

Hello friends,

Mid-April finds us no closer to any answers. All bridge tournaments that I know of are cancelled through at least July. Bummer. Perhaps clubs will be allowed to open sooner; time will tell. I know I miss seeing all of your happy faces. But for the time being... stay home, stay healthy!

I want to continue to express my thanks to you all for supporting the Triad Bridge Club along with Cindy's Corner. Cindy Wright and I have put a lot of effort into putting a platform together where games for local friends can run smoothly and frequently. I hope they provide a good source of entertainment and escape.

Although these online schedules are a moving target, our new schedule for the next two weeks is now online. Check it out on the Unit website.

In brief, we have 5 Limited games, 5 Open games, and 1 99%-Open game during the week:

Limited Games:

- Monday, 10am (TBC/18brds/\$6) ****0-300****
- Tuesday, 2pm (CC/18brds/\$6) ****0-500****
- Wednesday, 10am (TBC/18brds/\$6) ****0-300****
- Thursday, 2pm (TBC/18brds/\$6) ****0-999****
 - Mentors okay... players with more than 1K points may mentor players with fewer than 300 MPs
- Friday, 10am (TBC/18brds/\$6) ****0-300****
- Saturday, 2pm (CC/18brds/\$6) ****0-100****

Open Games

- Monday, 2pm (CC/18brds/\$6)
- Wednesday, 2pm (TBC/24brds/\$7)
- Wednesday, 7:15pm (TBC/18brds/\$5)
- Thursday, 2pm (TBC/18brds/\$6) *****Players with more than 1K MPs must play with a 0-299er**
- Friday, 2pm (CC/18brds/\$6)
- Saturday, 10am (TBC/18brds/\$6)

You'll notice two fewer open games and one more limited game than previous weeks. This is to reflect a general trend in the demand for online games (and specifically a desire for non-Life Masters to have more opportunities to earn MPs playing against their peers).

Some other new items of interest:

1. **Partners.** I *a/ways* have people looking to play. Let me know if you'd like to play but need a partner! It is usually possible to match you up, although it's always best to give me at least an hour's notice. Shoot me an email or send me a text (336.686.3680). **I have someone looking to play Monday... let me know!**
2. **Calling Mentors and Mentees!!!** -- Open players... looking for a little action on Thursdays? Come out and play in the 0-999er game. We wanted to create a slightly deeper pool for the newer and still developing players. You're invited, but I want you to use this opportunity to mentor one of our Future Life Masters! Send me a text or email if you're interested in participating and want to be matched up.

3. **Learning Time.** Wednesday Nite Time Speedball games are a great opportunity to do some practice with your serious partners. Games are quick (18 boards, 5 min/board... done by 8:45). After game time, join in a virtual conversation hosted by Piedmont B.C. manager Rich Pepper. Ask questions, conduct a post-mortem, follow along with advice from expert players.

And now for our recap of last's weeks game, in pictures...

MONDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

1st N/S - 61% - Frank Burgess & Kent Leggett



Frank was excited to get dressed for the picture. Kent's just an old ball player... guess bridge will do instead.

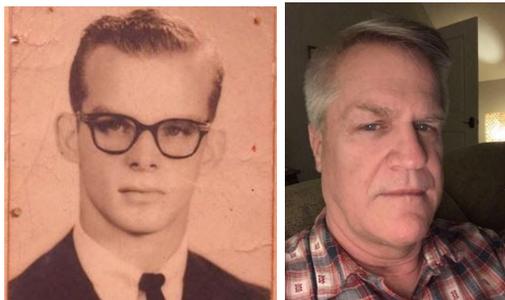
1st E/W - 58% - Dianne Pusch & Debbie Elston



A couple of non Life Masters winning E/W. Way to represent. It's funny how some people send me masked selfies, and others send me pictures of them holding llamas. Says a little something, no?

TUESDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

1st N/S - 64% - Bruce Southard & David Idleman



Look at that young Southardling... you can see it now, can't you ladies? Bruce is on track to possibly becoming an Emerald Life Master sometime this year (7500MPs).

1st E/W - 55% - Mary Ann Young & Peter C Boyd-Bowman



These two almost got on a cruise ship in the second week of March... glad you stayed home!

WEDNESDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

1st A N/S - 59% - Dwight Meredith & Judy Hellen



Let this be a warning to you all... if I ask for pictures and you don't send them, know thy fate. This is a picture of what Dwight *might* have looked like in college. And then there's JUDI/HELLEN.

1st B E/W - 55% - Joanne McClusy & Nancy Osborne



Joanne was more than happy to send me a quarantine selfie. Nancy was less forthcoming. So I went online and found an old pic of Nancy from back in the day. What a dish!

1st C E/W - 53% - Marcy Maury & Sue Hatcher



Marcy, looking sharp as always. Taking names. Couldn't find a Sue picture... I'll let her off the hook this once.

1st A E/W - 58% - Sue Cooper & Cindy Wright



Nice job ladies!

1st B E/W - 56% - Peter C B-B & Mary Ann Young



How the hell are these two Bs?

1st C E/W - 51% - Daryl Adams & Trude McCarty



These two are probably still getting all dolled up even during the quarantine. Always looking great ladies!

THURSDAY MORN 0-299ER PAIRS

1st N/S - 64% - Bruce Bingham & Ann McCarty



Less than 20 masterpoints between the two of them and they win the whole thing! I'm expecting big things from both of these players!

2nd E/W - 58% - Cathy Burling & Sherrie Stewart



These are two of my faves. Thanks for coming ladies!

1st E/W - 58% - Sharon Slappey & Ellen Hertz



The Winston-Salem contingent with a strong showing!

2nd E/W - 54% - Cathie Levine & Geri Portello



These two have no fear. Geri is new to bridge, not just duplicate... but she jumps right in the deep end!

THURSDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

1st N/S - 59% - Jan Baisden & Marty Friedman



My god Marty, look at all that hair.
Ladies and gentleman, this is half of the famous duo *Kinky Friedman and the Texas Jew Boy*.

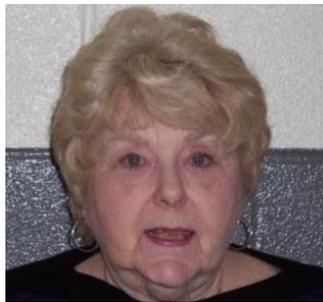
1st E/W - Fran Tewkesbury & David Idleman



After suffering weeks of bridge withdrawal, Fran has found other... outlets...

SATURDAY MORN OPEN PAIRS

1st A N/S - 64% - Sue Cooper & Cindy Wright



Let me give a shout out to my Cindy's Corner director Cindy Wright... what a great job she's done bringing in new people to this game we love!

1st B + C N/S - 57% - Marcy Maury & Susan Shroyer



Besties.

1st A + B E/W - 71% - Marty Friedman & Rich Peffer



That's one heck of a game fellas! 71% is the Triad B.C. high score of the week.

1st C E/W - 51% - April Parker & Anne Osborne



These two are fighters! Great to have GCC players doing so well!

That's all for now friends... hope to see you at the table soon!

Peter J Boyd-Bowman