some exciting games remain: **Dec. 2nd - "Little Ben" Trophy Game (Lester Wagner and Hank Mattox, defenders); Dec. 16th - Grand National Teams (one Open game), and, usual Open & 0-1500 format on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th (last BBC game - hope you can come and say goodbye).** In the Feb/Mar *What's Trumps* we will report the finalized Player-of-the-Year standings and prizes won.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Tuesday, December 8 (am)

Wednesday, January 6 (am)

Thursday, January 21 (pm)

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September

1. Harry Gellis 10.95
2. Tom Kasvin 10.83
3. Donnie Walsh 8.87
4. Chris D'Ambra 8.69
5. Clay McCaskey 8.25

October

1. Tom Kasvin 11.84
2. Chris D'Ambra 9.57
3. Parke Messier 8.90
4. Anne Alferink 8.38
5. Donnie Walsh 7.72
6. Brian Knapik 5.84

LOST COATS AND STUFF

There is a lot of coats, scarves, umbrellas, etc in the closet. Please see if anything belongs to you. On **Saturday December 19**, we are going to give everything away.

WHAT'S TRUMPS MAILING LIST

This may be your last *What's Trumps*. Some will receive the newsletter via email, and others by mail. If you want to continue or begin to receive *What's Trumps* in 2016 and have not let us know, contact Linda MacCleave at lindabmac@verizon.net or 744-6577.

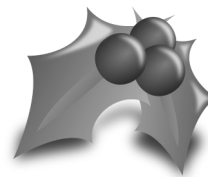
HIGH % GAMES

In September **Bob Pustilnik** and **Harry Gellis** had a whopping 77.14% game. In October **Jean Oakey** and **Lou Einwick** had a 74.54% game. That is awesome playing!!!!!!

RBA NEWS

Annual Christmas Mother Game

The RBA will host its annual Christmas Mother Game.



When: Saturday, December 12

12:00 noon – Lunch

12:45 p.m. – Christmas Mother presentation

1:00 p.m. – Bridge, 2 sections – Friendly Bridge and Open

Where: Clarion Hotel Central, 3207 N. Boulevard

Cost: \$10.00 per person, includes entry fee and lunch

Put entry in envelope at Bridge Center or mail to Becky.

(Donation is extra.)

There will be lots of prizes and lots of fun. Through your generosity we gave a record \$2,800 to the Christmas Mother last year.

2016 RBA Directory

By now most of you should have been contacted about being included in the 2016 Richmond Bridge Association Directory. If you would like to be included in the directory and have not been contacted by December 10, please contact **Francis Terminella** at 804-741-5052 or terminella@mac.com.

Partnerships

If you are new in town, new to duplicate bridge or just need a partner for a game at the Bridge Center, please call **Debra Gardner** (804-305-0937) or **Francis Terminella** (804-741-5052), and we'll try to find someone to play with you.

Richmond Winter Sectional

Jan 22-24, 2016

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