

What's Trumps?



THE BRIDGE CENTER

June-July 2017

FAST PAIRS GAME

We will hold a FAST PAIRS GAME on Monday PM June 5. THE GAME STARTS AT 6:30 AND WILL END AROUND 9:00. This is a great game for all our working players. The game will be stratified. Instead of the usual 7 minutes per board, you will have 5. Things will move fast. Join us. No Fast Pairs game in July.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS

Here come those silver points games again. In June, we will hold 3 STAC games. **Monday night June 12, Wednesday morning June 14 and Saturday June 17.** The cost for these games is \$10.00 per person. The stratas are A: open, B:0-1500, C: 0-500 Non life master.

BIRTHDAY TIME AGAIN

The Bridge Center is celebrating another birthday. This is number 56. The game will be held on **Saturday June 17.** Lots of food, fun, and bridge. For an added attraction, **THE GAME WIL BE A STAC.** Silver points!!!! Game will cost \$10.00. Defending are **Susan MacLaughlin and Ann West.**

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

There are lots of NAOP games to play in to qualify to go on to the next level. All games are stratified. A=0-infinity, B=0-2500, C=non life master with fewer than 500 points. Dates in July are **Saturday AM July 8, Monday PM July 10, Friday AM July 14, Wednesday AM July 19, and Friday PM July 28 (STRATS B AND C ONLY).** More games to come in August.

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GRAHAM TROPHY GAME

This game will be held on Wednesday July 5. Last year's winners were **Martha Barnard and Mark Rosenbloom**.

CLOSED

The Bridge Center will be closed Tuesday July 4 for the holiday. Hope everyone has a good time. We are also closed for the Richmond Sectional June 23.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Wednesday AM June 7

Thursday AM July 13

Tuesday AM July 25

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

March

1. Tom Kasvin 15.24
2. Bob Pustilnik 14.60
3. Willem Vet 13.45
4. Patti Martin 13.37

April

1. Tom Kasvin 8.60
2. Lou Einwick 8.16
3. George Lewis 7.73
4. Willem Vet 7.72
5. Patti Martin 7.33
6. Donnie Walsh 6.85
7. Zubair Hassan 6.47

LATEST NEWS ON PAIRS/BAM GAME

We are working with the ACBL to bring back the original pair/BAM game where we can give points in both events. Right now we can only give points in the pairs game; however, we will be giving free entries to the winners of the BAM if they do not score any points in the pairs game. Bear with us and support this game.

HIGH % GAMES

In March the high percentage game was played by **Patti Martin and Harry Gellis** with a 69.59% game, and in April **Bob Pustilnik and Denis Klein** had a 68.45% game. Nice playing.

RBA NEWS by Barry Fratkin

RBA Annual Meeting

The RBA held its annual dinner and awards meeting, Wednesday, May 10 at the Clarion Hotel. In the non-election year meeting, unit winner awards were announced for 2016. Winners for the most points in the Unit monthly game were **Donnie Walsh** (in C for under 500 points), **Linda MacCleave** (B for under 1500 points) and **John Kloke** (A over 1500 points). The Sheila Kleiman Congeniality award went to **Ed Kinlaw**. For complete results and Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners, go to the RBA website.

Richmond Memorial Day Regional

The bi-annual Memorial Day Regional was held May 23-29 at the Double-Tree Hotel in Midlothian. Tournament Co-Chairs **George Lewis** and **Jacki Shuman** once again ran a well-organized and well-received tournament. Thanks to the many RBA members who volunteered in hospitality, partnerships, information, novice activities, credit card sales and prize awards. With a region wide trend of several years of declining attendance at regionals, Richmond bucked the trend by holding steady with almost identical attendance over the seven-day event. Many RBA players participated and did well. For complete results check the ACBL website.

Richmond Summer Sectional

Next on tap is the sectional, **Friday-Sunday, June 23-25 at the Clarion**. After the successful bus trip from Richmond to the Fredericksburg Sectional in March, Fredericksburg players are returning the support with a bus trip to Richmond.

The tournament starts Friday, June 23 with open and 0-300 games in both the morning (10:30 a.m.) and afternoon (3:00 p.m.) Saturday has the same morning schedule as Friday and has a BAM game in the afternoon (two chances to win). Sunday is the bracketed swiss game, starting at 10:30 a.m. Get your partners now and join us for three days of Silver points. Richmond's reputation for great hospitality depends on your bringing snacks. Bagels and donuts will be served on Sunday morning as well as a full lunch catered by Morrissey's.

