

HISTORY



Bridge Association

CENTRAL OHIO BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

ACBL Unit No. 122

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BRIDGE IN COLUMBUS BEFORE ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL OHIO BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Such bridge promoters as A. Elliott Kimberly, M. Porter Walley and Louis McLean were the organizers of bridge games and events as early as 1932.

On January 19, 1932, Mr. Kimberly founded the Columbus Contract Club, a duplicate club for men only. This was the first organized duplicate club in Columbus. Kim was the President for nine consecutive years. He was also a member and promoter of the Inter-club Team-of-Four which ran for several years.

Not to be outdone by the men, the women organized the Women's Contract Club with Mrs. A.B. (Mary Jo) Miller as director. This was the forerunner of the present Women's Duplicate Bridge Club. The first game was played October 18, 1932. The games were played at the same time and location as those of the Columbus Contract Club.

Also in 1932, M. Porter Walley, who was a genius for duplicate organization, started games at the Neil House. There were eighteen teams in the Industrial League.

From the bridge article in the Columbus Sunday Dispatch under date of November 27, 1932, by M. Porter Walley: "The newly organized Capital City Tournament will hold its first annual meeting at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel on the afternoon and evening of January 14, 1933."

Open Pair - The Morrey Jewelry Trophy
Team-of-Four - The Dr. Louis Mark Trophy

In 1933, at the personal invitation of Mr. Wallick, a studio was opened in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel. Mrs. Edmund B. (Eloise) Neil and M. Porter Walley were the managers and Mr. Kimberly was the Treasurer. Mrs. Neil conducted classes in duplicate bridge and regular duplicate games were scheduled at the studio.

On February 20, 1936, The Franklin Bridge Club was formed.

In September, 1936, mostly through the efforts and generosity of L.C. Wallick, Crockfords Club was formed, with games each Friday evening at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel. Trent Sines was the manager and Robert G. Reed the director.

On December 30, 1937, The Deschappelles Club was organized with L. Sterling Wylie as director. Games were scheduled each Monday evening.

To create interest bridge games were conducted under various headings, such as: Republicans vs Democrats; Big Leagues - Cards, Yanks, Giants, Cubs; "Pony" games; Inter-club League - Faculty, Contract "A", Engineers, Army, Contract "B", University. Other events were: Team-of-Four, Men vs Women, Individuals, Industrial League games. Also, there were matches with Dayton, Springfield, Chillicothe, Lancaster and Piqua.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL OHIO BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

1938

From the bridge articles in the Columbus Sunday Dispatch by Louis McLean, writing under the name of William Lewis.

February 6, 1938.

" A meeting of the organization committee for the Columbus Unit of the American Contract Bridge League has been called for Monday, February 7, 1938, at 6 o'clock. The meeting will be for a dinner at the Athletic Club with Dr. Louis Mark acting as host. T.B.(Shady) Devine heads the following committee as chairman: Dr. George M. Boling, Col. H.S. Brown, Mrs. C.F. Frosh, Mrs. Cecile Guthrie, A.E. Kimberly, Louis McLean, Dr. Louis Mark, Mrs. Addison B. Miller, John Newton, R.G. Reed, Trent Sines, Mrs. Joseph Viau, Ralph Walters and Mrs. Harry W. Watson."

February 20, 1938.

"With a temporary organization formed, work is going forward to perfect a Columbus Unit of the American Contract Bridge League, with all elements of the Columbus bridge world represented. The following group of temporary officers were chosen: T.B. Devine, Chairman; John Newton, Secretary; A.E. Kimberly, Treasurer. These officers have been chosen by the committee to serve only until a sufficient number of members have joined so that an open election may be held."

March 6, 1938.

" The active organization of the local unit of the American Contract Bridge League is being held up by only one thing - lack of numbers. One hundred members are required before a charter can be issued by the national body, and only 75 have actually joined."

March 27, 1938.

" Over one hundred people have now joined the local unit and within the next few weeks they will each be notified of the next meeting."

April 17, 1938.

Heading of the bridge article: "Columbus Bridge Club(COBA) holds initial meeting; officers named."

President	- T.B. Devine
First Vice President and Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary	- Mrs. Addison B.(Mary Jo) Miller
Second Vice President	- Robert G. Reed
Secretary	- John Newton
Treasurer	- A.E. Kimberly

1938-39

The officers elected when the Central Ohio Bridge Association was organized in April, 1938, continued as the officers for 1938-39.

The Columbus Citizen's Men versus Women Bridge Tournament was started by Mary Jo Miller, bridge columnist of the Columbus Citizen.

The first game of the Springs Golf and Country Club bridge was played, June 18, 1939.

1939-40

President: Robert G. Reed

Vice Presidents: H.E. Letson, Al M. Eyeran(Dayton)

Vice President in charge of memberships: Mrs. Charles H. Frosh

Secretary: Mrs. David Schackne

Treasurer: A.E. Kimberly

Representative to the National Board: Dr. Louis Mark

Board of Directors: James H. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Adams, Mrs.

Cecile Guthrie, Trent Sines, Mrs. Edmund B. Neil, Mrs. W.J. Kappes, Mrs. Addison B. Miller, Chester A. Poe.

The Clintonville, Central and East End Clubs were started.

Regarding the Clintonville Club, which was started December 15, 1939, Mary Jo Miller wrote the following in the January 7, 1940 issue of the Columbus Citizen: "The founding of the Clintonville Bridge Club can be traced directly to the enthusiasm of Mr. and Mrs. John Potts. Their goal was to form a non-profit club composed of congenial residents of the northern part of Columbus and any others who might care to join. John is particularly interested in bringing new faces and new names into the 'winners' circle', and in encouraging the player whose percentage is apt to be below .500. In other words, he is desirous of promoting bridge for ALL players."

" The Potts went about it in a most intelligent manner.

First, they wished to locate a director who really understood the problems of the new club, and who, at the same time would be sympathetic with their purpose. It seems only natural to this reporter that they eventually settled upon Mrs. George Adams as their choice. She is very capable as a director of duplicate play and this department congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Potts upon being able to secure Mary as director of their games. Enthusiasm far exceeded everyone's expectations. By their second meeting they had over one hundred members."

The Round Robins or Winners' Games were started in January, 1940.

1940-41

President: James H. Thompson

Vice Presidents: Al Klunk, David Schackne; A.M. Eyeran(Dayton),
Dr. Verne Le Master(Sidney)

Secretary: Mrs. David Schackne

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. John Newton

Treasurer: A.E. Kimberly

Board of Directors: T.B. Devine, Mrs. Cecile Guthrie, Mrs. W.J. Kappes, H.E. Letson, Dr. Louis Mark, Mrs. Mary Jo Miller. Mrs. E.B. Neil, R.G. Reed, Trent Sines.

1940-41 (Cont)

Mr. and Mrs. David Schackne organized the Schackne Mr. and Mrs. Bridge Championship. They also started the Tri-Village Duplicate Club, the first game being played on September 20, 1940. Dayton joined the Central Ohio Bridge Association with 40 members.

1941-42

President: Mrs. Edmund B. Neil

First Vice President: T.C. Burneson

Second Vice President: Syl E. Rothschild

Secretary: Mrs. David Schackne

Treasurer: Mrs. W.J. Kappes

Board of Directors: Gerald Corbett, T.B. Devine, Mrs. Charles H. Frosh, Ben Melancon, Mrs. A.B. Miller, John Potts, R.G. Reed, Mrs. Harry Sutherly, James H. Thompson, Fred Westcott; A.M. Eyeran(Dayton), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser(Newark), Dr. L.H. Kauffman(Piqua).

The Fall Festival, Winter Festival and Summer Festival and Election Party were inaugurated.

Sidney became an Out of Town Member Club.

1942-43

President: Mrs. Edmund B. Neil

First Vice President: John Newton

Second Vice President: Fred Westcott

Secretary: Mrs. George Berry

Treasurer: Mrs. W.J. Kappes

Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Mrs. T.R. Buell, Mrs. H.T. Flasher, Al Klunk, Mrs. W.H. Lehman, Ed Melancon, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith; A.M. Eyeran(Dayton), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser(Newark), Dr. L.H. Kauffman(Piqua).

1943-44

President: John Newton

First Vice President: Trent Sines

Second Vice President: E. Ralph Munk

Secretary: Mrs. George Berry. When Mrs. Berry moved to New York Mrs. M.J. Craver filled out her unexpired term.

Treasurer: Mrs. W.J. Kappes

Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Mrs. H.T. Flasher, W.A. Klunk, Mrs. W.H. Lehman, Ed Melancon, Floyd Millard, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith.

The Owen C. Obetz Individual was started in December, 1943.

No history of the Central Ohio Bridge Association would be complete without mentioning the grand old man of bridge, Owen C. Obetz. In spite of total deafness he had a wonderful, sunny disposition. He adored bridge and, because he wished to have the opportunity of playing with as many partners as possible, was the inspiration for starting the Obetz Individual.

Mr. Obetz died March 30, 1952, on the eve of the Obetz Individual.

The Mount Vernon Bridge Club became a member of the C.O.B.A.

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1944-45

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: Theodore W. Yaple
First Vice President: R.J. Finneran
Second Vice President: Floyd Millard
Secretary: Mrs. M.J. Craver
Treasurer: W.A. Klunk

Board of Directors: Mrs. George A. Adams, Mrs. W.H. Lehman,
Mrs. H.T. Flasher, Walter L. Arnholt, John Newton, E. Ralph Munk.

An amendment to the COBA Constitution was adopted at the Summer Festival, June 3, 1945. This amendment gives the President the authority to appoint the Secretary, this appointment to be with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Piqua became one of the Out of Town Member Clubs.

The Columbus Citizen's Men versus Women Bridge Tournament was discontinued.

1945-46

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: Theodore W. Yaple
First Vice President: Floyd Millard
Second Vice President: Walter L. Arnholt
Secretary: Mrs. Robert G. Reed
Treasurer: W.A. Klunk

Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Mrs. Charles Bowen,
Mrs. H.H. Dorr, Mrs. H.T. Flasher, Joseph F. McCarthy, Mrs. E.B. Neil, John Newton, John Potts, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith; Harry Condret(?), F. William Kahrl(Mt. Vernon), Ed Trumpler(Dayton).

1946-47

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: Joseph F. McCarthy
First Vice President: Walter L. Arnholt
Second Vice President: Carl Shere
Secretary: Mrs. Robert G. Reed
Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman

Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Mrs. H.T. Flasher, E. Ralph Munk, Mrs. E.B. Neil, John Newton, Al Richards, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith, Ralph Walters, Theodore W. Yaple; Harry Condret(?), F. William Kahrl(Mt. Vernon), Harold Truax(Dayton).

Dr. Louis Mark became COBA's first Life Master. He was No. 82 in the United States.

Charles Goren came to many of our Sectional Tournaments to play with Dr. Mark.

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1947-48

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: Carl Shere
First Vice President: Mrs. Lyle Brown
Second Vice President: E. Ralph Munk
Secretary: Mrs. Robert G. Reed
Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman
Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Mrs. H.T. Flasher,
Joseph F. McCarthy, Ed Melancon, Mrs. E.B. Neil, John Newton, Robert G.
Reed, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith, Mrs. John Varley, Theodore W. Yaple.
Dr. Louis Mark was elected Vice President of the American
Contract Bridge League.

1948-49

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: Carl Shere
First Vice President: E. Ralph Munk
Second Vice President: John Potts
Secretary: Mrs. Robert G. Reed
Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman
Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Walter L. Arnholt,
Dr. J.C. Lowmiller, M.M. McAdams, Joseph F. McCarthy, Mrs. E.B. Neil,
John Newton, Mrs. John Newton, Robert G. Reed, Theodore W. Yaple,
Dr. Louis Mark was elected President of the American Contract
Bridge League.
Dr. Louis Mark was elected President of the Midwest Bridge Conference.
The Midwest Regional was held at the Neil House, March 31-April 3, 1949.
In April, 1949 Dayton withdrew from the COBA and formed their own
Unit (No.136) of the ACBL.

1949-50

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: Carl Shere
First Vice President: John Potts
Second Vice President: M. Robert Louis
Secretary: Mrs. Robert G. Reed
Treasurer: Dana Marsh
Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Walter L. Arnholt,
Mrs. H.T. Flasher, Mrs. Earl Hickman, Dr. J.C. Lowmiller, M.M. McAdams,
Joseph F. McCarthy, Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy, Mrs. E.B. Neil, John Newton,
Robert G. Reed, Mrs. Josephine Snyder, Theodore W. Yaple.
Mrs. E.B. Neil was a member of the Women's Team-of-Four which won
the Coffin Trophy at the Spring National held in New Orleans in 1950.
In 1955 her team was second; third in 1956.
The name of the Central Duplicate Bridge Club was changed to the
Seneca Duplicate Bridge Club with Mary Adams as Director, Mary is still
the Director. There is a game every Wednesday evening.

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1950-51

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: Mrs. E.B. Neil
First Vice President: John Potts
Second Vice President: M. Robert Louis
Secretary: Mrs. C.H. Bradshaw
Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman
Board of Directors: Mrs. George E. Adams, Walter L. Arnholt,
Mrs. H.T. Flasher, Phil Flattery, Mrs. Earl Hickman, Dana Marsh,
M.M. McAdams, Joseph F. McCarthy, Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy,
Robert G. Reed, Carl Shere, Ralph Walters, Theodore W. Yaple.
The ACBL Summer National was held at the Neil House,
July 29-August 6, 1950.

Winners of Events at the National: Mrs. W.H. Lehman and Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy won the Second Flight of the Masters' Pairs. They were the first winners of the Levintritt Trophy. Sol Babich and Laura Hardy won the President's Cup Pairs.

Attendance at the National was 2505 tables. This topped the Summer National held in Chicago in 1949 by 223 tables.

1951-52

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: M. Robert Louis
First Vice President: Phil Flattery
Second Vice President: M.M. McAdams
Secretary: Mrs. C.H. Bradshaw
Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman
Board of Directors: Richard B. Canary, Mrs. E.D. Engelman,
Mrs. H.T. Flasher, George A. Hauck, Mrs. Earl Hickman, Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy, Dana Marsh, Mrs. E.B. Neil, Carl Shere, Merle Stephens, Mrs. Polly Thurston, Ralph Walters.
Mansfield joined the COBA in April, 1952.

1952-53

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark
President: John Potts
First Vice President: Walter L. Arnholt
Second Vice President: M.M. McAdams
Secretary: Mrs. C.H. Bradshaw. Resigned February 25, 1953.
W.H. Lehman. Acting Secretary 12-20-52 to 2-25-53
Secretary 2-25-53 on.

Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman
Board of Directors: Mary C. Adams, Mrs. George R. Faris, Mrs. H.T. Flasher, George A. Hauck, Mrs. Earl Hickman, M. Robert Louis, Dana Marsh, Mrs. E.B. Neil, Carl Shere, Jeannette Stickrath, Mrs. Polly Thurston, Ralph Walters, Irwin I. Wolf.
Paul E. Gable, Sr., Franz Westreich, Stanley Schwartz, Jr. and Dr. Milton Levitin won the Rothschild Trophy by winning the Sub-Senior Masters' Team-of-Four at the Summer National held in Cincinnati in 1952.

1952-53 (Cont)

The All-American Regional was held at the Seneca Hotel, September 4-7, 1952.

The Master Point Boards were acquired by the COBA. The purpose of the boards was to show the total number of master points each member of the COBA had won. Bob Louis, President of the COBA at the time the boards were made, appointed Pat Lehman as custodian of the boards. They were on display for the first time during the All-American Regional. Pat Lehman took care of the boards until his resignation as Secretary of the COBA, October 9, 1959. Following his resignation Carl Shere, Mary Chubb, Marj Poole and others attempted to keep them up to date. At its meeting January 7, 1967, the Board decided to discontinue use of the boards.

The Board, at its meeting on July 8, 1952, voted to change the Fall Festival from a two day to a three day tournament.

A revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was adopted at the Fall Festival, October 24, 1952.

Cambridge, Coshocton, Newark, Zanesville and Urbana became COBA Out of Town Member Clubs.

1953-54

President Emeritus: Dr. Louis Mark

President: M.M. McAdams

Vice President: Carl Shere

Secretary: W.H. Lehman

Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman

Board of Directors: Mrs. Ralph R. Adams, Phil Flattery, Paul Gable, Sr., Dr. R.F. Jerles, M. Robert Louis, Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy, G. Eloise Neil, John Potts, Mrs. Polly Thurston, Ralph Walters; Dr. R.I. Bender (Mt. Vernon), Mrs. William B. Clary (Coshocton), D.D. Stowe (Upper Sandusky).

Marietta held its first sectional tournament called the "Pioneer", November 14 and 15, 1953. This was continued as Marietta's Fall Sectional Tournament for 11 years, through 1963. In 1955 Marietta started its Summer Sectional and continued it for 9 years, through 1963. In 1964 the Fall Tournament was dropped and the name of the Summer Tournament was changed to the "Pioneer". The Pioneer Tournament was continued in the summer for three years - 1964 through 1966.

The Ohio State University Bridge Club was started.

Dr. Louis Mark died February 25, 1954.

1954-55

President: Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy

Vice President: George A. Hauck

Secretary: W.H. Lehman

Treasurer: Mrs. W.H. Lehman

Board of Directors: Paul Gable, Sr., Dr. R.F. Jerles, Mrs. M.L. Koetz, M.M. McAdams, G. Eloise Neil, Carl Shere, Mrs. Polly Thurston, Mrs. Irwin I. Wolf, Ira Zucker; Dr. R.I. Bender (Mt. Vernon), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser (Newark), Quinby Sturges (Zanesville).

1955-56

President: G. Eloise Neil
Vice President: George A. Hauck
Secretary: W.H. Lehman
Treasurer: Mrs. Irwin I. Wolf
Board of Directors: J.G. Conklin, Mrs. E.D. Engelman, Phil Flattery,
Mrs. M.L. Koetz, M.M. McAdams, Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy, Carl Shere,
Mrs. Polly Thurston, Karl Wiederkehr, Ira Zucker; Dr. R.I. Bender(Mt. Vernon)
Mrs. A.H. Kaiser(Newark), Quinby Sturges(Zanesville).

1956-57

President: Phil Flattery
Vice President: J.G. Conklin
Secretary: W.H. Lehman
Treasurer: Mrs. Irwin I. Wolf
Board of Directors: Mrs. Ralph R. Adams, Miss Norma A. Davis,
Mrs. E.D. Engelman, George A. Hauck, C.C. Horning, Mrs. M.L. Koetz,
Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy, G. Eloise Neil, Trent Sines, Karl Wiederkehr,
Ira Zucker; Mrs. Harry A. Blankenship(Marietta), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser
(Newark), Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion).
G. Eloise Neil was elected President of the Midwest Bridge Conference.
The Lockbourne Duplicate Bridge Club was organized.

1957-58

President: Mrs. E.D. Engelman
Vice President: C.C. Horning
Secretary: W.H. Lehman
Treasurer: Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
Board of Directors: Mrs. Ralph R. Adams, Walter L. Arnholt,
J.G. Conklin, Miss Norma A. Davis, Phil Flattery, Nathan Fox,
Mrs. Roger E. Gaumer, Trent Sines, Karl Wiederkehr; Allan C. Hall
(Marietta), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser(Newark), Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion),

1958-59

President: Carl Shere
Vice President: Mrs. Roger E. Gaumer
Secretary: W.H. Lehman
Treasurer: Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
Board of Directors: Mrs. Ralph R. Adams, Walter L. Arnholt,
Miss Martha L. Borrer, Miss Norma A. Davis, Mrs. E.D. Engelman,
Nathan Fox, William W. Gardner, Mrs. George A. Hauck, C.C. Horning,
Trent Sines; Miss Irene Devlin(Athens). Mrs. A.H. Kaiser(Newark),
Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion).
The Midwest Regional was held at the Deshler-Hilton Hotel,
April 1-5, 1959.
Chillicothe became an Out of Town Member Club.
The Nationwide Duplicate Bridge Club was organized.

1959-60

President: Nathan Fox
Vice President: Miss Martha L. Borrer
Secretary: W.H. Lehman. Resigned October 9, 1959.
G. Eloise Neil. October 9, 1959 on.

Treasurer: Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff

Board of Directors: Walter L. Arnholt, Phil Flattery, David Y. France, William W. Gardner, Mrs. George A. Hauck, Robert A. Liggett, Carl Shere, Irwin I. Wolf; Charles D. Fogle, Jr.(Marietta), F. William Kahrl(Mt. Vernon), Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion).

The first Appleased Sectional was held at Mansfield, February 5-7, 1960.

1960-61

President: Phil Flattery
Vice President: William P. Vlasich
Secretary: G. Eloise Neil
Treasurer: Robert A. Liggett

Board of Directors: Miss Martha L. Borrer, Nathan Fox, David Y. France, William W. Gardner, Mrs. George A. Hauck, Ray O. Mattson, John Potts, Mrs. James H. Shaw, Carl Shere, Irwin I. Wolf; Dr. Charles S. Bishop(Newark), Mrs. William B. Clary(Coshocton), Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion).

Guys and Dolls (Mixed Pair) was added to the Schackne Mr. and Mrs. Bridge Championship.

1961-62

President: Phil Flattery
Vice President: Mrs. James H. Shaw
Secretary: G. Eloise Neil
Treasurer: Robert A. Liggett

Board of Directors: Mrs. Richard K. Chubb, Miss Norma A. Davis, David Y. France, W.H. Lehman, Ray O. Mattson, John Potts, George R. St. Pierre, William P. Vlasich, Irwin I. Wolf; Colonel Robert Allyn(Delaware), Dr. Charles S. Bishop(Newark), Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion).

The Minerva Park Bridge Club was started by Harold Coen and Ira Zucker. The first game was held September 18, 1961.

1962-63

President: Carl Shere
Vice President: W.H. Lehman
Secretary: G. Eloise Neil. Resigned April 25, 1963.
Miss Martha L. Borrer. April 25, 1963 to June 25, 1963.

Treasurer: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Board of Directors: Miss Elizabeth Adams, Mrs. Richard K. Chubb, Ray O. Mattson, George R. St. Pierre, Irwin I. Wolf, Ira Zucker; Dr. Charles S. Bishop(Newark), Charles D. Fogle, Jr.(Marietta), Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion).

The District 11 Regional was held at the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, January 10-13, 1963.

1962-63 (Cont)

Revision of the COBA Constitution and By-Laws was adopted at the Summer Festival, May 23, 1963.

The Worthington Bridge Club was started in 1962.

1963-64

President: Robert L. Jerles

Vice President: W.H. Lehman

Secretary: Carl Shere. June 25, 1963 to January 28, 1964.

Mrs. John T. Hamilton. February 19, 1964 to July 1, 1964.

Treasurer: Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff

Board of Directors: Mrs. Richard K. Chubb, Miss Norma A. Davis, Sam C. Follmer, Nathan Fox, John D. Pierce, Mrs. E.C. Poole, Jon Stevens, George R. St. Pierre, Ira Zucker; William Jimison(Newark), Mrs. T.J. Keeling(Chillicothe), E.J. Van Keuren(Marion).

Dr. J.F. Alexander was a member of the Men's Team-of-Four which won first place at the Fall National held in Miami Beach, November 25-December 1, 1963.

The Clintonville Club was taken over by Harold Coen and Ira Zucker.

The Hilliard Bridge Club held its first game on November 7, 1963.

1964-65

President: Robert L. Jerles

Vice President: Sam C. Follmer

Secretary: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Treasurer: Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff

Board of Directors: Nathan Fox, Mrs. Eugene Iannarino, O.J. Miller, John D. Pierce, Mrs. E.C. Poole, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith, Jon Stevens. George J. Wolf, Ira Zucker; Mrs. W.H. Hildebrand(Chillicothe), William Jimison(Granville), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser(Newark).

John R. Biddle and James P. Wisemiller won the Silidor Trophy by winning the Open Pair at the ACBL Spring National held in Cleveland, March 12-21, 1965.

The Midwest Regional was held at the Deshler-Cole Hotel, April 21-25, 1965.

The Noonday Club was started in September, 1964.

1965-66

President: George J. Wolf

Vice President: O.J. Miller

Secretary: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Treasurer: Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff

Board of Directors: Harold R. Coen, J.G. Conklin, Mrs. Ronald R. Dean, Nathan Fox, Mrs. Eugene Iannarino, Robert L. Jerles, Mrs. E.C. Poole, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith, Jon Stevens, Ralph Walters; William Jimison(Granville), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser(Newark), Mrs. James P. Morrissey(Marion).

The first COBA Spring Festival(Sectional) was held April 15-17, 1966.

The Smith Bridge Studio was opened in August, 1965.

The Columbus Bridge Center was opened at The Canterbury in 1966.

1966-67

President: George J. Wolf

Vice President: W.H. Lehman

Secretary: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Treasurer: John T. Hamilton

Board of Directors: William P. Brown, J.G. Conklin, Mrs. Ronald R. Dean, James F. DeLeone (Filling the unexpired term of Jon Stevens), Mrs. Eugene Iannarino, Mrs. M.J. Papurt, Herbert P. Schell, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith, Ralph Walters; Frank A. Blood (Portsmouth), Mrs. L.E. Brown (Chillicothe), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser (Newark).

George Wolf is responsible for an emblem for the COBA.

A small replica of the State of Ohio, with the background in black, has a white Heart in the Center. COBA in black letters through the middle of the Heart, and above is -- THE HEART OF BRIDGE -- below, IN CENTRAL OHIO.

The Sunday Night COBA Unit Games were started on January 1, 1967. These were all Master Point Games.

The Schackne Mr. and Mrs. Bridge Championship plus Guys and Dolls and also The Owen C. Obetz Individual were discontinued.

The use of the Master Point Boards was discontinued.

1967-68

President: William P. Brown

Vice President: W.H. Lehman

Secretary: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Treasurer: John T. Hamilton

Board of Directors: J.G. Conklin, Mrs. Ronald R. Dean, James F. DeLeone, Mrs. Robert R. Kraft, O.J. Miller, Mrs. M.J. Papurt, Max O. Pond, Herbert P. Schell, Ralph Walters; Frank A. Blood (Portsmouth), Arthur C. Kaseman (Newark), Mrs. Thomas H. Morrow (Lancaster).

John Hamilton was promoted two positions, from Regional Director to National Director.

Terry Smith was promoted from Tournament Director to Regional Director. Terry is now the National Tournament Coordinator at the ACBL office in Greenwich, Conn.

1968-69

President: William P. Brown. Resigned December 11, 1968.

W.H. Lehman. December 11, 1968 through June 28, 1969.

Vice President: W.H. Lehman. Until December 11, 1968.

Secretary: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Treasurer: John T. Hamilton

Board of Directors: Harold R. Coen, James F. DeLeone, Mrs. Robert R. Kraft, O.J. Miller, Mrs. M.J. Papurt, Max O. Pond, Herbert P. Schell, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith; Frank A. Blood (Portsmouth), Mrs. A.H. Kaiser (Newark), Mrs. A.S. Ostroski (Chillicothe).

The District 11 Regional was held at the Neil House, January 29- February 2, 1969.

Eloise Neil was elected, for a three year term, as First Alternate to the ACBL Board of Directors from District 11.

COBA HISTORY1969-70

President: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Vice President: Max O. Pond

Secretary: H. Gene Eikleberry

Treasurer: Mrs. Karl A. Shumaker

Board of Directors: Harold R. Coen, Mrs. Ronald R. Dean (Resigned -

John E. Davis was appointed for the remainder of 1969-70), James F. DeLeone, Mrs. Robert R. Kraft, W.H. Lehman, O.J. Miller, Herbert F. Schell, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith, Dr. Peter A. Volpe; Mrs. Frank A. Blood (Portsmouth), William Jimison(Granville), Mrs. A.S. Ostroski(Chillicothe).

Norman Fischer placed second in the Life Master Men's Pairs at the ACBL Fall National held in Miami Beach, November 21-30, 1969.

The Sunday Night COBA Unit Game was discontinued as of January 1, 1970.

The first game of the Westerville Duplicate Bridge Club was held March 4, 1970.

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President: Mrs. James H. Shaw

Vice President: John E. Davis

Secretary: H. Gene Eikleberry

Treasurer: Mrs. Karl A. Shumaker

Board of Directors: Harold R. Coen, Mrs. James Ellis, Forrest

Everhart, Mrs. Max O. Pond, Herbert P. Schell, Mrs. Bryan R. Smith, Bruce W. Tennant, Dr. Peter A. Volpe; Helen Evans(Lancaster),

William Jimison(Granville), Mrs. A.S. Ostroski(Chillicothe). Terry Smith, a headquarters staff member since 1968, was

promoted to Executive Assistant.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS HELD IN COLUMBUS

Midwest Regional	March 31-April 3, 1949	Neil House
ACBL Summer National	July 29-August 6, 1950	Neil House
All-American Regional	September 4-7, 1952	Seneca Hotel
Midwest Regional	April 1-5, 1959	Deshler-Hilton Hotel
District 11 Regional	January 10-13, 1963	Deshler-Hilton Hotel
Midwest Regional	April 21-25, 1965	Deshler-Cole Hotel
District 11 Regional	January 29-February 2, 1969	Neil House

COBA HISTORYPRESENT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS IN GREATER COLUMBUS

Battelle	Hilliard
Berwick	Nationwide
Brookside	Noonday
Cancer Crew I	Northland Mixed Pair
Chemical Abstracts	Ohio State University
Clintonville Club	Saturday Slammers
Clintonville League	Scioto Country Club
Clintonville Newcomers	Seneca
Columbus Industrial League	Serco
Defense Construction Supply Center	Smith Bridge Club (6 games)
Duplicators	Village
Four Aces	Women's
Franklin	Worthington
	Westerville

FORMER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS IN GREATER COLUMBUS

Crockfords	Lockbourne Officers
Central	Minerva Park
Columbus Contract (Men)	North American Aviation
Columbus General Depot	Springs Golf and Country Club
Deschappelles	Tri Village
East End	Winding Hollow
Excelsior	Women's Contract
Lazarus	YMCA

PRESENT OUT OF TOWN MEMBER CLUBS

Ashland	Newark
Athens	New Boston
Canal Winchester	Portsmouth
Chillicothe	Upper Sandusky
Ironton	Washington Court House
Lancaster	Wellston
Mansfield	Zanesville
Marion	

FORMER OUT OF TOWN MEMBER CLUBS

Ada	Marietta
Cambridge	Mt. Vernon
Coshocton	Piqua
Dayton	Springfield
Delaware	Sidney
Galion	Tuscarawas
Logan	Urbana

LIFE MASTERS

(The following list includes all who became Life Masters while members of the COBA)

1.	1946-47	82	Dr. Louis Mark
2.	1949-50	208	G. Eloise Neil
3.	"	212	Trent Sines
4.	1950-51	308	Jeannette Stickrath
5.	1951-52	378	Mrs H.T. Flasher
6.	"	412	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
7.	1952-53	481	Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy
8.	"	501	Phil Flattery
9.	"	504	Frank E. Cordray
10.	1954-55	847	Mrs. E.D. Engelman
11.	1955-56	920	Mrs. M.M. McAdams
12.	1956-57	1149	William W. Gardner
13.	"	1180	John R. Biddle
14.	"	1302	W.H. Lehman
15.	"	1319	Mrs. G.R. Faris
16.	1957-58	1380	J. David King
17.	"	1406	Mrs. Charles S. Bishop (Newark)
18.	"	1407	Mrs. A.H. Kaiser (Newark)
19.	"	1414	Roger E. Gaumer
20.	"	1651	Dr. Charles S. Bishop (Newark)
21.	1958-59	1698	Mrs. A.L. Richards
22.	"	1927	Mrs. C.B. Tesmer
23.	"	2077	Mrs. Roger E. Gaumer
24.	1959-60	2433	J.G. Conklin
25.	"	2435	Ira Zucker
26.	1960-61	2697	M.M. McAdams
27.	"	2800	Quinby Sturges (Zanesville)
28.	"	2820	R. Bryce McAdam
29.	"	2855	Mrs. R.F. Jerles
30.	"	2863	Mrs. Leon Ginsburg
31.	"	2957	Miles Jacoby (Newark)
32.	"	2968	Mrs. H.A. Chapman
33.	"	2974	Dr. J.F. Alexander
34.	1961-62	3132	Dr. R.F. Jerles
35.	"	3275	Mrs. James P. Morrissey (Marion)
36.	"	3504	Robert A. Liggett
37.	"	3611	Lee Vines

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LIFE MASTERS (Cont)

38.	1962-63	3800	Mrs. William B. Clary(Coshocton)
39.	"	3885	William P. Riester
40.	"	3986	John Haberman(Marion)
41.	"	4072	Mrs. Alan C. Hall(Marietta)
42.	"	4179	Mrs. Nicholas A. Cafagno(Marion)
43.	"	4219	James P. Wisemiller
44.	"	4253	Alan C. Hall(Marietta)
45.	"	4257	Joe Beebe
46.	"	4258	R.L. Jerles
47.	"	4307	Mrs. James H. Shaw
48.	1963-64	4427	Mrs. Frank E. Cordray
49.	"	4628	Homer W. Carter
50.	"	4692	George R. St. Pierre
51.	"	4808	Mrs. William O'Hara(Mansfield)
52.	"	4809	William O'Hara(Mansfield)
53.	"	4916	Arthur C. Kaseman(Newark)
54.	"	5215	Lt. Col. James G. McDonnell
55.	1964-65	5520	Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
56.	"	5729	Sam C. Follmer
57.	"	6054	Mrs. M.R. Louis
58.	"	6055	Arthur Gooding(Ashland)
59.	"	6056	Mrs. Bryan R. Smith
60.	"	6057	Mrs. Sam C. Follmer
61.	"	6168	Mrs. Arthur Gooding(Ashland)
62.	1965-66	6474	Mrs. Paul Kirch
63.	"	6475	Charles D. Fogle, Jr.(Marietta)
64.	"	6476	William Mosure(Portsmouth)
65.	"	6539	Mrs. J.F. Rice
66.	"	6687	Miss Elizabeth Adams
67.	"	6752	Floyd Scott Hamilton(Marietta)
68.	"	6759	Mrs. Claude Lutz(Ashland)
69.	"	7022	Mrs. M.J. Papurt
70.	"	7154	Mrs. Eugene Iannarino
71.	"	7155	F.A. Jettinghoff
72.	"	7156	Mrs. E.J. McManus
73.	1966-67	7597	Mrs. Seldon Shaffer(Mansfield)
74.	"	7628	Mrs. K.L. Nielsen
75.	"	7727	Mrs. E.C. Poole
76.	"	7931	Dr. K.L. Nielsen
77.	"	8243	William P. Brown
78.	"	8390	Mrs. Elmer F. Stephan
79.	"	8557	Mrs. Ira Zucker
80.	1967-68	8823	Mrs. R.K. Chubb
81.	"	9192	Mrs. K.J. Gibney(Mansfield)
82.	"	9193	Steve J. Stash
83.	"	9484	George J. Wolf
84.	"	9698	William P. Engle
85.	"	10115	Mrs. W.K. Schools

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LIFE MASTERS (Cont)

86.	1968-69	10615	Richard P. Rudolph
87.	"	10932	C.C. Horning
88.	"	10953	Mrs. William K. Nicklaus (Zanesville)
89.	"	11048	Mrs. Ted A. Miller (Ashland)
90.	"	11049	Mrs. Ronald R. Dean
91.	"	11052	Mrs. Robert J. Davis (Mansfield)
92.	"	11193	William Lipton
93.	"	11288	Mrs. Wayne M. Carleton (Mansfield). (Selby)
94.	1969-70	11782	O.J. Miller
95.	"	12052	Gregg Potts (Portsmouth)
96.	"	12254	Charles Kopp
97.	"	12291	Mrs. J.B. Hobson
98.	"	12330	William M. Jimison (Granville)
99.	"	12331	Mrs. William M. Jimison (Granville)
100.	"	12340	Mrs. O.J. Miller
101.	"	12732	H.G. Eikleberry
102.	1970-71	12867	Roy D. Baldwin
103.	"	12875	Ray Buckley
104.	"	13396	Nicholas N. Herold
105.	"	13397	J.C. Heston (Mansfield)
106.	"	13434	Rodney W. Ruedeale
107.	"	13444	Norman Shapiro
108.	"	13514	Mrs. L. Hoffer (Zanesville)
109.	"	13556	Lafe Taylor (Portsmouth)
110.	"	13647	Ben Gordon
111.	"	13689	Mrs. Karl A. Shumaker
112.	"	13706	Mrs. Bonnie Clifton (Zanesville)
113.	"	13816	Mrs. A.B. Morrow
114.	"	13985	John E. Davis
115.	"	14463	Mrs. Max O. Pond
116.	"	14602	Dr. Peter A. Volpe

WINNERS AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

In 1934 Mrs. George P. (Cecile) Guthrie, paired with Morie Elis, won the President's Cup Pair at the Summer National held at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

G. Eloise Neil was a member of the Women's Team-of-Four which won the Coffin Trophy at the Spring National held in New Orleans in 1950. In 1955 her Team was second; third in 1956.

Mrs. W.H. Lehman and Mrs. Joseph F. McCarthy won the Second Flight of the Masters' Pairs at the Summer National held in Columbus, July 29-August 6, 1950. They were the first winners of the Levintritt Trophy.

In the same National, Sol Babich and Laura Hardy won the President's Cup Pairs and thus were winners of the Morgan Howard Trophy.

Paul E. Gable, Sr., Franz Westreich, Stanley Schwartz, Jr. and Dr. Milton Levitin won the Rothschild Trophy by winning the Sub-Seniors Masters' Team-of-Four at the Summer National held in Cincinnati in 1952.

Dr. J.F. Alexander was a member of the Men's Team-of-Four which won at the Fall National held in Miami Beach, November 23-December 1, 1963.

John R. Biddle and James P. Wisemiller won the Silidor Trophy by winning the Open Pair at the Spring National held in Cleveland, March 12-21, 1965. Wisemiller, at the age of 21, was the youngest player ever to win the Open Pair at the National.

Norman Fischer placed second in the Life Masters Men's Pairs at the Fall National held in Miami Beach, November 21-30, 1969.

TRAVELING TROPHIES

Fall Festival.

Evelyn Engelman Trophy.

"To be awarded to the COBA member who enters the Fall Festival with less than 100 Master Points and has the best cumulative score for the Festival."
(First awarded at the Fall Festival, September 20-22, 1957).

Winter Festival.

Mary C. Adams Trophy	- Women's Pair
Columbus Contract Club Trophy	- Men's Pair
Maramour Restaurant Trophy	- Mixed Pair
Stanley Schwartz Trophy	- Open Pair
Columbus Citizen Trophy	- Consolation plus Special Game
Dr. Louis Mark Trophy	- Team-of-Four

Summer Festival.

Quinby Sturges Trophy.
(First awarded at the Summer Festival, June 4, 1961).

Jeannette Stickrath Trophy.
Awarded annually to the COBA member who began the year with more than 200 Master Points and has won the most Master Points, April 1 through March 31.

Carl Shere Trophy.
Awarded annually to the COBA member who began the year with more than 20 but less than 200 Master Points and has won the most Master Points, April 1 through March 31.

G. Eloise Neil Trophy.
Awarded annually to the COBA member who began the year with less than 20 Master Points and has won the most Master Points, April 1 through March 31.

OBETZ INDIVIDUAL TROPHY

SCHACKNE MR. AND MRS. BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

BRIDGE COLUMNISTSM. Porter Walley.

In addition to being a genius at organizing bridge games and events Mr. Walley wrote the bridge articles for the Columbus Sunday Dispatch for a number of years. He was associated with Eloise Neil in the operation of the Columbus Bridge Studio. When Mr. Walley left Columbus to organize bridge in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Indianapolis, Eloise took over the writing of the bridge articles.

Louis McLean (writing under the name of William Lewis).

After Eloise had written the bridge column for the Columbus Sunday Dispatch for a time Louis McLean took over the assignment. His bridge column was headed 'The Sighs of Bridge'. Later Mr. McLean moved to Dayton.

G. Eloise Neil.

Eloise followed M. Porter Walley as editor of the Columbus Sunday Dispatch bridge column. Then Louis McLean wrote the article for a time. Starting with the issue of Sunday, September 10, 1939, Eloise has been writing the bridge articles without a break. She is also the reporter from District 11 for the Midwest Monitor. Through the years Eloise has conducted many classes covering all aspects of the game of bridge. At one time she was the only Culbertson Master Teacher in Columbus. Eloise has been a powerful influence in the development of bridge in the Midwest Conference as well as in Columbus and the COBA.

Mrs. George P. (Cecile) Guthrie.

When Ely Culbertson came to Columbus to give a lecture on contract bridge at Lazarus, September 22, 1938, the one who was his escort was Cecile Guthrie. Immediately after Mr. Culbertson's visit Cecile wrote a series of six articles which appeared in the Columbus Citizen. Following this series she began writing the bridge articles for the Ohio State Journal. These appeared each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She has been the only columnist whose articles have appeared more than weekly.

Mrs. Addison B. (Mary Jo) Miller.

When the Columbus Citizen began printing a Sunday Edition on November 6, 1938, they persuaded Mary Jo to write the weekly bridge article. She continued writing the column until she moved away from Columbus in 1942. Mary Jo was also the organizer of the annual Columbus Citizen Men versus Women Tournament.

COBA HISTORYBRIDGE COLUMNISTS (Cont)Mrs. Harry T. (Mary) Flasher.

During 1940-1942 Mary wrote weekly bridge articles for the Clintonville Booster. When Mary Jo Miller left Columbus in 1942, Mary took over the writing of the bridge column for the Sunday Edition of the Columbus Citizen. She continued writing for the Citizen until 1952.

Mrs. Earl (Irene) Hickman.

Irene wrote bridge articles for the Clintonville Booster. During the ACBE Summer National held in Columbus, July 29-August 6, 1950, she wrote some articles for the Ohio State Journal. She also wrote articles during some of the Regional Tournaments held in Columbus.

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Vice President</u>
1938-39	T.B. Devine	1938-39	1st Vice Pres. - Mrs. A.B. Miller
1939-40	Robert G. Reed	1938-39	2nd " " - Robert G. Reed
1940-41	James H. Thompson	1939-40	Vice Presidents - Mrs. C.H. Frosh, H.E. Letson; A.M. Eyerman (Dayton)
1941-42	Mrs. E.B. Neil	1940-41	Vice Presidents - Al Klunk, David Schackne; A.M. Eyerman (Dayton), Dr. Verne LeMaster (Sidney)
1942-43	Mrs. E.B. Neil	1941-42	1st Vice Pres. - T.C. Burneson
1943-44	John Newton	1941-42	2nd " " - S.E. Rothschild
1944-45	Theodore W. Yaple	1942-43	1st " " - John Newton
1945-46	Theodore W. Yaple	1942-43	2nd " " - Fred Westcott
1946-47	Joseph F. McCarthy	1943-44	1st " " - Trent Sines
1947-48	Carl Shere	1943-44	2nd " " - E. Ralph Munk
1948-49	Carl Shere	1944-45	1st " " - R.J. Finneran
1949-50	Carl Shere	1944-45	2nd " " - Floyd Millard
1950-51	Mrs. E.B. Neil	1945-46	1st " " - Floyd Millard
1951-52	M. Robert Louis	1945-46	2nd " " - Walter L. Arnholt
1952-53	John Potts	1946-47	1st " " - Walter L. Arnholt
1953-54	M.M. McAdams	1946-47	2nd " " - Carl Shere
1954-55	Mrs. J.F. McCarthy	1947-48	1st " " - Mrs. Lyle Brown
1955-56	G. Eloise Neil	1947-48	2nd " " - E. Ralph Munk
1956-57	Phil Flattery	1948-49	1st " " - E. Ralph Munk
1957-58	Mrs. E.D. Engelman	1948-49	2nd " " - John Potts
1958-59	Carl Shere	1949-50	1st " " - John Potts
1959-60	Nathan Fox	1949-50	2nd " " - M. Robert Louis
1960-61	Phil Flattery	1950-51	1st " " - John Potts
1961-62	Phil Flattery	1950-51	2nd " " - M. Robert Louis
1962-63	Carl Shere	1951-52	1st " " - Phil Flattery
1963-64	Robert L. Jerles	1951-52	2nd " " - M.M. McAdams
1964-65	Robert L. Jerles	1952-53	1st " " - Walter L. Arnholt
1965-66	George J. Wolf	1952-53	2nd " " - M.M. McAdams
1966-67	George J. Wolf	1953-54	Carl Shere
1967-68	William P. Brown	1954-55	George A. Hauck
1968-69	William P. Brown	1955-56	George A. Hauck
	Resigned 12-11-68	1956-57	J.G. Conklin
	W.H. Lehman	1957-58	C.C. Horning
	12-11-68 thru 6-28-69	1958-59	Mrs. Roger E. Gaumer
1969-70	Mrs. James H. Shaw	1959-60	Miss Martha L. Borrer
1970-71	Mrs. James H. Shaw	1960-61	William P. Vlasich
		1961-62	Mrs. James H. Shaw
		1962-63	W.H. Lehman
		1963-64	W.H. Lehman
		1964-65	Sam C. Follmer
		1965-66	O.J. Miller
		1966-67	W.H. Lehman
		1967-68	W.H. Lehman
		1968-69	" "
		1969-70	Max O. Pond
		1970-71	John E. Davis

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1938-39	John Newton	1938-39	A.E. Kimberly
1939-40	Mrs. David Schackne	1939-40	A.E. Kimnerly
1940-41	Mrs. David Schackne	1940-41	A.E. Kimberly
	Mrs. John Newton, Assistant		
1941-42	Mrs. David Schackne	1941-42	Mrs. W.J. Kappes
1942-43	Mrs. George Berry	1942-43	Mrs. W.J. Kappes
1943-44	Mrs. George Berry then Mrs. M.J. Craver	1943-44	Mrs. W.J. Kappes
1944-45	Mrs. M.J. Craver	1944-45	W.A. Klunk
1945-46	Mrs. Robert G. Reed	1945-46	W.A. Klunk
1946-47	Mrs. Robert G. Reed	1946-47	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1947-48	Mrs. Robert G. Reed	1947-48	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1948-49	Mrs. Robert G. Reed	1948-49	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1949-50	Mrs. Robert G. Reed	1949-50	Dana Marsh
1950-51	Mrs. C.H. Bradshaw	1950-51	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1951-52	Mrs. C.H. Bradshaw	1951-52	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1952-53	Mrs. C.H. Bradshaw W.H. Lehman, Acting Secretary 12-20-52 to 2-25-53 Secretary 2-25-53 on	1952-53	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1953-54	W.H. Lehman	1953-54	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1954-55	W.H. Lehman	1954-55	Mrs. W.H. Lehman
1955-56	W.H. Lehman	1955-56	Mrs. Irwin I. Wolf
1956-57	W.H. Lehman	1956-57	Mrs. Irwin I. Wolf
1957-58	W.H. Lehman	1957-58	Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
1958-59	W.H. Lehman	1958-59	Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
1959-60	W.H. Lehman Resigned 10-9-59 G. Eloise Neil 10-9-59 on	1959-60	Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
1960-61	G. Eloise Neil	1960-61	Robert A. Liggett
1961-62	G. Eloise Neil	1961-62	Robert A. Liggett
1962-63	G. Eloise Neil Resigned 4-25-63 Miss Martha L. Borrer 4-25-63 to 6-25-63	1962-63	Mrs. James H. Shaw
1963-64	Carl Shere 6-25-63 to 1-28-64 Mrs. John T. Hamilton 2-19-64 to 7-1-64	1963-64	Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
1964-65	Mrs. James H. Shaw	1964-65	Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
1965-66	Mrs. James H. Shaw	1965-66	Mrs. F.A. Jettinghoff
1966-67	Mrs. James H. Shaw	1966-67	John T. Hamilton
1967-68	Mrs. James H. Shaw	1967-68	John T. Hamilton
1968-69	Mrs. James H. Shaw	1968-69	John T. Hamilton
1969-70	H. G. Eikleberry	1969-70	Mrs. Karl A. Shumaker
1970-71	H.G. Eikleberry	1970-71	Mrs. Karl A. Shumaker

The history of the COBA has been one of steady growth. In 1967-68 the paid up membership had grown to a total of 1217 - 631 from Greater Columbus and 586 from Out of Town Member Clubs. This included 85 Life Masters.

The raising of membership dues by the ACBL caused a slight drop in the total membership of the COBA but it is gradually building up again.

During the early years of the COBA Dr. Mark would make up the deficit incurred financially at tournaments. However, for many years now, the financial condition has been very sound.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the March-April, 1949 ACBL Bulletin: "The method of local and national ranking by the master point system went into effect in 1936 when eleven players became the first Life Masters. They were: 1. David Bruce, 2/ Oswald Jacoby, 3. Howard Schenken, 4. Waldemar von Zedtwitz, 5. Hal Sims, 6. B. Jay Becker, 7. T.A. Leightner, 8. Richard L. Frey, 9. M.T. Gottlieb, 10. Sam Fry, Jr., 11. M.D. Maier."

From the bridge article in the Columbus Sunday Dispatch under date of January 16, 1938, by William Lewis: "The three great national bridge organizations have been merged into one great body for several months now. The name of the new organization is: The American Contract Bridge League. Its first National Tournament, held in Washington a few weeks ago, was wonderfully successful."

From the bridge article in the Columbus Sunday Dispatch under date of March 20, 1938, by William Lewis: "The American Contract Bridge League came out this week with a complete list of bridge players akl over the United States who hold master points. Among the local players Dr. Louis Mark stands head and shoulders above the rest of the group with 28; Cecile Guthrie, Stanley Schwartz and Edward Ackland, 8; Trent Sines and Daniel Webber, Jr., 4; T.B. Devine and W.A. Klunk, 3; H.W. Carter, Louis McLean, Ben Melancon and M.E. Moore have one each."

From the bridge article in the Columbus Citizen under date of October 29, 1938, by Cecile Guthrie: "M. Porter Walley, who now has two successful bridge clubs in Cincinnati and Cleveland, will be the official scorer under Tournament Director, George W. Beynon, New York, at the important Central Ohio Bridge Championships, November 11,12,13, 1938, at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel." (This was the first COBA Sectional Tournament).

From the bridge article in the Columbus Citizen under date of March 26, 1939, by Mary Jo Miller: "There are now 37 units of the American Contract Bridge League."

From the bridge article in the Columbus Citizen under date of October 26, 1941, by Mary Jo Miller: "According to the records of the American Contract Bridge League there are now five National Masters(10 master points) in Columbus. They are: Dr. Louis Mark, Mrs. G. Eloise Neil, Mrs. Cecile Guthrie, Mrs. W.H. Lehman and Syl Rothschild."

W.H. Lehman
June 15, 1970