
Appendix F

HONORING OUTSTANDING ACBL MEMBERS

ACBL awards proclamations of goodwill through the ACBL Goodwill Committee (see Appendix E). The ACBL president awards presidential citations to individuals in recognition of outstanding services to ACBL and its members. ACBL awards trophies to the winners of novice events at NABCs. ACBL also has a Bridge Hall of Fame to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the game of bridge. In addition, ACBL awards permanent trophies, confers honorary titles, and recognizes winners of various masterpoint races. (SEE Chapter 4, Section Five for more information on classification of players.)

PERMANENT TROPHIES

ACBL has several permanent trophies to be awarded to the winners of many of its major bridge contests. ACBL inscribes the trophies appropriately and keeps them on display at its headquarters. Current permanent trophies include:

BALDWIN: ACBL awards the Col. Russell J. Baldwin trophy to the winners of the North American Pairs champions, Flight A.

BEAN: The Percy Bean trophy is awarded to the winners of the Red Ribbon Pairs held at the Summer NABC.

GEORGE BURNS SENIOR: The George Burns Senior trophy was established in 1993 and is awarded to the ACBL Senior member winning the highest number of masterpoints in senior events during the year.

CAVENDISH: The Cavendish trophy is awarded to the winners of the Blue Ribbon Pairs held at the Fall NABC.

CHICAGO: The Chicago trophy is awarded to the winners of the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams held at the Summer NABC.

IRA G. CORN JR.: The Ira G. Corn Jr. trophy, which is inscribed "For the privilege of representing the USA and the ACBL with honor and skill," is awarded annually to the winning team of the United States Bridge Championship or the International Team Trials, whichever is applicable in a given year.

BARRY CRANE: The Barry Crane trophy, formerly the William McKenney trophy, is awarded to the player who earns the highest number of masterpoints during the year.

CULBERTSON: The Josephine Culbertson trophy is awarded to the winners of the North American Women's Team Championship.

FISHBEIN: The Sally Fishbein trophy is awarded to the player winning the most masterpoints at the Summer NABC in NABC+ events.

GOLD CUP: The Gold Cup, donated by Waldemar von Zedtwitz, is awarded to the winners of the Life Master Pairs held at the Summer NABC.

GOLDER CUP: The Ben Golder Cup is awarded to the winners of the North American Pairs Champions, Flight B.

GOREN: The Charles H. Goren is awarded to the player winning the most masterpoints at the Fall NABC.

JACOBY: The Oswald and James Jacoby trophy is awarded to the winners of the Open Swiss Teams held at the Spring NABC.

KEOHANE: The William H. Keohane trophy is awarded to the winners of the North American Swiss Teams held at the Fall NABC.

LANDY: The Alvin Landy trophy is awarded to the Junior player winning the most masterpoints in a calendar year.

LAZARD: The Sydney H. Lazard Jr. trophy is awarded to players who display admirable ethical behavior and a strong sense of fair play over an extended period of time while playing in high level events.

LEBHAR: The Bertram J. Lebhar trophy is awarded to the winners of the IMP Pairs, held at the Summer NABC.

LEVENTRITT: The Peter Leventritt trophy is awarded to the winners of the Silver Ribbon Pairs, held at the Spring NABC.

MACHLIN: The Sadie Machlin trophy is awarded to the winners of the Women's Swiss Teams, held at the Spring NABC.

ROBIN MACNAB: The Robin MacNab Memorial trophy is awarded annually to the winners of the Grand National Non-Life Master Teams.

MILES: The R. J. Miles trophy is awarded to the winners of the Non-Life Masters Pairs held at the Fall NABC.

MITCHELL: The Victor Mitchell trophy is awarded to the winners of the Open Board-a-Match Teams held at the Fall NABC.

MOREHEAD: ACBL awards the Morehead trophy (donated by The New York Times in memory of Albert H. Morehead) annually to the winners of the Grand National Open Teams, Flight A, held at the Summer NABC.

MOTT-SMITH: The Geoffrey Mott-Smith trophy is awarded to the player winning the most masterpoints at the Spring NABC.

NAIL: The G. Robert (Bobby) Nail trophy is awarded to the winners of the Life Master Open Pairs held at the Fall NABC.

PETER PENDER: The Peter Pender trophy, donated by Peter Pender, is awarded to the winners of the ACBL Junior Bridge Championship (Team Trials) held every two years at the Summer NABC.

PRESIDENT'S CUP: The Presidents Cup is awarded to the winners of the Non-Life Master Swiss Teams held at the Summer NABC.

REISINGER: The Reisinger trophy, donated by Curt H. Reisinger, is awarded each year to the winner of the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams held at the Fall NABC.

ROCKWELL: The Helen Rockwell trophy is awarded to the winners of the Mixed Pairs held at the Spring NABC.

SHEINWOLD: ACBL awards the Alfred Sheinwold trophy annually to the winners of the Grand National Teams Flight B held at the Summer NABC.

SILODOR: The Sidney Silodor trophy is awarded to the winners of the Open Pairs I held at the Spring NABC.

SOBEL: The Helen Sobel trophy is awarded to the winners of the Life Masters Women's Pairs held at the Fall NABC.

SOLOWAY: The Paul Soloway trophy is awarded to the player winning the most masterpoints in NABC+ events at NABCs in a calendar year.

SPINGOLD: The Spingold trophy, donated by Nathan B. Spingold, is awarded annually to the winners of the Spingold Knockout Teams held at the Summer NABC.

STERNBERG: The Marsha May Sternberg Memorial trophy is awarded to the winners of the Women's Board-a-Match Teams held at the Fall NABC.

UNITED STATES PLAYING CARD: The U. S. Playing Card trophy is awarded annually to the winners of the Senior Swiss Teams held at the Summer NABC.

VANDERBILT CUP: The Vanderbilt Cup, donated by Harold S. Vanderbilt, is awarded annually to the winners of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams held at the Spring NABC.

WAGAR: The Margaret Wagar trophy is awarded to the winners of the Women's Knockout Teams held at the Summer NABC.

WERNHER: The Sir Derrick J. Wernher trophy is awarded to the winners of the Open Pairs II held at the Spring NABC.

WETZLAR: The Wetzlar trophy is awarded to the ACBL Honorary Member of the Year, who is selected by the ACBL Board of Directors. The honoree receives a commemorative plaque and a lifetime membership in ACBL.

WHITEHEAD: The Wilbur C. Whitehead trophy is awarded to the winners of the Women's Pairs held at the Spring NABC.

HONORARY TITLES

Only the ACBL Board of Directors may award honorary titles anywhere within its jurisdiction.

ACBL GOODWILL MEMBER OF THE YEAR: An ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year is selected annually by the ACBL Board of Directors. The member's name is added to the permanent plaque on display at ACBL headquarters. The plaque is inscribed: "ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year... Awarded for unselfish dedication to the causes of good conduct, worthy participation and ethical behavior." The winner receives an individual plaque. (SEE ACBL Goodwill Committee in Appendix E.)

ACBL HONORARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR (Wetzlar Trophy Winner): An ACBL Honorary Member of the Year is selected annually by the ACBL Board of Directors. The benefits for an Honorary Member of the Year are: (1) free entries to NABCs for

one year; (2) a Bridge Bulletin article and picture on The Bridge Bulletin cover; and (3) a letter of congratulations from the ACBL Board of Directors signed by the ACBL President

ACBL DISTINGUISHED MEMBER: The ACBL Board of Directors gives the ACBL Distinguished Member Award to members who exemplify everything positive in the game of bridge. ACBL inscribes an honoree's name on a permanent plaque which it keeps on display at its headquarters. Each Distinguished Member receives an individual commemorative plaque.

ACBL PRESIDENT EMERITUS: The ACBL Board of Directors may confer the title ACBL President Emeritus on a past president. The Board invites the conferee to attend all ACBL Board meetings and functions. The conferee votes in elections for ACBL Honorary Members, Goodwill Committee chairperson, Charity Foundation trustees, Educational Foundation trustees. ACBL waives membership dues and Life Master service fees for the ACBL President Emeritus.

ACBL GOLDEN AGE MASTER: The title Golden Age Master is available to any ACBL member who has 300 or more masterpoints and is at least 70 years old, or to any ACBL member who has 100 or more masterpoints and is at least 80 years old. On request ACBL sends the recipient of this honor a certificate designating him or her as a Golden Age Master.

ACBL AMBASSADOR OF BRIDGE: The ACBL Board of Directors may confer the title ACBL Ambassador of Bridge on a deserving member.

MASTERPOINT RACES

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR: The annual Senior Masterpoint Race is determined by the number of masterpoints won by the Senior member winning the most masterpoints in regionally-rated or higher Senior events during the year.

YOUTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR: The annual Youth Masterpoint Race is determined by the number of masterpoints won by members who had not reached their 20th birthday as of December 31 of the preceding year.

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR: The annual Junior Masterpoint Race is determined by the number of masterpoints won by members who had not reached their 26th birthday as of December 31 of the preceding year.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER OF THE YEAR: The annual Championship Player of the Year is determined by the number of masterpoints won at NABCs while playing in unlimited national-rated events, including the North American Open Pairs and excluding the Grand National Team competitions.

BARRY CRANE TOP 500: The annual Barry Crane Top 500 masterpoint race is won by the player who earns the most masterpoints during the year.

ACE OF CLUBS: The annual Ace of Clubs masterpoint races are won by the player from each masterpoint category through Diamond Life Master who earns the most masterpoints in club games during the year.

MINI-MCKENNEY: The annual Mini-McKenney masterpoint races are won by the member from each masterpoint category who earns the most total masterpoints during the year. Unit winners are also designated and, for a fee, ACBL provides units with

commemorative Mini-McKenney medallions for presentation to these players. (SEE Appendix G.)

SECTIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR: The annual Sectional Player of the Year race is won by the player who earns the most masterpoints at sectional tournaments.

ANNUAL TOP 100: The Annual Top 100 is determined by the following:

1. Players beginning the year as Bronze Life Master (500-1000 points)
2. Players beginning the year as Silver Life Master (1000-2500 points)
3. Players beginning the year as Gold Life Master (2500-5000 points)

HALL OF FAME

The ACBL Hall of Fame was founded in 1995 to recognize the outstanding contributions to the game of bridge. This Hall of Fame rekindles the spirit of the original Bridge Hall of Fame established under the auspices of The Bridge World magazine in the 1960's. Nine members were originally inducted into this hall of fame: Ely Culbertson, Charles Goren, Harold Vanderbilt, Oswald Jacoby, Milton Work, Sidney Lenz, Waldemar von Zedtwitz, Howard Schenken, and Sidney Silodor. Members of the Hall of Fame are not required to pay a service fee or membership dues.

New members to the Hall of Fame are nominated by a Hall of Fame Committee who are selected by the ACBL Board of Directors, and then voted in by the Hall of Fame electors. These electors of the ACBL Hall of Fame include all living Hall of Fame members, all ACBL and WBF Grand Life Masters, up to ten North American members of the International Bridge Press Association, and paid-up ACBL members in good standing who have won or placed second in selected ACBL or NABC+ events.