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43rd Spring National Bridge Tournament
 Sponsored by the Eastern Section
 Morristown, New Jersey

Issue Three

Tuesday

April 19, 2011

EVENTS OF TOMORROW

Wednesday 4/20 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	10:00 AM
DAN SCRIVENS OPEN PAIRS 2 Sessions	1:30 & 8:00 PM
(Field IV - Qualifying; all others play through)	
(ABA Membership Required)	
Side Game Series Afternoon (4 of 5)	1:30 PM
Mardi Gras Buffet Awards Presentation	5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Side Game Series Evening (4 of 5)	8:00 PM

The American Bridge Association was conceived from the ranks of the American Tennis Association. A duplicate bridge game was suggested for relaxation between tennis matches. Some of those in attendance at Buckroe Beach in Virginia were: Dr. John McGriff, Portsmouth, VA, Drs. E.L. and L.L. Downing of Roanoke, VA, and Dr. W.E. DuBisette. Both the tennis match and bridge event were deemed successful, which resulted in staging bridge games concurrently with tennis events. Although the ABA originally was established as an outlet for blacks to play organized bridge at a time when they were not allowed to play in the mainstream league, currently ABA embraces members of all races and ethnicities and has full endorsement and support of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and the United States Bridge Federation (USBF).

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MORNING SIDE GAME SERIES 1 OF 4 4-18-11 7.5 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
13.51	1			#04760 Loisteen Murff, Punta Gorda, FL #03164 Bobbie Turner, Houston TX	78.83
10.13	2	1	1	#13226 Robert Mitchell, Wilmington, DE #10949 Shirley Gross, Brooklyn NY	74.89
7.60	3			#00761 Joyce Goodridge, So. Ozone Prk NY #11394 Saundra Jones, Brentwood NY	63.18
7.02	4	2	2	#14559 Gail Daniel, Conyers GA; #08531 Barbara Peals, Baltimore MD	62.71
5.27	5	3		#07425 Carolyn Curry #07427 Travis Curry, Mukilteo WA	61.30
3.95		4	3	#01524 Theresa Smith, East Orange, NJ #01417 Daisy Douglas, Montclair NJ	60.71

SECTION WINNERS: Clydia Woods, Olive Fulton
Carolyn Curry, Travis Curry

MIXED PAIRS CONSOLATION 4-17-11 8PM 16.5 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
17.36	1	1		#13763 Larry Cooke, Indy, IN #13920 Elizabeth Alexander, Memphis TN	180.48
13.02	2	2		#09536 Walter Taylor Sr. #01415 Essie Bullock, East Orange NJ	166.66
9.77	3	3		#13791 Carrie Grady #13790 Paul Grady, Charlotte NC	162.08
7.32	4	4		#01139 John Stevens, Patterson NJ #09492 Masalina Goodman, Baltimore MD	158.72
5.49	5			#04069 Marvin Allen, Southfield MI; #04790 Jacqueline Johnson, Gold Canyon AZ	155.12
6-40	6	5		#01401 Edwina Connell, Nutley NJ; #01405 David Harris, Belleville NJ	153.56
5.69		6		#12760 Brenda Metze, Houston TX; #12489 James O Morgan, Cypress TX	152.14
8.64			1	#12621 Lorraine Hinds, White Plains NY; #15141 William Wood, NY	146.44
6.48			2	#02066 Birnell Hatcher, East Point GA #14902 Eric Shelton, Atlanta GA	138.33
5.18			3	#01635 James Buford, Fredericksburg VA; #10687 Sara Buford, Fredericksburg VA	134.62

Best Wishes and "Get Well Soon" to Randolph Young , Mary's better half and also to "Doe" from Hedy and Vernice. We are thinking about both of you and want you to know that you are truly missed!



Mary Moragne was unaffected by the tornadoes and other bad weather in Raleigh. She said she will be back on the bridge scene very soon and will play with Marvin Comer as promised.

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MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 417-11 FINALS 8PM 22.0 Tables/Based on 39

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
57.84	1			#00227 Clarice Reid, Bethesda, MD #00310 Reggie Chapman, FT Wash. MD	335.62
43.38	2			#08023 Jerrie Thomas, Upper Marlboro MD; #03561 Harold Bickham, Indy IN	324.50
32.54	3			#03853 Harold Singleton, So. Orange NJ #02763 Willetta Phipps, Atlanta GA	307.84
47.97	4	1		#07504 Wilford Mack, Cape May Court H NJ; #11348 Jeanette Brewer, Villanova PA	299.35
35.98	5	2		#12698 Norman James, Chicago IL; #03134 Mattie Young, IL	291.35
13.73	6			#05034 Benny R Patton, Atlanta GA; #06350 Evelyn Adkins, Dallas TX	282.41
10.29	7			#01259 Luis Pietri, Philly #06652 Mae Clark, Arlington TX	279.50
7.72	8			#00813 Ednelvyn Evans, Teaneck NJ; #00848 I Calvin Morris, Jamaica NY	276.71
6.43	9			#04421 Edith S Morgan, Las Vegas, NV #00245 Louis Garner, Temple Hills MD	276.53
5.78	10			#01600 Winston O Edwards #06024 Regena Edwards, Laurel MD	275.56
5.26	11			#06003 Lionel Barton, Missouri City TX #04645 Bessie W Haley, Charleston WV	268.44
4.82	12			#05077 Harley Wyatt, So Pasadena CA; #01331 George Love, Harrisburg PA	265.53
26.98		3		#15176 Julian Wernick, NY; #00761 Joyce Goodridge, South Ozone Park NY	250.47
20.24		4		#00599 Mildred L Debnam, Raleigh, NC #14116 Mayer Wiesen, Sea Cliff NY	238.59
19.00		5	1	#01437 Duncan Walton, Annapolis, MD #14185 Daisy Smith, Silver Spring MD	201.98
11.38		6		#04512 Harold Cochran, Downington, PA; #00297 Clara W Berryhill, Mitchellville MD	201.57

I'm just Sayin'! Do you ever stop and think about whose name goes first on the registration slip? Sometimes, whoever purchases the slip writes their name first. Sometimes the "wife" gets the slip and she puts her "husband's" name first and then hers. Sometimes she puts her name first. Sometimes the daughter purchases the slip and puts mother's name first. Sometimes the mother purchases the slip and puts her name first. Sometimes the "father" purchases a table and fills in all four names depending on how he feels. Sometimes one player purchases the slip and puts their name second out of respect for their partner. When a "pro" plays with an "am", the pro usually puts his/her name first.

Now, take a look at the Mixed Pairs game on Sunday. You have some pairs where the lady's name is first and some where the gentleman's name is first. Is there a reason that in 2010 in Orlando and 2011 in Morristown the winning pair had the lady's name first? Jerrie Thomas and Harold Bickham were the winners last year and were second this year. Clarice Reid and Reggie Chapman have won this game several times! I'm just sayin'!



MIXED PAIRS SECTION WINNERS

A	B	C	A N/S
1			Harold Singleton, Willetta Phipps
			B N/S
1			Edith Morgan, Louis Garner
	1		Mildred Debnam, Mayer Wiesen
			FIRST SESSION SECTION WINNERS
			A N/S
1			Worth Christler, Gloria Christler
		1	Liam Johnstone, Sandra Jones
	1		Julian Wernick, Joyce Goodridge
			A E/W
	1		Wilford Mack, Jeanette Brewer
1			William Foster, Alice Brown
			B N/S
	1		C David Smith Jr., Brenda Green
		1	Duncan Walton, Daisy Smith
			B E/W
1			Lionel Barton, Bessie Haley
	1		Norman James, Mattie Young
			C N/S
	1		Walter Forbers, Lois DeLine
			C E/W
1			Harold Minus, Jewel Chapman
	1		Harold Cochran, Clara Berryhill
		1	JoeAnne Williams, Robert Williams

SIDE GAME SERIES 2 OF 5 APRIL 18, 2011 8PM 10.0 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE	
	A	B	C			
13.57	1			#14559 Gail Daniel, Conyers ; #05043 James Green, Harrisburg	115.65	
10.18	2	1		#00900 Shirley Dillard, Lawrenceville #01061 Alice Gasaway, Pinehurst	104.57	
7.63	3	2		#07425 Carolyn Curry #07427 Travis Curry, Mukilteo	102.14	
5.72	4			#01413 Lillian Williams, Hillside #01941 Joyce N Wilson, Lansdowne	99.14	
6.88	5	3	1	#14170 Gloria V Cooper #13797 Lovie L Lynch, Houston	97.71	
3.96		4		#05462 Inez V Petty, Stafford #05461 Vivian Johnson, San Diego	92.00	
2.97		5		#11927 Marian Mercer, Brooklyn #00810 Charles Guest, Mt Vernon	87.01	S P R I N G
5.16			2	#00645 Marcia Demos, Far Rockaway #14766 Marion Ragab, Middle Village	81.00	
3.87			3	#13226 Robert Mitchell, Wilmington #10949 Shirley Gross, Brooklyn	78.44	
2.90			4	#13442 Juanita Merritt, Detroit Virgie Dunlap-King, Fairbanks AK	77.43	2 0 1 1
2.18			5	#01417 Daisy Douglas, Montclair #01524 Theresa Smith, East Orange	76.36	



NEW PLAYERS O/P APRIL 18, 2011 1:30PM 8.0 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
9.65	1	1	#14918 Tamera Campbell-Norris #14964 Warren Norris, Cleveland OH	70.00
7.24	2	2	#14976 Lorraine Calgie, Warrensville OH; #14919 Lillie L Pearl, Bedford Heights OH	68.50
5.43	3	3	#15167 Sandra True #15168 Victoria True, Potomac MD	67.50
4.07	4		#14601 Karen Hill, Philadelphia PA #08531 Barbara Peals, Baltimore MD	65.50
3.05	5		#12958 Joyce Eversley, Bronx NY; #14040 Viola Porter, Mt Vernon NY	64.50
2.19		4	#12080 Wilma Armstrong, Dover NJ; #14373 Traci Stukes	64.00


NEW PLAYERS O/P APRIL 18, 2011 8PM 6.5 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
9.62	1		#14040 Viola Porter, Mt Vernon NY; #12958 Joyce Eversley, Bronx NY	74.85
7.22	2		#13899 Barbara Jean Jennings, New York #13903 Dorothy Haime, Bronx NY	68.40
5.41	3	1	#14746 Connie Stewart, Memphis TN; #15056 John Demos,	68.35
4.06	4	2	#13912 Ronnie Collins #14192 Roberta Devine, Philadelphia PA	66.25
2.91		3	#14964 Warren Norris #14918 Tamera Campbell-Norris, Cleveland OH	64.35

Attention New Players!

The Photographer, Barbara Vinzant would like to take pictures of ALL FIRST PLACE WINNERS. Please let Barbara know where you are so she can take your picture. You will be featured in the July, 2011 **ABA BULLETIN**.

TEE SHIRT DAY THURSDAY

 Be sure and get your 2011 Spring National Tee Shirt or Sweat shirt to wear Thursday. See Gladys Smith on the Ballroom level to get one if you don't already have one.

**REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY
2011 SPRING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
MORRISTOWN NEW JERSEY**

Greetings from your National Office,

The ABA office is continually updating the memberships, point awards, friend races, milestone achievers, etc. to efficiently and effectively manage each member's record. Club, Unit, and Sectional games are received by our office on a daily basis and Gertrude makes sure that the information is posted. We continue to update the point races on the website monthly. As reported earlier, we are updating our point award system, and I am happy to report that the job is complete! We will test the system here in Morristown and hope to have a smooth transition. However, for the system to work efficiently following this tournament, all directors of Club, Unit, and Sectional games must be proficient in the use of the ACBL scoring program. Please attend training sessions as soon as they are offered. Points will not be recorded if they are not sent to the National Office correctly!

The other major function of our office is managing all expenditures. Madeline works with Quick Books, our software accounting program to maintain our financial records. We currently have contracted with an accountant who is reconstructing our financials to bring our records up to date. Some of our receivables and expenditures have not been inputted correctly over several years, and this has affected the in-house accounting of some of our records. The updates should be completed by the end of April and we will have the 2010 audit completed and submitted to the Board at the Summer National in Scottsdale.

The following charts compare our memberships for the past three years. As you can see, our numbers are steadily decreasing.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Sections	2010	2009	2008
Eastern	557	602	613
Great Lakes	427	452	490
Mid-Atlantic	489	510	508
Midwest	480	504	523
Northwest	92	75	91
Southern	527	564	570
Southwest	266	277	259
Western	344	370	352

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<u>Levels</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Asterisks	655	791	800
Master	457	469	459
Life Master	497	510	523
Senior Life Master	301	310	333
Ruby	367	386	399
Diamond	470	465	485
Silver Diamond	265	262	250
Gold Diamond	108	108	104
Platinum	40	35	38
Grand Master	22	18	15

More than 500 members have not renewed their membership from 2010. We will be sending a letter to each of these former members reminding them that memberships are due and encouraging them to renew. I am optimistic that we will reach 3000 by the end of 2011, but my challenge in previous reports is to reach 3500! We must make sincere efforts in our cities to recruit new members and reclaim others. If you have a strategy that is working in your area, please send it to me and I will post in on our website.

Membership Comparison between 2010 and 1st quarter of 2011

<u>Sections</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>1st qtr. 2011</u>	<u>Renewal%</u>
Eastern	557	481	86
Great Lakes	427	338	79
Mid-Atlantic	489	443	91
Midwest	480	426	89
Northwest	92	68	74
Southern	527	472	90
Southwest	266	250	94
Western	344	294	85
Total	3182	2772	86%

Income and expenditures for the National Office are within budget for the current fiscal year. We have transferred \$18,649.53 to the ABA Foundation this year.



National Office income and expenditures from July 1, 2010 through April 12, 2011:

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Membership Dues	\$108,897	Payroll	\$30,572
Charter Fees	4,085	Utilities	15,464
Sanction Fees	54,729	Postage	1469
Printing	987	Maintenance	415
Handbook	60	Office Supplies	1615
		Printer (Overage/ Toner)	825
		Trash Collection	1110
		Internet	539
		Payroll taxes	2,161
		Blue Cross	5360
		Insurance	3454
TOTAL INCOME	\$168,758	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$62,984

We will be doing some spring cleaning of the office when we return from Morristown. Also, our driveway to the parking lot is in need of repair and we hope to complete that project in May or June.

My focus following this tournament will be on the ABA Handbook. An update is long overdue. I will begin posting updates on the ABA website as soon as possible. Thanks again to Gertrude Guffie, our Administrative Assistant, and to Madeline Miller, Office Manager, for the outstanding work that they do for our organization.

Willetta Phipps,
ABA National Secretary

Treasurer's Report as of April 12, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings **\$330,977.62**

Accounts Receivable **939.00**

Other Current Assets **31,562.52**

Total Current Assets **363,479.14**

Fixed Assets **\$120,174.79**

TOTAL ASSETS **\$483,653.93**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Total Liabilities **90,687.23**

Equity **392,966.70**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **483,653.93**

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RECOMMENDATIONS—VICE PRESIDENT MARY M. YOUNG

Recommendation 1: The elections process return to the process wherein ballots are included in the Bulletin and all financial members may receive a ballot are included in the BULLETIN and all financial members may receive a ballot without having to request one from THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE and then returning it.

Submitted by: Jacqueline E, Moss- Detroit, MI

Recommendation 2: Reduce the number of days from 10 to 8 for our Summer National Tournaments.

Submitted by: Gloria Christler, Atlanta, GA

Recommendation 3: We recommend a Mentor/Mentee game at each level below the mentor and they should study, practice, talk and play before Nationals (4-6 months recommended). Bridgebase.com allows long distance connections and practice prior to game time at Nationals. The game should carry points at a higher level than the Pro/Am game. The fields would be stratified according to the mentor’s stratification. We recommend that this game occur when there is no Knock Out scheduled so that all can participate. Scheduling the first or last day of National might be an additional drawing card for participation.

Rationale: This game would enhance our members learning, encourage diversity with partners and provide continual support for players in lower fields. This should provide fun, bridge development, and camaraderie between different fields.

Recommendation 4: It is recommended that all directors of Grade A and higher rated tournaments be required to submit results of all games directed by them for **inclusion and posting to the ABA Tournament Trail within five days of the event.** Further, that if directors are not sufficiently knowledgeable about how this should be done, that the ABA National Office through the National Secretary or appropriately designated officer post directions and directives on the Website that notifies all active directors of this requirement and the procedures for implementing the requirement.

Rationale: There is a general inconsistency in when and if tournament (Grade A or higher) results are posted to the ABA Tournament Trail. Some Sections, Units and Clubs have their directors or they submit this information on all events to the Webmaster for posting in timely manners. Others send only the results for some events, often leaving off the Team Game (KOs, MRRs, Open Teams etc results). There are often variations in what is posted for the number of places paid. Clearly, we need some quality control in this area and consistent directions on what should be submitted to our directors. As ABA players and others like to see the results of all tournaments and since this information can be used for future planning as well as marketing of tournaments across the ABA, by Sections, Units and Clubs, consistency is very important.

I am therefore making the above recommendation in the hopes that the National Office would assist in establishing guidelines that ensure consistency in this area.

**Submitted by:
Shirley Williams-Atlanta, GA**

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RECOMMENDATION 5: Where the Swiss Team cannot be flighted and is stratified, the first session of the event should allow the various strats to play against each other before being mixed with other strats in the event.

RATIONALE: The ABA handbook (pp-IV 52) identifies procedures for the Stratified Swiss Team Game and states that during the first half, teams in the top field will be matched against teams in the top flight. Teams in the lower field will be matched against teams in the lower field. Exceptions to the above will be made ONLY where it is necessary to make matches. Many directors may not know this and others may find it easier to have a totally mixed field and give no consideration to the lower field.

Submitted by: Henry Irwin-Austin , TX

RECOMMENDATION 7: The Knockout teams be ranked using complete random draw.

RATIONALE: Due to the greater disparity between teams in the ABA structure, having team 1 consisting of 6 Grand Masters play team 16 is usually unfair. There is usually no comparison in these team skill levels. The random draw will allow team 16 to draw a lower number and sometimes play a team other than team.

Submitted by: Henry Irwin-Austin, TX

RECOMMENDATION 8 THE ABA SHOULD ASSIST ITS CLUBS, UNITS AND SECTIONS BY CREATING A STRONG BRAND FOR THE ORGANIZATION. THIS WOULD INCLUDE DEVELOPING LITERATURE THAT FOSTERS A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE ABA THAT WILL ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION AND TO GET INVOLVED WITH IT. IT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE FREQUENT UPDATES ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF UNITS, CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CONTEXT OF BRIDGE .

RATIONALE: IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC IS NOT KNOWN, OR NOT WELL KNOWN. WE NEED TO DEVELOP THE MEANS OF EFFECTIVELY SPREADING THE ABA STORY TO A WIDER AUDIENCE AND MAKING SURE THAT THE MESSAGE IS ATTRACTIVE AND CONSISTENT.

RECOMMENDATION 9 AS PART OF THIS BRANDING EFFORT, THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD ALSO INVEST IN THE HIRING OF A PROFESSIONAL WEBMASTER TO DEVELOP A WELL DESIGNED, EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND ATTRACTIVE FORMAT FOR THE ABA WEBSITE

RECOMMENDATION 10 FURTHER, AS PART OF THIS BRANDING EFFORT, THE ABA SHOULD ANNUALLY ADOPT AN SLOGAN WHICH SUCCINCTLY SUMMARIZES THE ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EMPHASIS FOR THE YEAR. THIS SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE WEBSITE; AND IN ALL PUBLISHED MATERIALS OF THE ABA AND SERVE AS THE UNIFYING THEME FOR THE WORK OF ALL MAJOR ABA COMMITTEES.

Submitted by Andy and Shirley Williams-Atlanta , GA

RECOMMENDATION 11: that the ABA National Office annually sends out a block of available ABA Membership Numbers to each club secretary. If a new player pays his/her dues, the person will immediately receive his ABA Number. Once the National Office has processed the new members' dues, he/she will receive an Official ABA Card with the same number that was assigned at the local level. The appropriate internal controls must be established at all levels to insure that the money gets to the National Office in a timely manner. Further that the number on each member's card is one of the numbers assigned in the Club's block of available ABA Membership Numbers.



RECOMMENDATION 12: It is also recommended that all ABA procedures for bringing new members into the organization be examined by an independent committee. This committee will look at all policies and procedures involved with the intake of new members and identify areas where procedures can either be eliminated, combined or streamlined to make the process quicker, cost effective and transparent.

Submitted by: Andrew and Shirley Williams- Atlanta, GA

RATIONALE: THE ABA HAS MANY FINANCIAL CHALLENGES. ONE OF ITS OPPORTUNITIES IS TO INCREASE ITS REVENUES THROUGH PROFITABLE NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS. IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT OUR NATIONALS ARE IN FACT PROFITABLE, THE ASSOCIATION MUST CHOOSE ATTRACTIVE SITES.

RECOMMENDATION 13: THAT THE ABA CONSISTENTLY CHOOSE SITE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- THE SITE MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE CLUB OR UNIT THAT CAN TAKE THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING THE TOURNAMENT AND HELPING TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL AND NATIONAL ATTENDANCE
- THE CITY WHERE THE NATIONAL IS HELD SHOULD HAVE ADEQUATE HOTEL SPACE WITH SUFFICIENT PLAYING SPACE AND OTHER AMENITIES THAT WILL MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE TO MEMBERS.
- THE CITY SHOULD HAVE AIRLINE FLIGHTS AT REASONABLE RATES AND TRANSPORTATION THAT MAKES IT ACCESSIBLE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL
- IT SHOULD HAVE ATTRACTIONS OTHER THAN BRIDGE, THAT WILL ENCOURAGE PLAYERS AS WELL AS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND
- TIMES AND DATES SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE WISHES OF THE MEMBERS
- WEATHER FACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN SELECTING SITES
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RECOMMENDATION 14: IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITE SELECTION PROCESS—THE PROCESS SHOULD BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT TO MEMBERS. THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT INTO THE SELECTION PROCESS.

Submitted by: Shirley and Anderson Williams-Atlanta ,GA

Committee Members:

- Errol Grant –Eastern Section
- Hedy Echard ,Clara Berryhill-Mid-Atlantic Section
- Brenda Polk-Northwestern Section
- Henry Irwin, Mary Ann Broussard-Southwestern
- Robert Wallace-Mid-Western Section
- Berrye Thompson-Great Lakes Section
- Gloria Christler, Lillian Holeman-Southern Section
- Mary Mason Young, Chairman



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SCHEDULE		
Thursday May 12	NWS Executive Board Meeting Open Pairs Seattle/Tacoma Unit Meeting Open Pairs	11:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm
Friday May 13	Delores Alex Open Pairs (1st of Two) Delores Alex Open Pairs (2nd of Two) Edward L. West, Sr. KO (1st Round)	9:00am 2:00pm 7:00pm
Saturday May 14	Edward L. West, Sr. KO (2nd Round) Side Game Edward L. West, Sr. KO (Finals) Open Pairs NWS Membership Meeting Open Pairs	9:00am 9:00am 2:00pm 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm
Sunday May 15	Memorial Service Dortha Bowen Swiss Teams (1st Ses.) Luncheon (\$15) Dortha Bowen Swiss Teams (2nd Ses.)	9:00am 9:30am 12:30pm TBA
\$9.00 Per Session		

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Thursday 4/21	G-2 PRO - AM OPEN PAIRS (Pre-register by midnight, Wed Optional)	9:00 AM
	(AM's Must be under 600 Master Points)	
	AM KO TEAMS Semi-Finals	9:00 AM
	AM II - KO TEAMS Semi-Finals	
	Side Game Series Morning (3 of 4)	
	G-1C NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS – CHAMPIONSHIP	1:30 & 8:00 PM
	2 SESSIONS - FLIGHTED - STRATIFIED (ABA Membership Required)	
	0/2000 - IMP's to VP's, 20 pt. Scale, all others Wins/Losses	
	Side Game Series Afternoon (5 of 5)	1:30 PM
	Side Game Series Evening (5 of 5)	8:00 PM
Friday 4/22	AM KO TEAMS Finals	9:00 AM
	AM II - KO TEAMS Finals	
	G-1 OPEN PAIRS (Single Session)	
	Side Game Series Morning (4 of 4)	

NEW PLAYERS SCHEDULE - 10-299

Wed.	April 20, 2011	General Membership Meeting 10:00 AM
		Open Pairs 1:30 PM & 8:00 PM
		Mardi Gras Buffet Awards Presentation 5:00—7:30 PM
Thurs.	April 21, 2011	Pro –Am Open Pairs 9:00 AM
		Open Pairs 1:30 PM & 8:00 PM
		New Players Reception 5:30 PM
Friday	April 22, 2011	Open Pairs 9:00 AM
		(Open pairs or team games daily 1:30 and 8:00 pm if applicable)

TIPS WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE EACH GAME

Ruth Young and Bettie Harden
Co-Chairmen



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PERSONALS

Playing tournament bridge is one of the most exciting parts of my life. When I travel to play, it is about more than seeing old friends, winning and collecting Scrip or losing. It is my time to refresh and minimize the myriad problems which are before me every day. I feel compelled to write about what has happened since I arrived in Morristown. It has been more than I expected.

From the moment I arrived, everything, except my bridge prowess has been as close to perfect as one could expect. Driving through torrential rain is not my favorite thing. But upon arrival, the courtesy extended to me cheered me up considerably. Then those "hot" mashed potatoes, meat loaf and salad made the trip worthwhile. It is no secret that I love good food.

It is not easy to organize an event for hundreds of people. We are so often quick to criticize and very slow to praise. So, I am taking this moment to praise George Hudson and Edna Booth along with their committee for the great job they have done. I do believe we are setting records for the numbers of tables in play and the hospitality has been extraordinary.

George and Edna are to be congratulated for a job well done. As Clint Eastwood said in paraphrase, "you have made my day. Thanks for your commitment to this organization.

Mildred C. Crump

Hi Tolliver McKinney

Everyone is asking about you and all are anxious to say HELLO. As a New/Not-So-New player, Welcome to our 2011 ABA Spring National games in Morristown, NJ and NY. I am so proud of you and to be your sister.

My Immutable Love, Roberta Wyche

Dear Gertrude Peoples:

We wish you a speedy recovery. We're sorry you had to miss the Spring National, but we'll be ready to party with you this summer in Scottsdale.

Smooches,

Shirley, Eunice, Karen, Carolyn, Travis, Iris, Ray and Brenda

NEW PLAYERS: Welcome our New Players in the Manhattan Room (located in the Conference Center). We are averaging 6-9 tables one of the largest new player sections in years. Stop by and say Hello!



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American Bridge Association, Inc.
Morristown Hyatt Hotel
General Membership Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 20, 2011—10:00 AM

National President Leola Rucker, presiding

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Welcoming Remarks
- IV. Roll Call— National Secretary Willetta Phipps
- V. Minutes of the Norfolk, VA meeting
- VI. Reports:
 - A. President Leola Rucker
 - B. National Secretary Willetta Phipps
 - C. National Treasurer Harriett Motley
 - D. General Chairman, Morristown Spring National
 - E. National Tournament Authority – Bob Wallace
 - F. Recommendations Committee - National Vice President Mary Young
 - G. National Tournament Committee—Worth Christler
 - H. Election Committee Chairman—Gladys Johnson
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjournment

DINNER CONCESSION 4:30-7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Homemade Lasagna with Garlic Bread

ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MARDI GRAS BUFFET. PLEASE SEE LORELL JENNINGS OR EDNA BOOTHE BEFORE GAME TIME ON WEDNESDAY.

