

What's Trumps?



THE BRIDGE CENTER



June-July 2009

COME PARTY WITH US



The Bridge Center will be celebrating its 48th year, and we are having a party **Friday night June 19th**. There will be food, fun, and lots of bridge, with the **Hastings Trophy** going home with the winners. The game is stratified, and we would very much like to get some of our Sunday and Tuesday players to come. Defending the Trophy are **Mike Fine** and **Dickie Hamilton**.

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

You can win lots of points in these games. The games are all stratified: A: 0-Infinity, B: 0-2000, and C: 0-Non life master. Cost for this game is \$7.00 per person. Games are schedule for **Wednesday, June 3 (BBC); Friday, June 12; Monday, June 22; Tuesday, June 30 (AM); Wednesday, July 1 (BBC); Tuesday, July 7 (AM); Friday, July 17; and Monday, July 20**. Line up your partners now.

GRAHAM TROPHY GAME

This game will be held on Tuesday morning, July 21. Last year's winners were **Neil Moran** and **David Hughes**.



IN MEMORIAM

Todd Pankoff
June 2009

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NEWS FROM THE BBC by Ben Gibson

June 3 and **July 1** will be **North American Open Pairs** dates. Points are 1/2 red, and 1/2 black. Come join us!

Bob Pustilnik surged past **Mark Rosenbloom** to lead Player of the Year Honors. **Harry Gellis**, **Toni Morton** and **John Kloke II** fill out the top five. **Steve Chaplin** leads all the non life masters. Great playing.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Wed, June 24 Tues, July 28
Mon, July 13

HANDICAP GAMES

Mon, June 8 Mon, July 6
Tues, June 23 Tues, July 14
Thurs, June 18 Thurs, July 16

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

March

Abe Linder	37 ½
Neil Moran	26
Miriam Smolkin	21
Toni Morton	20 ½

April

Miriam Smolken	27 ½
Mike Spooner	27
Bob Pustilnik	25
Willem Vet	24 ½

HIGH % GAMES

In March the high game was played by **Chris Marks** and **John Kloke** with a whopping 77.88%. In April **Bob Pustilnik** and **Denis Klein** won with a 73.21%. Congrats to all these fine players.

RBA News by Doug Jennings

I want to thank the Officers and the Board Members for serving this past year. We had over 100 members attend the Annual May Meeting and Unit Game at the Moose Lodge.

We presented the **Mini McKenney Medallions** and the **Ace of Clubs Certificates** to our unit winners as well as the **RBA Unit Game Trophy Winners**: Flight A—**John Kloke**; Flight B—**Jacki Shuman**; Flight C—**Blake Morris**.

Stu Kleiman presented the **Congeniality/Shelia Kleiman Trophy** to this year's recipient, **Steve Chaplin**. Steve and **Paul Anderson** have volunteered much time and hard work helping in the Bridge Center's effort to improve their facility.

Our proposed Bylaws changes that were recommended by the Board were passed. These are listed on our website.

Our **MABC Memorial Day Regional** was a huge success with approximately 2100 tables (up 200 from 2007). Many thanks to our Tournament Chairpersons, **George Lewis** and **Jacki Shuman**, as well as all our members who served on the numerous committees. I heard nothing but praise from players attending the tournament. A job well done by all!

Congratulations to **Dale Dermer** on achieving her Emerald Life Master (7500 master points). Also kudos to **Dewayne Jones** (52.71 mps) and runner-up **Nancy Thompson** (43.03 mps) as the top master points winners of our unit.

The **North American Bridge Championships** are being held this summer in **Washington, DC July 23 - August 2, 2009**. The RBA is sponsoring a **Knockout Event** scheduled for **July 30th and 31st**. Get your teams together and join the fun for this special opportunity in supporting the RBA and to play in the Nationals!.

We have a **Sectional Tournament** coming **August 7-9, 2009**, at the Moose Lodge (4366 Springfield Road).

