

ROBINS DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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SPECIAL GAMES IN MAY

Tue, May 3 NABC Fund Game
 Wed, May 4 NABC Fund Game
 Thu, May 5 NABC Fund Game (FREE)
 Wed, May 11 Club Championship
 Thu, May 12 ACBL Charity Game
 Mon, May 17 Local Charity Game

In Gatlinburg, Gail Coogle and Connie Haugabrook of Montezuma won 47.40 masterpoints!!! Jim Wall won 19.89, Andre Asbury won 16.34, and Emory Whitaker won 23.84.

Tom Jones was the top masterpoint winner at the Macon Non-Life Master tournament April 1-3.

Johann Manning and Katharine Clark of Dublin topped 10 masterpoints at the St. Simon's sectional at the end of March.

We have been down in attendance lately (at all games). We appreciate those who make that extra effort to support the bridge club. If your partner cancels at the last minute, or if you otherwise want to play, please call for a partner and leave a message. We probably have someone else looking. Contact information is on page 3.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Regionals in **Bold**
 Morganton NC April 29-May 1
 (GNT A and C)
 Highlands, NC May 6-8
 Augusta, GA May 13-15
 (GNT B and Championship)
 Conyers, GA May 20-22
Richmond, VA May 24-30
 Chattanooga, TN May 27-30
Greenville, SC June 6-12
 Asheville, NC June 24-26
 Visit www.district7bridge.org or pick up a flyer at the club for more detailed tournament information.

APRIL NUMBERS

16 games, 71 tables, 117.90 masterpoints won

Top April MP winners at RDBC:

1	9.61	Marie Douglas
2	7.14	Robert Pearson Jr
3	6.90	Andre Asbury
4	5.67	Christine Decker
5	5.42	June Davis
6	5.00	Janet Peters
7	3.87	Cathy Garrett
8	3.84	Ed Vesely
9	3.62	Carl Mabee
10	3.33	Alma McBrayer
11	3.14	Robbie Battle
12	3.14	Andrew Echols

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Monday 7 PM: novice game (0-200 MP) (Gerald Peavy)
- Tuesday 7:15PM, open game (Andrew Echols)
- Wednesday 1PM, open game (John Lovejoy or Bob Pearson)
- Thursday 7:15PM, open game (Andre Asbury or Bob Pearson)

13	3.04	Millard Simmons
14	3.04	George Walker
15	2.99	Gerald Peavy
16	2.76	Martha Walker
17	2.76	William Peters
18	2.44	Emory Whitaker
19	2.44	Ruth Suggs
20	2.33	Jim Wall

Local Winners in ST@C games (April 18-24):

24.88	Andre Asbury
23.06	Emory Whitaker
9.33	Robert Pearson Jr
5.50	Genny Whitaker
4.91	Marie Douglas
3.94	Bonny and Billy Gibson

LEARN THE LAWS: ARRANGEMENT OF TRICKS

Law 65 in the ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge requires that all players keep track of the played cards, to maintain them in proper order and point each card toward the pair that won that trick. This helps a great deal if there is a revoke or any disagreement about the number of tricks won.

However, you are only sometimes allowed to tell your partner that they have turned a trick incorrectly. Law 65B states: "Declarer may require that a card pointed incorrectly be pointed as above. Dummy or either defender may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly, but for these players the right expires when a lead is made to the following trick."

As a defender or dummy, informing your partner of an incorrectly turned trick later in the hand may be construed as a suggestion that he should play the cards differently or inform him that he only needs to win one more

trick rather than 2 more. This is each person's own responsibility.

Along the same lines, you should keep all the cards in order until everyone agrees on the result. Many times this is routine as the players often have a good idea of how it will end up. But if you notice that someone has turned a card the wrong way or if you think there may have been a revoke, it is a good idea to make sure the everyone keeps their cards in order, so as to be able to more easily resolve a potential disagreement. Shuffling your cards up prematurely may forfeit your right to dispute a revoke or number of tricks taken.

You should, however, shuffle your hand a little bit before you put it back in the board. The next players who play the board may be able to take some inference about the hand if it comes to them sorted or partially sorted.

TAKEOUT DOUBLES

A quick note on takeout doubles: A takeout double shows an opening hand and support for *all* unbid suits. That means if you double 1D, you should have at least 3 cards in clubs, hearts, and spades. Once you make a takeout double, you aren't supposed to bid again unless you have extra values (or partner makes a forcing bid). Doubling and then rebidding NT or a new suit shows 18+ points and cancels the minimum 3 card support for unbid suits.

It is okay and often right to pass with a decent hand if the hand doesn't make for a reasonable double or overcall.

One of the most frustrating things in bridge is getting to play a hopeless contract in a 4-2 fit because partner made a takeout double with a minimum and a doubleton in an unbid suit. Likewise, you don't want to rescue partner from a bad fit by bidding NT. He/she will think you have a really good hand and you may find yourself in 3NT with only 19 combined hcp. Doubling and then bidding NT after partner makes a minimum response shows significant extra values - stronger than a 1NT overcall - so you will often get too high if you try to do this with a minimum opening hand.

YEAR-TO-DATE MASTERPOINT LEADERS

(MP won at RDDB Dec 1, 2010 through Apr 31, 2011)

1	40.23	Robert Pearson Jr
2	34.00	Marie Douglas
3	33.73	Andre Asbury
4	26.72	June Davis
5	25.09	Andrew Echols
6	24.44	Christine Decker
7	22.18	Robbie Battle
8	21.93	Lana Salis
9	21.80	Carl Mabee
10	21.71	Michael Salis
11	19.04	Janet Peters
12	18.26	Gerald Peavy
13	17.41	Alma McBrayer
14	17.01	Jean Middleton
15	13.05	Len Perkins
16	12.47	Rachel Rumph
17	11.86	Jeff Herman
18	11.64	Allen Davidson
19	11.59	Emory Whitaker
20	11.37	Ed Vesely
21	10.90	Annie Pearl Wilkerson
22	10.25	Ruth Suggs
23	8.44	Fred Avery
24	7.76	Jim Wall
25	7.58	Mary Ann Tantillo



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Bob Pearson will be in charge of maintaining the club computer and ordering supplies. If you notice us lacking in supplies, let him know.

Carl Mabee has agreed to help out with the building maintenance, including changing the HVAC filters.

C&J Cleaning services has been hired to clean the facility once a month and clean the bathrooms every 2 weeks.

The game directors will now be in charge of the heating and air conditioning during the game. If you have issues with the temperature, talk to the director, or add some clothing if you are cold. But please don't start removing clothing if you are hot.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO AND WEBSITES

Ruth Suggs, club manager: (478) 923-4574,
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Janet Peters, Tuesday Partnerships:
 (478) 953-3495 or (478) 501-8733

Ruth Suggs, Wednesday Partnerships

Jean Marriott, Thursday Partnerships:
 (478) 929-0256

Gerald Peavy, lessons, prospective members, information on the Monday novice game: (478) 396-4182,
 (478) 922-0943, or gpeavy4@cox.net

Andre Asbury, newsletter: (229) 834-1186 or
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Unit 114	www.whidco.com/Unit114acbl
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Andre's Bridge Blog	bridgemaniacs.blogspot.com

OTHER TIDBITS

- **NABC Fund Games.** These special games scheduled for the week of May 2 are 100% sectional rated games so there are extra points for overall winners. The points are black and the club pays an extra few dollars per table that will go to support the next Atlanta NABC in August 2013.
- **Slow play.** The club no longer will have late plays. We typically play 27 or 28 boards in the open games with about 6.5 minutes on the clock for each board. Please do not start a new board after the clock hits 2 unless the director says it is okay. There will be no penalty for the first unplayed board. You will receive an NP, meaning the board will not count for or against your final percentage. The second unplayed board in one session will result in a 1/4 board deduction.
- **Cell phones.** Please keep your cell phones off or on silent during the game so as not to distract others, and remember to throw away your trash at the end of the game.
- **Recycling.** Please don't put trash in the aluminum can recycling container! Do put all empty soda cans in it. Be sure to remove the tab and place it in the plastic bag on side of container. These tabs are important as they are helping the Ronald McDonald House. We are also recycling paper, cardboard and glass. Place these items in the green tub near the door.
- **Lessons.** Gerald Peavy is currently teaching a beginning bridge course on play of the hand. If you know anyone who would be interested, please let them know so they can attend. A third course on **defense** will be taught in the fall. We hope to see several of them in our games soon.