



ABA Memphis Bridge Unit



Kings and Queens Newsletter

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Unit President's Message

Welcome the newest ABA Club, Orange Mound Duplicate Bridge Club. The Charter members are Pamela Brown, Jonnie Crower, Maxine Garcia, Lillie Jackson, Tolliver Mckinney, Georgia Parks, Ernestine Reser, Ardell Reser, John Shaw, Geraldine Sykes, Naomi Taylor, and Lukey Williams. Their regular scheduled ABA game will be Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. They will continue having their ACBL game on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. The Charter has this club listed as a novice club, but as the players mature, the criterion will change.



Monday, June 20th

This year The Longest Day will be a joint effort of the 3 ABA clubs in the Memphis Bridge Unit, M.A. Lightman Bridge Club and East Memphis Bridge Club. This is an opportunity to show support as a bridge community by identifying your items for the auction and also needed food items.

Let's support the Alzheimer's cause while having great fun in a day of competitive ABA/ACBL games.

Join us for FUN, Bridge, Silent Auction, Food, and Raffles. All Games \$10.

10:00 a.m. Two games: Invitational game and 0-199

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Two games: Unlimited invitational and 0-999

5:00 p.m. Snacks, appetizers

6:30 p.m. Two games: Unlimited invitational and 0-999

The Silent Auction has been expanded. We have added: 1) a position on an A team (Jim Munday, Richard Oshlag, and Mick McGuire are the other three.) 2) a position on a 0-750 team (Lisa Harris, Larry Jackson, and Larry Alexander) which plays in the Gold Swiss Team at Tunica. 3) A week spent at a condo in the Orlando area. We will also have single games with experts, baskets, a tour, food, etc. There will be two separate free play raffles: 1) three months of free plays in Judy's East Memphis Bridge Club games. 2) three months (max 3 games per week) at M. A. Lightman.

Cost is the same for both raffles: \$10 for one ticket and 3 for \$25. Three months of free play in ABA games will be included in the Silent Auction.

You may donate online at <http://act.alz.org/goto/Lightman>



Tunica Grade A Tournament

The tournament will be held **June 6th-9th** at the Fitz Hotel in Tunica, MS. See the attached **flyer**. You can now make your hotel reservations and be sure to use the Memphis Bridge Unit Group Code: **BO606BA**

The Memphis Bridge Unit welcomes you and has planned a fun, bridge environment for everyone to have a great time. See you soon!



Certificate of Recognition

Our effort to enhance bridge playing in the Memphis area, by teaching Youth Bridge Classes, was recognized on April 19, 2016. The Youth Bridge Program was awarded 2 certificates of appreciation. The first award from Congressman Steve Cohen was for "Meritorious Achievement." The second award was from Shelby County Board of Commissioner Eddie S. Jones Jr. for "Dedication to serve students through creative teaching and outstanding contribution to our community."

Tolliver Mckinney, President



- Strong leader
- Passionate teacher
- Relentless recruiter

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Bridge Blunders

Can you remember making a bad bid or another person that you never forgot?

2 Hearts Opening

When I first learned weak 2s, I couldn't wait to try it out in my next game. My bid was 2 hearts, but what I failed to remember was that I should have a really good suit with 2 of the top three honors or 3 of the top five. As a result I don't think that I ever got in, well, maybe I got 1 or 2 tricks. Bid never forgotten!

6 Hearts

Partner and I were playing a couple who sat north-south. North opened 1 heart, partner and I passed each time, south bid 1 spade and north bid 3 hearts then south went directly to 6 hearts. When dummy came down, south had zero hearts! Declarer almost passed out. South's explanation: Well, you had the hearts and I had stoppers in everything else. She told him that no "splaning" could justify that. (down only one.) He then looked at partner and me and asked, "Would one of you be willing to give me a ride home?"

End of Day Bid and Play Gone Awry

My partner and I were playing east-west. When she opened 1NT, I responded 2 hearts (transfer). She responded 2 NT and I passed. North gave opening lead, jack of spades. When dummy came down, there was a jack of spades. Director was called and discovered that north was playing her cards from the last board. North was instructed to play the right hand, and we were to call director when finished. Well, partner went down 3. It end up that north still couldn't bid with correct hand, and we should have been in spades. We just said forget it and went home because each pair had made a weird mistake. (Easter Kirby)

!!!Please send me your bridge blunders!!!



Elmo Smoot	June 4
Lovie Lynch	June 13
Connie Stewart	June 18



Please Call...

When there is illness, death or other noted info about the bridge family, please contact Easter Kirby for newsletter posting by the 20th of each month. 901 753-1213 or apriek@bellsouth.net

Newsletter Input

Bridge members, being a small unit, your input is desperately needed to keep a viable newsletter in print. Only a few people are submitting information regarding happenings in your club. There has to be bids, plays, thoughts, observations, philosophies, etc. of interest that have captured your attention at one time or another. Please share your valuable ideas.

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 @ 10:30 a.m.

Contact: Tolliver Mckinney
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The Memphis Bridge Unit Annual Grade "A" Tournament

June 06-09, 2016



Memphis Bridge Unit

The Fitz Casino and Hotel

711 Lucky Lane

Tunica Resorts, MS 38664

\$39 Single/Double (Includes Breakfast Buffet)

If you desire early check-in,

Reservations must be made before the cut-off date May 30, 2016 & you will be charged at that time.

Otherwise, you will be subject to 3:00 PM check-in before having access to your room.

Mention Memphis Bridge Unit Group Code: BO606BA

When making all reservations thru the hotel 1-888-766-5825 or 1-662-363-5825

Event Schedule

Monday, June 06

3:00 PM Welcome to Tunica Open Pairs
8:00 PM. ABA Benefit

Tuesday, June 07

8:00 AM New Players Seminar
9:00 AM Early Bird Open Pairs
2:00 PM George Saunders Modified Round Robin (1st Session)
7:00 PM George Saunders Modified Round Robin (2nd Session)
10:30 PM MBU Special Event

Wednesday, June 08

9:00 AM Early Bird Open Pairs
Open Pair Double Session
2:00 PM Open Pair (1st Session)
8:00 PM Open Pair (2nd Session)

Thursday, June 09

10:00 AM ABA Scholarship

Playing fee \$8.00 per session

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Annie Irvin**

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