

# Great Lakes Section



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In July, I was honored to be elected Vice President of the Great Lakes Section and Florence Carter as elected Secretary/Treasurer. We pledge to perform our duties to the best of our ability and we ask for the continued support of the membership.

One of my duties is to appoint committee chairpersons. Therefore, I have appointed someone from every City in the Section to serve as Chairman or Co-Chairman of a committee. We are so proud of the three GLS cities with large clubs or units, Cleveland, Dayton and Detroit. However, we are also most pleased that the smaller clubs, Buffalo,

Columbus, Pittsburgh, Wilberforce and Youngstown, continue to function and provide an opportunity to play this wonderful game in their cities.

The committee chairpersons appointed for 2013-2014 are:

## ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing Committees of the Great Lakes Section shall be, and the chairman are:

1. Scholarship: Joann Miller
2. Life Membership/Merit Award / Section Recognition: Norma Jenkins
3. New Player: Tamara Harris
4. Bridge Education/Teacher Certification: Marjorie Marcellus
5. Recommendations and Grievance: Dora Brown
6. Election: Dolores Merritt & Joseph Dowdell
7. Budget and Finance: Mary Sirmons
8. History and Archives: Thelma Woodson
9. Fund Raising/National Sales: Sarah Groves
10. National Tournament: James Hunter
11. National Election: Flora Hazzard & Helen Anderson
12. Public Relations: Yvonne Paul
13. Sectional Tournaments: Albert Freeman
14. Host City 2014 "Detroit": Shirley McGinnis
15. Host City 2013 "Cleveland": Steve Hill & Lawrence Wills
16. Flagship Newsletter: Doanne Jackson
17. Constitution & By-Laws: David Glass & Ellen Fleming
18. Staff Development: Kenneth Vernon
19. Webmaster: Albert Freeman
20. Bridge Connection/Membership: Sherry Griffin & Lucille McGhee
21. ABA/ACBL Liaison: Robert Carroll

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## SICK AND SHUT INS

Let us remember our sick and shut-ins with prayers, cards, phone calls and visits!

Estelle Anderson, Warnella Jones, Henry Clarett, Jewel Marshall, Elvia Gibson, Clyde Murphy

## Remember to send a copy of your 404a with GLS Section dues to our new GLS SECRETARY

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## GREAT LAKES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

Amber Riddick 1st renewal - Hampton University

Patrice Brooks Initial - Indiana Tech

Lindsey Perkins Initial - University of Cincinnati

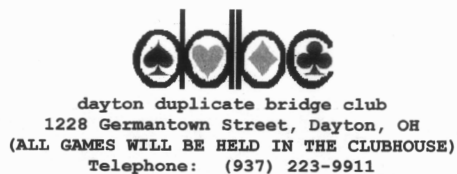
## SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Six hundred dollars was raised at the July Sectional by great lakes members and out of town and donated by the GREAT LAKES SECTION to the ABA Education & Charitable Foundation towards the F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship fund. Our sincere thanks to all.

Mary Sirmons

## KUDOS

Mary Sirmons collected \$600.00 for the scholarship fund at the Great Lakes Sectional July Tournament in Cleveland.



## NEWS FROM DAYTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB by Anita Christain

My fellow bridge players, Dayton is still on the map and is trying to make a good showing. We started by taking twenty-five (25) players to the ABA Summer National Tournament hosted by the Indianapolis Bridge Unit, with hopes of bringing home the gold, bronze and silver medals. For most of our new players, this was their first national and they really enjoyed themselves. Since we were only about 1 hour and 15 minutes away by car, some came intending to stay a few days but it was so enjoyable they went home and came back. The seasoned players, of course, came with hopes of taking home the gold, but the only thing you heard from them was "we got knocked out the first round of the KO"; however, all was not in vain. Because of our Mentor-Mentee Program with our liaison, Claudia Jones and beginner instructor, Marjorie Marcellus, our new players took up the slack. Norma Gaston, paired with Worth Christler, walked away with the gold. The other new players took home silver and bronze. Kudos to the new players.

On September 13th, after returning from Indy, the new players treated the mentors to show their appreciation for their success. They treated us to a sit down dinner with all the trimmings, starting with cocktails, Cajun turkey and dressing, fried chicken, green beans, sliced tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, dinner rolls and dessert. During the affair, the new players pointed out our peculiarities that each of us used while instructing. This was followed by a game of bridge – a good

time was had by all. Our practice sessions will begin again on Thursdays and Saturdays. Our new players are getting ready for the 2013 Spring National in Norfolk, Virginia.

On October 13th, a double celebration was held for our member, Mr. William Carter, who celebrated his 90th birthday and his 70th wedding anniversary. This fabulous affair was hosted by William and Hazel's children. The affair was well attended with approximately 300 guests.

DDBC mourns the loss of Marjorie Ivy who was a faithful member for many many years. To our shut-ins, Warnella Jones and Elvia Gibson, we miss you and hope that you will feel better soon.

## GREAT LAKES SECTION

This my final statement as your secretary/treasurer. It was a pleasure serving you. The job was rewarding. As a newcomer to the ABA, the job helped me grow in my knowledge of the GLS, ABA, and Bridge.

Thanks to Barbara Hutson, VP for the confidence and support she gave me as I did the job.

Mary Anderson

## “CCBC THE CONTINUOUS CYCLE OF PLAYERS, WAITING FOR THE DOORS TO OPEN AND THE GAMES TO BEGIN”

Hold up your hands. You can count on your thumbs the places where the best ABA players in Cleveland, Ohio choose to hang out. The Cleveland Congress of Bridge Club House is one of those locations. CCBC is a leader in recruiting new players and retaining loyal, lifetime members. The ladies and gentlemen there are a mixture of: the most mature players, the newest players and some of the strongest, competitive bridge enthusiasts in the city.

Native Clevelanders have often been characterized by their relentless efforts to succeed in tournaments. They participate in tournaments where other players have previously made their marks, taking risks many other players avoided, competing admirably in the field of players. As a result, the following people recently achieved new levels:

WINIFRED WRIGHT—SILVER DIAMOND  
PAULINE LEWIS—SILVER DIAMOND  
ETTA BRADLEY—DIAMOND/OVER 2000  
OPAL TAYLOR—DIAMOND/OVER 2000  
BARBARA EGGLESTON—RUBY  
WILMA HAIRSTON—SENIOR LIFE MASTER  
CLAUDIA JACKSON—SENIOR LIFE MASTER  
TAMERA NORRIS—SENIOR LIFE MASTER  
WARREN NORRIS—SENIOR LIFE MASTER



PAUL SMITH—SENIOR LIFE MASTER  
BEVERLY THOMAS—SENIOR LIFE MASTER  
LORAIN CALGIE—LIFE MASTER  
DR. WILLIAM POLLEY—LIFE MASTER

Two CCBC members received special honors at the Summer National.

Congratulations to Albert Freeman for attaining Life Membership in the ABA. As a Life Member, he will receive a gold card and will be exempt from National, Sectional and local dues for life. He received this award based upon being an ABA member for at least 20 consecutive years and having a record of outstanding services at the local, sectional and national levels.

Tamera Norris feels honored and very thankful to have been presented with the Merit Award for meritorious service.

The Nationwide Games are challenges that truly test any player's bridge skills. On September 28th and 29th some of the new players in Cleveland made their first appearances at the National Games. First time participants included: Katrina Paster, Ruth Addis, Cheryl Williams, and Doris Thompson. Table after table filled the room, as the director took charge of the event. True bridge lovers sought to win, finishing with the following results:

#### **9/28/2012 Nationwide Game**

##### Overall Rank A:

1. Florence Carter – Lily Cleveland
2. Dorenda Rivers – Juanita Brown
3. Lillian Hale – Pauline Lewis
4. Claudia Jackson – William Hampton
5. Vidella Vinson – Barbara Eggleston

##### Overall Rank B:

1. Dorenda Rivers – Juanita Brown
2. Claudia Jackson – William Hampton
3. Vidella Vinson – Barbara Eggleston
4. Gloria Avery-Prease – Steve Hill

##### Overall Rank C:

1. Ruth Addis – Katrina Paster

#### **9/29/2012 Nationwide Game**

##### Overall Rank A:

1. Lillian Hale – Pauline Lewis
2. Elistine Fields – Robert Carroll
3. Sara Seals – Georgia Doggett
4. Olivia Gates – Dr. William E Polley Jr.
5. Claudia Jackson – Gloria Avery-Prease

##### Overall Rank B:

1. Elistine Fields – Robert Carroll
2. Olivia Gates – Dr. William Polley

##### Overall Rank C:

1. Ruth Addis – Katrina Paster

The players in CCBC will never give up the exhilarating game of bridge!! It is an integral part of their lives. Come to visit Cleveland, the place to discover, enjoy and share your favorite entertainment, the bridge games.

## **HUMBOLDT BRIDGE CLUB FOUNDED 1958 BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

Buffalo's tournament participants continue to make us proud! Our Bridge Family extends congratulations to ALICE BRAGG for her play in Cleveland at the Great Lakes Sectional (her first tournament in years). As the world celebrated the Fourth of July, Alice created her own fireworks and in a blaze of glory tied for 5/6th with teammates Thomas Bridgewaters (Indianapolis), Marjorie Allen (Dayton), and Doanne Jackson in the Knock-out Flight C and continued to sparkle placing 3rd in the Pro-Am-Ham Game with Leola Rucker (Virginia Beach). Doanne placed 2nd in the 2 session open pair with her partner Marjorie Allen.

Buffalo made its presence known in Chicago's mid-western Regional Tournament. Labor Day Holiday was a time of celebration as our Bridge players gave us much to celebrate; they were hard at work, with Doanne Jackson and Jean Herndon placing 1st in the Saturday side game. In the Pro-Am game the two hams-Barbara Reed and Doanne Jackson captured a third place. Our Buffalo gals, Jean and Doanne, labored on to tie for 3-4th place Flight c in the Knock-out partnering with Marjorie Allen, Deborah Bowie, Beverly James, and Sonya Wilkins.

In addition to being a tournament player, Doanne works hard for the game of Bridge and the Humboldt Y Club chapter of the ABA. She serves as the club secretary, directs our weekly game and teaches when needed. With her busy life, Doanne finds time to serve as editor of the Flagship. Humboldt is proud to have her in our midst.

We continue to honor "The Star Player of the Month". Our most recent honorees are: July – Shirley Thompson, September – (tie) – Diana Brown and Alice Bragg.

We would like to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Edward Todd Harris to our extended Bridge Family. They were united in Holy Matrimony on August 26, 2012. May they be healthy, happy and play a lot of bridge for the rest of their lives! The Humboldt Bridge Club has missed playing with several of its players because they have been ill – as illness and only illness could stop these players from playing the game! Bridge players know and understand the thrill of the play and the competition. The players would appreciate hearing from you as they recover from their various illnesses. Jewell Marshall, Estelle Anderson, Eileen Coleman and Clyde Murphy.

Buffalo wishes each of you good health and many Grand Slams.

**Shirley G. Thompson, President**





## EMSLIE Y BRIDGE CLUB

Buffalo, New York

We extend a welcome to our new students Pearl Morrison, Robert Harris, D'Alliyah Williams, Gail Wells and Odis. Congratulations to Yvonne Moore on becoming a Life Master.

Our President Diana Brown is looking forward to attending her first tournament. She's "loaded for Bear" (smile).

Looking forward to our coming tournament to be held in fall of 2013.

Jean Herndon,  
Emslie Y BC Secretary

## BIDDING TO THE CORRECT SLAM

Bridge Column for April 9, 2000, By HARVEY BERNSTEIN

Both sides vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH	
S: K 9	
H: 10 8 5 4 2	
D: K 9 7 4 3	
C: 3	
WEST	EAST
S: 8 7 3	S: 6 5 4
H: Q J 9	H: 7 6
D: J 8	D: 6 5
C: K J 8 7 5	C: A Q 10 9 4 2
SOUTH	
S: A Q J 10 2	
H: A K 3	
D: A Q 10 2	
C: 6	

The Bidding://

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
2S	Pass	3D	Pass
4D	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
6S	Pass	Pass	Pass

This hand is from a team match at the Spring North American Bridge Championships in Cincinnati last month. I held the North cards. Al Freeman of Cleveland was my partner, sitting South. Our team mates at the other table were Gary Sikon of Huron and Nick Barshay of Cleveland. This hand proved to be the difference in one of the matches that our team won.

Freeman's two club opening is strong and artificial. My two diamond response was also artificial. It is a waiting bid that promises at least one control card, which is defined as an ace or a king. If I held a hand without a control card I would bid two hearts, which is any hand without an ace or a king.

Two spades is natural and three diamonds may well have been the key bid in this auction. If I held a really bad hand with only one king, I would have bid three clubs, the cheapest suit bid available. But I have two kings and a singleton, so this is not such a bad hand. While many players would feel compelled to show the five card heart suit, I felt it was better to bid a suit that I had an honor card in. If my partner held a heart suit, he would bid it next and I could show support with ease.

Freeman raised diamonds and I was now able to show my spade support. In this way, I was able to help him "place my values" and decide if there was any slam potential. He bid four no trump which we play as Roman Key Card Blackwood. Five diamonds showed one of the five "key" cards which are defined as the four aces and the king of trump. Six spades was the final contract.

A club lead provided the opposition with their only trick and after trumps were drawn, Freeman's losing heart was discarded on the long diamond trick in the dummy. At the companion table, the auction was similar except that the player in the North seat showed his heart suit first. South, with excellent heart support, placed the final contract in six hearts. If the defense starts with any suit other than clubs, this contract will make. Our team mates did lead clubs, however, and the slam was defeated.

**Play Bridge every Sunday at 6 pm with ABA on BBO. We would like to hear from all the cities in our section.**

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