

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.

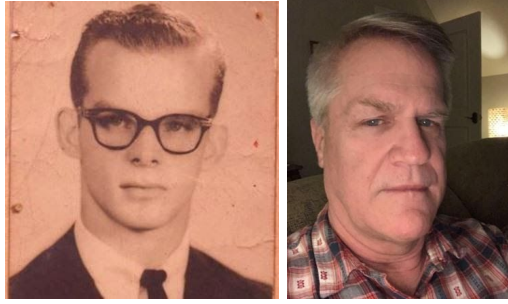
1st E/W - 58% - Dianne Pusch & Debbie Elston



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*.

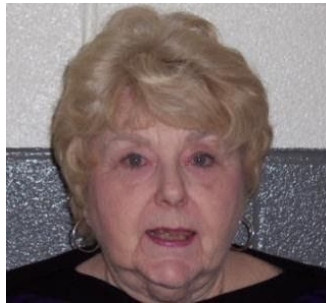
**1st E/W - Fran Tewkesbury & David Idleman**



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