

# What's Trumps?



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THE BRIDGE CENTER

August-September 2017

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## BATTLEAXE TROPHY GAME

The **Battle Axe trophy game** will be held on **Friday night, August 25**. 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 husbands and wives. Defending are **Bob and Linda MacCleave**.

## REIDELBACH TEAM GAME

The **Reidelbach Team game** is a special game in which no more than 2 life masters can be on the team. This a chance for newer players to play with some of our more experienced players. The game will be held on **Saturday afternoon, September 16 at 12:00**. NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIME!!!! Last year's winners were **Daria Snider, Alex Marshall, Faye and Jerry Rosenthal**.

## FAST PAIRS AND MONDAY NIGHTS

Starting **Monday night, August 7**, we will be holding fast pairs games every Monday night. **THE STARTING TIME IS 6:30** with the game ending around 9:00. Fast pairs mean you have 5 minutes a board instead of the usual 7 minutes. Come join us for a full evening of bridge and get home early.

## CLOSING

The Bridge Center will be closed on Labor Day, **Monday night, September 4**.



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### *What's Trumps* Mailing List

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## TWO MORE NAP QUALIFYING GAMES

In August we will hold two more North American Pairs games. On **Friday PM, August 18 for Stratas B and C only**. Anyone with less than 2500 points is eligible. On **Saturday, August 26** there will be a game for everyone, A, B, and C. **STARTING TIME IS 12:00!!!!!!** Cost for these games is \$10.00. Don't forget these are red/black points.

## ROSENBLOOM-SHAPIRO TROPHY GAME

The **Rosenbloom-Shapiro Trophy** is awarded to players with 0-20 masterpoints. The trophy will be in play during the **Sunday night Friendly Bridge game on Sunday, August 13**.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Monday PM August 21

Friday PM September 8

## PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### May

1. Donnie Walsh 5.83
2. Karen Hamlett 4.84
3. Willem Vet 4.78
4. Jane Riddle 4.45
5. Tom Billups 3.96

### June

1. Donnie Walsh 9.72
2. Tom Kasvin 9.37
3. Dewayne Jones 8.29
4. Francis Terminella 8.01
5. Barry Fratkin 6.01
6. Debra Gardner 5.64
7. Lanny Levenson 5.11

## HIGH % GAMES

In May **Helen Moran and Lee Quinn** had a great 70.37% game. In June it was **Jacki Shuman and George Lewis** with a 68.75%. Congratulations.

## RBA NEWS by Barry Fratkin and Ed Kinlaw

### NAOP QUALIFYING

The RBA will host the Flight B&C North American Open Pairs (NAOP) finals, Saturday and Sunday, **September 23-24 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 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 in Philadelphia in March 2018. You and your partner can earn up to \$700 each for expense money AND you can win Gold and/or Red points.**

### FALL SECTIONAL

Our Fall Sectional will be held Friday, Saturday and **Sunday, October 13-15 at the Clarion Hotel Central** on North Boulevard. There will be both open and 0-300 games Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning with a B-A-M game Saturday afternoon. Sunday will be the popular bracketed swiss game. Get your partners now for what should be another great sectional.

### RBA GAMES

RBA games will be held on August 9 and September 13. They will be in a board-a-match (BAM) format, and the August game will be a NAOP qualifier. At press time, the ACBL is determining whether we will be able to pay the higher of the points earned for the pair portion or BAM portion of the game. Worst case scenario, pairs will receive the points they earn in the pair game, and pairs who would have earned masterpoints BAM but don't earn points in the pair game will receive free plays for a future RBA game. That's the way the last few games have been run - we awarded free plays to four pairs in the July unit game. As always, there will be plenty of food and the entry fee is still \$6.

### NLM SECTIONAL

The RBA will host a one-day NLM sectional at the **Clarion on September 23**. The game is limited to **non-life masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints**. Game times will be 10:30 and 3:00, with an "expert" lecture half an hour before game time.

