

HOT BRIDGE IN COLD FEBRUARY!!

Christmas greetings to all bridge players in Unit 144!

By now, I hope all of you have read the notices in the M.A. Lightman newsletter or taken the flyer regarding a special event in February.

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club in Memphis will host the Grand National Team (GNT) qualifying games on Feb. 25, 2017. The event will be a two-session Swiss team format. The first session starts at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to follow, and the second session will begin immediately after lunch. Cost is \$6 per person/per session. Lunch \$3 per person.

Stratifications are as follows:

- C - No one on the team may have more than 500 masterpoints and may not have achieved Life Master status
- B - No one on the team may exceed 2500 masterpoints
- A - No one on the team may have more than 6000 masterpoints

NOTE: ALL MASTERPOINTS TOTALS AND RANK ARE AS OF SEPT. 1, 2016. Example: if you amassed 501 points and became a Life Master **after** Sept. 1, 2016, you are still eligible to play in the C strat.

We hope that many of you are making teams and will want to participate in this competition. Those who qualify (no set number) will have the opportunity to compete against other District winners in Jackson, MS in April.

Wouldn't it be great to have teams from Unit 144 to advance to the finals at the summer national (NABC)? Note that winners who advance to the national finals receive some financial assistance from the District.

For more information or to register your team, please contact Cecile Skaggs in person or by e-mail at cecileskaggs@yahoo.com
You may also contact Judy Knox at unit144.d10@gmail.com.

If you plan to have lunch, please make a reservation.

Be looking for the final flyer shortly after the Nate Silverstein Tournament in January.