



ABA Memphis Bridge Unit



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Kings and Queens Newsletter

Unit President's Message

There is a 'SCAM' going around under the name of "Regional Accept"...more information to come.

Memphis Contract sponsored a successful "C" Game the evening of October 10th. I believe all who attended found the game challenging and fun. It was another opportunity to display our bridge skills. We need more clubs sponsoring successful "C" Games. Players from all three clubs were in attendance. We thank each of you. Job well done!

It's time to start planning for a new slate of Memphis Bridge Unit officers; all seats are open with a new position of "Kings & Queens Newsletter" Editor.

Positions open:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parliamentarian
- Newsletter Editor
- Point Coordinator

November 18, 2016

An Invitation Especially for You!

**"My Birthday Party"
& "C Game"**

It's that time again to celebrate your personal Birthday. A time to reward yourself, you know, that special gift you always wanted and no one thought of it.

Give yourself that special gift you have wanted for years. It's the celebration of the year for each one of us. All the holidays of the year are for giving to others, Christmas, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Plan to make this the best party of the year. Your favorite dish is welcome, and we will have music and a great "C" Game, major fun for all. Remember, only you know the special gift that that will be remembered all year long.

The ABA Education and Charitable foundation has forwarded a check for \$4,350.00 to the "Longest Day Alzheimer's Association". These funds were donated by ABA players across the country.

Tolliver McKinney, President

Katherine Bowers UNCF Bridge Day

The overwhelming support shown by ABA and ACBL players made the 4th annual "Katherine Bowers UNCF Bridge Day" a great success on Saturday, October 22nd. Without your generosity and participation in every way, the outcome would definitely not have been profitable and rewarding. Gloria Worthy's

leadership kept the planning on target, resulting in a profitable, enjoyable game day. There were a myriad of "Silent Auction" items secured and supported by both groups. We had an abundance of delicious food, and the only complaint was overeating. The 32 tables, silent auction and donations have generated a tentative total of \$4063. The collection for bids is still in progress, and donations are still being accepted if someone wants to give. People have been very willing to support the HBCU in their own city.

As the African adage states, "It takes a village".

Most grateful!!

UNCF Committee:

Gladys Amis, Easter Kirby, Sam & Kathy Love, Tolliver McKinney, Lee Smart, Jackie Stewart and Gloria Worthy-Chair

Sam Graham's Class

Sam has started teaching a series of bridge classes on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 am-12 pm at M.A. Lightman. November 19th class will be "Opening Leads". Sam and other experts say, "The correct opening lead can make one successful most of the time". He is extending an open invitation to everyone to join his games. Cost \$15—UNCF Game (TBA) \$25
(Linda Dunn next page)



Attorney Dunn, Welcome Home! **(Memphis ABA Bridge Unit)**

Linda Dunn, an attorney with extensive experience in the business world, has been hired to fill the newly created role of ACBL in-house counsel. As a full-time employee, Ms. Dunn is part of the executive management team at Headquarters in Horn Lake, MS. Among other responsibilities, she assumes the duties formerly performed by League Counsel Peter Rank, who is retiring following the Summer NABC. Robert Hartman, ACBL's chief executive officer, said "He and the management team are pleased to have someone with Ms. Dunn's experience and knowledge helping the organization move forward. "We are very pleased to have Linda on board," Hartman said. Ms. Dunn's experience encompasses large firm and in house legal practices, business planning and financial analysis as well as business management. She is a "triple Crimson": She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and social relations from Harvard University, a law degree from Harvard Law School and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

She recently received her master of laws degree from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Ms. Dunn learned to play bridge during high school in Memphis, TN, and continued to play during her college years. A member of the ACBL and the American Bridge Association (ABA) since the mid-1980s, she did not play bridge while she pursued her legal career and only recently returned to the game. A certified ABA bridge instructor, Ms. Dunn taught several beginning bridge classes at Chicago public libraries, community centers and her local club. One of her favorite bridge memories is winning the ABA Silver Life Master Player of the Year and she looks forward to advancing up the ACBL ranks. What follows is a closer look at ACBL's new counsel. Ms. Dunn, 60, was born in West Helena, AR, about 75 miles southwest of Memphis, where she spent her teen years. She graduated from Hamilton High School in 1974 and began an education odyssey that resulted in three degrees from Harvard, including one from the Harvard Law School. Ms. Dunn started college at Radcliffe, a liberal arts college that functioned as a female coordinate institution for the all-male Harvard. The school became coed in 1977. Ever busy, Ms. Dunn was active on the Radcliffe campus, organizing events and social clubs. Her advisors told her she should go to business school. Ms. Dunn's career goal had always been in law, so she signed up for a joint degree program in business and law.

The Harvard Business School offered guaranteed admission—if she found a job in a field approved by the school. That led her to a two-year stint at Chase Manhattan Bank, where she prepped to be a loan officer dealing in forest products. After two years in New York City, Ms. Dunn returned to Boston and the business school. She completed that degree in 1982 and re-applied to Harvard Law School. "I got on the wait list and never got off," she says. While waiting, she worked for the business school in minority admissions, traveling the country for a year recruiting talented students. That was followed by four and a half years working for the American/National Can Co. in Greenwich, CT. Ms. Dunn left the can company and went to work for Chemical Bank, now JP Morgan Chase, analyzing credit card for profitability. With her eye on a chief financial officer position, she decided she needed more experience in management. At a career-building seminar, she had an epiphany. "They told me to do what I wanted to do." That was music to the ears of an aspiring attorney.

Ten years after her first re-application to Harvard Law, Ms. Dunn tried again. This time, she stood out because of her experience and the fact that she was a decade older than most applicants. She started in 1991 and earned her law degree in three years. "I always wanted to be a lawyer," she says. "It goes back to making things work with people and solving problems. Problem solving attracted me." The law, she says, "is what I was meant to do. I'm like the trusted advisor who helps people get things done the right way." Ms. Dunn worked for a law firm in New York City for six and a half years. She left when she realized she was not going to make partner in the firm.

In 2001, she joined the Carver Bancorp staff in Harlem as general counsel. Three years later, she became general counsel at Harley-Davidson Financial Services, and then worked as corporate counsel for the grocery chain Winn Dixie. In 2010 she semi-retired and returned to school, earning a degree in estate planning with the idea of going into business for herself. Ms. Dunn was living in Chicago, teaching and playing bridge, when she picked up a copy of the Bridge Bulletin and saw that ACBL was seeking an in-house attorney. "It's the perfect combination of my passion for work and my passion for play," she says. A bonus is the chance to reconnect with her family in the Memphis area. Her bridge career started in high school. Her mentor in bridge was a talented local player named Lila Dumas. "She liked me because I was smart," Ms. Dunn recalls. "We used to play during free period." Ms. Dunn also played in college, but her business career made it difficult to continue with the game until recently. Ms. Dunn is now back as a player and excited about the future. "I'm about to embark on another challenge, working with interesting and exciting people to help another business grow, and I love bridge". ACBL (DC, NABC Bulletin, August 2016)



Mary Brown	11/2
Pamela Brown	11/4
L.C. Crowe	11/20

Southern Section Election

!!DON'T FORGET TO VOTE AND MAIL BALLOT BEFORE DEADLINE JAN 8th!!

REMINDER: Beverly would like for everyone to come out and support Memphis Contract's "C Games" the first Monday of each month.

Weekly Bridge Schedule

Riverview Bridge Club Thursday @
12:30 p.m.

Memphis Contract Bridge Club
Monday @ 6:00 p.m.

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club 912
Kelley Road Memphis, TN 38111

Orange Mound S.C. DBC 2590 Park
Ave. Memphis, TN 38114
2nd & 4th Fri. @ 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays @ 11:30 a.m.

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Do You want To Ward Off Alzheimers?

(The following analysis should be sufficient.)

Matchpoints

Matchpoints are the name of the scores given to each pair for each win or tie on a hand. When all the plays of every hand are compared, matchpoints are added up to determine two winners: the North /South pair and the East /West pair. Winners are awarded Masterpoints. (See below)

Each pair competes with other pairs sitting in the same direction—East/West or North/South—and not the pair at the table. Because all East/West and North/South pairs play identical cards, that is the fairest test of skill and is the basis of duplicate bridge.

Example: Traveler for Board #7

N/S Pair	E/W Pair	Contract	By	Made	Down	N/S Score	E/W Score	Matchpoints	
								N/S	E/W
1	7	3NT	S	4		630		6	0
2	8	3NT	N	3		600		5	1
3	3	3D	N	4		130		3	3
4	1	3NT	N		1		100	1.5	4.5
5	4	5D	N		2		100	1.5	4.5
6	5	6NT	S		2		200	0	6
7	6	5C	E		3	300		4	2

Matchpoints are calculated as:

1 for each pair you beat; ½ for each tie and 0 for each pair you lose to.

In the example above:

N/S #1 had the highest score, so they get 6 for beating 6 N/S pairs, and E/W gets 0

N/S #2 had a plus of 600, beating all but pair #1, and get 5 matchpoints; E/W 8 gets 1

N/S #3 a plus score of 130, beating 3 pairs, getting 3 and E/W 3 also get 3 matchpoints

N/S #4 and #5 had minus 100, beating one N/S pair and tying one for 1.5; E/Ws get 4.5

N/S #6 had the worst score, earning 0. E/W 5 had the best E/W score for 6 matchpoints.

N/S #7 had plus 300, 4 pairs for 4 matchpoints; E/W 6 get 2 for beating E/W 7 and 8.

If the boards are played an uneven number of times, the ACBL Score program factors the difference automatically. It is used by virtually every Director and at every ABA and ACBL tournament.

Each player should record his results for each hand on a form called a Private Score; such scores are required for each duplicate pair so the Director can resolve questions without interrupting play. Also, after matchpoints are awarded and all results from all pairs are available, players can review their performance vs. others playing the same cards. Bob McConnell, 2010

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November 2016 Memphis Bridge Unit
A special Invitation Especially for You to:

**“My Birthday Party”
& ‘C Game’**

**November 18 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Orange Mound Senior Center**

Everybody has a birthday, but can you imagine how many of us have **never** had a real birthday party given for you. Well, most of us can identify with the fact that we undergird the needs and perceived wants and the **needs** of our children, friends and family members. Most of the time simply because they say to us, “I need, can I borrow, you have to help me get/pay, whatever my need is, I/we don’t have the money to..., I sure could use some help” etc. etc. No matter what we want for ourselves, it is always too expensive- a vacation to another city/country, I’d love a piece of jewelry I saw, but it costs too much; even a new car, a ticket to the opera or a cruise to?? Look at that advertisement and if only I could go there just once in this lifetime.

My Birthday Party is meant for you. It is the one universal day each year, starting November 18, 2016, that each one of us can have our dream or personal desires materialize. Yes, it is alright to take this time to treat “YOURSELF” to a special gift that you really, really want for yourself in the “2016 My Birthday Party” no matter what the day is or was on. You deserve it in this lifetime!!! And you can feel good about yourself. Don’t worry, others will still come to you to fulfill their wants and needs, but trust me, many, many years from now, you will still remember what a glorious time you and all the other bridge players who took this one day to say to themselves and each other, “HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO (and point to oneself) ME!” I have finally received the gift I have always wanted.

We will sing Stevie Wonder’s, “Happy Birthday to You.” Then plenty Oldies but Goodies music: line dancing, calypso, etc. Good food, candy and cake...a real party before the short “C” game starts if we have time. Let’s have a “Happy, Happy, Birthday to Me” celebration and put on our special, finest, outfit and come out November 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. for the fun.

Note: The party begins at 10:00, so let’s plan to get there early and enjoy our first birthday party for each and every one of us. “Be There or Be Square.”

Favorite Dish You Will Bring - Please Let Tolliver Know Before November 11, 2016

	Category	Name	Item

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