



Clifton Smith

# A.B.A. FLASH

## 41st Spring National Houston, Texas

Issue Two

April 15, 2009

Wednesday

### EVENTS OF TOMORROW-THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009

9:00 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	
11:00 AM	AWARDS PRESENTATION BRUNCH	
1:30 PM	CG Fredd KO Teams Semi-Finals	General Meeting Agenda on the back
	Second Chance KO Semi-Finals	
	Open Pairs	
8:00 PM	CG Fredd KO Teams Finals	
	Second Chance KO Finals	
	Open Pairs	

Clifton "King Bee" Smith of Houston, Texas the dapper Public Relations Committee Chairman in the late 1970's brought his DJ flair to ABA. Everyone in Houston tuned in to "King Bee's" radio show and followed his reporting of the social events of the city. Smith's experience and expertise helped him to connect with the 'right' people to cover ABA's tournaments. Eagerly awaited was the ABA FLASH where Smith candidly panned or praised the happenings at the Nationals to include bridge playing, Board decisions, Directors' rulings, anything that caught his eye—but with a 'scolding parent' approach. His untimely death left a void in the FLASH, and from this void emerged the infamous, anonymous Minerva and Siole who were often met with brickbats from irate members. A King Bee Video was played at the Spring National following his demise. (Reprinted from *DEFINING MOMENTS*, p. 131).

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# Committee Meetings

Thurs. 4-16	Fri. 4-17
<b>9:00-11:00 AM</b> <b>General Membership Meeting</b> <b>Monarch, 24th Floor</b> <b>Leola Rucker, President</b>	<b>12:00 PM Bridge Education</b> <b>"Defensive Strategy "</b> <b>San Felipe, 3rd Floor</b> <b>Sam Graham, Chair</b>
<b>11:00-1:00 PM</b> <b>AWARDS BRUNCH</b> <b>PLAZA Ballroom,</b> <b>3rd Floor</b>	<b>5:00 PM Youth Program</b> <b>Regal Suite, 24th Floor</b> <b>Alverna Lewis, Chair</b>
<b>5:30-6:30 PM</b> <b>SIP &amp; DIP</b> <b>Ambassador Suite #2</b> <b>SECRETARIES ONLY</b> <b>Anita Troy, National Secretary</b>	

## ATTENTION WINNERS!

The ABA Photographer, Barbara Vinzant, needs to take photos of winners of the following games:

- ALL New Player Games
- Mixed Pair Event
- Morning Knockout
- C.G. Fredd Knockout
- Dan Scrivens Open Pair
- Pro-Am Game
- Swiss Team

The Photographer will be available in the playing area for photo shots before and during each game—or call Room 1046 to set up an appointment.



*Barbara Vinzant*  
*ABA Bulletin Editor*  
*and Photographer*

## Hospitality Info

Please sign in on your SECTION Page for Hospitality at the Hospitality Table outside the Playing area.

**EASTERN & GREAT LAKES**  
**WEDNESDAY—4/15/09**

**SOUTHERN, SOUTHWESTERN & WESTERN**  
**THURSDAY - 4/16/09**

**MIDWESTERN & NORTHWEST & MID-ATLANTIC**  
**FRIDAY - 4/17/09**  
**ROOM 2354**



## Right and Wrong

by Bob Friend

Those of us who have played this game of bridge the longest know there is no right way to make a wrong play; but there is a wrong way to make the right play. Often this deals with one or more of other aspects of play, i.e. safety, communication, percentages, timing, etc. The following hand which I have seen in print at some earlier time is an extreme case of safety to protect against a high percentage break of a suit.

### NORTH

S 875  
H AKQ2  
D ----  
C K87652

### SOUTH

S A942  
H 10 9876543  
D ---  
C A

Contact 6 hearts after some spirited bidding in diamonds by the vulnerable E-W. At your contract of six hearts, West leads the Heart Jack. After long thought, South decided to assume clubs would probably break 4-2 and he would need three entries to dummy. Therefore he allowed the heart Jack to win. West now shifted to a spade which declarer won with the ace, played the club Ace then entered dummy with a heart to ruff clubs and another heart allowed South to ruff another club to establish the suit. A third heart to dummy allowed declarer to discard three spades on good clubs to make the contract. Establishing clubs is the right play but assuming the suit would break 3-3 is the wrong way.

The second case is an example of "what must be, must be first."

### NORTH

S AKQ6  
H J854  
D AK8  
C 95

Contract: 6 hearts

Opening Lead: Club King

### SOUTH

S J32  
H AK972  
D Q6  
C A107

Declarer liked his overall chance at this slam. The trump Queen might have dropped and then he could possibly dump his clubs on the diamonds and spades. However a little inspection shows that the hand with the trump Queen must have at least three spades therefore the right way is the Ace and King of trumps followed by the Jack and then two more spades. When the hand with the trumps promises to hold four spades, that suit is continued for a club discard, then three diamonds are played and though West ruffs the third diamond, South is discarding his last club. If diamonds are played first for a discard, West will ruff and take a club trick. The full hand follows:

### NORTH

S AKQ6  
H J854  
D AK8  
C 95

### WEST

S 10975  
H Q103  
D 75  
C KQ62

### EAST

S 84  
H 6  
D J109432  
C J843

### SOUTH

S J32  
H AK972  
D Q6  
C A107

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**"A wrong can ruin a right"**

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EARLY BIRD OPEN PAIR O/2000 4-13-09 10AM

21.0 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	
22.91	1	#03131 Gladys J Randall, Chicago IL; #05874 Robert J Friend, Irvine CA	231.50
17.18	2	#04015 Wanda Mc-Wills, Southfield MI; #04011 Barbara Hutson, Detroit MI	224.00
19.44	3	1 #06319 Alma V Johnson, DeSoto TX; #06120 Minnie Morgan, Duncanville TX	223.50
9.67	4	#02988 Bill Turner, Houston TX; #08356 Nathaniel Cook, Southfield MI	216.50
7.25	5	#06028 Marian C Womack, Houston TX; #06096 James Woodard, League City TX	215.00
5.44	6	#01001 John H Washington, New York NY; #00459 Jimmy Pelham, Baldwin NY	214.00
4.08	7	#04413 Lily Cleveland, Orange Village, OH #04397 Sara R Seals, Shaker Hgts OH	208.00
3.06	8	#03561 Harold R Bickham, Indianapolis, IN #03179 Chester G Johnson, Chicago IL	205.00
2.55	9	#03716 Marvin Comer, Cincinnati OH; #04020 Arthur L Wills, Southfield MI	202.00
2.29	10	#04184 Joseph Jones, Detroit MI; #02417 George W Saunders, Memphis TN	201.50
2.08	11	#00310 Reginald O Chapman, FT Washington, MD #04718 Helen Anderson, Belleville MI	198.50
14.58		2 #11690 Doretha L Leak, Charlotte NC; #11053 Ida E Simms, Los Angeles CA	196.00
10.94		3 #11505 Roger Puck - #11504 Carol S Johnston, Houston TX	194.50
8.20		4 #03017 Josephine McLester, Pomona CA; #05043 James Green, Harrisburg PA	190.50
6.15		5 #07504 Wilford L Mack, Cape May Court, NJ #07503 Timothy Bruce Holt, Lehigh Acres FL	183.00
4.61		6 #04128 Joann Miller, Farmington Hills, MI #04757 Roberta McGowan, Saginaw MI	180.00

FIRST IN SECTION WINNERS

A N/S

1 James Woodard, Marion Womack  
1 Josephine McLester, James Green

B N/S

1 Bill Turner, Nathaniel Cook  
1 Wilford Mack, Timothy Holt

NEW PLAYERS OP 4-14-09 1:30PM

7.5 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	
9.65	1	1 Carolyn Morse, Houston TX; Dortha H. Miller, Houston TX	
86.58			
7.24	2	2 #14528 Loretta M McCrosky - #14530 Thelma Palmer, Decatur GA	79.82
5.43	3	3 #13589 Vernieta W Keys - #13583 Orelia M Ellis, Houston TX	79.62
4.07	4	4 #14027 Sadie Newman - #14028 Maude Jones, Houston TX	78.75
3.05	5	#13585 Tommye L Harrison - #13362 Sandra Evans, Houston TX	75.98

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WOMEN'S PAIRS O/1200 4-14-09 1:30PM  
28.0 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A B		
22.13	1	#06040 Rose Carvin, Anahuac TX; #14099 Angela Hester, Houston TX	376.50
16.60	2	#06496 Ruby L Handcox, Austin TX; #02243 Lillian Holeman, Fairburn GA	352.00
12.45	3	#04659 Barbara Vinzant, Dayton OH; #04720 Jo Anne McDowell, Pembroke Pines FL	349.00
9.34	4	#03306 Janice M Van Buren, St Louis MO; #03542 Betty Markey, Indianapolis IN	344.50
7.00	5	#05618 Charlene D Carodine, Los Angeles, CA #05069 Ruby Luke, Inglewood CA	341.00
5.25	6	#05372 Emma M Collier, Berkeley CA; #05270 Rita Robinson, Oakland CA	339.50
3.94	7	#14003 Elaine M Conway, Silver Spring, MD #00127 Carrolena M Key, Washington DC	331.00
2.95	8	#04397 Sara R Seals, Shaker Hgts OH; #04413 Lily Cleveland, Orange Village OH	318.50
2.46	9	#06038 Dorothy M Colley #06062 Mary Ann Broussard, Houston TX	315.50
2.21	10	#06319 Alma V Johnson, DeSoto TX; #06120 Minnie Morgan, Duncanville TX	312.50
2.01	11	#05052 Patricia Banks, Los Angeles CA; #03030 Verna Scott, Rowland Heights CA	311.00
1.84	12	#00656 Doris White, Rockville Center NY; #00647 Gladys Smith, Bronx NY	309.50
1.70	13	#09996 Helen Henderson, Memphis TN; #04357 Nancy Bustamante, Jacksonville FL	309.00
1.58	14	#01449 Lillian Allen, Newark NJ; #01735 Mildred McLeod, Union NJ	305.00
13.71	1	#02319 Pinkie P Freeman, Orlando FL; #02093 Johnnie Saunders, Riverview FL	275.00
10.28	2	#06417 C Nell Peterson #06430 LaRue Smith, Beaumont TX	267.00
7.71	3	#00805 Joyce Trammell #06587 Ermile Stewart, New York NY	265.50
5.78	4	#11356 Lucille McGhee, Shaker Heights OH #04461 Wilhelmenia Jackson, Univ. Hgts OH	260.50
		FIRST IN SECTION WINNERS	
	1	Janice Van Buren, Betty Markey	
		1 Birnell Hatcher, Edith Knowlton	
		1 Joyce Trammell, Ermile Stewart	
	1	Elaine Conway, Carrolena Key	
	1	Barbara Vinzant, Jo Anne McDowell	

WOMENS PAIRS UNDER 1200 4-14-09  
8.0 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A B		
11.89	1	#06224 Marie E Anders, Cedar Hill TX; #03982 Elvarie Menefee, Dallas TX	77.50
8.92	2	#13641 Emma Fountain, Atlanta GA; #11969 Bessie C Jones, Powder Springs GA	72.50
6.69	3	#14185 Daisy Smith, Silver Spring MD; #13512 Shirley F Baker, Columbia MD	67.50
5.02	4	#13873 Cassandre Wallace - #13711 Rosemary Bickham, Indianapolis IN	65.50
6.02	5	1 #12076 Annie P Wilkerson - #12073 Rachel Rumph, Fort Valley GA	64.50
4.52	2	2 #13813 Delphine Butler - #13797 Lovie L Lynch, Houston TX	62.50



MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES 4-14-09 9AM  
6.5 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
13.47	1		#01829 Mildred S Grier - #01426 Kathryn S Gadson, Charlotte NC	73.92
10.10	2		#04069 Marvin Allen, Southfield MI; #04790 Jacqueline Johnson, Gold Canyon AZ	70.08
7.58	3		#03454 James W Pyant, Florissant MO; #04919 Yolanda Durley, Las Vegas NV	67.00
5.68	4	1	#12425 Bernice Jackson - #03596 Sharon Hawkins, Chicago IL	66.60
1.88		2	#14528 Loretta M McCrosky - #14530 Thelma Palmer, Decatur GA	63.60

SIDE GAME SEERIES 1 OF 4 4-14-09 1:30PM  
12.0 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
13.64	1	1	1	#13054 Frank Hawkins - #13065 Waymon T Webster, Prairie View TX	127.50
10.23	2	2		#11505 Roger Perwick - #11504 Carol S Johnston, Houston TX	108.50
6.71	3/4			#06037 Frederick A Carvin, Anahuac TX; #06010 Thomas Grace, Houston TX	108.00
6.71	3/4			#00729 Parvez Mehta, Bronx NY; #03404 M Errol Grant, W Hempstead NY	108.00
4.32	5			#05818 William A Johnson, Los Angeles CA; #05046 Sherry Polk, Inglewood CA	102.50
5.29	6	3		#08116 Jerry J Porter, Dixon IL; #03257 Earnestine Wilson, Chicago IL	102.00
3.97		4	2	#10327 Laoretta Slaughter, Hillsboro OR; #13563 Margaret A Munford, Richmond VA	84.50
2.98		5	3	#02435 Doris Carter - #02402 Millicent Bolton, Memphis TN	84.00

SIDE GAME SERIES-EVE- 4-14-09 8PM  
43.5 Tables

FIRST IN SECTION WINNERS

1			Vernice Whitfield, Reuben Russell
	1		Johnnie Saunders, Pinkie Freeman
		1	Christine Johnson, Armie Jean Johnson
1			William Johnson, Sherry Polk
		1	Janice Layne, Rosa Hawkins
		1	Rose Warren, Inez Petty
1			Rose Carvin, Angela Hester
	1		Daisy Smith, Shirley Baker
1			Clara Berryhill, Frances Powell
		1	Marian Baylis, Cornelia McGowan



SIDE GAME SERIES-EVE- 4-14-09 8PM  
43.5 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
14.68	1			#09522 M Cassandra Smith, Washington DC; #04718 Helen Anderson, Belleville MI	179.00
11.01	2			#04047 Barbara J Gooden - #04066 Dolores Taylor, Detroit MI	173.00
8.26	3			#06040 Rose Carvin, Anahuac TX; #14099 Angela Hester, Houston TX	171.00
6.19	4			#00297 Clara W Berryhill, Mitchellville MD; #11358 Frances J Powell, Silver Spring MD	170.50
4.64	5			#05818 William A Johnson, Los Angeles CA; #05046 Sherry Polk, Inglewood CA	170.05
3.48	6			#06062 Mary Ann Broussard #06038 Dorothy M Colley, Houston TX	169.50
2.61	7			#03306 Janice M Van Buren, St Louis MO; #03542 Betty Markey, Indianapolis IN	166.50
2.33	8			#02054 Vernice C Whitfield, Jacksonville FL; #04813 Reuben E Russell, Detroit MI	166.13
9.69	9	1		#03067 Willie L Gray #10629 Mary E Johnson, Chicago IL	163.50
1.57	10			#02064 Evelyn N Gilliard, East Point GA; #02763 Willetta Phipps, Atlanta GA	163.00
1.63	11			#03404 M Errol Grant, W Hempstead NY; #00729 Parvez Mehta, Bronx NY	161.35
1.22	12			#05626 Andreda Pruitt - #05643 James D Pruitt, Los Angeles CA	157.50
1.17	13			#03235 Betty J Battles, Pembroke FL; #11397 Eugenia Weaver, Pembroke Pines FL	156.50
7.27	14	2		#14424 Abbie LeCesne - #14425 Errol LeCesne, Houston TX	155.64
1.63	15			#04156 Helen Dickerson, Detroit MI; #04861 Charleana N Allen, Southfield MI	153.96
6.95		3	1	R030107 Carmen Keys - M499891 Paul Cuneo, Houston TX	152.44
4.09		4		#12461 Delores T Smith - #02247 Celina Carter, Houston TX	151.50
5.21		5	2	#06224 Marie E Anders, Cedar Hill TX; #03982 Elvarie Menefee, Dallas TX	148.00
3.91		6	3	#14185 Daisy Smith, Silver Spring MD; #13512 Shirley F Baker, Columbia MD	138.50
1.72		7		#02093 Johnnie Saunders, Riverview FL; #02319 Pinkie P Freeman, Orlando FL	136.63
1.40		8		#05816 Janice L Layne, Carson CA; #05019 Rosa L Hawkins, Los Angeles CA	135.00
1.08		9		#08703 Alice Creighton - #08708 V Adean Butler, Richmond VA	134.50
1.31		10		#02066 Birnell Hatcher, East Point GA; #00393 Edwin G Artest Jr, Tampa FL	134.00
2.93			4	#04517 Marian Baylis - #11085 Cornelia McGowan, Detroit MI	131.00
2.20			5	#11215 Christine Johnson - #11213 Armie Jean Johnson, Chicago IL	127.80
1.65			6	#14456 Rose Warren, San Diego CA; #05462 Inez V Petty, Stafford VA	127.00

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MPA		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
8.06	1	#05601 Doris J Ayers, Compton CA; #10658 Allean Strickland, Atlanta GA	63.50
6.05	2	#03454 James W Pyant, Florissant MO; #04919 Yolanda Durley, Las Vegas NV	62.50
4.53	3	#05745 Alberta L Smith, Los Angeles CA; #11015 Catherine Chiles, Columbia SC	55.00

# PERSONALS

## CONGRATULATIONS -

Caddie Patrice Brooks, Detroit, on your induction into the National Honor Society.

Thelma,

You were missed in Houston. Wanda McWills, Mary Anderson, Carolyn Boxley, Jackie Moss, Alfred Hooper, JoAnn Miller, Helen Anderson, Charleana Allen, and Clara Lee Chaney. There is a new yellow card in the bidding box. :)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO Sylvia Thomas for putting up with me (Walter Thomas) for fourteen (14) years. Miss you guys! See you in Memphis!

Hi Pat and Carl! Miss you a lot!.....Madeline

Alright Bobbye, where's my article?

# WANTED!

New Players and not so New Players are wanted to participate in the Pro-Am Game on Friday AM at 9:00 AM. Bridge players, we need to set a good example for our New Players by getting to the playing area on time. We need both Pros and Ams to sign up for our annual game.

Please see Ruth Young, Bettie Harden, JoAnn Thompson, or Vernice Whitfield in the National Office to sign-up.

# Concessions

LUNCH HOURS: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

DINNER HOURS: 4:30 PM—7:00 PM

THURSDAY'S MAIN ENTRÉE IS LASAGNA—\$6.00



# Carrolena

*Is your "Key"*



*To Experience,  
Commitment,  
Dedication,  
Reliability, and  
Effectiveness!*

## Vote For Carrolena Key

**ABA National Vice President**

*Elect An Outstanding Administrator  
ABA National Vice President*

*When the cards are dealt -  
You can be sure  
to have the  
"Winning Hand" when you*

*Elect Carrolena as*

*ABA National Vice President*



## Experience Counts:

- ♠ President ABA Foundation, Inc.
- ♣ Chairperson, ABA Fundraising
- ♥ Co-Chair, ABA Summer Nationals
- ♦ Chairperson, ABA National Public Relations
- ♠ Co-Chair, ABA National Building Site Committee
- ♣ President, Kings & Queens WBU Bridge Club
- ♥ WBU Secretary
- ♦ WBU Transportation
- ♠ MAS Publicity & Editor
- ♣ Congressional Advocate
- ♥ National Convention Planner
- ♦ Association Executive Director

### *Message to ABA Membership*

*May I have your vote? As the ABA National Vice President I am capable and available to perform the duties of the ABA President. I have planned (and chaired) numerous successful National Organization conventions including Co-Chair, ABA 1988 Summer National; my negotiating skills are excellent; I have been the sole fiscal signature for organization & campaign funds and I have managed organization finances and been responsible for government budgets exceeding millions of dollars; and I have faithfully served the ABA with the full service of my abilities.*

*I will bring to the position of National Vice President exceptional administrative skills—"to execute in a professional manner all tasks assigned"—"elevate ABA's accounting and financial stability"—"to lead the ABA Recommendation's Committee in accepting, considering, and reporting in a timely manner members' recommendations"—"be a team advocate for members' concerns"—"and, work together with others to keep the ABA alive and vibrant."*

*Respectfully,*

*Carrolena*

# Eastern Section Spring Sectional

May 22 - 25, 2009

Ramada Conference Center

130 Route 10 West

East Hanover, NJ 07936

(973) 386-5622

Room Rates \$85 single/double

Complimentary hot breakfast daily (7-9)

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, May 22

11:00 AM Early Birds Open Pair (1 session)

3:00 PM Headquarters Benefit

8:00 PM Knockout (1st round)

KO entries due by 7:00 PM

### Saturday, May 23

9:00 AM Knockout (2nd round)

Open Pair (side game)

2:00 PM Knockout (3rd round)

Open Pair - Stratified

6-7:00 PM Ex. Board Meeting

8:00 PM Knockout (finals)

Open Pair - Stratified

### Sunday, May 24

11-12:00 PM Sectional Meeting

1:30 PM Open Pair (1st session)

5 - 6:00 PM New/Intermediate Players Seminar

8:00 PM Open Pair (2nd session)

Side game opposite the two session open pair if warranted.

### Monday, May 25

9:00 AM Mod. RR (1st session)

(entries due Sunday)

Lunch provided by The Eastern Section

TBA Mod. RR (2nd session)

Nathalie McFarlane - Tournament Chair (914) 632-6744

Partnerships - Jeanette Plunkett (201) 568-3196

or Charles Guest (914) 665-0812

Director in Charge - Mary Duncan

## DIRECTIONS


From I-287: Traveling North, Exit 39, Traveling South, Exit 39A—Route 10 East.

Follow Route 10 East for 6 miles to a U-turn, just after Ridgedale Avenue, Ramada Drive will be the second driveway on your right.

From Garden State Parkway: Take Exit 145 to I-280 West. Travel about 7 miles to Exit 4A—Eisenhower Parkway South. At the 5th traffic light, turn right onto Route 10 West. Continue 2 1/2 miles and Ramada Drive will be on the right.

From I-80: Take Exit 43 to I-287 S. Travel 2 1/2 miles to Exit 39A—Rte 10 E. Follow Route 10 East (toward Whippany) for 3 miles. After passing Novartis, make first U-turn at Loews Theater for Route 10 W. Ramada Dr. will be the 2nd driveway on your right.

From the NJ Turnpike: Take Exit 15W to I-280 West. Travel 13 miles to Exit 4A—Eisenhower Parkway South. At the 5th traffic light, turn right onto Route 10 West. Continue 2 miles, Ramada Drive will be on the right.

 From Newark Liberty International Airport: Follow signs for I-78W (Local) to Rte 24 W. Travel for 10 miles to I-287 N. Continue to Exit 39—Rte. 10 E for 5 miles to a U-turn, just after Ridgedale Avenue. Ramada Drive will be the 2nd driveway on your right.

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# Great Lakes Sectional

July 2-5, 2009

Red Rock Inn

24801 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, Ohio

Room Rate: \$49/99+ Tax Single/Double

Deadline June 19, 2009

Reservations (440) 439-2500 Ask for CCBC Group Rate

## Thursday July 2, 2009

2:00 PM	Early Arrival Pairs	Single Session
6:30 PM	Section Representatives Meeting	
8:00 PM	Knockout Teams*	1st Round

## Friday July 3, 2009

9:00 AM	Knockout Teams	2nd Round
	Open Pairs	Single Session
2:00 PM	Knockout Teams	3rd Round
	Swiss Team	1st Session
8:00 PM	Knockout Teams	Finals
	Swiss Team	2nd Session

## Saturday July 4, 2009

9:00 AM	Awards Breakfast Program	
	Membership Meeting to Follow	
2:00 PM	Open Pairs (Double Session)	1st Session
8:00 PM	Open Pairs	2nd Session

## Sunday July 5, 2009

9:00 AM	Modified Round Robin	1st Session
	Side Game	
TBA	Modified Round Robin	2nd Session
	Side Game	

**Playing Fee \$8.00 per session**

**Registration begins one (1) hour prior to game time**

**\*Knockout Registration 2:30 PM Thursday, July 2, 2009.**

**Awards: Scrip ONLY**

**Section Vice President: Barbara Hutson (313) 835-5543**

**Partnership: Florence Carter (216) 382-2907**

**Tournament Chairman: Albert Freeman (216) 921-0273**

**Director-in-Charge: Jay Levine (313) 568-7732**



# HOUSTON SPRING NATIONAL SCHEDULE—2009

## THURSDAY, April 16, 2009

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	9-11 AM
AWARDS PRESENTATION BRUNCH	11 AM - 1 PM
CG FREDD KO TEAMS - Semi-Finals and Finals	1:30 & 8:00 PM
SECOND CHANCE KO TEAMS - Semi-Finals and Finals	1:30 & 8:00 PM
OPEN PAIRS (G-2)	1:30 & 8:00 PM

## FRIDAY, April 17, 2009

AM — KO TEAMS Semi-Finals	9:00 AM
AM II — KO TEAMS Semi-Finals	9:00 AM
PRO — AM OPEN PAIRS (Pre-register by midnight, Thur.) (AM's Must be under 600 Master Points)	9:00 AM
Side Game Series (#3 of 4)	9:00 AM
DAN SCRIVENS OPEN PAIRS 2 Sessions (Field IV - Qualifying; all others play through GIC)	1:30 & 8:00 PM

**ABA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED**

Side Game Series (#3 of 4)	1:30 PM
DAN SCRIVENS Consolation (Closed Event)	8:00 PM
Side Game Series (#3 of 4)	8:00 PM

## SATURDAY, April 18, 2009

AM — KO TEAMS Finals	9:00 AM
AM II — KO TEAMS Finals	9:00 AM
OPEN PAIRS (Single Session)	9:00 AM
Side Game Series (#4 of 4)	9:00 AM
NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS - CHAMPIONSHIP 2 SESSIONS - FLIGHTED - STRATIFIED - G1C) (0/2000 - Imp's to VP's, 20 pt. Scale, all others Wins/Losses)	1:30 PM & TBA

**ABA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED**

Side Game Series (#4 of 4)	1:30 PM
Side Game Series (#4 of 4)	8:00 PM

## New Players Schedule

(0-299 FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE)

Welcome New Players.....all games are stratified

Thursday—April 16	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.
	AWARDS PRESENTATION BRUNCH	11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
	CG Fredd Semi-finals KO	1:30 P.M.
	Open Pairs	1:30 P.M.
	Open Pairs	8:00 P.M.
Friday—April 17	PRO AM GAME	9:00 A.M.
	( Pre-register by midnight Thursday)	
	Dan Scrivens Open Pairs (2 sessions)	1:00 P.M.
	2nd Session	8:00 P.M.
Saturday—April 18	Swiss Team (1st Session)	1:30 P.M.
	Swiss Team (2nd Session)	8:00 P.M.

GAME TIPS WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE EACH GAME!!

B. Harden and R Young Co - chairmen

NEW PLAYERS COMMITTEE



AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
WESTIN GALLERIA—HOUSTON, TEXAS  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009



**Introduction of Board—Iris Williams-West**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation—Jewel Chapman, Mid-Atlantic SVP**
- III. Welcoming Remarks**
- IV. Introduction of City Council Member, The Honorable Wanda Adams, City of Houston, District D**
- V. Roll Call—National Secretary, Anita Troy**
- VI. Minutes of Milwaukee Membership Meeting—Anita Troy**
- VII. Reports**
  - A. President—Leola Rucker**
  - B. Secretary—Anita Troy**
  - C. Treasurer—George Saunders**
  - D. Houston Spring National General Chairman—Opal White**
  - E. Recommendations Committee**
  - F. National Tournament Authority,**
  - G. Memphis Summer National General Chairman**
  - H. ABA/ECF**
  - I. Elections Committee Chairman**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
- IX. New Business**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Adjournment**

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