

What's Trumps?



THE BRIDGE CENTER

April –May 2017

STAC GAMES ARE COMING

Sectional tournament in clubs are being played in May. The Bridge Center will hold them on **Monday PM, May 8; Wednesday AM, May 10; and Friday AM, May 12**. These games are sectionally rated with silver points awarded to the winners. Cost of these games to be determined.

ACBL CHARITY GAME

This game will be held on **Thursday morning, April 27**. Only players eligible are those with **0-1500 points**. Cost for this game will be \$10.00. Extra points awarded for a good cause.

TROPHY GAMES

In April the **Garian Trophy** will be in play on **Wednesday AM, April 12**. Last year's winners were **Paul McGowan** and **George Lewis**. In May we will hold the **Hamilton Trophy** game on **Tuesday AM, May 16**.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT GAMES

Come play on Wednesday nights in our pair/board-a-match game. Two chances to win. We set up the teams for the BAM. This has become a very popular game for newer players who are paired with more experienced players.

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What's Trumps Mailing List

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RICHMOND REGIONAL IS COMING IN MAY

The regional to be played in Richmond starts on **Tuesday, May 23-May 29**. There will be no games at the Bridge Center during that week, so plan on playing in the Regional.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Thursday PM, April 6
Tuesday AM, April 25

Wednesday AM, May 3
Friday PM, May 19

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

January

1. Tom Kasvin 15.41
2. Patti Martin 13.64
3. Barry Fratkin 11.71
4. Anne Atwood 8.95
5. Mary Baril 6.34
6. Joan Haravay 5.12
7. Josh Haravay 5.12

February

1. Tom Kasvin 15.22
2. Harry Gellis 11.23
3. Mark Rosenbloom 11.07
4. Linda MacCleave 8.96
5. Patti Martin 8.25
6. Donnie Walsh 7.92
7. Karen Hamlett 7.55

SPECIAL FAST PAIRS GAME



WANT TO GET HOME EARLY? On Monday night, April 3 we are having a special game that starts at 6:30. You will have 5 MINUTES for each board, no slow play. The game will end around 9:00. Line up your partners now. If we have a good response to this game, we will have more of them.

HIGH % GAMES

In February the high game was played by **Jean Oakey** and **Lou Einwick** with a 70%.

RBA NEWS by Barry Fratkin

FREDERICKSBURG SECTIONAL

After several years of declining attendance, the RBA's Fredericksburg St. Patrick's Day Sectional had a dramatic resurgence with 155 tables during the three-day event (last year there were only 95 tables). With heightened publicity including multiple emails, flyers, and posters; the tournament attracted the most players in five years. Helping attendance was the presence of a full chartered bus group of 27 Richmond players. For \$50 they got a round-trip bus ride from the Bridge Center, entries to both events Saturday, chocolate chip cookies, and lunch.

HIGH POINT WINNERS

Richmonder **DeWayne Jones** led all MP point getters with 28.50 points followed by Fredericksburg players **Richard Wallace** (16.66), **Neal Walters** (16.66), **Paul McGowan** (15.57) and **J Blackwelder** (15.57). **Richard Deyerle** scored 13.41 to finish in the top 10. Congratulations and thanks to **Deborah Hage** and her tournament committee for their hard work.

ANNUAL MEETING

Next up for RBA bridge players is our Annual Meeting on **May 10 at the Clarion Hotel**. Although this is not an election year, there will be dinner, awards, and bridge starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the game (two sections: 0-300 and Open) at 7:00 p.m. Cost is only \$15.00 per person.

MEMORIAL DAY REGIONAL

Our bi-annual Memorial Day Regional starts **May 23 and runs for one week, ending on Memorial Day, May 29 at the Doubletree Inn in Midlothian**. Don't miss this great opportunity to win Gold points. Get your partners and teams together for Pair games, Knockouts, and Swiss games. See the RBA or ACBL website for the complete schedule.

SUMMER SECTIONAL

Finally, our next sectional is **June 23-25 at the Clarion**. Look for emails, flyers, and banners with more information.

After years of service, **Paul McGowan** has resigned from the board. Paul made numerous trips from his home in Fredericksburg to attend board meetings, which he seldom missed. We thank him for his long and dedicated service.