

Club Schedule

Sunday:	Open Stratified Non-LM (0-500)	1:30 pm 1:30 pm
	Mentor Game (<i>Apr. 8 only</i>)	1:30 pm
Monday:	Judy's Game	10 am
	Max 1000 MP avg. per pair	
	Jack's Game	10 am
	Max 4000 MPs per pair	
	0-2000 Game	6:30 pm
	Invite-a-Pro (<i>Apr. 9 & 23 only</i>)	6:30 pm
Tuesday:	Open Stratified Open Strat. (0-1000)	10 am 10 am
	Open Stratified Novice (0-100)	6:30 pm 6:30 pm
	Non-LM (0-500)	6:30 pm
Wednesday:	Mentor Game (<i>Apr. 25 only</i>)	6:30 pm
Thursday:	ABA Game Open Stratified Open Stratified Non-LM (0-500)	12:30 pm 1 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm
Friday:	Jack's Game	10 am
	Max 4000 MPs per pair	
	Open Stratified	6:30 pm
Saturday:	Open Stratified	1:30 pm

Special April Games

Sunday, April 8

1:30 pm Mentor-Mentee Game

Monday, April 9

6:30 pm Invite-a-Pro

Monday, April 23

6:30 pm Invite-a-Pro

Wednesday, April 25

6:30 pm Mentor-Mentee Game

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New Etiquette Rules

Why all players should report behavior violations

By Deborah Harrington

I am grateful to see that many club members are going out of their way to try to understand and follow the new etiquette rules. We hope these rules will make it easy for players to report and for directors to “penalize” behavior violations. To encourage folks to report and directors to enforce, we’ve kept the penalties light – $\frac{1}{4}$ board or a warning isn’t going to ruin most people’s games and is less than a player might get for an unintentional revoke.

Yet, I still hear many folks say that they are reluctant to report behavior violations to the directors. They argue that if it doesn’t bother them, why should they report it? That makes sense in certain situations where the opponents are friends and you value their advice and comments. But consider this: Newer players may find these same comments hurtful but be afraid to report them to the director. Instead, they’ll decide that they don’t like the club and won’t come back. I wish they would give the club a chance to rectify the situation – but, unfortunately, we don’t always get that chance. Behavior that drives folks away hurts all of us.

How do you report a behavior violation? You don’t have to call the director from the table. You may choose to wait until the round is complete and report the violation then. Please report the violation as soon as possible, so memories are fresh. The accused player will know who has made the report and be given the opportunity to defend himself or herself. If you think the violation is minor and not worth calling the director about, you might choose to ask to move on to the next hand or to leave the table. If the behavior continues or the other player follows you, you should call the director.

Whatever you do, don’t allow yourself to be dragged into an argument. If you do, you could be subject to penalties yourself – not a good feeling when the other person “started it.” Let the director handle these situations.

In Memory of Sandra Nott

We were all very saddened that our good friend, Sandra Nott, passed away suddenly March 3. Sandra was a member of Lightman since the early 1980s. She was always smiling and laughing, even when she had a broken foot or hard times in her own life. She had many old friends at the club, but it never stopped her from making a special effort to welcome newer players.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Hugh, her children, Robyn and Greg, and three grandsons. Her funeral was filled with bridge friends. One of her closest bridge friends, Barbara Denley, gave a lovely eulogy that is worth quoting:

“Sandra and I traveled the world over. We saw six continents together. We always bought some trinkets. Five days after we came back from seeing Greece and Turkey, Sandra had a stroke. She was having trouble remembering. I went to see her in the hospital. Her family was on one side of the bed, and I was on the other. I said, ‘Sandra, I have our necklace on.’ (It was one of the few times we bought the same jewelry.) Sandra, very quietly but very quickly, said, ‘Shhh, be quiet. Hugh doesn’t know about it.’

“But the real time we became friends was after my husband died. Even when I didn’t know my name and just barely knew who I was she would say, ‘Let’s play bridge. We’ll have fun.’ She understood my grief and helped me to survive. It is often said that your friends are the family you get to choose. As Sandra would have said, last Saturday my sister was called home. We will all miss her.”





They did it again!

Mark Dahl (left) and Richard Oshlag repeated as winners of the NABC Fast Pairs at the Spring Nationals in Philadelphia. The duo won the same event at the Spring NABC in 2017. This is the third national title for Richard, all of which came playing with Dahl as a partner or teammate.

Congratulations!



New Silver LM
Ann Adler



Happy March/April Birthdays to Mark Gilley, Russell Strauss, Ellen Burns, Frank Perlman, Barbara Johnson and Deborah Harrington!

The next Birthday Bash is Saturday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m. and is free to all members with May OR June birthdays! Sign up at the club.



New Bronze LM
Dan Lustig



New Bronze LM
Susan Ray

Board News: New Standing Committees

The M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Board has voted to create the following three new standing committees.

Education Committee: This committee will come up with an ongoing curriculum for new and intermediate students and create special events/incentives at the club for “graduating” students of area teacher’s classes. Sue Ray is chairing.

Newcomers Committee: This committee will help players find partners, direct them to appropriate games and classes, answer questions, and follow-up to see how they’re doing. Tom Bartlett is chairing.

Marketing Committee: This committee will create promotions and incentives for frequent players and create packages of benefits for new members and renewing members. Ann Adler is chairing.

If you are interested in helping with any of these committees, please contact the respective committee chair.

Unit 144 Awards Banquet on April 27

The Unit 144 Awards Banquet 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 (a taco and nacho bar with chicken and beef) 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. A sign-up sheet is posted at the club. The cost of the dinner is \$12; the cost of the game is \$6.

We will be presenting Mini-McKenney, Ace of Clubs and New Life Master awards for the 2017 calendar year. Winners of these awards receive a free game and a free dinner.

NABC fund raising raffle

Unit 144 is selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser for the 2019 Spring NABC in Memphis. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will take place at the Unit Award’s Banquet on April 27. Tickets can be purchased at Lightman Bridge Club or Lakeland/Collierville games at least one week prior to the drawing. You do not need to be present to win. The raffle winner will receive a free one-night stay and dinner for two at Buffet Americana at the Gold Strike Casino Resort. For information, contact Judy Knox at 901-737-8087 or judysbridge7@gmail.com or Lee Smart leesmart9@aol.com.