



ABA Memphis Bridge Unit



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## Unit President's Message

Our Grade "A" Tournament at the Fitz in Tunica, MS, June 6-9 was well attended by players from Houston, TX; Chicago, IL; Atlanta and other cities in GA; St. Louis, MO; Nashville, TN; Indianapolis, IN; Birmingham, AL and Seattle, WA.

It appeared that everyone enjoyed the activities—bridge games, cakewalk, hospitality and Obama Connection.

Memphis Bridge Unit hosted hospitality on Monday Night, Memphis Contract Bridge Club hosted Tuesday Night and Orange Mound Bridge Club did us proud with their catered snacks on Wednesday Night. Each Memphis player in the unit deserves a pat on the back for being great team player, making this the most successful Grade A Tournament in Tunica.

There is a bridge class at Orange Mound Duplicate Bridge Club on Tuesday Mornings at 11:30 a.m. For new players or returning players who want a refresher course, this is a great opportunity. Maxine Garcia, instructor, is a long time ABA member and has a wealth of bridge knowledge and expertise. If interested, please contact Tolliver @ 901.937.5311 or tjmck@att.net.

*Tolliver McKinney*



Monday, June 20, 2016

The Alzheimer's fundraiser featured a great day of competitive bridge, auction, food and raffle. This was a joint effort of ACBL Clubs and the Memphis Bridge Unit. This fundraiser not only provided resources, but also raised awareness of this devastating disease that has stricken any number of players in our bridge community.



## White House Tour

For those of us who applied for a tour, we will know if it has been granted by August 3<sup>rd</sup> which will give us ample time to plan our bridge schedule.



Beverly Gillespie July 16  
Pearl Smoot July 17

**\$\$\$ 2017 \$\$\$**

National dues will increase to \$50.00 next year.

Bridge Etiquette  
**Never give an opponent bridge advice unless you're asked or you just know that they are receptive. 9/10 times they are not, due to the individual's tone.**  
**10% of conflicts are due to difference in opinions.**  
**90% are due to tone of voice.**

For the next few months, some of our members will be featured in the newsletter because of their long, term membership and contribution to the Memphis Bridge Unit. Members will be asked to share your thoughts and connection with these individuals. Many of you have been bridge friends and travel partners for years.

83rd Summer National  
Arlington, VA  
August 11-20



**K**im Taylor is the youngest player in our unit and has been playing 10 plus years. Her interest in bridge was cultivated by her grandmother who played bridge for 53 years. Observing her grandmother's games and being a caddie for ABA for a number of years fostered her love for cards. She went directly from playing Spades to bridge which was not extremely complicated for her, since she'd been immersed in this competitive culture at a very young age. Photography is another passion that she has graciously shared with the Memphis Bridge Unit for years. All photos of The Longest Day and Tunica's Grade "A" Tournament featured in this issue were taken by her. Kim, we appreciate you.



## ACBL Tutorial Software and Bridge Base On Line (BBO)

These are two tools that are invaluable for bridge players from beginners to experts, so this article is geared to beginners and intermediates who want to learn and practice individually or with a partner.

### ACBL Tutorial Download

Free Learn to Play Bridge Software

[www.acbl.org/learn\\_to-play-bridge-software/](http://www.acbl.org/learn_to-play-bridge-software/)

This free lesson software has been downloaded by tens of thousands of players worldwide. Learn to Play Bridge I is for beginners; Learn to Play Bridge II is for those who know the basics but want to develop their playing, bidding and defense skills. It was developed by Fred Gitelman of Bridge Base Inc. and funded by the ACBL.

To receive a link to download the free software, please complete the following form and click submits. A link to download the software program will be sent you via e-mail. If you use spam filtering software, be sure to allow e-mails from [marketing@acbl.org](mailto:marketing@acbl.org) or you will not receive your download instructions. (ACBL)

Search and follow instruction by completing the form. You do not have to be an ACBL member. All is needed is an email address, and it will load the beginners and intermediate tutorial on your desktop. You will spend hours learning and having fun.

### Bridge Base Online

[www.bridgebase.org](http://www.bridgebase.org)

BBO allows one to play individually, with a partner or robots in tournaments or side games. These include free games and paid games. Paid games allow the player to accrue ACBL or ABA points, determined by the organization that you're participating at the time.

BBO provides game choices—all are free to play. Just Play Bridge allows you to play an infinite number of hands. Bridge 4—gives you a set of four deals. (ACBL)

Explore and read all about it!