



ABA Memphis Bridge Unit



# The Kings and Queens Newsletter

August 2015  
Volume 1  
Issue 8

## Unit President's Message

The newly elected ABA officers: Hank Irwin President, Eric Shelton Vice-President, and Mary Mason Young Treasurer. We lost the election for treasurer by 30 votes. We wish the best to our newly elected officers.

We need to raise \$600.00 to offset the expenses incurred refurbishing our tables and additional expenses incurred during our tournament. We will accept contributions and/or have games to raise the funds. The expenses will be outlined at the next Unit Meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It would release a tremendous burden off the unit if each of the two Memphis clubs contributed \$300.00 each. Please come out to the meeting and play our 3<sup>rd</sup> 'C' game of this year. Your cooperation is needed.

The players at Orange Mound Senior Center are playing twice a month and taking classes. Please consider playing in their game and encouraging them. We being experienced players need to be a good example for all new players. As they develop they will play at other ABA & ACBL games and tournaments. All members are responsible for displaying good conduct and expectation when playing bridge in all our games. Also, experienced players do not give bridge lessons at the

table, unless they are asked. Being quiet and respecting other players once your round is finished, provides others the opportunity to concentrate and finish their round in a quiet environment. Cell phones should be turned off; otherwise *penalties* will be incurred if phone rings and/or if they are talked on by player.

We had 3 teams play the July 18<sup>th</sup> Swiss team game at M.A. Lightman; it was our first opportunity to display the impact of our team practice meetings. Several teams scored multiple wins. We will have practice team game playing at Orange Mound Senior Center at 12:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. Team games point rewards are substantially more than pair games.

We all grow when we share our knowledge and work together to become better ABA duplicate bridge players during practice sessions. I applaud and thank each player who strives to improve their game, education and applying the learned concepts is the key to better bridge playing. Efforts like these are being done to assist each of us in developing and/or improving our skills which will result in an enjoyable, successful bridge game. If you already have advanced skills in team play, please assist other members in our Memphis

Bridge Unit to develop like skills.

Championship games are stratified into flights; each team's combined points will determine where the team will participate. When playing team games, communication between team members is vital for the team's success. Every bid seeks the best contract and each card played needs to be clearly understood by you, your partner and each member on your team. When we play east/west our north/south team partners should recognize their opponents bidding and make plans to defeat the opponents' contract. Bid recognition is important, ask questions when in doubt, and defense signaling is important for your teams success. Thank you in advance for your participation in upgrading our Unit's team play.

Our next "C" game at the Orange Mound Senior Center will be August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. The ABA Southern Sectional Tournament is Sept 14 – 17 see the attached flyer.

*Tolliver McKinney*



Liz Alexander

8/15

## UNCF Tournament

Kathryn Bowers UNCF Memorial Bridge Tournament committee met Tuesday, July 14th to discuss details for this event. Committee members present were Easter Kirby, Kathy and Sam Love, Tolliver McKinney and Gloria Worthy. Absent members were Gladys Amis and Lee Smart. This is a joint effort of ABA/ACBL to make this a profitable and enjoyable day for all. Details will be forth coming how everyone can assist in keeping Kathryn's dedication and memory alive.

Tournament schedule:

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Place: M.A. Lightman Bridge Club  
912 Kelly Road  
Memphis, TN 38111

Gloria Worthy  
worthy3811@aol.com  
901.366.7878

*Gloria Worthy, Chair*

### Weekly Bridge Schedule

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

**Memphis Contract Bridge Club**  
Monday @ 5:30 p.m.

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

Contact: Tolliver McKinney  
[tjmck@bellsouth.net](mailto:tjmck@bellsouth.net)  
901.937.5311

**Rule of 11** (Pertains to opening leads.) This rule applies when the opponents **employ fourth best leads** versus NT and/or suit contracts. To determine the number of cards higher than the card led in the other three hands, subtract the number of the card from 11. Reduce this count by the number of cards you can see in your hand and in the dummy and the result is the number of cards higher than the card led in the non-leading opponent's hand.

Example:

Declarer: South  
Contract: 3 No Trump  
Vulnerability: None  
Lead: 6 of Diamonds

#### Dummy

AK98  
987  
QJ53  
J4

#### West

J532  
K54  
K1076  
107

#### East

104  
J102 (counter)  
82  
A96532

#### South

Q76  
AQ63  
A94  
KQ8

According to the Rule of Eleven, the partner of the leader subtracts 6 from 11 and the result is 5. There are 5 cards higher than the 6 of Diamonds in the hands of the dummy, declarer and the partner of the leader. Likewise, the declarer subtracts the number 6 from 11 and the result is 5 cards higher than the 6 of Diamonds in the hands of the dummy, of the declarer, and of the partner of the leader.

The partner of the leader looks at dummy and his hand, and counts 3 cards higher than the 6 of Diamonds. The partner of the leader has 1 card higher than the 6

of Diamonds. The partner of the leader is not happy about the lead. Declarer looks at dummy and his hand, and counts 4 cards higher than the 6 of Diamonds. Declarer has 4 cards higher than the 6 of Diamonds. Declarer is happy about the lead. (Bridge Guys)





# MEMPHIS BRIDGE UNIT

## Grade "C" Tournament

Either ABA or ACBL Points Awarded

Aug 14, 2015

Orange Mound Senior Center  
2590 Park Ave

Unit Meeting: 10:00 AM

Game Time Begins Immediately Following  
Meeting, Approx. 10:30 AM

Come out Meet & Encourage our New Players  
(Awards, Snacks)



**Southern Section - Tunica, MS Sectional Tournament**  
 September 14-17, 2015

**Fitz Casino & Hotel Tunica**

711 Lucky Lane

Tunica Resorts, MS 38664

1-800-766-5825, Group Code: B09414BA

Cut off date, Monday, August 31, 2015.

Room rate, \$49.95 plus tax (10%) newly renovated room  
 or  
 \$39.95 plus tax (10%) for older style room.

**Monday, September 14th**

2:30PM Open pair Single session

**Knock-out registration deadline 6:30pm**

8:00PM **Knock-out** Teams 1<sup>st</sup> (of 3) Rounds

8:00PM Open Pair Single session  
 (2.5 tables required)

**Tuesday, September 16th**

9:00AM **Knock-out** 2<sup>nd</sup> Round 2<sup>nd</sup> (of 3) Rounds

9:00AM Open pair Single session  
 Lunch Provided

2:00PM Open Pair(2 session) 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 - sessions

2:00PM Side-game Open pair Single session  
 (2.5 tables required)

7:30PM Open Pair(2 session) Second Session

7:30PM Side-game Open Pair Single session  
 (2.5 tables required)

**Knock-out Registration due by 6:30PM**

**Playing fee \$9.00 per session**

**Wednesday, September 17th**

10:00AM - Southern Section Meeting

11:30AM - Bridge Education Seminar

2:00PM **Knock-out** Final Round 3rd (of 3) Rounds

2:00PM **Swiss** Teams First session

2:00PM Open pair Single session  
 (2.5 tables required)

7:30PM **Swiss** Teams Second session

7:30PM Open pair Single session  
 (2.5 tables required)

**Thursday, September 18th**

9:00AM Round Robin Teams First Session

Lunch Provided

TBA Round Robin Teams Second Session

**Southern Section Hospitality:**

coffee each morning

Lunch Tuesday and Thursday.

Birnell Hatcher - **Sectional Vice President**  
 Eric Shelton - **Tournament Chairperson**  
 Andrew Echols - **Tournament DIC**  
 Avis Turner - **Partnership Chairperson**

(404)768-4066 birnell1925@att.net  
 (404)758-7451 srepro@bellsouth.net  
 (478)746-5013 [Echo4and@aol.com](mailto:Echo4and@aol.com)  
 (404)288-8615 avis.turner@comcast.net