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Wednesday

EVENTS OF TOMORROW—THURSDAY ABA-ACBL DAY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	9:00 A.M.
Handicapped KO Teams	2:00 P.M.
(Pre-registration midnight 8/12)	
Side Series Afternoon 4th of 5	
AWARDS PRESENTATION & SOCIAL	7:00 P.M.

ABA/ACBL According to DEFINING MOMENTS, page 12, "...an outstanding achievement of Daly's administration was the conduct of negotiations leading to the building of mutual rapport and respect between the two organizations. Many ABA members joined the ACBL, with a high percentage achieving the rank of Life Master. The first black ACBL LM was Marion Wildy (1956) of Hawaii. The first ABA LM to achieve LM in the ACBL was Leo Benson (1962) of Chicago. Many local joint ABA/ACBL sponsored games are being held throughout ABA, such as in Nashville, Cincinnati, Kansas City, MO, and Chicago." The first ABA/ACBL Liaison in 1978 was **Leonard Jefferson*** of New York/New Orleans/Arlington, TX followed by **Bill Sides** of Burbank, CA; **Henry Bell** of Des Moines, WA who served in '93-'95 and '98-'00; **Dr. Gardner Dixon** of Nashville, TN; **Ed West, Sr.*** of Federal Way, WA; **Annease Comer** of Cincinnati, OH; **Sylvia Christian** of Southfield, MI; and the current liaison, **Al Freeman** of Shaker Heights, OH. Many players in the ABA are members of both organizations and have earned Life Master in both. Some players, Henry Bell and Ed West along with the FLASH editor, and others, were members of the ACBL first and then joined the ABA. ACBL seems to be everywhere and is sometimes, "the only game in town."

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PERSONAL:

Anita Troy, Sandra Stevenson, Leon and Lois Harris, We truly miss you!
Annease and Marvin



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Social Activities Schedule

Friday, August 12,
Greek Day.

CASINO TRIP!
Thursday, August 13, 2009 - 11 PM - 3:00 AM

CONCESSIONS

Plated Hot Options \$6.25 Inclusive: 4:30 P.M.—7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY: BBQ Chicken, buttered corn, biscuit

Committee Meetings

NAME OF COMMITTEE Committee Chair	DAY, DATE, TIME , and PLACE OF MEETING (ALL MEETINGS ARE ON THE GROUND FLOOR)
ABA Youth Alverna Lewis, Chair	Friday, August 14th, 5:30 PM, "Pizza for Caddies", Promenade 2
NTC Worth Christler, Chair	Friday, August 14th, 5:30 PM, Promenade 3,
ABA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Leola Rucker, President	Thursday, August 13th 9:00 AM, Southeast Ballroom

PERSONAL: Anita Troy, Sandra Stevenson, Leon and Lois Harris.... We truly miss you!

Love,
Annease and Marvin

from THE TWILIGHT ZONE

. ERMINE MORRIS and "soon-to-be" ALVIN MARLEY - no surprise that you two are rakin' in the points. After all, great teacher, MINETTE BROOKS, and mentors coupled with a trusting partnership add up to WINNING!

. Heard through the grapevine that Tuesday night's FINALS found Chicago MBUers all over the place. Just remember that 1st is FIRST, but 2nd 'ain't all bad' - just count your points Vi, Eugenia, Juanita, Hattie Mc, Denise Mc, Frances Pace-, Chet, Herb, et al. I will get the 'et al' right tonight.

. FJ - all the way. Hope your suggestions for 'upping' the membership in ABA is to combine and get on the same wave : New Players, Membership, BRIDGE CONNECTION, etc., is being tried. Good speed on your quest! #44



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Eastern Sectional at Trump Plaza "On the Boardwalk"

Mississippi Avenue at the Boardwalk
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
1-(800) 677-7787 – (609) 441-6000

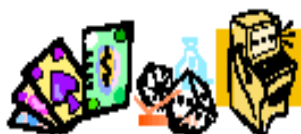
Room Rate - \$75.00 S/D \$85.00 – Triple
Ask for the Main Tower

Tuesday, December 8	Wednesday, December 9
<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Board Meeting 12 PM - 1 PM</p> <p>2 PM - Open Pair</p> <p>8:00 PM - Sectional KO 1st Round <i>KO registration due by 6:00 PM</i> Open Pair Side Game</p>	<p>9:00 AM - KO 2nd Round Open Pair Side Game</p> <p>2:00 PM - KO 3rd Round 2 Session Swiss Team (Stratified) 1st session Open Pair Side Game</p> <p>8:00 PM - KO Finals Swiss 2nd session Open Pair Side Game</p>
Thursday, December 10	Friday, December 11
<p style="text-align: center;">Membership Meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM</p> <p>2:00 PM - 2 Session Open Pair 1st session</p> <p>8:00 PM - Open Pair 2nd session</p>	<p>9:00 AM - Mod. Round Robin 1st session - Side Game</p> <p>TBA - Mod. Round Robin 2nd session</p> <p>TBA Side Game if warranted</p>

George Hudson
Eastern Section Vice President

Tournament Chair
Nathalie McFarlane
(914) 632-6744

Partnerships
Jeanette Plunkett (201) 568-3196
Charles Guest (914) 665-0812
\$8.00 playing fee



This would be a great place to have a SPRING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, or even a SUMMER NATIONAL TOURNAMENT! If we could get these rates for a National Tournament, everybody would come! And, a casino also?!?!? ABAers love lots of things and two of them are bridge and gambling! Editor

MEMPHIS 09



Victor Daly Knockout Winners

2008-2002

(Names are listed in Alphabetical Order)

2008 (Milwaukee)

- Flight A: Harold Bickham, Reggie Chapman, Mae Clark, Lela Wilson
Flight B: Angela Jones, Catherine Jones, Mervin Jones, Andreda Pruitt, James Pruitt
Flight C: Norma Burch, Evelyn King, Mary Robinson, Bill Watt, Mathree Whittle
Flight D: Gregory Austin, Mary Clark, Williams Haygood, Tennyson Johnson
Flight E: Brenda Bearden, Jacqueline Felix, Lillie General, Effie Neal

2007 (Detroit)

- Flight A: Bobbye Caldwell, Edna Cravanas, Bob Friend, Bessie Haley, Jimmy Pelham, Bob Wallace
Flight B: Gloria Johnson, Morris Johnson; Geraldine Wilson, John Wilson
Flight C: Geraldine Jones, Charles Townsel, Elle Vann, Annette White
Flight D: Alma V.H. Johnson, Lizzie Mathis, Dorothy Nance, Lorine Powers
Flight E: Barbara Adams, Lillye Holley, Angela Jones, Aldis Raymond
Flight F: Pamela Foster, Arthur Harris, Jr., Annie Lee Irvin, Elmo Smoot
Flight G: Juanita Amonitti, Barbara Davis, Olivia Simmons, Clayton White

2006 (Atlanta)

- Flight A: Bobbye Caldwell, Edna Cravanas, Bob Friend, Bessie Haley, Jimmy Pelham, Bob Wallace
Flight B: Lazell Harris, JoAnne McDowell, Barbara Rucker, Cassandra Smith
Flight C: Robert Dorsey, Ada Garrison, Geraldine Wilson, John Wilson
Flight D: Mary Clark, Karlen Flowers, Tennyson Johnson, Leon Ragland
Flight E: Carl Barnes, Eloise Burwell, Zola McCoy, Jerodene Smith, Helen Toney
Flight F: Harvey Browning, Charles Davenport, Ruby Handcox, James Wueste

2005 (St. Louis)

- Flight A: Harold Bickham, Reggie Chapman, Mae Clark, Luis Pietri, Jeffrey Stroud
Flight B: Helen Anderson, Alice Brown, Jay Levine, JoAnne McDowell, Cassandra Smith
Flight C: James Cleveland, Lily Cleveland, Lillian Hale, Barbara Shakoor
Flight D: Ruth Fowlkes-Turner, Faye Hines, Allen Morton, Annetta Wallace
Flight E: Pamela Bradford, James Buford, Sara Buford, Winifred Wright
Flight F: Leroy Blair, Mattie Brooks, Lois Deline, Mary Johnson

2004 (Indianapolis)

- Flight A: Harold Bickham, Reggie Chapman, Mae Clark, Luis Pietri, Jeffrey Stroud
Flight B: Rosietta Brown, Luperia Payton, LaVonne Perkins, Barbara Pickett, Barbara Rucker
Flight C: Tyrone Davis, Bruce Holt, Sonny Mack, Dorothy Thompson
Flight D: Robbie Battle, Melzani Killebrew, Bertha Robinson*, Sylvia White
Flight E: Harold Antoine, Hatchie Green, Maizie Green, Clyde Orr
Flight F: Harlean Beal, Daisy Carruthers, Dr. Shirley Ford*, Dr. Micki Hill

2003 (Miami)

- Flight A: Chester Johnson, Jimmy Pelham, Harold Singleton III, Herbert Taylor
Flight B: Alice Adams, JoAnne McDowell, James Pope, Barbara Vinzant
Flight C: Gregory Austin, Tennyson Johnson, Doretha Leak, Leon Ragland
Flight D: Joan Anderson, Clara Berryhill, Gwen Harlee, Lola LeCounte, Frances Powell
Sylvia Samuel

2002 (Charlotte)

- Flight A: Winston Edwards, Chester Johnson, Jimmy Pelham, Harold Singleton III, Herbert Taylor, Bill Turner
Flight B: Evelyn Adkins, Gloria Donato, Henry Irwin, Conrad Johnson, Leroy Wilson, James Woodard
Flight C: Iliad Chaney, Robert Green, Georgia Raspberry, Charles Walker
Flight D: Anita Christian, LaVerne Ivy, JoAnne McDowell, Barbara Stocks
Flight E: Barbara Childs, Juanita Hatcher, Harold Minus, Harold Minus III
Flight F: Camille DeLavallade, Vivian Lewis, Yvonne McElroy, Jean Ward
Flight G: Sharon Hitson, Mary Hull, Evelyn Knox, Lois Moser, Mary Porter
Flight H: Mildred Dorsey, Lillian Holeman, Alicia Jones, Robert Mason, Pearl Minor

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Victor Daly Knockout Winners

2001-2000

2001 (Miami)

Flight A: Winston Edwards, Chester Johnson, Jimmy Pelham, Herbert Taylor
 Flight B: Barbara Bedayan, Cora Hunt, Robert Hunt, Edith Johnson, David Perkins
 Flight C: Faye Brooks, Mildred Crump, Norma Jenkins, Walter Thomas
 Flight D: Pauline Caldwell, Barbara McKinney, Alfreda Wright, Robert Wright
 Flight E: Faye Braxton, Ermile Stewart, Joyce Trammell, Dorothy Warren
 Flight F: Robelye Dungy, Aston Glaves, James Hamilton, Juanita Harris

2000 (New Orleans)

Flight A: Dwight Galley, Chester Johnson, Sara Pearson*, B. Sides, Herb Taylor, Lela Wilson
 Flight B: Evelyn Adkins, Carl Carson, M. Errol Grant, James Woodard
 Flight C: William Amos, Faye Hines, Albert Simms, Annetta Wallace
 Flight D: Josephine Boone, Geri Curry, Frances Robinson, Jeanetta Williams

		DALY KO	FLIGHT A	8-11-09	8 Tables
110.00	1	#00310	Reginald O Chapman, FT Washington MD;		
		#01259	Luis F Pietri, Philadelphia PA;		
		#06652	Mae Clark, Arlington TX;		
		#06402	Lela M Wilson, Beaumont TX;		
		#03561	Harold R Bickham, Indianapolis IN		
77.22	2	#03179	Chester G Johnson		
		#03253	Herbert Taylor, Chicago IL;		
		#11592	Harriette Buckman, University Park FL;		
			Jerry Flamming,		
48.40	3/4	#04020	Arthur L Wills		
		#04547	Sylvia J Christian, Southfield MI;		
		#00227	Clarice D Reid, Bethesda MD;		
		#08023	Jerrie Thomas, Upper Marlboro MD;		
		#03421	George E Hudson, Jamaica NY;		
		#13228	Frederick Wills, Miami FL		
48.40	3/4	#03853	Harold Singleton III, South Orange NJ;		
		#06003	Lionel O Barton, Missouri City TX;		
		#01600	Winston O Edwards, Laurel MD;		
		#08363	Richard H Bowling, Greensboro NC		
22.00	5/8	#03002	Arnold P Jones, Chicago IL;		
		#05874	Robert J Friend, Irvine CA;		
		#05306	Edna E Cravanas, Antioch CA;		
		#04645	Bessie W Haley, Charleston WV;		
		#03605	Robert W Wallace, Indianapolis IN		
22.00	5/8	#06024	Regena Edwards, Laurel MD;		
		#06028	Marian C Womack, Houston TX;		
		#01001	John H Washington, New York NY;		
		#03404	M Errol Grant, W Hempstead NY;		
		#05052	Patricia Banks		
		#05067	Shirley Lee, Los Angeles CA		
22.00	5/8	#02060	Worth R Christler		
		#02072	Gloria Christler		
		#05034	Benny R Patton, Atlanta GA;		
		#06350	Evelyn Adkins, Dallas TX		
22.00	5/8	#05629	Bill Sides, Burbank CA;		
		#10426	Alice P Brown, Midlothian VA;		
		#02988	Bill Turner, Houston TX;		
		#08356	Nathaniel Cook, Southfield MI		



DALY KO FLIGHT B 8-11-09 8 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

- 88.00 1 Tyrone Davis, Dorothy Thompson, Philadelphia PA;
Mervin Jones, Catherine Jones, Wilmington DE;
Andreda Pruitt, James D Pruitt, Los Angeles CA
- 61.78 2 Joann Miller, Farmington Hills MI; James W Pyant,
Florissant MO; Mary Sirmons, Pittsburgh PA; Brenda
Green, Pine Bluff AR; Janet Barnes, Detroit MI;
Wayman Minor, St Louis MO
- 38.72 3/4 Reuben E Russell, Detroit MI; Sara Seals, Shaker Hgts
OH; Georgia Doggett, Geraldean Jones, Cleveland OH;
Bobbie Turner, James O Mays, Houston TX
- 38.72 3/4 Alice E Adams, Cincinnati OH; Barbara Vinzant, Dayton
Sarah Groves, Oak Park MI; Velma Graham, Germantown TN;
Barbara Rucker, Chicago IL
- 17.60 5/8 Marvin Allen, Southfield MI; Barbara Gooden,
Dolores Taylor, Walter Forbes, Detroit MI; Jacqueline
Johnson, Gold Canyon AZ
- 17.60 5/8 Cynthia A Washington, New York NY; Carrolena M Key,
Washington DC; Elaine Conway, Silver Spring MD;
Mildred Crump, Newark NJ
- 17.60 5/8 Catherine C Myers, Donald Pedro, John T Clark
Dorothea Avant, Chicago IL; Arttus C Waters, Pasadena CA
- 17.60 5/8 Norman James, Leif B Sorensen, Rosietta S Brown, Chicago
Mattie C Young, Country Club Hill IL

FLIGHT C

FLIGHT B



DALY KO FLIGHT C 8-11-09 8 Tables

- 77.00 1 Allen Morton, New York NY; Barbara Adams, Warren OH;
James Lee, Las Vegas NV; Angela T Jones, Wilmington DE
- 54.05 2 Anita Christian, Mildred McGill, Alvernia Harmon, Dayton
OH; Maxine Garcia, Memphis TN
- 33.88 3/4 Lizzie Mathis, Bear DE; Joyce Trammell, Ermile Stewart,
New York NY; Dolores Savoy, Bronx NY; Edna Boothe,
Freeport NY; Doris White, Rockville Center NY
- 33.88 3/4 Ida E Simms, Charlene Carodine, Agnes Snowden, LA CA;
Gwendolyn Stratton, Hazel Crest IL
- 15.40 5/8 Dorothy Harper, Florissant MO; Edythe W Walker,
Indianapolis IN; Doris Gardner, Black Jack MO;
George Johnson, St Louis MO
- 15.40 5/8 Robert Green, Jr., Indianapolis IN; Barbara Puckett,
Lockport IL; Lazell Harris, Melverline Brown, Chicago IL
- 15.40 5/8 Leon C Ragland, Suffolk VA; Aldis Raymond, Chesapeake
Lillye Holley, VA Beach VA; Mildred Dorsey, Cleveland OH
- 15.40 5/8 Herbert D Quarles, Ivy M Nelson, Wash. DC; David Harris,
Belleville NJ; May Lipscomb, Verona NJ

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DALY KO FLIGHT D 8-11-09 6 Tables

66.00 1 Ruth McIntosh, Robert McIntosh Jr., Kansas City KS;
Brenda Polk, Portland OR; Rita Coleman, Las Vegas NV
46.33 2 Minnie Goka, New York NY; Barbara Garner, Temple
Hills MD; Paul Grady, Carrie Grady, Silver Spring MD
29.04 3/4 Percy Milligan, Jean Milligan, Dallas TX;
James O Morgan, Thelma Morgan, Cypress TX
29.04 3/4 Dwight Bush, Gadsden AL; Shirlee Anderson, Fairburn GA;
Nicki Magee, Leslie King, Decatur GA
13.20 5/6 Margurette Davis, Barbara Tenney, Southfield MI;
LaVerne Aikens, Jenethel Cummings, Detroit MI
13.20 5/6 Deloris Simmons, New York NY; Alverna Lewis, Westbury
NY; Joyce Goodridge, South Ozone Park NY; Frances
Greggs, Bayside NY

DALY KO FLIGHT E 8-11-09 6 Tables

55.00 1 Marjorie Simmons, Pauletta C Saxon, Charleen C Mills
Pamela Dallas, Chicago IL
38.61 2 Elizabeth Alexander, Memphis TN; Johnnie Lee, Decatur
GA; Carolyn Boxley, Mary Anderson, Detroit MI
24.20 3/4 Jessie L Lanier, W McNeil Saddler, Atlanta GA;
Minnie Wiley, Chattanooga TN; Christine Callier, GA
24.20 3/4 Pearl S Bostic, Cynthia Story, Mercedes Mann, Brooklyn NY;
Elaine McCray, Atlanta GA
11.00 5/6 Shirleana Hoskins, St Louis MO; Bettie Harden, Atlanta GA;
Johnnie Saunders, Riverview FL; Catherine Chiles, SC
11.00 5/6 Alfred Hooper Jr. Flora Hazzard, Detroit MI;
Barbara A Davis, Philly PA; Francine McNair, Decatur GA

DALY KO FLIGHT F 8-11-09 6 Tables

49.50 1 Daisy Smith, Clayven David Smith, C David Smith Jr.,
Silver Spring MD; V Adean Butler, Richmond VA
34.75 2 Alvin Marley, Ermine Morris, Laura M Smith,
Deborah Cole, Chicago IL
21.78 3/4 Emma Fountain, Celia Saylor, Atlanta GA;
Bessie Jones, Powder Springs GA; Betty W Ball, Brooklyn NY
21.78 3/4 Ellen Mayfield, Rochester Hills MI;
Sherry Griffin, Farmington Hills MI;
Vidella Vinson, Warrensville Heights OH;
Lawrence A Wills, Cleveland OH
9.90 5/6 Lillie General, Jacqueline Felix, Denise McPherson,
Chicago IL; Frances Barnes,
9.90 5/6 Clydia Woods, Olive Fulton, Detroit MI; Mamie Kitchen,
Redford MI; Shirley Jones, Bear DE



FLIGHT D



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FLIGHT F
Missing Daisy Smith and
Adean Butler

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DALY 2ND CHANCE FLIGHT R 7 Tables

54.05 1 #03365 Alfred J Fisher, St Louis MO; #04036
Berrye A Thompson, Farmington Hills MI; #03277
Robert Williams, Chicago IL; #03716 Marvin Comer,
Cincinnati OH

33.88 2 #04471 James Hunter, Cleveland OH; #05818 William
A Johnson, Los Angeles CA; #01768 Hedy H Echard,
Durham NC; #05622 Leroy Wilson Jr., Inglewood CA

23.78 3/4 #02049 Anderson C Williams, Atlanta GA; #04011
Barbara Hutson, Detroit MI; #02700 Iliad Chanay
Jr., Ellenwood GA; #04015 Wanda Mc-Wills,
Southfield MI; #03075 Minette K Brooks - #03180
Freddie H Jones, Chicago IL

23.78 3/4 #03542 Betty Markey, Indianapolis IN; #03306
Janice M Van Buren, St Louis MO; #06062 Mary Ann
Broussard, Houston TX; #04718 Helen Anderson,
Belleville MI

DALY 2ND CHANCE FLIGHT S 8 Tables

43.24 1 #01331 George Love, Harrisburg PA; #05077 Harley
B Wyatt, So Pasadena CA; #11283 Ruth A Young, Los
Angeles CA; #05685 Joan Maxwell, Las Vegas NV

27.10 2 #09408 Hatchie Greene - #02815 Frances Porter, St
Louis MO; #04760 Loisteen Murff, Punta Gorda FL;
#07606 Barbara Brown, Chicago IL

19.02 3/4 #07817 Henry Irwin, Austin TX; #01780 Mary M
Young, Durham NC; #00566 Faye Hines, Conyers GA;
#00400 Annetta E Wallace, Jamaica NY

19.02 3/4 #11075 Eldridge A Brown - #11333 JoAnn Thompson -
#10277 Gladys M Johnson - #03214 E Renee Taylor,
Chicago IL

DALY 2ND CHANCE FLIGHT T 10 Tables

37.84 1 #01110 Gloria Hobbs, Riverdale NY; #04512 Harold
Cochran, Downingtown PA; #10687 Sara Buford -
#01635 James Buford, Triagle VA

23.72 2 #09522 M Cassandra Smith - #11224 Gwendolyn
Harllee, Washington DC; #00297 Clara W Berryhill,
Mitchellville MD; #11551 Joan Anderson, Chevy
Chase MD

16.65 3/5 #10945 Lynda Straker, West Hempstead NY; #10944
Janice McBean, Rockville Centre NY; #04850
Jacqueline Moss, Detroit MI; #07393 Marion A
Gregory, Jacksonville FL

16.65 3/5 #05101 Emma L Johnson - #05013 Faustina Z Floyd,
Los Angeles CA; #05832 Annette B White, Las Vegas
NV; #05601 Doris J Ayers, Compton CA; #05069 Ruby
Luke, Inglewood CA

16.65 3/5 #09996 Helen Henderson - #06643 Mableleen
Blakney, Memphis TN; #02243 Lillian Holeman,
Fairburn GA; #14123 Rosetta J Boyd - #02045 Avis
C Turner, Decatur GA; #04357 Nancy Bustamante,
Jacksonville FL

NEW PLAYERS 8-11-09 1:30PM 6.0 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	M
3.63	1	1	75.00
2.72	2		71.00
2.04	3		66.50
1.87		2	62.50

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DALY 2ND CHANCE FLIGHT U 6 Tables

32.43 1 #07683 Eugenia S Jackson - #03250 Juanita J Ward
 - #03201 Violet Payne - #13107 Hattie M McKinnon,
 Chicago IL

20.33 2 #11397 Eugenia Weaver, Pembroke Pines FL; #02648
 Nan Lindsey, Lithia Springs GA; #02739 Doris
 Bebee - #02067 Jocelyn W Jackson, Atlanta GA;
 #02129 Pearl Minor, Austell GA

14.27 3/4 #07318 Karen E Tillis - #07310 Eunice G Tillis,
 Tacoma WA; #10031 Mary J Carr - #13368 Maxine
 Grant, Indianapolis IN

14.27 3/4 #10658 Allean Strickland - #02124 Delores Turner
 - #02726 Leatrice Bell - #13823 Evelyn Cook,
 Atlanta GA

DALY 2ND CHANCE FLIGHT W 5 Tables

24.32 1 #12701 Emma J Hardeman - #11990 Carole Smoot -
 #12173 Frances J Hall - #12181 Doris Anderson -
 #03262 Nona McCall, Chicago IL

15.25 2 #11215 Christine Johnson - #11213 Armie Jean
 Johnson, Chicago IL; Bernice Johnson, ; #12135
 Ida J Bohannon, Creve Coeur MO

6.93 3 #14075 Julia Ann Lee, Las Vegas NV; #14729
 Stephanie Young, Los Angeles CA; #05462 Inez V
 Petty, Stafford VA; #13563 Margaret A Munford,
 Richmond VA

DALY 2ND CHANCE FLIGHT V 6 Tables

27.03 1 #13873 Cassandre Wallace - #13711 Rosemary
 Bickham - #13763 Larry Cooke, Indianapolis IN;
 #13037 Sonya Wilkins, Fishers IN

16.94 2 #13840 Steve Hill - #06756 Jean Pinkney,
 Cleveland OH; #04706 Henry Clarett, Youngstown
 OH; #11356 Lucille McGhee, Shaker Heights OH

7.70 3/4 #12822 Cheryl Alphin Ward, St. Louis MO; #13614
 Judith Glasco, Houston TX; #03314 Sonja Slack,
 Florissant MO; #12710 Shirley Boone, St Louis MO

7.70 3/4 #12897 Lorine Q Powers, Oklahoma City OK; #06334
 Phillip O Roberson, Dallas TX; #12353 Dorothy
 Nance, Duncanville TX; #12823 Taft Barkley,
 Beaumont TX

NEW PLAYERS 0-299 8-11-09 8PM 6.5 Tables

MPA	RANK	OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A B		
9.62	1	#14257 Frances Pace-Barnes - #14542 Denise McPherson, Chicago IL	73.44
7.22	2	#12896 S A Washington-Reed - #13841 Myrtie M Thornton, Oklahoma City OK	69.70
5.41	3	#11077 Irene Davis, Chicago IL; #14007 Beverly A James, Indianapolis IN	67.90
5.18	4	1 #12346 Beverly Bouchee, Brandon FL; #11289 Ethel M Golding, Las Vegas NV	65.64
3.89	2	#02714 Esther Rivers Bolton - #14349 Nancy Hawkins, Stone Mountain GA	65.50
2.91	3	#14761 Monice McDaniel, Playa Vista CA; #14579 Tolliver McKinney, Memphis TN	63.48

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MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
19.34	1		#00591 Cheryl C Jones, Jamaica NY; #00011 Jewel Chapman, Ft Washington MD	562.90
14.51	2		#00227 Clarice D Reid, Bethesda MD; #08023 Jerrie Thomas, Upper Marlboro MD	547.92
10.88	3		#08356 Nathaniel Cook, Southfield MI; #02988 Bill Turner, Houston TX	531.61
8.16	4		#01001 John H Washington, New York NY; #03404 M Errol Grant, W Hempstead NY	522.14
6.12	5		#04547 Sylvia J Christian, Southfield MI #03421 George E Hudson, Jamaica NY	511.51
16.05	6	1	#02555 Arthur Harris Jr., Nashville TN; #01443 Stephanie Griffin, Somerset NJ	506.69
4.69	7		#04011 Barbara Hutson, Detroit MI; #04015 Wanda Mc-Wills, Southfield MI	498.19
3.28	8		#08363 Richard H Bowling, Greensboro NC; #01600 Winston O Edwards, Laurel MD	497.65
2.35	9		#10851 Samuel Graham, Germantown TN; #12723 Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA	495.31
3.28	10		#03506 Robert Green Jr., Indianapolis IN #07580 Barbara J Puckett, Lockport IL	494.11
4.69	11		#03215 Barbara Rucker, Chicago IL; #04124 Sarah Groves, Oak Park MI	492.86
2.35	12		#05067 Shirley Lee #05052 Patricia Banks, Los Angeles CA	490.14
12.04	13	2	#05043 James Green, Harrisburg PA; #03017 Josephine McLester, Pomona CA	483.41
1.64	14		#07817 Henry Irwin, Austin TX; #01780 Mary M Young, Durham NC	482.80
1.29	15		#02049 Anderson C Williams, Atlanta GA; #04020 Arthur L Wills, Southfield MI	481.87
9.03		3	#12698 Norman James #12702 Leif B Sorensen, Chicago IL	475.18
6.77		4	#09996 Helen Henderson, Memphis TN; #03700 Alice E Adams, Cincinnati OH	472.97
5.08		5	#02146 Nicki Magee #07358 Leslie King, Decatur GA	465.83
3.81		6	#03013 Lazell Harris #03274 Merverline Brown, Chicago IL	464.25
2.86		7	#10944 Janice McBean, NY #10945 Lynda Straker, West Hempstead NY	462.22
2.91		8	#06311 Monica Lett #12760 Brenda Metze, Houston TX	447.89
3.28		9	#01680 Amelia E Adams, Norfolk VA; #04977 Walter Forbes, Detroit MI	444.98
3.10		10	#05601 Doris J Ayers, Compton CA; #05069 Ruby Luke, Inglewood CA	444.79
1.73		11	#06921 Cleveland E Fleming, Buffalo NY; #02407 Annie Lee Irvin, Memphis TN	441.33
2.04		12	#01405 David Harris, Belleville NJ; #01452 May Lipscomb, Verona NJ	435.75

FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS

A E/W	
1	Barbara Hutson, Wanda McWills
1	Nicki Magee, Leslie King
B E/W	
1	Barbara Rucker, Sarah Groves
1	Monica Lett, Brenda Metze
1	Nathaniel Cook, Bill Turner
1	Doris Ayers, Ruby Luke
1	Lorraine Morgan, Peggy Pair
1	Amelia Adams, Walter Forbes

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14.60	1			#04896 Mary R Robinson, Detroit MI;	
				#03766 Mathree Whittle, Cincinnati OH	191.50
10.95	2			#06311 Monica Lett	
				#12760 Brenda Metze, Houston TX	173.75
8.21	3			#03134 Mattie Young, Country Club Hill IL;	
				#03040 Rosietta Brown, Chicago IL	168.75
6.16	4			#12698 Norman James	
				#12702 Leif Sorensen, Chicago IL	166.76
4.62	5			#03234 Dorothea B Avant	
				#03144 Catherine Myers, Chicago IL	166.39
4.50	6			#05067 Shirley Lee	
				#05052 Patricia Banks, Los Angeles CA	164.50
4.50	7			#03075 Minette K Brooks	
				#03180 Freddie H Jones, Chicago IL	162.87
3.15	8			#05270 Rita Robinson, Oakland CA;	
				#05372 Emma M Collier, Berkeley CA	162.62
3.15	9			#03013 Lazell Harris	
				#03274 Merverline Brown, Chicago IL	162.13
3.15	10			#03591 Edythe W Walker, Indy	
				#03379 Dorothy Harper, Florissant MO	159.02
3.15	11			#04047 Barbara J Gooden	
				#04066 Dolores Taylor, Detroit MI	157.00
2.25	12			#04873 Evelyn King, Detroit MI;	
				#04775 Norma J Burch, Southfield MI	155.82
4.50	13			#06921 Cleveland Fleming, Buffalo NY;	
				#04977 Walter Forbes, Detroit MI	155.00
3.15	14			#10851 Samuel Graham, Germantown TN;	
				#12723 Bruce Luttrell, San Jose CA	154.00
1.58	15			#02555 Arthur Harris Jr., Nashville TN;	
				#01443 Stephanie Griffin, Somerset NJ	153.30
11.72		1		#05564 Katie Parker, So San Fran CA;	
				#05242 Bernice Clemons, San Fran CA	149.85
8.79		2		#02093 Johnnie Saunders, Riverview FL;	
				#10377 Alfred Hooper Jr., Detroit MI	146.00
6.59		3		#01061 Alice Gasaway, Pinehurst NC;	
				#00900 Shirley Dillard, GA	141.47
4.94		4		#11023 Aloma Moore	
				#11024 Otha Johnson, New York NY	135.50
9.60		5	1	#09474 Celestine Tillman, Gardena CA;	
				#05041 Arttus Waters, Pasadena CA	134.26
2.78		6		#00359 Norma Vincent, Washington DC;	
				#01426 Kathryn Gadson, Waxhaw NC	133.66
2.09		7		#08339 Florence Carter, Cleve Hgts OH;	
				#02488 Katherine Cross, Jacksonville FL	133.00
7.20			2	#10494 Mamie Kitchen, Redford MI;	
				#10936 Shirley Jones, Bear DE	128.76
5.40			3	#01417 Daisy Douglas, Montclair NJ;	
				#01524 Theresa Smith, East Orange NJ	121.00
4.05			4	#06914 Doanne E Jackson	
				#14479 Darleen Nolley, Buffalo NY	115.23

FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS

Minette Brooks, Freddie Jones
 Jacklin Smith, Dolly Richardson
 Alice Gasaway, Shirley Dillard
 Doanne Jackson, Darleen Nolley
 Norman James, Leif Sorensen
 Daisy Douglas, Theresa Smith
 Shirley Lee, Patricia Banks
 Dolores Merritt, Dora Brown
 Cleveland Fleming, Walter Forbes

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General Membership Minutes
Houston, TX
Thursday, April 16, 2009

Call to Order by President Leola Rucker at 9:20 A.M.

Introduction and Processional of Board Members

Welcome—President Leola Rucker

Invocation by Jewel Chapman, SVP, Mid-Atlantic Section

Remarks: Dr. Mary Ann Broussard, SVP Southwestern Section

- Introduction of Karen Halle, Chief of Staff of Congressman
- Read Proclamation from the Mayor of Houston who proclaimed April 16, 2009 as American Bridge Association Day

ROLL CALL by National Sec. Anita Troy: Leola Rucker, National President; Janice Van Buren, National Vice President; Anita Troy, National Secretary; George Saunders, Treasurer; Section Vice Presidents: George Hudson, Eastern; Gloria Christler, Southern; Betty Markey, Midwestern; Barbara Hutson, Great Lakes; Charles Townsel, Western; Mary-Ann Broussard, Southwestern; Karen Tillis, Northwestern; Jewel Chapman, Mid-Atlantic; Henry Irwin, Ex-Officio; and Iris Williams-West, Parliamentarian.

Minutes of Milwaukee 2009 Summer General Membership Meeting Minutes, as published in the October Issue of the BULLETIN, were presented for approval by Secretary Troy.

MOTION: by Anita Troy: that the minutes be approved.

SECOND: Cleveland Fleming

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President's Report:

- Welcome to Houston
- Appreciation for membership at meeting
- Pleased to see increased interest in membership recruitment
- Teachers are holding classes and students are joining in Los Angeles, Washington Bridge Unit, and Baltimore
- Members are working as a team to promote the ABA
- Some past hotel contracts have not been good for us financially
Negotiations are important so that we may have better contracts
If not, ABA suffers less
ABA will definitely be the beneficiary of all perks in all future contract
- Special thanks to staff and committee chairs for work done

Presentation of Awards

- 1) Appreciation to Dr. Shirley Ford for her excellent work on the Houston Souvenir Journal
- 2) Dr. Ford's personal gifts to the Sections were \$500 to the Southwestern Section and \$300 to the Western Section
- 3) Special appreciation to Dr. Ford for her noteworthy dedication to the American Bridge Association
- 4) Presentation of plaques to outgoing SVP's: Wilma Alexander, Eastern; James Hunter, Great Lakes and Gwendolyn Middlebrooks, Southern

Welcome to new SVP's:

George Hudson, Eastern; Barbara Hutson, Great Lakes; Gloria Christler, Southern

Secretary's Report—Anita Troy—see attached

Treasurer's Report—George Saunders—see attached

- His desire has been to raise the reserves to an amount equal to ABA's number of years in existence; we are pretty much there
- ABA is in the black which is mostly due to the increase in membership dues
- Urged members to continue playing bridge as this is what helps us to remain in the black

DISCUSSION:

- Does Treasurer's report confirm Secretary's report, financially?
- What are the amounts in the bank?
As of 2/28/09: \$92,000 in the Money Market Account and approximately \$90,000 in the checking account (unreconciled)



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- Members would like to see a written report at meetings
- Recommendation that a committee be formed, separate from the Board to study trends of the Spring and Summer tournaments. There are many talented people in the ABA with financial expertise
- Executive Board should insist that written reports be available to membership

Report of 2009 Houston Spring National Tournament—Opal White

Welcome to Houston

Special thanks to everyone who assisted in making the tournament a success

Gwen Gresham, Section VP's and Committee Members

Report of Recommendations Committee—Vice President Janice Van Buren

Board received recommendations but did not have opportunity to act on them. A detailed report will be published in the **BULLETIN**. The National Recommendations Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The members present were: Dr. George Love, Eastern; JoAnne McDowell, Southern; Ruth McIntosh, Midwestern; Berrye Thompson, Great Lakes; Rita Robinson, Western; Opal White, Southwestern; Brenda Polk, Northwestern; Clara Berryhill, Mid-Atlantic; and chairman Vice President Janice Van Buren. There were four recommendations submitted to the committee:

RECOMMENDATION #1: MORE DAYTIME NATIONWIDE GAMES submitted by Ruth McIntosh of the Midwestern Section.

Rationale: The majority of ABA members are retired and prefer not to travel to games at night. It would be financially beneficial to the National organization to have more Nationwide daytime games. The safety of all members must be of great concern.

Committee Action: make December Nationwide game a daytime game.

RECOMMENDATION #2: HOLD THE NATIONWIDE SUPER OPEN PAIRS GAME IN A MONTH OTHER THAN DECEMBER submitted by Karen Tillis of the Northwestern Section.

Rationale: Inclement weather prohibits several cities from holding this game. December is busy enough with holiday events.

Committee Action: move 3rd Friday December Nationwide game to the 1st Friday in December (daytime).

RECOMMENDATION #3: A GRADE "A" WEEKEND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE MAY INCLUDE AT LEAST FOUR (4) SESSIONS OF OPEN PAIR GAMES submitted by Marjorie Marcellus of the Great Lakes.

Rationale: Many clubs/units are small and members have differences in classification, compatibility, age, and health conditions resulting in a lack of established partnerships. Having single session games will result in a "win win" situation for the ABA. The sanction fee received for two "single sessions" each day of the tournament will be the same as a "2 session" game on one day and 2 single session games on another day.

Committee Action: There is no requirement listed in the ABA Handbook that a Grade "A" weekend must include a "2 session" game. Therefore, single session games are permitted.

RECOMMENDATION #4: A STRUCTURAL, GEOGRAPHICAL CHANGE BE MADE IN THE ABA-DELETING CITIES, UNIT/CLUBS THAT DO NOT EXIST, AND REALIGNING THOSE THAT ARE FUNCTIONING ACCORDING TO DISTANCE APART submitted by Marjorie Marcellus of the Great Lakes Section.

Rationale: Many units/clubs are extinct. If a review were made of all sections, there is no doubt that the number of active clubs has decreased significantly, and a re-alignment is long overdue. A structural reorganization of the ABA should result in fewer sections (from 8 to 6 or less) and this would be cost saving.

Committee Action: The National President appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of a structural change. This committee should include at least one representative from each section.

Report of National Tournament Authority—Robert Wallace

- Special thanks to the senior staff for continued excellence in performance and working as a team!!! They epitomize team work.
- Table count in Houston is low in comparison to Cleveland2008:

Cleveland	198	Houston	175.5
Cleveland	245	Houston	216.6
KO Teams	77	Houston	64
KO Teams	76	Houston	51
MP Tables	730	Houston	23

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- Revisiting Schedules; restructuring KO, particularly handicapping if we have enough players to come back

DISCUSSION:

- ◆ Need to look at sites where we hold tournaments. Consideration should be given to cities where there are great numbers of members.
- ◆ Tournaments should be held where there are local clubs/units to host tournaments. Motivation will be there to work for the success of the tournament.
- ◆ What is the status of a recommendation from Leon Ragland regarding schedule? The schedule is presently with the NTC for review and recommendation.
- ◆ To date, we have not had a New Players Section. Believes that when tournaments are held in no host locations, New Players will not be in attendance. New Players must be sought out as they are the future of the ABA.
- ◆ Poor contracts are self-inflicted. Both the President and the Vice President should sign contracts for thorough review before implementation. The negotiator should be very cautious in covering every element of the contract.

REPORT OF MEMPHIS TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, Pearl Smoot

Greetings and Welcome to the membership to Memphis. Thank you for the privilege of serving as chairman for the 2009 Summer National. The theme is "Rolling on the River—It's All in the Bridge Game." Members were urged to come to Memphis. Tours of the Memphis area are scheduled and Casino trips are planned.

REPORT BY FOUNDATION PRESIDENT, Carrolena Key

The goals of the ABAECF are directly related to the goals of the ABA. Small grants are available to all units for bridge education and for Youth programs. We are in need of volunteers to help formulate ideas and oversee programs. All donations to the ABAECF are tax deductible. \$24,000 is to be awarded in September, 2009 to our 24 scholarship recipients. There is a new initiative in place to make money for the Foundation by selling "Golden Oldies" CDs. Two innovative projects were presented: "Make Money for the ABA Foundation while on the Internet," and Verizon and Internet Partnerships. A contribution to the F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship Fund by the St. Louis Bridge Unit in honor of Betty Markey. They requested a scholarship in Betty Markey's name to signify appreciation for her stellar contributions to the Scholarship Fund. A plaque was presented to honor Midwestern Section Vice President Betty Markey's outstanding work and contributions to the F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of Elections Committee, Lily Cleveland

- Members of the committee were introduced: Faye Brooks, Travis Curry Sr., Virginia Fanning, Errol Grant, Flora Hazzard, Alfred Hooper, Helen Hudson, Gladys Johnson, and Gertrude Peoples.
- Voting will be by absentee ballot and on-site voting.

Opened the floor for nomination of officers.

	Nominated by	Second by
President:		
Hank Irwin, Jr.	Thelma Morgan	Brenda Polk
Leola Rucker	Aldis Raymond	Marian Womack
Vice President:		
Carrolena Key	Dr. Clarice Reid	Janet Kincannon
Mary Mason Young	Hedy Hunt-Echard	Lillian Holeman
Secretary:		
Willetta Phipps	Dr. Charles Walker	Mildred Crump
Treasurer:		
George Saunders	Pearl Smoot	Elmo Smoot
Harriett Motley	Valerie Moultrie	Dr. Charles Townsel

MOTION: that the nominations be closed on the above names. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita E. Troy, National Secretary, ABA
Recorded by Madeline Miller, Board Secretary



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AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
SUMMER NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
August 6 - 15, 2009
MEMPHIS, TN.
NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

To: Madam President Rucker, Board Members and
Members of the American Bridge Association.

Good Morning. This is the last report that I, as National Secretary, will be presenting to the membership.

I was honored to be elected National Secretary in 2007 and was fully committed to achieving my goals and objectives as outlined in my campaign literature. However, personal illness forced me to withdraw as a candidate for re-election. Please believe me, this decision truly affected my dreams of what I could do for ABA. Therefore, I would like to humbly apologize to you - the membership - that I was unable to keep my promises, however, I do intend to keep working in ABA until I can no longer do so.

Distribution of the Profit and Loss Statement from October 2008 through June 30, 2009 has been printed in the Flash. Hopefully, any questions can be answered by the Treasurer. If not, Mrs. Gloria Christler should be able to provide answers since she was hired to assist in correcting the Quick Book Program.

The Board of Directors has approved the Fiscal Year for all reports and races as January 1 through December 31st, in lieu of October 1 through September 30th. The next Audit performed will be October 1, 2008 through December 31st, 2009.

The above action will have an impact on when National Officers and Section Vice Presidents will assume office. According to the current By-Laws, the effective date is October 1st. This should be changed to reflect January 1st of the incoming year (January 1, 2010). This action will change some Section By-Laws.

Since I am unable to attend the tournament, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the individuals that I asked to assist in performing my responsibilities at the National tournament: Gertrude Guffie, Madeline Miller, Gwendolyn Gresham, Leola Rucker, Janice Van Buren, George Saunders, Vernice Whitfield, Edith Morgan, Gloria Christler, and Tim Beaumont (Handyman at National Office in Atlanta). If I omitted anyone, I am sincerely sorry.

I will be writing a last article for the October Bulletin and will touch on my concerns in several areas affecting ABA as a result of my past two (2) years in office.

Lastly, the new National Secretary, Ms. Willetta Phipps, will be assuming office October 1st, 2009. We intend to have a smooth transition.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your National Secretary.

Anita E. Troy
National Secretary, ABA



Meeting Agenda

AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.
HILTON MEMPHIS HOTEL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

Introduction of Board – Iris Williams West

Call to Order

Invocation – Janice Van Buren, Vice President, ABA

Welcoming Remarks –

Mr. Kermit Madison, Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau
ACBL President, Jerry Fleming

Roll Call

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Reports

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Memphis Summer National General Chairperson
National Tournament Authority
Recommendations Committee
Budget and Finance Committee
Aba/ECF
Elections Committee

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

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NORTHWESTERN, GREAT LAKES
AND WESTERN

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

