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## KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and  
Fallout Society  
TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information  
Programming and Entertainment.  
BOD = Board of Directors  
2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming  
Cinema Anime = Japanimation  
CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation  
Work Party = Varies with what needs doing  
FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club  
Fictionados - Writer's Club

## CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
BoD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm  
Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends  
CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
Work Party - 10:30 am  
TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm  
Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
Fictionados - 7:00 p.m.  
FWEMS - The Star Trek Babes - Season 3

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

**SEPTEMBER 1** - No information at time of  
publication  
**SEPTEMBER 8** -No information at time of publication  
**SEPTEMBER 15** - No information at time of  
publication  
**SEPTEMBER 22** - By-law amendment  
**SEPTEMBER 29** - No information at time of  
publication

(programme items subject to change  
without notice)

**Gary Louie Memorial Mah Jongg Tournament**  
(Details on back page)

## COLOPHON

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We want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his edress: hooahpubs@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

### Elected Procedural Officers

**President:** Ed Green. **Vice-President:** Mike Thorsen. **Scribe:** John DeChancie. **Treasurer:** Liz Mortensen. **Registrar:** Tiny & Laura Korp (tag team).

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Karl Lembke (2006). **Vice-Chairman:** Mike Thorsen (2007). **Comptroller:** Brett Achorn (2005). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2005). **Other members:** Merlin R. "Bob" Null (2006), Ed Green (2006), Tadao Tomomatsu (2006), Joe Zeff (2005), Bill Ellern (2005), Liz Mortensen (2007), Cathy Beckstead (2007). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

### Official Committees

**De Profundis Editor:** Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** (currently vacant). **Librarian Emeritus:** Leigh Strother Vien. **Assistant Librarians:** Greg Barrett, Doc Reames, Joyce Sperling, Beth O'Brien, and Ed Hooper. **Special Guest Librarian:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **LASFS Answer Guy:** Greg Barrett. **LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison:** Marty Cantor. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Tadao Tomomatsu, C.B. McGuire, Cathy Beckstead, Dale Hales. **\*\*Legion of Substitute Gouges:** Sandy Cohen, Ed Green. **\*\*Strategic Reserve Registrar:** Robert Keller.

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### LASFS MEMBER POISONS YOUNG MINDS

Beginning October 4th, CLJII will be teaching a course for the Glendale Community College Community Services Education Department.

The class, "**Ephemeral Cinema**," is a brief history of B-pictures, short subjects, animated cartoons, and - here's a shocker - cliffhanger serials, the stuff usually left out of college film history classes.

Class will be held at Hoover High School in Glendale from 7 p.m. to 9:30 for four Wednesdays. Class fee is \$65, including materials. All you need to bring is something to write with and on.

Covering the material in *genre* groups, the lectures will include Drama, Reality, and Mystery; Comedy, Musicals, Short Subjects, and Animated Cartoons; Westerns and Cliffhangers; Adventure, Horror, Fantasy, and SF.

Each week's class will also screen animated cartoons, short subjects, and trailers for feature films discussed that week.

In addition, that month's FW-EMs (October 23rd) will feature a B-movie sampler of six films representing the major genres.

Registration is open through the third week of September, but early registration will help guarantee the class. Course catalogues are available on the Lizdesk while supplies last. For more information, call (818) 548-0864 x 5015 or 5016.

### CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA-L and are filed in the archives)

*Meeting #3543, July 7, 2005*  
*Matthew B. Tepper, President*  
*John DeChancie, Scribe*

### The Menace of J. Alfred Trufan

Let us go then, you and I  
When the evening is spread out against the sky  
Like a triple-X T-shirt on a dealer's table;

Let us go, through certain half-deserted streets,  
The muttering retreats  
Of restless nights of Mah Jongg, Settlers, Hell,  
And s awdust restaurants with grease to sell:  
Streets that follow like a fannish argument  
Of insidious intent  
To lead you to an overwhelming question. . .  
Oh, do not give up our seating;  
Let us go to the Thursday meeting.

In the room the mediafen come and go  
Talking of anime video.

The yellow smog that rubs its back upon the window-  
panes,  
The yellow smoke that rubs its muzzle on the window-  
panes --  
Because you can't smoke in the clubhouse anymore--  
Licked its tongue into the corners of the courtyard  
Curled once about the clubhouse  
And seeing it was a soft Thursday evening,  
Crept through the door.

And indeed there will be time  
For the cigarette smoke that slides along the courtyard  
Rubbing its back upon the allergic;  
There will be time, there will be time  
To prepare a proposal to make the motions that you  
move;  
There will be time to network and liaise.  
And time for all the reviews and reports  
That show and tell your blame or your faint praise;  
Time for you and time for me,  
And time yet for a hundred indecisions  
And for a hundred reviews of series television  
Before the tasting of tacos and tea.

In the room the mediafen come and go  
Talking of anime video.

And indeed there will be time for Green  
To wonder, "Do I dare?" and, "Do I dare?"  
He is content to use his withering glare.  
He thanks the previous fools who'd squandered fire;  
Matthew Tepper, Susan Gleason, Christian McQuire;  
Time for them to run and climb to the rafters, be unseen.  
Time for news of deaths and illness;  
No Brit fans or pros hurt in bombings, we confide;  
But there is bad news: Art Rapp, an active fan, has died.  
Robert Sheckley, back from Ukraine, has a new heart;  
Time for the Menace to be read and approved, nothing  
fancy;  
Just "Too weird for DeChancie."

Three guests tonight: Marilyn Linsay, Ofer Nave,  
Shanna Linker.  
The Saint tonight is Doug Abe, quiet man, grave, kind-  
hearted;  
Not many here know him, but he is no stinker.

For I have known them all already, known them all:--  
Have known the Thursdays, Fridays, Sunday afternoons,  
I have measured out my fanac with coffee spoons;  
I know the Orcs are dying with a dying fall  
Beneath the music from the computer room.  
So, how should I presume?

For I have known the aftermeetings, known them all—  
The old TV stars who chain-smoke Marlboros,  
And when their glossies are pinned and wriggling on the  
wall,  
Then how should they begin  
To spit out all the butt-ends of their smoky days and  
ways?  
And how should I presume?

I have seen the yellow flyers Green hands out,  
Yellow flyers asking opinions on aftermeeting affairs;  
Find them on Liz's desk and speak your mind,  
As did many this night, who said what diversions theirs.  
Is it a fanzine, amateur press,  
That makes me so digress?  
And should I then presume?

The afternoon, the evening, sleeps so peacefully!  
Smoothed by lady fingers,  
Chips, cookies. . .or it malingers,  
Stretched on the floor, here beside you and me.  
Should I, after soda, and cake, and ices  
Have the strength to watch another movie to its crisis?  
But though I have wept and dieted, wept and prayed,  
Though I have seen the fanquet food (grown slightly  
cold) brought  
in on a platter,  
I am no SMOF—and here's no great matter;  
I have seen the overhead projector flicker,  
And have seen the eternal Fangod hold my costume and  
snicker,  
And in short, I was afraid.

No! I am not Drew Sanders, nor was meant to be;  
Am a neofan, one that will do  
To go to meetings, tell a joke or two,  
Advise the prez; no doubt an easy tool,  
Deferential, glad to be of use,  
Fan politics I find ridiculous,  
Full of high sentence but a bit abstruse,  
At times, indeed, almost conspicuous

In its resemblance to high school.

I grow old. . .I grow old. . .  
I eat all the high-calorie snack food I can hold.

Shall I shave my head to stubble? Do I dare my ear to  
pierce?  
Or shall I wear Wal-Mart trousers and just try looking  
fierce?  
I have heard the filkfans singing, and flowed my tears.

They'll probably sing to me at the Filk Fest.

We have lingered in the chambers of hostels  
By fairies wreathed with costumes red and brown  
Till mundane voices wake us, and we drown.

(end)

The following meeting events were also recorded by the Scribe, but they did not fit into the poem, and he didn't know what to do with them. He appends them here out of a deep sense of guilt for failing to execute his scribely duties and fooling around with poetry, parodies, and other non-official trivia. Really, he apologizes for being probably the rottenest Scribe the Club has ever had. This term he was railroaded into office. He should be ridden out of town on a rail.

There was a timely discussion of possible aftermeeting programs, and many members spoke their opinions on what they'd like to see. The suggestions ranged from plays to science programming and other interesting stuff. Somebody should have recorded who said what; unfortunately, the membership has re-elected the present Scribe.

#### **Timebound Announcements:**

Doug Crepeau had a car to sell. Later, he also proffered an internet newsbit about mobile, intelligent furniture on display in Cambridge, England. Robotic bins and benches began to run amok and started slamming into everything in the vicinity, despite being fitted with sensors to prevent collisions.

#### **Reviews.:**

Marty Cantor reviewed the City of Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade and Water Fight. Fire department sprays everyone with water and gets soaked in return. Lots of fun!

Somebody got up and told about SKYPE-Internet

telephone service. It will put the phone companies out of business!

"Gizmo" reviewed a symphonic concert of video game music at the Hollywood Bowl. Wonderful!

Ed Green reviewed S. M. Sterling's "Dies the Fire." Disappointing.

9:12 PM Motion to adjourn carried.

*Meeting #3544, July 14, 2005*  
*Cathy Beckstead, presiding*  
*John DeChancie, Scribe*

The Minute Train...the Minute Train

This one's for all the fans out there, and you know who you are.

All aboard for the Minute Train. I want you to take a ride with me. And when you board that Minute Train, baby, I want you to make sure you GET OFF at my station.

Ride on down the line, baby. Ride with me on the Minute Train. I'll keep you on track. You'll LOVE the Minute Train, baby. You'll dig that smooth, smooth ride.

The meeting convened at 8:13, cause we're always on time. I want to make time with you, baby.

The Menace of the last meeting were read, baby, and accepted as "The Menace of J. Alfred Trufan." But this is my LOVE SONG for you, baby. I'm singin' my heart out for you.

That meeting's Saint was Marc Schirmeister- Schirm, baby, fan cartoonist for fanzines. And I want to draw you into my animated feature and make you a star.

The guests were Dash, from San Pedro, Pam from Laguna Niguel? And Mark Hobbs. You're a welcome guest anytime, baby, in my heart.

Marty Cantor announced board gaming on Saturday, July 16. But I ain't playin' no games. I play for real, baby, because my Love is Real.

Arlene said there'd be a marketing meeting. But the only thing in my market basket is my Love, baby.

Time Meddlers meeting on Sunday. It's time we stopped meddlin' and get down to some LOVE, baby. I'm not foolin' with you. I'm not meddling around, because this

is LOVE, baby, love for all TIME.

The cartoon festival will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of this month. I love to be makin' Merry Melodies with you, baby. Because I'm LOONEYTOONS over you.

George Van Wagner related a curious incident of a skydiver who broke a leg, and then handed over a Three Stooges golf ball. I'd jump out of an airplane for you, baby. But I ain't no Stoooge. I'm your LOVE SLAVE.

Matthew Tepper announced a new Harry Potter book. But the only MAGIC IN MY LIFE is YOU. My Magic Wand is throbbing for you, baby.

The only book I'm interested in is the Book of Love.

Told that 6 Canadian readers accidentally got a copy and were enjoined to give them back. I gave all my love to YOU, baby, and I want ALL of it back.

Also related that you can browse in any bookstore and order on Amazon.com. And I'll be browsin' for your LOVE, baby, on line, and down the line on the Minute Train.

Larry Niven reviewed a strange art book. You are a work of art, baby, and I want to immortalize you for all time.

Charlie Jackson reviewed the L. Ron Hubbard Life Exhibit. I'm CLEAR for your love, baby. I'm clear and clean.

Mike Burlik reviewed Anthrocon, a furry con. Lots of furry art. I want to be a furry animal with you, baby, and frolic in the woods.

Kay Shapero announced Califur, furry con, next May. My love for you is warm and furry, baby.

Frank Waller made his usual announcement about upcoming classic and unusual auto shows. Let me drive you crazy with pleasure, baby. **I auto show you, baby, how much I love you.**

Dr. Pournelle discoursed on a conference on WMD technology he attended. He loved it, strangely enough. My love for you is something strange and rare, baby. My love is a weapon, and I will conquer all. \_\_\_\_\_

(End of Barry White minutes)

Addendum:

Since death isn't especially funny, the Special Announcements were the following:  
Roland B. Wilson--Disney animator Chris Bunch, SF writer, Vietnam war writer; "Sten" novels, military SF.  
Linda Ann Moss, Minneapolis fan, active in MINNEAPA.  
Byron Preiss, publisher of eBooks, New York, publishing veteran in SF field.

*Meeting #3545, July 21, 2005*

*Matthew B. Tepper, President*

*John DeChancie, Scribe*

We got the meeting started at a little after eight. There were several Special Orders of business. James Doohan, Scotty of Star Trek, was on the list. Followed by John Ostrom, paleontologist, famous for his theories on dinosaurs.

The minutes were then read and thoroughly disapproved of. The terms of disapproval were both apt and witty, but the Scribe has refused to enter them in the records. Nyah.

**Bill Curry** was the **Patron Saint**. People got up and said things about Bill Curry. Three Cheers were given.

Joe Zeff made an announcement which the Scribe wrote down, but now cannot read, due to his terrible handwriting.

Jerry Pournelle added another grim Special Announcement. He has it on good authority that Fred Saberhagen, noted SF writer, has contracted cancer of the prostate. The prognosis is not good.

Fred Patten has too many books and other material. His room is much too small to hold the overage, and would appreciate some help. He wants people to keep stuff for him temporarily. Some of the membership has already responded to his request.

*Meeting #3546, July 30, 2005*

*Matthew B. Tepper, President*

*Substitute Scribe with the sideburns, Joe Zeff*

The attendance being too small to bother with having a gavel smacked into the tabletop, Ed Green declared the meeting to be in order at 8:13 PM, or thereabouts. There was no reading of the minutes because John DeChancie hadn't provided any.

We had guests, but no Registrar. Michelle Pincus kindly acted as an emergency Registrar. While we were

**Lafa**  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing  
Saturday, September 17, 2005  
Dinner break (hosted burrito bar)  
at 6 PM  
7 PM (pure filking)  
House of the Prancing Skiltaire  
Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley  
13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA  
92644  
714/539-6547 (Rod's cell phone)

DINNER: Do-it-yourself burritos,  
ingredients provided: 6 pm at the  
filksite

DIRECTIONS: See Thomas Bros.  
Orange Co., page 798, C-7  
(1992 edition);  
page 15, grid E-5 (older editions).

Lafa info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456

waiting, we announced that the week's Patron Saint was some fascist called Ed G-R-E-E-N. The President noted that it was also said saint's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. While waiting for the birthday cake to be cut, we said Nice Things about him. Len Moffatt remembered that when he was a teenager he played the part of a middle-aged doctor in a production of *Harvey*. He also told us that when Ed worked in an ice cream parlor he

dumped a big sundae into a customer's lap at least once. Brett Achorn reminded us of how much work Ed does for the club. Rick Foss, Hare Hobbs, and Matthew Tepper all told us that Ed is a large chunk of the club's backbone. We gave him Three Cheers and G-R-E-E-N. This was followed by a five-minute cake break, possibly the best program we've had yet this year.

Return to Manzanar Registrar: Ryan Reyers, who's already joined us on at least one Friday night for gaming.

We had no business, old or new. The members were quite happy.

Committee Reports: Marty Cantor told us that De Prof has been getting bigger, and more expensive to mail because he won't edit John DeChancie's minutes for length.

Charlie let us know that August is Car Safety Month, reminding us that it isn't safe to leave a small child or pet in a closed car on a hot day for even a few minutes. George Van Wagner told us that there will be a conference in mid-August on quantum physics, and he's pretty sure one of the participants will be at a meeting to discuss the subject.

Reviews: Rick Foss reviewed *Iron Council*, the second part of a series. He told us that each book is supposed to stand alone, but after reading this book he can't recommend the rest. Bob Null reviewed Burbank Blvd to the East of us, calling it "smooth." Tom Locke reviewed *The Warrior*, by Erin Hunter. He says it's rather like *Watership Down* with cats instead of rabbits. Fred wanted us to know that it's the first in a series of six books.

Miscellaneous: Hare Hobbs showed us a thick book containing almost half the cannon of Howard Myers. Charlie Jackson has Roger Hill's W.O.O.F. zine and wanted to know if somebody could take it to WorldCon. Ed and Liz were able to oblige.

The Final Motion of the evening passed at 9:10:15:20 PM.

*Board of Directors Meeting, July 10, 2005*  
*Karl Lembke, President*  
*Joe Zeff, Secretary*

**Directors:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor, Ed G-R-E-E-N, Bob Null, Cathy Beckstead, Tadao Tomomatsu. Liz Mortensen absent, excused.

**Others:** Joyce Sperling, Anne Morrel, Greg Bilan, Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Susan Gleason, Matthew Tepper, Joan Stewart, Kay Shaper, George Van Wagner, Gregg Barrett, John DeChancie, Sherry Benoun, Tony Benoun.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:14:49 a.m. The minutes were presented. They were accepted as corrected with the scribe abstaining.

**New Members:** Robin Reed, Margaret Newvine, Matt Reshonksky, Autumn VanDusen, and Adam Rakunas. All accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer is absent for job-related reasons, so no report.

**Facilities:** No activity on construction or furniture. Dr. Gleason has ordered the bike rack and it should be delivered soon.

**Computers:** There has been a new addition to the room, a game server.

**Hall Decorations:** Some of the LaLaCon decorations are still up, and will be replaced as time permits.

**Printing/Duplication:** Part of the trouble with the Canon was using a non-standard cartridge. The Gestetner is still working on three belts out of four, so there's no reason to call out a repairman just for that.

The next time we have one out, we'll get the belt replaced while he's here. After some argument about landscape printing, it was agreed to bring somebody out to look at it.

**Sound System:** We have one, and it works. There was some trouble at the latest party, but it turned out to be tapes pressing against the machine.

**Marketing:** No representative, no report.

**Outreach:** Nothing new.

**Library:** One of the temporary librarians is on his way over, but hasn't arrived yet.

**Reading Lists:** Updates on the Children's List should be ready in about a month. Mr. Barrett is taking over the Adult List, but hasn't had time to do anything.

**lasfs.org:** Not here, yet. Karl hasn't seen any changes yet and hasn't made any himself to give the current webmaster room to work.

**Westercon:** The "three zone motion" passed, changing the rotation from north/south to north/central/south. No city may bid for a Westercon to be voted on in their zone unless there are no bids offered by the beginning of that year. If that happens, it becomes a no-zone year, and anybody can bid.

**LOSCON 32:** On track. A few issues have come up and been dealt with. We don't know for sure about the guest from Thailand. There have been two meetings, and the first Progress Report was sent out.

**LOSCON 33:** The chairman isn't here yet, but we're assured that all's going well and guests are being invited.

**LaLaCon:** Nothing new on this year's. Thanks and a round of applause were given George Van Wagner.

**Library:** As a librarian has arrived, we asked for a report. Not much has been going on, as neither John nor Greg finds it easy to get here. Greg has round a possible database program, Bookbag, that's only \$24.95, and will even work on a PDA. He explained that part of the trouble with missing books comes from different practices by various librarians, with Leigh Strother Vien doing things quite differently than Michael Mason did. Some of the "missing" books are set aside to be repaired or replaced, but the records on these aren't up to date. With time, this problem should gradually subside.

**Securities Management:** Removed from the acvie agenda until we have securities to manage.

**Convention Delegates:** Tadao at DemiCon; Karl, Brett,

Ed, and Liz at ComicCon.

**Old Business:** Brett Achorn had a report on Trademark registration. If we want to trademark LASFS as a collective membership, we need a plan to protect it. After much discussion, it was decided to create a minimalist plan which will satisfy the government and put it in the By-laws. The Board then voted both to thank Brett for his work and to instruct him to make it so.

**DE PROF:** Marty Cantor has some concerns about the mailing costs because of the impossibility of editing John's minutes down to fit one ounce. Ed Green called the treasurer on his cell phone; and, after making sure she had no objections, moved to increase the budget for the year, raising the total to \$1500. It passed with no objection.

**lasfs.org:** The current webmaster hasn't arrived, but we have a proposal by Barry Gold to take over on web site maintenance. We thanked him for his offer and for showing up, but didn't discuss the offer in detail. Our current webmaster reported by phone that he's updated lasfs.info, and is ready to move everything over.

**Other Business:** Greg Barrett mentioned that we need a new hard drive for the bookymonster. The current drive is sick, and is only 4 Gig. He'll need transportation for this. Liz will be here later and we'll check with her then about funding, and find out if it's covered by any existing line item. It was moved, seconded, and passed to permit the expenditure of funds for a new hard drive if it wasn't already in the budget.

**Adjourned** at 12:41 p.m.

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#### **Zines received in trade**

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

**club zines:** *Instant Message #756* (NESFA). *Einblatt! August 2005* (MinnStf). *BCSFAzine #387* (BCSFA). *Westwind #272* (NWSFS). *DASFax Vol. 37, #08* (DASFA). *Meeting Notices August - December* (PSFS).

**other zines:** *Nice Distinctions 10* (Arthur D. Hlavaty).

#### **NEW BOOKS**

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. The Librarian has no current new listings at this time.)

**Proposed change to the By-laws**

*(passed by the Board of Directors 8/14/05,  
to be brought to the club for consideration on 9/22/05)*

**I. Membership**

Section 9: Collective Membership Mark. When the Society holds a collective membership mark, the members will be permitted to use it provided it is not used for advertisement or endorsement, except as approved by the membership or the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will enforce the proper use of such marks.

**GARY LOUIE MEMORIAL MAH JONGG  
TOURNAMENT:**

This fall, we will again be having our annual Gary Louie Memorial Mah Jongg Tournament. It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2, 2005. The tournament will be held at the LASFS Clubhouse from 9:00a.m. to 10:00p.m. on Saturday, October 1 and 9:00a.m. to 6p.m. on Sunday, October 2. We plan to start promptly so that there will be sufficient time for meal breaks between rounds. If attendance is sufficiently great to necessitate a final round, the follow-up date for finalists will be Saturday, November 5, 2005.

We hope we will have a large turnout of those who are interested in enjoying a weekend of Mah Jongg and memories in the company of their friends. Let's make this a year to rival the first couple of years this tournament was held.

If you are interested in being kept up to date on plans, please e-mail Kris Bauer at [krebauer13@yahoo.com](mailto:krbauer13@yahoo.com) to make sure you receive notifications. We look to see you all at the tournament.



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