

- Congratulations to **GENE POSTON**, who is our May **PLAYER OF THE MONTH**. Gene's POM party will be Wednesday, July 14, prior to the noon game. Please bring finger foods to help him celebrate.
- Congratulations to **LINDA CRONKLETON**, who is our May **ROOKIE OF THE MONTH**. Linda's party will be Wednesday, July 21, prior to the 7:00 p.m. game. Please bring finger foods to help her celebrate.
- Milestones: Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to The Family of Bill Hopkins; Margaret McGlashin, for the loss of her mother; and Charlotte Schuff, for the loss of her husband.
- Gene Poston played the following hand in May:

		<u>North</u>		
	S	T-8-7-6-4		
	H	5-3-2		
	D	J		
	C	J-7-6-3		
<u>West</u>			<u>East</u>	
S	K-5-3-2		S	Q
H	Q-J-6		H	A-K-9-8-7
D	Q-8-7-5		D	K-3-2
C	9-8		C	Q-T-4-2
		<u>South</u>		
		S	A-J-9	
		H	T-4	
		D	A-T-9-6-4	
		C	A-K-5	

Dealer is South. Bidding is as follows:

S	E	N	W
1NT	Pass	2 H	Double
2S	Pass	Pass	Pass

West leads three rounds of hearts, which South ruffs third round. What did Gene do next? (Answer: Next Month)

- **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:**  
**ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS:** The winner with the highest total accumulation of points in each category for the year at the club level will be honored August 1 at the 1:00 p.m. game.  
**LOYALIST DAY (players who have played 100+ times in a calendar year):** Thursday, July 14, celebration before the noon game.  
**SINGLES GAME DATE CHANGE:** July 10 (because of the July 4 weekend)  
**STAC WEEK: July 5 - 11. Many SILVER POINTS to be won.**  
**NAOP QUALIFIER GAMES:** Friday, July 2, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday (0-500): July 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, July 22, 7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 25, 1:00 p.m.  
**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, Sunday, July 18, 1:00 p.m.**  
**KUDOS TO BROCK CAGANN for sharing his artwork with us. Our walls are bare while Brock's work is being shown. We are all looking forward to enjoying more of his work in the future.**
- **SUMMER SPECIAL CONTINUES: TWO GAMES FOR \$12.00, THURSDAYS DURING JULY AND AUGUST. IF YOU PLAY IN THE AFTERNOON GAME FOR \$7.00, YOU MAY PLAY FOR \$5.00 IN THE EVENING GAME. TOTAL COST ONLY \$12.00.**
- **DIRECTOR TIP:** Delayed Alerts - Alerts are given after the auction is completed for alertable calls above the level of 3NT starting with the opening bidder's second turn to call. The dummy or the declarer alerts the defenders before the opening lead. The defenders alert after the opening lead has been made, but before it is faced.
- **MENTOR PROGRAM:** THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN VERY POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL AND ALLOWS OUR NONLIFEMASTERS TO MIX WITH OUR LIFEMASTERS WHILE LEARNING TO FINE-TUNE THEIR DUPLICATE SKILLS. OUR PROGRAM WELCOMES ALL NLM PLAYERS WHO HAVE AT LEAST 50 AND NO MORE THAN 200 MASTER POINTS. MENTEES MUST ALSO HAVE COMPLETED ONE COURSE AT THE IBC. MENTORS MUST BE LIFEMASTERS AND MUST COMMIT TO PLAYING SIX TIMES WITH A MENTEE WITHIN A THREE-MONTH PERIOD, BEGINNING IN AUGUST.