

# What's Trumps?



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THE BRIDGE CENTER

December 2017-January 2018

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## NEW GAME TIMES

Starting Tuesday January 2, all day games at the Bridge Center will start at 10:00. We have had numerous requests to start earlier and we listen. DON'T FORGET JANUARY 2 GAME TIME IS 10:00.

## GRAND NATIONAL TEAM GAMES

It is time for the qualifying rounds of the GNT. The winners will represent the District in the national finals. Be sure you qualify. Lots of points to win, red and black, even if you only play in the local games. Besides, IT IS FUN. There are 4 FLIGHTS: OPEN: all players, FLIGHT A: 0-6000 points: FLIGHT B: 0-2500 points, and FLIGHT C; Non Life Masters with less than 500 points. The entry fee is \$9.00. Here are the dates for December and January: **Monday Night December 11 (no fast pairs that night), Saturday December 16 at 12:00, Wednesday night January 3, (no BAM game that night), Monday Night January 8 (no fast pairs that night), Friday night January 19 for FLIGHTS B AND C ONLY, and Saturday January 27 for everyone.**

## CLOSINGS

The Bridge Center will be closed **Monday December 25 for Christmas and Monday January 1 for New Years.** We want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season. The **Richmond Sectional** will be held **January 12-14.** The Bridge Center will also be closed.



### IN MEMORIAM

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### *What's Trumps* Mailing List

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 Linda MacCleave: 744-6577, [lindamac@verizon.net](mailto:lindamac@verizon.net).

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## TROPHY GAMES

The **Irene Klinchock Trophy** game will go home with the winners on **Thursday Night December 21**. Defending are **Joan and Josh Haravay** and **Zubair Hussan and Barry Fratkin**.

In January we will be playing for the **Mixed Master trophy** on Tuesday morning January 23. Last Year's winners were **Sandi Henshaw and David Daniels**.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Tuesday AM December 5                      Thursday AM January 11  
Wednesday AM January 31

## PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### September

1. Becky Duty 8.83
2. George Lewis 8.44
3. Cindy Revercomb 8.35
4. Linda MacCleave 7.64
5. Donnie Walsh 6.71
6. Mavis Hetherington 5.81

### October

1. Mark Rosenbloom 20.10
2. Harry Gellis 12.52
3. Anne Atwood 11.45
4. Daria Snider 9.68
5. Donnie Walsh 7.86

## HIGH % GAMES

In September the high game was played by **Marc Warner and Dewayne Jones** with a 71.76%. In October it was **Mark Rosenbloom and Becky Duty** with a 70.84%. Nice going!!



## RBA NEWS by Barry Fratkin

### RBA Tournaments Have a New Home

Starting with the **Christmas Mother Game, December 2**, the RBA has moved its special events and sectionals to the ACCA Temple, located on Hermitage Road and Bellevue Avenue. Notified by the Clarion that it was likely that the hotel would not be available after the first of year and considering the deteriorating state of the property, the RBA board started searching for a new venue. Following up on a suggestion from **Chris D'Ambra**, I contacted the Shriners about using their ACCA Temple. After working out a feasible financial arrangement, dates for 2018 events were scheduled.

Everything about our new location is an improvement over the Clarion – more parking, 30% bigger playing area, nicer rest room facilities, and better lighting. Everything is on one floor – no elevator!

Our sectionals will be held in the main ballroom and our smaller, one-day events like the Christmas Mother Game and Annual Meeting will be in a smaller room that will hold 40 tables. The ACCA Temple is just 1.1 miles north of the Clarion.

### Winter Sectional – January 12-14, 2018 at the ACCA Temple

Our next Sectional will be Friday – Sunday, January 12-14 and will be the first sectional in our new home. We will be starting the morning sessions at 10:00 a.m., a half hour earlier. We are excited about our new venue and feel confident that your bridge playing experience will be even better.

### Coming Attractions

The RBA monthly game, the second Wednesday of each month, falls on the 14th in February – Valentine's Day. We are planning a special night with the theme "I Love My Bridge Partner!" Lots of special prizes and points. Watch for more details.

Will the Bus Be Back? Last year's bus to the Fredericksburg St. Patrick's Day Sectional was a huge success. We'll be working on a repeat. We have printed business size cards with the dates and locations of all the Unit 109 games in 2018. Pick up your card at The Bridge Center.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year – Barry Fratkin,  
RBA President