

Hello Bridge Friends,

As it turns out, compiling a massive newsletter filled with cropped and resized pics that I've had to hunt the internet for takes a bunch of time. I hope you enjoy!

If you're like me, you're no doubt looking forward to a light easing of the stay-at-home restrictions. I know we all want things to be like they were before, but we also all want to temper our enthusiasm with the reality we're facing. I don't know how long it will be before we can resume club bridge. Will it be a month? Will it be in the fall? Longer? Time will tell. Let's stay safe until then.

A reminder... with all of the great opportunities to play bridge online that abound, please consider reaching out to someone new to play with. Although the Unit's response to transitioning to an online format for the game has been wonderful, there are still hundreds of Unit members who haven't yet made the move to BBO. If you can, please reach out to some of these people. Invite them to come play. Get them to join in our fun. They will thank you, I will thank you! ***Distance is no longer the problem!*** It would really make me happy to see each of you bring at least one new face for next week!

I had hoped to include a new feature in this week's issue, an *Ask the Director* column. I ran out of time, but I will try to put it in for next week. Between now and then, ***please write to me about problem hands, ruling questions, bidding conundrums, etc...!***

By the way, in next week's issue, I want to add a new feature. In addition to the schedule and a picture review of the week's high finishers, I also want to include an *Ask the Director* column. Feel free to write to me about problem hands, ruling questions, bidding conundrums, etc.

Here's this week's schedule... mostly the same schedule as last week with 3 big changes:

1. NIGHT GAME HAS MOVED FROM WEDNESDAY TO TUESDAY

****no longer speedball (6 min/bd not 5)**

****still only \$5, still a FREE mini-lesson/Q&A after the game**

2. New 99er game on Thursdays @ 10am

3. Sunday Unit Championship Open game and 999er game!

Monday

10am	0-299er Pairs	Triad BC	\$6	18 boards
2pm	Open Pairs	CC	\$6	18 boards

Tuesday

2pm	0-499er Pairs	CC	\$6	18 boards
7:15pm	Open Pairs	Triad BC	\$5	18 boards (virtual meet-up after game to go over boards)

Wednesday

10am	0-299er Pairs	CC	\$6	18 boards
2pm	Open Pairs	Triad BC	\$7	24+ boards

Thursday

10am	0-99er Pairs	CC	\$6	18 boards
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2pm	0-999er Pairs	Triad BC	\$6	18 boards
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Friday

10am	0-299er Pairs	Triad BC	\$6	18 boards
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2pm	Open Pairs	CC	\$6	18 boards
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Saturday

10am	Open Pairs	Triad BC	\$6	18 boards
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2pm	0-99er Pairs	CC	\$6	18 boards
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Sunday

2pm	0-999er Pairs	Unit CC	\$6	18 boards
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2:15pm	Open Pairs	Unit CC	\$6	18 boards
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If you have questions or comments about the schedule, I'm always anxious to hear your input!

And now for the week in pictures...

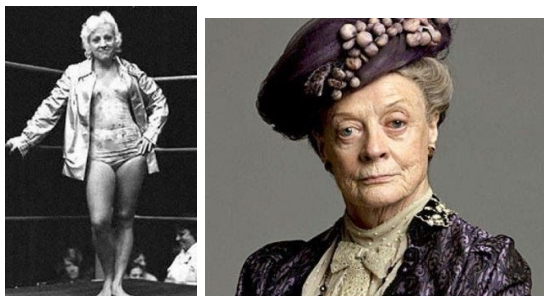
MONDAY MORNING 0-299er PAIRS

1st A N/S - 62% - Lucy Strawsburg & Terry Ann Overton



If I had to raid your Facebook page, I decided to steal some sweet family shots this week! Lucy... your daughter... zoiks! And thanks Terry Ann for being a sport this time and sending in a pic! Glad you two won!

2nd A N/S - 59% - Vicki Williams & Margaret Smith



Didn't get a pic back from these two. I think it's *possibly* because they're trying to stay under the radar. Maybe Vicki is none other than 70s women's professional wrestling legend Vicki Williams? Or that "Margaret Smith" is actually England's beloved Maggie Smith? The crowd our game draws!

3rd A N/S, 1st B - 56% - Nancy Laney & Susan Culp



Nancy Laney... apparently a big wig in real estate! High Point University likes her at least. Great to have a pair of High Point gals in the mix!

1st C N/S - 48% - Ann Hopkins & Joslin Davis



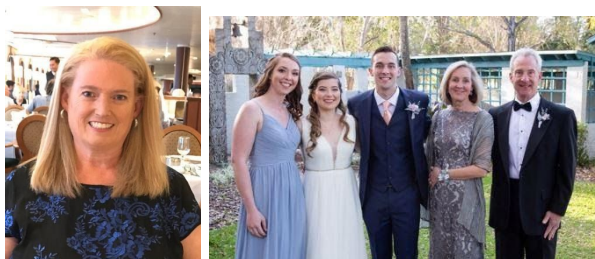
Joslin, thanks for the lovely pic! I had to settle for the first thing I could find for an "A Hopkins".

1st E/W - 66% - Betty Vertovec & Bala Srinivasan



Another week goes by, and yet again I've gotten subs for the game that are too good. Srinivasan? That dude just sounds like he'd be good at bridge.

2nd A E/W - 59% - Sharla Slappey & Ellen Hertz



Sharla looks like she was loving the cruising life before all of this started! And take a gander at Ellen's awesome looking family!

3rd A E/W, 1st B - 56% - Cathy Levine & Geri Portello



Wasn't it nice of Cathy and Geri to get all dolled up for a bridge picture? Although not actually "sisters," this dynamic duo are great friends!

1st C E/W - 48% - Sunny Lawson & Anne Osborne



What is it about grandmothers having grandbabies that are this cute? OMG... put 'em on a cracker and eat 'em they look so adorable!

WEDNESDAY 2FT OPEN PAIRS

1st A N/S - 58% - Jeannie Leggett & Rich Rice



If you can't catch them comin', try to catch these winners going! Nothing says virile prowess like the sheer power of the Mazda MX-5 Miata.

2nd A N/S, 1st B & C - 55% - Kathy Tomlinson & Ty Fox



Kathy and Ty with their other favorite partners. That's Joe, Kathy's husband (who helped me buy my house!). And I'm not quite certain the story behind Ty's... friend.

3rd A N/S - 53% - Jan Baisden & Brenda Garzia



There's a chance I forgot to ask these two for their pics, but that's no excuse for not sending me one anyway. Here we have Jan displaying the eternal truth that pimpin' ain't easy when you look so fly. And this is a pic of Brenda trying to collect for food and money donations for past Unit sectionals.

1st E/W - 65% - Nancy Osborne & Joanne McClusky



2020 is awful... let's look back to yesteryear. Joanne.. Dear... walk with me, talk with me... be my girl!

2nd E/W - 62% - Sue Cooper & Cindy Wright



Here we find a shot of Sue explaining an etiquette point to a novice player. Next is a random shot I have of Cindy looking at a pair who started playing the next round before the previous was called. I jest ladies ;)

1st B E/W - 62% - Rick Bentley & Mark Meyer



Before retiring to the Triad area, you could find Rick ruling an intergalactic smuggling consortium. Mark on the other hand was a pediatric dentist who likes biking. Similar approach to the game though.

1st C E/W - 59% - Dee Jennings & Ann Harris



This is what happens when you send me pictures, people... nice shot ladies :) Apparently they were ninjas at the recent Myrtle Beach regional.

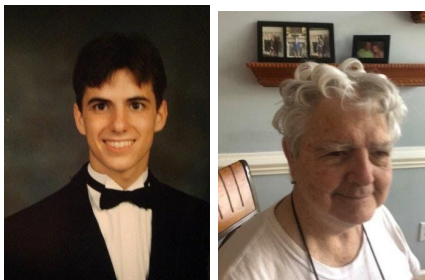
WEDNESDAY NITE TIME SPEEDBALL

1st - 65% - Fran Tewkesbury & Leslie Marchut



The bridge partners thought they'd show a little love to their life partners. Nice shots!

2nd - 64% - Peter J Boyd-Bowman & Bud McKinney



Me in high school. Quarantine Peter would eat high school Peter for lunch. Seriously. I haven't had lunch yet. And here's a shot of my partner Bud. He seems to be accepting the lack of society a little **too** easily...

THURSDAY AFT 0-999er PAIRS

1st A N/S - 60% - Barbara Pomer & Rich Pepper



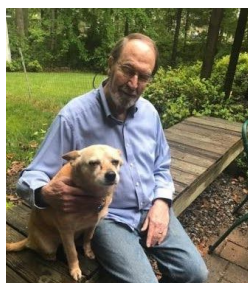
Barbara doesn't have time for this coronavirus business... she's got too much winning to do. Rich and his daughter feel much the same.

2nd A N/S, 1st B + C - 55% - Gail Havens & Frank Hall



Nice job Gail & Frank! Way to represent River Landing!

3rd A, B, + C N/S - 54% - Bob Sill & Ted Edgar



Did you all know that Ted owns 5 conveniently located locally-based Zaxby's restaurants? Go out and grab some chicken tonight... ***It's real chicken, real good!*** New Garden Rd, Battleground Ave, or W Market in Greensboro. In High Point on N Main and in Winston on Hanes Mall Blvd. Support your bridge friends and eat great chicken!

1st A E/W - 64% - Michael Lane & Mary Lou Famalure



I needed some subs for the game... I told them this game was full of our Unit's best players and that it'd be a tough game. This was the picture they sent me after the game...

2nd A E/W - 62% - Cindy Wright & Cam Matthews



I don't know if this is Camilla. It ***looks*** like a Camilla. But I did have to raid a stranger's facebook feed to get the picture, so I'm not 100% sure. I hope that's you Cam!

3rd A E/W - 62% - Cecily Murray & Ellen Jackson



More grandkid shots... this time Cecily's. Aren't they adorable?!?! And as it turns out Ellen Jackson is a common enough name that I had nowhere to go with her. Ellen... send me a pic dear!

FRIDAY morning 0-299er PAIRS

1st N/S - 57% - Richard Warren & Trude McCarty



A very sweet shot of Trude and her dad at the beach. Good photograph guys... almost look professional!

2nd N/S - 57% - Libby Noah & Elizabeth Gatewood



Is it possible that Libby is related to South Africa's favorite son Trevor Noah? No, probably not. That would be neat though. And Elizabeth... I hope this is you! It looks like a bridge player!

1st C N/S - 55% - Bebe Krewson & Becky Perkinson



Hi Becky & Bebe! These two are going places, I'm sure of it! Always trying to improve their game and playing a lot... I expect good things from you two!

1st E/W - 62% - Leigh Koman & Anna Reece



Leigh giving us all a great reminder... Stay Home!
And Anna... now those little ones look like they might be a handful, but what a cute handful!

1st B E/W - 59% - Bill Hough & Dee Jennings



Bill taking a selfie with the city skyline of what I'm assuming is Winston-Salem in the background. And here we have Dee training her attack dogs to ward off aggressive preempts.

3rd E/W - 59% - Nancy Pleasants & Cynthia Anderson



Little known fact about Nancy and Cynthia... they spent an entire summer touring with the Stones once. Ah! The stories! Crazy times ladies. Apparently Keith Richards has a great recipe for lemon bars that Nancy still uses.

1st C E/W - 48% - Alan Alaimo & Edward Sabol



I don't know Alan or Edward, so I'm hoping they're okay with me representing them as ambiguously gay muppets.

SATURDAY morning OPEN PAIRS

1st N/S - 68% - Peter C Boyd-Bowman & Mary Ann Young



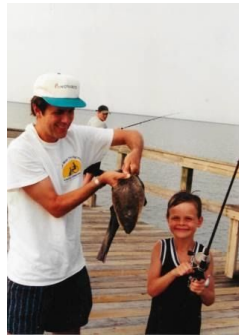
Look at those grandkids. The boys are HUGE. Seriously. 6'6" or something crazy like that.

2nd N/S - 62% - Bob Hale & Josh Hoffman



This is Bob with lovely wife Claudia. Claudia is the best. Literally. I mean the actual best. Not only does she put up with Bob, but she also does A TREMENDOUS JOB with all of her work on the Unit website. Oh, and Josh likes bird watching. I mean, I suppose you could tell that from the picture, but just in case it needed saying...

1st B N/S - 56% - Eric & Rich Peffer



The one that got away was bigger.

1st C N/S - 53% - Howell & Janet Riggings



Although not quite Bonnie & Clyde-level hijinx, here are the Riggings' out and about somewhere in Europe I

reckon.

1st A + B E/W - 65% - John Barnes & Jack Alford



Nice game fellas! Kickin' butt and takin' names.

2nd E/W - 59% - Leslie Marchut & Brenda Garzia



Here's a good shot of Leslie advertising the goods. Meanwhile, supplies are running low in the Garzia household.

3rd E/W - 50% - Ann Davenport & Anne Osborne



Another set of pictures, another set of adorable grandbabies. Adorable, I say!