A Festival with Audrey Grant

Audrey Grant's reputation in the field of bridge education is worldwide. She has authored many books, including “The Official Better Bridge Series.” Audrey will present a three day workshop about the “The Double” as one of the most versatile calls in Bridge.

The workshop will be Monday, April 23rd through Wednesday, April 25th at the Bertram Hotel and Conference Center in Aurora, OH. Cost of the workshop is $190. It does not include overnight hotel accommodations.

If you would like more information or would like to register, you may contact Sue Waldorf at (swaldorf@roadrunner.com or 440-543-7892) or Kathi Peterson (kathipeterson@gmail.com or 440-773-4321). All registrations must be received by March 30th. No refunds after this date. Flyer can be obtained on the Whist Club website, www.whistclub.org.

Vichill League and Gatlinburg

The Vichill League will resume play on Wednesday, March 28th at 7:15 PM. There are three scheduled matches left for this season on March 28, April 4 and April 18.

The final Vichill match falls during the week of the Gatlinburg Regional. Since many of our players attend this regional, a special provision to play the match prior to April 18 can be made so that the final results will be known as soon as the regularly scheduled matches are concluded.

Team captains have received an email from Peter Miller regarding this accommodation.

May Regional

Don’t forget to begin planning for your team and pairs events for our May Regional at the Holiday Inn in Independence, OH on May 22-28, 2012.

This year will feature Gold Rush pairs games on Friday and Sunday. Check the flyers available at the club games.

If you have any news items that you would like to have included in our newsletter, please email Judy Spooner at jmsoo95@yahoo.com.
2012 Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting

On Sunday, April 29, 2012 Unit 125 will have its annual banquet at the Solon Senior Center. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon, Luncheon and Awards at 12:20, and a stratified pairs game at 1:30.

Everyone is encouraged to come out to honor those players who excelled in 2011. Awards will be presented to winners of the Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney, Melamed Race, Larry Rock Race, Hardies Race Vichill League Awards, Scholarship Awards and New Life Masters.

Cost is $15.00 which includes the luncheon and the game.

Please contact Susan Stark at 216-831-1610, sudi92@excite.com or Sharon Robertson at 216-382-6948, bunuzzer@aol.com for reservations.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Bridge Classes Available

Fred Eberlin will be teaching a beginning bridge class at the Jewish Community Center this April. This Friday evening class is April 27th–May 25th from 6-8 PM. The class is for students who are new to bridge and those who want to solidify the knowledge they have. Each lecture is followed by play of pre-dealt hands. All students receive a copy of the lecture and practice hands (taken from Fred’s published book).

For those absolutely new to bridge, a Lesson 0 is available that prepares you for the first class.

Contact Sue Marconi at JCC at 216-593-0448 Tuesdays thru Thursdays.

April Sectional and Board Elections

The Ohio Masters Sectional will be held at the Garfield Heights Civic Auditorium, 5407 Turney Road (same complex as the Garfield Hts. Library). The tournament will be held Friday, April 13–Sunday, April 15.

The Whist Club will hold elections for the Board at this event. A great big thank you to outgoing members: Roz Sukenik, Frank Scali, Ellen Miles, and Harriet Kitay/

Our Unit will be voting for the new Board members at this event. Candidates include Bob Bartko, Ken Kranyak, Beverly Carter, Judy Spooner, Mike Creager, and John Spooner.
Member of the Year Nominations

Unit 125 is currently accepting nominations for the Member of the Year award. Previous winners are Beverly Carter, Sharon Fairchild, Patrick Spooner (posthumously), and Kermit Wolford. Bev, Sharon, and Kermit will serve as the 2012 Selection Committee.

Nominations for this award are due by April 1, 2012 to Sharon Fairchild at shortsuit@sbcglobal.net or mailed to 18740 E. Shoreland Drive, Rocky River, OH 44116. You can download a nomination form from the Whist Club website or obtain one from club directors.

Criteria for this award include longevity of the player, integrity and ethics, friendliness to other players, and one who actively promotes bridge within Unit 125. Nominations are open to all Unit 125 members, living or deceased.

So think about a deserving person in your club and nominate them. It will make them feel special and give you a sense of pride that you thought enough of them to nominate them.

Board News

- Sharon Fairchild needs nominations for the Member of the Year award. Nominations are due by April 1st.
- April sectional site changed from K of C Hall in Garfield Hts. to the Garfield Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road. This location is about a half mile from K of C Hall.
- Audrey Grant Bridge Festival will be in Aurora on Monday, April 23rd to April 25th.
- Awards Banquet will be at the Solon Senior Center on Sunday, April 29 at noon. Game to follow.
- Annual Officers’ Dinner to have old officers and incoming board members meet will be held at Eddie’s Creekside Restaurant in Brecksville on April 18th at 5:30 PM.

Scholarship Applications

Beverly Carter would like to remind Unit 125 that there are scholarships available to children and grandchildren of members. In today’s economy everyone knows that every little bit of money is appreciated by students and their families.

Encourage your college prospects to visit the Whist Club website at www.whistclub.org to download the application. The one page application and details are available there. Look under Board Information and scroll down to the end of the page and click on “Scholarship Information and Applications.” A one page essay should accompany the application.

Mail to Beverly Carter, 4505 Grand Teton Drive, Medina, OH 44256 asap.

A player who can’t defend accurately should try to be declarer.

—Alfred Sheinwold
Winter Rank Changes

**Gold Life Masters:**
Karl Zaman, Strongsville
Gary Sikon, Mayfield Hts.
Lois Butler, Chagrin Falls

**Silver Life Masters:**
Lynn Nosse, Grafton
Eileen Gold, Cleveland

**Bronze Life Masters:**
Gayle Singer, Moreland Hills
Walter Rom, Shaker Hts.
Sharon Robertson, Beachwood
Paula Madvid, Chagrin Falls
Joyce Goodman, Lyndhurst
Barbara Cunliffe, Bentleyville
Charles Kelley, Olmsted Twp.
Laura Ross, Solon
Robert Werner, Chagrin Falls
Lynne Rudolph, Pepper Pike

**Life Masters:**
Gayle Singer, Moreland Hills
Ellen Rie, Cleveland
Joyce Goodman, Lyndhurst
Charleen Drotning, Mayfield Hts.
Charles Kelley, Olmsted Twp.
Laura Ross, Solon
Susan Hall, Mayfield Hts.
Martha Thompson, Pepper Pike

**NABC Masters:**
Barbara Speer, Beachwood
David Rodgers, Broadview Hts.
Barbara Perman, Moreland Hills
David Hobe, Strongsville
Phyllis Fromson, Shaker Hts.
Lawrence Boyd, Shaker Hts.
Carolyn Karch, Chagrin Falls
Ruth Schaul, Shaker Hts.
Elizabeth Tone, Chagrin Falls

**Regional Masters:**
Sue Lan Ma, Kirtland Hills
David Bilek, Independence
Ken Crissman, Strongsville
Mitchell Eggers, Bay Village

**Sectional Masters:**
Henry Curtis, Rocky River
Christine Curtis, Rocky River
Thomas Constantine, Strongsville
Paul Becka, Strongsville
Pamela Elston, Cleveland
Louise Brick, Chagrin Falls
Peggy Friedman, Lyndhurst
Linda Harper, Chagrin Falls
Sally Hotchkiss, Lakewood
Dianne Rose, Beachwood

**Club Masters:**
John Watts, North Olmsted
James Kenney, Middleburg Hts.
Constance Baumer, North Royalton

**Junior Masters:**
Homer Redmond, Chagrin Falls
David Daberko, Pepper Pike
Marcia Giovannangeli, Westlake
Maureen Merker, Mentor
Kyra Reu, Beachwood
Lloyd Schumann, Geneva