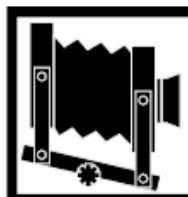




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# Across The Table

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## Focus On . . .

### Our Unit Stars

#### Introducing Patty Dreinhoefer

##### Gold Life Master

**Patty** and her husband **Louie** moved to Knoxville from Pittsburgh, PA. They have recently moved to Friendsville. Louie is a retired ALCOA Engineer. Patty worked at the ALCOA research center outside Pittsburgh and retired as a Programmer/Analyst from Y12. They have two children--**Debbie**, an accountant who lives in Philly with her husband **Scott** and their 15-month-old grandson **Paul**, and their son **Rick** who is the Executive Chef at Parkwest Hospital.

In 1992 **Sara Leckie**, **Ann Donnell**, **Pat Jankovic** and Patty formed a team at **Jane McCoin's** lessons. Jane was a Diamond Life Master with a great sense of humor which guaranteed they would remember their bridge lessons. **Jayne Tilley** also played with them and saved the team events many times. Jayne and Patty also earned their first trophy and overall in Chattanooga. They all bought books by Bill Root and used him as their roadmap to partnerships and play. Sara, Ann, Jayne and Pat put Patty on a fast track to Life Master. At their first NABC as novices in Cincinnati Pat and Patty placed 19th in A, 1<sup>st</sup> in B and C in Women's Pairs. They received 19 gold. Boy, were they bitten by the bridge bug. But you can't have ups without downs. One year later, at the Labor Day Atlanta Regional (still novices), they were down 50 at the half in a team event. They all swung at the same time and went for what is probably still a record -134! As they acquired more points and faced tougher competition, Ann and Sara made team sweatshirts with a circle and a robin in it to reflect their mode of operation

those days. They considered it "positioning" as they went into yet another round robin. Oak Ridge was a great proving ground with more Life Masters than just about anywhere else. She played often with a team from Oak Ridge, **Katherine Barton**, **Lib Jeffords** and **Jessie Ellis**, her partner.

One strange coincidence found out early in our bridge journey was that Sara Leckie and Patty had gone to the same High School (Northwest Classen) at the same time in Oklahoma City. Of course Sara is much older. Sara was a junior when Patty was a freshman.

Patty and Sara had a great time putting on Knoxville Tournaments for many years. Patty involved her family with Rick doing the Sunday catering and Louie helping with setup and serving. Other great memories include the "White House" at the Alvin York Camp in Crossville, Prize Room in Gatlinburg, Knockouts in Gatlinburg with **Ben** and **Carol** and **Becky** (from Nashville), Pine Mountain, Tunica, Biloxi and a Las Vegas Wedding at their Regional. The Wedding Reception was champagne and powdered donuts in the driveway of the drive-thru wedding chapel. A hand or two of blackjack may have been played at some of the casino tournaments. And she also enjoyed a very short but fun conversation with **Warren Buffet** two years ago at the Las Vegas Summer NABC.

Patty says her Gatlinburg experience will never be the same without **Shirley Leeds** who makes everything fun and remembers every hand. Besides Shirley, Sara and Jayne, she is also grateful to play with **Katherine Barton**, **Andrea Burke**, **Helen Corbett**, **Ken Hoy**, **Pat Jankovic**, **Norma Luttrell**, **Sara Mantel**, **Lydia Milkovic**, **Martha Royster**, **Janet Sten**, **Bubba Tayed**, **Marlene Wass** and **Barbara Winzurk**.

*Contributed by Barbara Winzurk*



## Morristown

We all know a dog is man's best friend, but **Laura Catron** is dog's best friend. Laura used to breed and show dogs, traveling all over to attend dog shows, but now boards and grooms dogs. This keeps her busy, especially in the summer time when people tend to travel more. But not only does Laura tend to dogs, she is a wonderful creative photographer and takes gorgeous pictures of some of her charges. Laura set up and maintains our Bridge club web-site which has many helpful links etc. We can see club results that day or the next. On the internet, Laura found and set up a free round timer program created by Nick Waugh. The timer, running on a computer donated by **Don & Margaret Needham**, has been a great help in keeping our games moving well. All this besides being a member of the Board, and one of our best and nicest bridge players. No way could we do without Laura at our Morristown Duplicate Bridge Club.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary **Jo Kelly** and her husband **Ed** took a three week cruise of the Queen Mary 11. They sailed from New York to Southampton then on to Hamburg Germany and from there to the fjords of Norway. Jo was taking a bridge sabbatical but did manage to get in one afternoon of bridge. She said there were about 12 tables and the director was Lorna Cheng.

We have all heard the expression "Jack of all trades". **Joe Widdifield** surely fits that description. In his younger days, he attended Elon College on a football scholarship, was a high school math teacher, football coach, a computer programmer with Bell Labs, an engineer for a company working on the World Trade Center, a Supervisor in the AT&T Stock and Bond Division, did some Oil painting,...you name it. Now that he is retired, he and his wife **Bernadine** live in a 200-plus-year-old log home in the Panther Springs area of

Morristown. It was once used as a stage coach stop between Abingdon, VA and Knoxville .

Now his time is taken up with Bridge, gardening, and maintaining the two story log home, plus various other properties. Joe actually started the Thursday Non-Life Master bridge club more than 10 years ago. What started as a couple of tables now has an average of six or more and has blended with the Tuesday Night club and both are open to all players. Joe not only directed the early club, but taught duplicate bridge and tallied the scores by hand every week. He was always available to play with anyone who was there without a partner. He still serves as director when needed and has a mini-class on bridge every Thursday before our regular game. Many of us might not be playing today if it weren't for Joe.

**Pat Murray** thinks he might be using up his 'nine lives' after recently surviving a scary fall from his deck and landing on brick, suffering only a broken finger and cracked ribs when he could easily have broken his neck. As a boy, he fell through a hole in the ice and had to search for the hole again to resurface; very scary for anyone especially for a ten year old. Another close call: one night when fatigued and sleepy, he rolled a speeding car seven times, missing a telephone pole by inches. The car came to rest upside down and he didn't have a scratch. But that's not all: he and his uncle were riding a motorcycle when they skidded on a slick road, lost the motorcycle completely, and slid along the road without the cycle on their backsides and were not injured at all. He must have a guardian angel. Pat and his wife **Lainey** came to Morristown from Arizona to operate a restaurant here which they have now sold so both are now retired and can do what they please. We're glad they both love to play bridge, as they're good players and such fun people.

*Contributed by Katy Hodges*

## Rarity Bay

Our new club is well underway. We have bridge lessons before game time at 12:30 and the game begins at 1:00. Pete makes brownies every week and they have been getting better and better with the addition of a "secret" ingredient. When you see him you might ask him his secret. In October we held a Happy Hour after the game and then dined at the Rarity Bay country club.

**Jim and Cathy Greiner** with **Rosemary Bruggen** and her husband **Bill** just returned from a trip to Europe. They had a great time and have loads of stories so be sure to catch up with their news.

If you are looking for place to play bridge on Tuesday's, give us a try, we would love to have you join us.

Just a bit about one of our directors and club owner, **Pete Misslin**. Pete started playing bridge at the kitchen table with his family members, all game playing addicts. His grandfather loved the game and though Pete was a better player than his younger brother **Mike**, his grandfather always wanted to be partnered with Mike. It seems that Mike had the most wonderful knack for getting great cards! So much for skill, I think this is why Pete loves duplicate, at least ¼ of the room holds the same bad cards he holds. Bridge is how he met his wife, **Julia**. A mutual friend wanted them to meet each other and under the guise of a bridge game, she arranged for them to be partners. Julia had never played cards of any kind so it was a long evening for Pete.

*Contributed by Julia Misslin*

### Knoxville

**Sunday's Best & Easybridge**  
Sundays Knoxville Bridge Center  
1:30 'til the fun's over

Sunday, September 13 started a new session of Easybridge! **Donna Parrott** and **Marcy Buehler** are teaching the course. We are excited to have 7-9 tables of new players. Even more exciting, we have four middle-school players: **Luke McConnell** (age 11), **Mary Catherine Pile**(age 9), **Andrew Giles**(age 13), and **Peter Shaffer**(age 10).

Also, Sunday's Best meets at 1:30. It is limited to players with less than 100 masterpoints. All games are special, (extra points) and usually we have a mini-lesson prior to the game. Come join us! Any questions, call **Jo Anne Newby** at 539-4150. If you are looking for a fun and a friendly game, come and join us. **Elaine Jerviss** provides hand records for all of our games. Snacks are always served.

Jo Anne Newby is director for both games. If you have any questions, please give, Donna, Marcy, Elaine, or Jo Anne a call.

Sunday's Best & Easybridge are always closed during any Unit 165 Sectional. Check your Knoxville Association of Bridge Clubs Calendar/Membership Roster for "No Game" dates.

*Contributed by JoAnne Newby*

**Sequoyah** - Tues Dec 1 - Unit Tournament - Pot Luck

**Mid-Day** - Fri Dec 18 - STAC game - Pot Luck

In both cases, the clubs will furnish the meat.

The Week of 12/14-20 will be STAC week. All the Knoxville clubs will be holding STAC games.

*Contributed by Marlene Wass*

<b>2009-2010 Unit 165 Leadership</b>	
<b>Executive Board</b>	
President	Larry Lowell
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Recording Secretary	Bonnie Boyce
Corresponding Secretary	Vivian McIntire
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Marcy Buehler	
Jim Greiner	
Graham Hemmeter	
Linda King	
Ann Knight	
<b>Tournament Director</b>	
Geoff Greene	

### WINTERFEST

We hope you have Pigeon Forge, "Winterfest" January 7-10, 2010 on your calendar. Once again, players with less than 50 masterpoints play for ½ price Thursday through Saturday. Please come and enjoy great Smoky Mountain hospitality in a terrific new playing area.

Complete information on our Unit's annual tournament is on our website @ [www.discoveret.org/bridge/](http://www.discoveret.org/bridge/) If you need partner(s), contact **Pat Jankovic** @ 865-982-8801 or **Jo Anne Newby** @ 865-539-4150.

We look forward to seeing you there.

# Recent Tournament Results

## Aug 16, 2009 Johnson City

1	16.63	Patricia Jankovic	11	7.10	Frances Stras	21	5.53	James Gumbert
2	16.63	Jo Anne Newby	12	6.61	Kitty Smith	22	5.53	Richard Maybin
3	13.99	William Fritsch Jr	13	6.57	Ruth Carson	23	5.22	Joyce Boyd
4	13.05	John Mahoney	14	6.57	Jane Covington	24	5.10	Max Bayard III
5	12.31	Jerry Wright	15	6.25	Ledon Hitch	25	4.87	Naomi Murry
6	10.47	Richard Brown	16	6.25	James Ritts	26	4.68	Steve Quisenberry
7	10.47	Warren Roberts III	17	5.77	William Burgess	27	4.68	Jerry Umberger
8	10.17	James Crowell	18	5.77	Ken Hoy	28	4.67	Peter Maroukas
9	7.10	Janice Bruce	19	5.63	Brian Hingerty	29	4.67	William Moore
10	7.10	Irene Dubberley	20	5.63	Geo. Fred Williams III	30	4.51	Polly Hicks
						31	4.51	Thomas Seigle

## Aug 30, 2009, NLM

1	10.13	Elaine Wynn, Knoxville TN	11	4.80	Richard Shipp, Oak Ridge TN	21	4.15	Ann Hicks, Knoxville TN
2	8.35	Donald Gray, Knoxville TN	12	4.59	Marsha Schradin, Lafollett TN	22	4.05	James Mason, Crossville TN
3	7.55	Kitty Hopper, Knoxville TN	13	4.49	Joyce Bacon, Knoxville TN	23	4.05	Margaret Mason, Crossville TN
4	7.45	Martha Ann Huggins, Knoxville TN	14	4.49	Peggy Watkins, Knoxville TN	24	3.68	Catherine Greiner, Loudon TN
5	5.62	Jane Creed, Knoxville TN	15	4.44	Morgan Defenderfer, Oak Ridge TN	25	3.61	Anne Simpson, Lenoir City TN
6	5.50	Janice Threlkeld, Knoxville TN	16	4.41	Donna Clifford, Scottsboro AL	26	3.61	James Simpson, Lenoir City TN
7	5.50	Lynn Vogel, Knoxville TN	17	4.41	Leon Galecki, Langston AL	27	3.60	Sandy Elkins, Oak Ridge TN
8	5.11	Ann Huie, Knoxville TN	18	4.37	Carl Hubbard, Fairfield Glade TN	28	3.57	Winnell Goodner, Hixson TN
9	5.01	D Overly, Loudon TN	19	4.37	Georgeanne Hubbard, Fairfield Glade TN	29	3.57	Nancy Mapel, Rossville GA
10	5.01	John Spitz, Loudon TN	20	4.28	Lynn Smith, Knoxville TN	30	3.57	Cetin Ozkaya, Chattanooga TN
						31	3.57	Nevin Ozkaya, Chattanooga TN

## Oct 4, 2009 Crossville

1	23.49	Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	11	11.05	Brian Hingerty, Knoxville TN	21	9.06	Dot Blue, Nashville TN
2	23.49	Michael Pierce, Jamestown TN	12	11.05	Brian Mason, Crossville TN	22	8.96	William Adams Jr, Hixson TN
3	19.79	Arthur Lowen, Nashville TN	13	11.05	Gerri Anne Mason, Crossville TN	23	8.96	David Vine, Chattanooga TN
4	19.79	Elaine Said, Nashville TN	14	11.05	Geo. Fred Williams III, Knoxville TN	24	8.53	Marian Finnberg, Crystal Lake IL
5	17.73	Jody Plummer, Chattanooga TN	15	10.22	Sally Dickenson, Hendersonville KY	25	8.53	Peder Finnberg, Crystal Lake IL
6	17.73	Joe Rickman, Maryville TN	16	10.22	Nancy Sibole, Hendersonville KY	26	8.25	Bob Pemberton, Somerset KY
7	12.89	Ken Hoy, Maryville TN	17	9.25	Brooks McNeely, Knoxville TN	27	8.25	Lynda Pemberton, Somerset KY
8	12.89	Tommy Latham, White House TN	18	9.25	Linda Smith, Hixson TN	28	7.52	Gwen Kyle, Knoxville TN
9	12.89	Sara Leckie, Knoxville TN	19	9.25	Ron Smith, Hixson TN	29	7.52	Michael Morris, Oak Ridge TN
10	12.89	Jo Anne Newby, Knoxville TN	20	9.25	Michael Waters, Knoxville TN	30	7.52	Bill Waters, Knoxville TN

## Oct 11, 2009 Abingdon VA

1	17.08	Ledon Hitch, Madisonville TN	11	9.78	Keith Hungate, Marion VA	21	7.09	Patricia Jankovic, Alcoa TN
2	17.08	Ken Hoy, Maryville TN	12	9.78	Marsha Platnick, Bluefield WV	22	7.09	Jo Anne Newby, Knoxville TN
3	16.02	Steve Quisenberry, Kingsport TN	13	9.34	William Burgess, Kingsport TN	23	6.76	William Fritsch Jr, Kingsport TN
4	13.89	J Fletcher Smoak, Roanoke VA	14	8.15	Jerry Umberger, Wytheville VA	24	6.39	Stan Fletcher, Rhodell WV
5	13.89	Linda Smoak, Roanoke VA	15	7.39	Michael Oechsler, Charlottesville VA	25	6.39	Ann Hill, Daniels WV
6	11.44	Donald Baker, Hinton WV	16	7.39	Ann Rickard, Simpsonville SC	26	5.81	Jerry Wright, Kingsport TN
7	10.96	Jim Hawkins Jr, Marion VA	17	7.33	Bobbie Kiefer, Johnson City TN	27	5.39	Nancy Metcalf, Abingdon VA
8	10.18	Richard Brown, Easley SC	18	7.33	John Kiefer, Johnson City TN	28	5.25	Stephi Luttrell, Oak Ridge TN
9	10.18	Shirley Brown, Easley SC	19	7.30	Carolyn Farley, Lebanon VA	29	5.25	Elaine Wynn, Knoxville TN
10	10.02	John Mahoney, Kingsport TN	20	7.17	Tom Gilpin Jr, Princeton WV	30	5.02	Ann Moore, Johnson City TN
						31	5.02	William Moore, Johnson City TN

## Nov 8, 2009 Knoxville

1	25.77	Brooks McNeely, Knoxville TN	11	21.59	James Ridley III, Knoxville TN	21	15.08	Sara Leckie, Knoxville TN
2	25.30	Brian Mason, Crossville TN	12	21.31	Rosemary Bruggen, Loudon TN	22	14.66	Connie Vaughan, Knoxville TN
3	25.30	Gerri Anne Mason, Crossville TN	13	21.31	Julia Misslin, Vonore TN	23	14.66	Gerald Vaughan, Knoxville TN
4	24.50	Linda Smith, Hixson TN	14	21.31	Peter Misslin, Vonore TN	24	13.67	Larry Lowell Jr, Knoxville TN
5	24.50	Ron Smith, Hixson TN	15	20.78	Robert Pardue, Knoxville TN	25	13.32	Naida Lamb, Oak Ridge TN
6	24.01	Charles Thornton, Knoxville TN	16	19.49	Michael Waters, Knoxville TN	26	12.83	Robbie McConnell, Knoxville TN
7	24.01	Betty Wilton, Knoxville TN	17	19.13	Geo. Fred Williams III, Knoxville TN	27	12.83	Len Rickard, Knoxville TN
8	23.79	Robert Kell, Knoxville TN	18	18.04	James Greiner, Loudon TN	28	12.42	Nancy Blasingame, Knoxville TN
9	22.06	Vincent Carcello, Knoxville TN	19	16.59	Norman Licht, Knoxville TN	29	12.42	Steven Blasingame, Knoxville TN
10	21.82	Brian Hingerty, Knoxville TN	20	15.08	Patricia Dreinhofer, Friendsville TN	30	11.66	Monroe Trout, Knoxville TN
						31	11.66	Sandra Trout, Knoxville TN

# Unit 165 2009 Masterpoint Races

Updated as of 10/06 2009

## 0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Lynn M Vogel, Knoxville TN	34.33
Mr Ernest Lee Coburn III , Glade Spring VA	24.86
Sallye C Woodward, Loudon TN	24.20

## 5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Marsha Schradin, Lafollett TN	91.70
Richard Shipp, Oak Ridge TN	78.29
Mr Alfred Crews, Knoxville TN	45.61

## 20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mr Keith Boyce, Oak Ridge TN	92.64
Mr Brian P Williams, Crab Orchard TN	57.91
Mrs Catherine A Greiner, Loudon TN	53.03

## 50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mrs Bonnie K Boyce, Oak Ridge TN	70.85
Kitty D Hopper, Knoxville TN	62.23
John Whealton, Oak Ridge TN	48.34

## 100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Donald E Gray, Knoxville TN	90.46
Ms Elaine W Wynn, Knoxville TN	87.61
Mr Larry Legault, Kingsport TN	80.57

## 200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Ms Irene Dubberley, Johnson City TN	123.44
Gary R Penix, Rogersville TN	107.10
Claude V King, Loudon TN	104.17

## 300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Ms Barbara M Kincaid, Knoxville TN	122.73
Mr Rick L Whitehead, Knoxville TN	116.62
Mr James H Kincaid, Knoxville TN	114.18

## 500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Gwen C Kyle, Knoxville TN	215.63
Mr James A Greiner, Loudon TN	159.64
Mrs Brenda A Phillips, Jonesborough TN	157.12

## 1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mr William R Fritsch Jr, Kingsport TN	317.36
Mr Jerry A Wright, Kingsport TN	275.47
Mr Charles A Thornton, Knoxville TN	259.52

## 2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mr Ken Hoy, Maryville TN	355.04
Mr William J Burgess, Kingsport TN	347.44
Mr Steve L Quisenberry, Kingsport TN	327.39

## 5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mrs Patricia Jankovic, Alcoa TN	343.11
Dr Brian E Hingerty, Knoxville TN	329.72
Mrs Jo Anne Newby, Knoxville TN	321.47

## 7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mr Joe T Rickman, Maryville TN	431.42
Mr Brooks N McNeely, Knoxville TN	244.25

## 0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr Ernest Lee Coburn III, Glade Spring VA	24.29
Bill Goldman, Oak Ridge TN	16.79
Sallye C Woodward, Loudon TN	13.21

## 5 to 20 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Richard Shipp, Oak Ridge TN	47.92
Mr Alfred Crews, Knoxville TN	28.37
Martha Moore, Rural Retro VA	26.69

## 20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr Keith Boyce, Oak Ridge TN	61.74
Mr Glen Bibbins, Dandridge TN	31.12
Douglas F Smith, Kingsport TN	27.66

## 50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mrs Bonnie K Boyce, Oak Ridge TN	38.00
John Whealton, Oak Ridge TN	32.14
Mr Lawrence L Moore, Johnson City TN	28.25

## 100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr Larry Legault, Kingsport TN	58.37
Mr Charles H Whitman, Abingdon VA	57.84
Mrs Lyn M Legault, Kingsport TN	52.74

## 200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Ms Irene Dubberley, Johnson City TN	90.92
Ms Gail S Dalton, Bristol VA	67.04
Gary R Penix, Rogersville TN	59.17

## 300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Ms Barbara M Kincaid, Knoxville TN	57.22
Stephi L Luttrell, Oak Ridge TN	53.13
Mrs Diane Stafford, Oliver Springs TN	51.92

## 500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mrs Brenda A Phillips, Jonesborough TN	127.37
Mr Bobby M Phillips, Jonesborough TN	101.10
Gwen C Kyle, Knoxville TN	98.62

## 1000 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mrs Frances B Stras, Kingsport TN	126.77
Mr William R Fritsch Jr, Kingsport TN	123.74
Mr Jerry A Wright, Kingsport TN	115.48

## 2500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr John G Mahoney, Kingsport TN	191.12
Mr William J Burgess, Kingsport TN	175.47
Mr Steve L Quisenberry, Kingsport TN	171.85

## 5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mrs Patricia Jankovic, Alcoa TN	138.81
Mrs Betty Wilton, Knoxville TN	97.21
Mrs Jo Anne Newby, Knoxville TN	90.66

## 7500 to 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr Brooks N McNeely, Knoxville TN	4.88
Mr Joe T Rickman, Maryville TN	2.33

The fellow led the 8 from the 9-8 doubleton because his teacher said "eight ever. nine never".

We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.

# Congratulations! Unit 165 Milestones

## NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Mr Akhalesh Bisaria, Lenoir City TN  
Thomas G Davis, Knoxville TN  
Bill Goldman, Oak Ridge TN  
Robert Haas, Knoxville TN  
Mrs Marylou Khym, Oak Ridge TN  
Ms Ellie Morrow, Maryville TN  
Dr Carl Timothy Musick, Abingdon VA  
Mr Juan E Noltenius, Knoxville TN  
Mrs Joan L Reid, Knoxville TN

## NEW CLUB MASTERS

Ms Judith A Anderson, Fairfield Glade TN  
John F Brady, Crossville TN  
Mr Ernest Lee Coburn III, Glade Spring VA  
Genie Day, Fairfield Glade TN  
Joyce R Giunta, Abingdon VA  
Janet T McIntyre, Knoxville TN  
Ms Judy A Morton, Knoxville TN  
Alma T Vanhull, Kingston TN

## NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Ms Phyl Beamer, Crossville TN  
Jane B Creed, Knoxville TN  
Mr Alfred Crews, Knoxville TN  
Ms Margaret E Mason, Crossville TN  
Marsha Schradin, Lafollett TN  
Richard Shipp, Oak Ridge TN  
James H Simpson, Lenoir City TN

## NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Mr Keith Boyce, Lenoir City TN  
Mr Thomas Dickenson, Knoxville TN  
Mr Stephen Ellis, Knoxville TN  
Mrs Elva Follows, Loudon TN  
Ms Mary A Greene, Morristown TN  
John R Jordan, Newport TN  
Donna J Kraemer, Clinton TN  
Marsha Schradin, Lafollett TN  
Cookie C Spiceland, Loudon TN  
John Whealton, Oak Ridge TN  
Mr Brian P Williams, Crab Orchard TN

## NEW NABC MASTERS

Ms Irene Dubberley, Johnson City TN  
Anne W Maynard, Knoxville TN  
Mr D M Overly, Loudon TN  
Mrs Mary M Wallace, Knoxville TN  
Sandy L Webster, Morristown TN

## NEW LIFE MASTERS

Ms Anita A Reilly, Kingsport TN  
Ms Pat W Wilson, Knoxville TN

## NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Mrs Carol L Aiton, Rockwood TN  
Mrs Lainey Murray, Morristown TN  
Mr Rick L Whitehead, Knoxville TN  
Cathy Youmans, Knoxville TN

## NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Mrs Jean Carper, Johnson City TN  
Ms Linda M King, Fairfield Glade TN  
Jean E Mather, Knoxville TN  
Vivian M McIntire, Kingsport TN

## NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

Patricia J Dreinhoefer, Knoxville TN

## NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS

Mr William J Burgess, Kingsport TN  
Mr Vince Carcello, Knoxville TN

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL NON-LIFE MASTERS**

Current requirements for Life Master status are 300 points of which 150 must be pigmented as follows:

- 25 must be gold
- 25 must be red or gold
- 50 must be silver
- 50 must be black

**Effective January 1, 2010 the requirements for attaining Life Master status will change.** The new requirements will not apply to ACBL members in good standing whose dues are current as of December 31, 2009, and who maintain continuous membership in the ACBL until they become Life Masters.

As of January 1, 2010, the requirements for attaining Life Master status will be 500 points, of which 250 must be pigmented as follows:

- 50 must be gold or platinum
- 50 red, gold or platinum
- 75 silver
- 75 black.

What does this mean to you?

**If you are not a Life Master and your ACBL membership is not active as of December 31, 2009, you will be required to fulfill the new Life Master requirements.** If you let your ACBL membership lapse after January 1, 2010, before you become a Life Master, the new requirements will apply to you.

So, if you are not currently an ACBL member – now would be an excellent time to join!

## Attention 299ers

As you know, for the last five years the winners of the 299er Swiss Teams at the Knoxville June Sectional Tournament have received, in addition to silver points, a \$1000 cash prize, courtesy of an endowment by the late Ed Valentine, a great bridge player and an avid 299er fan.

That endowment has run out, but the Knoxville Association of Bridge Clubs has decided to keep the cash award going for at least one more year, with some changes.

That's what we need your help with: the changes.

Working with that same \$1000 prize pool, how would you like to see the money distributed? We certainly think the folks who win the event (i.e. beat *everyone* in the field!) should receive a larger share of the pool, but we also think that our newest players (those with less than 50 MPs) should have a piece of that cash to play for.

We also need a new name for the event, something we can play up in our tournament advertising.

If you have thoughts on the matter, silly or not, please send them to **Geoff Greene** at [grgreene@yahoo.com](mailto:grgreene@yahoo.com) by the end of November. We'll start advertising at the Pigeon Forge Sectional.

And, of course, make your plans now to attend the first annual ??????? 299er Swiss Teams on the final day of Knoxville's June Sectional on June 3-6, 2010. You fill in the blank!

## Around the ACBL

District Seven Board of Directors representative **Bruce Reeve** has appointed **Pat Jankovic** to the National ACBL Goodwill Committee, and **JoAnne Newby** to the National ACBL Charity Committee (Pat is also a member of this Committee). Share your opinions on related topics with Pat and JoAnne to help them serve effectively as your representatives.

At the Augusta regional District 7 meeting on Oct 31, 2009 **Brian Hingerty** was elected to the MABC Board of Governors consisting of Districts 6 and 7. Brian was also asked by **George Bloomer** to be a member of the Finance committee, where budget and financial matters for the MABC will be considered. Brian reports that upcoming issues will include an increase in the entry fees for MABC regionals and the relative cost of the Gatlinburg tournament. **Eldon Clayman**, who is MABC President, indicated that no changes would be made before the Gatlinburg 2010 regional. One suggestion was that the fees for Gatlinburg be raised because of the high costs of the convention center and other expenses. Since our Unit 165 runs the Gatlinburg tournament, the feeling locally is that if the entry fees go up for Gatlinburg, fees should go up for other MABC regionals as well. Currently our entry fee of \$10 is relatively low compared to other districts. Brian welcomes any comments or suggestions to his e-mail address [behingerty@bellsouth.net](mailto:behingerty@bellsouth.net).

### Pat's On the Back

(and other observations of volunteerism from our rep to the ACBL Goodwill Committee)

**Vivian McIntire** making coffee at the Knoxville tournament.

**Barbara Kincaid**, wheelchair bound, making sure there were plenty of sandwiches and other food put out at that same tournament.

**Jane Toland & Jane Jones**, hosting for the very first time, the biggest tournament of the year and doing an outstanding job!

**Sue Floyd** providing dozens of cakes for the Knoxville and Pigeon Forge tournament – wonderful apple, lemon, coconut, chocolate – you name it.

**Sharon Plescia** and **Geoff Greene** installing cabinets at the Knoxville Bridge Center.

**Jo Anne Newby** outgoing President of the KABC for doing a bang-up job.

**Hilda Belles**, making sure we have plenty of coffee on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

**Larry Lowell**, for making all his trips to Sam's Club restocking the paper & plastic supply at the Knoxville bridge center.

The list is numerous and will continue with the next newsletter. If you see someone doing a great job tell them and then let me know. More to come.

*Contributed by Pat Jankovic*



# ACBL Tennessee Valley Unit 165

## OPEN BRIDGE CLUBS



### Abingdon, Virginia

Tuesday, 0-500 NLM.....7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Open.....10:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, Open.....12:00 noon  
*Nancy Metcalf 276-628-6287*

### Crossville/Fairfield Glade, TN

Monday, Open.....10:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday, NLM Invitational.....6:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, Open, Stratified.....6:00 p.m.  
*Jack Paul 931-484-7221*  
 Monday, Stratified 0-300.....12:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Stratified.....9:30 a.m.  
*Linda King 931-456-6479*

### Johnson City, Tennessee

Wednesday, Stratified, Semi-Monthly..10:00 a.m.  
*Geneva Young 423-926-9986*  
 Monday, Stratified.....6:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Stratified.....12:30 p.m.  
*Donetta Frith 423-282-1155*

### Kingsport, Tennessee

Monday, Open, Stratified.....10:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Open, Stratified.....6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, 0-300 MPs, Stratified.....6:30 p.m.  
*Bill Burgess 423-239-5264*

### Knoxville, Tennessee

Monday, Open, Stratified.....6:45 p.m.  
*Mike Waters 865-588-7159*  
 Tuesday, Open, Stratified.....11:00 a.m.  
*Marlene Wass 865-966-3292*  
 Wednesday, 299er.....6:45 p.m.  
*Geoff Greene 865-694-0222*  
 Thursday, Open, Stratified.....11:00 a.m.  
*Mike Waters 865-588-7159*  
 Thursday, Open, Stratified, Monthly.....6:45 p.m.  
*Marlene Wass 865-966-3292*

Friday, Open, Stratified.....11:00 a.m.  
*Marlene Wass 865-966-3292*  
 Saturday, Open.....11:00 a.m.  
*Pat Jankovic 865-982-8801*  
 Sunday, 0-100.....1:30 p.m.  
*JoAnne Newby, 865-539-4150*

### Maryville, Tennessee

Monday, Open, Stratified.....10:00 a.m.  
*Lana Ernsberger 865-984-3788*  
 Wednesday, Open, Stratified.....10:00 a.m.  
*Becky Butler 865-982-3436*  
 Friday, Open, Stratified.....10:00 a.m.  
*Lana Ernsberger 865-984-3788*

### Morristown, Tennessee

Tuesday, Open, Stratified.....7:00 p.m.  
*Margaret Needham 423-586-2405*  
 Thursday, Open, Stratified.....1:00 p.m.  
*Margaret Needham 423-586-2405*

### Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Monday, Open, Stratified.....10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, Open, Stratified.....10:30 a.m.  
 Friday, Open, Stratified.....10:30 a.m.  
*Helen Corbett 865-482-1212*  
 Tuesday, 299ers, Stratified.....12:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Open, Stratified.....7:00 p.m.  
*Mary Fry Cathcart 865-927-7602*  
 Sunday, Open, Stratified.....1:30 p.m.  
*David Lee 865-986-3837*

### Loudon, Tennessee

Friday, Open, Stratified.....12:45 p.m.  
*Pat Bolz 865-387-8000*

### Vonore, Tennessee

Tuesday, Open, Stratified.....1:00 p.m.  
*Peter & Julia Misslin 423-884-3550*

Send newsletter material to Ken Hoy, [kenhoy@charter.net](mailto:kenhoy@charter.net)



## Take A Day Trip!

Pick a club, grab a partner, and go visit a new club! There are games every day! For more info, go to [www.discoveret.org/unit165/unitclub.htm](http://www.discoveret.org/unit165/unitclub.htm)