



# M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Newsletter

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## Club Schedule

<b>Sunday:</b>	Open Stratified	1:30 pm
	Non-LM (0-500)	1:30 pm
	Fast Pairs ( <i>Apr. 14 only</i> )	2 pm
<b>Monday:</b>	Judy's Game	10 am
	<i>Max 1000 MP avg. per pair</i>	
	Invitational Game	10 am
	<i>Max 4000 MPs per pair</i>	
	0-2000 Game	6:30 pm
	<i>(Apr. 1, 15, 22 &amp; 29 only)</i>	
	Invite-a-Pro Swiss Teams	
	<i>(Apr. 8 only)</i>	6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Open Stratified	10 am
	Open Stratified	6:30 pm
	Novice (0-100)	6:30 pm
	Non-LM (0-500)	6:30 pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	ABA Game	12:30 pm
	Open Stratified	1 pm
<b>Friday:</b>	Open Game <b>NEW!</b>	10 am
	Invitational Game	10 am
	<i>Max 4000 MPs per pair</i>	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Open Stratified	1:30 pm
	Chat Game Intro	1 pm
	Chat Game (0-20)	1:30 pm
	99er Pairs	1:30 pm

## Unit 144 Awards Dinner

The annual Unit 144 Awards Dinner honoring Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs winners will be held Friday, May 10, at MA Lightman Bridge Club at 912 Kelley Rd. We will have cocktails and appetizers at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm.



Dinner will be followed by the awards ceremony and a unit championship game.

The event will be free to award winners. For all others, the cost will be \$15 for dinner and the game (\$9 for dinner only). The dinner is being catered by Coletta's Restaurant and will include lasagna and Italian marinated chicken, Italian salad, homemade Italian bread and all the condiments.

Desserts by will be provided by the unit.

## 2019 GNT Qualifier report

The GNT qualifier held at MALBC on Feb. 23 was a great success. Sue Ray recruited 20 teams: eight Flight C teams and 12 Flight A/B teams. Six of the Flight C teams and nine of the Flight A/B teams qualified to play at the district level. We hope some of our squads will make it to the finals held in Las Vegas during the Summer NABC.

Tony Green directed, and he kept the game moving and answered director and caddy calls with ease. A big "thank you" to Tony for making the day successful.

Let's not forget to mention that Linda Pelts donated Corky's Bar-B-Que in the name of Don Pelts as a MA Lightman fundraiser for the building fund. Needless to say it was a delicious lunch down to the wonderful Corky's brownies.

## Congratulations!



**New Silver LM  
1000 MPs  
Deborah Harrington**



**New Ruby LM  
1500 MPs  
Kewal Gupta**

## Memphis NABC Highlights

Our own **Richard Oshlag**, playing with Mark Dahl of Richmond VA, won the Silodor Open Pairs and finished second in the NABC+ Fast Pairs. Richard ranked sixth overall for total masterpoints at the NABC with 257.65!

**Linda and Sam Whitten** came in fifth in 0-10,000 Swiss Teams.

Many of our **99er players** brought home masterpoints, as well as a new appreciation for tournaments. Most of them volunteered to help at the NABC!



## NEW LOCATION UPDATE

We have a contract to sell the 912 Kelly Rd. property. The closing is scheduled for April 30, but there's still a chance that the buyer might change his mind. The sales agreement gives us the option to lease back the current property for up to six months while we wait for the improvements at the new building to be completed.

We have run into some red tape in the Code Enforcement process. We will have to appeal a decision, which is likely to push back our move date to the new building until mid-June.

The contractors are hard at work at the new location. The walls have already been moved; floors and cabinets have been ordered. We've chosen a beautiful paint scheme of mostly soft white walls with grey and blue accents.

Right now, the estimated cost of construction is \$145,000. Our biggest expense is for upgraded vinyl floors that are easy to maintain and do not require polishing, are very scratch resistant, have sound absorption properties, and carry a 10-year commercial warranty. Construction costs also includes new kitchen cabinets and appliances, new cabinets and countertops in the restrooms, and new filing cabinets and shelving.

Our fund-raising goal is now \$105-110,000, and we're mostly there. To date, we have raised a little over \$90,000, so we only have \$15,000 to go. Please contribute to the M.A. Lightman Designated Lease Fund! If you've pledged, we need your check. If you've given, try to give just a little more, and if you haven't given, please try to do something. For many of you, this is your second home, one that you want to be proud of.

**100% Club:** The fund raising goal is 100%! At this point, over 100 individuals have given from \$40 to \$7500 to make our new club as nice as it can possibly be, but we are not there yet.

The 100% goal has many meanings. It shows support of the effort. It shows unity (we want everyone to feel it is their club). It shows you care that the new club is as nice as it can be. It shows you want to be a part of MA Lightman. Join the 100% Club today!

If you can't or don't want to contribute right now, you can also pledge for monthly or annual donations to help with the rent. To give, see Nancy Rosenberg, Barbara Johnson, Beth Simpson, or Lee Smart.

Also, please sign up for your Community Rewards at Kroger to go to M.A. Lightman. It costs you nothing. See Sue Ray, Sharon Ohsfeldt, or Deborah Harrington for help signing up. (See story below.)

## Sign up for Kroger Community Rewards Program



M.A. Lightman Bridge Club, Inc. has been approved to receive Kroger Community Rewards. In order for the club to receive Kroger donations, each Kroger shopper needs to have a Kroger Plus Shopper Card and to select the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club, Inc. as the organization to receive your Community Rewards. Please visit [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com) for

instructions. This does not reduce or eliminate any personal Kroger rewards/discounts. This just allows M.A. Lightman Bridge Club, Inc. to share in the donations Kroger currently makes.

It's easy to do online. Visit [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and click on Click on "Savings and Rewards," then select "Community Rewards." If you need to, add your email and select a password. View "Communities," then select MA Lightman Bridge Club as your community.

If you need assistance, please contact Sharon Ohsfeldt at 901-590-7946 or [sobridge123@gmail.com](mailto:sobridge123@gmail.com), or Sue Ray at [susansray@gmail.com](mailto:susansray@gmail.com) or 901-218-9281.

## Special April Games

### Monday, April 8

6:30 pm Invite-a-Pro Swiss Teams

### Friday, April 12

10 am Unit Championship  
Open and Invitational games

### Saturday, April 13

1:30 pm Birthday Game  
(for March and April birthdays)

### Sunday, April 14

2 pm Fast Pairs

### Sunday, April 21

CLUB CLOSED FOR EASTER

**NEW!** Beginning April 5, there will be an open game on Fridays at 10 am in addition to the regular invitational game played at the same time.

## 2/1 Bridge Class

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon  
MA Lightman Bridge Club  
\$12 per lesson (includes handouts)  
7-8 lessons depending on interest

When the first class meets, attendees will be given a schedule of class dates. We will not meet every Saturday. Make-ups are available.

To register for the first class (INT Forcing), contact Linda Sherrell at [linda.sherrell@gmail.com](mailto:linda.sherrell@gmail.com) or (901) 237-1840.

