

# A.B.A. FLASH

## 78th Summer National Tournament American Bridge Association, Inc. Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ



Issue Four

MONDAY

August 1, 2011

### EVENTS OF TOMORROW—TUESDAY

<b>August 2</b>	6-2	Speedball Swiss O/U 2000	9:00 AM
		Victor Daly KO Teams	
		Semi-Finals/Finals	1:30 PM & 8:00 PM
		Second Chance KO Teams	
		Semi-Finals/Finals	
	6-2	Open Pairs	1:30 PM
		<b>New Players Reception—Presidential Suite</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
	6-2	Open Pairs	8:00 PM

#### Committee Meetings:

5:30 PM	Life Membership/Merit Awards, Jane Harris—Dove H
5:30 PM	National Tournament Committee, Worth Christler—Dove G
5:30 PM	Scholarship, Mary Sirmons—Dove I
5:30—6:30 PM	Teacher Certification Meeting, Regena Edwards, - Quail F

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**Be gentle and patient with people.  
Everyone's bruised. - Katie Lambert**



# The Bidding Box

Many ABA players have always played with bidding boxes. However, there are also many players who began playing bridge BEFORE bidding boxes. How long have we had them? Well, Bidding boxes were invented in 1962 in Sweden by Gösta Nordenson and first used at a World Bridge Championships game in Stockholm in 1970. Eric Jannersten, a Swedish social bridge player and founder of the largest European bridge equipment manufacturer, Jannersten Förlag AB bought the patent in 1970 being attributed by some as the inventor. However, the patent is disputed by the Swedish Bridge Federation. They quickly became popular in Europe, and after some resistance were accepted in American bridge clubs. As of 2006, they are practically an indispensable part of the game, and even many rubber bridge players use them at home.

Usage of bidding boxes has several advantages over oral bidding:

- Room is quieter and helps maintain concentration; bidding cannot be overheard at other tables.
- Calls cannot be misheard, and it is more difficult to make a call out of turn.
- It assists players with hearing impairments.
- As all the used bidding cards remain visible on the table during the auction, players cannot forget a call during the auction, which reduces the need for the auction to be reviewed.
- The accidental passing of unauthorized information by the manner of making a call is almost eliminated. It is easier to play bidding cards in a uniform manner than to speak in a uniform manner with a uniform tone of voice.

The exact regulations for the use of bidding boxes vary according to the sponsoring authority.

In the American Contract Bridge League:

1. Players must choose a call before touching any card in the box. A call is considered made when a bidding card has been taken out of the bidding box with intent.
2. A call may be changed without penalty (under the provisions of other bridge laws) only if a player has inadvertently taken out the wrong bidding card, and the player corrects, or attempts to correct, without pause for thought, and the player's partner has not made a call.
3. The skip-bid warning is given using bidding boxes by displaying the stop card, making a call and then replacing the stop card in the bidding box. The bidder is not obligated to display the card for 10 seconds, but the left-hand opponent is obligated to wait 10 seconds (while giving the appearance of studying his hand) before making a call.



Congratulations to SVP of the Great Lakes Barbara Hutson and her partner Hedy Echard of Durham, NC! They were the winners of the Christina Jones Women's Pairs on Saturday in the O/5000 category. [Doris Ayers and Celestine Tillman, Julia Lee and Stephanie Young you four also need to see Barbara Vinzant and have your pictures taken.]

Barbara Hutson and Hedy Echard



OPEN PAIRS 7-30-11 1:30 PM 14.5 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
13.74	1			#05818 Bill Johnson, Los Angeles, CA #05046 Sherry Polk, Inglewood CA	139.81
10.31	2			#05643 James Pruitt #05626 Andreda Pruitt, Los Angeles CA	131.70
8.24	3			#02243 Lillian Holeman, Fairburn GA #01780 Mary M Young, Durham NC	129.91
6.87	4			#04790 Jackie Johnson, Gold Canyon AZ; #04155 Mary Lee, Detroit MI	129.69
6.18	5			#04069 Marvin Allen, Southfield MI #04813 Reuben Russell, Detroit MI	128.65
5.50	6			#04006 Louis Allen, Southfield MI; #04659 Barbara Vinzant, Dayton OH	128.15
4.81	7			#04756 Norma Jenkins, Farmington Hills MI #02355 Olivia Green, Birmingham AL	126.80
4.12	8			#05101 Emma L Johnson #05013 Faustina Floyd, Los Angeles CA	126.17
10.11		1		#13797 Lovie Lynch #14170 Gloria Cooper, Houston TX	123.55
7.58		2		#11927 Marian Mercer, Brooklyn NY; #11926 Marion Luter, Sprngfld Gard, NY	117.80
6.01		3		#11023 Aloma Moore #11024 Otha Johnson, New York NY	117.30
5.24		4	1	#15011 Mildred Green, Fredericksburg VA; #14978 Cleveland Rock, Ruther Glen VA	114.45
3.93			2	#10556 Archa Glass, Lemon Grove CA NM Kay Phillips,	108.96

FUTURE STARS OP 7-31-11 1:30PM 7.5 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
10.61	1	1	#15008 Rhoda L Kimbrough, Hazel Crest ; #12521 Modesta Echols, Buffalo	71.27
7.96	2	2	#07997 Geraldine Travis NEW William Travis, Glendale	70.42
5.97	3		#04178 Hazel Bacon, Sun City AZ; NEW Ola Norris, Peoria AZ	66.84
5.41	4	3	#15043 Marlene Felix #15044 Susan Coggins, Los Angeles	64.80
4.06		4	#02071 Queen Jackson, East Point ; #10160 Everlina R Jackson, Atlanta	62.30

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EVENING SIDE GAME SERIES 7-30-11 8PM 17.5 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
13.84	1			#05818 Bill Johnson, Los Angeles, CA; #05046 Sherry Polk, Inglewood CA	119.78
11.56	2	1	1	#13054 Frank Hawkins #13065 Waymon Webster, PV TX	115.03
8.30	3			#13763 Larry Cooke, Indianapolis, IN #04069 Marvin Allen, Southfield MI	114.05
6.92	4			#04790 Jackie Johnson, Gold Canyon AZ; #04155 Mary Lee, Detroit MI	105.71
6.23	5			K231417 Ron Fischer, Scottsdale AZ J381075 David Certa, Phoenix AZ	100.50
5.54	6			#02049 Anderson Williams #02763 Willetta Phipps, Atlanta GA	99.57
8.67	7	2		#11023 Aloma Moore #11024 Otha Johnson, New York NY	96.58
4.19	8			#11397 Eugenia Weaver, Pembroke Pines FL; #12701 Emma J Hardeman, Chicago IL	95.85
7.24		3	2	#15043 Marlene Felix #15044 Susan Coggins, Los Angeles CA	93.94
5.79		4	3	#14530 Thelma Palmer #14528 Loretta M McCroskey, Decatur GA	88.89
5.20		5		#03043 Yvonne McElroy #13375 Ermine Morris, Chicago IL	88.30
4.83		6	4	#02965 Mary Pendleton, Trotwood OH; #13261 Erma Donaldson, Clayton OH	85.45

FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS

Frances Hall, Carole Smoot  
Lucille Cooper, Linda Wilson  
Ron Fisher, David Certa  
Gloria Cooper, Lovie Lynch



Jerrie Thomas and  
Atty. Harold Bickham

Well, well, well! Again?! Really?! I guess having his picture in the FLASH as the winner of the Mixed-Pairs "some time ago" inspired the winner of this game to DO IT AGAIN! Congratulations are in order to Jerrie Thomas and Harold Bickham for not only their win in the BELSAW Friday, but also for their win in the Mixed Pairs! Let's see, what's left? Oh yes, the NATIONAL OPEN PAIRS? Not sure if they will be playing that event together, but if they do, LOOK OUT!!!! Thank goodness they can't play the NON-MIXED OPEN PAIRS together!!!!

"I'm just sayin'!"

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OPEN PAIRS 7-31-11 1:30PM 15.0 Tables

MPA	RANK			OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B	C		
13.74	1			#05626 Andreda Pruitt #05643 James Pruitt, Los Angeles CA	164.50
10.31	2			1613545 Ava Lampert K231417 Ron Fischer, Scottsdale AZ	160.50
8.24	3			#02411 Velma Graham, Germantown TN #05241 Reginald Williams, Lafayette CA	157.50
10.17	4	1		#06649 Shirley Johnson, Bellevue WA #07153 Gertrude Peoples, Seattle WA	157.00
5.84	5/6			#05818 Bill Johnson, Los Angeles CA #05046 Sherry Polk, Inglewood CA	149.50
7.63	5/6	2		#13601 Shirlee Anderson, Fairburn GA #10482 Loretta Harrison, Atlanta GA	149.50
8.75	7	3	1	#13782 June Robinson #13905 Betty Sherrill, Brooklyn NY	147.50
6.56	8	4	2	#11569 Helen Scott, Sacramento CA; #12045 William Crockett, Culver City CA	147.00
4.58		5		#11023 Aloma Moore #11024 Otha Johnson, New York NY	146.00
5.25			3	#13054 Frank Hawkins #13065 Waymon Webster, PV TX	143.00
4.38			4	#12754 Nancy Shaw, Arlington TX; #12755 Willa Swift, Grand Prairie TX	137.50

FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS

Bill Johnson, Sherry Polk  
Gloria Cooper, Lovie Lynch

The Recommendations Committee  
will meet TUESDAY @ 5:00 PM  
immediately following play in  
the PLAYING AREA.

Mary M. Young  
National Vice President  
Committee Chairman



WOMEN'S PAIRS U/2000 7-32-11 1:30PM 10.0 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
14.54	1	1	#11990 Carole Smoot #12173 Frances Hall, Chicago IL	124.00
10.91	2		#07034 Brenda Polk, Portland OR; #04157 Marie Moy, Las Vegas NV	98.50
9.48	3	2	#12701 Emma J Hardeman #12181 Doris Anderson, Chicago IL	96.50
5.37	4/5		#13873 Cassandre Riley #13711 Rosemary Bickham, Indianapolis IN	96.00
5.37	4/5		#08703 Alice Creighton #08708 V Adean Butler, Richmond VA	96.00
7.58		3	#14075 Julia Lee, Las Vegas NV; #14729 Stephanie Young, Los Angeles CA	94.50
6.32		4	#14653 Kathleen Carter, Los Angeles CA; #14329 Clara Harris, Inglewood CA	88.00

FIRST PLACE SECTION AWARDS  
Julia Lee, Stephanie Young

WOMEN'S PAIRS 0/2000 7-31-11 1:30PM 16.0 Tables

MPA	RANK		OVERALL WINNERS	SCORE
	A	B		
22.63	1	1	#12822 Cheryl Ward, St. Louis MO; #14254 Deborah Cole, Chicago IL	174.00
16.97	2	2	#14099 Angela Hester, Pearland TX; #06040 Rose Carvin, Anahuac TX	160.50
13.58	3	3	K753480 Carole Odenreider, Phoenix AZ; 7957173 Joyce-Ann Breclaw, Sun Lakes AZ	156.00
11.23	4	4	#04667 Alvernia Harmon #04651 Mildred McGill, Dayton OH	155.00
10.11	5		#04397 Sara R Seals, Shaker Hgts OH; #04359 Georgia Doggett, Cleveland OH	151.00
8.61	6	5	#03144 Catherine C Myers #03234 Dorothea B Avant, Chicago IL	150.00
7.83	7	6	#09996 Helen Henderson, Memphis TN; #00016 Barbara B Childs, Washington DC	148.00
6.85	8	7	#10944 Janice McBean, Rockville Centre NY #10945 Lynda Straker, West Hempstead NY	146.50

FIRST PLACE SECTION WINNERS  
Alvernia Harmon, Mildred McGill

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# Scenes from the Sunday Worship Service



The Western Section hosted the program



**SEMINARS FOR NEW PLAYERS  
IN THE NEW PLAYERS' ROOM**

Monday -- 1:15 PM Presenter: Daisy Smith

Tuesday -- 1:14 PM Presenter: Eric Shelton

**RECEPTION FOR NEW PLAYERS ONLY**

**PRESIDENT'S SUITE -- 127**

Wednesday -- 1:15 PM Presenter: Bettie Harden -- Team Play

Thursday Sign-up for ProAm Game

Friday ProAm Game



Ruth Young/Bettie Harden, Co-Chairpersons

Sectionals: Eastern, Southern, Midwest, Great Lakes, Western, Southwestern, Northwest and Mid-Atlantic



# The American Bridge Association Mid-Atlantic Sectional – Oct. 7-10, 2011

**Crown Plaza**  
8777 Georgia Avenue  
Sliver Spring, MD 20910  
(Direct-301.589.0800) (Toll Free-1.800.633.8464)

[www.crownplaza.com/dcsilverspring](http://www.crownplaza.com/dcsilverspring)

**Cutoff date: Sept 16, 2011**

Rate: \$89 (single/double)

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, Oct 7

10:00 am Early Arrival Open Pair  
**Teacher Certification Workshop**  
Registration Fee: \$30.00 10:00 am – 1:00 pm)  
Contact: Regena Edwards 301.776.8511

**Registration for KO closes at 2:00pm**

3:00 pm Knockout Team - 1<sup>st</sup> Round  
8:00 pm Knockout Team - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round  
8:00 pm Open Pair (single session)

### Saturday, Oct 8

9:00 am Knockout Finals  
9:00 am Open Pair (single session)  
2:00 pm Stratified Swiss - 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 Sessions  
Open Pair (single session)  
8:00 pm Stratified Swiss - 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 Sessions  
8:00 pm Open Pair (single session)

### Sunday, Oct 9

9:00 am **Memorial Service**  
9:30 am **MAS Annual Meeting**  
**Noon A "CELEBRATION"**  
2:00 pm Open Pair - 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 sessions  
8:00 pm Open Pair - 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 sessions

**Registration for Modified Round Robin closes at midnight**

### Monday, Oct 10

9:00 am Modified Round Robin - 1<sup>st</sup> session  
TBA Modified Round Robin - 2<sup>nd</sup> session

***New player sections and all games stratified when attendance permits...***

***Public parking on Georgia (enter left front of hotel) and (back of hotel) – Free from 7:00 PM Friday...  
Hotel Guest Parking \$5/Day***

***Great eating places in and around the hotel...Easy Metro Access...Great sites to see...***

Registration - 1 hr before game  
Entry fees - \$9 per session  
Awards – Script only

***Carrolena Key***  
Vice-President  
202-488-8759

***Leon Ragland***  
Tournament Chair  
757-235-4537

### Directions:

From South: Take I-95 to I-495 N/CAPITAL BELTWAY via EXIT 170B toward TYSONS CORNER (Crossing into MARYLAND). Take MD-97 S/GEORGIA AVE. Continue to follow MD-97 S. The hotel is on your left.

From North: Take I-95 S to I-495 W/CAPITAL BELTWAY via EXIT 27 toward SILVER SPRING. Merge onto US-29 S/COLESVILLE RD / 29<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL HWY via EXIT 30 toward SILVER SPRING. Turn Right onto GEORGIA AVE /MD-97. Hotel is on your right.

***Hospitality: "MAS Will Proudly Celebrate "OUR OWN" AND "ALL SUPPORTERS"***



# GREETINGS FROM TIDEWATER BRIDGE UNIT

Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach  
(Birthplace of the ABA)



You are invited to join us for our  
Annual **GRADE "A"** Tournament

September 16-18, 2011

**September 16-18, 2011**

**HOLIDAY INN VIRGINIA BEACH HOTEL  
AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

5655 Greenwich Road

Virginia Beach, VA

(757) 499-4400 or (800) 567-3856

Room rates: \$99 single or double; King suite w/pullout \$179

Cutoff date: August 16, 2011

Free Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday

In Room: Coffee maker, refrigerator, 37" Flat TV, microwave

**FREE PARKING**

**FREE Shuttle Service to Airport and places within 5 miles of the hotel**

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday:	3:00 PM	Open Pairs	Saturday:	9:00 AM	Open Pairs
	8:30 PM	Open Pairs		2:00 PM	Mod. RR
				8:00 PM	Mod. RR
Sunday:	9:00 AM	Scholarship Open Pairs			

Chief Director: Charity Patton

Assistant Director: Shirley Wilson

Partnerships: Harriett Goodrich (757) 543-1365

Tournament Chairman: Leon Ragland (757) 235-4537