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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:

AUGUST 1, 2009

A Sectional Committee Meeting will be held at the Memphis Grade "A" Tournament in Tunica in June. Be sure to have a Club representative present.

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

The Veep Speaks.....



Thank you for the confidence you placed in me by electing me to serve as your Section Vice President. There was much that had to be done in the first couple of months getting ready for the MLK tournament in January, selecting committee chairpersons, and putting an organizational framework together in order to conduct the business of the Section. I am very appreciative of the level of support and cooperation that I have received from members throughout the Section. I hate to call names for fear of leaving someone out, but I have to give special thanks to Larry Chanay, Gwen Middlebrooks, Shirley Ford, Frances Alexander, John and Jeri Wilson, Shirley Williams, Edith Knowlton, Melissa Williams, Dwight Bush, and, of course, Worth for helping me get off to a good start and for helping to make sure that we were ready in January for the January MLK tournament.

The Martin Luther King Tournament in Orlando

went off without a hitch, thanks to our Tournament Chair, Larry Chanay and the hard work of the committee members. It was one of our largest tournaments, even though we lost several tables of bridge players, who braved the cold and the crowds in Washington to witness the historic inauguration of Barack Obama, our first Afro-American President. Though many of us at the tournament wished we could have been in two places at once, we were there in spirit and sported our Barack attire and other paraphernalia. As usual Andrew Echols and the directing staff ran a very good tournament. Nancy Roberts and I got out early to prepare continental breakfast in the mornings, and stayed up late at night handing out goodies in the hospitality suite. The expanded hospitality was a welcomed addition to our tournaments and was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the tournament was the Awards Brunch, coordinated by Frances Alexander. In addition to fifty-nine members receiving awards for achieving new levels, awards were presented to our 2008 Merit recipient, Avis Turner, Life Member recipient, Willetta Phipps, and our Section Friend Race Winner, Dr. Anderson (Andy) Williams. I know most of you probably know

Andy as an excellent bridge player who travels to nearly all of the Sectional tournaments, but what you probably don't know is that this quiet and always courteous player has been teaching bridge in the Atlanta Bridge Unit for over 25 years. Andy and many other bridge teachers in Atlanta have contributed to the growth and enthusiastic spirit of the Unit, and we thank and applaud all of them for going the extra mile. 2009 will be a very an eventful year. We have already witnessed the inauguration of our first Black President; put on a successful MLK Tournament, and the Tampa Area Bay Club first Grade "A" Caribbean Cruise was a smashing success. We are off to a good start, and there is more to come – Spring National in Houston, Texas, the Summer Nationals in Memphis, Tennessee and several Grade "A" tournaments in the Section.

The 2009 Section Tournament schedule is on our website www.abass.com, and also on the ABA website.

www.ababridge.org

The Memphis Unit will be serving as the host unit for the Summer National, and I am requesting all clubs and units in the Section to pitch in and help them make our Section proud.

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Our website is up, even though it is currently "under construction", we hope to have it completed in the very near future now that we have a Website and Communications Manager in the person of Rosetta Boyd. Each club and/or unit will have a page or pages on the website where they can post information about club activities. We want every club and unit to submit information for their page on the site on a regular basis so we can get news and reports from all across the Section. More information on how to submit information will be sent to each club shortly. We also know that most of our members have email accounts. We want everyone who has an email address to send their address to me at grchrist2@bellsouth.net so that we can send information to you and to all of the clubs on a regular basis via email. This will not only enable us to communicate in a more efficient and effective manner, but it will also save us time and money by not having to purchase postage to send information by mail.

Early in November I mailed a letter to club presidents and secretaries outlining our goals and plans for the next two years:

- * Increase membership by ten percent.
- * Run our sectional tournaments more efficiently.
- * Train qualified directors in all cities.
- * Train certified bridge teachers.
- * Revise and institute more transparent fiscal policies.
- * Communicate with clubs and members on a regular basis.
- * Update the Section web site on a regular basis.
- * Increase Grade "A" participation in all areas of the Section.

I admit it is a bit ambitious, but if we continue to work together we can accomplish all of these goals. Along with the letter, I included Sanctions for "C" games for 2009, and in a few instances, Sanctions for upcoming "A" tournaments and Benefit games, and the schedule for the MLK tournament. If you need additional Sanctions, please feel free to call or email me. The letter requested that copies be made available to members of your club/s. I hope every club received and passed this communication on to their club members. The letter also requested the name of each club's representative to the Section Committee. If you have not provided me with your representative's name, please do so as soon as possible. A meeting of the Section committee will be held in June at the Memphis Grade "A" in Tunica, MS.

If your club has not submitted dues for 2009, please do so ASAP. A check for Section dues, along with the PSA 404, Membership Listing, should be mailed to our newly elected Section Secretary,

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

See you in Nashville, TN in May, Jacksonville, FL May 23rd-25th, and Tunica, MS June 8-11th.



The tournament had several ABA Board Members present:
 President Leola Rucker
 National Secretary Anita Troy
 Treasurer George Saunders
 GLVP Barbara Hutson
 Former National President Hank Irwin

SCENES FROM MLK -2009



Dwight Bush, Treasurer and
Gloria Christler, SSVP



SS Directors Jeri Wilson and
Ernie Russell



Southern Section Membership Meeting
Monument Movieland Hotel
January 18, 2000

SSVP Gloria Christler called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Shirley Ford gave the invocation.

A written agenda was not presented due to printing problems. An oral agenda was presented and followed. The minutes of the Special Meeting held September 14, 2008 in Atlanta were read. Minutes were adopted with corrections. Corrections: The SSVP had not taken office and a Unit must be formed when there are three or more clubs in a city.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Iliad Chanay, Tournament Chairman distributed a written report which showed the income and expenses generated by the Fall Sectional Tournament, September 11-14, 2008. The net profit was \$1,904.69. Mr. Chanay stated that the goals of the Tournament Committee are to:

- run Sectional Tournaments effectively and efficiently,
- become fiscally responsible, and
- provide the Chief Director with more assets in order to function more effectively,

This Committee is looking for different sites for future Tournaments. Our Tournament sites must have good transportation and other amenities which will encourage participation of ABA members throughout the USA. Possible sites for future Tournaments were mentioned: Birmingham, Alabama and Biloxi, Mississippi. Questions were raised about the feasibility of Biloxi as there is a charge of \$1500 for the playing area. The body was asked to recommend and submit additional sites to Mr. Chanay.

The goals for this Tournament (MLK) were accomplished:

- more hospitality
- more Directors
- no payment for playing area (Room quota was met)
- no payment for transportation of equipment/supplies (equipment/supplies were brought on the bus thus saving \$1,000.

Motion to accept the report was made by Larry Chanay and seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Dwight Bush distributed a written report. The report showed check registers from September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The report showed a balance of \$5,845.33. It was motioned and seconded to receive this report as information. MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR TRAINING SEMINARS

Shirley Williams reported that Director Workshops had been conducted in both Chattanooga and here in Orlando. Each workshop has produced enthusiasm and progress. More workshops are to be conducted in the future.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP/MERIT AWARDS COMMITTEE

Leatrice Belll, Southern Section Life Membership/Merit Awards Chairman reviewed the process and requirements for nominating recipients for these awards. The deadline for submitting nominees is July 15, 2009.

Shirley Ford was nominated for Life Membership. However, due to the requirement that one must have been a member of the ABA a minimum of 20 years, it was determined that she was ineligible at this time. Her name was then nominated to receive the Merit Award. Motioned and seconded that Shirley Ford's name be submitted for the Merit Award. MOTION CARRIED.

Andrew Echols and Melissa Williams were nominated for Life Membership. After much discussion, a secret ballot was held on the two names. Andrew received a total of 28 votes, Melissa received a total of 8 votes, and 1 vote was disqualified. Shirley Ford and Andrew Echols will submit the necessary information to Mrs. Bell before the deadline.

A lengthy discussion followed these nominations. It was pointed out that forms and qualifications should be submitted prior to the September Sectional meeting. Members in each state should have the opportunity to nominate persons for these awards. Members are encouraged to follow through by submitting names to Mrs. Bell prior to the next Sectional meeting.

Jeri Wilson is working on a Cruise to benefit the Southern Section on the Royal Caribbean Line June 4-11, 2009 or one in April, 2009. However, because of time constraints it was agreed that we would postpone the cruise until next year (2010). Notification will be sent as soon as plans are complete

Esther Bolton, new player from Atlanta was deeply concerned about the decorum exhibited at this Tournament. She discussed rudeness at the table, noise level, and the inattention to the Directors. She expressed the idea of using a light to diminish the noise level. As a last resort, she said, "Take points!"

Eugenia Weaver of Miami agreed in principle with the statement regarding decorum. She believes that a portable microphone (to be used by the Directors) would be a good investment. She also expressed her concern about our scheduled time for games to start. She believes that 8:30 is a bit late as it is near midnight before we finish. She thinks that an adjustment in time to 8:00 would be more appropriate.

Anita Troy, ABA National Secretary was in attendance at this meeting. She commended our SSVP for the wonderful goal of getting focused and the leadership she is providing.

The SSVP thanked those in attendance for their support and input.

Meeting adjourned.

Edith V. Knowlton

Southern Section Secretary

Please send updated Memberships to:

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

Youth Bridge Committee Makes an Appeal

Allean Strickland, Chairman

There are currently eleven Junior Bridge Players playing weekly in the home of the chairman. They are preparing for the "Youth North American Bridge Championships, which will be held in Washington D.C., July 30 - August 1, 2009. This is a very expensive venture for the kids. ACBL is assisting the students by donating a Toshiba 32" LCD HDTV and Nintendo Wii from Nintendo for raffling. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Individual ticket sales will be split 95% to the individual and 5 % to AJB.to be used for special activities. Individual money from ticket sales will be returned to kids upon arrival in Washington, D.C.

All members of the ABA are asked to support these young people by purchasing raffle tickets, or making a donation. Please contact Allean Strickland for further information. (404) 696-1657.

SCENES FROM ATLANTA



**Installation of Officers: Vice-President Gloria Christler,
 Treasurer Dwight Bush, Secretary Edith V. Knowlton**



**Dr. & Mrs. Anderson Williams
 "Andy and Shirley"**



Caddies: (Middlebrooks; Harden; Harden)



**Merit Award Winner Avis Turner
 Life Member Willetta Phipps**

MLK Tournament Review

Iliad (Larry) Chanay, Tournament Chairman

Following the election of officers at our September 2008 tournament the Sectional Vice President charged the tournament committee to evaluate our September tournament operations and results and formulate objectives for improvement. While the committee was aware that we cannot operate tournaments continually not showing some profit, profitability was NOT our first objective. Our number one was to operate tournaments where participants had a nice time and felt good when they left. Secondly, we wanted to improve the directing and ensure that our chief director had sufficient tools and assistance. Third, we wanted to improve our hospitality, and while accomplishing these objectives we know we must also be fiscally responsible. In the proposed budget for the Martin Luther King tournament we projected a profit, added additional directors and caddies and increased funds for hospitality.

At our MLK tournament Jan, 15 -19, 2009, it appeared most of us enjoyed the tournament. We fully recognize that we still have some areas in which to improve. Namely, the noise level, selection of location and facilities, revision of schedule, and other matters that have been brought to our attention. In our effort to improve we scheduled too many caddies and directors. At future tournaments we will provide a non-director staff person to assist in game registration, eliminating one full time director. In terms of profitability we exceeded our projection by about seventy dollars.

At our next tournament we shall implement an evaluation form to be completed by participants that will assist us in improving future tournaments. Our committee wants our section members to know that we are excited in having this opportunity and our group is committed towards running successful future tournaments.

Below is the financial report from the tournament. Also below is a comparison of the last three MLK tournaments. Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed.

Tournament Financial Report Martin Luther King, 2009

	Daytona Jan. 2007	Jacksonville Jan. 2008	Orlando Jan. 2009
Income			
Tournament	10,992.00	10,376.00	11,288.00
50/50 Raffle	106.50		128.00
Brunch Income	2,300.00	2,653.00	2,050.00
Total Income	13,398.50	13,029.00	13,466.00
Expenses			
Hotel Expense	711.90	5747.73	1,155.45
Hospitality		198.00	755.33
Sanction Fees	3,028.00	2,848.00	2,982.80
Tables* (rental/transp.)	911.79	831.87	440.00
Directors	2,747.04	3,224.00	3,471.46
Mileage		272.40	380.00
Achievement Awards		186.41	
Awards (*estimated Actual figures unavailable)	*1,100.00	1,395.00	1,244.00
Brunch	2,241.05		1,394.94
Supplies	171.00		
Caddies	495.00		435.00
Total Expenses	11,405.78	14,703.41	12,258.98
Net Income	1,992.72	-\$1,674.41	1,207.02

*Includes Income from Brunch

**estimated

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Youth Bridge	Alleean Strickland	3820 Wisteria Ln SW Atlanta, GA 30331	404-696-1657 alleansd@aol.com
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Jeri Wilson 407 365 1923- jerijohnwi@aol.com

A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED - Rates per person - double occupancy -Taxes included are: Inside \$307.20 - Outside \$372.20 Deposit of \$25.00 per person to secure reservation due by March 15, 2009. Final payment due by August 15, 2009. Checks may be made out to Global Tours. Visa, Discover, American Express or Master Card is acceptable. Complete ---reservation and mail to: Doris Jenkins, 566 Coconut St. Satellite Beach, FL. 32937 detach here

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Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

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City State Zip

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Your Email address _____

A Tribute to Shirley Ford

By Edith V. Knowlton

You are truly one of the jewels that adorn our beautiful ABA pin. A true jewel because your value is immeasurable. You are precious. You add sparkle to the ABA. You radiate wonderful ideas. If you are lost, you cannot be replaced with an imitator. You are G-E-N-U-I-N-E.

I marvel at your expertise and willingness to support the ABA and its members in any way that you can. We, the members of the Southern Section applaud your efforts each day as you work to enhance the image and growth of ABA.

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Sincere, supporter, sagacious, steadfast

Hard worker, humanitarian, humble, honest

Innovative, inspirational, insightful, ideologist

Reliable, respected, resourceful, realistic

Leader, logical, loyal, lucid

Extremely talented, energetic, ethical, esteemed

"Yes" you work night and day for the success and good of the ABA

Keep your sparkle, Jewel Shirley. You are priceless. Your work glistens. The Southern Section appreciates you and your glowing deeds. We "wear" you with pride and distinction.

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May 15, 2009 (Friday)

3:00 PM Open Pairs (Single Session)

8:00 PM Open Pairs (Single Session)

May 16, 2009 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open Pairs (Single Session)

2:00 PM Team Game 1st Session

DINNER AT 6PM BETWEEN SESSIONS

8:00 PM Team Game 2nd Session

May 17, 2009 (Sunday)

9:00 AM Scholarship Open Pairs

Pair Entry Fee \$7.00 Per Session

Team Entry Fee \$20.00 / Includes Dinner

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Tournament Chairman

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Director In Charge

Andrew Echols (478) 746- 5013

Partnership

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DIRECTORS' SEMINAR

BY JERI WILSON

One of the goals of Gloria Christler, SSVP, is to expand the corps of certified directors within the Section. Shirley Williams was asked to Chair the Staff Development Committee. A Directors' Seminar was planned during the MLK Tournament in January 2009 but because of increased interest, two separate meetings had to be scheduled.

Interested participants brought their laptops and hands-on workshops were conducted. Shirley devoted many hours prior to the meetings in preparing training materials for newcomers and for expanding the skills of current directors desiring to upgrade their levels of certification.

Time was also spent with questions and answers pertaining to updates of the new Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Participants left the seminar well-satisfied and with a desire to put their skills and knowledge into practice. Future workshops and seminars will be planned.



Bridge Etiquette, Procedures & Policies

--By Edith K. Knowlton

1. Arrive at place of play early enough to relax.
2. Fill in your registration slip with your ABA number and your points.
3. Complete your convention card identical to your partner's. Review same before play.
4. When making boards, there should be at least one member present from each side.
5. Count your cards "face down" before looking at them.
6. Undue hesitation before bidding or playing a card is unprofessional.
7. Use bid boxes, not vocal chords, when making a bid.
8. Do not touch the bid box until you are ready to bid. Likewise, do not stare at or fumble with the box.
9. No talking, gesturing, or sighing when it is your turn to bid or play.
10. Do not touch or detach the card to be played from your hand until it is your turn to play.
11. Declarer plans his/her play after dummy is spread.
12. North announces the contract, records the score, and cares for the boards.
13. East checks, verifies the score, and initials the pick up card. **DO NOT** mix cards until the score is agreed upon and verified.
14. No gratuitous remarks during play of the hand (opponent's feeling may be hurt.)
15. Do not initiate or join in a discussion about bidding or play of the hand by opponents unless asked to do so (proceed with caution.)
16. Do not stall play/bidding through needless conversation, fumbling with cards, repeated questions, etc.
17. You are restricted to ask questions about bids, conventions, discards, etc., only when it is your turn to bid/play.
18. A review of the auction must be given by an opponent of the player who is requesting it; however, all players are responsible for a correct review.
19. Touch no one's cards but yours. You must seek and be granted permission to see anyone else's cards (the Director may be called.)
20. Do not discuss hands/boards that you have played ; opponents may gain an advantage.
21. If one wishes to discuss a hand at the end of play and if time permits, only **ONE** hand at a time should be exposed.
22. Do not ask unnecessary questions as it will often alert the opponents/bidder.
23. Kibitzers should remain seated at only one table or follow only one player; they are not permitted to call attention to any irregularity or play.
24. A kibitzer may be barred by any one player without reason.
25. Keep voices low when bidding or playing boards as others must play the same boards.
26. Do not exhibit approval/disapproval of play by commenting or gesturing.
27. Count your cards again before replacing them into the boards.
28. Let your partner know well in advance if you will be unable to play.
29. Courtesy is contagious. . . spread it around, everyone should catch it!
30. ***Avoid any remark/action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player/partner or that might interfere with the enjoyment of the game!***

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HOUSTON!**

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ANNUAL GRADE "A" TOURNAMENT

June 8 -11, 2009

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Monday, June 8, 2009

Joe Westbrook	Welcome to Tunica Open Pairs	3:00 PM
Dorothy "Dot" Westbrook	ABA Benefit	8:00 PM

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Aggie Anderson	Early Open Pair	9:00 AM
	Modified Round Robin	2:00 PM
	First Session	
Sallye Thomas	Round Robin	8:00 PM
Sallye Thomans	Second Session	

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Nathaniel "Nat" Matthews	Open Pair	9:00 AM
Roland Woodson	Board-A-Match	First Session
Roland Woodson	Board -A-Match	Second Session
		2:00 PM
		8:00 PM

Thursday, June 11, 2009

"Samuel Crossley"	Scholarship	10:00 AM
	Getaway Open Pairs	2:00 PM
	Send Off Bag Snack	

The "Money" Raffle

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8033 W. Oak Grove Rd, Hernando, MS 38632
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"GO and GROW"

Southern Section Sectional Tournament

September 15-18, 2009

Beau Rivage Hotel & Casino

Biloxi, MS

Room Rate \$99 (Single or Double)

888-750-7111 (Ext. 7444)

Sept 15	3:00 PM	Early Arrivals
	8:30 PM	Knockout Teams (First Session) (Side Game if attendance warrants)
Sept 16	9:00 AM	Knockout Teams (Second Session) (Side Game if attendance warrants)
	2:00 PM	Knockout Teams (Third Session) Swiss Teams (First Session) (Side Game if attendance warrants)
	8:00 PM	Knockout Teams (Final Session) Swiss Teams (Final Session)
	9:00 AM	ABA Benefit
Sept 17	2:00 PM	Open Pairs (First Session) Side Game
	8:00 PM	Open Pairs (Second Session) Side Game
	9:00 AM	Round Robin Teams (First Session)
Sept 18	TBA	Round Robin Teams (Final Session)

Playing fees \$8:00 per person. Registration 1 hr prior to game time and closes 15 minutes before game time.

***Knockout Registration 5:30 PM Tuesday, September 15. Scrip awards only.**

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Southern Section Tournament Trail—2009

APRIL 13-18	SPRING NATIONAL Houston, Texas
MAY 15-17	GRADE "A" Nashville, Tennessee
MAY 22-24	GRADE "A" Jacksonville, Florida
JUNE 8-11	GRADE "A" Memphis, Tennessee
AUGUST	5-15 SUMMER NATIONAL Memphis, Tennessee
AUGUST 22-24	GRADE "B" East Metro DBC—Atlanta, GA
SEPTEMBER 15-18	SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT— Biloxi, Mississippi
NOVEMBER 2-6	GRADE "A" Daytona & Orlando Cruise
NOVEMBER 27-29	GRADE "A" Atlanta, Georgia

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