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What's Trumps?

THE BRIDGE CENTER

August-September 2016

BATTLE-AXE TROPHY GAME

The Battle-Axe Trophy game will be held on Friday evening, August 12. The trophy will go home with the highest scoring husband and wife pair. It is a regular 0-2000 game with a special chance for a trophy for husbands and wives. Defending are Darlene and Bryan Selz.

REIDELBACH TEAM GAME

The **Reidelbach Team game** is a special game in which only two life masters can be on the team. This is a chance for newer players to play with some of our more experienced players. This game will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 12;30. If you need help putting a team together call Mimi at 303-9993. Last year's winners were Mike Fine, Ellen Hollands, Betty Richardson, and Hannah Gallier.

CLOSING

The Bridge Center will be closed Labor Day Monday night, September 5.

BETTY'S GAME

The game that used to be the **Ginter Park Friday game** will be dedicated to **Betty Loving** who started that game many years ago. Betty was a most generous person who supported all types of charities. She also helped the Richmond Bridge Association when it had financial difficulties. The Friday game, which is played at the Bridge Center on the second and fourth Fridays, will now be known as **Betty's Game**. On Friday August 26 (am) we will dedicate the game and hold the first Club Tournament.

IN MEMORIAM Harold Smith Pat Barnett

What's Trumps Mailing Lis

Linda MacCleave: 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 744-6577, lindabmac@verizon.net.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BAM/PAIRS GAME

The Wednesday night BAM game has become a very popular game for new players. You get a chance to have a pair of Life Masters as your partners for the board-a -match, and you also have the chance to win in the pair game. If you haven't tried it, get a partner and come out on a Wednesday evening. The RBA is now hosting the BAM game on the second Wednesday, too. Hope to see you there.

ROSENBLOOM-SHAPIRO TROPHY GAME

The **Rosenbloom-Shapiro trophy** is scheduled for **Sunday evening, September** 4. This trophy is for 0-20 players, so it is being awarded at the Friendly Bridge game. If you have between 0-20 masterpoints, come compete for the trophy.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Monday August 29 (PM)

Friday September 23 (PM)

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

May

- 1. Tom Kasvin 17.66
- 2. Mark Rosenbloom 14.40
- 3. Becky Duty 11.46
- 4. Dewayne Jones 9.76
- 5. Tommy Thompson 9.29
- 6. Willem Vet 8.85
- 7. Mary Baril 8.48
- 8. Ed Lozito 6.68

June

- 1. Mike Spooner 18.41
- 2. Tom Kasvin 14.29
- 3. Patti Martin 13.13
- 4. Chris D'Ambra 13.11
- 5. Landon Woody 7.58
- 6. Karen Hamlett 6.51

HIGH % GAMES

In May **Marc Warner** and **Dewayne Jones** had a whopping 72.14% game. They won again in June with a mere 69.17% game. What a pair!

NEW BRIDGE CLASS

Do you have friends that would like to learn to play bridge? Friendly Bridge is starting new bridge lessons on Sunday evening, September 18. Free book and first four weeks free. After that, \$4.00 per week. For more information, contact **Ed Kinlaw** 744-4870.

RBA NEWS by Barry Fratkin

New Life Masters or Above

Attaining new life master or above in June and July were:

June—Gold Life Master: Toni Morton, Ruby Life Master: David Trent, Silver

Life Master: Irene Jennings, Bronze Life Master: Barbara Allen

July—Sapphire Life Master: Richard Hagenlocker, Gold Life Master: Mimi Pustilnik, Silver Life Master: Sheila Young, Bronze Life Master: Glen Swann

NAOP Qualifying

The RBA will host the Flight B&C North American Open Pairs (NAOP) finals, **Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25 at the Clarion Hotel**. Flight B (0-2500) will have a two-session qualifier on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with approximately half the field qualifying for Sunday's two-session final. Flight C (0-500 NLM) will have a two-session final on Sunday only.

But first, you have to qualify. The Bridge Center ran qualifying games in June and July and Friendly Bridge ran two games in July. If you haven't qualified, check the schedule for possible additional qualifying games in August. Entry deadline is September 15, and the cost is \$50.00 a pair for both sessions. Winners qualify for the Nationals and can earn up to \$700 each for expense money. AND, you can win Gold or Red points.

NLM Bonus

We will be hosting a NLM (0-500) sectional the same weekend, **September 24-25** at the Clarion. There will be two pair games (10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) and Sunday there will be a Swiss Team game. A great chance to win Silver points.

Summer Sectional

We had a great turnout for the Summer Sectional in June with 228 tables over the three days, our best summer sectional ever. See the RBA website for more details and results. Make plans now and get partners for the next Sectional, **October 14-16** at the Clarion.

Web Site

Check out the RBA website for news, game results and great articles. Just go to http://richmondbridgeassociation.org in your browser. Also, you can get almost instant game results by going to http://clubresults.acbl.org and following the prompts. Linda tries to create the link for the game on the club results calendar before the game, so check there, too. They are online literally within minutes of the end of the game. Thanks to Linda MacCleave and The Bridge Center for making this happen.