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Denver was an ideal place for bridge players. 16th Street was off limits for automobiles making it very safe for walking. There were free Trolley Buses running back and forth every few minutes in front of the hotels and stopping at every intersection. Very convenient for bridge players as restaurants and shopping areas were on either side of the street.

The weather in Denver was ideal during the day with temperature generally sunny and in the 60's. Evenings were a little different – sometimes in the 30's. The hosts of the tournament were very hospitable and worked very hard to get the final table count to 10,145 which was the expected number of tables for Denver.

CHARITY AND GOODWILL: This is the time of year when the District Directors name their lifetime Charity and Goodwill appointments for 2006. These people have all made major contributions to their Units and bridge communities. Congratulations to all. My appointments this year were: **CHARITY:** Roxana Tom & Janise Saul – Unit 172- in the San Antonio area. **GOODWILL:** Bobbi Kauffman & Bert Onstott – Unit 174- Houston area.

ACBL PRESIDENT 2006: Harriette Buckman from Chicago and Florida was elected the President for 2006. She will be at the Houston Regional February 6-12th. She is particularly interested in meeting with the Bridge Teachers in our Unit and District. Harriette has done almost everything a person can do to help bridge clubs get more members, teach at clubs and run clubs. Please make an effort to meet her and feel free to ask for advice. She will make a great President. Any teachers interested can e-mail me at danmorse@sbcglobal.net for more information.

NABC TOURNAMENTS: Dallas will host the NABC 2006 Spring tournament starting March 30 through April 9. Start making your plans to be there. The local people are working hard to have good tournament. San Francisco will host the Fall 2012 NABC and Memphis will host the 2012 Spring NABC

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS: A very rare thing happened when winners of this prestigious event were 20-year-old Jenny Ryman from Sweden and 23-year-old Gavin Wolpert. The youngest pair ever to win this event. A great cheer went up for this win as their junior friends from around the world heard the news. Congratulations to Jenny and Gavin.

AWARDS: Zia Mahmood was named the ACBL honorary member for the year 2006. Congratulations. The Senior Swiss Team Trophy will now be the Alan Truscott United States Playing Card-Senior Swiss Trophy.

LAWS COMMITTEE: Three district members were appointed to the ACBL law's commission for 5 year terms: Mildred Breed, Peggy Sutherland and Dan Morse.

FINANCE: A budget for 2006 was approved. In order to balance the budget fees had to be raised. Dues were not raised but Club fees, STaC sanction fees, Sectional Surcharge's, NABC entry fees were all raised for 2006.

TOURNAMENTS: After years of

discussion and experimentations with various formulas for our premier team events a new formula (developed by board member Bill Arlinghaus) was approved. Depending on the number of teams there will be head-on matches, byes, and 4 way matches (with 3 teams surviving) on day one. Starting on day 2, all matches will be head-on.

New residency requirements for participation in NAP and GNT events will go into effect for the 2006-07 events. Anyone who may be affected by the stricter requirements should contact the ACBL for details. (Especially in the Super Flight).

In scheduling and sanctioning tournaments a coordinator must now submit his Regional sanction at least THREE years in advance, his sectional sanctions at least ONE year in advance. An arbitration board will be established to resolve tournament sanction conflicts.

Effective July 1, 2006 except for charity events and games limited to players with less than 20 masterpoints. The extra fee for non-members and non-dues-paying life members will be \$2.00 per session at Regionals and \$1.00 per session at Sectionals.

CLUBS: The Windows version of ACBL score that we have long anticipated should be available on the ACBL web site to download in January 2006.

MEMBERSHIP: An amnesty program will begin January 1, 2006 and end June 30, 2006. Upon payment of their membership dues/service fees, people whose membership had lapsed shall be credited with all masterpoints which were earned during the lapsed membership period.

JUNIORS: Check out the new and approved bridgeiscool.com web site. The issue of holding another ACBL World Junior Bridge Camp in the summer of 2007 was deferred until Dallas. A straw poll showed a majority of the Board approved.

APPEALS & CHARGES: The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations was revised. For those interested, the revised Code should be available on the ACBL web site.

MEMBERSHIP: Once a month, management will notify each affected unit of all Life Members who have moved out of a unit to an unknown location and unpaid life members who have had no contact with ACBL for 2 years. Unless informed to the contrary each such Life Member will be transferred into a special holding unit not associated with any of the 25 districts. Once a year, a list of the life members who have been so transferred will be sent to the appropriate units.

WORLD BRIDGE: The International Mind Sports Organization (IMSO) was formed. The four founding members are the World Bridge Federation (WBF), the International Federation of Chess (Fide), the International GO Federation (IGF) and the World Draughts Federation (FMJD). This group has the support of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF). The IMSO is exploring holding a joint World Championship possibly in 2008.

Going to an NABC is one of the best bridge experiences a player can have. I hope those of you who have not done so will make your vacation plays around the Dallas National and give it a try.

Happy Holidays!

Hamman Wins Reisinger Baker Wins Women's B-A-M The Quinns Win N.A. Swiss with Morse, Hessel, Kamil & Hinze 2nd Breed, Hartman 2nd in LM Women's Pairs



Bob Hamman



Lynn Baker



Mildred Breed & Claudette Hartman



Dan Morse & Ira Hessel
Nagy Kamil & Greg Hinze



Joe & Shawn Quinn

By David Sokolow

For the second NABC in a row, District 16 players made their mark in nationally-rated events. Many of the successful players are the "usual suspects," but a few are new to the national spotlight.

Bob Hamman of Dallas won the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams for the tenth time. No, that was not a misprint: 10, diez, dix, X. You get the picture. Won over a period of five decades (from 1962 to 2005)! I, a man of many words, have run out of superlatives to describe Bob's unparalleled success at the nationals. To paraphrase Cole Porter: "He's the top!"

Austinite Lynn Baker made it two-in-a row as her squad captured the Women's Board-A-Match Teams in Denver, having won the Wagar Women's Knockout in Atlanta this summer. Lynn's team has almost secured a bye to the semifinals of the Women's International Team Trials for the 2007 Venice Cup, and the cycle is only half over. A very impressive accomplishment indeed!

Shawn and Joe Quinn of Houston topped a field of 115 teams to capture the North American Swiss Teams for the second time. The first was in 1993, before Shawn was a Texan or even a Quinn for that matter! (she was Shawn Womack from Irvine, California, back then). Married couples are not known for their success in open events, so Shawn and Joe deserve a special round of applause for their win. In second place, less than four IMPs behind, were Dan Morse of Houston, Nagy Kamil of Plano, and Ira Hessel (aka "the Monkey") and Greg Hinze of San Antonio. Ira is District 16's unofficial "court jester," and a frequent winner at Texas tournaments. It's nice to see him attain success at the national level. Congratulations to him and his teammates.

Mildred Breed and Claudette Hartman of Austin finished second in the Life Master Women's Pairs, missing first by a whisker. An NABC and world champion, Mildred is undoubtedly familiar to the Scorecard's loyal readers, but Claudette may not be. You'll recognize her immediately—always smiling, even-tempered, and a wonderful disposition at the table, regardless of the result, thereby distinguishing herself from virtually everyone else in the room! "Brava!" to this worthy duo.

Many District 16 players had top-ten finishes in national events. Mike Passell, Plano, was 3/4 in the Senior KO, while John Sutherland, Dallas, finished 5/8. George Rosenkranz, Mexico City, and Eddie Wold, Houston, finished third in the Open B-A-M. George also had a ninth-place finish in the N.A. Swiss. Esta Van Zandt and Pat Levy, Houston, finished eighth in the LM Women's Pairs, and Petra Hamman, Dallas, and Nancy Passell, Plano, were tenth. Mildred Breed and Shawn Quinn were fourth in the Women's B-A-M, with Esta Van Zandt and Pat Levy in seventh place.

The Spring 2006 NABC will be held right here in Dallas, so it's incumbent

on every District 16 player to come out and support the dedicated volunteers who have been working for years to ensure that the tournament is a success. For those who missed the last Dallas NABC (Spring 1997), you are in for a treat. A wonderful venue—The Hyatt Regency—in close proximity to the myriad clubs and restaurants in the Arts District. Terrific entertainment—them Dallas folks sure know how to throw a party! And the opportunity to play against all your friends and neighbors as well as players from around the country and, indeed, around the world. There won't be another NABC in Texas until 2009 (Houston), so make the most of this opportunity. "Irregardless" (my twelfth-grade English teacher is turning over in her grave), I wish you and all your loved ones a happy, healthy and fruitful new year in 2006.

Congratulations to all the Denver winner: **International Fund Strat Prs A3.B1.** Charles Brown, Denton A5. Ann Couch, Fort Worth **1st Fri Eve Strat Swiss Teams B4/5.C2/3.** Joyce Cooper, Austin-Mike Huiatt, Fair Oaks Ranch **Fortune Valley Strat Open**

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Prs A7/8. Shirley Stanton-Wanda Meyer, Houston B1. Joe Clark, Dallas B4. Christensen Jr, Laporte B5. Jules Schoenberg-Hazel Schoenberg, Plano C2/3. Sue Gerard, Mexico MX-John Taylor, Lago Vista **Dallas Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 2. Martha Young, Dallas-Howard Tureff -Dorsey Shaw, Plano **Bkt II** 1. Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende MX **Bkt III** 4. Fred Steger Jr, McAllen **Bkt IV** 4. Penny Mixon, Arlington-Ann Mouzon, Richardson-Shay Ura, Plano-David Pearlman, Trophy Club **Larimer Sq Daylight Strat Open Prs** A7. Alexander Labry, Burnet **Super Broncos KO Teams Bkt I** 5/8. George Rosenkranz, Mexico City MX-Robert Morris, Houston **Bkt III** 3/4. Bob Friz, Leonard-Jeanne Kretz, Mc Kinney **Bkt VI** 3/4. Charles Brown, Denton 3/4. Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende MX **Bkt VII** 3/4. Helen Probst-A Probst-Stefan Davis-Ronni Davis, Wichita Falls **Bkt VIII** 2. Sammie Mills, So Padre Is **Bkt X** 2. Sam Dodson-Rebecca Hyzer-Cheryl Evans, Houston-Philip Duterme, Bellaire **Life Master Prs** 27. Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Nagy Kamel, Plano 35. Justin Lall-Hemant Lall, Dallas **1st Sat Eve Strat Swiss Teams** A5/6. George Rosenkranz, Mexico City MX-Robert Morris, Houston **Fortune Valley Casino AX Prs** A15. Richard Schmieder-Jyme Schmieder, Boerne **Life Master Women's Prs** 2. Mildred Breed-Claudette Hartman, Austin 8. Pat Levy-Esta Van Zandt, Houston 10. Petra Hamman, Dallas-Nancy Passell, Plano 31. Edith Rosenkranz, Mexico City MX 34. Shawn Quinn, Richmond-Grace Hunt, Dallas **Educational Fund KO Teams Bkt I** 2. James Bauer, Dallas-Marion Gebhardt, Richardson-Roy Baughman, Pantego-Mike Miller, Temple **Denver Unit 361 KO Teams Bkt I** 3/4. James Bauer, Dallas-Marion Gebhardt, Richardson-Mike Miller, Temple-Roy Baughman, Pantego **Bkt II** 5/8. Barbara Grantham, Houston **Bkt III** 1. Joe Clark-Shaun Chooi, Dallas 5/8. John Mc Connell-Carol McConnell, Desoto-Bobby Jaeger-Georgie Jaeger, Colleyville 5/8. Elton Lipnick-Barbara Harberg-Robin Ladin, Houston **Bkt IV** 3/4. Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington-Nancy Peterson, Euless-Ruth Bracken, Grapevine **Bkt VII** 1. Joyce Cooper, Austin-Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt, Fair Oaks Ranch **Bkt VIII** 2. Sarah Wright, Odessa **BAM Strat Teams** A3. Martha Young, Dallas-Howard Tureff-Dorsey Shaw,

Plano A5. Betsy Dubose-William Baker, Bellaire-Mary McManus-Natalie Wernet, Houston A6. Robert Morris, Houston B5/6. Bobby Jaeger-Georgie Jaeger, Colleyville-John Mc Connell-Carol McConnell, Desoto **IMP Strat Prs** A5. Joe Quinn, Richmond-Guss Ginsburg, Houston B4. Weishu Wu, Plano **1st Sun Strat Open Prs** A7. Carolyne Fox-Edward Groner, Houston B3. Bobbi Kauffman, Katy-Grace Hunt, Dallas C3. Sue Gerard, Mexico City MX-John Taylor, Lago Vista **Dasgupta & Perron Strati Swiss Teams AX** A4. Patricia Norman, Houston X3. Jeffrey Brown, The Woodlands **Strati BCD D3/4**. Cheryl Evans-Rebecca Hyzer, Houston **Nuggets Morn Compact KO Teams Bkt II** 3. Elton Lipnick, Houston **Bkt IV** 1. Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt, Fair Oaks Ranch 3. Philip Duterme, Bellaire-Sam Dodson-Rebecca Hyzer-Cheryl Evans, Houston **Open BAM Teams** 3. George Rosenkranz, Mexico City MX 17. Chris Compton, Dallas 20. Bob Hamman-Hemant Lall-Justin Lall, Dallas-Ira Chorush, Houston 21. Weishu Wu, Plano 31. Donna Compton, Dallas **Mon Strati BCD Swiss Teams** C5. Johnnie Dayton, Lubbock **Mon Strati Flted Open Prs AX** A4. Robert Morris, Houston A9.X2 Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett, Waco. X3. Jeffrey Brown, The Woodlands X6. Martha Young, Dallas **Grand Jet Unit 354 Compact KO Teams Bkt VI** 4. Elton Lipnick-Barbara Grantham, Houston-Charles Grimes, Midland **Bkt VII** 4. Doug Couchman, Arlington-Joe Clark-Shaun Chooi, Dallas **Bkt XII** 4. Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt, Fair Oaks Ranch-Joyce Cooper, Austin **Bkt XIII** 1. Judy Corey Edmiston-George Roach, Dallas **Grand Jet Unit 354 Compact KO Teams Cons Bkt II** 1. James Bauer, Dallas-Marion Gebhardt, Richardson-Roy Baughman, Pantego-Mike Miller, Temple **Bkt III** 1. Wayne Christensen Jr, Laporte **Bkt VII** 2. Charles Brown, Denton **Bkt XII** 2. Sarah Wright, Odessa **Bkt XIII** 1. Rebecca Hyzer-Cheryl Evans, Houston-Marsha Sachs-Phyllis Crandall, Sugar Land **Colo. Springs Unit 360 KO Teams Bkt I** 3/4. Marsha Bernstein, Houston **Bkt II** 3/4. Bob Friz, Leonard **Bkt V** 1, Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende MX **Bkt VI** 2. Fred Steger Jr, McAllen 3/4. Ann Blohm-Joanne Chadderdon, Houston-Patsy Pierce, Hardin-Sally Blewett, Beaumont **Women's BAM Teams** 1. Lynn Baker, Austin 4. Mildred Breed, Austin-Shawn Quinn, Richmond 7. Esta Van Zandt-

Pat Levy, Houston 12. Ellen Hessel, **Mon Midzip KO Teams** 2. Joyce Cooper, Austin-Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt, Fair Oaks Ranch 3/4. Bryan Morgan, Dallas-Steven Tuggle, Pearland-J'Neane Huey, Fort Worth-Margot Hirsch, Arlington **Tues Strat Senior Prs** A2. Carolyne Fox-Edward Groner, Houston **Tues Eve Strat Swiss Teams** A1. Gerry Marshall, MX A3.B1. Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende-Tom Henry, Ajijic MX **Tues Blackhawk Strat Open Prs** B4.C1. William Van Dame-Lesly Van Dame, Houston B6. Charles Brown, Denton **Wed Strat Fast Open Prs** C4. Lorraine Little-Shirley Prewitt, Fort Worth **Tues Midzip KO Teams** 2. Doug Couchman, Arlington-Joe Clark-Shaun Chooi, Dallas **Sun Midzip KO Teams** 1. J'Neane Huey, Fort Worth **Wed Strat Senior Prs** A5. Dewitt Hudson Jr, Arlington **Wed Eve Strat IMP Prs** A2. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth **Wed Eve Strat BAM Teams** A1. Guss Ginsburg, Houston A6. Henry Caspar, Houston B4/6. Dewitt Hudson Jr-Elizabeth Hudson, Arlington **Wed Strat Open Prs** B4.C3. Alan Dennis-Janet Rauscher, Katy **Boulder Unit 359 KO Tams Bkt II** 3/4. Natalie Wernet, Houston-Sandra Stevens, Katy-Betsy Dubose-William Baker, Bellaire **Bkt VII** 3/4. George Roach-Judy Corey Edmiston, Dallas **Spring Air Mattress Strati-Flted Teams AX** A2. Bob Hamman-Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman, Dallas A4/6. George Rosenkranz, Mexico City MX A7. Tobi Sokolow-David Sokolow, Austin X3. Barbara Grantham, Houston X5/6. Wayne Christensen Jr, Laporte **Strati BCDB1/2**. Bryan Morgan, Dallas-Anthony Eckman, Austin B4. Steven Tuggle, Pearland **Mini Blue Ribbon Prs** 23. Patricia Norman, Houston 39. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper, Fort Worth 40. Doug Couchman, Arlington-Joe Clark, Dallas 47. Shaun Chooi, Dallas 48. Richard Schmieder-Jyme Schmieder, Boerne **Thurs Strat Swiss Teams** A2. George Rosenkranz, Mexico City-Miguel Reygadas, Polanco MX A3/6. Cheryl Evans, Houston **Ellis Tamales Strat Open Prs** A7. Petra Hamman-Bob Hamman, Dallas **Strat Mixed Prs** A1. Hemant Lall, Dallas **Blue Ribbon Prs** 25. Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton 28. Chris Compton, Dallas 29. Joe Quinn-Shawn Quinn, Richmond 34. Linda Spangler, Duncanville-Thomas Hughes Jr, Fort Worth 40. Justin Lall, Dallas 58. Weishu Wu, Plano **Thurs Midzip KO Teams I** 2. Patricia Lozano-Greg Hinze, San Antonio **Colo. Springs KO Teams Bkt I** 2.. Gerry Marshall, MX **Bkt III** 2. Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende MX 3/4. John Taylor, Lago Vista-Sue Gerard, Mexico City MX **Bkt IV** 3/4. Fred Steger Jr, McAllen **Broncos Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 3. George Pisk, Manchaca-Nagy Kamel, Plano-Ira Hessel, San Antonio **Bkt II** 2. Lynn Baker, Austin 3, Jyme Schmieder, Boerne **Bkt III** 3. Billy Leeper-Darlene Shirey-Peggy Hughes, Fort Worth-Pat Cassidy, Arlington **Bkt IV** 1. Bob Friz, Leonard **Bkt VI** 1. Steven Tuggle, Pearland-Bryan Morgan, Dallas **Bkt VII** 2. Johnnie Dayton, Lubbock **Bkt VIII** 3. Judy Matlock, Richardson **Broncos Compact KO Teams Conso Bkt VIII** 1. Joanne Chadderdon-Ann Blohm, Houston-Patsy Pierce, Hardin-Sally Blewett, Beaumont **Senior KO Teams** 5/8. John Sutherlin, Dallas 9/16. Thomas Peters-Carolyn Peters, Grapeland **Fri Midzip KO Teams** 2. J'Neane

2006 Lifetime National Charity & Goodwill Appointments



Charity
Roxana Tom
San Antonio



Charity
Janise Saul
San Antonio



Goodwill
Bert Onstott
Houston



Goodwill
Bobbi Kauffman
Houston

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game East-West High Score

Congratulations!!!



Congratulations!!!

Libby Boeye & Mary Tryer

Playing at the Kingsville Duplicate Bridge Club, Libby Boeye, Corpus Christi, and Mary Tryer, Kingsville, were the ACBL-wide high scorers East-West in the September Instant Matchpoint Game with 68.32%.

Huey, Fort Worth-Bryan Morgan, Dallas **Honolulu Morn KO Teams Bkt II** 1. Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende-Tom Henry, Ajijic MX 2. Richard Burkhardt-Bonnie Burkhardt-Bob Reese-Georgia Reese, Houston 3/4. Anthony Eckman, Austin-Bryan Morgan, Dallas-Steven Tuggle, Pearland **Rockies Compact KO Teams Conso Bkt I** 2. Jeffrey Brown, The Woodlands **Cheyenne Unit 241 Strat Senior Prs** B1.C1. Mike Huiatt, Fair Oaks Ranch **N Colorado Fri-Sat KO Teams Bkt I** 3/4. Billy Leeper-Carolyn Pinto, Fort Worth-Pat Cassidy, Arlington-Linda Spangler, Duncanville **Bkt III** 1. Steven Tuggle, Pearland-Anthony Eckman, Austin **Bkt VI** 3/4. Richard Burkhardt-Bonnie Burkhardt-Bob Reese-Georgia Reese, Houston **Sat Eve Strat BAM Teams** A1. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth B3. Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende MX **2nd Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX** A1. Bart Bramley, Dallas 6. John Mohan,

Huixquilucan Ed MX 8/9. Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton X2. J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner **Strati BCD B2/4**. Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende MX C5. Steve Tuggle, Pearland-Tony Eckman, Austin **Frontier Days KO Teams Bkt II** 3/4. Carolyn Peters-Thomas Peters, Grapeland **Bkt IV** 3/4. Jeffrey Brown, The Woodlands **Reisinger BAM Teams** 1. Bob Hamman, Dallas **North American Swiss Teams** 1. Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn, Richmond 2. Dan Morse, Houston-Ira Hessel-Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Nagy Kamel, Plano 9. George Rosenkranz, Mexico City MX 11. Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City MX 19. Gerry Marshall, MX 26. George Pisk, Manchaca.

Denver Intermediate Results 99er NABC Open Prs 4. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley, Richardson **2nd Sun Eve 299er Strat Prs** A1. Joanne Chadderdon-Ann Blohm, Houston A3. Sarah Wright, Odessa.

DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

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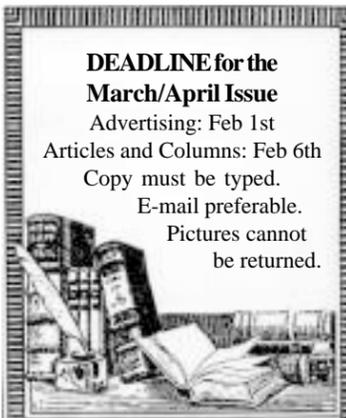
Other Upcoming Events

Spring NABC (Dallas)	March 30-April 9
Cavendish (Las Vegas)	May 3-7
World Championships (Verona, Italy)	June 9-24

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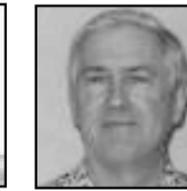
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We have gone in many directions—top to bottom—of our greatest wishes! Early October in Ruidoso brought Barbara Davis her first GOLD points when she and Marilyn Matthews won their “Strat” in a pair event. Our Unit was well represented at this Regional in the mountains.

October 31—SURPRISE—Golden Age Master Party honoring Sally Whiteley—done in conjunction with Halloween—a favorite of Sally’s. 13 tables were in play. Winning this event across the board (ABC) were Beverly Martin and Sandra Davis; 2nd Kathryn Locke-Gloria Crites; 3rd Flo Curry-Jean Pistole. Free plays were given to those voted winners in costume PHOTOGRAVURE!

“Travels w/Charlie” was the theme of the covered dish affair for our adoptive LM—Roni Oppenheim—via Cherry Hill, NJ—“Chateaubriand” was entrée served by Charlie Grimes—a host of the party. Winners were N/S: Marilyn Matthews-Sandy Rea; Sue Gardiner-Linda Evans; E/W: Mary Hammond-Dixie Gifford; Dorothy Breneman-Verna Chambers.

November 21—ACBL Wide Charity Game was won by OA Flo Curry-Jean Pistole; Leonora Slusher-Linda Evans; OB Martha Poss-Bob Baker; Helen South-Dorothy Breneman.

The newly expanded Odessa Bridge Room with added décor provides a bigger playing area with a relaxing atmosphere, roomy kitchen, more paintings courtesy Betty Fernandez. Many helping hands contributed to the effort with Roberta Bacon at the helm. All of you should be very proud of your facility.

The holiday season was kicked off with the Midland Country Club Christmas Party. Other festivities followed in Odessa, Midland, and Big Spring—all offered good points, better food, and the best fellowship!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

NAP FINAL
Reminder
January 14 & 15, 2006
San Antonio
See Nov/Dec Scorecard for further details

International Bridge Press Association Award
Best Defended Hand of the Year
Defender: Bart Bramley
Journalist: Donna Compton
Look for full details in the March/April Scorecard.

Life Masters

Linda Anthony, Austin; Ricardo Azevedo, Ennis; Barbara Babbitt, Houston; Allen Brandt, Houston; Jeane Brittain, Abilene; Helen Cash, Wichita Falls; Ruth Chisum, Stinnett; Susan Couch, Vernon; Diane Dunn, Fritch; Doloris Eldredge, Rowlett; Andrew Fenves, Dallas; Marilyn Frazier, Sugar Land; Betty Goodin, Claude; Charlene Goodman, Flint; Carrol Green, Chillicothe; Bobbie Grier, Abilene; Mary Ann Hall, Abilene; Alan Johnston, Pharr; Janet Jordan, Aledo; Joyce Lo, Wichita Falls; Eugene Lux, Fredericksburg; F.A. MacDougall, Houston; Ruth MacDougall, Houston; Mark McAllister, Austin; M.

McLennan, Waco; Peggy Minkley, Claude; Robert Patton, Abilene; Charles Raines, Katy; R. Segerlind, Dallas; Ulla Skovdal, Montgomery; Jo Ann Stokes, Wichita Falls; Delinda Verner, Abilene; Evelyn Weaver, Rocksprings.

Milestones
Diamond (5000 MPs)

Thomas Hughes, Jr. Fort Worth.

Gold (2500 MPs)

Vivian Leggett, Waller; Greg Resz, Dallas.

Silver (1000 MPs)

Margie Beegle, Houston; Alonzo Britton, San Antonio; M. Gayle Brown, Sugar Land; Lori Christensen, Dallas;

Joe Clark, Dallas; Barbara Estep, Hurst; Audrey Harrison, Kingsville; Laverne Hill, Harlingen; Betty Kirkwood, Lindale; Charlotte Krupp, Bedford; Maureen Lightfoot, Kerrville; Verline Luthringer, Karnes City; Joe Nance, Bryan; Kathy Reddick, Longview; Barbara Soyachak, Conroe; Roxana Tom, Campbellton; Mildred Walker, Mason; Barbara Yates, Fort Worth.

Bronze (500 MPs)

Irene Baker, Houston; Grace Bartlett, Houston; Mary Baxter, Irving; N. Dale Beck, Odessa; Sylvia Bliss, Rosharon; Jeane Brittain, Abilene; Barbara Chaplik, Port Aransas; Ruth Chisum, Stinnett; Jeff Ford, Austin; Bill

Gervais, Cypress; Nancy Gray, Montgomery; Carrol Green, Chillicothe; Bobbie Grier, Abilene; Mary Ann Hall, Abilene; Henry Kollenberg, Houston; Anita McKinney, Canton; M. McLennan, Waco; Catherine Miller, Houston; Robert Patton, Abilene; Shirley Prewitt, Fort Worth; Marlene Round, Bedford; Maxine Rutherford, San Angelo; Bobbie Sautler, Corpus Christi; Evelyn Schmidt, Gun Barrel City; Kyong Shuey, Austin; Jo Ann Stokes, Wichita Falls; Robert Tharp, Richardson; Trudy Trivette, Houston; Lois Wilson, Sugar Land; Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland; Edward Yetter, Garland.

Dewitt Hudson



New Ranking: In January 2005, District 16 was ranked 21st out of 25 Districts in the area of Membership Recruitment. As of 1 January 2006, District 16 is ranked 7th out of 25. This increase in membership and retention is a direct reflection of the efforts of Donna Compton. She has presented the ACBL Unit Growth Seminar in many of our units throughout the year. Unfortunately, the Seminar is no longer funded by the ACBL; however, your unit may request funding from the ACBL Education Foundation to host the seminar. Please call Dewitt Hudson at 817.784.1313 for further information and jumpstart your 2006 membership growth.

Travels: Most bridge slows down in December, but in January we plan to make up for lost time at the tables by traveling to the San Antonio, Harlingen, and Richardson sectionals and ending my travels as District President at the Houston Regional in February.

My wife and I can truly say that we have really enjoyed the many wonderful players that we met and with whom we exchanged ideas. As the beginning of my term as President, I made it my goal to attend every District sectional and regional. This was impossible in some instances due to the scheduling of several tournaments on the same weekend. However, we did travel to two NABC tournaments, six District Regionals and 18 District Sectionals during my watch.

During my travels, I had the opportunity to meet with unit board members and players from around the

District and listen to their needs and concerns regarding membership recruitment and retention. By traveling around the District, I opened up the communication between the District and Units. Additionally, I learned a lot and initiated programs at the District level as a response to the various unit needs including the following: 1. Charity Money Rebates; 2. Unit Good Will Award; 3. Orange “Rita” Charity STaC; 4. Increased in GNT supplements; 5. Honorary Member Certificate for Mayors; 6. School Bridge books and supplies; and 7. Puerto Vallarta Regional advertising campaign.

Although I accomplished a lot during my service as District President, I have more programs that I would like to see through to the end and raise our District from 7th to 1st in the ACBL. Accordingly, at the Houston Regional, I plan on running for reelection as 2006 District President. Thanks for your confidence and support.

A Very Sweet Lady: Several years ago I was introduced to a very special person, Nola DeMott. She is 86 years young now. She would visit my bridge classes and we discussed the need for more bridge instructors for our youth. I later found out that she holds bridge games once a week for the women in her neighborhood. When she had a bridge question, she would call me for the answer.

Due to her interest, I gave her a standing invitation to visit any of my classes held at the University of Texas at Arlington. Nola is not doing so well, as the cancer has now spread to her brain. Last week I presented her with a certificate for ACBL Honorary Member. The expression on her face was worth a million dollars. Even though Nola’s days are numbered, she finds time to play bridge with her friends. What a great life!

Message from District 16 President

Hurricane Rita: I am happy to report that many units participated in the STaC games held in December to help raise money for the bridge facilities hit hardest by Rita. As of December 15, we have raised \$1000.00. As a reminder, all proceeds from the games will go to rebuilding the flooded bridge facilities in Beaumont and Orange. Additionally, if you or any organization would like to assist, you can send donations to District 16, Bank of America, ATTN: Jose Castillo, 5295 South Cooper Street, Arlington, TX 76017. This fund drive will end 30 January 2006.

Abilene Regional: One of the highlights of the Abilene Split Regional was the presence of Mayor Norm Archibald. He addressed the players and like many others was astonished to see so many people come to Abilene to play bridge. Mayor Archibald was presented a Certificate making him an ACBL Honorary Member. The Mayor stated that when you are doing something and having fun, then you need to stay with it. P.S. The Mayor

had recently turned down an opportunity to run for Texas State Representative because of his desire to remain Mayor of Abilene.

Puerto Vallarta: This was the largest tournament that I have ever had the opportunity to attend in Mexico. The weather was just great—a cool 80 degrees to a high of 85 daily.

The McDonalds did an outstanding job and did everything possible to make you feel at home; i.e., caddy, partnership, registration, etc. The one disappointment of the tournament was the Mayor “Presidente Municipal” had to cancel his scheduled appearance at the last moment due to an emergency.

Hats off to the Houston players for their regional participation. Good news! The McDonalds will be back next year, same place, TBA.

Houston Sectional: The Houston Sectional held at the Humble Civic Center was the largest Sectional that I have had the opportunity to visit. A Sectional having over 400 tables is larger than some Regionals. This is a Houston “Best Kept Secret.” Mayor Donald McMannis welcomed the many players and strongly encouraged them to come back again. He was presented a Certificate for ACBL Honorary Member during his visit. He stated to me that the word was out and that all facilities in Humble were told to “put their best foot forward” during the Sectional.

Fort Worth Western: Jungus Jordan, Councilman District 6, Fort Worth, visited the Fort Western Fall Sectional 21-23 October. During his visit, he was made an ACBL Honorary Member. Jordan, retired military, welcomed the many players and encouraged them to visit the city and take advantage of the many dining facilities. The Tournament Chairman, Tom Hughes, and staff did a good job in making the tournament a great success.



Dewitt Hudson presents Nola DeMott with an Honorary ACBL Membership

Abilene Harvest Split Regional, October 10-16, 2005



Mon Eve Strat Open Prs A
James Tucker & Howard Wilkins



Mon Eve Strat Open Prs B
Margaret Gregory & Suzanne Davis



Tues Choice Prs B
Robert Young & Ed Grant



Thurs Choice Prs A & Tues Eve Strat Prs A
James Thurtell & Roy Baughman



Tues Eve Strat Prs B
Mary Cross & Kay Strickland



Tues Eve Strat Prs C
Helen Barker & Maxine Rutherford



Wed Choice Prs A
Bachman Nabors & Gene Gamill



Wed Choice Prs C
Jean & William Peak



Wed Eve Strat Prs A
Gail Wells & Michael Walrath



Thurs Eve Strat Prs A
Ethel & Tom Corlett



Thurs Eve Strat Prs BC
Doloris Eldredge & Sue Vaughn



Fri Aft Strat Prs ABC
Helen Barker & Maxine Rutherford



Fri Eve Strat Prs AB
Carol & Terry Manz



Fri Eve Strat Prs C
Hal Noelke & Ann Bailey



Sat Choice Prs B
Michael & Barbara Estep



Sat Eve Strat Prs A
Steve & Darlene Shirey



Mon-Tues KO Teams Bkt III
Daniel Dwyer & Bobbie Grier
Vance McCracken & Robert Patton
Daniel & Bobbie also won
Wed Choice Prs B



Mon-Tues KO Teams Bkt II
Durwood Mahon & Mary Wilkerson
John Galey & Delinda Verner



Wed-Thurs KO Teams Bkt III
Beverly Geurin & Dianne Decker
Jack Jordan & Bryan Morgan



Fri-Sat KO Teams Bkt II
Warren Haney & Monte West
Patsy Williams & Margaret Irvine



Fri-Sat KO Teams Bkt III
Robert Razon & Becky Hamilton
Mark Hatten & Daniel Fife



Sun Swiss Teams B
John Gibson & Monte West
Patsy Williams & Margaret Irvine
Patsy & Margaret also won
Wed Eve Strat Prs B

Phillip Kiepinski, Amarillo & Colby Vernay, IL were the top masterpoint winners with 79.65 masterpoints.

Mon Eve Strat Charity Prs A1. Howard Wilkins, Abilene-James Tucker Jr, AL A2. Gail Wells, Plano-Michael Walrath, Keller A3.B1. Suzanne Davis-Margaret Gregory, Abilene A4.B2. Jackie Sonnenburg-Mary Lou Gross, Abilene A5.B3. Terry Manz-Carol Manz, Amarillo.

Mon-Tues KO Teams Bkt I 1. Florine Davis, Floydada-Eddie Wold, NV; Robert Morris, Houston-Mark Lair, Canyon-Gary Cohler, FL 2. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth-Jerry Helms-Jon Rice-Mike Rice-NC-Robert Hampton, SC 3/4. Pat Cassidy, Arlington-Jerry Derby-James Thurtell, Dallas-Roy Baughman, Pantego 3/4. Britain Beezley-Shelba Parmley, OK-Colby Vernay, IL-Phillip Kiepinski, Amarillo **Bkt II 1.** John Galey, Brownwood-Delinda Verner, Abilene-Mary Wilkerson, Winters-Durward Mahon, Austin 2. M McLennan-Joyce Lynn-Jan McLaughlin-Billie Moses, Waco 3/4. Rena Dorsett, Borger-Sharon Wilson, Stratford- Betty Goodin-Peggy Minkley, Claude 3/4. Dee McKinley-Jo Ann Stokes-Margie Brown, Wichita Falls-Susan Couch, Vernon **Bkt III 1.** Robert Patton-Bobbie Grier-Daniel Dwyer-Vance McCracken, Abilene 2. Shirley Bond-Wanda Hughes-Elaine Ireland-Gladys Barley, Wichita Falls 3/4. Katye Kowierschke- Diane Hoksbergen, Fort Worth-Beverly Geurin, NM; Dianne Decker, Austin 3/4. Helen Barker-Candice Mikeska-Debbie Hartgrove-Maxine Rutherford, San Angelo.

Tues Strat Choice Prs A2. Gene Gammill, Mason-J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner A3.B1. Robert Young, Navasota-Edward Grant, Abilene A4.B2. William Garrard Jr-Donna

Garrard, Irving A5. Julia Hirsch-B Paul Hirsch, Garland B3. Martha Murphy-Lera Lewis, Abilene B4. Sandy Hilliard, Canton-Lynda Frazier, Willis Point B5. Gail Simpson-Marie Donnell, Wichita Falls C1. Shirley Rampy-Carol Walliser, Chandler C2. Ginger Rhamey, Murchison-Helen Shaw, Athens C3. Patricia Reynolds-Dorothy Ivy, Dallas.

Wed Strat Choice Prs A1. J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner-Gene Gammill, Mason A2.B1. Bobbie Grier-Daniel Dwyer, Abilene A3. Howard Wilkins, Abilene-James Tucker Jr, AL A4. Merlyn Bucy, Brady-Tommy Splittgerber, Mason A5. Bonnie Cartledge, Breckenridge-Dewitt Hudson Jr, Arlington B2. Edward Grant, Abilene-Robert Young, Navasota B3. Jackie Sonnenburg, Abilene-Elizabeth Hudson, Arlington B4.C1. William Peak-Jean Peak, Heath B5.C2. Candice Mikeska-Debbie Hartgrove, San Angelo C3. Rudy Kaye Gleason-David Gleason, Amarillo.

Wed-Thurs KO Teams Bkt I 1. Britain Beezley-Shelba Parmley, OK-Tadashi Teramoto -Kenji Miyakuni, Japan-Colby Vernay, IL-Phillip Kiepinski, Amarillo 2. Pat Cassidy, Arlington-Jerry Derby-James Thurtell, Dallas-Roy Baughman, Pantego **Bkt II 1.** Gail Simpson-Susan Brower-Jo Ann Stokes-Helen Cash, Wichita Falls 2. Inger Lise Blount, Horseshoe Bay-Jeanette Hughes-Shirley Naumann, Marble Falls-Virginia Ray, Meadowlakes 3/4. Terry Manz-Carol Manz, Amarillo-Edwina Corn, Dallas-Margot Hirsch, Arlington 3/4. Ann Wise, Abilene-Dale Lain, Hamlin-Artie Harris-Gracie Craig, Sweetwater **Bkt III 1.** Jack Jordan, El Paso-Bryan Morgan, Dallas-Dianne Decker, Austin-Beverly Geurin, NM 2. Robert & Mary Ann Hall-Kay Strickland-Abilene-Mary Cross, MN 3/4. Evelyn Smith-Stephen Olson-Tom Denson-Kathleen Midkiff, Temple 3/4. Gena &

William Brooks, Mertzon-David Gist-Johnnie Gist, San Angelo 5/8. Ronald & Patricia Sears-Francis Chang, Fort Worth-Joyce Cellilli, N Richlnd Hls 5/8. John Galey, Brownwood-Delinda Verner, Abilene-Carol Williams-Gwen Riggs, Sweetwater.

Thurs Strat Choice Prs A1. Roy Baughman, Pantego-James Thurtell, Dallas A2. James Bauer, Dallas-Mike Miller, Temple A3. Jon Rice-Mike Rice, NC A4. Patricia Lozano-Greg Hinze, San Antonio A5. Gene Gammill, Mason-J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner B1.C1. Eugene Lux, Fredericksburg-Charles Loeffler, Junction B2. Ila Bates, Waco-Belva Barrington, Belton B3.C2. William Peak-Jean Peak, Heath B4. Joyce Richards, Rockwall-Carl Spencer, NM C3. Rudy Kaye Gleason-David Gleason, Amarillo.

Fri Morn KO Teams Bkt I 1. Britain Beezley-Shelba Parmley, OK-Colby Vernay, IL-Phillip Kiepinski, Amarillo 2. Jerry Helms-Jon Rice-Mike Rice, NC-Robert Hampton, SC; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth 3/4. Helen Barker-Maxine Rutherford-Debbie Hartgrove-Candice Mikeska, San Angelo 3/4. Bryan Morgan, Dallas-Jack Jordan, El Paso-Dianne Decker, Austin-Beverly Geurin, NM.

Fri Strat Choice Prs A1. Betty Sue Henry-Joe Bailey, San Angelo A3. George Finley, San Angelo-Les Dewey, Amarillo A4. Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls B2.C1. Barbara Traphagen-Pat Freeman, Fort Worth C2. M Wilttrout-Gary Paterick, Abilene.

Fri-Sat Compact KO Teams 1. Florine Davis, Floydada-Eddie Wold, NV-Gary Cohler, FL-Mark Lair, Canyon 2. Ross Sams Jr-Ila Bates, Waco-Peggy Kenny, Marlin-Belva Barrington, Belton 3. Stephen & Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls-Gail Wells, Plano-Michael Walrath, Keller TX 4. Gwen Riggs-Carol Williams-Anne Spitzer, Sweetwater-Monte West, Snyder.

Fri-Sat KO Teams Bkt I Alan Copeland, Midland-Jo Smith, Abilene-Patricia Lozano-Greg Hinze, San Antonio 2. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper, Fort Worth-Roy Baughman, Pantego-James Thurtell, Dallas **Bkt II 1.** Monte West, Snyder-Warren Haney, Sweetwater-Patsy Williams, Gilmer-Margaret Irvine, Plano 2. Pam Phillips-Kathy McCabe-Durward Mahon, Austin-James Deegan, Richardson 3/4. Darla Mawson-Ann Wise-Margaret Gregory, Abilene-Coyita Bowker, Santa Anna 3/4. Eddy Rice-Verle Rice-Bernice Orloff-Homer Allen, Brownwood **Bkt III 1.** Becky Hamilton, Seminole-Daniel Fife, Dallas-Robert Razon, Coppell-Mark Hatten, Carrollton 2. Gene Cole-Linda Cole-Louisa Morton-Robert Morton, San Angelo 3/4. Gena Brooks-William Brooks, Mertzon-Johnnie Gist-David Gist, San Angelo 3/4. Carol Scott-Francis Chang-Cal Bayley, Fort Worth-Joyce Cellilli, N Richlnd Hls 5/8. Jerry Carmichael, Wylie-Charles Raines, Katy-Catherine Baldwin-Inez Kindle, Lubbock.

Sat Strat Choice Prs A1. Patricia Lozano-Greg Hinze, San Antonio A2. Colby Vernay, IL-Phillip Kiepinski, Amarillo A3. Howard Tureff, Plano-Bettie Ingram, Farmers Branch A4. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper, Fort Worth A5.B1. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep, Hurst B3. Joyce Lake-Charles Lake, CO B4.C1. Sam Griggs-Laura Nash, Stephenville B5. Gloria Rowland, Mabank-Evelyn Schmidt, Gun Barrel Cy C2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid, Denison C3. Darlene Wilbanks-Patricia Rivers, Lubbock

Morn-Aft Side Series 1/2. Francis Chang, Fort Worth 1/2. Jyce Cellilli, N Richlnd Hls 3/4. Edwin Hagerman, CO 3/4. William Nabors, CO 5. Henry Doscher, Abilene.

Eve Side Series 1/2. Tricia Kane, Austin 1/2. Marilou Powell, Round Rock 3/4. Edwin Hagerman, CO 3/4.

William Nabors, CO 5/6. Mark Smid, Waxahachie 5/6. Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington.

Sun Strat Open Prs A1. Gail Wells, Plano-Michael Walrath, Keller A2. Pat Ramsey, Stephenville-Bea Duggan, Abilene A3.B1. Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith Jr, Weatherford B2. Bonnie Cartledge, Breckenridge-Betty Henderson, Abilene A4. Edward Grant, Abilene-William Cook, Amarillo B2. Bonnie Cartledge, Breckenridge-Betty Anderson, Abilene.

Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1. Mark Lair, Canyon-James Tucker Jr, AL-Sandra Rhodes, Big Spring-Phillip Kiepinski, Amarillo-Colby Vernay, IL A2. George Finley, San Angelo-Fred Lugenheim-Mary Stone, Fort Worth-Les Dewey, Amarillo A3. Roy Baughman, Pantego-James Thurtell, Dallas-Kenji Miyakuni-Tadashi Teramoto, Japan A4. Linda Spangler, Duncanville-Thomas Hughes Jr-Fort Worth-Carol Schoenhals-Marc Levine, Lubbock A5.X1. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper, Fort Worth-James Bauer, Dallas-Mike Miller, Temple X2. William Nabors-Edwin Hagerman, CO-Ricardo Azevedo, Ennis-Sandra Campbell, Kaufman X3. Vance McCracken-Robert Patton-Anni Wise, Abilene-Dale Lain, Hamlin **Strat BCD B1.** Monte West, Snyder-Margaret Irvine, Plano-Patsy Williams, Gilmer-John Gibson, Big Spring B2.C1.D1. James Hawkins Jr-Sarah Wright, Odessa-Patricia Reynolds-Dorothy Ivy, Dallas B3/4. Charlotte Moble-James Mobley, Ivanhoe-Charles Lake-Joyce Lake, CO B3/4. Bobbie Grier-Martha Murphy-Lera Lewis, Abilene-Mary Wilkerson, Winters B5.C2.D2. William Brooks-Gena Brooks, Mertzon-David Gist-Johnnie Gist, San Angelo C3. Ann Bailey-Hal Noelke, Mertzon-Gloria Robertson-Jean Ray, San Angelo.

Magic Valley Split Regional-Donna, October 10-16, 2005



Tues Choice Prs A
Johnny Johnson & Mary Tryer



Tues Choice Prs C
Tom & Sandra Cox



Wed Choice Prs A
Bea Williams & Robbie Borchers



Wed Choice Prs C
Diana & Richard Frankeny



Thurs Choice Prs A
Sheryleen Grothus & Beverly Santos



Thurs Choice Prs B
Sat Choice Prs A
Marilyn Frazier & Donna Hrachovy



Mon-Tues KO Teams Bkt II
Theron Lindsey & Glenda Stieber
JoAnn O'Malley & Darlene Moody



Mon-Tues KO Teams Bkt I
Wed-Thurs KO Teams
Ed Rawlinson & Ken McBride
Bill Walker & Donna McBride
Rosemary & Paul Kelley



Wed Morn KO Teams
Bobby & Gigi Reese
Chuck & Judy Ensor



Fri-Sat Ko Teams
Anne Blohm & Roger Marlatt
Joanne Chadderderon & Barbara Babbitt



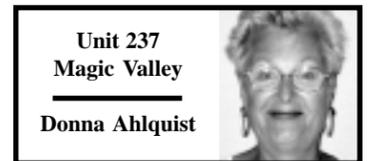
Sun Strat Swiss Teams B
Martha Hensel & Rich Hinkle
Hank Harmon & Mary Hinkle
Rich & Mary also won
Fri Choice Prs B



Sun Strat Swiss Teams C
Dee Johnson & Dick Volkmann
(NP) Leonidas Jones & Linda Jones
Dee & Dick also won
Fri Choice Prs C



Sun Strat Swiss Teams A
Ron Woodsum & Richard Grammer
Vivian Leggett & Anna Marlatt



Unit 237
Magic Valley
Donna Ahlquist

Hi Everybody!

Hope you had a good holiday season. I know I did. Here's a poem written by a new duplicate player, Mel Chapman. The Rose he writes about is our Rose Jordan. The title is: Duplicate Bridge.

"Rose, my teacher, is patient for sure; my play is more than she should endure. The bidding is all so new to me; not at all like it used to be. And my memory has a new blank spot; don't know if the ace was played or not. I have even been guilty to renege; the director then gave me a gig. That was really embarrassing I say; but I'll probably do it another day. Perhaps soon it will begin to sink in; who knows, I may even start to win. The more I play, I am bound to learn; and then the tide will surely turn. And then one future great day; when my hand I begin to play, I will bid and make a grand slam; you will silently utter: "I'll be damn." Good, huh?

It's time to present the Unit's Thomas Trophy again. The recipient will be Jim Bagley for winning the most master points, 32.91, at our regional tournament in 2005. Runner up is Johnny Johnson with 32.37 points. Congratulations!

Iris Hensen died December 6 after a long illness. She was an active bridge player and former director for the Unit and Harlingen games. Iris also served as a director on the Unit Board of Directors. We're going to miss her. Cards can be sent to her family in care of her Mercedes address which is in the Unit Directory.

The Unit Board of Director Election is coming up soon. The date will be announced next month. At least two terms are up so please think of replacement nominees and do vote!

Don't forget the Harlingen Bridge Tournament January 20, 21, & 22. See the ad in the November/December Scorecard for specifics.

Kingsville-H Robert Gerberich Jr, Corpus Christi-John Johnson-James Bagley, Harlingen A5.B1. Mary Hinkle-Richard Hinkle, Brownsboro-Martha Hensel, Port Isabel-Henrietta Harmon, Harlingen B2. Mahesh R Maruvada-Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn, Corpus Christi-Karur Krishnan, Houston B3.C1. Delores Johnson, Alamo-Leonidas Jones-Linda Jones, Kerrville-Dick Volkmann, Mercedes B4.C2. Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor, Seabrook-Georgia Reese-Bob Reese, Houston.

Results: Magic Valley Split Regional

Rosemary & Paul Kelley, Austin were the top master point winners with 59.25 masterpoints.

Mon-Tues KO Teams Bkt I 1. Ed Rawlinson, Helotes-Bill Walker, Bulverde-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr, Austin-Donna McBride-Kenneth McBride, Kerrville 2. James Bagley-John Johnson - Darleen Thomasson, Harlingen - Jack McDonald-Ruth McDonald, Ajijic-Patricia Crough, Weslaco 3/4. Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny, Cedar Park-Mary Hinkle-Lynn Walker, Brownsboro 3/4. Curtis Charlson-Marilyn Charlson, Boerne-Betta Thomas, So Padre Is-Walter Lauckner, Mission **Bkt II 1.** Glenda Stieber-Theron Lindsey-Darlene Moody, Houston-Jo Ann O'Malley, Katy 2. Nancy Ann Hill, Bellaire-Katherine Moore, Houston-Wilma Bailey, Spring-Georgia Sampson, Woodlands 3/4. Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor, Seabrook-Georgia Reese-Bob Reese, Houston 3/4. Martha Hensel, Port Isabel-Nirmala Chintapalli-Prasad Chintapalli, LA-Henrietta Harmon, Harlingen.

Tues Strat Choice Prs A1. John Johnson, Harlingen-Mary Tryer, Kingsville A3. Chuey Lum, McAllen-Robert Neeley, Donna A4. Shirley Stanton, Houston-Jo Ellis, Sugar Land A5. Janise Saul-Donna Watkins, San Antonio B3.C1. Tom Cox-Sandra Cox, Austin B4.C2. Leonidas Jones-Linda Jones, Kerrville C3. Gary Sage-Herman Westbrook, McAllen.

Wed Morn KO Teams Bkt I 1. Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor, Seabrook-Georgia Reese-Bob Reese, Houston 2. Mary Tryer, Kingsville-John Johnson-James Bagley, Harlingen-H Robert Gerberich Jr, Corpus Christi 3/4. Ed Rawlinson, Helotes-Bill Walker, Bulverde-Donna McBride-Kenneth McBride, Kerrville-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr, Austin 3/4. Herman Westbrook-Gary Sage-Alla Mae Westbrook, McAllen-Paula Huber, Harlingen.

Wed Strat Choice Prs A3. Robbie Borchers-Bea Williamson, New Braunfels A4. Chuey Lum, McAllen-Robert Neeley, Donna A5. Steve Lawrence-Sara Granger, Athens B3. Perry Inhofe, South Padre-Neta Van Bebber, Rancho Viejo B4.C1. Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny, Cedar Park

C2. Glenda Stieber-Darlene Moody, Houston.

Wed-Thurs KO Teams 1. Ed Rawlinson, Helotes-Bill Walker, Bulverde-Paul Kelley Jr-Rosemary Kelley, Austin-Kenneth McBride-Donna McBride, Kerrville 2. T. Richard Grammer-Anna Marlatt-Ron Woodsum, Houston-Vivian Leggett, Waller 3/4. Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor, Seabrook-Georgia Reese-Bob Reese, Houston 3/4. Martha Hensel, Port Isabel-Henrietta Harmon, Harlingen-Nirmala Chintapalli - Prasad Chintapalli, LA.

Thurs Strat Choice Prs A3. Sheryleen Grothus-Beverly Santos, San Antonio A4. Mary Tryer, Kingsville-H Robert Gerberich Jr, Corpus Christi.

Fri Strat Choice Prs A2. Steve Lawrence-Sara Granger, Athens A3.B1. Mary Hinkle-Richard Hinkle, Brownsboro A4. Robbie Borchers-Bea Williamson, New Braunfels A5. Catherine Seidler-Penny Tesla, Harlingen.

Fri-Sat KO Teams 1. Roger Marlatt-Barbara Babbitt-Joanne Chadderderon-Ann Blohm, Houston 2. Jerome Tilles-Albert Lochli, San Antonio-Jim Stephenson-Libby Boeye, Corpus Christi 3/4. Ed Rawlinson, Helotes-Bill Walker, Bulverde-Donna McBride-Kenneth McBride, Kerrville-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr, Austin 3/4. Richard Schmieder-Jyme Schmieder-George Mann-Sharon Mann, Boerne.

Sat Strat Choice Prs A3. Anna Marlatt-T. Richard Grammer, Houston A4.B2.C1. Marilyn Frazier-Donna Hrachovy, Sugar Land A5.B3. Dorothy Young-Richard Burgess Jr, Alamo B4.C2. Karur Krishnan, Houston-Mahesh R Maruvada, Corpus Christi B5. Catherine Seidler-Lillian Schmidt, Harlingen.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. Anna Marlatt-T. Richard Grammer-Ron Woodsum, Houston-Vivian Leggett, Waller A2. Donna McBride-Kenneth McBride, Kerrville-Ed Rawlinson, Helotes-Bill Walker, Bulverde A3. Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny, Cedar Park-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr, Austin A4. Mary Tryer,

Come Play in the Valley....



March 3-5, 2006

Upper Rio Grande Valley Sectional

Las Palmas Community Center
(McAllen Senior Community Center)
1921 N. 25th & Sycamore, McAllen, TX 78501

Friday, March 3

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 pm

Saturday, March 4

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 5

Stratified Swiss Teams, 2 sessions 10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Flight A: 1500+, Flight B: 500-1500, Flight C: 0-500

Sunday Lunch between sessions Coffee & Snacks Coffee Cakes

\$8.00 per player per session Fri & Sat
\$64 Sunday Swiss per team

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Upper Valley Duplicate Bridge Club - District 16 Unit 237

Fort Western Fall Sectional, October 21-23, 2005



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
Dewitt Hudson & Peggy Hughes



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs B
Charlotte Krupp & Michael Goldman



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs C
Elizabeth McPherson & Mickey Tryon



Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A
Joyce & Marlow Muldoon



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A
J'Neane Huey & (NP) Stephen Ritchie



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs BC
Joe Cameron & Gary Brantz



Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs AB
Judy Phillips & Donna Mulkey



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs BC
Diane Dillman & Jim Chaffee



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs ABC
Charles & Ann Truby



Sat Eve Strat Open Prs AB
Bob Scallan & Suresh Agrawal



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs C
Barbara Odom & Mary Ellen Stanton



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs AB
Nancy Garrett & Lou Straughn



Fri-Sat Bkted KO Bkt I
Stephen & Nancy Kornegay
Kimmel Jones & Hugh Hillaker



Fri-Sat Bkted KO Bkt IV
Francis Chang & Kathy Coleman
Cal Bayley & Brian Baresch



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams X
Shaun Chooi & James Woerber
Brady Allen & Joe Clark



Sun Aft Strat 299er Swiss AB
Anne Smith & Janice Boyd
Larz Smith & Winford Boyd



Sun Eve Strat 299er Swiss A
Dorothy Dvorsky & Martha Carlson
Bettye Guthrie & Mary Lee Rutherford



Sun Eve Strat 299er Swiss B
Ken & (NP) Jeri Quinton
Virginia Runnels & Joyce Cellill
Ken & Jeri also won
Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs C

Results: Fort Worth Sectional

Derrell Childs, Garland, was the top masterpoint winner with 26.60.

Fri-Sat KO Teams Bkt I 1. Kimmel Jones-Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Alexander Kolesnik-Hugh Hillaker 2. Jack Borenstein-Kevin Podsiadlik-Ned Nolte-Jim Clark
Bkt II 1. Jimmy Reynolds-Nancy Peterson-Mark Smid-Neal Shores 2. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep-Millie Williams-Byron Taylor
Bkt III 1. Janet Adams-Zachary Brescoll-Kurt Brescoll-Lewis Brescol 2. Ronald Neben-Arthur Wikoff-Virginia Reinier-Barbara Jones
Bkt IV 1. Kathy Coleman-Francis Chang-Cal Bayley-Lisa Waldron-Brian Baresch 2. David Pearlman-Penny Mixon-Stephen Hibbard-Glen Terrell-Susan Webb.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Dewitt Hudson-J'Neane Huey
A2. Pat Cassidy-Thomas Hughes Jr
B1. Michael Goldman-Charlotte Krupp
B2. Mel Bason-Jane O'Brien
C1. Mickey Tryon-Elizabeth McPherson
C2. Ronald Neben-Arthur Wikoff.

Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1. Marlow Muldoon-Joyce Muldoon
A2.B1.C1. Joyce Taylor-Patresia Duncan
B2.C2. Cal Bayley-Francis Chang.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. J'Neane Huey-Stephen Ritchie
A2. Linda Spangler-Thomas Hughes Jr
B1.C1. Joe Cameron,-G Brantz
B2. Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith Jr
C2. David Pollard-Diane Dillman.

Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Judy Phillips-Donna Mulkey
A2. Roy Booth-Connie Booth
B2. Marilyn Farris-Sarah Jones
C1. Ken Quinton-Jeri Quinton
C2. Mary Ellen Stanton-Barbara Odom.

Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Derrell Childs-Jack Barcinski
A2.B1.C1. Jim Chaffee-Diane Dillman
B2.C2. Joe Harbour-Larry Franz.

Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1. Charles Truby-Ann Truby
A2.B2. Stephen Wuller-Eugene Wuller
C2. Raj Venkatappan-Ramesh Nair.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Suresh Agrawal-Bob Scallan
A2. Linda Spangler-Thomas Hughes Jr
B2. Jane Doyle-Kit Campbell
C1. Elizabeth McPherson-Mickey Tryon
C2. Claybourne Waldrop Jr-Virginia Sherman.

Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Nancy Garrett-Lou Straughn
A2.B2. Judy Phillips-Donna Mulkey
C1. Mary Ellen Stanton-Barbara Odom
C2.

While in graduate school, Margot and Leif Guttormsen met and became sweethearts. Just before Leif and Margot were to marry, Margot asked Leif if their getting married was truly the right thing to do. They were sitting in a Chili's restaurant and he was playing with a coaster on the table. His answer to her question was to hold the beer coaster up in his hand. The beer coaster read "When it's right, you know it!" They have been married for over thirty years.

Margot often claims she is a Bridgeaholic but she doesn't want to find a twelve-step program. Ever since taking some EasyBridge! Lessons four years ago from Tom and Dorothy Moore, she has never left the duplicate bridge world. She has attended every NABC, became a Life Master at the New York NABC in 2004 and has even earned her first platinum points playing in the Blue Ribbon Pairs in Denver with J'neane Huey. She plays with Barbara Traphagen, Ivan Uys, Linda McDaniel, Edwina Corn, Joyce Zachery, Don Pigg, Janet Adams, and Dorothy Bedford. She adores all her partners because they play bridge

seriously but do not take themselves too seriously.

Although she believes the only thing as good as a win at the table is a good laugh, she continually strives toward increasing her card sense. She has strengthened her game with great teachers like Mary Jane Orock, Steve Shirey, Chuck Burke and Rick Price. Her bridge has also benefited from her mentors Carol McConnell and Dee Berg. Because her father died from cancer at an early age, Margot learned at a young age to value the moment. Once she became a cancer survivor, she became even more intentional about living in the moment. She claims that being "in the moment" is one of the most appealing things about bridge. When she is sitting at the table with her partner and the opponents, playing to make a contract, everything else fades away. All that matters "in that moment" is meeting the mental challenge, enjoying the fellowship with three other human beings and aiming for the win! She sounds like our kind of people...Welcome to the Board, Margot!

Sun Strati-Fktd Swiss Teams AX
A1. Hemant Lall-Justin Lall-Petra Hamman-Derrell Childs
A2. Mark Bumgardner-Alexander Kolesnik-Kimmel Jones-Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Hugh Hillaker
X1. Brady Allen-Shaun Chooi-Joe Clark-James Woerber Jr
X2. John Comeau-Jessica Comeau-Othella Muzzio-Henry Muzzio Jr
Strati BC
B1. Suresh Agrawal-Bob Scallan-William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard
B2.C1. Joe Harbour-Joy Harbour-Larry Franz-Virginia Reinier-Barbara Jones
C2. Marianne Keitel-Janice Fisher-Lynn Dellangelo-Marlene Round.

Sun Aft Strat 299er Swiss Teams
A1.B1. Winford Boyd-Janice Boyd-Larz Smith-Anne Smith
A2.B2. Nedra Sims-Junene Johnson-Marilyn Farris-Dru Highland
C1. David Reynolds-Bert Dempsey-Anita Shaw-Mary Casteel
C2. Elizabeth Peterson-Verna Frank-Joan Stinnett-Marcy Byas.

Sun Eve Strat 299er Swiss Teams
A1. Dorothy Dvorsky-Martha Carlson-Mary Lee Rutherford-Bettye Guthrie
A2. David Pearlman-Stewart De Journett-Stephen Hibbard-Glen Terrell
B1. Ken Quinton-Jeri Quinton-

Joyce Cellill-Virginia Runnels
B2/3. Martha Jacobson-Birdie Taylor-Mary Chaney-Doris Doores
B2/3. Nedra Sims-Marilyn Farris-Junene Johnson-

Dru Highland
C1. Bette Harral-Barbara Baker-Sara Sterling-Adele Hart.



Heart of Metroplex Arlington Sectional February 24-26, 2006

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Bridge Lectures Fri & Sat at 6:45 pm

Friday, February 24

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
0-20 Newcomer Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Compact KO's sessions I & II	1:30 & 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 25

EASY BRIDGE, single session (\$7.00 entry)	9:00 am
<i>You don't have to be an Easybridge participant Just have under 50 MP and you will play 14-18 hands.</i>	
Bracketed KO's sessions I, II & III	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
0-50 Newcomer Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 26

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
Stratified 199er Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750
199er Pairs: A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50
Teams: A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000 (play together)
B: 750-2000, C: 500-750, D: 0-500 (play together)

Entry Fees: Fri-\$11/player/session,
Sat-\$12/player/session for District NABC, \$96/team

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**Unit 183
Fort Worth
Kay Jones**



During the October tournament, an election was held for Unit 183 Board members. Steve Shirey and Kay Jones were re-elected and join Henry Weltman, Tom Hughes, Judy Staser, Mary Hoger, Diana Washabaugh and Byron Taylor on the BOD.

The newest member is Margot Hirsch who is in our spotlight this month: Margot's mother was from New York, her father from Germany and Margot was born in San Antonio and raised with her brother in Austin. Instilled with a strong passion for education by her parents, she earned a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Zoology (probably helps her understand bridge players!), a master's degree in Counseling and a PhD in Management and Higher Education. She worked in industry and higher education for many years until she retired in 2001 as a Dallas County Community College District Executive Dean.

Rockport Beach Sectional, October 21-23, 2005



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
Chris Samelson & Fran Hillin



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs B
Pat & John Shoesmith



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs C
Pat Kubicek & (NP) Kay Mrazek



Fri Aft Strat 99er Prs
Ben Joyce & Arnold Davis



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B
Bobbie & Bob Sautler



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs C
Pat & AJ Kubicek



Sat Strat Open Prs A
Marilyn German & Scott Humphrey



Sat Strat Open Prs B
Marisa & Patrick Hasbrich



Sat Strat Open Prs C
Karur Krishnan & Mahesh Maruvada



Sun Strat Swiss Teams A
Mary Tryer & Patricia Crough
Bob Gerberich & Jim Bagley



Pat & John Kubicek
40th Wedding Anniversary Cake



Sun Strat Swiss Teams BC
Evelyn Cloninger & Shirley Holland
Gene Cavanaugh & Beverly Geurin

Results: Rockport Beach Sectional
Marilyn German, Corpus Christi, was the top masterpoint winner with 11.75 masterpoints.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Frances Hillin-Chris Samelson A2. Verna Dahlquist-Wilbur Dahlquist B1. Pat Shoesmith-John Shoesmith B2. Ann

Crumpler-Martha De Cou C1. Kay Mrazek-Pat Kubicek C2. Cynthia Struve-Clemens Struve.

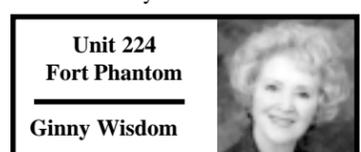
Fri Aft 99er Prs 1. Ben Joyce & Arnold Davis 2. Faye & Ralph Cobb.

Fri Eve International Fund Strat Prs A1. Frances Hillin-Chris Samelson A2.B1. Bobbie Sautler-R Sautler B2. Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel C1. Pat Kubicek-Adolph Kubicek C2. Bobbie Walker-Pat Thompson.

Sat Strat Open Prs A1. Marilyn German-Scott Humphrey A2. Betty Marriett-Mary Jo Branscomb B1.

Marise Hambrick-Patrick Hambrick B2. Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel C1. Karur Krishnan-Mahesh R Maruvada C2. Cynthia Struve-Clemens Struve.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. H Robert Gerberich Jr-Patricia Crough-James Bagley-Mary Tryer A2. Ed Davis-Jerry Bigler-Darlene Riely-John Bowers B1.C1. Eugene Cavanaugh-Shirley Holland-Evelyn Cloninger-Beverly Geurin B2. Patrick Hambrick-Marise Hambrick-Martha De Cou-Ann Crumpler.



After the Unit's October Regional, we reported three of our members achieved their Life Masters: Mary Ann Hall, Robert Patton and Warren Haney of Sweetwater. Congratulations to all three. Bobbie Grier led the whole Unit in earning the most points in the Tournament. Kudos for Bobbie!

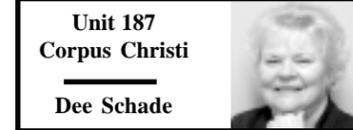
Now to the September games: On the 2nd (IFG), Jeane Brittain and Norma Labarthe; on the 14th (IMP Game) N/S Pat Ramsey & Betty Henderson-A and Suzanne Davis & Hazel Honacker-B, E/W Mary Wilkerson & Lera Lewis—A; on the 21st (IFG) N/S Howard Wilkins & Betsy Duncan-A and Bobbie Grier & Don Dwyer-B, E/W Betty Henderson & Beverly Walker-A and Martha Murphy & Fran Herchenhahn-B; on the 24th (IFG) N/S Martha Murphy & Bobbie Grier-A and E/W Howard Wilkins & Jim Tucker-A, Artie Harris & Ann Spitler-B and Gracie Craig & Carol Williams-C.

Martha's Life Master Party on the 24th brought her two sons and daughter-in-law and two close friends from San Antonio, Louise Wissler and Keith Estop, to join in the festivities...a potluck, balloons, a cake and an amusing toast read by Mary Lou Gross.

October games: On the 2nd (ACBL Charity Game) Pat Wilson & Dee Stearns; on the 18th, a club appreciation game, Robert Patton & Vance McCracken, on the 19th, club appreciation game, Sammie Gibson and Ann Murray; on the 28th club appreciation and Jeane Brittain's Life Master Party, N/S Pat Ramsey &

Henry Doscher-A, Jeane Brittain & Norma Labarthe-B Billy Stovall & Naydene Daniel-C, E/W Coyita Bowker & Jeane MFarland-A and Mary Ann & Robert Hall-B. Since this was in the evening, we had a lot of finger food, balloons, a beautiful corsage and, of course, a cake and a toast given by Martha Murphy.

NAP Final results on November 5th: N/S Betsy Duncan & Beverly Walker-A and Bobbie Olson & Delinda Verner-B and E/W Vance McCracken & Robert Patton- A This was a Life Master Party honoring Dellina Verner. She loved her beautiful yellow rose corsage, a cake that has become a "given," you know with the honoree's likeness on the cake, finger food, balloons and a poem read toasting her playing in other cities for her points. On the 6th, there was a tie amongst three competitors: Coyita Bowker & Martha Murphy, Jackie Sonnenburgh & Barbara Bridges and Betty Henderson & Beverly Walker. On the 11th the Unit honored two more new Life Masters; namely Bobbie Grier and Mary Ann Hall, but we had their balloons at each table, different colored corsages and only one large sheet cake with their images on it. It was difficult to decide where well wishers should cut! Again, an evening "do" with lots of finger food for munching. At this IFG game the winners were: N/S Kay Strickland & Lera Lewis-A, Mary & Robert Hall-B and Cleta & Will Dix-C, E/W Hazel Honacker & Fran Herchenhahn-A,



What a wonderful party! If you didn't make it to Rockport for the Unit Christmas celebration you missed a great time. There were 17 1/2 tables. We had new comers from Eleanor's student group, guests from Laredo and Houston and a lot of regulars. First place was taken by Mary Tryer and Lou Thurston from Kingsville, followed by Donna McGee and Mary Ross. Flight B winners were Pat and John Shoesmith, with Mary Jo Branscomb and Betty Slagle taking second. Flight C winners were Ellen Levy and Barbara Powell from Laredo, followed by Mahesh Maruvada and his partner Karur Krishnan from Houston. Congratulations to all. The food was exceptionally good this year with shrimp bisque and boiled shrimp as starters. Entrees included stuffed deviled crab, fried fish and prime rib. A nice hot peach cobbler and other goodies finished off a bountiful spread.

The November 9 charity game winners were North/South, Howard and Marilyn German followed by Betty Marriett and Mic McKinney. East/West, Donna McGee and Mary Ross, with Dee Schade and Marion Strunk in second. Flight B North/South was won by Edythe Laser and Pat Shoesmith; East/West by Fred Brown and Don Skewis. Flight C was Pat Kubicek and Joyce Wormser.

Kingsville Duplicate Club has awarded player of the year trophies to Tom Hays, open strat; Dich Hahn, B strat; Mary Ann Brookshire, C strat and Dorothy Genz, D strat. These were presented at the club Christmas party on December 12. Way to go folks - keep on playing!

Speaking of Kingsville, if you haven't seen the December ACBL Bulletin, take a minute to look at the Instant Match Point write-up. Libby Boeye and Mary Tryer were first overall East/West and there is a great picture of them as well as a critique of one of the hands they played. It is always great to have our unit players shine!

January 4, Tuesday evening at 7:00 is the pro-am event at Jack's bridge club. All you life masters grab a partner (non life master) and come out for the game. It should be a fun time and is an opportunity to encourage beginning players.

Jerry Riggs & Ann Spitler-B and Gwen Riggs & Carol Williams-C. On the 16th (IFG) N/S Howard Wilkins & Betsy Duncan-A and Bobbie Grier & Don Dwyer-B and E/W Pat Wilson & Pat Ramsey-A and Tim Marsh & Ed Grant-B. On the 21st (ACBL Charity Game and Thanksgiving Dinner) N/S Margaret Gregory & Coyita Bowker-A and Betty & J Duke-B, E/W Sassy Furlo & Delinda Verner-A Hazel Honacker & Ginny Wisdom-B and Vance McCracken & Robert Patton-C.

A bitter-sweet reflection: The Monday Abilene Duplicate Bridge Club has disbanded. This club, as far as one can recollect, began sometime in the mid-thirties and during its history moved from place to place until 1978 when this present bridge center was built. The Unit is applying for sanction and will use Monday for special games.

Gracie Craig is doing well after her illness, Daisy Shivers is still undergoing rehabilitation and Kay Strickland surprised us all with her quick recovery from back surgery.

With this last bit of good news, Fort Phantom wishes all its readers a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Flip Flop Over to the ... Rockport Beach Sectional February 24-26, 2006 Birders' Heaven, Golfers' Dream, Fishermens' Delight & Shoppers' Paradise

Friday, February 24 - Sub Night!

Stratified Open Pairs, single session 1:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 7:30 pm
International Fund Game - \$1 More & Regional Points (Rated Silver)
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-100 GAMES BOTH SESSIONS

Saturday, February 25 - Pizza Night!

Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 pm
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-100 GAMES BOTH SESSIONS

Sunday, February 26 - Delicious Bar-B-Q Day

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Pair Events: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500 (NLM)
Team Event: A: Unlimited, AX: TBA
B: 500-1500, C: 300-500, D: 0-300

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Unit 201
Sabine Neches
Joan Burnett



Holiday greetings from Unit 201! We have survived Rita, and everything is looking better, though we have a long way to go. The Beaumont studio was not seriously affected except for a brief problem with the air conditioning. The Orange group was not so fortunate. They have moved temporarily to the First Methodist Church on 6th Street because the Thomen Community Center on Burton was badly damaged.

October is always filled with special games: Club Appreciation; Gold Point Swiss Teams, NAP Finals, etc. The October 10 Club Appreciation game winners were: Anna Smith & Arline Meyers, 1st in A & B. Tied for 2nd and 3rd in A were Nancy Smalley & Marian Jones, also Juanell Jones and June Albaugh. The champs on October 12 were consistent winners Tipton Golias and Dr. A. Bharathi. Jayne Eisen & Lela Wilson were 2nd, Nancy & John Smalley 3rd, and Ozzie Osberg & Lynn Adamchik were 4th in A and 1st in B. The October 13 Junior Program game was an interesting departure from the norm. So few players turned out that the director opted for a two and a half table individual movement. Betty Poindexter won with Paul Keedy placing 2nd. A Swiss Team game paying 5% gold was held Monday, October 17. First in A were Bharathi, Jerry Heckman, Merrill Lott and Jeanette Warner. 2nd in A and 1st in B and C were Loretta Gary, Barbara White, Betty Long and Mary Jane Garth. Emmy Ferguson, June Aulbaugh, Marilyn Maxum and Shirley Ferguson were 2nd in B. The 499er October 18 Charity Club Championship winners were: Lynn Adamchik and Dolores Belton, 1st in A & B; Norma White & Shirley Ferguson, 2nd in A, and Bea Babel and Edwina Landrum, 3rd in A. Jean Brickhouse and Martha Kord were 2nd in B. A 1999er Charity Club Championship game was held on Wednesday morning, October 19. Jane Kalkbrenner and Betty Kirwin were 1st. Pat Schiwart and Frankie Hall were 2nd and 3rd were Buck Buchannan and Gretchen Glass. A 5% gold Swiss game was held on October 20. Nancy and John Smalley, teamed with Dr. B. and Blaine Thomas, were 1st. Jerry Heckman, Lorena Strange, Vivian Breedlove and Naldia Reeves placed 2nd in A and 1st in B. Another Club App Champ game was held October 21. Merrill Lott and Jeanette Warner were 1st in A and Blaine Thomas and John Smalley were 2nd. Strat B winners were Lynn Adamchik and Betty Poindexter, 1st, and Sally Blewett and Norma White, 2nd. In the two session NAP Open Final game held on Saturday, October 22, winners were: Lela Wilson & Blaine Thomas, 1st; Nancy & John Smalley, 2nd; Dr. Bharathi and June Aulbaugh, 3rd and Martha Sigler & Flo Gillispie, 4th. Another Charity Club Champ game was held on October 26. Strat A winners were: Jayne Eisen and Marian Jones, 1st; Lott and Golias, 2nd; Blaine T. and Nancy Smalley, 3rd, and Kaz Bell and Juanell Jones, who were also

1st in B. Ozzie Osberg and Lynn Adamchik were 2nd in B and other B winner pairs were Emmy Ferguson-Lorraine Brown and Thelma Stockdale-Dolores Belton. Those who placed in a Club Appreciation Championship individual movement game held on Thursday afternoon, October 27 were: Nancy Smalley, 1st; Dr. B., 2nd; Beverly Hulsey, 3rd and Mary Lou Terry, 4th. The 5% gold Swiss Team game held on October 28 featured: Anna Smith, Blanche Sibley, Juanell Jones & June Aulbaugh, 1st.; Merrill Lott, Jeanette Warner, Lee Rogers and Steve Gearhard, 2nd, and Flo Gillispie, Beverly Leger, Arline Meyers & Joan Hataway, 3rd. The monthly birthday party for Thursday Morning Club was held October 26. Celebrants were: Mary Anna Glasgow, Sue Patterson, Connor Smith and Frances Floyed. That's it for October. Was that a busy month, or what?!

A Unit Charity Championship game was held on November 2. Flight A winners were: Golias & Lott, 1st and Nancy Smalley & Marian Jones, 2nd. Kaz Bell and Don Holst were 3rd in A and 1st in B. An International Fund game was held on Friday afternoon, November 11. First and second in A & B, respectively, were Juanell Jones-Blanche Sibley and Lorraine Brown-Thelma Stockdale. Other frequent winners who placed that day were: Flo Gillispie, Martha Sigler, Blaine Thomas, Don Holst, A. Bharathi, Tipton Golias, Joan Hataway, Arline Meyers and Anna & Hugh Smith. A Charity Club Championship game was held on November 14. First in A were Golias & Medford. Second were Lott & Warner and third was Cynthia Stueber and Blanche Sibley. First in B were Lorraine Brown and Marilyn Maxum and second were Jerry Heckman & Earl Fitch. Third in B were Jean Brickhouse and Mary Jane Garth. The ACBL-Wide Charity Game held on Monday, November 21 winners were: Flight A. Cynthia Stueber and Juanell Jones, 1st, and Lott & Warner, 2nd. Flight B: Bill Ginger & Don Holst, 1st, and Kaz Bell and Betty Poindexter, 2nd. Flight C: Bill Mathews and Ron Stueber, 1st, and Sue Patterson & Edwina Landrum, 2nd. Lott & Warner were winners in the International Fund Game held on November 25, and Juanell Jones and Blanche Sibley were 2nd.

Another International Fund game held on November 28 resulted in the following winners: Flight A 1st, Don Holst & Bill Ginger (also 1st in B.), 2nd, Lela Wilson & Jeanette Warner; 3rd, Lee Rogers & Merrill Lott. Flight B, 2nd, Loretta Gary & Mary Lou Terry; 3rd, Jerry Heckman & Earl Fitch. The winners of the Unit Championship Swiss Team game held in Orange were: 1st: Lynn Adamchik, Ozzie Osberg, Mary Jo Nix & Naldia Reeves; and 2nd: Beverly Hulsey, Lorena Strange, Beverly Herring & Vivian Breedlove.

The Thursday Morning Club birthday party was held November 10 to honor Dessie Crow, Jean Davis, Mary Lou Fitch, Katherine Fouts and Helen Freeman. Beautiful cake and wonderful food was enjoyed by all.

See you next year and Happy New Year!

Catch A Rising Star: Greg Hinze



Greg Hinze & Patty Lozano

By Ira Hessel

As 2005 comes to a close, Greg Hinze of San Antonio is the favorite to lead District 16 in total masterpoints for the year. With just two Regional weeks left on the ACBL Bridge calendar, Greg leads our district by 68 points over Bob Morris of Houston. Past winners of District 16 include some truly great players with International reputations.

Greg was first introduced to kitchen-bridge by his Mom in mid 1996. He quickly developed a strong liking for the game and avidly read the daily columns in the local paper. He won his first duplicate game playing with Jeanie Love and went on to become a Life Master in only one and a half years. A mere eight years after that, he is on the verge of leading the district in total points for the 2005 calendar year. He is also second among all the Gold Life masters in the ACBL!

Greg won his first National Championship in 2004 when he won the North American Swiss Teams in New Orleans partnered with Nagy Kamel. During the recent Fall Nationals in Denver he placed 2nd in the same event, less than 2 VP's behind the winners. One consolation for Greg was the second place finish completed a series of having placed first thru fifth in National Events. Quite an achievement for a player who has only recently begun playing at the National Tournaments.

This year Greg tested his fortunes at professional bridge and has developed

a national reputation, winning Regionals on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts as well as Canada. When not playing professionally his favorite partners are Patty "Cakes" Lozano, Nagy Kamel, Justin Lall, and Ira Hessel.

Greg and Nagy have developed a very strong partnership that has impressed both his opponents and teammates alike. They have aggressive initial actions but use a strong disciplined framework of agreements. While their overcalls, preempts and openings can be categorized as bold, they couple that with a system that covers most of the situations that they encounter. They diligently work at improving and refining the system. Greg has recently co-developed, with a west coast player, a convention against 1 NT called Hinzu that is gathering quite a following.

Although Greg frequently finds himself in difficult contracts due to his bold bidding style, the experience of being in these situations has keenly developed his declarer expertise. Greg was at the wheel on this hand at a recent local sectional partnered with "Cakes."

NORTH

S AK2
H 74
D A7
C AKJ832

WEST

S Q9875
H 632
D J10965
C

EAST

S 10
H KJ108
D 84
C Q109654

SOUTH

S J643
H AQ95
D KQ32
C 7

The contract was 6N by South, and the opening lead was the 7S. Greg treated the lead as fourth-best and won the trick with the J. Hoping for good luck with clubs, Greg got the bad news, as West showed out. Greg won the ace,

cashed the SA to confirm the spade distribution and led the H4. When East played the H8, failing to split honors, Greg played the 9! Now East's 1-4-2-6 distribution provided the basis for an endplay. Greg cashed 3 rounds of diamonds (pitching a club), and the SK. East had to hold 3 hearts (or else Greg would cash the CK, pitching one of his 2 losers, and win 3 hearts). Greg took the heart finesse, cashed the A of hearts, and threw East in with the small heart. East had to lead a club into the KJ!

An example of Greg's creative defense comes from the Blue Ribbons last year in Orlando. After a revealing auction (against world class competition) that indicated that dummy had a strong hand and declarer a weak distributional one, Greg found the lead of his second highest club from AQxx! Dummy hit with Kxxx, and declarer a convenient 10xx. This lead provided the opportunity for Greg's partner to signal with the doubleton J when Declarer ducked and get a third round ruff. (Notice the word "opportunity".)

Greg's continuing search for improvement in his game as well as his outstanding demeanor at the table are indeed impressive. Whether he is playing with an accomplished player or with a less experienced partner or student, he is he always courteous and supportive, particularly when clear errors have been made. His team was leading after 23 rounds won the last match of the North American Swiss Teams in Denver by 3 IMPs but needed 5 more to take first place. As the final comparison began, Greg, along with his teammates, each tried to take responsibility-not unlike Spartacus's comrades 21 centuries ago. Greg's winning attitude serves to inspire his partners, as he naturally and effortlessly brings out the best in them all. We should all try to catch some of this rising star!

(Editor's Note: Congratulations on your incredible year of bridge! It's only the beginning for you.)

Marie Bailey Memorial Sectional

February 10-13, 2006

Bailey's Bridge Studio
4254 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio, TX



Thursday, February 10

Lunch 11:15 am & Dinner 6:15 pm

Stratified Pairs, single session

12:00 & 7:00 pm

Board-A-Match Teams, single session

7:00 pm

Friday, February 11

Lunch 11:15 am & Dinner 6:15 pm

Stratified Pairs, single sessions

12:00 & 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 12

Breakfast 10:15 am & Lunch 2:15 pm

Stratified Pairs, single sessions

11:00 am & 3:00 pm

Sunday, February 13

Lunch served between sessions

Stratified Swiss Teams

10:30 am & TBA

Tournament Chair

Andy Bailey
Studio - 210.967.4040
Cell - 210.618.6921

Open Pairs

A: 1500+
B: 500-1500, C: 0-500

Card Fees

\$9/ paid ACBL Member
Swiss Teams \$80/team
Student Discounts \$5/session

Stratified Swiss Teams

A: Unlimited
B: 750-2000, C: 0-750

No smoking
Smoking breaks

PARTNERS AVAILABLE

Contact Andy

District 16 Unit Goodwill Award



District 16 has a Goodwill Award to recognize and honor District 16 players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness and tact at the Bridge table. These individuals are our ambassadors of goodwill to all players. There is no master point requirement, but recipients should be frequent players within their unit.

Each Unit may select two members to receive the Goodwill Award each year. Selection should be made from among the Unit's membership by year-end with presentations to be made at the Unit's convenience early the following year. If no selection is made by year-end, there is no carry-forward and no award will be given for that Unit that year.

Send two names per unit to:

Eric Snow
10341 Huntington Place Drive
Houston, TX 77099

Deadline - February 1st, 2006

Willson Davis Jr Election Sectional-San Antonio, November 3-6, 2005

Bailey's Holiday

Sectional

December 1-4, 2005

Results: Bailey's Sectional

Ed Rawlinson, Helotes, was the top masterpoint winner with 24.41 masterpoints.

Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Paul Kelley Jr.,-Phillip Grothus A2. Ed Rawlinson-Bill Walker B1.C1. Barbara Schmidt-Norma Marvel B2. Mary Cooper-Jeri Tribo C2. Rebecca Lu Tanner-Betty Knaggs.

Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Paul Kelley Jr.,-Phillip Grothus A2.B1. Hedwig Barnes-Stephen Simpson B2. Bobbie Grier-Coyita Bowker.

Thurs Eve BAM Teams A1. Kenneth McBride-Donna McBride-Ed Rawlinson-Diane Olson A2/3. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel-Patricia Lozano-Greg Hinze A2/3. Jacqueline Tucker-Bill Tseng-Janise Saul-Darlene Riely B1.C1. Roxana Tom-Orpha Sears-William Sears-Roxana Tom B2. Susie Willerson-Jodie McMahon-Sandra Weber-Beverly Santos

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Patricia Lozano-Mike Doyle A2. Ed Rawlinson-Bill Walker B1.C1. Jane Maclin-Jane Bowers B2.C2. Sylvere Luquette-Wilma Luquette.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Ed Rawlinson-Wayne Rauschuber A2.B1. Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom B2.C1. Sylvere Luquette-Wilma Luquette C2. Paula Wissman-Susan Ohm.

Sat Morn Strat Open Prs A1. George Mann-Sharon Mann A2. Darlene Riely-John Bowers B1. Lera Lewis-Martha Murphy B2. Phyllis Schoener-Martha Stillabower C1. Mary Lou Click-Gool Castleberry C2. Walter Still-Grant Coon II.

Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1. LaNelle Strickland-Jean Blilie A2.B1. Eddie Bass-Mike Doyle B2. Daniel Blaettler-Phil Brown C1. Grant Coon II-Walter Still.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. Greg Hinze-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel-Patricia Lozano A2/3. Bill Walker-Paul Kelley Jr.,-Phillip Grothus-Ed Rawlinson A2/3. Eddie Bass-Ralda St Pierre-Mike Doyle-Wolf Schroeter B1.C1. Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt-Homer Stevens-Stephanie Stevens.



Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs AB
Anthony Eckman & Dean Truair



Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs C
Gary Larson & Linda Lawrence



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
James La Fountain & Jo Grabow



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs B
Katherine Pearce & Jean Blilie



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A
Ellen & Ira Hessel



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B
Marise & Patrick Hambrick



Thurs Eve BAM Teams A
Phyllis Giffin & James LaFountain
Patrick Cardullo & Richard Ware



Thurs Eve BAM Teams B
Roxana Tom & Katherine Gary
Roxana Tom & Dorthy Rippstein



Thurs Eve BAM Teams C
Phil Brown & Paula Wissman
Peter Thorne & Jay Thorne



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs C
Linda Lawrence & Nancy Fisher



Thurs-Fri KO Teams Bkt I
Patrick Cardullo & William DeShane



Sat KO Teams Bkt I
Terry Riely & Sharon Mann
Carolyn Riely & George Mann



Sun Strat Swiss Teams B
Sandra Weber & David Mitchell
Beverly Santos & Robert Mangas



Sun Strat Swiss Teams C
Carolyn Martin & Marion Fink
Jane Knaak & Arleen Schafer



Thurs-Fri KO Teams Bkt I
Kay Laird & Pat Prichard

Results: San Antonio Sectional
Carolyn Riely, San Antonio, was the top masterpoint winner with 22.10.

Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Anthony Eckman-Dean Truair A2. Robbie Borchers-Sandra Weber B2. Patrick Cardullo-Beverly Santos C1. Gary Larson-Linda Lawrence C2. Mike Huiatt-Terry Bickerton.

Thurs Eve Strat BAM Teams A1. James La Fountain-Jon Richard Ware-Patrick Cardullo-Phyllis Giffin A2. Sheryleen Grothus-Phillip Grothus-Bill Tseng-Richard Lampman B1. Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary-Dorthy Rippstein B2/3. Alonzo

Britton-Carole Price-Sally Armstrong-Mary Britton B2/3. Susie Willerson-Jodie McMahon-Sandra Weber-Beverly Santos C1. Jay Thorne-Paula Wissman-Phil Brown-Peter Thorne.

Thurs-Fri KO Teams Bkt I 1. Patrick Cardullo-Kay Laird-William De Shane-Pat Prichard 2. Donna McBride-Kenneth McBride-Ed Rawlinson-Bill Walker.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. James La Fountain-Josephine Grabow A2.B1. Jean Blilie-Katherine Pearce B2. Sally Parker-Shirley Lane C1. Paula Warren-Mary Rita de Hoyos C2. Nancy Fisher-Linda Lawrence.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel A2. Paul Kelley Jr.-Rosemary Kelley B1. Marise Hambrick-Patrick Hambrick B2. Patrick Cardullo-Katherine Ribble C1. Linda Lawrence-Nancy Fisher C2. Paula Wissman-Jay Thorne.

Sat KO Teams 1. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Sharon Mann-George Mann 2. Jeff Ford-Jerry Bigler-John Oakley-Patricia Lozano.

Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Ellen & Ira Hessel A2. James La Fountain-Genie Kaplan B1.C1. Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt B2. Helen McCrae-Linda Williams C2. Ron Hollister-Janel Hollister.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1. James La Fountain-Genie Kaplan A2.B1. Robert Mangas-C David Mitchell B2.C1. Gool Castleberry-Mary Lou Click C2. Katherine Ribble-Judith Anderson.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. Terry & Carolyn Riely-George Mann-Sharon Mann A2. Bill Walker-Ed Rawlinson-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr B1. Robert Mangas-Sandra Weber-C David Mitchell-Beverly Santos B2. Daniel Blaettler-Phil Brown-Charles Abbott-Anne McCullough C1. Marion Fink-Arleen Schafer-Jane Knaak-Carolyn Martin C2. Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt-Jeri Tribo-Patty Moncus.

KERRVILLE SECTIONAL

Spring in the Hills

MARCH 16-19, 2006

Y.O. Ranch Resort Hotel
& Conference Center
2033 Sidney Baker 877.YO Resort
Ask for Bridge Rate \$70.00

NEW LOCATION!
From I-10 take exit 508. Hotel south of I-10 1/2 mile on the left

Newcomer Program
Presents
299er Schedule
Thursday, March 16

Bluebonnet Pairs 1:00 pm
Spring Flower Pairs 7:00 pm

Friday, March 17

Paint Brush Pairs 1:00 pm
Tulip Pairs 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 18

Primrose Pairs 1:00 pm
Dogwood Pairs 7:00 pm

Stratifications

0-100, 100-200, 200-300
3-table minimum

Thursday, March 16

Stratified Pairs, single session 1:00 pm
Board-A-Match, single session 7:00 pm

Friday, March 17

Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 18

AM Early Bird Pairs 9:00 am
KO Teams 9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 19

Strati-Flighted Teams 10:30 am & TBA
Flight A & AX separate & unlimited, BCD stratified together

Stratifications

Open Pairs

A: 2000+, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500

Strati-Flited Teams

A: Unlimited, AX: TBA, B: 750-2000, C: 300-750, D: 0-300

No smoking in playing area, smoking breaks

Hospitality Room available all 4 days with coffee and snacks!

\$5/person/session Student Discount

\$9 paid ACBL member

Swiss Teams \$80.00/team lunch provided

Tournament Chairman Margaret Higgins 830.634.7254

Partnership Chairman Bill Nickles 830.895.5363

San Antonio Tournament Coordinator Janise Saul 210.481.1766

Unit 172
San Antonio
Beverly Santos



This New Year offers our Unit members an outstanding Board of Directors: Roger Boeka, Patrick Cardullo, Rita De Hoyos, Sherry Di Baggio, Everette Lewis, Helen McCrae, Sally Parker, Ed Rawlinson, Janise Saul, Roxana Tom and Paula Warren. This Board welcomes members to attend the board meetings which are held the second Tuesday of the month at Bailey's Bridge Studio at 5pm. Your participation is appreciated. This is truly a working Board with values that looks for ways to give back to the members.

The Halloween Party was great fun with a total of 28 tables. Mary Lou Click and Gool Castleberry spooked the field as the overall winners in Flight A, B, and C with a 61.77% game. We are proud of you and your good partnership. Congratulations! No matter what age we confess to, we all still have some "kid" left in our soul. The winner of the funniest costume was Peter Thorne as the Mad Hatter,

the most authentic was Willie as Pocahontas and Carol Campbell was oh so creative as the charming lady in her Witches Hat Regalia. Their pictures are posted on the Unit Bulletin Board at Bailey's which will bring a smile to your face. Special thanks to hosts Sally and Paul Parker for a successful event. Donna Watkins, DIC, was exceptional and we are grateful to have such a quality person as a unit member.

We send our thoughts of sympathy to Toni Reinhart and Jayne Keleher on the passing of their husbands. A round of get well Cheers goes to Doc Keipfer, Sheila Nelson, Jo Gayle Carter, John Hayes and Janice Coley.

Ira Hessel and Greg Hinze finished second in the Keohane North American Swiss Teams at the Denver NABC. Congratulations on your outstanding win.

Everything you want to know about Unit 172 can be found at www.d16acbl.org/U172/. Check out the great information on upcoming events, classes/teachers, clubs, mentor program, hands of the day, winners of tournaments, unit and club results and much more. This is skillfully handled by Patti Lozano. Many thanks for your support.

Happy New Year to Everyone!

!!!ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT TEACHERS!!!
ACBL President Harriette Buckman
will be hosting a teachers' dinner at the Houston Regional
When: February 11, 2006 @ 5:00 pm
Where: Los Tios Restaurant
RSVP: Jryan9620@academicplanet.com
**** Please bring a written teaching tip for sharing.**

**Unit 174
Houston**
Anne Page



Houston Trick or Treat Sectional, Humble - October 28-30, 2005

Condolences to all who mourn the recent deaths of these members of our bridge community: Carl W. Parkinson, Dorothy Knoff Rose, Charlotte B. Smith.

Lots of good wishes for many more bridge playing days to Beth Stuart and Miller Quarles whose recent Happy Birthdays made them 90 years young.

Congratulations to Gulzar Mitha (Pro) and Karen Tabak (Am) for winning the recent Unit 174 Pro-Am 2005 Championship Game with a 65.34% game. They played it at Bridge & Games Studio of Houston.

Many thanks to Jodene Bond and Joyce Ryan, co-chairs of the Halloween Sectional, and their many helpers for a wonderful tournament. And much applause for the Sunday participants who played with good humor through a neighborhood power outage that a few minutes after the games started darkened the convention center for quite a while during the first session. After waiting (and playing) in the dark for 15 minutes, the big unloading doors on all sides of the building were raised, some swiss team tables were moved to catch more natural light, and many team players put down their cards and went to help the pairs players, directors and caddies move the pairs game into the glass walled front lobby. It was a truly cooperative effort that enabled the session to finish just a little bit later than usual. At this tournament 1,700.83 masterpoints were awarded to 474 players. #1 on the list of winners was Joe Quinn with 28.50 of them.

Congratulations to everyone who qualified for District North American Open Pairs in San Antonio on January 14 and 15. If you are a NAOP competitor, remember this: Those who were the highest scoring in each Flight have NO ADVANTAGE over those who barely qualified because this next level is run as a fresh event! Also, each time a qualified pair advises Norm Gautier (281-795-6665) they are not going to District NAOP, another pair will be qualified in order of overall placement in the Unit NAOP. He will promptly notify those pairs who become eligible in this manner.

John Zilic apologizes for the crowded and noisy conditions at Luby's Cafeteria when Flights A and C played the Unit NAOP qualifier. He could not improve them because the space agreement made with the previous manager was not honored by the new manager.

Would you like to honor or memorialize someone in your bridge world? Naming an event at the February 2006 Houston Regional for that person would be a nice way to do it. You may name a Single Session Event (\$50), a Two Sessions (\$100), or a Multi (4 or 5) Sessions (\$150). Email bert.onstott@shell.com to have questions answered or advise buying an event name. Then make check payable to Unit 174 and mail to President Bert Onstott at 3303 N. Sutton Square, Stafford, TX 77477.

Congratulations to these recent Life Masters and Masterpoint Achievers for their accomplishments: New Life Masters (300+ MPs): Barbara Babbitt, Allen Brandt, Marilyn Frazier, F. A. MacDougall, Ruth MacDougall, Charles Raines, Ulla Skovdal. Bronze Life Masters (500+ MPs): Irene Baker, Grace Bartlett, Sylvia Bliss, Bill Gervais, Nancy Gray, Henry Kollenberg, Catherine Miller, Trudy Trivette, Lois Wilson. Silver Life Masters (1,000+ MPs): Margie Beegle, M. Gayle Brown, Joe Nance, Barbara Soyachak. Gold Life Masters (2,500+ MPs): Vivian Leggett. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT (being in the ACBL's 2005 Top 100 Life Master List): John Zilic (#54-19,116 MPs),



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A
Gil Micheletti & Oren Moore



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B
Mark Wallet & Duane Friedrich



Sat Choice Prs B
Sherry Gerdes & (NP) Phyllis Carter



Sat Choice Prs C
Britt Siem & Lotte Optekamp



Sat Eve 299r Strat Prs
Ronald & Judy Brown



Sun Strat Open Prs A
Bobby Maynard & Ralda St.Pierre



Fri-Sat Bktd KO Bkt II
Christy Morrissey & Donna Frederick
Reggie Lewis & Pete Hanson



Sat Compact KO Bkt I
Ralda St.Pierre & Vinh Tran
Bobbi Kauffman & Wolf Schroeter



Sat Compact KO Bkt II
JoAnn O'Malley & Glenda Stieber
Dan O'Malley & John Stieber



Sun Strat Open Prs B
Paula Hradecky & Anne Page



Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams A
Shawn Quinn & Ellen Hessel
Joe Quinn & Ira Hessel



Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams X
Janice Henderson & Chuck Gillis
Siraj Jiwani & Charles Markowitz



Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams B
Theron Lindsey & Lisa Sommer
John Lindsey & Charles Sommer



Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams C1/2
Robin Johnson & Robert Arnett
(NP) Al Fortier & Sandra Parker

Results: Houston Sectional

Joe Quinn, Richmond, was the top masterpoint winner with 28.50 masterpoints.

Fri-Sat KO Teams Bkt I 1. John Zilic-August Plate-John Erickson-Anton (Tony) Haddad 2. James Stevens-Sandra Stevens-Robert Curl-Thomas Schmalz-Betsy Dubose **Bkt II** 1. Peter Hanson-Christy Morrissey-Reggie Lewis-Donna Frederick 2. Philip Duterme-Kay Humphries-James Nichols Jr.-Marilyn Joyner.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1.B1. James Winfield-L Travis A2. Sherry Withers-Youssef Youssef B2. Sherry Gerdes-Marguerite Roe C1. Karen Nimmons-Bill Gervais C2. Ralph Herz-Gabriel Perry.

Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Susan Johnson-Terry Harrison A2.B2.C1. Shi-Lin Yeh-Bob Chiang C2. Jack Roth-

Dan Morse (#94-16,156 MPs).

Applause and encouragement please for our Intermediates and Beginners on the road to the Life Master title: NABC Masters (200+ MPs): Ann Blohn, Joanne Chadderdon, Rebecca Hyzer, Russell Long, Donna Maddox, Peggy McKay, Larry Morris, Patricia Swanson, Karen Tabak, Mary Thatcher. Regional Masters (100+ MPs): Daksha Adhia, Thomas Farrell, Barbara Gadea, Erica Jaeger, Carmen Keys, David King, Linda Marlin, Junior McKay, Mrs. P. R. Ralston, Marsha Sachs, Melba Watkins. Sectional Masters (50+ MPs): Joe Cocklin, Kyong Cocklin, Laura Garrett, Fred Halperin, Diane Jobin, Shelly Liss, Don Morgan, Jack Roth, Aruna Sane, George Whiteley, Alan Zane. Club Master (20+ MPs): Nancy Beard, Donald Dixon, Jan Guthrie, Carol Lombardino, Elizabeth Wood. Junior Masters (5+ MPs): Laura Alvarado, Unal Bayram, Neil Caldwell, Carolyn Campbell, Larry Chou, Manuel Colaco, Joe Everette, Barbara Giddens, Anne Goldston, Evelyn James, Christina Kao, Ethan Lake, Carolyn Lanier, Margie Nagle, Roberta Newman, Dan O'Malley, Carol Poirer, Charles Poirer, Terri Orlean, Wendell Shoun, Cedric Siqueira.

While forming committees and developing plans based on the discussions at the Unit Growth Seminar led by Donna Compton in October, our Board of Directors in a

Sandy Roth.

Fri Aft Strat 49er Prs A1. Paul Cuneo-Francine Hargrove A2.B1. Patricia Schill-Jeff Armstrong B2. Joan Davis-Phyllis Louderback.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Gil Micheletti-Oren Moore A2. William Boyer-Judy Cupps B1. Mark Wallet-Duane Friedrich B2. Clif Rice-Jane Rice C1. John Abercrombie-Carl Estes C2. Britt Siem-Lotte Optekamp.

Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Stephen Bickel-Nicholas Rasmussen A2.B2.C1. Ann Mc Dougal-Judith Fecel C2. Martha Kessler-Francine Hargrove.

Sat Compact KO Teams Bkt I 1. Bobbi Kauffman-Vinh Tran-Wolf Schroeter-Ralda St Pierre 2. Edward Freiter-Vern Schmidt-Natalie Wernet-Barbara Phillips **Bkt II** 1. John Stieber-Glenda Stieber-Jo Ann O'Malley-Dan

recent special meeting established the following initiatives for the Unit: bridging the gap from social to duplicate bridge; personal local contacts with new players; rotating committee positions more frequently; greater emphasis on new player services; zero tolerance; publicity and advertising; and site selection and special games. Joyce Ryan, secretary of the Board, emailed me this explanation of the initiatives: "There are literally hundreds of bridge players playing social bridge and taking lessons who are potential duplicate players and prospective members of our Unit of ACBL.

Efforts are being made to start some day games for beginning players. Once we get these new players, we want to keep them and that is where personal contacts with them, greater emphasis on new player services, and the Zero Tolerance policy are of great importance. Dave Shortt is heading up an initiative for advertising and publicity, and we plan to rotate positions more frequently to keep volunteers enthusiastic and keep fresh ideas coming in." She then put on another of her several hats and gave me the following example of the practical application of the initiatives.

"Strat-Flighted Swiss - 1st C - Robin Johnson, Robert Arnett, Al Fortier (NP) & Sandra Parker (NP).

Strat-Flighted Swiss - 1st C - Robin Johnson, Robert Arnett, Al Fortier

O'Malley 2. Robin Johnson-Becky Ellisor-Milton Ellisor-Robert Arnett.

Sat Strat Choice Prs A1. Jack La Vigne-Joe Quinn A1. Allen Wolf-Barbara Atkins B1. Sherry Gerdes-Phyllis Carter B2. Patricia Updegraff-Faye Vincent C1. Lotte Optekamp-Britt Siem C2. Karen Dittert-Erica Jaeger.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Daniel Blaettler-Phil Brown A2.B2. Ed Harper-Jonathan Holmes C1. Bette Liebgold-Trudy Trivette C2/3. Rebecca Hyzer-David Wicks C2/3. James Lewis-Dianne Kraft.

Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A1/2.B1/2.C1/2. Carmen Keys-Nancy Crabtree A1/2.B1/2.C1/2. Diane Jobin-Edwin Bain III.

Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Judy Brown-Ronald Brown A2.B2. Bonnie Burkhart-Richard Burkhart C1. James Mays-James Morgan C2. Penny

(NP) & Sandra Parker (NP)

"Bridging the Gap From Lessons to Duplicate Play by Joyce Ryan, Unit 174 Education Chair: Wayne Oden hosted free graduation party duplicate games at his Bridge & Games Studio for area bridge students the week of Thanksgiving, which we knew was a difficult week for an event, and we were VERY PLEASED with the turnout! 9 tables of players attended on Monday, November 21st, and 2 tables of players attended on Friday the 24th (day after Thanksgiving and biggest shopping day of year). Teachers Dave Glandorf, Mary Lee Bentley, and Lynn Graham came to the games to lend their support. Lynn Graham had 24 students there, Helen McCabe 4, Bill Baker 2, John Zilic 3, Vinh Tran 2, Bill Turner 1, and Wayne Oden 5. And 3 of the Monday players came back on Friday. Consensus is that they are hooked! As a result of these games Unit 174 immediately gained 9 new members! There was wonderful FOOD, great FUN, and it was FREE! A big THANK YOU to Wayne for hosting the parties, to JoDene Bond for coming to help, to the teachers who came to help and/or publicized the event to their students, and to the Unit Board for subsidizing the table fees, food, and beginning duplicate materials that were given to the students. - There are almost 300 bridge students in our Unit?"

Please share with the Board your

Barroso-Francine Hargrove.

Sun Strat Open Prs A1. Ralda St Pierre-Bobby Maynard A2.B1. Anne Page-Paula Hradecky B2.C1. Harold Cameron-Jody Henry C2. Sam Dodson-Nicholas Rasmussen.

Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams AX A1. Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel A2.X1. Janice Henderson-Chuck Gillis-Charles Markowitz-Siraj Jiwani X2. James Barry Jr-Edward Freiter-William Schindler-Barbara Phillips **Strati BCD** B1. John Lindsey-Theron Lindsey-Lisa Sommer-Charles Sommer B2. Eric Sandberg-Jonathan Holmes-John Monroe Jr.-Marcia Sanderson C1/2.D1. Claudia Parr-Jeanie Slaughter-Gloria La Prade-Diane Konick C1/2. Robert Arnett-Robin Johnson-Sandra Parker-Alfred Fortier III D2. P Ralston-Kim O Hara-Roberta Graham-Susan Stone.

ideas for how to get some of them into duplicate bridge. We need them!!"

Organize your team and start practicing now for the 2006 Grand National Team qualifying events! You can have as many as 6 players on a team, but all team members must be under the masterpoint on the date of the applicable Unit or District qualifying game. At the Unit level, the C Flight (Non-Life Master, 0-500 MPs) will compete on February 18 in a private room at a Luby's Cafeteria (2730 Fondren Road at Westheimer), and the B Flight (0-2000 MPs) will compete at Bridge Club of Houston on February 19. There is no Unit qualification requirement for Flight A (0-5000 MP) or the Championship Super Flight (Unlimited MPs) so those teams will begin competition at the District level. District Finals for Flights A, B, and C will be in Richardson on Memorial Weekend 2006. The time and place for the Super Flight are not yet finalized for announcement. Teams winning at District receive financial subsidies to play in July at the 2006 Summer Nationals in Chicago. Watch for the flyer containing all details about this annual event.

Last issue I reported on the generosity of ACBL sending 1,000 decks of new cards for the Hurricane Katrina victims housed at the Astrodome and announced that they

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CHARITY!



Dan Morse Presents a \$1000.00 Check to the American Red Cross on Behalf of Unit 174

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were for sale by the Unit because the donation was not accepted. Now I know the reason why! Joyce Ryan was not able to get any of the drop-off sites or the arena to take them because by the time they arrived most of the New Orleans residents had been relocated to area homes and apartments. When Jim at the ACBL store asked the Unit to use the cards in some other way rather than return them, our Board voted to sell the cards and send the proceeds to three charitable organizations. All of them have now been sold for a total of \$1,665. The purchasers designated \$210 for the American Red Cross, \$390 for the Salvation Army, and \$1,065 for Habitat for Humanity. Joyce says: "A big thanks to our generous players!"

Compliments to Barbara Babbitt and her helpers from among the Unit's membership for a successful fundraising effort for MDA that resulted in \$5000.00 collected. Recognition of the donation was an MDA star which she gave to the Unit for placement in its

historical records. The Board has voted that the Unit will support her fundraising for MDA in 2006. Stride/Ride events will be held at both Katy Mills Mall and the Woodlands Mall in February. Please plan to participate or volunteer to help.

Election 2006: The slate chosen by the Nominating Committee for election of 3 people to serve on the Unit's Board of Directors is Ken Baker, Jo Dene Bond (incumbent), Phillip Duterme, Jolie Hess (incumbent), Dave King, and Bert Onstott (incumbent). Voting will be at the April Election Sectional or by absentee ballot.

Congratulations to whichever I/N players collected a share of the coveted silver points awarded at the 299er Sectional this past weekend at Bridge & Games Studio. Apologies for not being able to get the stats but I only thought about them this minute. It's after midnight and just past my submission deadline, so give me a rain check until next issue.

If you have news to share, please send e-mail to page@ev1.net or leave a message at 281-442-1509 (days).

Dewitt Hudson

**District 16
Board of Governors**



To get up early on a cool Denver morning, walk or run 2 miles, and then top it off with some hot chocolate, is just great. District 17 did a terrific job in putting the Fall NABC tournament together. The playing area was outstanding, parking was average and snacks and entertainment were great.

The attendance at the Fall NABC was 10,141 tables; this about average when compared to all Fall NABCs.

Goodwill Message: How pleasant it is to hear a player call "Director, Please." Why not extend that courtesy to "Caddy, Please?"

ACBL Law Commissions: Mildred Breed, Dan Morse and Peggy Sutherland are appointed to the ACBL Laws Commission Committee for a five-year term starting January 2006 through December 2010. Congratulations District 16.

Education Foundation: Yearly when you pay your annual dues, please add \$2.00 for the Educational Foundation. This fund is used to support the many educational grants and programs for our youth. In September 2004, \$4,051.00 was collected; however, this year, for the same period only \$2,150.00 was collected.

Why Don't you join the ACBL?: Interestingly, when asked the level of importance placed on reasons for joining the ACBL, clubs with 10+ games placed the least importance on "support the fame of bridge..."

Also for the first time, club officials were asked if they offer lessons. Again,

there is no surprise that lessons are provided at 95% of clubs with 10+ games and only 45% of clubs with one game a week. When asked why they do not provide lessons...lack of space, time and available teachers were repeated over and over. When asked what the ACBL could do to help, the answer generally was "nothing."

Surcharge for Non-Dues Paying Players: Except for Charity Events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 mps. A. For all sectionals beginning after 1 July 2006, the sponsoring organization shall charge an additional fee of at least \$1.00 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee playing LMs. B. For all regionals beginning after 1 July 2006, the sponsoring organization shall charge an additional fee of at least \$2.00 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs. C. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members. D. The additional fee shall be retained by the sponsoring organization.

Holding Unit for Certain Unpaid Life Members: Once a month, Management will notify each affected unit and district of all: 1. Life Members who have moved out of a unit to an unknown location; 2. Unpaid Life Members who have had no contact with ACBL for the previous two years. Unless informed to the contrary, each such Life Member will be transferred into a special holding unit not associated with any of the 25 districts. Once a year, a List of the Life Members who have been so transferred will be sent to the appropriate units.

Regional Tournament Allocations: 1. All Regionals are allocated to

Districts. A District may conduct its Regionals or allocate them to Units within the District. 2. Each District is allocated four Regionals which may be either Open or Senior. In addition, a District is allowed the following on an annual basis; a. One Junior Regional. One 0-199er Regional, or one 0-299er Regional, or one Non-Life Master Regional. Each District is allowed to split two of its Regionals. 3. In addition to its four allocated Regionals, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 members is allocated one additional Regional each year; a District with 12,001 to 15,000 members is allocated two additional Regionals each year; a District with more than 15,001 members will be allocated three additional Regionals each year. District 16 has 8,784 members.

Dues/Service Fee Amnesty Program: Management to implement an amnesty program beginning 1 January 2006 and ending 30 June 2006. Upon payment of the member dues/service fees, people whose membership has lapsed shall be credited with all masterpoints which were earned during the lapsed membership period.

Memberships: Total active membership as of 31 October 2005 was 155,458. This is 87 members fewer than 2004. Our total number of paying members is flat (16+) compared to last year. Following the YTD trend, active unpaid life members continues to decrease.

31 October is the annual date in which those unpaid life members who had no activity for at least 24 months, are moved off our rolls. We are proposing to begin doing this on a month by month basis in order to be as accurate as possible every month.

Houston Unit 174 to Hold Board Election April 21-23, 2006

(Political advertisement paid for by Houston Unit 174.)

The approximately 2215 members of Unit 174, whose participating clubs include Angleton, Baytown, Brenham, Bryan/College Station, Clear Lake, Conroe, Galveston, Houston, Lake Jackson, La Marque, Missouri City, Pasadena, Stafford, Sugar Land and Wharton, will have an opportunity to vote for three members of the Board of Directors April 21-23, 2006, during the Election Sectional at the Arabia Shrine Temple, located at the corner of Brompton and North Braeswood in Houston.

Three newly elected board members will join Marsha Bernstein, Norm Gautier, Ed Groner, Bobbi Kauffman, Karen Nimmons and Joyce Ryan to complete the full nine-member board. Jo Dene Bond, Jolie Hess and Bert Onstott, who are completing three-year terms in April, are running for reelection as incumbents.

Lew Levy, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Bill Gervais, Jere Hines, Carol Irvin and Barbara LaVigne, urges all Unit 174 members to vote, either in person or absentee. To vote in person, you should plan to be at the tournament site during the hour before each session on Friday and Saturday, or one hour before the Sunday morning session. To vote absentee, follow the procedure outlined below. Winners will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday April 23.

In order for your vote to be counted, you must vote for exactly three candidates.

The candidates have been given an opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words about their philosophies, goals and backgrounds. They are listed alphabetically and have been restricted to 100 words.



Ken Baker

Ken Baker
Since retiring in 2001, I became a Bronze Life Master and have supported the Pasadena and Clear Lake Bridge Clubs, volunteering my time on Scheduling and Calendar preparation. I became a Club Director in 2003 and was appointed Lead Director for the Clear Lake Club for 2005. This year I taught a class on Club Game Direction in an effort to ensure director availability.

As a Board Member I would see that Bay Area players receive information on Unit 174 and District 16 events and try to increase their participation and involvement in unit tournaments and activities.

Jo Dene Bond

It has been a fun experience for me to serve on the Unit Board the last three years as the IN Coordinator working with Education and



Jo Dene Bond

New Players Services programs for the 299er players. I'm asking for your vote.

We have two new pilot programs: public school bridge classes; Zero to 20 Novice games. 199ers; 299ers; Mentor/Mentee games; Board focus on newer players, and their ACBL membership retention; packets for First Time Tournament Players and Bridge Class Graduates; full tournament schedule for 299ers including Speakers Program.

Other concerns I have is entry fees reduction and more Tournament Hospitality.

Phillip Duterme

What would I bring to the board of Unit 174? Evidently a deep love of the game, starting more than 50 years ago watching relatives play and strengthening while in school, college and early business life. But more importantly,



Phillip Duterme

during a long hiatus which unfortunately affected my bridge experience, I developed many other skills that will prove valuable in helping the board achieve its goals for the Unit: successive technical, marketing and managerial positions in three continents sharpened a broad range of organizational tools that I am keen to put to the best use for all members of Unit 174.

Jolie Hess

I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for three years. I would like to serve you all for another three years.

It would give me the opportunity to once again input my bridge experience over the last 30 years. I have served as Partnership and Hospitality chairperson at several Sectionals and Regionals for Unit 174. Also I have served as chairman of Unit 174 Sectionals.

Most importantly, I would hope this



Jolie Hess

opportunity for me will translate into positive results for all Unit 174 members.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

David King

Recently, I was appointed Publicity Chairman. This is a new committee for our Unit so I'm having to develop everything from scratch.

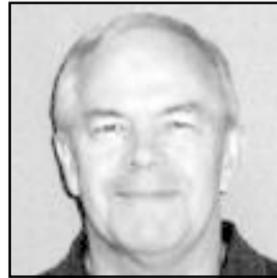
My being a CPA, CFP, MBA and having served on five volunteer boards before is probably not as important to you as what I would like to do if you vote for me.

My platform is to (1) replace normal attrition plus add one table per session per club and (2) encourage Zero Tolerance at our games. Bridge should be FUN!!

Can you imagine your bridge games a LITTLE-BIT bigger and a LITTLE-BIT nicer? I truly love bridge.



David King



Bert Onstott

Bert Onstott

Why I'm Running: I've enjoyed the past 2-1/2 years of service to the unit. The Unit board is starting several programs this year designed to attract and retain new members; I'd like to serve another term to help implement these programs.

Bridge related experience: Unit board member-April 2003-present; GNT, NAP, & STAC coordinator, tournament chair, co-chair; Unit Vice President-April 2004-2005; Unit President-April 2005-present.

Qualifications: B.S. in Chemical Engineering; Worked as a Chemical Engineer for Shell for the past 25 years; Experienced in organizing complex engineering projects and working with teams.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Absentee Voting Procedure

If you do not plan to attend the tournament, you should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with a SIGNED letter to the election judges, Natalie Greene and Dale Crumbaugh. Please address requests to Natalie Greene at 32 Villa Bend Drive, Houston, TX 77069-1431. The address on the return envelope must be the Voter's address of record. If the Voter is a member in good standing, an Official Ballot will be sent to the Voter, along with instructions for returning it. All Absentee Ballots must be returned postmarked no later than April 7, 2006, and be received by April 19, 2006. Please request absentee ballots early as no ballots will be mailed out after April 5.

Send questions by email to: unit174ballot@aol.com. Election or Ballot should be in the subject line.

Mexican Resort Regional - Puerto Vallarta November 7-13, 2005

The Mexico Regional was one of the largest in recent history. Congratulations to the organizers! Joseph Fox, Laredo, was the top District 16 masterpoint winner with 52.59 masterpoints.

Mon Strat Charity Prs A1. Jolie Hess-Pat Levy, Houston A2.B1.C1. Josefina Barragan-Margarita Cabrera, Guadalajara MX A3. Joanne Brown-Al Goldspiel, CA A4.B2. Ruth Ableman-CA-Lorell Jennings, NY A5/6.B3.C2. Maryann Baumann, CO-Ken Blunt, CA A5/6. Ed Jennings-Henry Schroder, Houston B4.C3. Nicole Formanek-Edwin Formanek, ON B5.C4. Ted Drew-Carrie Beavington, BC.

Tues Aft Strat Swiss Teams A1. Joseph Fox, Laredo-N Richard Nelson-Norinne Anderson Nelson, Tlay MX-Marjorie Michelin, CA A2/3. Nanette Noland, LA-Beth Stuart-Terry Currie-Esta Van Zandt, Houston A2/3. Rick Pleiss, WA-Monta Bell, MT-Jean McCullough, AZ; Marjorie Blunt, WA A4. Pat Levy-Betty Freedman-Pat McMullin-Jolie Hess, Houston B1. Myra Johnston-Marlene Powell-Doreen Ransom-Colin Ransom, BC B2. Helen Simonette, Salado-Jo McDaniel, Georgetown-Ruth Ableman-Margie KenyonCA B3.C1. Michael Molinari-Paul Boyd-Beverly Daniels-Mary Jo Howard-Davila, CA.

KO Teams 1 Bkt I 1. Robert Hampton, SC-Jerry Helms-Jon Rice-Mike Rice-NC-Jonathan Greenspan, NY 2. Michael Flanagan-Barbara Flanagan-Mark Litterman-Kathy Litterman, AZ-Gerry Marshall, MX 3/4. Judy McDonald-Ronald McDonald, NV-Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende-Miguel Reygadas, Polanco MX-G S Jade Barrett, WA 3/4. Edwin Lewis III-Thomas Hyde, CT-John Potter, FL-Richard Potter, NC-Erik Paulsen, CA-Ed Lewis, VA **Bkt II 1.** Jack Paulus-Lynne Ziegler, MI-Donald Ross, Chapala-David Hoogenberg, Ajijic MX 2. Thomas Gillett, Ajijic-Donna McElroy-J Anderson, Chapala MX-Gaylord Brockway, AZ 3/4. Sally Sabo-John Jacobson, NM-Patricia Moon, Laredo-Richard Wilmington, CA 3/4. Reese House-Ted Guthrie-Robert York, DC-Edward Duffy, VA **Bkt III 1.** Dion Dubois-Rene Franco, Dallas-John Overstreet, Carrollton-David Buck, Temple 2. Thelma Benfell-Jill Petersen-Beverly Taft-Betty Larsen, UT 3/4. Jane Shimokura-Howard Shimokura, BC-Edward Tanaka-Kathleen Tanaka, ON 3/4. Frank Callom-Laraine Callom, NV-Pauline Reid, ON-Elizabeth Allsebrook, Laredo.

Tues Eve Strat Swiss Teams A1. Joseph Fox, Laredo-Norinne Anderson Nelson-N Richard Nelson, Tlay MX-Nels Erickson, NV A2.B1. Jean Cravey, Palestine-Ferdinand Wolfram-T Bruce Smith-Margie Kenyon, CA A3. Helen Cherry-Donald Cherry-Ouida Addison-Robert Addison, MT A4/5.B2.C1. Frank Callom-Laraine Callom, NV-Elizabeth Allsebrook, Laredo-Pauline Reid, ON A4/5. Alynne Vergara-Dora Lorah-June Plunkett-Amy Bronstein, FL C2. Eugene Cavanaugh-Shirley Holland-Phyllis Tate-Evelyn Cloninger, Austin.

Tues Strat Open Prs A1. Frances Hilliard-Christel Quist, WA A2. Bruce Brownfield-Susan Ohman, WA A3. Linda Lake, NY-Bruce Reeve, NC A4. Hapoldt Neuffer-Joyce Hampton, SC A5. Randolph Worsham-Helen Worsham, Dallas B1.C1. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel, Guadalajara MX B2. Michael Hansen-Kathy Angstadt, OR B3. Harold Wilson-Charlotte Wilson, Gonzales B4.C2. Barbara Morris-Lysbeth McCrone, BC B5.C3. Helen Malcolm, ON-Mickey Edholm, Jalisco MX.

Wed Strat Open Prs A1. Ed Lewis, VA-John Potter, FL A2. John Kissinger-Susan Kissinger, CA A3. Pat McMullin-Betty Freedman, Houston A4. Mark Bumgardner-Kathleen Bumgardner, Carrollton A5. Helen Cherry-Donald Cherry, MT B1/2.C1. Marie Henjum-Harvey Henjum, MN B1/2. Henrietta Morris, Arlington-Carol Black, Roanoke B3.C2. Allan Barrett-Janice Berklin, ON B4. Harold Wilson-Charlotte Wilson, Gonzales B5.C3. Ted Rank-Karol Rank, Murchison.

Wed Strat Swiss Teams A1.B1. Eugene Cavanaugh-Shirley Holland-Phyllis Tate-Evelyn Cloninger, Austin A2. Jean McCullough, AZ-Marjorie Blunt-Linda Shallit, WA-Monta Bell, MT A3/4.B2.C1. Edwin Formanek-Nicole Formanek-Douglas Lawson-

Sandra Lawson, ON B4. Mary Jo Howard-Davila - Beverly Daniels - Suzanne Graham, CA-Margaret Mc Glashan, IN A3/4. Edwin Lewis III-Thomas Hyde, CT-Terry Currie-Beth Stuart, Houston B3.C2. Ronald Sears-Patricia Sears, Fort Worth-William Brooks-Gena Brooks, Mertzon.

Thurs Strat Open Prs A1. Linda Lake, NY; Bruce Reeve, NC A2.B1. Edwin Lewis III-Thomas Hyde, CT A3. John Potter, FL-Ed Lewis, VA A4. Pat McMullin-Betty Freedman, Houston A5. Dewitt Hudson Jr, Arlington-Lenny Roberts, Houston B2. Adela Naftali, Mexico City-Hilda Kreimerman, Huixquilucan MX B3.C1. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel, Guadalajara MX B4.C2. Margaret Mc Glashan, IN-Suzanne Graham, CA B5.C3. Lotte Optekamp-Britt Siem, Houston.

Thurs Eve Strat Swiss Teams A1. Kathleen Bumgardner-Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton-Nancy Peterson, Euleess-Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington A2.B1. Syril Atherton-Mary Tilden, CA-William Titsworth, Talpa De Allend MX-Carolyn Cooper, VA A3. June Plunkett-Amy Bronstein-Alynne Vergara-Dora Lorah, FL A4. Lew Levy-Jeanette Magid-Pat Levy-Jolie Hess, Houston B2.C1. Ronald Sears-Patricia Sears, Fort Worth-William Brooks-Gena Brooks, Mertzon B3. Donald Ross, Chapala-David Hoogenberg, Ajijic MX-Jack Paulus-Richard Ziegler-Lynne Ziegler, MI.

KO Teams 3 Bkt I 1. Joseph Fox, Laredo-Nels Erickson, NV-Marjorie Michelin, CA-N Richard Nelson-Norinne Anderson Nelson, Tlay MX 2. Robert Hampton, SC-Mike Rice-Jon Rice-Jerry Helms, NC-Jonathan Greenspan, NY 3/4. G S Jade Barrett, WA-Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City-Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende-Miguel Reygadas, Polanco MX-G S Jade Barrett, WA 3/4. Edwin Lewis III-Thomas Hyde, CT-John Potter, FL-Richard Potter, NC-Erik Paulsen, CA-Ed Lewis, VA **Bkt II 1.** Thomas Gillett, PA-J Anderson-Donna McElroy, Chapala MX-Gaylord Brockway, AZ 2. Barbara Somerville, SC-Anne Pientka, AZ-Betty Burch-Ann Abercrombie, FL 3/4. Robert York-Reese House-Ted Guthrie, DC-Edward Duffy, VA 3/4. David Hoogenberg, Ajijic-Donald Ross, Chapala MX-Lynne Ziegler-Jack Paulus, MI **Bkt III 1.** Fay Bronson-John Underwood-Kris Gupta-Suman Gupta, WA 2. M Damon-Beverly Greer-Jo McDaniel, Georgetown-Helen Simonette, Salado 3/4. Helen Malcolm, ON; Mickey Edholm, Mexico City-Maria Elena Rodriguez-Gabriela Castaneda, Guadalajara MX 3/4. David Buck-Juanita Buck, Temple-Rene Franco-Dion Dubois, Dallas-John Overstreet, Carrollton.

Fri Strat Open Prs A1. Bruce Brownfield-Rick Pleiss, WA A2. Laura Salinas, Mexico City-F Harari, Lomasdetecamach MX A3. John Kissinger-Susan Kissinger, CA A4. Christel Quist-Frances Hilliard, WA A5.B1. John Killeen-Patricia Killeen, IN B2. Adela Naftali, Mexico City-Hilda Kreimerman, Huixquilucan MX B3. Jeny Grinberg-Roberto Grinberg, Huixquilucan MX B4. Sue Gerard, Mexico MX-John Taylor, Lago Vista C1. Allan Barrett-Janice Berklin, ON C2. Britt Siem-Lotte Optekamp, Houston.

Fri Eve Strat Swiss Teams A1. Kathleen Bumgardner-Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton-Nancy Peterson, Euleess-Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington A2. Jean McCullough, AZ-Marjorie Blunt-Lina Shallit, WA-Monta Bell, Billings MT A3. Donald Cherry-Helen Cherry-Robert Addison-Ouida Addison, MT B1. Robert York-Reese House-Ted Guthrie, DC-Edward Duffy, VA.

Morn KO Teams Bkt I 1. Erik Paulsen-Ada Paulsen, CA-Richard Potter-Betty Potter, NC 2. Mark Litterman-Kathy Litterman-Michael Flanagan-Barbara Flanagan, AZ-Gerry Marshall, AB 3/4. Joseph Fox, Laredo-Nels Erickson, NV-Norinne Anderson Nelson-N Richard Nelson, Tlay MX-Marjorie Michelin, CA 3/4. Robert Hampton, SC-Jerry Helms-Jon Rice-Mike Rice, NC; Jonathan Greenspan, NY **Bkt II 1.** Kathleen Jones-Irby Jones, LA-Margaret Mc Glashan, IN-Arthur Simon, CA 2. Michael Molinari-Paul Boyd-Margie Kenyon-T Bruce Smith, CA 3/4. Judith Rosenthal-Paul Messner, CA-Patricia Chen-Parvin Grigg, BC 3/4. David Buck, Temple-Dion Dubois-Rene Franco, Dallas- John Overstreet, Carrollton.

Morn Side Series 1. Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende MX 2. G S Jade Barrett,

WA 3. Gaylord Brockway, AZ 4. J Anderson, Chapala MX 5/6. Jim McMullin, Chapala Jal MX 5/6. Kenneth Ross, Ajijic MX.

Sat Strat Open Prs A1. Kathleen Bumgardner-Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton A2. Jim Linhar-Richard Potter, NC A3. Laura Salinas, Mexico City-F Harari, Lomasdetecamach MX A4. Linda Lake, NY-Bruce Reeve, NC A5. Ed Lewis, VA-John Potter, FL B1. John Killeen-Patricia Killeen, IN B2.C1. Mickey Edholm, Jalisco MX-Helen Malcolm, ON B3. Nancy Baal-Alison Campbell, BC B4/5. Edwin Lewis III-Thomas Hyde, CT B3/4. Jeny Grinberg, Huixquilucan-Roberto Grinberg, Mexico MX C2. Deborah Ringel-Alfredo Ringel, Guadalajara MX C3. Jane Shimokura-Howard Shimokura, BC.

Sat Aft Strat Swiss Teams A1. Dora Lorah-Alynne Vergara-Amy Bronstein, FL-Henry Schroder, Houston A2.B1. Tony Dare-Irma Ashley, AZ-Ellen Hutt-Marianne Hodgson, ON A3.B2. Eugene Cavanaugh-Phyllis Tate-Shirley Holland-Evelyn Cloninger, Austin A4.B3. Mary Tilden - Syril Atherton - Richard Wilmington, CA-Patricia Moon, Laredo.

Aft Side Series 1/2. Mary Hovda, OR 1/2. Sue Maly, LA 3. Gordon Wright, BC 4/5. Kathy Angstadt, OR 4/5. Michael Hansen, OR.

Sat Eve Strat Swiss Teams A1. Joseph Fox, Laredo-Norinne Anderson Nelson-N Richard Nelson, Tlay MX-Nels Erickson, NV-Marjorie Michelin, CA A2. Judy McDonald, NV-G S Jade Barrett, WA-Tom Henry, Ajijic-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende-Miguel Reygadas City, Mexico MX A3.B1.C1. Frank Callom-Laraine Callom, NV-Pauline Reid, ON-Elizabeth Allsebrook, Laredo A4.B2. Thomas Gillett, PA-Donna McElroy-J Anderson, Chapala MX-Gaylord Brockway, AZ B3. Flora Pettit-Mary Kocurek-David McCarron, Austin-Chris Hull, San Marcos.

Eve Side Series 1/2. Pamela Leggett, AZ 1/2. Darlene Anderson, MN 3/4. Carrie Beavington, BC 3/4. Ted Drew, BC 5. Jim McMullin, Chapala Jal MX.

KO Teams 4 Bkt I 1. Robert Hampton, SC-Jerry Helms-Mike Rice-Jon Rice, NC-Jonathan Greenspan, NY 2. Jolie Hess-Pat Levy-Lew Levy-Jeanette Magid, Houston 3/4. Joseph Fox, Laredo-Norinne Anderson Nelson-N Richard Nelson, Tlay MX-Nels Erickson, NV-Marjorie Michelin, CA 3/4. Judy McDonald-Ronald McDonald, NV-G S Jade Barrett, WA-Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City-Mauro Viale, Sn Mgel Allende-Tom Henry, Ajijic MX **Bkt II 1.** Jack Paulus-Lynn Ziegler, MI-Donald Ross, Chapala-David Hoogenberg, Ajijic MX 2. Barbara Somerville, SC-D Anne Pientka, AZ-Marie Henjum-Harvey Henjum, MN 3/4. Robert Nock-Elizabeth Nock, MD-Edwin Formanek-Nicole Formanek, ON **Bkt III 1.** Michael Molinari-Paul Boyd-T Bruce Smith-Suzanne Graham, CA 2. Dion Dubois-Rene Franco, Dallas-John Overstreet, Carrollton-David Buck, Temple 3/4. Laraine Callom-Frank Callom, NV-Pauline Reid, ON-Elizabeth Allsebrook, Laredo 3/4. Janet Borg-David Borg, Garland-Irby Jones-Kathleen Jones, LA.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1.B1. Robert York, DC-Edward Duffy, VA-Tony Dare-Irma Ashley, AZ A2. Erik Paulsen-Ada Paulsen, CA-Ed Lewis, VA-John Potter, FL-Richard Potter-Betty Potter, NC A3. N Richard Nelson-Norinne Anderson Nelson, Tlay-Kenneth Ross-Suzan Ross, Ajijic MX A4. Kathleen Bumgardner - Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton-Nancy Peterson, Euleess-Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington A5. Jolie Hess-Jeanette Magid-Pat Levy-Lew Levy, Houston B2.C1. Janet Borg-David Borg, Garland-Harvey Henjum-Marie Henjum, MN B3. Sally Sabo-John Jacobson, NM-Patricia Moon, Laredo-Richard Wilmington, CA B4. Myra Johnston-Marlene Powell-Doreen Ransom-Colin Ransom, BC B5.C2. Sandra Davis, Midland-Rita Shackelford, Horseshoe Bay-Roy Butler-Juanita Buck, Temple C3. Howard Shimokura-Jane Shimokura, BC-Edward Tanaka-Kathleen Tanaka, ON.

Sun Strat Open Prs A1.B1.C1. Robert Nock-Elizabeth Nock, MD A2. Linda Lake, NY-Jim Linhart, NC A3. Jean McCullough, AZ-Linda Shallit, WA A4. Donald Cherry, MT-AI Goldspiel, CA B2.C2. Kay Most-Lillian Evans, WA.

Unit 233
Central Texas
Helen Levy



At the Unit Christmas Party and Election December 4, Kathleen Midkiff was elected President of the board of directors; Eiko King, Vice President; and Helen Levy, Secretary-Treasurer. Caroline Baumann, Jeannine Napier, and Evelyn Smith were elected to the Board for a three-year term. A big "thank you" to James LaFountain who served as Unit president the past year and to Nell Boone and Sylvia Ferris who completed their three-year term.

Plaques were presented to Mike Bukala, MP winner of the Maxine Tessmer memorial tournament award, and Beverly Greer, winner of the Gordon Dennis Ace of Clubs Rookie of the Year Award for 2004. The Unit president recognized this year's achievers Ethel Corlett, Gold LM; Judy Bales and Richard Strahm, Silver LM's; Glenda Marshall, Bronze LM; and David Buck, Juanita Buck, Dick Cunningham, Jim Greeney, and Evelyn Smith, LM's; as well as our newest Life Masters Margaret McLennan and Jean Townsend. Margaret has also achieved Bronze LM. Heartiest congratulations to all!

Winners of the Unit championship Sunday a.m. were: A1, Mike Bukala and Melody Euler; B1, Dick Cunningham and Mickey Heap; C1, Dorothy Dvorsky and Mary Lee Rutherford. Sunday p.m.: A1, Ethel Corlett and Tom Corlett; B1, Bill Parrish and Lenora Parrish; C1, Caroline Baumann and Jean Townsend.

Special thanks to Hospitality Chair Bobbye Hays, David Pennington, and Dick Cunningham, who arranged for a

delicious meal and snacks, and to David for the outstanding Christmas decorations in the playing area.

Winners of the Rolling Hills BC charity game Oct. 23 were: A1, Mike Bukala and Melody Euler; B1, Belva Barrington and Ila Bates; C1, Beverly Greer and Jean Townsend. Over \$3,000 was raised for the Children's Special Needs Network. Congratulations to Dale Allen and Melody Euler for sponsoring this event at the Wildflower Country Club.

Sul Ross BC players were treated to a fun Halloween party October 31, hosted by two California Raisins (Peggi Kenny and Lenora Parrish), complete with decorations and a delicious buffet. The Devil (Joe Ellis) greeted players at the door, and the Cat Woman (Dorothy Dvorsky) was around all afternoon with her cat whiskers made with an eyebrow pencil. Others in costumes added to the gaiety.

Welcome to new player Sue Morgan of Belton.

We are saddened by the death of Anna Pearl Felton October 7. She will be missed especially at the Sul Ross BC. Also missed at the club is Nell Barton who has moved to Arlington.

Maxine Hemenway died October 25 after a long battle with cancer. She and Harper owned the College of Cosmetology where the Killeen DBC was located for many years while they were members of the Unit.

Get your teams ready for the Unit GNT qualifying game Sun., January 29, at the Temple CAC. The two-session game will begin at 10 a.m. It is also time to make plans to attend the Temple sectional tournament March 3-5, with Melody Euler, tournament chair, and Genie Kaplan, partnerships.

May your New Year be a healthy and happy one.



Heart Of Texas Temple Sectional March 3-5, 2006

**Cultural Activities Center
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Exit 303B from I-35S; Exit 303 from I-35N
Temple, Texas 254.773.9926**

Friday, March 3

Bkted KO Teams* 9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:30 & 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 4

Bkted KO Teams* 9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:30 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 5

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Open Pairs: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500
Swiss Team: A: 5000+, X: 0-5000 (play together)
B: 500-2000, C: 0-500 (play together)

*KO may be handicapped per director's discretion

Lots of free coffee & snacks all three days

Non smoking with smoking breaks

Meal between sessions Sunday

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Gary King
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Intermediate/Newcomer



This article will continue our discussion on defense from the column in the September/October issue. If you will remember last time I focused on your approach and mind set when defending a notrump contract. This issue will focus on defending a trump contract.

When defending a trump contract your needs are completely different. Importance shifts from long suits to short suits. The position of your honor cards is more critical, mostly due to an increase in the cost of being wrong.

Let us look at opening leads. The first choice is any suit bid by partner. Partner bid it and you should lead it unless you are absolutely certain that another choice will defeat the contract. The rule is ... if you don't lead partner's suit and because of that fail to defeat the contract, then it is 100% your fault. The next choice for an opening lead is any unbid suit headed by AK or KQ. Worst leads include a suit headed by the A (without the K). Pick another suit. Leading from this suit (either the A or small) on the opening lead is very likely to be wrong for your side.

Think of things this way. You should strive to capture an honor from declarer with your ace. If you lead it declarer is highly unlikely to throw an honor underneath it. Wait and let partner or declarer play the suit so that you have a better chance of "charging" declarer an honor for the privilege of winning your ace.

I often have students tell me they have heard that you should *never* lead away from a king against a trump contract. I have a problem with any statement that includes the words "never" or "always." The truth of the matter is that it can be dangerous to lead from a king against a trump contract. Why? It is because if you are wrong, the cost can be high.

Let us say you pick a suit like Kxxx and lead small. If partner has the A or AQ you are fine. If declarer holds the AQ you have given declarer something he could not do on his own (win the Q). If the dummy holds the Q and declarer the A then a similar situation exists because declarer can win the Q without ever giving you an opportunity to win the K (such as if he tried a finesse on his own). If you do give declarer an easy trick your

chances or winning a trick later with the king are reduced. Change your holding to Kxxx and the danger still exists but there is a higher survival rate (if you are wrong you an increased chance of winning a trick later with the king later). Reduce your holding to Kxx and your chances of surviving if things are wrong are improved yet again. The bottom line is that leading from a king can be dangerous. With all other things equal I would rather lead from Kxxx then from Kxxxx and rather lead from Kxx than Kxxx. It is simply a matter of hoping for the best but planning for the worst.

Now let us consider the general defensive plan. In a trump contract each side suit will go around twice on average before someone runs out. As a defender it is twice as likely that declarer and dummy will run out as it is partner (there are two hands for declarer and only one for partner). Because of this the requirements for a sequence are reduced. Defending a no trump contract we required three cards in a row beginning with an honor to qualify as a sequence (KQJ, QJ10, J109, 1098). Since most side suits run out after two rounds, against a trump

contract two cards are enough. You should lead high from any suit headed by KQ, QJ, J10, or 109.

Additionally you should think of a defensive plan in three approximate stages; beginning play, mid play, and end play. During the first few tricks (beginning play roughly tricks 1 through 3) your first task is usually to cash any winners you and partner hold in the side suits. Secondly you work to establish tricks that can be cashed when next you gain the lead. During the mid play (roughly tricks 4 through 7) you should re-evaluate your plan and cash any established winners. During the end play (roughly tricks 8 through 13) most of your tricks will come from trump situations. During this stage it is rarely correct to lead trump but instead try to set up and take advantage of positions that allow you and/or partner to score trump tricks independently. There are obviously exceptions to the above scenario, but it is the flow more often than not.

Another comment I hear frequently is, "Never give declarer a ruff-sluff." There is that never word is again. Just what is a ruff-sluff? A defender leads a

side suit in which declarer is void in both the dummy and closed hand. The play allows declarer to discard a loser from one hand while trumping in the other. Good for declarer, bad for you. It is not something that declarer can execute by himself. He needs your help to do it.

So it is a bad thing and is to be avoided at all times, right? Not so fast. In the end game declarer frequently has no side suit losers (remember you were busy cashing them earlier). If that is the case then a ruff-sluff only affords him an opportunity to discard a *winner* while trumping in the other hand. If declarer wants to trump his winners why should you stop him? There is no advantage to declarer and a possible advantage to you because you may be able to promote or develop a trump trick from this approach.

In closing, try to develop a process where your thinking directs you to set up and cash winners early and then try to take advantage of any trump positions later. If an early trump position is available, by all means take it. But try to learn to think through a complete plan first.

Let me hear from you.

Austin NLM Sectional

November 11-12, 2005

Patsy Martin and Barbara Hollahan, Austin, were the top masterpoint winners with 4.33 masterpoints.

Sat Aft Strat Prs A1. Glorienne Perrizo-Madeline Randolph A2. Greg Schepens-Robert Purvis B1.C1. Barbara Hollahan-Patsy Martin B2.C2. Otis Halliday-Marilyn Holmes.

Sat Eve Strat Prs A1.B1.C1. Martha Norman-Deane Rowe A2.B2.C2. Patsy Martin-Barbara Hollahan.

Sun Aft Strat Prs A1. David Warner-Larry Smith A2.B1.C1. Patsy Martin-Barbara Hollahan B2. James Glathar-Mary Glathar C2. Marilyn Holmes-Otis Halliday.

Unit 207
Austin
Clint
Schuhmacher



The fall season usually produces a peak of tournament activity, and certainly that was true in 2005. Perhaps most significant were the accomplishments of local players at the Denver NABC. The team led by Lynn Baker won the Women's Board-A-Match competition, while Mildred Breed and Claudette Hartman finished second in the Women's Life Master Pairs.

Closer to home, the San Antonio unit hosted sectionals in each of the last three months of the year. In October Paul Kelley finished second in the overall masterpoint totals, and Jeff Ford also had good results. In the

November tournament, several Austin players did well, including Jerry Bigler, Paul and Rosemary Kelley, Diane Decker, and Ford. The best efforts by Unit 207 players in the December event were registered by Paul Kelley and Buddy Bass.

At yet another Texas sectional, Jerry Bigler was the second highest masterpoint winner in Rockport. Scott Humphrey and Ed Davis also scored well. The winning team in the BC Swiss event included Austinites Evelyn Cloninger, Shirley Holland, and Gene Cavanaugh.

In October Abilene and Donna hosted a split regional. At the Abilene site Diane Decker and Durward Mahon posted good results. Our unit's best showing, however, was at the Donna venue, where Paul and Rosemary Kelley simply demolished the competition, finishing in a tie for top masterpoint honors. Richard and Diana Frankeny also had excellent results in Donna.

In addition to the big sectional and regional tournaments, there was some intense competition on the local scene. Late in October Mildred Breed and partner narrowly squeezed by Marilou Powell and Mary Anne Laier in the unit NAP finals. David Warner and Larry Smith won the BC strata. Two days later Breed again prevailed at the unit Halloween party. This time Robert Pruiett and Alan Laverty were the BC winners.

At the November NLM the Saturday winners were Glorienne Perrizo and

Madeline Randolph in the afternoon session and Martha Norman and Deane Rowe in the evening. The Sunday event was won by Larry Smith and David Warner. Barbara Hollahan and Patsy Martin were strong throughout the tournament, winning BC in both afternoon sessions and finishing second overall Saturday evening. Hollahan-Martin finished far ahead in the overall masterpoint standings.

Finally we congratulate Linda Bush on winning the unit individual championship, edging former winner Mary Anne Laier.

Congratulations are due also to new Life Masters Mark McAllister and Linda Anthony. Kyong Shuey and Jeff Ford are now Bronze Life Masters.

There are several unit events on the near horizon, including a January 28 open pairs event and the February 4 annual unit meeting. An IMP-scored pairs competition will be held February 18, and the unit GNT finals are scheduled for March 11. Finally we note that the next NLM tournament is on the calendar for March 25-26. All of these events will take place at the Bridge Center of Austin.

On a personal note, I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to all the players in our unit. My hope is that 2006 will reward us with masterpoint riches, and—more important—with the challenge, the fascination, the satisfaction, and the fellowship that our game can offer.

Bridge & Games Studio Sectional

December 2-4, 2005

Fri Aft Strat Prs A1.B1. Stephen Bickel-Gary See A2.B2.C1. Jay Karkowsky-Jack Rawitscher C2. Bobby Reese-Georgia Reese.

Fri Eve Strat Prs A1.B1. Bob Chang-Shi-Lin Yeh A2.B2.C1. Alberto Feilhaber-Caio Feilhaber C2. Ann Mcdougal-Judy Fecel..

Sat Morn Strat Prs A1. Rebecca Hyzer-Terry Harrison A2.B1. Stephen Bickel-Gary See B2. Ann Mcdougal-Judy Fecel.

Sat Aft Strat Prs A1.B1. Arthur Smith-June Smith A2.B2.C1. Karia Riddick-Steve Verner C2. George Whiteley-Carol Lombardino.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. Bonnie Burkhart-Richard Burkhart-Bobby Reese-Georgia Reese A2. Frank Ingraham-Jeanne Ingraham-Evelyn Berger-Sue Olstad B1.C1. Arthur Smith-June Smith-Debbie Bellan-Ellen Greenfield B2. James O. Morgan-James Mays-Joseph Ford-Mauvelyene Henry.

Please see p. 2 for
Denver Fall NABC
299er Winners

Austin Non-Life Master Sectional

March 25-26, 2006

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A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

Sunday, March 26

Stratified Pairs 1:30 pm

A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

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Unit 353
Wichita Falls
Shirley Bond



Congratulations to the newest Life Masters of Unit 353 - Susan Couch of Vernon, Carrol Green of Chilliucote, Helen Cash and Jo Ann Stokes of Wichita Falls.

Election of three new board members was held in November. They are Ronni Davis, Bernie Lange and Gail Simpson.

Our appreciation to retiring board members: Dr. Stefan Davis, Jo Ann Stokes and Gary Swenson. Thanks to all of you for serving in this capacity for the past three years.

Members and friends of Unit 353 enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Wichita Club on Friday evening, December 9. A delicious meal and evening of bridge was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Judy Lucus and Wanda Gaynor for all their efforts in

making arrangements for our Christmas Party. Thanks to Susan Brower for serving as Director. We were glad to see our out of town members and guests from Chillicothe, Crowell, Graham, Quanah, Throckmorton, Vernon and Lawton, Oklahoma.

The members of Unit 353 appreciate the directors of The Bridge Club, Bridge-A-Gap, and the Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club for providing the wonderful Christmas Parties at their clubs. Thank you for all you do during the year for us.

Tom Johnson is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery. Lib and Leon Hoeffner are residents at Texhoma Christian Care Center. Beth Mahler is home after undergoing surgery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Congratulations to: Ray Renk and Leon Vaccarella on their recent 75%

game at The Bridge Club; Ingebrigt Jenson and Berit Rubach on their recent 74.41% game at Bridge-A -Gap; and Bob Cunningham and Tomi Evans on their recent two games of 70.83% at Bridge-A-Gap.

Winners in the Unit Final North American Pair Games held at Bridge-A-Gap were: Jolene Brantley and Kathleen Brown-First Place; Pat Grozier and Nell Lister-Second Place; Marti Tinnerstet and Gladys Barley-Third Place. In addition to the first, second and third place winners, the following winners will also be eligible to play in the District North American Pair Games in San Antonio in January: Tex Hardin and Gene Walden; Elaine Ireland and Tiffany Holverson, Tom and Gail Simpson, and Susan Brower and Dee McKinley. Good luck to all of you in the District Games.

We wish all of you a healthy and happy year in 2006.



Unit 176
Dallas

Marvin Migdol

SPRING NABC: Be among the 4,500+ players in the North American Bridge Championships. There's something for everyone at the Dallas NABC, March 30-April 9th. We'll have some of the world's top players and events at varying skill levels. For some players it will be a way to pass time, but for most of us, it will be an obsession. Have you called the ACBL Housing Bureau for a reservation? (800) 773-5069. The Hyatt Regency Dallas (at Reunion) is the main place. Rooms are also reasonably priced nearby.

Please do ACBL, your Unit and bridgedom a favor. Ask two non-ACBL members who play bridge to attend a few of our events. As you know, we'll get them a partner and we'll hook 'em! Let's keep ACBL membership going up.

Don't hesitate to invite youngsters. Dallas' great Bob Hamman was introduced to bridge in June 1957, when he was a freshman at UCLA.

ELECTION: You can vote for Dallas Unit Board members at the Winter Sectional, January 26-29 at the Richardson Civic Center. Voting is 1 hour before each session. The 6 candidates, bios and pictures on page 3 of the Nov/Dec Scorecard, are Bob Butterfield, Mary Jane McGinnis, Therese Milford, Kevin Pfeiffer, Kevin Podiadik, and Charlie Price.

PLANO CLUB DOING WELL: The "Friendly Bridge Club" has games Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 am, at Liberty Recreation Center in Plano. That's located at 2601 Glencliff Dr. The street runs E/W between Custer Rd and Independence Pkwy. Follow the green signs. It's between Plano Pkwy and Park Blvd, 1/2 mile north of the Bush Turnpike.

Sandy Holzeweig, a longtime bridge supporter/director in the Dallas area, told me that they average 7-10 tables a game; about 120 tables a month in the ACBL-sanctioned games. Doug Tucker and Sandy direct. Call Sandy (972)517-6617 or Doug (214)914-6655 if you need a partner. You can also see www.friendlybridgeclub.com (map included). Entries are \$4.50. The club has no ownership and is non-profit. Heck, are bridge clubs supposed to make money?

SWISS: You don't have to yodel to play in Valley View's Sunday early evening Swiss games. There were 11 teams when I participated in November. Gerrie Owen, co-owner of VV, says that there is often more. A, B and C flights are included and Masterpoint awards are generous. Swiss is on the Sunday night following the Unit Game. Swiss coming up: January 15 and February 12. Games start at 6 pm and so you'll get home early.

THANK YOU, BOARD: The Unit appreciates the Board's leadership and generosity in supplying the usual great entrees for the December Holiday Party.

HURRAY: Many of us have been sometimes confused regarding the dates of Unit Games. No more! At least not in 2006. We have secured the Richardson Civic Center for every second Thursday of every month! Get out your memo calendar, computer or other appointment apparatus. Come now, you can easily figure it out!

CITY OF CHAMPIONS? Absolutely! But the December Bulletin lists the top 32 Barry Crane leaders. Possibly for the first time in over 30 years there is no one from the Dallas area. Sob. (That's intended as crying-not that nasty expression.) Why? Mike Passell and Bobby Wolff list Vegas as home, Hamman and others don't play as much, and many have advanced to the Great Game in Heaven. (A few went the other way.). Who's going to pull up the slack? Read on.

Y'ALL WATCH LALL: It wasn't enough that Justin Lall was on the US team that won the World Youth Team Championship, earning him a place on the cover of the November Bridge Bulletin. At the November Richardson Sectional, young Justin was the top Masterpoint winner, earning 32.21 points. By the way, his amazing dad, Hemant, also won 32.21.

The December Bulletin listed Justin as 1st among Youth in the Masterpoint Race with 570 points. Number two had 343. Marion Gebhardt had a letter to Eric Kokish published in the same issue.

WANT TO TEACH? ACBL's TAP Seminar accredits teachers. If you're interested in taking it in Dallas March 30-31 call Dana Norton at (901)332-5586, Ext 1264 or dana.norton@acbl.org

CHARITY GAME: The November 21 ACBL Charity Open Pairs at Valley View saw Norman Beck and Dr. John Fisher take first place; 2nd in A was Gerrie Owen and Jessica Brown; 3rd Bob Scallan and Suresh Agrawal. In B, Scallan and Agrawal; 2nd Gary Booth and Leonard Schaan; 3rd Steve Shuman and Marvin Migdol. In 499er Pairs, Barabara O'Dell and Ivanette Dennis took 1st; 2nd Betty Mayes and Marilyn Hansen; 3rd Lue Waddle and Adele Hudgins.

MEXICAN SECTIONAL: at Real Chapala Hotel in La Floresta, February 16-19. Go to www.chapalabridge.com/club_news.htm or call (in the US) Norinne Nelson (815) 671-4093. There are some bargain air fares to Mexico.

YOUR TURN: Story to tell? Send it to fmmigdol@comcast.net

Results: Dallas Sectional

Justin Lall and Hemant Lall, Dallas were the top masterpoint winner with 32.21 masterpoints.

Thurs-Fri KO Teams 1 Bkt I 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Bill Staats-Mark Bumgardner 2. Jack Borenstein-M. Aslam Ansari-James Lilly-Kevin Podsiadlik-Ned Nolte **Bkt II** 1. Mike Marlin-Sandra Marlin-Kurt Brescoll-Janet Adams 2. Claybourne Waldrop Jr-Virginia Sherman-Mimi Zavitkovsky-Elaine Wood **Bkt III** 1. Mark Dumde-K Haley-George Davis-Barbara Hadaway 2. Joan Slaughter-Joanna Kaspar-Patricia Rose-Carol Nicoud **Bkt IV** 1. Karen Franklin-Betty Ellis-Carol Rieger-Pat Lewis 2. Carolyn Bradford-Kevin Pfeiffer-Linda Thomas-Freddie O'Bannon.

Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Suresh Agrawal-Bob Scallan A2. Joe Cointment III-John Spessard B2. Connie Martin-Barry Martin C1. Sherilyn Godfrey-Remi Houle..

Thurs Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1. Carole Mulligan-Mike Mulligan A2.B2. Reg Watt-T Lang C2. Shyanne Merritt-Sandra Fedro.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. S Kohan-Marcus Poe Jr A2. Fran Beard-John Fisher B1. Wilmont Howard Jr,-Marjorie Kidd B2. Katherine Bauer-Stan Amstutz C1. Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins C2. Shirley Prewitt-Lorraine Little.

Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1. Charles Morse-Nancy Morse A2. Helen Nelson-Mary Ellen Stanton B1. Joyce Graf-John Jackson B2. Kenneth Bickelhaupt-Rosalie Herring C1. David Reynolds-Bert Dempsey C2. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley.

Fri Eve Strat BAM Teams A1/2. Linda Spangler-Charles Price-Stephen Sinclair-Michael Dalton A1/2. Justin Lall-Hemant Lall-Derrell Childs-Nagy Kamel B1. Judy Worden-Carolyn Thomas-Darlene Ray-Linda McRay B2.C1. Kenneth Bickelhaupt-John Jackson-Emily Ray-Ellen Heck.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Jules Schoenberg-Hazel Schoenberg A2. Jessica Brown-Lynne Wood B2. Mary Priest-Lynda Frazier C1. Peggy McCormick-Michael McCormick C2. Jim Harp-Gay Czikora.

Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Carole Mulligan-Mike Mulligan A2.

DallasFall Sectional, November 3-6, 2005



Thurs-Fri KO Teams Bkt IV
Karen Franklin & (NP) Betty Ellis
Carol Rieger & Pat Lewis



Sun Aft Strat 299er Teams A
Sharon Schuller & Connie Booth
Barry Schuller & Roy Booth



Fri Eve BAM Teams A
Mike Dalton & Linda Spangler
Steve Sinclair & Charlie Price



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams A
Linda Hughes & Mary Jo Hillaker
Tom Hughes & Charlie Price



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams B
Steve Kastner & Murray Berger
Jack Borenstein & Kevin Podsiadlik
Ned Nolke & (NP) James Lilly



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams C
Joy Cogburn & Pat McCleese
Kay McManigell & Virginia Bowling



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs AB
Judy May & Helen Skiles

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Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs B
John Jackson & Joyce Graf

Charles Morse-Nancy Morse B2. David Sterner-Donna Jordan C1. Jim Bufkins-Richard Garcia C2. Mike Davis-Lyn Davis.

Sat KO Teams 2 Bkt I 1. Justin Lall-Hemant Lall-Michael Dalton-Hua Yang 2. Mark Bumgardner-Hugh Hillaker-Bill Staats-Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Kimmel Jones **Bkt II** 1. Jack Borenstein-Bob Scallan-Ned Nolte-Suresh Agrawal 2. Peter Hudson-Sandra Campbell-Pamela Wiegmann-J Wiegmann **Bkt III** 1. Joy Cogburn-W McManigell-Virginia Bowling-Frances Anderson 2. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter-Catherine Tucker-Mimi Zavitkovsky **Bkt IV** 1. Adele Hudgins-Nancy Harralson-Lue Waddle-Carolyn Schendle 2. George Roach-Judy Corey Edmiston-Donna McKay- Buddy Eldredge.

Sat Morn Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1. Jim Bufkins-Richard Garcia A2.B2.C2. Jim Bufkins-Richard Garcia.

Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Judy Worden-Linda McRay A2.B2. Marvin Migdol-Stephen Shuman C1. Steve Birnbaum-Tom Pearce C2. Patricia Marchman-Frances Clem.

Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Judy Mays-Helen Skiles A2.B2.C1. Orin Atkins-Delpha Garcia C2. Mary Ellen Stanton-Barbara Odum.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper A2. Ann Roberts-M. Aslam Ansari B1.C1. Peggy McCormick-Michael McCormick B2. Mickey Tryon-Elizabeth McPherson C2. Gay Anderson-Cecil Parsons.

Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. John Jackson-David Greims A2/3.B2/3.C1. Richard Garcia-Jim Bufkins A2/3.B2/3. Stephen Wuller-Eugene Wuller C2. Daniel Potkalesky-George Cates.

Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1. Charles Price-Linda Spangler-Thomas Hughes Jr,-Merri-Jo Hillaker A2. Hemant Lall-James McCommons-Eileen Smith-Justin Lall X1. Suresh Agrawal-M. Aslam Ansari-Bob Scallan-Kraig Mundle X2. Michael Walrath-Gail Wells-Howard Tureff-Dorsey Shaw **Strati BCD** B1. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Kevin Podsiadlik-James Lilly-Ned Nolte-Steven Kastner B2. John Mc Connell-Carol McConnell-Dinah Strong-

William Strong C1. Joy Cogburn-Virginia Bowling-Patricia McCleese-W McManigell C2.D1. Mark Shekter-M O Crawford-Paul Taylor-Robert Scrimale D2. Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins-Carolyn Schendle-Nancy Harralson.

Sun Aft Strat 299er Teams A1. Roy Booth-Connie Booth-Sharon Schuller-Barry Schuller A2.B1. John Jackson-Kenneth Bickelhaupt-Emily

Ray-Ellen Heck B2.C1. Shyanne Merritt-Tommie Anglemyer-Sandra Fedro-Bonnie Arnold C2. Karen & Bill Franklin-Pat Lewis-Carol Rieger.

Sun Eve Strat 299er Teams A1.B1.C1. Shyanne Merritt-Tommie Anglemyer-Sandra Fedro-Bonnie Arnold A2. Jim Brown-Lauren Brown-Penny Mixon-Susan Webb B2.C2. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-Travis Roten-Judy Matlock.

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**Unit 204
Fort Concho
Helen Barker**

Hope you all had a joyful holiday season.

Before we get to anything else, I want to extend the club's thanks to M. J. McCord for her years of service writing this column.

Jean Britt is in rehab and recovering nicely. We miss you, Jean. Our condolences are sent to Judy Matthews on the loss of her husband, Jim.

Since a couple of issues were missed, I would like to extend belated congratulations to our players for their outstanding showing in the North American Pairs. Overall winners were Ginny Noelke, Sharon Haney, Louetta Green, Dorothy Allison, Norma Walker, and Suzanne Dorris. Also, in the Abilene Regional in October, our unit made a fine showing. Gene Gammill of Mason was the big winner with a whopping 30.93 points! Joe Bailey & Sue Henry, Maxine Rutherford & Helen Barker won individual pair events. In the knockouts, the team consisting of Bill & Gena Brooks, David & Johnnie Gist excelled, as did the team of Deb Hargrove, Candy Mikeska, Maxine Rutherford & Helen Barker. As "C" flight players, they worked their way up to playing teams that had members with 12,400 points. It was quite a memorable experience for them. Congratulations are also in order for our new Bronze Life Masters. Gene Cole and Maxine Rutherford having both achieved this new status.

If you know of players who would like to experiment playing duplicate, please bring them to one of the sessions.

Promise we will be nice. I personally think we have one of the friendliest groups in the bridge world. At every bridge tournament I have attended, some one there has mentioned coming to our tournament and has bragged on our club's hospitality. I think that is something to be proud of.

Everyone remember to pass the word about our tournament coming up March 3-5. See the ad in the *Scorecard*.

**Unit 197
Lubbock
Sandi Krahrmer**

I am sad to report the death of Carolyn Wilson. Carolyn and her husband, Warner, were frequent players on the tournament seen in W. Texas and New Mexico. They owned and directed a Bridge Club in Clovis for many years. He died several years ago from complications from botulism that they both had gotten at a charity dinner. Carolyn battled the effects of the poisoning for many years. She was a resident of Lubbock for the last 4 years. She was able to play Bridge until the last 6 months of her life when she moved to Amarillo to be closer to family. She was a good friend and a nice partner, and I enjoyed my friendship with her. Our sympathy goes to Betty Anthony, her dearest friend.

Many thanks to John Castleman for taking the time and trouble to produce our 2006 directory. John has done this for several years for us and has it down to an exact science by now. He does a fine job, and we all appreciate his time and trouble.

December team winners were Lexie Reese, June Stanton, Betty Anthony,

and Sandi Krahrmer. 70% games were had by Clyde King and Clyde Kerns, Jean Westfall and Bill De Loach, and John Castleman and Mary Hildebrand. Mary will also chair our February Sectional.

Please plan to make some goodies to be served at the sectional. We have a reputation for some of the best food around, and we don't want to lose our edge! We need your help.

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at our Lubbock Sectional February 17, 18, and 19, 2006.

**Unit 225
East Texas
Ginger Rhamey**



The article for the last issue was lost in cyberspace so we will have some old news and some new news in this one. We hope that 2006 will have Unit 225 growing by leaps and bounds with a record number of new Life Masters.

Tournaments: Athens hosted its first 299'er Black-eyed Pea Sectional, there was a total of 82.5 tables which included two knockouts of eight teams each. As the saying goes "Host a bridge tournament and they will come" and come they did, from as far as Georgetown.

Gilbert and Jones of Gun Barrel City donated a \$250.00 Gift Certificate which was raffled off, with proceeds of \$200.00 going to ACBL's Katrina relief fund, Wanda Prokop of Kemp was the lucky winner.

Sue Harris of Athens, and Flo Eckerberger of Eustace did a fantastic job of soliciting door prizes, we had enough so that almost everyone received one.

Special games: Sandra Brown & Sandy Hilliard of Canton 1st N/S & Dale & Flo Eckerberger of Eustace 1st E/W winners in the September 14, 2005 Instant Gold Matchpoint game.

Unit 225 held their unit level NAP Qualification game in Athens on 15 October 2005 and the winners were: John Zoellick & John Peters 1st in A; Joyce Austin & Jane Burgland 2nd in A; Jim & Ginger Rhamey 3rd in A; Mona Buchanan & Helen Shaw 4th in A and

Jim & Gloria Streifel were 4th in B
Seventy Percent Games: Dorothy McCasland & Mike Graham 73.4% at Wood County DBC. Dottie Pirkle & Charlie Tea 70%, and Martha Sue Harris & Mary Jo Krohn 72.50% at Dottie Pirkle's DBC; Dorothy McCasland and Mike Graham 72%, Longview DBC; Nita Carmack & Joyce Austin 70%, Nita Carmack & Merinell Fletcher 71%, Florence Brownlow & Pat Evans 70.83% and Joe Ellis & Merinell Fletcher 72.5% at Cedar Creek DBC, Dorothy McCasland & Mike Graham 72.8% game at Charity Club Championship Wood County DBC.

Eighty Percent Game: Pat Jeffrey and Ruth Reynolds 81.02% at Mineola DBC.

Moving on up the ladder and one step closer to becoming a Life Master is Gary Chasey, Vahid Bagherian, Pat Herring, Wanda Prokop, Karen Cowling, Cliff Dillard, Vona Nason & Carol Sossamon new Junior Masters; Joanne Abate, Valerie Chapman, Ennuis Dyess, Patsy Gordon, Bonnie Gorman, Jim Streifel, Barbara Williams. Dick & LaVera Kennedy, Lou Lovell & Carol McNatt new Club Masters; Khalifa Ahmed, Theda Cook, Mary Lawrence, Deanna Drab, Dee Gemmel, Kay Hutson, Sue Johnson, Kamel Lewicki, Connie Mettauer, Sue Ritschel, Charles & Fran Tea new Sectional Masters; Ursula Brooks and Mary Lebus new Regional Masters; Carol Walliser new NABC Masters.

Congratulations to Edna Duggan and Charlene Goodman on becoming Life Masters. It is so much fun to host a Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Swiss Game and to be able to give players gold at the club level. Charlene only needed .11 gold so her team went to Athens to play in Dottie Pirkle's DBC annual Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Swiss where they came in second and got the needed gold.

Congratulations to Evelyn Schmidt, Unit 225's newest Bronze Life Master and to Betty Kirkwood & Kathy Reddick on becoming Silver Life Masters. Mary Bartley is Unit 225's newest Gold Life Master. They received their awards at the Christmas Unit Game.

New members; welcome to Noelene

Hardy of Chandler, Diane Duncan, Dr. Way & Rosemary McCash of Longview, Jean Roach of Kaufman, Sandy Moaner of Malakoff and Susan Petras of Trinidad..

Members in and out Welcome to new members transferred in from other units are Carl Brown from Unit 174 - Houston, Wesley Collier from Unit 446 - Seattle, Barbara Jordon, Ken McConnell & Betty Wilkinson from Unit 176 - Dallas.

Members of Unit 225 who have moved to other units are: Verlie Clayton has moved to Allen, Texas and Louise Ferebee has moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, Dick & Mary Hinkle have moved to Mission, Texas, Emmarie & Oren Irion moved to Denton, Texas, Margaret Anderson moved to Knoxville, Tennessee and Norma Marvel moved to San Antonio, Texas.

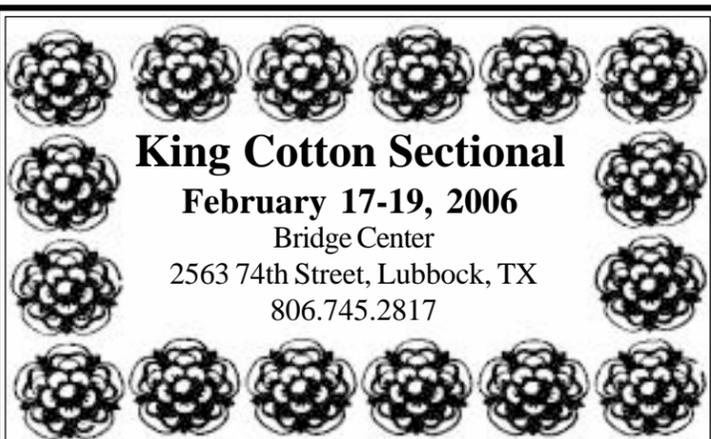
It saddens us to report the loss of long time bridge player Carrol Doolin of Montalba, Texas.

Bridge Lessons: Dottie Pirkle is gearing up for another 10-week beginner bridge lesson starting January 18, 2006. If you know of anyone that wants to learn this wonderful exercise for the brain, please have them contact her.

Unit Christmas Party was held at the Senior Citizens building in Tyler, a wonderful meal catered by Papisitos was provided for Unit members that attended. Awards were presented to the following members: Life Masters: Ola Fay Anderson, Sylvere J Luquette, Wilma D Luquette, Edna B Duggan and Charlene Goodman; Bronze Life Masters-Jimmy Hubbard, and Richard Bryant; Silver Life Masters- Steven D Chionsini, Dr. J. Bagwell, Dr. George E Bennett, Nita J Carmack, Marilyn K Chionsini, Joyce B Simmons, Edwin E Stewart, Helen T Stevens and Kathy Reddick; Gold Life Master-Mary F Bartley.

Upcoming Unit Games; January 14, 2006 and February 11, 2006. There is a possibility that the games will now be held at the Garden Valley Senior Citizens Building-1915 Garden Valley Road, Tyler Texas.

Check with your local club or the unit website for current location and be sure to let Brenda Baker know if you need a partner.



**King Cotton Sectional
February 17-19, 2006
Bridge Center
2563 74th Street, Lubbock, TX
806.745.2817**

Friday, February 17

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Unit 197 Annual Meeting Between Sessions

Saturday, February 18

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 19

Rolls & coffee served at 10:00 am
Stratified Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA

Stratifications

Open Events A: 1250+, B: 500-1250, C: 0-500 NLM

Meal served between Swiss sessions
Non-smoking with smoking breaks

Tournament Chairman

Mary Hildebrand
806.795.8681

Rules & Ethics

Carol Schoenhals
806.798.3663

Partnership Chairman

Inez Kindle 806.795.9028

Hotel Information

Ashmore Inn

4019 South Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79423
800.785.0061 \$65.00 per night

Residence Inn by Marriott

2551 South Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79411
806.745.1963 \$109.00 per night

Make Reservations ASAP through the Sales Department
The Residence Inn is about one mile closer to the Bridge Center.



**TEXAS INDEPENDENCE
SECTIONAL
March 3-5, 2006**

**San Angelo Inn (formerly Holiday Inn)
441 Rio Concho Drive
San Angelo, Texas
Friday, March 3**

Stratified Pairs 1:00 pm
Non-Master Pairs (0-300) 1:00 pm
Stratified Pairs 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 4

Stratified Pairs (Play through) 1:00 & 7:00 pm
(Single session permitted either time)

Sunday, March 5

Stratified Swiss 10:00 am & TBA
(Note early starting time!)

Strats: A: 1500+, B: 500 (LM)-1500, C: 0-500 (NLM)

**Buffet between sessions Sunday
Free coffee, iced tea & refreshments
Non-smoking with breaks**

Host Hotel

San Angelo Inn
441 Rio Concho Drive
325.658.2828
\$69 good through Feb. 16

Fort Concho Unit 204

Entry Fees
\$9/session Fri & Sat
\$10/session Sun

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Houston Lone Star Regional

February 6 -12, 2006



INTERMEDIATE - NOVICE SCHEDULE

Monday

0-5, 49ers, 299ers 7 pm

Trophy Pairs

Each day there are three single sessions, 9 am, 1:30 and 7 pm. You may play in as many as you wish. If you play in two or more, you are eligible to win a trophy. Your best two scores count toward the trophy.

Tuesday

0-5, 49ers, 299ers 9 am, 1:30, 7 pm

Wednesday

0-5, 49ers, 299ers 9 am, 1:30, 7 pm

Thursday

0-5, 49ers, 299ers 9 am, 1:30, 7 pm

Friday

0-5, 49ers, 299ers 9 am, 1:30, 7 pm

Saturday

0-5, 49ers, 299ers 9 am, 1:30, 7 pm

Sunday

Stratified 299er Swiss (2-session event) 10:30 am & TBA

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE STRATS

299ers: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

49ers: A: 20-50, B: 5-20, C: 0-5

299er Swiss: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

Session and overall awards will be red points.

At the end of the tournament, the player amassing the most points will be awarded a special trophy.

Speakers each day at 12:30 & 6 pm. Topics to be announced.

0-5 Pairs at 9, 1:30 & 7 each day, if attendance warrants.

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Marriott Houston Westchase

(formerly Adam's Mark)

2900 Briar Park Drive, Houston, TX 77042

Reservations: 713.978.7400 or 1.800.228.9290

Room Rates: \$105 single/double;

\$115/triple; \$125/quad

Cut-off date for room rates: January 20, 2006

Child Care Available

Contact Donna Compton for more information:

cdmra@mindspring.com

or call 214.373.7055. Reservations required.

This schedule is subject to change without notice at the discretion of the chief tournament director and the tournament chairman.

MAIN EVENT SCHEDULE

Open Pair Championships

Mon Stratified Pairs 7 pm

Tues Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7 pm

Wed Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7 pm

Thurs Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7 pm

Fri Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7 pm

Sat Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7 pm

Sun Stratified Pairs 10:30 am & TBA

Senior Pairs (must be 55 or older)

Tues Stratified Senior Pairs 10:00 & 3:00 pm

Wed Stratified Senior Pairs 10:00 & 3:00 pm

Thurs Stratified Senior Pairs 10:00 & 3:00 pm

Fri Stratified Senior Pairs 10:00 & 3:00 pm

Sat Stratified Senior Pairs 10:00 & 3:00 pm

Side Game Series

Each series runs five days: Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat.

Your best 2 of 5 count toward the overalls.

Morning Side Game Series 9 am

Afternoon Side Game Series 1:30 pm

Evening Side Game Series 7 pm

Team Events

KO 1 (Handicapped) Mon 7 pm & Tue 9 am, 1:30 & 7 pm

KO 2 (Handicapped) Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat 9 am

KO 3 Tue 1:30 & 7 pm & Wed 1:30 & 7 pm

KO 4 Wed 1:30 & 7 pm & Thur 1:30 & 7 pm

KO 5 Thur 1:30 & 7 pm & Fri 1:30 & 7 pm

KO 6 Fri 1:30 & 7 pm & Sat 1:30 & 7 pm

Compact KO #1 Tue 7 pm & Wed 7 pm

Compact KO #2 Sat 1:30 & 7 pm

Strati-Flighted Swiss Sun 10:30 am & TBA

Single Session Swiss

Every evening at 7 pm, Tuesday through Saturday

Late Night Zip KO Teams

Every night at 10:30, Tuesday through Saturday

Stratification & Flighting

Stratified Events: A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Seniors Events: A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Strati-Flighted Event: A: 3000+; AX: 0-3000 (A & AX play together);

B: 1000-2000; C: 500-1000; D: 0-500 (BCD play together)



Entry: \$11/person/session Monday - Friday

\$12 Saturday (includes surcharge for Texas NABCs)

\$12 Sunday (meal provided)

Section Top Awards for Pairs and for first place teams in KO and Swiss.



Texas Star Awards Presentation

Saturday, February 11, 2006

(Prior to the beginning of the evening session)