

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Newsletter

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Club Schedule

Sunday:	Open Stratified	1:30 pm
	Non-LM (0-500)	1:30 pm
	Mentor Game	1:30 pm
	<i>March 4 only</i>	
Monday:	Judy's Game	10 am
	<i>Max 1000 MP avg. per pair</i>	
	Jack's Game	10 am
	<i>Max 4000 MPs per pair</i>	
	0-2000 Game	6:30 pm
	Invite-a-Pro	6:30 pm
	<i>March 12 and 26 only</i>	
Tuesday:	Open Stratified	10 am
	Open Strat. (0-1000)	10 am
	Open Stratified	6:30 pm
	Novice (0-100)	6:30 pm
	Non-LM (0-500)	6:30 pm
Wednesday:	Open Stratified	10 am
	Mentor Game	10 am
	<i>March 28 only</i>	
Thursday:	ABA Game	12:30 pm
	Open Stratified	12:30 pm
	Open Stratified	6:30 pm
	Non-LM (0-500)	6:30 pm
Friday:	Jack's Game	10 am
	<i>Max 4000 MPs per pair</i>	
	Open Stratified	6:30 pm
Saturday:	Open Stratified	1:30 pm

Friday Night Dinner and Bridge

Join us on March 9 for Friday Night Dinner and Bridge. The cost \$10 for dinner and game. Dinner 5:30 p.m., game 6:30 p.m.

Contact Sharon Ohsfeldt at 901-827-6743 or sohsfeldt@bellsouth.net if you need a partner.

NABC Fundraising News

Garage Sale update: Steve and Debby Schadt and Jerry Drennan sold some additional items after the sale, bringing the total raised to over \$6000!

Super Saver Books: Promo closes March 15. Just \$25! If you have not gotten your book yet, see Lee, Barbara, Nancy or Judy.

Event sponsorship: A great way to help us raise funds for the Memphis NABC is to sponsor an event. It can be to honor a special friend or mentor, a memorial, or to promote your business. Sponsorship gives you naming rights and publicity in all published schedules. Sponsorship amounts range for \$100 to \$1000. Contact Lee Smart for details at leesmart9@aol.com or 901-277-9671.

Up and Comers: Bridge cruise, anyone?

The snow was already coming down when cellphones started ringing frantically among the small group of bridge friends.

"They say the roads will be iced over tomorrow. How are we going to get to New Orleans?"

"Shoot. Should we leave today?"

"Today? I'm not even packed yet."

"Well, we could cancel I guess."

"Alright, guess we better leave today. Let's start packing."

Five hours later, the friends piled in one *very* full automobile-cum-van-cum-SUV and drove all afternoon through the hazardous weather to Jackson. The next day, Sheryl Gorden, Meryl Rosen, Susan Schwartz, Debbie Jackson and Stacy Hancock drove to New Orleans to embark on their long-anticipated bridge cruise through the temperate waters of the Western Caribbean.

The cruise was put together by Bridge-Cruise.com, a company that offers



Headed to New Orleans for their bridge cruise: Debbie Jackson, Stacy Hancock, Meryl Rosen, Sheryl Gorden and Susan Schwartz.

bridge cruises at surprisingly reasonable prices. Sheryl, a frequent cruiser and bridge cruiser, had taken their cruises before with Meryl, but it was the first time she had sailed with so many friends.

"Everyone was just wonderful. The people on the ship and in the

bridge portion of the cruise were delightful. We all had a great time."

The ladies played once or twice a day in the afternoon and evenings, but skipped the lessons, preferring to do shore excursions or have girl time. They chatted about all sorts of things – learning about each other's lives, telling stories, and (dare we say it?) gossiping a bit about you-know-what. In one memorable interlude, Debbie explained to her friends how she managed to get into a parking lot, but couldn't get out. She used the chop sticks, utensils, and salt shakers on the table to demonstrate her dilemma. I still think this has to defy the laws of physics, but Sheryl assured me that it could indeed happen.

As for shore excursions? I guess we shouldn't be surprised that the favorite shore excursion for a passionate cook like Sheryl was the Salsa and Salsa tour on Cozumel – a mix of salsa-making and salsa dancing. These ladies sure know how to have fun!



Happy January/February Birthdays to V.T. Gala, Carol Patterson, Jerry Drennan, Sherry Thaxton, Patrick de Vries, Madie Brice, Chuck Sepessy, Linda Sherrell and Tom Turgeon!

The next Birthday Bash is Saturday, March 17, at 1:30 p.m. and is free to all members with March OR April birthdays! Sign up at the club.

Unit 144 Awards Banquet

The Unit 144 Awards Banquet to recognize achievements from 2017 will be held April 27 at M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. We will start with margaritas and appetizers at 5:30 p.m and serve a Mexican dinner provided by Lee Smart and Tom Ebers at 6 p.m.

A Unit Championship game for open players and a separate one for 0-500 players will be held immediately after the awards ceremony presentation which starts at 6:45 p.m. We will be presenting Mini-McKenney, Ace of Clubs and New Life Master awards for the 2017 calendar year.

Invitation letters will be sent in the mail about April 1. A sign-up sheet with more specific details regarding the menu and costs will be at M.A. Lightman Bridge Club around the end of March.

Please mark your calendars for this annual event. Winners of these awards receive a free game and a free dinner.

New Bridge Etiquette/ZT Rules

The M.A. Lightman Board has adopted new bridge etiquette/zero tolerance rules! Our goal is to make the rules clearer, but less harsh, so that we can have more frequent and consistent enforcement.

The rules go into effect on Monday, March 5. Short classes will be offered on the new rules throughout March. If you're concerned about how the new rules might apply or why they cover one behavior and not another, this is your opportunity to get all your questions answered.

Class dates and time are: Friday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 17, at 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in advance. Sign-ups are posted at the club or you can contact Deborah Harrington at deborahbridge01@gmail.com or 901-488-9217. You can also read here every month for a column discussing how the rules apply. Summaries of the new rules are available at the club, next to the convention cards. If you would like to see the full text of the new rules, please ask Deborah Harrington or Bill Demetriou or visit the Unit 144 website.

Special March Games

Sunday, March 4

1:30 pm Mentor-Mentee Game

Thursday, March 8

1 pm Club Championship

Friday, March 9

FRIDAY NIGHT GAME

5:30 pm Dinner (\$10 per person)

6:30 pm Game

Monday, March 12

6:30 pm Invite-a-Pro

Friday, March 16

10 am Club Championship

Saturday, March 17

1:30 pm Club Championship
and Birthday Game

*Celebrating March and
April birthdays*

Tuesday, March 20

10 am Club Championship

Monday, March 26

6:30 pm Invite-a-Pro

Tuesday, March 27

6:30 pm Club Championship

Wednesday, March 28

10 am Mentor-Mentee Game

Notrump in a Day Workshop

Want to learn about all the basic responses to 1NT including raises, Stayman and Jacoby transfers? Sign up now for the Notrump in a Day Workshop!

The two-day workshop will be held on consecutive Saturdays, March 24 and March 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.

For information, contact Linda Sherrell at 901-237-1840 or linda.sherrell@gmail.com.

