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- MLK Schedule 2011
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- Atlanta Public School Student Winners
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Vernice Whitfield, Editor

Message from the Vice President...Gloria Christler

At last, things have finally gotten back to near normal. I promised a newsletter after the Spring National. Vernice, the Southern Exposure editor, had drafted an issue of the Newsletter that got placed on hold awaiting additional information, and I volunteered to work on a project for the National Office that will virtually eliminate the need to manually input the points at the National Office. It is nearly completed, but it took longer than anticipated. Thanks for your patience.

First and foremost, let me start by thanking the Spring National Committee, co-chaired by Johnnie Saunders, Pinkie Freeman, and Roberle Pratt for their tireless efforts and hard work in making the Spring National tournament one that we were all very proud of. All of the committees worked tirelessly to make the tournament a success, but the Tampa Bridge Club

really had our back. Johnnie had a host of volunteers from the Tampa Club that took charge of the daily hospitality, sold kits, served as hostesses at the Awards Brunch, and worked morning to night to get the job done. Also, special thanks go to Shirley Williams, who chaired the Budget Committee and also took on the Financial Secretary's duties when Edith was not able to attend, and to Vernice Whitfield who printed the beautiful Souvenir Journal on her own printer, which saved the Section a lot of money.

Even though the tournament was a little smaller than we anticipated, primarily because of the high airfares from various parts of the country, we hear nothing but good things from the members who attended. They really loved the location and the hotel, especially the huge discounts at all of the restaurants. The hotel management really went out

of the way to make us feel welcomed. The Awards Bruch that we were also so worried about because the short amount of time we had to sell tickets was simply marvelous; a real first class act, with good food, champagne and jazz. All in all the tournament went off without a glitch and was a huge financial success. A detailed report will be given at the membership meeting during our return to our Thanksgiving Sectional Tournament.

At our last sectional meeting, two committees were appointed The first was to look at the feasibility of one versus two sectional tournaments, and the second to make recommendations to either continue or eliminate the Awards Luncheon held at the MLK tournament in January. A survey is included in the newsletter regarding the sectional tournaments. Please take time to respond to the survey. Dr. Anderson

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ABU Graduation—August 21, 2010

On Saturday, August 21, 2010, the Atlanta Bridge Unit (ABU) held a graduation ceremony for its 2010 Beginning Bridge classes at the Quality Living Services (QLS) at 4001 Danforth Rd., SW in Atlanta. Dr. Evelyn Gilliard presided with music provided by Loretta Harrison, renowned Atlanta vocalist. The program included bridge tips from rising bridge star Eric Shelton; remarks from ABA Southern Section Vice President Gloria Christler; and a special

tribute to Avis Turner, a 2010 ABA Life Membership recipient. The Unit offers bridge classes under the auspices of its Bridge Education Program, chaired by Dr. Anderson C. Williams who provided the Occasion.

The ABU composed of seven affiliated duplicate bridge clubs with 225+ members, through its ABA certified teachers, sponsors classes at adult and recreation centers across metropolitan Atlanta. After the program, the

thirty-two recent graduates joined members for a wonderful "Pot Luck" repast which was prepared by members of the seven metropolitan bridge clubs. The repast was followed by a bridge game which was enjoyed by new players and more experienced ones. The winners in Flight A Strata with 9 ½ tables in play were Larry Chanay and Bennie Patton and the *Strata B Winners* were Evelyn Cook and Emma Fountain. In Flight B with 8 tables in play,

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Williams will present the committee's report at our Thanksgiving Sectional. One last item from our last sectional was the nomination of officers for 2011 and 2012. The slate was unopposed and the election procedures are published in this newsletter.

The Southern Section was well represented at the Norfolk Summer National and had winners of several events. Some of the big winners of events in their categories are listed on page 5 of this Newsletter. A full listing of winners will appear in the [ABA Bulletin](#).

Our second sectional, The "Thanksgiving Feastival", will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We will be serving up plenty of hospitality and master points. There will be an early arrivals game at 8:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day. We are also planning to serve Thanksgiving Dinner for out-of-town guests and for local members who would like to attend at 5:00 PM at the hotel. If you plan to arrive in time for dinner, please RSVP to Gloria Christler so we can get some idea of the number to prepare for. Believe me you will be in for a real treat. There will be plenty of turkey, ham, dressing, casseroles, greens, home-made rolls, cakes, pies, and delicacies. So bring a good appetite and we'll take care of the rest. Make your reservations early!

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee (Section Committee) on Saturday, November 27th in the hospitality suite at 6:30 PM, a repast will be served, so be on time. Please notify me of the official representative for your club. There are several important items that will be presented prior to the membership meeting on Sunday. We would like to finalize our 2011 schedule at this meeting. Please forward your requested tournament dates to Larry Chanay, Tournament Chair, in writing by November 15th at 3792 Panthersville Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294, (404) 244-0365. Several clubs have requested date changes, and we will not be able to approve changes unless we have all of the proposed dates for Grade "A" tournaments. This is particularly important because where there are units, we would like to avoid conflicts with Grade "B" tournaments, and also to try and space our tournaments so we don't have tournaments on back-to-back weekends.

The Martin Luther King Tournament will be held at the Holiday Inn, Kissimmee, FL (Orlando, FL) from January 13th through Monday January 17th, 2011. The room rate is GREAT, only \$59.00, and is very near Disney World, so bring your family and friends along. The tournament schedule and hotel information are published in this newsletter and also on the ABA website at www.ababridge.org. Immediately following the MLK tournament, a Grade "A" cruise sponsored by the Orlando club will be sailing from Tampa, FL on January 17th. The cruise information is also published in the Newsletter. Please contact Johnnie Saunders at 9009 Pinebreeze Dr., Riverview, FL 33569, (813) 672-1228 for more detailed information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ABA and the Southern Section.

Gloria Christler
Southern Section Vice President

Memberships

It's almost time for Club Memberships to be collected for 2011. Remember, all rosters are to be mailed first to the National Office with your club charter fee and \$35 for each member shown and a second copy to the Section Secretary with \$7 for each member on the roster.

The Section Secretary and her address:

Ms. Edith V. Knowlton
3466 Lenardo Dr. S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30331-2422

All clubs should be holding a Membership game in addition can hold the following games:

- Benefit & Scholarship Games
- Bridge Education/Membership
- House Acquisition Games
- ABA Headquarters Benefit Game
- Pro-Am Game
- Special Club Benefit Game
- Nationwide Headquarters Game
- Nationwide Benefit Game
- Nationwide Scholarship Game
- Nationwide Open Pairs Game
- United Negro College Fund Game

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DOUBLETREE HOTEL—ORLANDO, FLORIDA
JANUARY 17, 2010**

The Southern Section of the ABA convened on the above date and was called to order by SVP Gloria Christler. She thanked the members for arriving early. It was determined that a quorum was present. Eleanor Hughes (Jacksonville) gave the invocation.

Minutes of the September meeting in Biloxi were read by the secretary. The minutes were adopted. The following comments followed:

- The Spring National should not start before Easter (Emma Fountain).

There is a policy in place by the ABA regarding returned checks; there is no need to implement a new policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tournament Chairman, Larry Chanay

The Biloxi Tournament did not meet expectations. Attendance was low, we lost money, and we still have outstanding bills. On a positive note, the playing area was sufficient and exemplary.

The Atlanta Bridge Unit has agreed to relinquish the Harvest Classic (Thanksgiving) tournament to the Southern Section. It is anticipated that attendance will improve; thus, financially the Section will be better off. A schedule of events will be developed and placed on the internet. Only Southern Section Directors will be hired for our next Tournament.

Scholarship Chairman, Olivia Green

Two vacancies will become available in 2010. Applications should be mailed to the Chairperson.

Treasurer, Dwight Bush

The Treasurer reported that there is a negative balance. Jo Anne McDowell motioned that the report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Election Committee, Willetta Phipps, Chairman

The Chairman stated procedure and terms of officers for SS:

1. nominate a person
2. voice vote

President, Secretary and Treasurer serves for two years

The house was opened for nominations for the officers.

Richard Banks, Treasurer

Edith V. Knowlton, Secretary

Gloria Christler, Section Vice -President

The nominations were closed on these names. Larry Chanay stated that the procedure should be established for future elections, including, but not limited to write-in, and absentee balloting. There will not be any write-in for this election. Voting will be done on-site, only. Willetta will form a committee to establish future election procedures. It was motioned and seconded that the Election report be accepted. Motion carried.

Life Membership/Merit Award, Leatrice Bell, Chairman

The chairman stated that information was mailed to club presidents earlier requesting that completed forms and information be forwarded to her by December 1, 2009. Two forms were received. Avis Turner was nominated for Life Membership and Johnnie Saunders was nominated for the Merit Award. Excerpts from a letter that was written by Elmo Smoot (Memphis) extolling the community and club work that Melzanie Killebrew has provided for Memphis and that she was worthy of the Merit Award. Avis Turner was unanimously selected to receive the Life Membership Award. Johnnie Saunders received 27 votes as the nominee for the Merit Award. Melzanie Killebrew received 7 votes.

Richard Banks (Tampa) stated that there are gaps in communication regarding procedures and deadlines.

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COMMENTS/CONCERNS;

Larry Chanay, tournament chairman said that he needs constructive criticism as to the wishes of the membership. The membership consistently states a desire to stay at great hotels at nominal rates. When this desire is fulfilled, many do not attend. The Beau Rivage was a beautiful hotel with reasonable rates, yet, attendance was extremely low. Same thing for this Hotel, Doubletree, and attendance is not up to expectations. We should encourage all New Players and members to attend Sectional and National Tournaments.

Eleanor Hughes stated the people who stay in designated hotels, should be given incentives. She also proposed a 50/50 raffle to be held at each Sectional to boost the treasury. Tickets are to be sold \$1.00 each; \$2.00 for 3 tickets and \$5.00 for 9 tickets.

Frances Alexander, (Tampa) stated that we need support from the clubs; ask for donations.

Roberle Pratt (Tampa)- A wonderful champagne jazz luncheon is being planned for the Spring National. She believes that it will be a successful venture. She expressed doubt as to whether the Thanksgiving Tournament would have great participation as this is family time.

Bess Jones (Atlanta)-It is obvious to us that new members will pay less for encouragement games.

Nancy Roberts (Atlanta)-New players should be oriented to the fees in ABA.

Rosetta Boyd (Decatur)- Why are points not awarded at the same value or comparable to the "top" players when we pay the same fees?

Emma Fountain (Atlanta)- Each one should make a commitment to bring in new members and to reactivate inactive members. She will send out e-mails of inactive members. We must be kind to them and to let them know how much fun there is in playing bridge. There is a need to have a New Player's Award by honoring them. Also, she questioned the need for two Nationals yearly and whether or not we need two Sectionals.

Mildred Claybrook (Chattanooga)-Loss of revenue is reflected in Tournament and Treasurer's report. References are made that we need to contain costs. There is no mention of how and where we will cut costs. How will it be done?

Jo Anne McDowell (Miami)-New players begin at home. It is up to the clubs to make certain that all ABA information is made available to the new members.

Minnie Wiley (Chattanooga)-e-mail is mentioned frequently. Not everyone has access to e-mail.

Leola Rucker (National President-Only Sectionals can distribute "A" games except K.O. "A" games cultivate most convenience for New Players to attend. She encouraged all to return in April for the Spring National and to come to Norfolk for the Summer National. She thinks the idea of a New Player's Award is a good idea. She asked Emma to write the proposal and criteria. She will pass it on to the Recommendations Committee.

Gloria Christler (SVP)-Newsletter is almost ready. It will be mailed to each club and placed on the internet. The Tournament Chairman and the Secretary have not received per diem nor transportation cost. They have borne these costs from their own pockets.

A discussion followed as to whether or not we should continue the Awards Brunch. Jo Anne McDowell, Eleanor Hughes, and Frances Alexander will form a committee to determine whether it is feasible. Chanay suggested that a cap on expenses should be initiated.

Larry Chanay, Worth Christler, Emma Fountain, Bess Jones, and Anderson Williams will develop a feasibility study to determine the future of two Sectionals and rotation basis.

Shirley Williams (Atlanta) stated that a club is positively affected if a good director is in charge. She reported that three Level 1 Directors now serve Atlanta: Evelyn Cook Nancy Lucas and Lena Smith. Pearl Smoot has been promoted to Level 2, and Gwendolyn Middlebrooks has been promoted to Level 4.

Meeting adjourned.

Edith V. Knowlton, Section Secretary

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the Strata A & B Winners were– Annie Little - Annie Mae King and the Strata C Winners were Phyllis Carter and Patricia Card.

The local ABA clubs welcome all bridge players to their weekly games, tournaments and special Games. The clubs, their locations and meeting times are as follows: **Anne Wood** (Atlanta-QLS, Tuesdays at 11a.m.), **East Metro** (Decatur-Dekalb Atlanta Senior Center, 25 Warren St. Mondays at 7 p.m.), **Fun makers** (Lithonia-Browns Mill Recreation Center, 5101 Browns Mill Rd.- game Fridays, 11 a.m.), **Lanier Darnell**(Harriet Darnell Multipurpose Facility, 677 Fairburn Rd. -Mondays 1:00p.m.), **MM Defenders** (QLS, Thursdays- game 11 a.m.), **South Metro** (Ben Hill Recreation Center, 2405 Fairburn Rd. -Tuesdays- 7 p.m.), and **University Bridge Club** (QLS, Wednesday- game time 1:00 p.m.)

For additional information on the Atlanta Bridge Unit and its affiliated clubs, interested persons may contact Shirley L. Williams, President at slamar12@yahoo.com, Emma Fountain, Vice President at ebridge@hotmail.com or Lee Rambert, ABU Publicity Chair. at jrambert@peoplepc.com To learn more about the American Bridge Association, Inc, please visit the website at www.ababridge.org or the National Office at 2828 Lakewood Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30315 or call 404-768-5517 (office), 404-767-1871(fax) or email ababridge@bellsouth.net.

Atlanta Bridge Unit – Bridge Education Program - Graduation Scenes

(all pictures courtesy of Albert Collier)



Ben Hill Recreation Center Graduates – Dr. Anderson C. Williams, Instructor, Cathryn Johnson, Bernadette Porche, Jacquelyn Curry, Jean Williams, Sherryl Mitchell, Eric Shelton(inset), (not shown Gloria Brinson, Marian Jordan, Runette Flowers-Williams, Beverly Fountaine, Rosalyn Hamm-Hall, and Nancy McClinton)



Baxberry Court – Decatur Graduates, Octavia Hale, Phyllis Carter, Cheryl Hedgemon – Avis Turner, Instructor (not present Carmella Brook and Barbara Park)



Quality Living Services Graduates – Bill Marshall, Instructor, Joyce Gordon, Thomas Young, Mayme Herron, and Mary Hollinshead (not shown Vivian Means) (pictures courtesy of Albert Collier)



Lou Walker Adult Center-Lithonia Graduates Delores Scott, Cynthia Westbrook, Patricia Hilliard, Virginia Dixon, Serald Washington, Delores Gordon, Instructor (not shown Shirley Burns, Mary Hubbard, Mary Johnson, Patricia Smith, William Townsend) (pictures courtesy of Albert Collier)

Final Grand Slammer Lindsay Clinton Burt

Burt was born in 1921 as the oldest of five children, and the only son, to Lindsay and Ella V. Burt in Montgomery, Alabama. After finishing his early academic training in Montgomery, he moved to Birmingham where he began his career and joined St. John A.M.E Church. He faithfully attended St. John for more than 50 years and was recognized with the Pillars Award. Lindsay served in the U.S. Army during WWII and earned the Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal. After the military, Lindsay graduated from Florida A & M, Class of 1948.

After 31 successful years with the United States Postal Service, he retired from the agency. Retirement brought many years of enjoyment for Lindsay. He found immense personal fulfillment in fishing, grilling, and playing bridge. Lindsay especially enjoyed social gatherings and the many friendships he developed in several organizations. He was a long time member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and a founding member of the Phantom Knights and his neighborhood association. Lindsay supported many charitable causes and became a founding sponsor for the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, in Washington, D.C. He found time to organize a neighborhood baseball team that offered recreation for his sons, Derek and Donald, as well as their many neighborhood friends. He was married to the late Ida Patton Burt for 33 years.

As a member of the Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club he served as treasurer, director, scorekeeper, recruiter, organizer, driver and one of the friendliest faces in the club. He enjoyed playing bridge, traveling with it and forming friendships all over the country. He taught duplicate bridge to many party bridge players in the city and brought them into the fold. He loved to have duplicate games in his home.

When Burt became ill we were lost!!! He had always taken care of paying bills, ordering supplies, receiving points, scoring, sending-in results, etc. He had also found a place for us to play (his neighborhood association building) after we could no longer afford to play at the YMCA.

He passed on February 10, 2010. Not only do we miss his expertise, we miss him as a friendly, humorous, caring person who loved us all and loved duplicate bridge. We loved him!!!

Olivia B. Green
Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club

ATL Public School Students Winners

At The Youth North American Bridge Championship

Inman Middle School students Christopher Brown and Khari King were among hundreds of students competing in the Youth North American Bridge Championship (NABC) Tournament They were winners in the CardrOOK Pairs division. This year's tournament was held July 29 through August 1, 2010.

During last year's tournament which was held in Washington, D. C. the young men placed third. Christopher and Khari are among the many Atlanta youth who have become winners at the game of duplicated bridge. Dr. Christopher Shaw, a researcher from Carlinville, Ill., stated "There are proven statistical facts to support finding that through a game of duplicated bridge, children's test scores have improved in all academic areas of study. The youth not only learned the game of bridge, but were among champions of two trophies at the NABC tournament in Washington D. C. and again this year in New Orleans.

Christopher and Khari are among many students who are members of the Atlanta Junior Bridge League and Bobby N. Schley (Deceased, Atlanta Public School Teacher) Bridge Club. Mrs. Allean S. Strickland (Retired Atlanta Public School Teacher) is applauded for insight and success in volunteering to teach the

youth the game of bridge. Her work with the youth has made a difference in the lives of the students according to students and parents. Her commitment is worthy of her sorority's slogan "Greater Service, Greater Progress". Parents have seen the value of her work and help to ensure that they are involved in the activities. Mr. Ruben Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Earl King accompanied the youth to New Orleans. Working together, volunteers and parents can make a difference for children academically and socially.

The students are looking forward to their game in Toronto next year.



East Metro "B" Games—Atlanta, GA—August 27-29, 2010

WOW! Can you believe that there were TWENTY-FOUR (24) tables in play at a "B" Game on a Friday at 3:00 PM? Well, the East Metro Duplicate Bridge Club had that number of tables in play for their first game of the weekend. There were three Fields and the New Players had more tables than the higher groups!!! Included in the numbers for the weekend were players not only from the Atlanta area, but from Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee; Macon and Augusta, GA; and Jacksonville, Florida.

The Crowne Plaza on Virginia Avenue is now the unofficial home of the Southern Section of the ABA! Not only has the Atlanta Bridge Unit used it for their Unit Game, the Section will be using it for the Sectional Tournament at Thanksgiving. (Make your reservations!)

If the other clubs in the ABU wanted to have their "B" Games at the Crowne Plaza, I'm sure someone from East Metro would help you set it up.

Did you know there were 809.14 points earned during that "B" weekend?

Masterpoint parade.

#02060	27.62	Worth R Christler, Atlanta GA	#08260	9.62	Richard Beck, Marietta GA
#02072	27.62	Gloria Christler, Atlanta GA	#05034	9.62	Benny R Patton, Atlanta GA
#02002	23.57	Charles R Walker Jr, Atlanta GA	#02763	9.62	Willetta Phipps, Atlanta GA
#02134	23.57	Robert T Green, Atlanta GA	#13641	9.14	Emma Fountain, Atlanta GA
#12869	21.36	Celia Saylor, Atlanta GA	#13188	8.44	Angela Johnson, Stone Mountain GA
#02245	21.36	Elaine McCray, Atlanta GA	#14334	8.44	Uralean Woods, Decatur GA
#02064	21.02	Evelyn N Gilliard, East Point GA	#02739	8.40	Doris Bebee, Atlanta GA
#14902	19.41	Eric Shelton, Atlanta GA	#10482	8.39	Loretta Harrison, Atlanta GA
#02700	19.18	Iliad Chanay Jr., Ellenwood GA	#13601	8.39	Shirlee Anderson, Fairburn GA
#02046	19.18	Marjorie L Waldon, Atlanta GA	#02049	8.31	Anderson C Williams, Atlanta GA
#02066	16.90	Birnell Hatcher, East Point GA	##14822	7.87	Virginia Dixon, Conyers GA
#06502	16.59	James R Brown, Stone Mountain GA	#02146	7.74	Nicki Magee, Decatur GA
#02116	14.64	Juanita B Hatcher, Atlanta GA	#07358	7.74	Leslie King, Decatur GA
#02015	14.64	Edward L Jackson, Atlanta GA	#02175	7.69	Robbie Battle, Macon GA
#02124	14.24	Delores Turner, Atlanta GA	#02177	7.69	Riley Brown Jr, Macon GA
#02020	14.21	Zola J McCoy, Atlanta GA	1297341	7.13	Ron Torre, Atlanta GA
#02648	13.43	Nan Lindsey, Lithia Springs GA	#02105	7.04	Edith V Knowlton, Atlanta GA
#02067	13.43	Jocelyn W Jackson, Atlanta GA		7.04	Fred Kilcline, Social Circle GA
#00364	12.74	Arthur L West, Atlanta GA		7.04	Ribert Briggs, Conyers GA
#02742	10.87	Gus Bealer, Rex GA	#14123	6.95	Rosetta J Boyd, Decatur GA
#02726	10.72	Leatrice Bell, Atlanta GA	#12102	6.82	Nettie T Shepherd, Atlanta GA
#10242	10.72	Bettye M McLaurin, Charlotte NC	#14380	6.82	Joseph L Rambert, Atlanta GA
#13823	10.72	Evelyn Cook, Atlanta GA	#14589	6.82	Vernassa Smith, Fayetteville GA
#02044	10.53	Helen M Toney, Decatur GA	#09055	6.82	Juanita Woods, Chattanooga TN
#02125	10.49	Christine Callier, Decatur GA	#11302	6.82	Jewell Cousin, Chattanooga TN
#02419	10.49	Jessie L Lanier, Atlanta GA	#02071	6.82	Queen Jackson, East Point GA
#12603	10.31	Sim Turner, Decatur GA	#02550	6.82	James A Alexander, Nashville TN
#02555	9.88	Arthur Harris Jr., Nashville TN	#02027	6.82	Eloise Burwell, Atlanta GA
#02054	9.88	Vernice C Whitfield, Jacksonville FL	#10658	6.63	Alleean Strickland, Atlanta GA
#02055	9.62	Shirley L Williams, Atlanta GA	#14338	5.85	Alice Moore, Decatur GA
			#02045	5.66	Avis C Turner, Decatur GA
			#00471	5.66	Arthurine Waymer, Stone Mountain GA
			1297333	5.42	Lucille Torre, Atlanta GA
			#02644	5.21	Minnie Wiley, Chattanooga TN
			#02634	5.21	Mildred Claybrook, Chattanooga TN
			#14226	5.04	Sandra Waller, Stone Mountain GA
			#14559	5.04	Gail Daniel, Conyers GA
			#00708	4.23	Virginia Hillery, Jonesboro GA
			#04762	4.23	Georgia Raspberry, Atlanta GA
			#10785	4.05	Pauline Dobbs, Atlanta GA
			#14304	4.05	Fred Kuhstoss, Stone Mountain GA
			#12262	3.98	Corene Scott, Atlanta GA
			#12574	3.98	Nancy Lucas, Atlanta GA
			#02243	3.39	Lillian Holeman, Fairburn GA
			#02111	3.36	W McNeil Saddler, Atlanta GA
			#14454	3.04	Patricia L Jeter, Atlanta GA
			#14293	3.04	Kaneta R Lott, Atlanta GA
			#14331	3.04	Amelia Dent, Decatur GA
			#14821	3.04	William M Townsend, Atlanta GA
			#11159	2.70	Robert V Hawkins, Marietta GA

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- #11158 2.70 Esther D Hawkins, Marietta GA
 - #14537 2.34 Ella P Jackson, East Point GA
 - #14462 2.34 Dorothy Placide, Atlanta GA
 - #12485 2.28 Howard E Prunty, Ellenwood GA
 - #02014 2.16 Bettie Harden, Atlanta GA
 - #02171 2.11 Corina Becker, Ellenwood GA
 - #12840 1.80 Nancy J Roberts, Atlanta GA
 - 5589215 1.71 Jim Pierce, Atlanta GA
 - #12405 1.58 Lena Jones, Atlanta GA
 - #13328 1.58 Rubye Geer, East Point GA
 - #12126 1.28 Annie Little, Atlanta GA
 - #14530 1.28 Thelma Palmer, Decatur GA
 - #13435 1.28 Elie Jones, Atlanta GA
 - #14528 1.28 Loretta M McCroskey, Decatur GA
 - #12270 1.05 Mary Smarr, Stone Mountain GA
 - #02129 0.72 Pearl Minor, Austell GA
- Total Masterpoints reported: 809.14
 Players selected: 96 out of 113

Scenes from the Tournament East Metro "B" Weekend



"If I could just remember what they said to do in a situation like this, I would be alright!"



Bridge players....deep in thought. Robbie, I see you! I also see you Riley, and of course, there's the QUEEN!



Bettye McLaurin, formerly of Charlotte, NC celebrated her 80th birthday at the bridge table!



"Hey, Willie Boyd, would you please bid! You're holding up the game"
 Bettye is waiting for Eric to bid.



DIC Andrew Echols did another superb job. NTC Chair Worth Christler is looking at the Team scores. (That's Gwendolyn behind Worth.)

New Level Report—September 14, 2010

Master

Mrs. Amelia Dent	Decatur, GA
Mr. David Green	Sarasota, FL
Mr. Harish Hemrajani	Jacksonville, FL
Mrs. Ella P Jackson	East Point, GA
Dr. Angela Johnson	Stone Mountain, GA
Mr. Perry Little	Tampa, FL
Ms. Patricia Papachriston	Memphis, TN
Ms. Joan Riles	Sarasota, FL
Mr. Eric Shelton	Atlanta, GA
Ms. Vernassa Smith	Fayetteville, GA
Mr. William M Townsend	Atlanta, GA

Life Master

Ms Velma Johnson	Chattanooga, TN
Ms Annie Mae King	Atlanta, GA
Ms Loretta M McCroskey	Decatur, GA
Ms Thelma Palmer	Decatur, GA
Ms Ruth O Robertson	Tampa, FL

Sr. Life Master

Mr. Lelvin Crowe	Cordova, TN
Mrs. Joanne N Ford	Nashville, TN
Ms. Rubye Geer	East Point, GA
Ms Anna Henderson	Austell, GA
Mrs. Joyce Johnson	Memphis, TN
Mr. Vincent Rice	Sarasota, FL
Mrs. Bernadine Rice	Sarasota, FL

Ruby

Ms Shirlee Anderson	Fairburn, GA
Ms Geraldine Fennie	Fayetteville, GA

Diamond

Ms Evelyn Cook	Atlanta, GA
Mrs. Leona Hawkins	Sarasota, FL

Silver Diamond

Ms Betty J Battles	Pembroke Pines, FL
Ms Lillian Holeman	Fairburn, GA

Gold Diamond

Dr. Charles R Walker Jr.	Atlanta, GA
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The William Friend Races

Asterisk	George Stuart	74.55
	Amelia Dent	65.93
	William M Townsend	63.66
	Eric Shelton	63.37
	Vernassa Smith	29.00
	Harish Hemrajani	27.39
	Perry Little	24.18
	Patricia Papachriston	15.10
	Doris Smith	14.81
	Connie Stewart	13.88
Master	Thelma Palmer	88.23
	Loretta M McCroskey	88.10
	Carol A Brown	74.55
	Sonja F Johnson	64.53
	Ruth O Robertson	24.44
	Tolliver McKinney	24.01
	Beverly Bouchee	22.75
	Velma Johnson	21.47
	Mary J Ward	20.52
	Kim Taylor	18.55
Life Master	Lelvin Crowe	127.36
	Vincent Rice	118.05
	Bernadine Rice	113.87
	Dorothy Hill	73.62
	Barbara Douglas	42.28
	Rubye Geer	42.03
	Howard E Prunty	42.00
	Joe Shorter	41.77
	Everlina R Jackson	37.76
	James Richardson	36.65
SLM	Rosetta J Boyd	194.32
	Shirlee Anderson	133.87
	Dorothy Bailey	121.95
	Ruth Harris	121.39
	Elie Jones	107.58
	Lydia Alexander	100.57
	Joseph L Rambert	94.27
	Geraldine Fennie	93.54
	Nettie T Shepherd	71.93
	Gus Bealer	62.97
Ruby	Evelyn Cook	218.73
	Bessie C Jones	156.44
	Celia Saylor	106.95
	Jessie Armstrong	76.26
	Pauline Dobbs	63.71
	Frances Alexander	46.94
	Riley Brown Jr.	41.48
	Minnie Wiley	40.73
	Cynthia B Alexander	29.39
	James W Alexander	29.39
Diamond	Elizabeth Alexander	441.53
	Doris Bebee	415.34
	Emma Fountain	340.67
	Delores Turner	333.85
	Eugenia Weaver	247.61
	Nan Lindsey	246.00
	Betty J Battles	242.85
	Birnell Hatcher	229.47
	Pearl Minor	217.73
	Edwin G Artest Jr.	207.97

Summer National Masterpoint Parade

Shirley Williams	Atlanta GA	175.00.	William Townsend	Atlanta GA	33.19
Anderson Williams	Atlanta GA	152.20.	Vernice Whitfield	Jacksonville FL	31.26
Gloria Christler	Atlanta GA	151.10.	Cynthia Alexander	Decatur GA	29.39
Elizabeth Alexander	Memphis TN	137.50.	James Alexander	Decatur GA	29.39
Marjorie Waldon	Atlanta GA	133.80.	Birnell Hatcher	East Point GA	29.01
Edwin G. Artest., Jr.	Tampa FL	130.30.	Velma Graham	Germantown TN	27.97
Gwen Middlebrooks	Atlanta GA	130.30.	Barbara Douglas	Smyrna GA	26.23
Willetta Phipps	Atlanta GA	128.80.	Eric Shelton	Atlanta GA	26.23
James Brown	Stn Mtn GA	127.30.	Everlina Jackson	Atlanta GA	23.52
Nan Lindsey	Lithia Springs GA	127.20.	Elaine McCray	Atlanta GA	22.65
Doris Bebee	Atlanta GA	124.50.	Arthurine Waymer	Stn Mtn GA	21.60.
Charles Walker, Jr.	Atlanta GA	109.60.	Queen Jackson	East Point GA	20.32
Faye Hines	Conyers GA	103.50.	Tolliver McKinney	Memphis TN	18.88
Olivia B. Green	Birmingham AL	90.06	Jocelyn Jackson	Atlanta GA	14.84
Worth Christler	Atlanta GA	89.94	Esther Bolton	Stn Mtn GA	8.69
Juanita Hatcher	Atlanta GA	84.43	Andrew Echols	Macon GA	6.83
Shirley Dillard	Lawrenceville GA	71.59	Richard Alsberry	Brandon FL	6.60.
Emma Fountain	Atlanta GA	69.94	Christine Callier	Decatur GA	6.13
Eugenia Weaver	Pembroke Pines FL	63.79	Jessie Lanier	Atlanta GA	6.13
Arthur Harris, Jr.	Nashville TN	63.76	Elie Jones	Atlanta GA	5.22
Thelma Palmer	Decatur GA	62.14	Nancy J. Roberts	Atlanta GA	5.00.
Betty Battles	Pembroke Pines FL	62.13	W. McNeil Saddler	Atlanta GA	4.90.
Avis C. Turner	Decatur GA	61.43	Dolores Osborne	East Point GA	4.32
Loretta McCroskey	Decatur GA	60.83	Gwendolyn Lewis	Palmetto GA	3.89
Leatrice Bell	Atlanta GA	57.97	Bessie Jones	Powder Springs GA	3.40.
Evelyn Cook	Atlanta GA	57.97	Edith V. Knowlton	Atlanta GA	2.91
Bernadine Rice	Sarasota FL	57.69	Melissa R. Williams	Jacksonville FL	1.22
Vincent Rice	Sarasota FL	56.38	Johnnie Williams, Jr.	Jacksonville FL	1.22
Loisteen Murff	Punta Gorda FL	55.65	Marion A. Gregory	Jacksonville FL	0.62
Lillian Holeman	Fairburn GA	54.84			
Geraldine E. Wilson	Winter Springs FL	54.77			
John Wilson	Winter Springs FL	54.77			
Benny Patton	Atlanta GA	53.46			
Dorothy Bailey	Clearwater FL	51.64			
Ruth Harris	Clearwater FL	51.64			
Allean Strickland	Atlanta GA	51.12			
Rosetta Boyd	Decatur GA	47.29			
Johnnie Saunders	Riverview FL	46.98			
Delores Turner	Atlanta GA	41.71			
Amelia Dent	Decatur GA	38.09			
Robbie Battle	Macon GA	35.89			
Bettie Harden	Atlanta GA	34.00.			
Leslie King	Decatur GA	33.48			
Nicki Magee	Decatur GA	33.48			

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SOUTHERN SECTION ABA OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions for Voting in the Southern Section Election 2010

Absentee Voting:

1) The attached ballot contains the names of the candidates for Sectional Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition space is available for you to write-in the names of additional candidates for each office.

2) Please place the ballot in a small envelope, seal the envelope and leave the envelope blank.

3) Place this envelope in a larger mailing envelope. You **MUST** place your name, address and ABA number on the outside of this mailing envelope so that the committee can verify that you are an eligible voter.

4) Each envelope containing one ballot must be stamped, individually mailed and postmarked no later than November 18th, 2010. Mailing envelopes containing ballots, without the ABA number on the outside and/or not postmarked on or before September 18th, 2010 will not be counted.

5) You must be an ABA member for your vote to be counted.

On Site Voting:

1) If you choose "on site voting," it will be available at a specified time period and date during the Southern Sectional Tournament in November, 2010.

2) Your ABA membership will be verified by a list from the National Office as proof that you are an eligible voter before you can submit a ballot "on site."

Mail Ballot to:

Southern Section Election Committee
C/O Willetta Phipps
340 Birchmere Close
Atlanta, GA 30331

(NOTE: All mail-in ballots will be opened by the election committee at a designated time during the tournament)

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(Place an X next to the candidate of your choice)

SOUTHERN SECTION 2010 BALLOT

Vice President

Gloria Christler _____

Write-in _____

Secretary

Edith Knowlton _____

Write-in _____

Treasurer

Richard Banks _____

Write-in _____

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Wednesday, Nov. 3

Indecision 2010 Knockouts.....	10 am
<i>Continue 2 pm Wed & 10 am Thu</i>	
Open Pairs.....	10 am
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	10 am
Exit Poll Compact KOs.....	2 pm
<i>Continue 10 am Thursday</i>	
Open Pairs.....	2 pm
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	2 pm
Fair and Balanced Swiss.....	7:30 pm
Open Pairs.....	7:30 pm
50/100/200/300 Pairs.....	7:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 4

Special First-Term Pairs.....	10 am
<i>FREE lesson and slow-paced game for 0-20 MP players</i>	
StrataFlight A Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)....	10 am
StrataFlight B Pairs (0-750, 750-1500).....	10 am
50/100/200/300 Pairs.....	10 am
Gerrymandered Knockouts.....	2 pm
<i>Continue 10 am & 2 pm Friday</i>	
StrataFlight A Pairs (0-3000, 3000+).....	2 pm
StrataFlight B Pairs (0-750, 750-1500) ..	2 pm
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	2 pm
Wing Nut Swiss.....	7:30 pm
Open Pairs.....	7:30 pm
50/100/200/300 Pairs.....	7:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 5

C-SPAN Compact KOs.....	10 am
<i>Continue 2 pm Friday</i>	
StrataFlight A Pairs (0-3000, 3000+)....	10 am
StrataFlight B Pairs (0-750, 750-1500) 10 am	
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	10 am
StrataFlight A Pairs (0-5000, 5000+).....	2 pm
StrataFlight B Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500-2500)	2 pm
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	2 pm
Campaign 2012 Knockouts.....	7:30 pm
<i>Continue 10 am & 2 pm Saturday</i>	
Open Pairs.....	7:30 pm
50/100/200/300 Pairs.....	7:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 6

Recount Compact KOs.....	10 am
<i>Continue 2 pm Saturday</i>	
Open Pairs.....	10 am
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	10 am
Youth Trophy Pairs Championship.....	10 am
StrataFlight A Pairs (0-5000, 5000+).....	2 pm
StrataFlight B Pairs (0-750, 750-1500, 1500-2500)	2 pm
5/20/50 & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	2 pm

PARTY NIGHT

Celebrate your extra hour of sleep with a Saturday evening feast. Stop by a carving station, munch on cheese, veggies and fruit, and help yourself to our keg of beer beginning at 6:30 pm. REGIONAL points awarded in Open & Non-LM Swiss Teams as a benefit to the International Fund. We'll have a Pairs game, too, all at 7:30 and for an extra \$1 a person.

Sunday, Nov. 7 – Events complete by 5 pm

StrataFlight A Swiss Teams (0-5000, 5000+).....	10 am
StrataFlight B Swiss Teams (0-750, 750-1500, 1500-2500)	10 am
Non-Life Master Swiss Teams (0-100, 100-200, 200-NLM)	10 am
Open & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	10 am
Open & 100/200/300 Pairs.....	1:30 pm

- ACBL points listed. Two ABA points=one ACBL point.
- Open events stratified 0-750, 750-2000, 2000+ MPs unless indicated otherwise.
- All 10 am and Sunday Open Pairs semi-fast, 6 minutes/board.
- Compact KOs handicapped.

ACBL chair: Bob Heller

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Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club

Grade "A" Weekend
October 1st, 2nd and 3rd

at

Hyatt Place Birmingham Inverness
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(205) 995-9242

Room Rate is \$84 per night before September 15, single or double occupancy. Complimentary breakfast served.

Friday, October 1, 2010

Bettie Mae Williams Memorial Open Pairs	3:00 P.M.
Lindsay C. Burt Memorial Scholarship Game	8:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Willie Ruth Pugh Memorial Open Pairs	9:30 A.M.
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Robert L. Thomas/Earline Tankersley Memorial Round Robin Team Game - 1 st session	2:00 P.M.
Round Robin Team Game - 2 nd session	8:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 3, 2010

William C. Thornton Memorial Benefit game	9:30 A.M.
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Games are \$7 per session

Cheryl Ransom, President	(205) 916-0093
Olivia Green, Tournament Chairperson	(205) 798-8107
Nea Rice, Partnership Coordinator	(205) 791-1746

Directions:

From Memphis: Highway 78 E to I 20 to I 65 S. (New Highway 22 directions - I 22 to B'ham, exit right on Coalburg Road - left on Daniel Payne Drive - I 65 S ramp on right.) Exit 65 S onto I 459 North; exit #19 (Hwy 280 E). Take Hwy 280 E 2 miles - turn right onto Inverness Parkway. Hyatt Place is on your left.

From Nashville: Highway I 65 South thru B'ham; then see above

From Atlanta: Highway I 20 W to I 459 S, exit #19 then see above

From Chattanooga: Highway I 59 S to I 459 S; exit #19, see above

Southern Section Survey

At the Southern Section tournament in Orlando in January, we discussed strategies to make the Sectional Tournament more profitable. A member of the Section made the suggestion that we should consider having only one Sectional Tournament a year and allocating the other Sectional games to clubs or units to have as part of their Grade A tournaments. Section Vice President Gloria Christler appointed a committee to study the advantages and disadvantages of having one tournament versus two tournaments a year.

The committee needs input from our Southern Section members to help us make a recommendation. Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey so that we will know how you feel about this issue.

1. Circle the letter that best describes the length of your membership in the American Bridge Association.
 - a. less than a year
 - b. 1-3 years
 - c. 4-6 years
 - d. 7-10 years
 - e. more than 10 years

2. Circle the letter that best describes your participation in Southern Section tournaments.
 - a. I have never been to a Southern Section tournament
 - b. I rarely go to Southern Section tournaments
 - c. I usually go to one Southern Section tournament a year
 - d. I usually go to both Southern Section tournaments each year

3. Circle the letter that best expresses your opinion about having one or two Sectional tournaments
 - a. I strongly prefer two sectional tournaments
 - b. I somewhat prefer two sectional tournaments
 - c. I strongly prefer one sectional tournament
 - d. I somewhat prefer one sectional tournament
 - e. I have no opinion on this issue

4. Circle the letter that best describes your intention to participate in Sectional Tournaments.
 - a. I will attend both sectional tournaments if we have two
 - b. I will attend one sectional tournament if we have two
 - c. I do not intend to attend a sectional tournament

Please send your responses to the survey to
Dr. Anderson C. Williams 3736 Landau Lane
Atlanta, GA 30331
Or e-mail me at alaf666@yahoo.com



Southern Section Martin Luther King Tournament January 13-17, 2011



Holiday Inn

5711 W. U.S. Hwy 192 Kissimmee, FL 34746
Room Rate—\$59, Reservation Deadline—December 21 st
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Thursday, January 13		
3:00 PM	Open Pairs	Single Session
8:30 PM	Open Pairs	Single Session
Friday, January 14		
9:30 AM	Jerri Wilson Knockout Teams*	Round 1
2:00 PM	Jerri Wilson Knockout Teams	Round 2
	Open Pairs (Stratified)	Single Session
8:30 PM	Jerri Wilson Knockout Teams	Round 3
	Open Pairs (Stratified)	Single Session
	*Side Game if warranted	
Saturday, January 15		
9:30 AM	Jerri Wilson Knockout Teams	Final Session
	Open Pairs (stratified)	Single Session
2:00 PM	Avis Turner Open Pairs	First Session
8:30 PM	Avis Turner Open Pairs	Second Session
	Side game if warranted	
Sunday, January 16		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Sectional Open Meeting	
12:00 Noon	Johnnie Saunders Round Robin Teams	First Session
	Side Game	Single Sessopm
6:00 PM	Johnnie Saunders Round Robin Teams	Second Session
	Side Game	Single Session
10:00 PM	Awards Reception	
Monday, January 17		
9:30 AM	Scholarship	Single Session

Grade A Cruise - Leaving from Tampa, FL

Playing fees \$9:00 per person. Registration 1 hr prior to game time and closes 15 minutes before game time.

*Knockout Registration 11:30 PM Thursday, January 13. Scrip awards only.

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SOUTHERN SECTION THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

NOV. 25-29, 2010



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	Thursday, November 25	
8:00 PM	Headquarters Benefit	Single Session
 Friday, November 26		
9:00 AM	Open Pair	Single Session
2:00 PM	Open Pair	Single Session
8:00 PM	Knockout Teams	First Session
 Saturday, November 27		
9:00 AM	Knockout Teams	Second Session
2:00 PM	Knockout Teams	Semi-Final
	Swiss Teams	First Session
8:00 PM	Knockout Teams	Final Session
	Swiss Teams	Second Session
 Sunday, November 28		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Sectional Open Meeting	
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Bridge Education Seminar	
2:00 AM	Open Pairs	First Session
8:00 PM	Open Pairs	Second Session
 Monday, November 29		
9:00 AM	Round Robin Teams	First Session
TBA	Round Robin Teams	Final Session

Playing fees \$9:00 per person. Registration 1 hr prior to game time and closes 15 minutes before game time.
 *Knockout Registration 5:30 PM Friday, November 26th . Scrip awards only.

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