

What's Trumps?



THE BRIDGE CENTER



October-November 2016

TROPHY GAMES

The **Miriam Smolkin Trophy** game will be played on **Monday night, October 24**. Last year's winners were **Mike Spooner** and **Jim Creech**. On **Thursday night, October 20**, the **Gordon Gilmour Trophy** will be in play. Last year's winners were **Daria Snider** and **Toni Morton**. In November the **Kibler Trophy** will be up for grabs on **Friday night, November 4**. Defending are **Mary Baril** and **Tom Kasvin**.

STAC GAMES

STAC games (Sectional Tournament at Club) are sectionally rated with silver points awarded to the winners. The Bridge Center will be holding several of these games during the week of November 7. Here is your chance to get those silver points without going anywhere. The dates are: **Monday, November 7 PM; Wednesday, November 9 AM; Thursday, November 10 AM; and Friday, November 11 AM**. We will determine the cost for the games when we find out how much ACBL and the District is charging us for running them.

THANKS FOR THE CHAIRS

We want to thank all the people who generously donated new chairs to the Bridge Center. We hope these new ones will make you very comfortable. Thanks goes to **Bob and Linda MacCleave, Roger and Ann Harris, Tommy Thompson, Ann Atwood, Bill Belanich, Nancy Golden, Robin Hatcher, and Bryan and Darlene Selz**.



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What's Trumps Mailing List

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CALLING ALL NEW LIFE MASTERS

The Bridge Center would like to celebrate your new status. On **Saturday, December 3** we will hold a party (and bridge) for all our new Life Masters. Please make sure you give your name to **Mimi Pustilnik** (804-303-9993) so we can put you on our list. Mark your calendars now.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Monday, October 17 (PM) Thursday, November 3 (PM)
Wednesday, October 26 (AM) Tuesday, November 22 (AM)

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

July

1. Tom Kasvin 14.92
2. Donnie Walsh 11.22
3. Margaret Anderson 9.26
4. Linda MacCleave 9.09
5. Chris D'Ambra 8.23
6. Tommy Thompson 8.17

August

1. Joan Wingfield 15.18
2. Landon Woody 14.61
3. Willem Vet 14.32
4. Tom Kasvin 11.51
5. Chris D'Ambra 9.41

HIGH % GAMES

In July the high game was won by **Darlene and Bryan Selz** with a large 73.51%. In August the huge game of 76.22% was played by **Huntley Davenport and Bill Derry**. Great playing folks!!!!

CLOSING

The Bridge Center will be closed **Thanksgiving Day, November 24.**



RBA NEWS by Barry Fratkin

New Life Masters or Above

Attaining new life master or above in August and September were:

August—Silver Life Master: Sue Sims, Richmond; Richard Wallace, Fredericksburg; Bronze Life Master: Mitch Riley, Rockville; Life Master: Carl Ingebretsen, Fredericksburg

September—Ruby Life Master: Judith Haney, Fredericksburg; Silver Life Master: Ron E. Vande Bunte, Fredericksburg; Bronze Life Master: Melba Jolly, Richmond

RBA Fall Sectional October 14-16

Our Fall Sectional is almost here. Earn Silver Points by playing in pair games Friday and Saturday and the bracketed Swiss Game on Sunday. All games are at the Clarion Hotel, 3207 North Boulevard. Here is the schedule:

Friday, October 14 – 9:30 a.m. Newcomer Lecture
10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Friendly Bridge pair game (0-500 NLM)
Open pair game

Saturday, October 15 – 9:30 a.m. Lecture by Mark Dahl
10:30 a.m. Friendly Bridge pair game (0-500 NLM)
Open pair game

3:00 p.m. B-A-M Game, two chances to win

Sunday, October 16 – 10:30 a.m. Bracketed Swiss Game. 8 teams per bracket, 7 board round robin (lunch provided)

We had a record turnout last June, which means more masterpoints. Famous Richmond Hospitality with lots of drinks and snacks. Bring food to share.

RBA Unit Game Has Rebirth

In addition to the sectionals, Friendly Bridge and the Christmas Mother Game, the RBA sponsors a monthly game at the Bridge Center on the second Wednesday of the month. A few months ago, we changed the game to a B-A-M, giving players two chances to win. The September game drew a whopping 16 tables with 3.34 points going to the winning team of **Francis Terminella, Laura Schooley, Susan Eckis, and Rusty Ryland**. With a \$6.00 entry fee, it is the best deal in town. Join us **October 12** and **November 9**.

RBA Mission

The Richmond Bridge Association is Unit 109 of the ACBL, the national governing body for contract bridge. The mission and purpose of the RBA is to preserve, promote, and stimulate interest in duplicate bridge. We conduct four sectionals a year, three in Richmond and one in Fredericksburg. Our members play in club games all over the unit's geographical area that spreads from Marshall in the north to Clarksville in the south. These games are owned and operated by club owners and directors. The Bridge Center, which is also independently owned, is home to more than two thirds of the games played in the unit. We have wonderful directors, a variety of games and locations making bridge in Unit 109 available for everyone.