

What's Trumps?



THE BRIDGE CENTER

June-July 2016

LET'S PARTY

On **Saturday June 11** we will hold our birthday party. The Bridge Center is 55 years old. Get your partners lined up and plan on joining in the fun. There will be cake and goodies (If you would like to bring something, feel free.) and surprises. The game will be stratified. The **Hastings Trophy** will go home with the winners. Last year's winners were **Patti Martin** and **Harry Gellis**.

NABC FUND GAMES

These special games give us the chance to give out more points and help raise funds for the North American Bridge Championships, which will be held in July. Only \$1.00 more per person and more points. The Bridge Center will be holding two games, **Monday June 13 (PM)** and **Tuesday June 14 (AM)**.

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

It is that time again for the NAOP qualifying games at the Bridge Center. There will be lots of points and the chance to play at the next level. All games are stratified: A: 0-infinity B: 0-2500 and C: Non Life Master (with fewer than 500 points) Cost is \$9.00. Dates: **Wednesday (AM) June 8, Friday (PM) June 10 (B & C only), Monday (PM) June 20, Tuesday (AM) June 28, Wednesday (AM) July 6, Monday (PM) July 18, and Friday (PM) July 15 (B & C only)**.

GRAHAM TROPHY GAME

This trophy will be awarded to the winners on **Wednesday July 26 (AM)**. Last year the winners were **Pam Farrar** and **Mike Spooner**.

CLOSED

The Bridge Center will be closed **Friday June 24** for the Richmond Sectional. We will also be closed on **Monday July 4**.

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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.

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GINTER PARK NO MORE

The Ginter Park game which was played the **2nd and 4th Fridays** has been cancelled. These games will now be played at the **Bridge Center**. These games are stratified with **Paul Anderson** directing.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOARD-A-MATCH

Don't forget our HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL Wednesday night BAM/PAIR GAME. Here is your chance to win two ways, a stratified pair game and a Board-a-Match game with great partners. **Ed Kinlaw** directs and **Bob Pustilnik** gives a lesson at 6:30. Come join us.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Be sure to play in the club championship games if you want more points for winning and placing.

Wednesday (AM) June 22

Monday (PM) July 11

Tuesday (AM) July 26

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

March

1. Mark Rosenbloom 10.93
2. Neil Moran 6.38
3. Harry Gellis 5.87
4. Bob Pustilnik 5.50
5. Chris D'Ambra 5.33
6. Linda MacCleave 5.21
7. Donnie Walsh 4.56
8. Tom Kasvin 4.37

April

1. Donnie Walsh 13.23
2. Willem Vet 11.79
3. Tom Kasvin 10.89
4. Chris D'Ambra 10.06
5. Daria Snider 7.92

HIGH % GAMES

In March **Marc Warner** and **Mark Rosenbloom** won with a 70.44% game. In April, it was **Marc Warner** again with **Dewayne Jones** with a 74.67% game. Thanks for carrying your partners to victory, Marc!

RBA NEWS by Barry Fratkin

MAY MEETING

The RBA held its annual meeting Wednesday, May 11 at the Clarion Hotel with 31 tables, the largest turnout in many years. The membership approved the nominating committee's slate of **Barry Fratkin, President; Anne Atwood, Vice President; Chris D'Ambra, Secretary; and Tom Kasvin, Treasurer**. Directors elected were **Becky Duty, Francis Terminella, Paul McGowan, and Debra Gardner**. Additional directors appointed by the president were **Linda MacCleave, Ed Kinlaw, Randall Holden, and Pat McDermott**. **Harry Gellis** will serve on the board as past president.

Winners of the Ace of Club and Mini-McKenney categories were presented certificates and medallions. The RBA Unit game champions in three flights also were recognized. The winners are listed on the website (richmondbridge.net). **Anne and Harry Alferink** were recipients of the **Sheila Kleiman Congeniality award**.

RICHMOND SUMMER SECTIONAL

The RBA Summer Sectional will be held **June 24-26** at the **Clarion Hotel**. There will be morning and afternoon sessions both Friday and Saturday with both open and Friendly Bridge games. Sunday features a bracketed Swiss game (seven-board round robin with eight teams in each bracket).

NEW LIFE MASTERS OR ABOVE

Attaining new life master or above in March and April were:

April

Divakar Bhargava: Gold Life Master. Marc Warner: Silver Life Master, Catherine Strauss: Bronze Life Master

May

Anne West: Bronze Life Master, Barbara Allen: Bronze Life Master, Susan Eckis: Life Master, Jane Hesler: Life Master, Parke Messier: Life Master. John Pegues: Life Master, Mary Rabb: Life Master, Denzil Willis: Life Master

SUMMER NATIONAL

Make plans to attend and play in Summer North American Bridge Championships in Washington, D. C., **July 21-31, 2016**. Check the ACBL website (acbl.org) for details.

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