

Great Lakes Section



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SAVE THE DATE

July 3rd-7th 2013
Great Lakes Sectional
Cleveland, Ohio

October 4th- 6th
grade A Tournament
Detroit, Michigan

July 25th- August 3rd
2013 Summer National
St. Louis, Missouri

October 25th- 27th
Grade A Tournament
Cleveland, Ohio

ABA BRIDGE BASE ONLINE (BBO)

The ABA weekly BBO game is now at:

SUNDAY 8PM EST

Playing ABA on BBO is a good and cheap way of getting practice with your favorite partner and get master points too.

View the ABA website at least once a week for good and useful information:

ababridge.org

SICK AND SHUT INS

Let us remember our sick and shut-ins with visits, cards, phone calls and prayers!

Diane Brown, Bobbi Canty, Eileen Coleman-Turner, Connie Gant, Eleanor Jackson, Warnella Jones, Yvonne McFarland, & Elise Mills

CLEVELAND CONGRESS OF BRIDGE CLUBS WELCOMES YOU

Do you love the bridge games? In Cleveland play occurs at mid-day. Sunlight slips in through slits in the blinds, allowing slivers of light on to tables of four. Play is often at night. Artificial beams radiate from florescent bulbs, illuminating those who are present and revealing the absence of those who were unable to attend. Radios and televisions don't exist there. An occasional forbidden cell phone, is the only electronic device that dares to disrupt the players. This is followed by the director's voice, promising the loss of an imp if the violation is repeated.

In January of 2013, the Cleveland Congress of Bridge moved to a new location. They are now located at : 16400 Miles Ave. Cleveland, OH 44128. In this location, they have enjoyed playing regularly scheduled club games:
Fantastics Bridge Club--Monday Noon
Burke Players--Tuesday 7:30 PM
Woodmere Bridge Club--Thursday Noon
McGhee Premier DBC--Friday 7:30 PM

If you are in town looking for a game, just visit their website to see the current schedule:
www.ccbbridgeclub.org

CCBC loves a good competition. On March 6, 2013 10 tables of players participated in the Nationwide Game. The following members are commended on their overall winning scores:

Geraldean Jones & Sara Seals	A-1	
Lawrence Wills & Robert Carroll	A-2	B-1
Paul Smith & David Wooley	A-3	B-2
Florence Carter & Lily Cleveland	A-4/5	
James Hunter & Barbara Adams	A-4/5	
Barbara Harris & Rhonda Williams	B-3	C-1
Barbara Patterson & Sonja Banks	C-2	

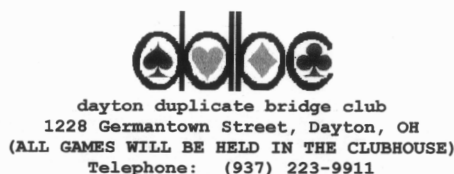
As we all know, playing bridge games is like eating potato chips, nobody can play just one. In fact, no matter how many you play, you are always ready for the next game. In Cleveland there are two events that you definitely do not want to miss!!

There is the upcoming Great Lakes Sectional, which takes place from 7/03/2013--7/07/2013. We'll have major points, fun, food, and our theme colors of Red White and Blue. New Players are encouraged to come. The location will be the well-known Holiday Inn, at: 6001 Rockside Rd. Independence, OH 44131.

Another event you will definitely want to attend is Cleveland's Grade-A Weekend. It takes place 10/25/2013--10/27/2013. It will include team games, serious competition, and great hospitality.

Do you love bridge games like we do? Then Cleveland Congress of Bridge Clubs welcomes you!!

Tamera Norris



Marjorie Allen provides new leadership as newly elected President of the Dayton Duplicate Bridge Club. Other officers are Rosemary Smith – Vice-President; Norma Gaston - Recording Secretary; Mary Nash – Financial Secretary; Marjorie Marcellus – Treasurer; Erma Davis – Corresponding Secretary; Marjorie Allen – Section Representative; and Tomasina Maxwell and Bobbi Canty – Members at Large. President Allen, Thomisani Maxwell, Rosemary Smith, Beatrice Taylor and Barbara Vinzant enjoyed playing at the Spring National Tournament in Norfolk, Va. Following the Spring Tournament President Allen and Tournament Chair, Lois Jackson participated in the Indianapolis Grade A Tournament where they won 1st place in the Knockout Game. We are now preparing for the Summer National in St. Louis. New players are being trained and our new members are participating in practice sessions. We are all looking forward to the competition at the Summer National Tournament.

See you in St. Louis!!!
Jo Helen Williams - Reporter



GREAT LAKES SECTIONAL – ABA

July 3rd thru 7th, 2013

Holiday Inn Cleveland-South, Independence

6001 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio 44131

216-524-8050 Ext. 298 – Refer to: Cleveland Congress of Bridge Clubs

Room rate: \$80.00 Single, Double or King – June 15, 2013 deadline

Free airport shuttle service from 6:00am to 11:00pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

2:00pm Scholarship Single Session

5:30pm (Section Representatives Meeting)

****Knockout Registration deadline 4:30pm

Wednesday****

8:00pm Knockout Teams 1st Round
Open Pairs* Single

Session

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Attire; Red White & Blue and/or *Obama*

9:00am Knockout Teams 2nd Round
Open Pairs Single

Session

2:00pm Knockout Teams 3rd Round
Swiss Teams 1st Session
Open Pairs* Single

Session

8:00pm Knockout Teams Finals
Swiss Teams 2nd Session
Open Pairs* Single

Session

Friday, July 5, 2013

9:00am Pro/Am/Ham** Single Session

2:00pm Open Pairs 1st Session

8:00pm Open Pairs 2nd Session

Saturday, July 6, 2013

9:00am Memorial/Inspirational Service (Invite families)

10:00am Great Lakes General Membership Meeting
(Invite winners)

2:00pm Open Pairs Single Session

8:00pm Open Pairs Single Session

Sunday, July 7, 2013

9:00am Mod Round Robin 1st Session

T.B.A Mod Round Robin 2nd Session

Playing fee: \$9.00 per Session. Registration 1 hr. prior to game time. Scrip Award only.

Section Vice President: Barbara Emerson Adams

Tournament Chairman: Albert Freeman – Director in Charge: Robert Wallace

Partnerships: James W. Hunter 216-751-1802

BIDDING CLOSE GAMES

Bridge Column for April 16, 2000, By HARVEY BERNSTEIN
Both Sides vulnerable. South deals.

	NORTH			
	S: A 4 3			
	H: J 4 2			
WEST	D: K Q 7 5		EAST	
S: 9 5	C: J 8 3		S: K 2	
H: K Q 9 7	H: 10 8 6 3			
D: 10 9 2	SOUTH			
C: K Q 10 4	S: Q J 10 8 7 6			
	H: A 5			
	D: J 8 6			
	C: A 7			
The Bidding://	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
	2S	Pass	4S	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

This hand was played during a team event at the recently completed American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Spring North American Bridge Championships which were held in Cincinnati. I held the North cards and my partner in the South seat was Albert Freeman of Cleveland.

Freeman, in first seat, made a standard opening bid of one spade. My one no trump bid was conventional and a part of our system. In this sequence the bid is simply a one round force and the start of many different sequences depending on the subsequent bid by partner. It is appropriate for the player in the South seat to announce "Forcing" when this bid is made to alert the opponents to the fact that it is not a standard bid. Freeman made the requisite announcement and then, at his turn, bid two spades.

This bid shows a hand with less than sixteen high card points and a six card spade suit. With sixteen or more points he would jump to three spades.

Had Freeman not shown a six card suit, I would have jumped to three spades at my turn to show a limit raise with only three trumps. A direct limit raise would have promised four card trump support. With the knowledge that partner has a six card suit, it is correct with this hand to simply bid the spade game.

The opening lead was the king of hearts and the dummy was revealed. Freeman immediately noted that he was faced with a potential loser in each suit. The ace of diamonds was not going to go away, and the king of spades may or may not be with West. The only possibility was that he could take action to avoid the club loser.

The first trick was won in the closed hand with the ace and the five of hearts was led toward the jack. West won the queen of hearts and exited with the king of clubs. Freeman was in control. He won the ace of clubs and crossed to dummy with the ace of spades. The good jack of hearts was a allowed him to discard his losing club and make ten tricks in all, five spades, two hearts, a club and two diamonds.

While this may look like a "thin" game, your opponents are going to bid it, so it is important that you do the same. Then, of course, you have to play up to your bidding.

A NEW PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE

I remember a few summers ago, when my Mother invited me to Bridge. My first thoughts were, that I would be spending my weekend afternoon, sitting in someone's home; watching housewives play cards and listening to them swap krispy-treat recipes. Imagine my shock, when I entered a large, air-conditioned building; with several card tables lined across the room and a few larger tables lined against the back wall containing delectable eateries and refreshing beverages!

It was then that I said to myself, "This could be interesting".

However, my discoveries were far from over. When the Players sat down at the tables, I witnessed a most extraordinary thing. I believe that it was the sudden wave of silence that filled the room which caught me on the hook. Next, each Player picked up their pre-determined hand and, in smooth clockwise motion, began to pull out colour coded cards for their biddings. Although there were four Players positioned at each table, only one player announced, out loud, the final bid. Then, the game began; like a cleverly choreographed dance around the card tables.

After thirteen tricks were made, almost simultaneously, at each table, two Players that sat opposite from each other would stand quietly and move to the next table. Then, the dance of the cards would begin again; until every table and every hand had been played by every player.

It baffled me where such self-control and non-verbal communication could be learned and mastered, well enough, to participate in such a globally accepted and competitive card game?

How fortunate I was, to discover several bridge instructors were attending that game. Needless to say, I waited quietly and patiently for the game to end and then approached one of the instructors of my choosing. I would have liked to begin my classes sooner, but they were already in the middle of a semester. Fortunately, I only had to wait a couple more weeks to begin my studies in the fabulous game of Bridge.

In bridge, it is important that you learn how to count cards and that you memorize which cards have already been played. It is, also, important that you study and practice as many "conventions" that you can. Conventions, as Bridge Players call them, are the various ways that you can play the hand that you've been dealt. Everyone is playing to win, but not everyone will be the winner in a single game. The only way to climb up to the "Big Leagues" is to study, practice, play, and most importantly compete.

The ABA is a global-scale organization. There's no excuse for anyone to say, "I can't find anyone that plays or wants to play Bridge." In the Great Lakes Section of the ABA is the Cleveland Congress of Bridge. It is located on 16400 Miles Ave. Cleveland, OH 44128. It includes 4 wonderful bridge clubs you might wish to visit this summer. They are: Burke Players, Woodmere Bridge Club, McGhee Premier and Fantastics Bridge Club. For more information on how you can precociously bridge over the stifling boredom of a summer in Cleveland contact the Cleveland Congress of Bridge (216-795-1662) and get ready to enhance your game.

~Arimis Cedeno

Greetings to our bridge colleagues one and all, from the Emslie-William 'Y', Buffalo, New York. We are most enthusiastic about attending the Summer National gathering, and are eagerly looking forward to the continued pursuit of the perfect "play of the hand". (smile!)

Our goal remains to recruit as many interested potential bridge players as is possible. Thus far, we continued to expand (slowly but surely), under the auspices of our president, Jewel Marshall. Jewel, somewhat hampered by recent foot problems, nevertheless makes every effort to be an active participant.

Our representative two-person team, consisting of Dolly Holmes and Doanne Jackson attended the Norwalk, VA games, both contending successfully. We happily absorbed the very useful information shared by Doanne which she had obtained from the various workshops provided by our Norfolk hosts.

Our Buffalo bridge group aspires to one day hosting our Great Lakes Section – looking forward to that day, we again send our best wishes for continued health and happiness.

Respectfully,
JR Herndon, secy
Emslie-William YMCA Bridge Club

GREETINGS FROM BUFFALO'S HUMBOLDT BRIDGE CLUB

We are pleased to welcome Dolletha "Dolly" Holmes back into our midst. She has recovered from a very serious illness and is now playing regularly with the HBC. Her health has improved to a state that allowed her to play in the Spring National in Norfolk with our Director Doanne Jackson. Welcome back Dolly!

Even though many of our players are new to the game of Bridge they have made some remarkable bids. Now we all know that it is easier to turn 7 books than it is to bid and make a Grand Slam. So with that in mind let me share the excitement of Jewel Marshall and Jean Herndon who bid and made a Grand Slam! Hurray to both Jewel and Jean!

Diana Brown was in a car accident that badly damaged her foot, requiring surgery and 8 weeks of bed rest. You might remember Diana if you played in Cleveland last November. Because of the accident, she's currently unable to play with the group and would appreciate hearing from you. Please send cards and get well wishes to 188 Roosevelt Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215.

When Parmalier Murphy celebrated her birthday in March, Doanne Jackson gave her a birthday party prior to our regular game. The setting and food were fit for the "Queen" that Parmalier is. So thank you Doanne on behalf of "Pam" and the players.

The Humboldt Bridge Club is experiencing phenomenal scores which have generated excitement throughout the club. The high game changes every week and the competition is great with no partners dominating the play.

In closing, the Buffalo Players look forward to playing with you at the next tournament.

Quote: Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.

Happy Bridging,

President Shirley G. Thompson & HBC Members

GREAT LAKES MEMBERS

Spring National- Norfolk, VA		some scores from daily FLASH	
Barbara Adams	12.45	Wilhemenia Jackson	34.17
Majorie Allen	3.93	Claudia Jones	39.81
Mary Anderson	43.24	Shirley Jones	23.72
Heywood Ballard	40.8	Janet Kincannon	13.97
Dora Brown	43.24	Mamie Kitchen	23.72
Leon Burke, Jr.	23.72	Pauline Lewis	40.07
Lorraine Calgie	41.29	Lucille McGhee	15.40
Tamera Campbell Norris	102.08	Wanda McWills	42.28
Florence Carter	26.43	Ellen Mayfield	61.66
Sylvia Christian	101.82	Juanita Merritt	31.25
Lily Cleveland	17.60	Warren Norris	95.01
Lucille Cooper	37.84	Yvonne Paul	42.88
Mildred Dorsey	54.72	Lillie Pearl	14.43
Cleveland Fleming	86.61	C Ellen Rice	31.25
Walter Forbers	27.10	Mary Robinson	44.27
Olive Fulton	23.72	Leola Rucker	57.28
Barbara Gooden	24.59	Reuben Russell	28.62
Gwen Gresham	29.11	Beatrice Taylor	21.40
Sherry Griffin	61.66	Delores Taylor	24.59
Lillian Hale	54.32	Berrye Thompson	33.71
Flora Hazzard	44.26	Leroy Thompson, Jr.	66.71
Dolletha Holmes	35.46	Vidella Vinson	54.72
Barbara Hutson	51.27	Barbara Vinzent	31.41
Doanne Jackson	43.91	Mollie Young	60.06

*Laugh At Least One Time Per Day –
You Will Be Happier And Live A Better Life !!!!*

Great Lakes Directory Coming Soon

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If you want it included**

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WILBERFORCE- NO SUBMISSIONS**

All clubs and other contributors must submit articles or info by June 25, 2013.

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