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**GNT Super-Flight**  
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Petra Hamman & Peggy Sutherlin



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Tom Edwards & Marcus Poe, Jr.



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Eddie Bass & Mike Doyle  
Tony Haddad & Knut Pettersen



**GNT Flight C**  
Jeff Dater & Tom Pearce  
Kevin Pheiffer & Joe Gill

By Ira Hessel

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what is a heaven for?"  
R. Browning

45 teams gathered in Dallas over the Memorial Day weekend to decide which 4 teams, one in each Flight, will represent District 16 at the National Finals this July in Chicago. Three of the four Flights were won by Dallas area teams, one less than last year. Was that Mark Cuban checking out the talent?

The Superflight was won by two of the most eminent married pairs in the ACBL, Bob and Petra Hamman and John and Peggy Sutherlin. They defeated a team that contained 3 of Bob's teammates from last year, Hemant and Justin Lall and Ira Chorush. Bart Bramley and Sidney Lazard were also on the second place team. Flights A and B were mostly turnabouts from last year. The team of Marcus Poe, Stan Kohan, Tom Edwards and Charlie Price defeated Mark Bumgardner, Bill Staats, Mike Bukala and Merri-Jo Hillaker.

Marcus and Stan lost in the finals last year to Mark, Bill, Mike and Charlie. Good switch Charlie.

Buddy Bass of Austin and Mike Doyle, Tony Haddad, all of Houston stopped a Dallas sweep by beating last year's winners, Shaun Chooi, Joe Clark, Bob Scallan, and Suresh Agrawal. Mike and Tony also won the 2006 District 16 Flight B National Open Pairs. [Editor's note: At press time, there is a question of whether the Bass team is eligible for the event. Therefore, the Chooi team may represent District 16 in Chicago.]

The Flight C winners were Jeff Dater, Kevin Pheiffer, Tom Pearce and Joseph Gill who beat David Warner, Stan Kurtzer, Terry Richardson and Larry Smith.

While many Districts only have 2 or 3 (or less!) teams enter the Superflight, District 16 had six teams, one fewer than last year. The lower Flights are also doing well. We had 53 teams last year with 69 being the all time high. One player in the Superflight thought

that we had a low turnout but I had to point out that in District 10 only 2 teams showed up. One of teams had many more MP's than the other and were considered a big favorite. They had to talk the lower ranked team into not withdrawing and, as you can guess "the rest of the storey" the lower ranked team beat the favored team. Although our Superflight was loaded with multiple National Champions, it seemed oddly strange to have a Grand National in Texas without Malcolm Brachman, who passed away in 2004, and Mike Passell, Eddie Wold and Bobby Wolff, all of who now live in Nevada as Texas was not hot enough.. We are always fortunate in Texas to have such an event where we can compete against World Class players who make this event truly worthy of playing in regardless of how you finish.

In all of the top 3 Flights the finalists were also the leaders after the 2-session round robin to determine the teams for the KO rounds. The competition in the

top Flight was very keen. Lall won the bracket with 70 VP's out of a possible 100. The next 4 teams had 52, 51 49 and 49 with the fifth place team losing on a tie breaker despite being only 1 VP below average.

Just before the final Justin pointed out that if he lost it would be 3 seconds in a row and wondered if it had been done before. Sadly, the answer was yes but now Justin, Ira Chorush and Hemant join that fated player.

### Results

**Super Flight 1.** Bob Hamman-Petra Hamman-John Sutherlin-Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas 2. Hemant Lall-Justin Lall-Sidney Lazard-Bart Bramley, Dallas-Ira Chorush, Houston 3/4 Kimmel Jones, Euless; Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls-Alexander Kolesnik, Austin-Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie 3/4. Derrell Childs, Garland-Jeff Olson, Dallas-Joe Quinn-Shawn Quinn, Richmond.

**Flight A 1.** Charles Price, Sherman-S Kohan, Dallas-Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie-Marcus Poe Jr, Plano 2. Mark

Bumgardner, Carrollton-Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie-Bill Staats, Southlake-Mike Bukala, Waco 3/4. Patricia Lozano-Ellen Hessel, San Antonio-Ed Rawlinson, Helotes-Bill Walker, Bulverde 3/4. John Spessard-Jack Smith, Dallas- Jack Rollier-Natalie Rollier, Allen.

**Flight B 1.** Eddie Bass, Austin-Mike Doyle-Anton (Tony) Haddad-Knut Pettersen, Houston 2. Shaun Chooi-Joe Clark-Bob Scallan, Dallas-Suresh Agrawal, Rowlett 3/4. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-M. Aslam Ansari-Kevin Podsiadlik, Dallas 3/4. Karen Snyder, Spicewood-Sheryleen Grothus-Robert Barber, San Antonio-Nancy Boothe.

**Flight C 1.** Jeff Dater-Kevin Pheiffer-Tom Pearce, Dallas-Joseph Gill, Richardson 2. David Warner-Stan Kurtzer-Terry Richardson-Larry Smith, Austin 3/4. George Keiller-John Heath, Houston-Alan Dennis-Janet Rauscher, Katy 3/4. Jim Harp-J Reagan Dixon-Paul Taylor-Robert Scrimale, Dallas.

## Tobi Sokolow Wins McConnell Cup In Verona

Tobi Sokolow



Tobi Sokolow of Austin won the McConnell Cup at the World Bridge Championships in Verona, Italy, in June. This is Tobi's fourth world championship: she has won the Venice Cup twice and the Generali World Women's Individual. Tobi's husband, David, also won a gold medal as non-playing captain of her team. The team was "transnational," comprising four Americans and two Russians. The Russians were members of the Cinderella squad that beat Tobi's team in the final of the 2004 Women's Olympiad. As the saying goes, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!"

Tobi had good vibes about Verona, the site of her Generali win in 2004. Winning the gold, however, was no easy task. Thirty-nine teams entered the event; they were divided into four groups of nine or ten teams, with four from each group to qualify for the KOs. Her first match was not auspicious; Tobi's team got blitzed. Ultimately, her team finished second in their group.

David Sokolow



For the KO phase, they were seeded #10. As a result, they drew #7, which included Shawn Quinn of Richmond and Mildred Breed of Austin. The match was close, but Tobi's team prevailed by 28 IMPS.

Tobi's draw in the quarterfinals was upstart Venezuela, who stunned everyone by eliminating the world champion Dutch team in the round of 16. Even the Venezuelans were shocked—two of the players had booked return flights for the day after the round robin ended, never expecting to qualify for the KO phase! They didn't miss much. The match was so lopsided the Venezuelans withdrew before the fourth quarter.

In the semis, the team faced China, a long-time power in women's bridge. Tobi had beaten China twice in the Venice Cup finals, and again in the semifinals of the 2004 Olympiad. Would the fourth time be the charm for China? The match was a nail-biter. With one board to go, the Chinese led 88-81.

This was the final deal (rotated):  
None vul.

AJ1076	
KQ3	
75	
985	
<b>Sokolow</b>	<b>Molson</b>
42	8
10652	AJ974
1032	KJ94
A1043	QJ7
KQ953	
8	
AQ86	
K63	

N-S reached 4S after a 1H opening by East and a raise by West. Tobi led a heart. Her partner, Janice Seamon-Molson, took the ace and switched to the queen of clubs for a one-trick set. You'd expect the same defense at the other table, but the Chinese East returned a diamond, allowing declarer to pitch a club from her hand on the good heart. Out of nowhere, 10 IMPS and victory!

In the final, Tobi's team faced the team that blitzed them in their opening match. The final started out the same way: after the first set of 15 boards, Tobi's team was stuck 42 IMPS. Was I worried? No way! In the remaining three sets, Tobi's team gained 37, 33,

and 27 IMPs to win going away, 140-90. Here's the next-to-last hand of the event: All vul.

	<b>Sokolow</b>	
	72	
	K4	
	AK62	
	AKQ32	
K874	QJ9538	
873	J10965	
J7	1084	
J985	—	
<b>Molson</b>		
A10		
AQ2		
Q953		
10764		

Tobi opened the North hand with a 20-22 point 2NT (the good five-card club suit is worth an extra point), and Janice bid 4S, showing 4-4 in the minors with slam interest. Tobi bid 5C to show at least four clubs, and Janice bid 6C ending the auction. The 4-0 break meant that 6C was the limit of the hand (the five of clubs sets up as a winner—try it!). At the other table, the opponents bid to 7C, which went down one. Had clubs broken 3-1 or 2-2, the opponents would have gained 13 IMPs instead of losing 16, a 29 IMP swing! That would not have changed the result of the match, but it would have made the match a lot closer. Still, it does teach us a very important lesson: when it's your day to win, it is indeed your day!

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# TRANS-ATLANTIC BRIDGE CHALLENGE WILL MIRROR RYDER CUP

It will be held in Dublin, Ireland, in mid-September. It will pit a team of top North American professionals against a squad from Europe, with the format changing from day to day.

Oh, and one other thing: It isn't the Ryder Cup. It is the Trans-Atlantic Bridge Challenge, and it will make its debut in Dublin September 18-21. . . immediately before golf's Ryder Cup begins at Dublin's K Club. Any similarities between the two events are purely intentional.

Take the format for example. The golfers compete in foursome, fourball and head-to-head matches. The bridge players will compete in pairs and teams of four, as is the norm in Major World Class Tournaments, and as individuals, which is a rarity in modern times.

The event is the brainchild of England's Paul Hackett, long a prominent figure in European bridge circles. Hackett proposed the challenge to Bob Hamman of Dallas, who for two decades was the world's top ranked player.

"Our plan is to hold the Trans-Atlantic Challenge every two years in the days leading up to the Ryder Cup in the Ryder Cup city," Hamman said. "I hope people will watch both events and root for their teams."

When it comes to hardware, the bridge players will have the advantage. Samuel Ryder, an obscure British seed salesman, put up the cup that goes to the winning squad in the golf competition. The winning bridge team will walk away with the Buffett Trophy, endowed by Warren Buffett, founder of Berkshire Hathaway, a serious bridge player who is widely

regarded as the world's most astute investor.

"I spend 12 hours a week – a little over 10 percent of my waking hours – playing the game," Buffet said from his office in Omaha. "Now I'm trying to figure out how to get by on less sleep in order to work in a few more hands. It's an honor to be associated with the Trans-Atlantic Challenge, featuring 24 of the best players in the world."

In addition to Hamman, the North American team will include Paul Soloway of Bothell, WA; Steve Weinstein of Andes, NY; David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen of Boca Raton, FL; Fred Gitelman and Geoff Hampson of Las Vegas, NV; Jill Meyers of Los Angeles; and Zia Mahmood, Roy Welland and Bob and Jill Levin, all of New York City. Donna Compton of Dallas will serve as the squad's non-playing captain.

Hackett will captain the European team, which will include his twin sons, Justin and Jason; Ireland's Tom Hanlon and Hugh McGann; Norway's Geir Helgemo and Tor Hellness; Germany's Sabine Auken and Daniela Von Armin; Poland's Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski, and the Italian world champions Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio DuBoin.

Like the Ryder Cup matches, the Trans-Atlantic Challenge will be broadcast throughout the world. Bridge Base Online (<http://www.bridgebaseonline.com>) will carry the matches, with commentary provided by expert analysts.

For additional information, please visit [www.buffettcup.com](http://www.buffettcup.com) or Bruce Keidan ([bkeidan@aol.com](mailto:bkeidan@aol.com)).

# Letter from District President Dewitt Hudson



Dewitt Hudson

**Dallas Memorial Sectional May 25-29**—The Dallas Sectional was a great success. Gerrie Owens and the many volunteers supported both the bridge sectional and District 16 GNT finals. Parking and playing areas were great. Refreshments were available throughout the tournament.

Our *Scorecard* editor, Donna Compton, and Dorsey Shaw made outstanding presentations immediately before the start of the evening games. Great show ladies.

**Brazos Valley Sectional June 9-11**—Barbara and Joe Nance did a terrific job in making the Brazos Sectional a great success. Playing and parking areas were outstanding. Councilman Mike Southerland, Place #6, Bryan, Texas, welcomed the many bridge players and was amazed at the number of players from Houston. He was made an honorary member of the ACBL.

You do not need a large building or

facility in which to play or teach bridge. In some instances we have had managers to make arrangement with Denny's or Kroger's for use of their facilities for teaching or playing bridge.

**Fort Western Sectional June 9-11**—The Fort Western Sectional chaired by Tom and Peggy Hughes was a great success. The playing, parking areas and refreshments were all outstanding. The best interests of the players were kept at the forefront. This Sectional was like a "warm-up" for the Regional scheduled for August 29th through September 4th in Fort Worth. Make your plans to attend.

**ACBL/ABA Nation Wide bridge game**—While attending my family reunion in Warner Robbins, Georgia, I had the opportunity to play bridge in the ACBL/ABA Nation Wide bridge game. There were 18 tables and all participants enjoyed the refreshments and outstanding atmosphere. It was extremely interesting to me to observe modern technology. To preclude the many bridge players from gathering around the director as he recorded the scores for each board, the unit had installed a camera that reflected the scores and final results on the wall.

**May Bridge Fest**—Unit 183 (Fort Worth) hosted two world class bridge players, Mildred Breed and Shawn Quinn, who on an outstanding bridge seminar.

All the instruction was outstanding and I would highly recommend all units

to take advantage of the opportunity to listen and in some instances play with world class players. Upon completion of the seminar all players could hardly wait to try out many of the new conventions. My wife, Elizabeth, played with Shawn and had the thrill of her life. Thanks so much Mildred and Shawn. Also thanks to the overall coordinators Bryan Taylor, Carolyn Pinto, Margot Hirsch, Diana Washabaugh and Katye Cowerschke.

**Dinner and Bridge Benefit**—Several weeks ago a dinner and bridge benefit was held at the Magnolia room in the Norris Conference Room at the Northcross Mall in Austin, Texas. The purpose of the bridge benefit was to help finance the anticipated health expenses for 14-year-old Megan Hogan. The event was a great success and well attended. Approximately \$9,300 was raised by donations and registration fees.

All activities were well coordinated by Laura Delfeld. One of the highlights of the benefit was that world bridge player Bob Hamman donated a one session event to the winner of the bridge auction. Imagine playing with Bob Hamman.

**Growth Seminar:** Three units have submitted grants to the Educational Foundation. Let's hope that all are approved. Call Donna Compton for additional information-214.373.7055.

See you in Austin, Texas, and Chicago, Illinois.

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AUSTIN REGIONAL	June 29-4
Tyler	14-16
Houston NLM	28-30

### AUGUST

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Abilene NLM	4-5
Houston, p. 9	11-13
Lubbock, p. 7	11-13
Richardson, p. 11	17-20
Unit 174 STaC	21-27
FORT WORTH REGIONAL, p. 16	29-September 4

### SEPTEMBER

FORT WORTH REGIONAL, p. 16	August 29-4
New Braunfels, p. 6	7-10
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Athens NLM, p. 13	22-23
Odessa, p. 6	22-24
Wichita Falls, p. 11	29-October 1

### OCTOBER

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Arlington 299er	7-8
BEAUMONT REGIONAL, p. 15	10-15
Abilene	20-22
Rockport	20-22
Austin NLM	21-22
Dallas 299er	21-22
PUERTO VALLARTA REGIONAL, p. 14	23-29
Houston	27-29
Fort Worth	27-29

### NOVEMBER

San Antonio	9-12
Dallas	9-12
Houston 299er	17-19

### DECEMBER

South Padre Island	1-3
San Antonio	7-10
Dallas 49er	9-10

### Other Upcoming Events

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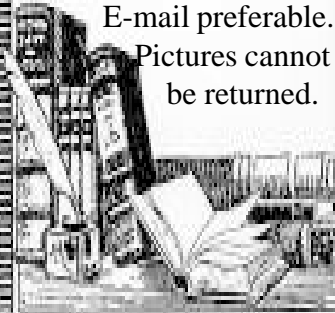
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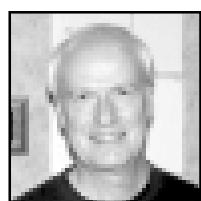
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### Milestones

#### Diamond (5000 MPs)

Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton; Greg Hinze, San Antonio.

#### Gold (2500 MPs)

William Baker, Bellaire; Thomas

Corlett, Waco; Martha Sigler, Beaumont.

### Silver (1000 MPs)

Brady Allen, Dallas; Jean Brown, Abilene; Gail Carter, Kingwood; Joe Choate, League City; Charlotte Coon, Deer Park; Barbara Cooper, Harlingen; Robert Donathan, Austin; Mattie Mae Hubbard, Burnet; Marian Jones, Beaumont; Kenneth McAllister, Pearland; Bert Onstott, III, Stafford;

Helen Probst, Wichita Falls; Michael Terry, Holliday; Nell Velvin, Athens; Joan Williams, Fort Worth.

### Bronze (1000 MPs)

Bruce Brown, Denton; Joe Cameron, Irving; Jimmy Cox, Midland; Gracie Craig, Sweetwater; Richard Cunningham, Temple; Richard Dombos, Carrollton; Joyce Garner, Pearland; Sherry Greisen, Houston; Carole Harrison, Fort Worth; Patricia

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Chris Compton



Articles Editor

### Wake Up Little Susie

Bob Grantham overslept at the February Houston Regional and arrived at the table 27 minutes late for the opening round of the handicapped morning knockout.

When the gendarmes had finished assessing the penalty— it was 15-imps for lateness and another 6 imps for each of the two boards which had to be removed from the match. This 21-imps was combined with an original 7-imp handicap to result in Bob's team starting the shortened 10 board match 28-imps in the hole.

Playing South on the first board with all vulnerable, Bob picked up J109xx xx KQxxx x and passed as dealer. The auction continued pass by Bob's LHO, 1C by Bob's partner, and 1S by RHO. Bob entered the fray with a frisky 2D and heard the auction continue pass by LHO, 7D by partner! RHO doubled at the speed of light, and Bob passed, as did LHO, but Bob's partner redoubled in an attempt to insure that Bob was completely awake in time to play the hand! Here was the entire hand and the bidding reprised:

And yes Paul Harvey, the rest of the story is – with Bob now wide awake, his team survived the morning round robin.

### Board 7

All Vul  
South Dlr

#### North

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AJ1075  
AKJ107432

#### West

K7  
J108532  
98  
965

#### East

AQ8632  
AKQ76  
4  
Q

#### South

J10954  
94  
KQ632  
8

North	East	South	West
		P	P
1C	1S	2D	P
7D	X	P	P
XX	All Pass		

Now completely awake, it was a simple matter for Bob to ruff the opening heart Ace, pull trump and claim 2660 – good for 15 imps against 1390 in 6C at the other table. Keen readers will note that redouble by North is mighty greedy as 7HX by EW is down 2 for a mere 500!

## Dallas Board Meeting, September 2, 2005

Meeting Called to Order.

There is a Quorum.

### District President Opening Remarks (Dewitt Hudson)

Review of Minutes. **MOTION:** Minutes approved. **SECONDED.** Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED.** None Opposed.

### District Representative (Dan Morse)

We should go home and encourage our bridge clubs to offer free bridge lessons for a \$10 donation to the Katrina Refugees Fund. Perhaps it would be possible to have a duplicate game even though it is an International Fund month. This would be a great opportunity to get bridge in the newspapers.

District 16 used to have over 9000 members but we have dropped below that number. If we can get back over 9000 members, our District will be eligible for an additional regional.

### Treasurer's Report (Tom Hughes)

I passed out a register which does not include \$2-3,000 in deposits that do not show up on the report. We are still sending regular money to the Scorecard each year. Perhaps we need to look at raising some more funds. We will know more once the ad increases are implemented.

### Secretary's Report (Donna Compton)

Please have your Unit forward a copy of your Officer Update Form that you send into the Club Department and update the unit websites.

### Committee Reports:

#### Appellate (Scott Humphrey)

All is well.

#### Awards (Eric Snow)

We will do the Jacoby Award presentation tonight at 7:30 before the evening game.

Reminder of the Texas Star Award needs to be in by the end of the year.

District 16 Good Will Committee (see HO). District will have the pins made and distributed by the end of the year to be distributed at the beginning of next year.

**MOTION:** Change the pin to say "ACBL Unit Goodwill Award" **SECONDED.** Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED.** None Opposed.

**James LaFountain:** I just want to say that Dewitt is the most active President I have ever seen. The way that he and his wife travel around to all of the tournaments and getting the Mayors involved. It is remarkable the goodwill that he is spreading throughout our District.

**Dewitt Hudson:** Is there a volunteer

of the year award presented by the ACBL President.

**Dan Morse:** Yes. Bruce Reeve started that award and it is an ongoing program.

### Charity (Carol Schoenhals)

The committee has decided to divide the money into 5 different donations of \$4,000 a piece. I personally have received 4 grant proposals. The deadline is October 1, 2005. We would like to have more proposals submitted prior to the deadline. The charity must be a 501-C3 and must get the newspapers involved in the donation.

**Dan Morse:** The award must be given in 2006 but I do not think that we need to submit the charities until October 2006. We need to check on the deadlines for submission.

**Carol Schoenhals:** Do you want the District Committee or the subcommittee to make the decisions.

**Tom Corlett:** I gave your committee permission to make the decision and I think that is how it should be made.

**Dewitt Hudson:** 197, 201, and 204 lost money in 2004. This year we had 5 units that could be awarded the refund. 201 and 209 have a charity refund coming to them if they initiate the paperwork before November 30, 2005.

### GNT (Sandy Campbell)

The GNT is complete for the year 2005. Players have asked if the member strata points could be adjusted to add a 5<sup>th</sup> flight. **ISSUE TABLED.** We would like to ask for a \$1 surcharge for big swiss team game at each of the regionals to supplement the GNT teams to the NABC Finals.

**Gerrie Owen:** I object to charging the masses an extra \$1 for the smallest level of participation in our District.

**Dan Morse:** I think we should send out a letter to every unit to see if they have any ideas to help support the GNT teams to the NABCs.

**Dewitt Hudson:** Arlington Bridge Club had a charity game to supplement the GNT teams including the Flight A teams. I don't want to be in the same situation next year so I want to come up with a solution to raising money for the NABC teams.

**Tom Corlett:** I don't think we can force people to pay extra for an event in which that they are not going to participate.

**Dewitt Hudson:** Please go back to your units and discuss this issue.

**Dan Morse:** Why don't we have Sandy write a letter to the Unit boards and find out what they may or may not do for the GNT.

**ISSUE TABLED**

### Membership & Education (Donna Compton)

Our membership numbers are on the rise. I have presented on one Unit Growth Seminar in our District. I have two more scheduled in October. I urge everyone to return to their unit boards and make plans to host a Unit Growth Seminar soon.

**Dan Morse:** Harriett Buckman is going to make 2006 the Year of the Teacher and she will be in Dallas for the NABC and would like to meet with all of our District teachers.

### I/N Coordinator (Su Doe)

All is well.

### Internet (Steve Bruce)

Please send in Tournament Flyers as soon as they are approved by the ACBL.

### NAP (John Zilic)

In the Scorecard we have the Unit Finals dates and times. Wichita Falls will have to switch their dates at the last minute. But otherwise the list is up to date.

We expect the usual attendance and in fact the NAP unit and district finals are increasing.

### Tournament (Charles Price)

All is well.

### Disciplinary (Sandy Campbell)

All is well.

### Scorecard (Donna Compton)

All is well.

### Board of Governors (Dewitt Hudson)

In my article in the Scorecard, I referenced to the insurance issue and I strongly encourage that all the units have insurance.

The Arlington Bridge Club was held up at gun point by 3 masked men who took purses, wallets, jewelry and keys. The ABC hired an off duty police officer who apprehended the men 3 days later when they returned for a second robbery attempt.

The Education Foundation has money to distribute for educational promotions in your unit. The grant request deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please contact me for more information.

### Peurto Vallarta Regional (Judy McDonald)

Tournament room count is doing great. The Speaker Program is set and was printed in the Scorecard ad. We are looking forward to a very successful tournament.

**NEW BUSINESS MOTION:** Beginning with 2006, the Immediate Past President becomes the Chairman of the Board. **SECONDED.** Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED.** None Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.

## Attention!!!

### New Life Masters

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a Life Master

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### Scorecard,

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## Attention!!!

### Scorecard Photographers

### Swiss Team Winners

Please arrange swiss teams with the  
2 shortest players standing in the back  
and the remaining two players  
sitting down in chairs in the front.

Carefully label the players left to right, back to front

### Pair Winners

Please place players standing side by side with shoulders  
touching. Carefully label the players left to right.



# District 16 STaC, May 15-21, 2006

**John Zilic, Houston, was the top masterpoint winner with 34.91 masterpoints.**

**Mon Aft Strat Open Prs** 1. Annette Sides-Bee Ward A2.B1. Elaine Davis-Norma Marvel B3. Richard Doble-James Hibbetts C1. Sue Prather-Gwen Staiger C2. Lila Palmer-Freddye Thompson.

**Granbury Side Game** A1.B1. Barbara Weideman - Bertha Cunningham A2.B2. Sharon Whatley-Lee Fuquay C1. Ann Truby-Charles Truby C2. Khalifa Ahmed-Charlie Williams.

**Temple 500 Duplicate Club** A1.B1.C1. Beth Yoss-Betty Aadnesen A2.B2.C2. Shirley Griffith-Genevieve Lockley.

**199er Prs** A1.B1.C1. Jerry Hastings-Nancy Estes A2.B2.C2. Sue Fite-Wanda Hughes.

**Mon Eve Strat Open Prs** A1.B1.C1. Stephen Simpson-Diana Rainey A2.B2.C2. Sarah Hardin - Don Morgan.

**Austin 99er** A1.B1. Greg Gien-Nicholas Sibicky A2/3.B2/3. Patsy Martin-Barbara Hollahan A2/3.B2/3. Val Tullbane-Jeanne Morris.

**Arlington 299er** A1.B1.C1. Gay Nell Ball-Melvin Ball A2.B2.C2. Patresia J Duncan-Joyce Taylor.

**Mon Night 0-500** A1.B1. Francis Chang-Dick Simon A2.B2. Ruth Bracken-Laura Nash C1. Pat Sears-Peggy McClung C2. Therese Milford-Rob Preece.

**Beaumont 199er** A1.B1.C1. B. J. Nobles-James Buckhannan A2.B2. Walt Wagner-Norma Crane C2. Jack Evans-Gretchen Glass.

**San Angelo 0-20** 1. Charles Crawford-Earl Mulley 2. Bonnie Sansing-Jean Ray.

**Tues Aft Strat Open Prs** A1.B1. Jimmie Lou Conner-Betty Wareing A2. Mildred Breed-Anita Cokins B2. Marian Wilson-Nadine Kennedy C1. Helen Fletcher-Marvin Fletcher. C2. Geraldine McKee-Eulalia Davis.

**Orange Side Game** 1. John Smalley-William Wadsack 2. Lee

Rogers-Cora Lee Book.

**Beaumont 0-750** A1. Bessie Hebert-Frances Floyed A2. Gertrude Cherry-Loretta Gary.

**Athens 0-400** A1.B1. Dee Gemmel-Sue Ritschel A2. Pat Cawley-Marlene Phillips B2.C1. Beverley A Marks-Victor J. Marks C2. Fritzi Rizer-Mary Tarrance.

**Tues Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. August Plate-John Zilic A2. Janice Henderson-Joan Pleason B1. Mozelle Tew-Karen Wilson B2. Mike Huiatt-Terry Bickerton C1. Dave King-Jack Clark C2. Mary Lebus-Janie Wolaver.

**Snyder Side Game** A1.B1. John Gibson-Tommy Vick A2.B2. Linda West-Monte West..

**Fort Worth 299er** A1. Emanuel McKinney-Robert Ellison A2. Hershel Goar-Sondra Kae Goar B1. Donna Dean-Joe Dean B2. Patricia Caldwell-Carol Scott C1. Pam Gladysz-Joy McKenzie-Smith C2. Dorothy Klecka-Sara Funkhouser.

**Wed Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Randy Ausmus-Grady Fuller A2.B1. Suzelle McCullough-Patty Moncus B2. Betsy Smith-Nell Velvin.C1. Lisbeth Carter-E. J. Russell C2. Shirley Doble-Nancy Beard.

**Bailey's 0-50** 1. Joy Price-Jane Phillips 2. Beth Gale-Bernadine Abend.

**Athens 0-20** A1.B1. Beverley A Marks-Victor J. Marks A2/3.B2/3. Karen Cowling-Mary Beth Snyder A2/3.B2/3. Shirley Lewis-Melba (Toni) Wade.

**Longview Side Game** A1.B1.C1. Wray McCash-Earl Prince A2.B2.C2. Cynthia Tubbs-Joy Steele.

**Dallas Country Club Prs** A1. Tarek Radjef-John Fisher A2. Sheila Collins-Vickie Davis B2. Norma Edsel-Catherine Cox.

**Beaumont 0-200** A1. Jim Landrum-Edwina Landrum A2. Frankie Hall-Patricia Schiwart B1. Noel Buff-Rudy Nelson.

**Wed Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Laura Salinas-Gonzalo Herrera A2. A E Probst-Helen Probst B1. Katherine Onstott-Bert Onstott III B2. Lorraine Little-Ruth Bracken. C1. Jennifer Rawls-Carolyn Gilmore C2. Lucy Olivares-Gerry Pesequeira.

**Valley View 0-500** A1. Tom Pearce-James Esker A2.B1.C1. Miriam Usry-Al Haskell B2.C2. Jorn Jamieson-Wes Archer.

**Secondary Championship** A1.B1. Ron Kautz-Terry Sucher A2. Dena Bruce-Steve Bruce B2. Mary Kocurek-Dianne Decker.

**Arlington 0-200** A1.B1. Joyce Seifert-Robert Seifert A2. Pat Sears-Ron Sears B2. Elizabeth Peterson-Verna Frank.

**Bridge Studio of Austin 0-5** 1. Jean Stone-Martha McLain 2. Laurene Jacob-Bart Jacob.

**Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. John Zilic-August Plate A2.B1. Jimmie Pappan-Trudy Downey B2. Kathy McCabe-Pam Phillips C1. Barbara Powell-Ellen Levy C2. Wanwan Ren-Qiang Zhang.

**Athens 0-500** A1.B1. Bonnie Magee-Sandy Molander A2.B2. Dee Gemmel-Sue Ritschel.

**Beaumont Swiss Teams** A1.B1. Paul Keedy-Rudy Nelson-Noel Buff-Ann Montgomery A2. June Aulbaugh-Juanell Jones-Nelta Devine-Emmy Ferguson.

**Beaumont Invitational** A1.B1. Sue Patterson-Dessie Crow A2.B2. Paul Keedy-Mary Ann Mathews.

**Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs** A1.B1. Fred Blosser-Gwen Wright A2. Bonta Thompson-Sue Willhoit B2.C1. Linda Garrett-Kay Karnau C2. Carolyn Cawthron-Sharon Owens.

**Stratified 0-500** A1. Steve Hibbard-Glen Terrell A2.B1. Gena Brooks-Bill Brooks B2.C1. Joy McKenzie-Smith-Pamela Gladysz C2. Gay Nell Ball-Melvin Ball.

**Side A1.** Elizabeth & Lewis Booker

A2.B1. V Bridges-G Sparks B2.C1. Portia Gaines-Connie Mettauer C2. Hilda Hahn-La Verne Harris.

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Kathleen S Brown-Linda Jolene Brantley A2. Nancy Joe-Alex Kolesnik B1.C1. Bill Burch-Louvee Burch B2. Margaret Birdwell-Barbara Yorgesen C2. Pam Bickerton-Jan Huiatt.

**Valley Bend Invitational** A1.B1. Judith Smith-Joyce Seibert A2.B2. Glenn Hendrickson-Jane Smith.

**Bridge and Games Studio of Houston** A1.B1.C1. Pat Ireland-Chris Whiteloni A2.B2.C2. Carroll Selander-Connie Burnett.

**Orange Side Game** A1.B1. Jackie McClintock-Ralph Barrientos A2. Phyllis Ryan-James Steffler B2/3. Violet Branch-Raymond Carlson B2/3. Boris Brannick-Donald Hastain.

**Friendly 0-500** A1. Dorothy Ivy-Barbara Groussman A2.B1. Carolyn Bradford-Linda Thomas B2.C1. Anthony Pellegrini-John McNeill C2. Callie Weller-Dominick D'Anna.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Bronia Nosnik-Stefan Reich A2. Mike Doyle-Jimmy Breihan B1. Roger Arockiam-Reddy Poondla B2. Jim Chaffee-Susan O'Neil C1. Cecilia Hock-Mieke Eshuis C2. Jim Potter-Shirley Potter.

**Valley View Swiss Teams** A1. Joe Clark-Shaun Chooi-Bob Scallan-M. Aslam Ansari A2.B1. Mark Craiker-Dolores Tucker-Jim Harp-J Reagan Dixon.

**Sat Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Aiyandar Bharathi-Emmy Ferguson A2. Patricia Lozano-Greg Hinze B1. Sandra Davis-Beverly Martin B2. Mozella Tew-Gwen Wright C1. Clyde King-Tawnya Cole C2. Kenneth Woodard-A Woodard.

**Arlington Swiss Teams** A1.B1. Reddy Poondla-Roger Arockiam-Frank Vlach-Karen Vlach A2.B2. Lorraine Little-Billie McMahan-Shirley Prewitt-Tom Nute C1. Craig Boyd-Jan Boyd-Patresia J Duncan-Joyce Taylor.

**Valley View 0-300** A1. Charlyne Winborn-Carolyn Bradford A2. Ann Mouzon-Rod Wicklander.

**Sat Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Hugh Hillaker-Merri-Jo Hillaker A2. Magy Rosenberg-Arturo Soni B1. Simon Bild-Liba Azikri B2. Frida Corenstein-Ida Alerhand C1. Fara Shemirani-Fina Montano C2. Paula Wissman-Jay Thorne.

**Bridge and Games Studio of Houston Side Game** A1. Jolie Hess-Pat McMullin A2. Jeanne Linzel-Svetlana Oden.

**Sun Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Jean Rochford-Jack Rochford A2.B1. Sammie Johnson-Sue Willhoit B2. Harold Wilson-Mary Hurt C1. Nels Nielsen-David Smith C2. Linda Garrett-Carolyn Mikesch.

**Alamo Palms Swiss Teams** A1. Catherine Seidler-Lillian Schmidt-Ruth Kaminski-Margaret Flohr A2.B1. Judy O'Leary-Robert Neeley-Dave Ochs-Joy Ochs.

**Sweetwater Swiss Teams** A1. Bette Byrd-Coleen Palmer-Betty Gibson-John L Gibson A2. Anne Spittler-Carol Williams-Warren Haney-Mary Bast B1. Frances Ridley-Gracie Craig-Artie Harris-Bill Harris.

**Sun Eve Strat Open Prs** A1.B1. Ana Gerson-Nina Fuentes A2.B1.C1. Jose Carral-Lorenza Carral C2. Sandra Fedro-Tommie Anglemyer.

**Fort Worth Invitational** A1. Peggy Hughes-Thomas Hughes Jr A2. Barbara Yates-Fannie Myers.

**Bridge and Games Studio of Houston Swiss Teams** A1. Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn- Dan Morse-Gil Micheletti A2. Jeanne Linzel-Anton (Tony) Haddad-Ann Schwall-Stephen Schwall B1. Joe Jarone-Svetlana Oden-Charles Markowitz-Siraj Jiwan B2/3.C1. Lynn Shapiro-Armand Shapiro-Elizabeth Ghrist-Jeremy Dilbeck B2/3. Alfred Fortier III-Steve Tuggle-Jeff Brown-Karen Nimmons.

## District 17

### RUN FOR THE BORDER REGIONAL

October 2-8, 2006

Convention Center, El Paso, Texas



**Monday, October 2**

J. W. Hardin Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 1) 7:00  
Stratified Charity Pairs (Single Session) 7:00

**Tuesday, October 3**

J.W. Hardin Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 2) 9:00  
Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5) 9:00  
Stratified Senior Pairs #1 (1st Sess.) 10:00  
J. W. Hardin KO Teams (Semifinals) 1:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (1st Session) 1:00  
Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5) 1:00  
Stratified Senior Pairs #1 (2nd Sess.) 3:00  
J. W. Hardin KO Teams (Finals) 7:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (2nd Session) 7:00  
Evening Side Game Series (1 of 5) 7:00

**Wednesday, October 4**

J.H. Selman Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 1) 9:00  
Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5) 9:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (1st Session) 10:00  
Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5) 1:00  
Billy the Kid Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 1) 1:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (2nd Session) 7:00  
Evening Side Game Series (2 of 5) 7:00  
Billy the Kid Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 2) 7:00  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7:00

**Thursday, October 5**

J.H. Selman Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 2) 9:00  
Morning Side Game Series (3 of 5) 9:00  
Stratified Senior Pairs (1st Session) 10:00  
Afternoon Side Game Series (3 of 5) 1:00  
BTK Bracketed KO Teams (Semifinals) 1:00  
Gen. "Pancho" Villa Swiss Teams (1st Sess.) 1:00  
Stratified Senior Pairs (2nd Session) 3:00  
Gen. "Pancho" Villa Swiss Teams (2nd Sess.) 7:00  
Evening Side Game Series (3 of 5) 7:00  
Billy the Kid Bracketed KO Teams (Finals) 7:00

**Tournament Chairpersons**

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**Director-in-Charge**

Tom Whitesides

**Friday, October 6**

Compact Bracketed KO Teams (Rds 1/2) 9:00  
Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5) 9:00  
J.H. Selman KO Teams (Semifinals) 9:00  
G. Scarborough Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 1) 1:00  
Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5) 1:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (1st Session) 1:00  
G. Scarborough Bracketed KO Teams (Rd 2) 7:00  
Evening Side Game Series (4 of 5) 7:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (2nd Session) 7:00  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7:00

**Saturday, October 7**

Compact Bracketed KO Teams (Rds 3/4) 9:00  
Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5) 9:00  
J.H. Selman KO Teams (Finals) 9:00  
G. Scarborough KO Teams (Semifinals) 1:00  
Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5) 1:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (1st Session) 1:00  
G. Scarborough KO Teams (Finals) 7:00  
Evening Side Game Series (5 of 5) 7:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (2nd Session) 7:00

**Sunday, October 8**

Gen. Pershing Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) 10:00 & TBA

**Stratifications**

Stratified Events A: 1500+; B:750-1500; C:0-750  
Strati-Flighted Events A:3000+; X:0-3000  
B: 750-1500; C: 0-750

**Intermediate/Newcomer Program**

**Tuesday-Saturday**

Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00

**Sunday**

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 & TBA

**Stratifications**

D:200-300; E: 100-200; F: 0-100



**Unit 172  
San Antonio**  
**Carol Campbell**



Unit 172 was honored to hold a reception and bridge game for Cisse Horton after her return from Dallas. As everyone already knows Cisse was awarded the National Goodwill Award at the Spring NABC and we are so pleased for her.

We'll soon be saying goodbye to Bill Cohen as he leaves to live in Israel. Good luck, Bill. May all good things follow you as you make this transition. Do whatever you can to bring peace to that troubled region. My visit there was never to be forgotten.

Bailey's June 1-4 Sectional was a big success. Fun was had by all with lots of good food and masterpoints galore. Congrats to all the winners!

We have to report the death of three of our Unit members who have played in our games for many years. Phyllis Schoener, a Silver Life Master, died on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Millie Harlow, a Life Master died on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We also remember Betty Hickman, a Life Master, who died recently. Our sympathy goes to all of their families.

Other members have had sadness and we would like to remember: Lottie diGiavonni on the loss her husband Tony; Polly McCamey on the loss of her husband who was also Paula Warren's father. Rita deHoyos' husband had major heart surgery. Some of you have also been bent and broken and we hope that George Lawrence, Edie Keogh, Jane Stillabower, John Moore, Bernadine Abend and Pat Russell, whose beloved Kitty caused Pat to have cat-bite surgery on her arm, will soon be well again. Note that Pat still has Kitty! We also want to remember Marion Fink whose son is very ill.

It's always nice to recognize one of our own who has given a lot to our game and we think that Carmeline Squires more than deserves to be commended for all that she has done for our Unit, her community, her church, the Randolph Bridge Club, her volunteer work with the Salvation Army, and her devotion to her family and friends. She has served on our Unit Board and directs both at Randolph and Bailey's. She was the Mayor of Universal City and now serves as Sympathy and Care Chairperson for us. She is truly a remarkable lady who always wears a big smile and has good things to say about everyone.

We expect great results from the Austin Regional when our Unit players go to compete at their 4<sup>th</sup> of July tournament. The Unit Luau is on August 26. This is a charity game and also the annual membership meeting. Join us for one of the fun events of the year.

From time to time - Wonder off by yourself and look in perfect silence at the stars (with apologies to Walt Whitman).

**Bailey's Sectional  
San Antonio, TX  
June 1 - 4, 2006**

Ed Rawlinson, Helotes, wss the top masterpoint winner with 21.37.

**Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Pat Russell-Bette Allen A2. David Hadden-Alexander Kolesnik B1. Joanne Young-Sally Armstrong B2.C1. Sally Burns-Jean McCormick C2. Rebecca Lu Tanner-Betty Knaggs.

**Thurs Eve BAM Teams** A1/2. Diane Olson-Phillip Grothus-Ed Rawlinson-Donna McBride A1/2. Cisse Horton-Everette Lewis-Darlene Riely-Bill Tseng B1.C1. Judy Caroll Taquino-Diana Rainey-Maynard Ashley-Chloe Johnson B2. Norma Marvel-Rosemary Quirk-Linda Williams-Joan Burlingame.

**Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Derrell Childs-Marilyn Arnold A2. Becky Mosely-James La Fountain B1. Myra Ribak-Gool Castleberry B2.C1. Keith Estep-M. Louise Wissler C2. A Di Baggio-Sherry Johnson.

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. John Watkins-Samuel Williams Jr A2. Jacqueline Tucker-Marina Mann B1.C1. Pat Prichard-Kay Laird B2. Joe Freeman-Shirley Brooks C2/3. Howard Janotta-Marilyn Jacobs C2/3. Elle Belt-Ralph Shaw.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel A2. Daniel Blaettler-Diane Olson B1. Joe Freeman-Phil Brown B2.C1. Jerrold Harrington-Arline Rubin C2. Phyllis Dinsmore-Judy Caroll Taquino.

**Sat Morn Strat Open Prs** A1. Ed Rawlinson-Phillip Grothus A2.B1.C1. Walter Still-Grant Coon II B2.C2. Jerrold Harrington-Arline Rubin.

**Sat Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Jon Richard Ware-James La Fountain A2. Ed Rawlinson-Phillip Grothus B1.C1. Walter Still-Grant Coon II B2. K Voges-Judy Caroll Taquino C2. David Dickson-Laura Dickson.

**Sun Strat Swiss Teams** A1. Richard Lampman-Marina Mann-Robbie Borchers-Doug Cross A2. Kenneth McBride-Donna McBride-R Anziani-Diane Olson B1. Susie Willerson-Jane Bowers-Jodie McMahon-Jane Maclin B2. Daniel Blaettler-Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary C1. Jay Thorne-Paula Wissman-David Dickson-Laura Dickson C2. Kay Laird-Pat Prichard-Andrew Bailey-Jerrold Harrington.

**Unit 209  
Permian Basin**  
**Jimmie Penn**



We are grateful to have Carol Hastings on board as Treasurer of PBC, Inc. Carol is a QUILTER of note participating thru "Quilts of Valor" for soldiers in & out of battle. Her handiwork was recently presented to a wounded soldier at Landstuhl, Germany enroute to Walter Reed. Carol has received thank-you note from his family with a picture of him & his son. We all appreciate Carol!

As noted in May-June "Scorecard" the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center was a recipient of ACBL Charity Funds. Betty Dickerson is Executive Director of the Center. As her hours aren't 9-5 her bridge is limited. Vicky Lawrence (of Carol Burnet series) will be guest speaker at the Center's fund raiser in early Fall. "Always Patsy Cline" was Spring offering. This has always been a favorite!!

Unit GNT Game (Double Session) was held at ABC April 29. We had a catered box lunch affair with "goodies" we did on the side! Winners were 1<sup>st</sup>: Jimmie Penn-Flo Curry-Kathryn Locke-Alan Copeland 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dorothy Brenneman-Verna Chambers-Beverly Martin-Sandra Davis 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lena Nichols-Sue Gardiner-Dixie Gifford-Charlie Grimes.

STAC games were very well received. Tom Whitesides was given

personal blame/credit for some deals because it was difficult for our higher percentage games to place "OA" in District. Beverly Martin-Sandra Davis did themselves proud with a win (as they are bidders in a bidder's game). Some others placing were Dorothy Stripling, Beverly Taylor, Flo Curry, Jane Myers, Gloria Crites, Bob Baker, Alan Copeland, Mark Levine, and Jimmie Penn.

ABC in red, white & blue mode celebrated Memorial Day in grand style w/hot dogs, chili dogs, frito pie & all the trimmings—Junior Fund Game Overall winners were Ann Parish-Belle Harris across the board (A,B,C) followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Roni Oppenheim-Charlie Grimes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathryn Gesell-Aggie Anguish, 4<sup>th</sup> Peggy Cook-Deborah Brookins with Sarah Wright-Sam Sneed #2 (OA) in Strat "C". It was birthday time for Peggy complete w/flowers, balloons & giant cake decorated for the day—patriotic theme!

Odessa was host to the World Wide Bridge Contest on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dixie Gifford and Ruth Fahrigr (N/S) were overall winners followed by Judy Hawkins-Dorothy Brenneman, and Leonora Slusher-Peggy Cook. Sitting E/W were Bob Bacon and Frances Fischer 1<sup>st</sup> (and 2<sup>nd</sup> OA) with Aggie Anguish-Sue Gardiner 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sarah Wright-Sam Sneed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We kicked off annual NAP Games June 2 at Big Spring Country Club & Midland Country Club—all unit sessions will be involved over three-month period  
SEE YOU THERE!

**No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table.**  
- Martina Navratilova

**New Braunfels Sectional  
September 7-10, 2006**

New Braunfels Civic Center  
390 South Seguin Street



**Thursday, September 7**

KO #1 (1st of 3) 9:00 am  
Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Board-A-Match 7:00 pm

**Friday, September 8**

KO #1 (2nd & 3rd of 3) 9:00 am & 1:00 pm  
Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm

**Saturday, September 9**

Knockout #2 9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm

**Sunday, September 10**

Strati-Flted Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA

**Stratifications**

Open Prs: A: 2000+, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500  
Strati-Flted Swiss: A: Unlimited, X: TBD (A & AX played together)  
B: 750-1500, C: 300-750, D: 0-300 (BCD played together)

**NEWCOMER PROGRAM PRESENTS**

**299er EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, September 7**

German Prs & Tuba Prs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

**Friday, September 8**

Bier Garten Prs & Stein Prs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

**Saturday, September 9**

German Sausage Prs & Bratwurst Prs 1:00 & 7:00 pm

**Stratifications:** A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100 (3 Table Minimum)

\* Hospitality after Saturday evening session

\* Card Fees: \$9/person/session for paid ACBL member; \$10/person/session for others; \$80/team

\* Meal served between Sunday sessions

\*\$5/person/session for student discount (under 25)

\* No smoking with hospitality breaks

**Host Motel**

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**September 22-24, 2006**

Quality Inn & Suites  
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**Friday, September 22**

Stratified Pairs 1:00 pm  
Non-Master Pairs (0-300) 1:00 pm  
Stratified Pairs 7:00 pm  
Zip Swiss Teams (if interest warrants) TBA

**Saturday, September 23**

Stratified Pairs, 2 sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm  
(Single sessions permitted in either game)

**Sunday, September 24**

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA  
Stratifications: A: 1500+; B: 500 LM-1500; C: 0-500 NLM

**Cookies & Snacks available each Day!**

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Sarah White 432.366.1367

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Laverne Etheridge & Sarah Wright

**Tournament Director**

Doris Allen

**Hotel**

Quality Inn & Suites  
3001 East Business 20, Odessa, TX  
432.333.3931 Bridge Rate: \$49

**Entry Fees**

Friday & Saturday \$9/person/session  
Sunday \$20/person - Lunch Buffet  
\$1 additional/session for non-members





## Austin Spring Sectional, May 4-7, 2006



Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs AB  
Tony Eckman & Dean Truair



Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs C  
Terry Newman & Gloria Lubenow



Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs AB  
Hutch Hutchison & (NP) G. Richards



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A  
Hank Irwin & Ruby Handcox



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs BC  
Jon Anthony & David Warner



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A  
Beth Tobias & Lois Goodman



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B  
K. Sutaria & S. Mahajan



Thurs KO Teams Bkt I  
Paul Kelley & James Thurtell  
Jack Lacy & (NP) Tom Breed



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs C  
Becky Mosely & Arleen Schafer



Thurs KO Teams Bkt II  
Donna Gerber & Caroline Baumann  
Jo McDaniel & Beverly Greer



Sat Strat Open Prs A  
Buddy Hanby & Sally Wheeler



Fri KO Teams Bkt I  
Scott Humphrey & Paul Kelley  
Rosemary Kelley & Madeline  
Randolph (NP) Phillip Grothus



Fri KO Teams Bkt II  
Linda Anthony & Diana Rogers  
Joe Black & Stan Bowen



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams A  
George Pisk & Pat Griffin  
Ken Schutze & Jim Griffin



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams X  
Louis Sachar & Beth Tobias  
Paul Tobias & (NP) Geoff Blandy



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams BC  
Barbara Hollahan & Malou Flato  
Clint Schulumacher & Mark McAllister



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams D  
Jesse Gordon & Adam Ruprecht  
M. Ashley-Rollman & Martin Hoff

### Results: Austin Sectional

Paul Kelley, Jr., Austin, was top masterpoint winner with 26.41 masterpoints.

**Thurs Bkted KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Tom Breed-Paul Kelley Jr-Jack Lacy-James Thurtell 2. Don Shimmom-James Fleming-Shirley George-June Mengden  
**Bkt II** 1. Beverly Greer-Caroline Baumann-Donna Gerber-Jo McDaniel 2. Gayle McCarron-Dixie Richardson-Immie Pamplin-Mary Jo Culver.

**Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs** A1.B1. Anthony Eckman-Dean Truair A2. Pat Hood-Earl Jennings B2. Anne Cullen-Linda Bishop C1. Terry Newman-Gloria Lubenow C2. Terry Richardson-David Hettema.

**Thurs Aft Strat 199er Prs** A1.B1.C1. Marilyn Sharratt-Nancy Dean A2.B2.C2. Deann Strawn-Charles Strawn.

**Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs** A1.B1. Lawton Hutchison-George Richards A2.B2.C1. Terry Newman-Gloria Lubenow C2. Terry Richardson-David Hettema.

**Fri Bkted KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Scott

Humphrey-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr-Phillip Grothus 2. Larry Davis-Robert Donathan-Patrick Long-Mary Anne Laier  
**Bkt II** 1. Joe Black-Diana Rogers-Stanley Bowen-Linda Anthony 2. Judy Hitt-Jacqueline Fiegel-Sandra Helton-Dionne Green.

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Ruby Handcox-Henry Irwin Jr, A2.B1.C1. David Warner-Jon Anthony B2. C2. Robert Merrifield-Ronald Lantz.  
**Fri Aft Strat 199er Prs** A1.B1.C1. Sharon Gassman-Janis Koenig.A2.B2. Martha Norman-Zane O'Keefe C2. Deann Strawn-Charles Strawn.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Elizabeth Tobias-Lois Goodman A2.B1. Kalpana Sutaria-Swadesh Mahajan B2. Lee Ann Merrifield-Donna Lantz C1. Becky Mosely-Arleen Schafer C2. Wiley McMinn III-George Richards.

**Sat Bkted KO Teams Bkt I** 1 Shirley Henry-Pam Phillips-Ray Whitmire-Darlene Gilmore 2. George Pisk-Mike Bukala-Jack Lacy-James Thurtell.

**Sat Strat Open Prs A1.** Sally

Wheeler-Buddy Hanby A2. Elizabeth Tobias-Rosemary Kelley B1. Kalpana Sutaria-Swadesh Mahajan B2. Stan Kurtzer-Lydia Bearden C1. Charles O'Neil-Grant Coon II C2. Arline Rubin-Becky Mosely.

**Sat Aft Strat 199er Prs** A1.B1.C1. Patsy Martin-Barbara Hollahan A2.B2. Zane O'Keefe-Sandra Harris C2/3. Greg Giem-Mollie Finley C2/3. Charles Strawn-Deann Strawn.

**Sun Swiss Strati-Flted Teams**  
**AX** A1. Kenneth Schutze-James Griffin-Pat Griffin-George Pisk-Mike Bukala A2. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby-Toni Snow-Eric Snow X1. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Louis Sachar-Geoff Blandy X2. Ethel Corlett-Thomas Corlett-Richard Strahm-Cynthia Strahm

**Strat BCD** B1.C1. Mark McAllister-Malou Flato-Clint Schuhmacher-Barbara Hollahan B2. Stanley Bowen-Diana Rogers-Kathy McCabe-Vera Chimene D1. Adam Ruprecht-Michael Ashley-Rollman-Jesse Gordon-Martin Hoff D2. Marilyn Sharratt-Gloria Wilson-Nancy Dean-Sandra Harris.

sectional.

Thanks to Rolling Hills and Temple DBC's for sponsoring NAP club qualifying games June 14, July 12, Aug. 23, and July 21. Qualifiers will be eligible to play in the Unit-final NAP qualifying game at 1 p.m., Sept. 17, in Temple.

Thanks to David Pennington and Dick Cunningham who began a 6-week class June 15 at Sul Ross BC on ACBL-approved Audrey Grant Club Series Lessons for Beginners to help attract new players to Sul Ross.

Don't miss the Waco sectional August 4-6 at the convention center with Co-Chairs Tom and Ethel Corlett, 254-772-3377, and Jenna Franklin, 254-776-8202, and Bettye Guthrie, 254-772-1536, partnerships. See ad on page 6 of the May/June issue.

61.61%; A17/18B7/8, Joyce Vanya and Asa Waterman 61.31%. Wed. Aft., May 17, Rolling Hills BC, A24 Genie Kaplan and James LaFountain 61.71%. Fri. Aft., May 19, Temple DBC, 19A, James LaFountain and Richard Wall 62.96%; B15/17, Helen Reardon and Janice Walker 60.65%. Marlin BC at Sul Ross, B15/17C4/5, John Nonte and Mary Ellen Linne 60.65%.

Congratulations to Mike Bukala whose Flt. A team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the District-final GNT game in Richardson May 28-29. Thanks to our three Flt. B and one Flt. C team who also participated in the District final. The next Unit GNT qualifying game will be held January 28, 2007, in Temple.

Special healing and recovery wishes to Ethel Corlett who suffered a broken leg from a fall during the Richardson

### Unit 233 Central Texas

Helen Levy



We are very pleased to welcome the following new members and transfers into our Unit: Barbara Anderson, Carolyn Gilmore, Jo Ann and William Goddard, Don and Inez Grider, M. J. Hunter, Janet Lavoncher, Jean Sebastian, Nina Skaggs, M. W. and Robert Thompson, Doris Turrentine, Barbara and John Worley, Jr., all of Georgetown; Kenneth Schwab, Copperas Cove; Willis Moore, Waco.

Congratulations to players who placed overall in District 16 StaC games at Unit 233 clubs: Mon. Aft., May 15, 500 Duplicate Club, ABC1, Beth Yoss and Betty Aadnesen 65.28%; ABC2, Shirley Griffith and Genevieve Lockley 59.72%; AB3, Edna Lassetter and Julian Patterson 57.64%; AB4, Rosemary Nichols and Glen Easterwood 54.40%; A5, Tom Denson and Donna Towns 54.17%; B5C3, Billye Rain and Maxene Cure 51.62%. Tue. Aft., May 16, Sul Ross BC, A16, James LaFountain and Pam LaShelle

## Megan's Fundraiser A Huge Success!

The Austin Unit hosted a fundraiser for Megan Hogan, a 14-year-old, who needed a heart transplant. The dinner raised over \$9,200 and her operation was a success!



## Austin Fall Sectional September 21-24, 2006 Clarion Inn



### Thursday, September 21

Bracketed KO Teams I	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:00 pm

### Friday, September 22

Bracketed KO Teams II	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:00 pm

### Saturday, September 23

Bracketed KO Teams III	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:00 pm

### Sunday, September 24

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA  
Meal served between sessions.

### Stratifications

Open Pairs: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500  
199er Pairs: A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50  
Teams: A: 3000+, X: 0-3000,  
B: 750-1500, C: 300-750, D: 0-300

General Convention Chart only except  
Midchart for A/X Swiss Teams  
Non Smoking with Breaks

### Clarion Inn & Suites

2200 S. IH-35

I-35 at W. Oltorf

800.434.7378

Bridge Rate: \$72 & Tax

### Tournament Chair

Mark McAllister 512.257.2320

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Mary Anne Laier 512.261.3723

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[www.d16acbl.org/U207/sbruce/partnerships.tourn.htm](http://www.d16acbl.org/U207/sbruce/partnerships.tourn.htm)

### Entry Fees

Thursday, Friday & Saturday:

\$9 /member/session, \$10 /nonmember/session

Sunday: \$80/Swiss Team





**Unit 207  
Austin**  
**Linda Anthony**



Thanks to all who helped make our May Sectional a success. Hospitality chairs Nancy Dean and Marilyn Sharratt outdid themselves, as did Partnership chair Joyce Cooper. Mark McAllister and Jim Wueste also deserve a special thanks, for without their help, we would never gotten set up in time! Lastly, thanks to all who braved the bad weather to come out and play.

The tournament's top masterpoint winner was Paul Kelley Jr, who scored 26.41 points. Rosemary Kelley finished a close second, with 25.08 points.

Seventy percent games are usually a rarity, but for about a week in mid-May they occurred almost daily. Ellen Meyer and Wiley McMinn started the trend with a 74.3 % game May 10. A few days later, Rosemary and Paul Kelley Jr scored 73.2 %. Other pairs with 70-plus % games were Mildred Breed and Anita Cokins (70.5 %); Nancy Joe and Alex Kolesnik (71.6 %); and Pam LaShelle and Jimmy LaFountain (71.4 %). Timing couldn't have been more fortuitous for a couple of pairs. Mildred and Anita and Nancy and Alex scored their big games during the district-wide STaC week. Their scores earned each team a second place finish district-wide and many masterpoints. Also scoring well in STaC games were June Mengden and Barbara Burks who finished 3rd district-wide on May 15 with a 67.7 % game. Lydia Bearden and Leonard McCormick finished 5th May 19 with a 69.6 % game.

Several Austin players did well in the recent GNTs in Richardson. Eddie Bass was on the first place team in Ft. B. Placing 2cd in Ft. C were David Warner; Larry Smith; Stan Kurtzer and Terry Richardson.

Congratulations to new Bronze Life Masters Pat Carpenter; Anita Cokins; Diana and Richard Frankeny; Angela Lennon and Diana Rogers. Theresa McKinney is our newest Silver Life Master. Others reaching masterpoint milestones are George Pisk with

15,000; Tobi Sokolow with 14,000; Scott Humphrey (who also recently qualified to become an ACBL tournament director) with 3,500; Louis Sacher with 1,500; Lawton Hutchison and Pam Phillips with 750; and David Begin; Lynn Gunn and Ginger Lake with 200.

Our unit has reached a milestone of another sort...membership has increased at a steady clip, earning us the top spot in the district's Active Membership Trend during the 12-month period ending March 31. During that time our ranks swelled eight percent. We're still on a roll, as unit membership chair Mark McAllister says we gained 17 new members in April and eight in May. So keep encouraging your social bridge playing friends to join us at the table!

By the time you read this, club-level qualifying games for the NAPs will have started. But if you've been in and out of town most of the summer and have missed the bulk of the games, don't worry. There are several August games scheduled: 9th; 18th; 20th; 22nd and 26th. Please check our online calendar for game times and sites. The unit final, a two-session event, will be held Oct. 28 at the Bridge Center. And it's not too early to start making plans to play in our next Sectional which will be held Sept. 21-24 at the Clarion Inn.

Lastly, a special thank you goes to Erlyne Pankratz. She was selected by the board to represent the unit in the new District 16 Goodwill Ambassador program. She was honored, along with nominees from other units, at a reception in Dallas at the NABCs. Erlyne's ever-present smile and gracious manner make her an ideal ambassador and we are lucky to have her!

**Unit 197  
Lubbock**  
**Sandi Krahmer**

We are grateful to have Carol Hastings on board as Treasurer of PBC, Inc. Carol is a QUILTER of note participating thru "Quilts of Valor" for soldiers in & out of battle. Her handiwork was recently presented to a wounded soldier at Landstuhl,

Germany enroute to Walter Reed. Carol has received thank-you note from his family with a picture of him & his son. We all appreciate Carol!

As noted in May-June "Scorecard" the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center was a recipient of ACBL Charity Funds. Betty Dickerson is Executive Director of the Center. As her hours aren't 9-5 her bridge is limited. Vicky Lawrence (of Carol Burnet series) will be guest speaker at the Center's fund raiser in early Fall. "Always Patsy Cline" was Spring offering. This has always been a favorite!!

Unit GNT Game (Double Session) was held at ABC April 29. We had a catered box lunch affair with "goodies" we did on the side! Winners were 1st: Jimmie Penn-Flo Curry-Kathryn Locke-Alan Copeland 2nd: Dorothy Breneman-Verna Chambers-Beverly Martin-Sandra Davis 3rd: Lena Nichols-Sue Gardiner-Dixie Gifford-Charlie Grimes.

STAC games were very well received. Tom Whitesides was given personal blame/credit for some deals because it was difficult for our higher percentage games to place "OA" in District. Beverly Martin-Sandra Davis did themselves proud with a win (as they are bidders in a bidder's game). Some others placing were Dorothy Stripling, Beverly Taylor, Flo Curry, Jane Myers, Gloria Crites, Bob Baker, Alan Copeland, Mark Levine, and Jimmie Penn.

ABC in red, white & blue mode celebrated Memorial Day in grand style w/hot dogs, chili dogs, frito pie & all the trimmings—Junior Fund Game Overall winners were Ann Parish-Belle Harris across the board (A,B,C) followed by 2nd Roni Oppenheim-Charlie Grimes, 3rd Kathryn Gesell-Aggie Anguish, 4th Peggy Cook-Deborah Brookins with Sarah Wright-Sam Sneed #2 (OA) in Strat "C". It was birthday time for Peggy complete w/flowers, balloons & giant cake decorated for the day—patriotic theme!

Odessa was host to the World Wide Bridge Contest on June 3rd. Dixie Gifford and Ruth Fahrig (N/S) were overall winners followed by Judy Hawkins-Dorothy Breneman, and

Leonora Slusher-Peggy Cook. Sitting E/W were Bob Bacon and Frances Fischer 1st (and 2nd OA) with Aggie Anguish-Sue Gardiner 2nd, and Sarah Wright-Sam Sneed 3rd.

We kicked off annual NAP Games June 2 at Big Spring Country Club & Midland Country Club—all unit sessions will be involved over three-month period—SEE YOU THERE!

**Unit 237  
Magic Valley**  
**Alla Mae Westbrook**

The Unit changed board members in May making Herman Westbrook President (also is Unit Web Master), Barbara Cooper Vice President, Neta Van Bebber Secretary, Martha Hensel Treasury, and board members Carol Waller, Margaret Flohr, Darlene Thomasson, Shirley Saulsbury and Rene Wallace.

The Friday Upper Valley Duplicate Club recently recognized Lorraine Barkey with a celebration upon becoming Silver Life Master. Her choice of partners on her quest paid off in mega master points.

Considering the evacuation of Winter Texans in early May, our games are continuing to have good participation. Most folk go away for vacations, trips and return to former homes in the north country in the summer months and games attendance drops but we continue most games right through summer. We miss our Winter Texans and look forward to their return each fall about later October or November. Make a note: the Unit 237 Sectional will be held November 17-19, 2006 at La Copa Inn and Resorts on Padre Island. See the scheduled venue and information in September-October issue of *Scorecard* and upcoming Bridge Bulletin.

Hank Harmon, manager of Unit 237 had a Worldwide game, held on Saturdays in Harlingen June 3, 2006. The top winners were teams: Catherine Seidler-May Murphy, Margaret Flohr-Lillian Schmitt N/S; Jean Burgoine-Marty Rawls, Lorraine Barkey-Rene Wallace E/W.

Ok, old business I know but we have not had a reporter for several

months...so catch up time. 2006 Race for Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney respectfully, top winners were: M. Banan, D. Thomasson, B. Hollon, A. Klein, B. Scaife, D. Johnson, J. Burroughs, C. Powers, B.J. Krall and M. Chapman. M. Banan, R. Wallace, D. Vander Putten, A. Klein, L. Boehm, D. Johnson, J. Burroughs, C. Powers, B.J. Krall and G. Chapa. Congratulations to all winners.

Delores Jensen, owner and director of Wednesday and Sunday Alamo Club had a STaC Swiss Teams game Sunday May 21. Team winners 1st place: Catherine Seidler, Lillian Schmitt, Ruth Kaminski, and Margaret Fhlor. 2nd place: Judy O'Leary, Robert Neeley, Dave and Joy Ochs 3rd place: Dick & Joan Volkmann, Jim Dunaway and Joyce Sturkenholtz. Nice going all!!!!

Now to our more recent games. May 15 STaC pairs game at Monday game with Carol Waller owner and director. N/S First place; Fran Buckingham and Richard Burgess. E/W First place; Don and Delores Jensen. May 19 Stac pairs game Friday game, Carol Waller Director. N/S First place: Alla Westbrook and Chuey Lum. E/W First place: Shirley Saulsbury and Dee Johnson. Harlingen Monday game had STaC pairs with N/S First place: Jean Burgoine and Barbara Cooper. E/W First: Laverne Hill and Dianne Vander Putten.

Herman Westbrook Unit webmaster and President 2006-2007 was presented with a Texas Star award. The awards were presented and announced at the District 16 meeting in February at the Houston Unit Regional Tournament by Dewitt Hudson, President of District 16.

A long time ACBL member and player, Bob Chandler has "been down in the back" for several months. He will undergo "minor" surgery this month. We will report his recovery in next issue. Everyone was happy to see and visit with him when he and Eileen dropped by the Friday game recently. Hope you recover speedily, Bob and get back to playing.

Word of the day: (a non-ACBL member and player passed this on to me.) "Life ain't in holdin' a good hand but in playin' a poor one well." Been there, done that!!



## Lubbock Summer Showers Sectional

**August 11-13, 2006**

Bridge Center  
2563 74th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79423  
806.745.2817

**Friday, August 11**

**(Unit 197 Business Meeting Between Sessions - 4:15 pm)**

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

**Saturday, August 12**

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

**Sunday, August 13**

Stratified Open Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA

Rolls & Coffee served at 10:00 am Prior to Swiss  
Meal Served between Swiss Sessions

**Stratifications**

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

**Tournament Chairman**

Mary Hildebrand 806.795.8681

**Partnership Chairmen**

Mary Ann Anthony  
806.797.8965

**Rules & Ethics**

Carol Schoenhals  
806.798.3663

**Hotels**

**Best Price:** \$65/night Ashmore Inn  
4019 South Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79423  
Reservations: 800.785.0061

**Closest Hotel:** \$109/night Residence Inn by Marriott

2551 South Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79411  
806.745.1963 (make reservations ASAP)

Non-Smoking with Breaks

**Unit 204  
Fort Concho**  
**Helen Barker**

April 22nd was a day of celebrating, eating good food, playing bridge and having a business meeting. Who could ask for more? After a superb lunch, Joe Bailey was presented with his Texas Star Award pin. His friends also gave him a ham. (We had a good time with that.) After the fun at Joe's expense, George Finley opened the floor for business. He announced nominees for the replacement of our outgoing officers: George, Gene Gambill, and Billy Dale. The club wishes to thank these three men for their dedication and leadership. You have our respect and best wishes. Under George's tutelage, the club was provided legal guidelines, bylaws; the building mortgage was paid off, etc. Little things like that. Plus he promises to be around to provide future help. Thank you, thank you, George.

Our nominees for the board were Vicky Fisher, Betty Horne and Joe Bailey. All were accepted by acclimation. Joe was then elected President, and Ginny Noelke was named Vice President by their board members. Joe is going to have a hard act to follow, but he is willing to give it

a try. Minutes from the board meeting are posted on the bulletin board.

When Neal Perlman and Sue Henry went to Dallas to receive their official recognition for the Goodwill Committee selection, Marcie went along. She won 10 gold points towards her Life Master Status. Way to go, Marcie and Neal!

Our STAC games were held the week of May 15th. On Monday, in a field of 216 tables, Sue McDonald and Louetta Green came in 4th in the District. Then Saturday, in a field of 99 tables, Jack and Jean Rochford came in 1st! Bill and Gena Brooks placed well consistently throughout the week. I would like to congratulate everyone who came up with a smidgen of a point in this district's tough field.

It was noted in the May/June issue of the *Scorecard* that Unit 204 lost a charity rebate for 2004. If you happened to read that little blurb, let me assure you we did, in fact, apply for our charity rebate. Our local Meals on Wheels received a check from ACBL. This was confirmed via phone call with ACBL. Just wanted to make sure there were no misunderstandings.

The Club wishes to express our sympathy and condolences to Louina Smith on the loss of her husband, and to Carl McGill on the loss of his mother.

**The average defender  
operates in a fog of uncertainty.**

- H.W. Kelsey



# Fort Western Summer Sectional - Fort Worth, June 9-11, 2006



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A  
Mark Bumgardner & Mike Dalton



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs B  
Coyita Bowker & Monte West



Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs C  
Anne Cornwell & Leta Barragan



Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A  
Ron Sears & Francis Chang



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A  
Jim Clark & Ned Nolte



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs B  
Winnie Elmore & Norma Brown



Bktd KO Teams Bkt I  
David Farris & Peter Hudson  
Jonathan Ernst & Sandy Campbell



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs C  
Tom Nute & Cynthia Benton



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs ABC  
Charles & Ann Truby



Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A  
Derrell Childs & Marilyn Arnold



Bktd KO Teams Bkt II  
Millie Williams & Sonja Fair  
Byron Taylor & Nancy Anderson



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX  
Aslam Ansari & Suresh Agrawal  
Joe Clark & Bob Scallan

Arthur Wikoff-Barbara Jones 2. Patsy Walters-Pat Freeman-Gloria Fields-Doreen Hill **Bkt IV** 1. Carolyn Marks-Kathy Coleman-Karen Collins-Lisa Waldron 2. David Reynolds-Bert Dempsey-Christine Bost-Frances Townsley.

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1.** Mark Bumgardner-Michael Dalton A2. Marion Gebhardt-Peggy Duffey B1. Coyita Bowker-Monte West B2. Jo Ann Vachule-Vesta Snider C1. Jack McLamore-Cynthia Ritchie C2. Lorraine Little-Ivan Uys.

**Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.** Bert Dempsey-David Reynolds A2. Francis Chang-Dick Simon B2. Patricia Sears-Jeri Quinton C1. Anne Cornwell-Leta Barragan C2. Pamela Gladysz-Joy McKenzie-Smith.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1.** Bill Staats-Nagy Kamel A2. Gail Wells-Michael Walrath B1. Bryan Morgan-William Welsh B2.C1. Eugene Katz-Brian Baresch C2. Charles Burke-Caron Peck.

**Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.** Ronald



Bktd KO Teams Bkt IV  
Carolyn Marks & Kathy Coleman  
Lisa Waldron & (NP) Karen Collins

Sears-Francis Chang A2/3.B1/2. Nancy Garrett-Betty Gilmore A2/3.B1/2. Joe Dean-Donna Dean.

**Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1.** Ned Nolte-Jim Clark A2. Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay B1. Norma Brown-Winifred Elmore B2. Theo Korol-Matt Korol C1. Tom Nute-Cynthia Benton C2. Dick Simon-Diane Washabaugh.

**Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1.** Charles Truby-Ann Truby A2.B2.C2.

Robert Karriker-A Heidi Karriker.

**Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1.** Marilyn Arnold-Derrell Childs A2. Michael Heymann-John Spessard B1.C1. Roy Booth-Connie Booth B2.C2. Margot Hirsch-Barbara Traphagen.

**Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.** Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid A2.B1. Sam Griggs-Tommie Bullard B2. Mary Ann Stewart-Jim Stewart.

**Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1.X1.** Aslam Ansari-Joe Clark-Bob Scallan-Suresh Agrawal A2. Stephen & Nancy Kornegay-Kimmel Jones-Hugh Hillaker X2. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Kevin Podsiadlik-Jim Clark **Strati BC** B1. Willie Bumgardner-Bill Osborn-Diane Kohsmann-Rose Dewald B2.C1. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid-John Davis-George Davis C2. Patsy Walters-Norma Brown-Doreen Hill-Dick Simon.

**Sun Morn Strat 299er Swiss Teams A1.** A Heidi Karriker-Robert Karriker-Cynthia Bohnenblust-C Black A2. Sam Griggs-Tommie



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams B  
Rose DeWald & Willie Bumgardner  
Diane Kohsmann & Bill Osborn


Bullard-Francis Chang-Amberly Griffin B1. Carol Scott-Elizabeth Hutchison-Juliana Stark-Susan Stark B2. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-Vicky Renzulli-Erica Walker.

**Sun Aft Strat 299er Swiss Teams A1.B1.** Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-Vicky Renzulli-Erica Walker A2. Sam Griggs-Tommie Bullard-Francis Chang-Amberly Griffin B2. Sara Sterling-Adele Hart-Mary Jo Pettit-Harriet Woldt.

Stephen and Nancy Kornegay, North Richland Hills, were the top masterpoint winners with 28.27.

**Bktd KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Peter Hudson-Jonathan Ernest-Sandy Campbell-David Farris 2. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper-Marion Gebhardt-Peggy Duffey **Bkt II** 1. Byron Taylor-Nancy Anderson-Sonja Fair-Millie Williams 2. Willie Bumgardner-Richard McGill-Stan Amstutz-Carol Black **Bkt III** 1. Ronald Neben-Ann Couch-

**Unit 201**  
**Sabine Neches**  
**Joan Burnett**



April and May were filled with special games and celebrations including Charity Club Championships, Neches River Festival Tournament games, Junior Program games, and the list goes on.

We'll begin with the most frequent winners in the 13 Charity Club Champ games: Nancy Smalley, Marian Jones, Don Holst, Mary Jane Garth, Betty Long, Thelma Stockdale, Bill Ginger and Mary Lou Terry. Winners in the 1st of the 4 Junior Program games were: Sally Blewett & Patsy Pierce, 1st in A & B; Leah Wilson & Jane Eisen, 2nd in A; Mary Jo Nix & Loretta Gary, 2nd in B; Sue Patterson & Edwina Landrum, 1st in C, and Bill Matthews & Ron Stueber, 2nd in C. In the 2nd Junior Program game, Don Holst & Martha Sigler, 1st in A; Anna Smith & Blanche Sibley, 2nd in A and 1st in B; Fred Winter & Jerry Heckman, 2nd in B. In the 3rd game, Merrill Lott & Flo Gillispie, 1st in A; Kaz Bell & Don Holst, 1st in B and 2nd in A; Marge Minton & Mary Lou Terry, 2nd in B. In the fourth game, Sharon Mefford & Tipton Golias, 1st in A; Norma White & Dolores Belton, 2nd in A and 1st in B & C; Don Holst & Bill Ginger, 2nd in B; Julie Thedford & Jean Davis, 2nd in C.

Most frequent winners in the open Neches River Festival Tournament games were: Tipton Golias, Sharon Mefford, June Aulbaugh, Ozzie Osberg and Lynn Adamchik. In the Swiss Team game, stars were Verna & Wilbur Dahlquist, playing with Nancy

Smalley & Cynthia Stueber. The team of Loretta Gary, Betty Long, Naldia Reeves & Mary Jo Nix were 2nd. In a 149er game, Frankie Hall & Ann Montgomery were 1st in A & B and Gretchen Glass & Ron Spector were 2nd in A & B and 1st in C. Barbara Nebgen & Gwen Maxwell were 2nd in C. In the Tuesday afternoon 749er game, Katherine Fouts & Martha Ann Reed were 1st in A & B and Ron Stueber & Martha Kord were 2nd in A. Lucy Fanette and visiting daughter Margie Reeves were 2nd in B. In a 199er game, Katherine Fouts & Margie Reeves were 1st in A and Edwina & Jim Landrum were 2nd in A. Ron Spector & Wanda Ramsey were 1st in B and Rudy Nelson & Gretchen Glass were 2nd in B.

There were STAC games at every level of play. Winners in the 5 open games were: Nelta Devine, Emmy Ferguson, Lela Wilson, Marian Jones, Beverly Herring, Loraine Copeland, Don Holst, Bill Ginger, Flo Gillispie, June Aulbaugh, Mary Jo Nix, Naldia Reeves, Thelma Stockdale, Blanche Sibley, Tim Stelly, Marian Jones, Jayne Eisen, Barbara White, Mary Lou Terry, Betty Poindexter, Ozzie Osberg, Paul Keedy, Rudy Nelson, Noel Buff, Ann Montgomery and Juanell Jones.

In a 149er STaC game, Bob Nobles & Buck Buckhannon were 1st in A, B and C. Walt Wagner & Norma Crane were 2nd in A & B and Gretchen Glass & Jack Evans were 2nd in C. In a 199er STAC, Edwina & Jim Landrum were 1st in A and Frankie Hall & Pat Schiwart were 2nd in A, with Noel Buff & Rudy Nelson, 1st in B. Wanda Ramsey & Ron Spector were 2nd in B. In the 749er STaC, Bessie Hebert & Frances Floyed were 1st and Gertrude Cherry & Loretta Gary were 2nd. On

Saturday, May 20, there was a covered dish STaC party/game honoring Naldia Reeves and Lynn Adamchik, who were given recognition at the spring North American Bridge Conference in Dallas for hospitality above and beyond in our unit. Winners in this big game were: Emmy Ferguson & Dr. Bharathi, 1st in A; Joyce Bordage & Jack Evans, 2nd in A and 1st in B. Sally Blewett & Patsy Pierce were 2nd in B. Of the **3,690 people** in our District (most of Texas and all of Mexico) who played the same hands at the same time all week, Emmy Ferguson placed **6th** in total masterpoints, winning **21.16**. Congratulations, Emmy!

On May 10, in the International Fund Game, Joyce Bordages & Helen Kay were 1st in A & B and Mary Lou Terry & Martha Bookman were 2nd.

Saturday, May 6, was another happy event, celebrating our newest life master, Shirley Ferguson. The party was really beautiful, with the studio and each of the 20 tables in play all abloom with fresh flowers. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Winners were: Tipton Golias & Sharon Mefford, 1st in A; Jerry Heckman & Betty Long, 2nd in A and 1st in B. Marilyn Maxum & Norma White were 2nd in B. Frankie Hall and Ann Montgomery were 1st in C and Jean & Barney Hammer were 2nd.

The Thursday Morning Club April birthday game honored Mary Shumaker, Naldia Reeves, Wanda Ramsey & Mary Ann Mathews. Winners were: Paul Keedy & Hugh Smith, 1st and Mary Ann Mathews (Happy Birthday) & Julie Thedford, 2nd. Bill Lucas & Naldia Reeves were 3rd and Nelta Devine and Buck Buckhannon were 4th. The May

birthday party feted Joan Burnett and Helen Kay. Winners were: Mary Jane Garth & Frances Floyed, 1st; Jean Davis & Mary Ann Mathews, 2nd; Peggy Jo Dugger & Nelta Devine, 3rd and Bill Lucas & Liz Karnicki were 4th.

Due to a communication glitch, the special team games in Orange were omitted in our last column. Winners on March 29 were: Ada & Dan Capello, Jane Steffler and Steve Gerhard, 1st. Second were: Ruby Collins, Jerry Fairchild, Adolfina Seals and Raymond Carlson.

On April 4, winners were: Joe & Marcella Galanie playing with Carol & Robert McGill. Ruby Collins, Raymond Carlson, Dee Payne and

Jackie McClinton tied for 2nd & 3rd with Beverly Hulsey, Vivian Breedlove, Nelta Devine and Lorena Strange.

Our hero, John Smalley, was featured as one of our district's tournament directors in a nice write-up in one of the daily bulletins of the Spring North American Championship held in Dallas in April.

Blaine Thomas, one of our very best players, died April 17. A mainstay at the studio, he was soft-spoken, pleasant, helpful and had such a courteous manner that we looked forward to being at the table with him, although we knew there was little chance of winning. His love of the game was evident to all who knew him, and he is greatly missed.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This year, I really enjoyed bridge. I learned a lot that I never knew. At first, I only understood that it was a card game. Now, I can beat my grandpa, who could have easily been a grand champion. I really enjoyed bridge and playing with my teacher, Barbara Nance. I hope that we can do the same next year. And to top it all off, bridge is an excellent sport using wits and memory, just like my teacher. So keep bridge going!

Truthfully yours,  
Lance Graul  
6th grader  
Stephen F. Austin Middle School.



**Unit 174  
Houston**

Anne Page



Condolences to all who mourn the recent deaths of these members of our bridge community: Jack Cato, Laura Carrier, David L. Garrison. Sympathy to Sherry Gerdes who is mourning the recent death of her husband. Best wishes to Marty Hoover for a speedy recovery from illness.

Congratulations and best wishes to 91 years young Miller Quarles and Brenda Linn, whom I refer to as his "child bride" because she looks so much younger than her admitted 77, who married on March 24. (Yes, they said I could divulge their ages.)

Belated congratulations to Jerry Evans and Vic Sowers for being our District 16's top scorer (69.68%) in the ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #1 held on February 4.

Applause for Betty Freedman and Dave Glandorf who received Goodwill awards at the President's Reception during the Spring NABC in Dallas. They are the first players from our Unit to receive this important recognition!

The winning Flight B team at the District Grand National Team Finals had 3 of our Unit's players on it! Good luck to Mike Doyle, Tony Haddad and Knut Pettersen (plus Eddie Bass of Austin) in the GNT National Finals in July.

The best definition of a "zero tolerance policy" that I have ever seen is the humorous wording an online TD came up with to use as part of the rules announcements given at the start of each game where masterpoints are awarded. I asked the TD if I could share it here and was told "of course" and to invite readers to pass it on to their club directors to use if they like it. If you do so, please attribute the quote as I am showing it here ... Created by TD known as ACBL\_07 on BBO: "WHAT IS ZERO TOLERANCE?"

NO FUSSIN, NO CUSSIN, NO TEACHIN, NO PREACHIN!' (For an Individual, I add: 'Remember you only have this P for 2 boards!')

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**  
Arlene Weingarten announced in the Unit's May 28 email newsletter a new feature on the Unit Website called Ask-a-Teacher: "You will find a list of bridge teachers who are willing to answer your questions. They are some of the finest players in the area. You may expect to have an answer to your bridge question within three days (if you don't get one, email Joyce Ryan at: jryan9620@academicplanet.com). These very fine teachers have volunteered their time to help YOU. Several of them have already had a number of questions. And remember to say THANK YOU."

Congratulations to these recent Life Masters and Masterpoint Achievers for their accomplishments: New Life Master (300+ MPs): Ann Blohm, Ed Jennings, Sue Kimbrell, Sallie Shirey. Bronze Life Master (500+ MPs): Joyce Garner, Sherry Greisen, Avik Kaufman, Theron Lindsey, James Nichols Jr. Silver Life Master (1,000+ MPs): Gail Carter, Joe Choate, Charlotte Coon, Kenneth McAllister, Bert Onstott III. Gold Life Master (2,500+ MPs): William Baker.

There were 500+ tables in the 3 day tournament and 1,962.77 masterpoints earned by 536 players at the Houston Election Sectional in April. Top winner was Gil Micheletti taking 38.15 of them. The membership elected incumbents JoDene Bond, Jolie Hess and Bert Onstott to the Board of Directors for another term. And — drum roll please — the I/N entry was up 40% from 50-1/2 to 70 tables!

Plan now to attend our August 11-13 Sunny Days Sectional. KO teams will be handicapped based on masterpoint holdings of entrants. The handicap could be as much as 30 Imps. Here's your chance to beat the best!

The next STaC is August 21-27 at participating clubs and a 299er

tournament is September 8-9 at Bridge & Games.

Norm Gautier has 2 new games at Bridge Club of Houston on Wednesdays. At 1:00 p.m. is instruction and a 10+ boards game for 0-20 MPs social and newcomer players. At 7:00 p.m. is a novice and intermediate 299r game.

Dave Glandorf has started a 0-20 game at Clear Lake Bridge Club at 1:00 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays and 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Board News: Officers elected for this 2006/2007 year are Norm Gautier (President), Bert Onstott (Vice President), Karen Nimmons (Secretary), and Jim Woodward (Treasurer). Positions and President's appointments are Attorney (Buddy Hanby), Awards/Flyer Distribution (Marsha Bernstein), Book Sales (Joyce Ryan), Budget (Jim Woodward), By-Laws (None), Communications (Joyce Gautier), Directory (Bert Onstott), District Representative (Eric Snow), Election Officials (Natalie Greene & Dale Crumbaugh), Email Newsletter Editor, Webmaster & Graphic Artist (Arlene Weingarten), Ethics (Mike Lee), Fund Raising/Sponsors (Marsha Bernstein), GNT (Ed Groner), Goodwill (Karen Nimmons), Houston Convention Center Rep (Eric Snow), I/N & Education (Joyce Ryan), Membership (Bert Onstott), NAP (Ed Groner), Nominating (Sue Williams), Parliamentary (Paul Nimmons), Photographer (Bert Onstott), Pro-Am (JoDene Bond), Publicity (Dianna Gittelman), Recorder (Mike Watson), Scorecard Reporter (Anne Page), STAC (Karen Nimmons), Supply (Bobbi Kauffman), Tournament & Charity Games (Jolie Hess), Treasurer (Jim Woodward).

More Board News: (1) Although the JCC West was an excellent site, there were problems with registration of the 18 tables of players and determining winners at the Senior Olympics Bridge Tournament in March. Therefore the Senior Olympics personnel are being

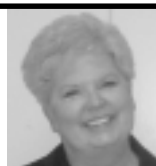
advised that Unit 174 will no longer participate in their event. (2) Membership is at 2262. We remain 4th of 17 units in new member gains but dropped from 11th to 12th in retention of members so finding ways to keep new members after their first year is a concern. (3) Many players assisted teachers Toni Snow and Joyce Ryan with the bridge classes at Kipp Academy under the Gates/Buffer Bridge in Schools Program. (4) Lew and Pat Levy will co-chair the 2009 NABC fund-raising.

Be sure to play in some of the many designated games at local clubs June-August to qualify at the Club Level for North American Pairs Competition. The top 50% of the field qualifies for the local Unit Level games in November. The top 50% of that field plays at the District Level in Austin in January. The top 3 in each flight qualify for National Level. Each #1 gets 3 nights lodging subsidy and airfare for the 2007 Spring NABC in St. Louis; each #2 gets airfare. (#3 pays own way).

Utilize this bridge tip by Alfred Sheinwold: "It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents."

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

**Unit 183  
Fort Worth  
Kay Jones**



Our guest columnist this month is familiar to most around our parts. Laura Nash lives on a ranch outside of Stephenville, but spends as much time as possible in the metroplex playing bridge. She and her husband, Mike, have three children who are "thankfully through college and gainfully employed." She took up bridge when the youngest was a senior in high school to have something to do with

her free time. Laura is a writing teacher and freelances on the side. Here is her take on bridge rules:

**RULES OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

**Rule of One:** Simply put, my partner would be better off playing by herself.

**Rule of Two:** A Komodo Dragon Blend mocha caramel latte with extra cream followed by a top shelf Jose Cuervo margarita can affect your ability to announce and alert.

**Rule of Three:** The maximum number of times you may say to your opponents, "Alert, my partner's unbalanced."

**Rule of Four:** Count your cards. If you have four of every suit, open one notrump.

**Rule of Five:** If you sort your cards and find five suits, by all means open because of fifth suit advantage.

**Rule of Six:** This is the age all male partners act when female partners start talking about cute outfits during bidding.

**Rule of Seven:** Count your cards. Then subtract all the red ones. If that leaves seven, open one club. This tells your partner you are thirsty.

**Rule of Eight:** Count your cards—adding eight tells everyone how old you wish you were.

**Rule of Nine:** Sorry, just too complicated for lay readers.

**Rule of Ten:** If your diamonds and spades equal ten, then pass because partner has clubs and hearts.

**Rule of Eleven:** Blah, blah, boring.

**Rule of Twelve:** When your spades and high-card points equal twelve, you may open in fourth seat...but I wouldn't.

**Rule of Thirteen:** Add the number of your cards and high-card points. If they equal thirteen, open something.

**Rule of Twenty:** This opening is good for missing game when partner has sixteen high-card points and six hearts. Trust me.

**Rule of Twenty-Six:** If partner opened with the Rule of Thirteen, add your cards. Twenty-six between you equals game!!

# Houston Sunny Days Sectional

August 11-13, 2006

Arabia Shrine Temple, 2900 N Braeswood Blvd, Houston 77025



Come inside where it's cool.

**Intermediate/Newcomer Events**

**Friday, August 11**

- Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm
- 49er Pairs (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm
- Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm
- 49er Pairs (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm

**Saturday, August 12**

- Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm
- 49er Pairs (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm
- 0-5 Pairs (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm
- Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm
- 49er Pairs (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, August 13**

- 299er Swiss ..... 10:30 & TBA
- Play as Strat D of Strati-Flighted Swiss*
- Stratified 299er Pairs ..... 10:30 & TBA

*The first session is free for players with 0-5 masterpoints.*

**Stratified Intermediate Novice Events**

- 299ers:** A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100
- 49ers:** A: 20-50; B: 5-20; C: 0-5
- Introduction to Duplicate Lessons 1:00 & 6:30 Friday & Saturday



**Main Events**

**Friday, August 11**

- Stratified Pairs ..... 1:30 pm
- Stratified Pairs ..... 7:00 pm
- \*Handicapped KO Session 1 ..... 7:00 pm

**Saturday, August 12**

- Handicapped KO Session 2 of 4 ..... 9:00 am
- \*\*Stratified Pairs (choice of 2) ..... 9, 1:30, 7:00
- \*Handicapped KO Session 3 of 4 ..... 1:30 pm
- Compact KO Session 1 of 2 ..... 1:30 pm
- \*Handicapped KO Session 4 of 4 ..... 7:00 pm
- Compact KO Session 2 of 2 ..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, August 13**

- Strati-Flighted Swiss ..... 10:30 & TBA
- Stratified Pairs ..... 10:30 & TBA

**Stratified Events:** A = 1500+;

B = 500-1500; C = 0-500 Non Life Master

**Strati-Flighted Event:**

A: 3000+; AX: 0-3000;

B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300

A & AX play together; B, C & D play together

Bridge Lessons: 6:15 Friday, 12:45 & 6:15 Saturday



**FREE Parking  
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**Entry Fee: \$10  
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# Dallas Memorial Day Sectional - Richardson, May 25-29, 2006



Thurs Eve Strat 299er Prs AB  
Zachary Brescoll & Lewis Brescoll.



Fri Aft Strat 49er Prs A  
Richard & Delpha Garcia



Fri Aft Strat 49er Prs BC  
Sally Unger & Judy Schneider



Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A  
Bonnie Barker & Phyllis Savell



Sat Morn Strat 299er Prs C  
Ann Drees & Patricia Lodewick



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A  
Alan Kahn & Ron Mankoff



Sat Aft Strat 49er Prs C  
Susan Moss & Tina Epstein



Sat Strati-Flted Open Prs B  
Steve Shuman & Marvin Migdol



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs AB  
Doris Doores & Ann Thompson



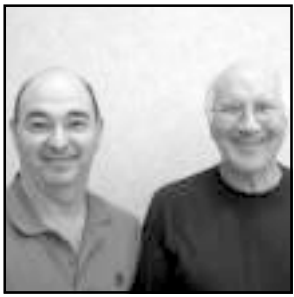
Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs C  
Mimi Lempert & Denise Twitty



Sun Aft Strat 299er Prs AB  
Ann Mouzon & Jo Ann Truitt



Sun Aft Strat 49er Prs ABC  
Marcia Wallenstein & Beverly Strauss



Sun Eve Strat 299er Prs ABC  
Rich Brandenburg & Max Frey



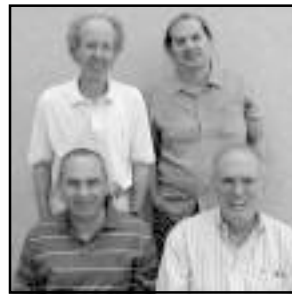
Thurs-Fri Bktd KO Bkt I  
Murray Berger & Jack Borenstein  
Kevin Podiadlik & Michael Heymann



Thurs-Fri Bktd KO Bkt IV  
Carolyn Bradford & (NP) Linda Thomas  
Judy Mays & Shay Ura



Sun Compact KO Bkt I  
John & Beth Bromberg  
Barry Schaffer & Bryan Storey



Mon Strati-Flted Swiss A  
Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel  
Nagy Kamel & Dan Morse



Mon Strati-Flted Swiss X  
Stewart Angel & Jonathan Ernst  
Carolyn Pinto & Billy Leeper



Mon Strati-Flted Swiss B  
Carol McConnell & Joyce Zackry  
Bill and Dinah Strong



Mon Morn Strat 299er Swiss ABC  
Tommie Anglemyer & Bonnie Arnold  
Judy Matlock & Travis Roten



299er Overall Masterpoint Winners  
Gay Nell Ball & Melvin Ball



Mon Aft Strat 299er Swiss AB  
Nancy Garrett & Bodil Overtree  
John Daniels & James Overtree



Mon Morn & Aft 0-20 Swiss  
Lisa Hicks & Eloise Meacham  
Cindy Butler & Leslie Conant

## Results: Dallas Sectional

John and Beth Bromberg, Dallas, Bryan Storey, Plano, and Barry Schaffer, Frisco, were the top masterpoint winners with 29.05.

**Thurs-Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-M. Aslam Ansari-Kevin Podiadlik-James Lilly-Michael Heymann 2. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Michael Dalton-Mark Bumgardner **Bkt II** 1. James Esker-Steve Birnbaum-Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins 2. Pat Jortner-Donald Merry-Barbara Best-Pearl Weinstein-Michael Sutterfield **Bkt III** 1. David Pearlman-Joseph Gill-Penny Mixon-Stephen Hibbard 2. Ginger Rhamey-Helen Shaw-Mark Hatten-Robert Razon **Bkt IV** 1. Carolyn Bradford-Linda Thomas-Judy Mays-Shay Ura 2. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-Lyn Davis-Mike Davis.

**Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs A1**, Charles Price-Derrell Childs A2.B1.C1. Judy Corey Edmiston-George Roach B2. Steven Tuggle-Anthony Eckman C2. Bobby Hodges-Ludline Hodges.

**Thurs Eve Strat 299er Prs A1**.B1. Lewis Brescoll-Zachary Brescoll A2/3.B2/3. Walt Matzen-Virginia Matzen A2/3.B2/3. Ivanette Dennis-Barbara O'Dell C1/2. Carole Crockett-Betty Lane C1/2. Vicky Renzulli-Erica Walker.

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1**. Emily Leake-Brenda Baker A2.B1. Patricia Rose-Joanna Kaspar B2. Joseph Kosanda-Remi Houle C1. Barbara Grossman-Dorothy Ivy C2. Sondra Kae Goar-Hershel Goar.

**Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1**. Bonnie Barker-Phyllis Savell A2.B1.C1. John McNeill-Anthony Pellegrini B2. Bert Dempsey-David Reynolds C2. Vicky Renzulli-Erica Walker

**Fri Aft Strat 49er Prs A1**. Richard Garcia-Delpha Garcia A2.B1.C1. Judith

Schneider-Sally Unger B2.C2. Leslie Conant-Eloise Meachum.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1**. Michael Murphy-Thomas Leberman A2.B1. Sheryleen Grothus-Robert Barber B2. Bryan Morgan-Phil Brown C1. Reddy Poondla-Roger Arockiam C2. Karen Tabak-Debra Bellan.

**Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1**.B1.C1. Melvin Ball-Gay Nell Ball A2.B2. Betsy Goldsmith-Chuck Brown C2. John Butler-Cindy Butler.

**Sat Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 1. James Bauer-John Davies-Jessica Brown-George Trenholm 2. Bill Osborn-Willie Bumgardner-Jerry Hess-Melena Van Arsdall **Bkt II** 1. David Reynolds-Bert Dempsey-Christine Bost-Frances Townsley 2. Glenda Cooper-David Clegg-Ruth Bracken-Lorraine Little

**Sat Morn Strat 299er Prs A1**.B1. Charles Tilis-Harry Tilis A2.B2. Carole Crockett-Betty Lane C1. Patricia Lodewick-Ann Drees C2. Lila Estes-Bill Estes.

**Sat Aft Strati-Flted Prs AX A1**.X1. Vickie Davis-Judith Northup A2.X2. Greg Resz-Betty Finley **Strat BC B1**. Marvin Migdol-Stephen Shuman B2. Dorothy Martin-Mickey Tryon, Arlington C1. Max Jackson-Sheridan Nichols C2. D Bartley-Robert Frink.

**Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A1**.B1. Alan Kahn-Ronald Mankoff A2.B2.C1. Melvin Ball-Gay Nell Ball C2. Tommie Anglemyer-Bonnie Arnold.

**Sat Aft Strat 49er Prs A1**.B1. Denise Twitty-Mimi Lempert A2.B2. David Baltimore-Nancy Baltimore C1. Tina Epstein-Susan Moss C2. Carol Casey-Jan Welsh.

**Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1**.B1. Eric Bell-Darko Jevremovic A2.B2. Jules Schoenberg-Hazel Schoenberg C1. Jim Farmer-Mark Shekter C2. Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski.

Schaffer-Bryan Storey 2. Bert Onstott III-Katherine Onstott-Donna Sparks-Fred Feigley **Bkt II** 1. Leah Stapleton-Darko Jevremovic-Janis Waddle-Eric Bell 2. James Esker-Steve Birnbaum-Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins **Bkt III** 1. Glenda Cooper-Rolly Steen-Mike Davis-Lyn Davis 2. Chuck Brown-Betsy Goldsmith-Hilda Lacher-Marcia Hansen.

**Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1**.B1. Doris Doores-Ann Thompson A2.B2. Lewis Brescoll-Zachary Brescoll C1. Denise Twitty-Mimi Lempert C2. Donna Jordan-David Sterner.

**Sun Aft Strat Open Prs A1**.B1.C1. Reddy Poondla-Roger Arockiam A2. Diane Schaffer-Tomi Fitzgerald B2. Annetta Olson-Mary McGinnis C2. K Haley-Mark Dumdei.

**Sun Aft Strat 299er Prs A1**.B1. Jo Ann Truitt-Ann Mouzon A2.B2. Emily Ray-John Jackson C1. Melvin Ball-Gay Nell Ball C2. Vicky Renzulli-Erica Walker.

**Sun Aft Strat 49er Prs A1**.B1.C1. Beverly Strauss-Marcia Wallenstein A2.B2.C2. Sally Unger-Freda Stern.

**Sun Eve Strat Open Prs A1**. Jack Lacy-James Thurtell A2. Melody Gann-Jay Gibson B1. Gay Roach-Richard Gordon B2 Patrick Long-Louis Sachar.C1. K Haley-Mark Dumdei C2. Reddy Poondla-Roger Arockiam.

**Sun Eve Strat 299er Prs A1**.B1.C1. Max Frey-Rich Brandenburg A2.B2.C2. Yuri & Genny Lemeshev.

**Mon Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1**. Bart Bramley-Ira Hessel-Dan Morse-Nagy Kamel A2. Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg-Barry Schaffer-Bryan Storey X1. Jonathan Ernest-Stewart Angel-Billy Leeper-Carolyn Pinto X2. Fred Lugenheim-

Mary Stone-James McCommons-Randy Ekman **Strat BC B1**. William Strong-Dinah Strong-Carol McConnell-Joyce Zachry B2.C1. Nancy Harralson-Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins-Vi Ganeles C2. Ronnie Gaines-O Maddox-June Pruzon-James Goodwin.

**Mon Morn Strat 299er Swiss Teams A1**.B1.C1. Travis Roten-Judy Matlock-Tommie Anglemyer-Bonnie Arnold A2.B2. Joe Dean-Donna Dean-Winford Boyd-Janice Boyd C2. Ina Kay Schlough-Richard Schlough-David

Thomas-Cyndi Thomas **Morn Morn 0-20 Swiss Teams** Lisa Hicks-Leslie Conant-Eloise Meachum-Cindy Butler.

**Mon Aft Strat 299er Swiss Teams A1**.B1. Nancy Garrett-James Overtree-Bodil Overtree-John Daniels A2.B2.C1. Travis Roten-Judy Matlock-Tommie Anglemyer-Bonnie Arnold C2. Verna Frank-Joan Stinnett-Elizabeth Peterson-Marcy Byas.

**Morn Aft 0-20 Swiss Teams** Lisa Hicks-Leslie Conant-Eloise Meachum-Cindy Butler.



Unit 353 is very proud of their newest Life Masters. Gladys Barley was honored with a Life Master Party at the May Unit Game.

Jolene Brantley, Kathleen Brown, Susan Couch, and Anne Halsell recently competed in the Senior Regional Tournament in Mesa, Arizona. They won two knock out events earning more than 30 gold points. They never lost a round. Congratulations Ladies - You are a winning team!

Congratulations to STAC Game District Winners-Jolene Brantley and Kathleen Brown; and Trudy Downey and Jimmie Pappan. Jolene and Kathleen were first in A in the District with a 72.69% at the Vernon Duplicate Club on May 19th winning 18.13 silver points. Trudy and Jimmie were first in B and second in A at Bridge-A-Gap on May 18th with 71.43% game winning 12.33 silver points.

We are missing Joyce Lo, Trudy Downey and Margie Brown at the bridge table. Joyce is vacationing in China, and Trudy and Margie are vacationing in Germany.

Congratulations to Babs and Bill Kleinecke on the recent 70.41% game at Bridge-A-Gap.

Kathleen Brown is conducting Bridge Lessons at Bridge-A-Gap each Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 2:30. If you are interested in lessons, please contact Kathleen at 691-1703.

Unit 353 is busy making plans for our Wichita Falls Sectional Tournament. Tournament Chairpersons are: Jolene Brantley and Wanda Gaynor. Susan A. Doe will be the Director in Charge. Gladys Barley is Partnership Chairperson. If you need a partner, please contact Gladys at 940-691-5505 or Email at gladysbarley@swbell.net.

The host hotel is Best Western Northtown Inn - phone 940.766.3300. The bridge rate is \$62.00 if you book your reservation by 09-21-06. There will be an abundance of good food at the Tournament. Please mark your calendar for September 29, 30 and October 1st.



**Unit 176  
Dallas**



**Marvin Migdol**

**NEW BRIDGE CLUBS:** Valley View Bridge Club has moved to a new, nearby location. Dorsey Shaw, popular long-standing bridge studio owner, teacher and Dallas Unit leader, has reentered the club arena.

**VALLEY VIEW:** Gerrie Owen and Preston Morrow remain the owners. The new location is 11411 North Central Expy. (US 75), Suite N. It's on the west side of Central Expy, very close to Northaven but actually across Park Central Pl., south from Veranda. Look for a maroon awning and big oak tree in the rear. Gerrie has been chairing Dallas tourneys almost since Charles Goren was on the scene. See www.bridgedallas.com

**DORSEY'S BRIDGE STUDIO:** is scheduled for an early August opening. It's at 580 W. Arapaho Rd. (in Camelot Village, a shopping center), Richardson. That's just east of Hampshire La., west of the Richardson Civic Center. Dorsey, a workhorse for the Unit, opened and operated a club in Plano for several years. Did you know that she's a native of Wyoming? See www.Dorseysbridge.com

**BRIDGE ACADEMY OF N. DALLAS:** Another popular source for lessons and play is owned by Donna Compton. Located at 4744 Alta Vista Circle, Dallas, the studio, like the above two, offers all levels of classes. See www.bridgeacademyofnorthdallas.com

**SUPPORT DOUBLE:** Several years ago I learned about support doubles. Having just gone through a messy divorce, I went before the judge again.

My plea of poverty fell on deaf ears. (Can you smell something coming?) "I'll double the support," the \*^%@!\* judge screeched. That's called "support double" and I never forgot it again! (The Scorecard is not libel for the illegal practice of law, although the Editor is a lawyer.)

**DK PURCHASES THE MANSION:** Popular bridge pro, D.K. Witt, has purchased The Mansion, a 143-room hotel known for great food. The agreed price was \$920 million. D.K. explained to The Scorecard: "The Mansion, which opened in 1981, needed a new roof. I'm looking for more roofing business and wanted to spend under a billion. It was a great match." He also told us that Oswald and Jim Jacoby and Bud Creed have agreed to direct games. (This is just another late April Fool's joke!).

**LOOKING BACK:** Who won the 1978 Vanderbilt? Dallasites Mike Passell, Bobby Goldman and Malcolm Brachman plus Eddie Cantar, Billy Eisenberg and Paul Solloway. When was the last time that Dallas' Aces played together and won? 1983.

**1966 REGIONAL:** Who covered the tourney for the ACBL Bulletin? Sue Emery. Dallas had 2,184 tables (vs 10,300 for the Spring 2006 NABC). No player won more than 1 event. Phil Merry was chief Director. Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Jacoby, Russell Smith and Midge Cutler won Swiss.

**1982 REGIONAL:** We had a regional at the Fairmont. Winners were: Win-an-Entry Jim Miller, Jerry Murray; Knockout Teams Gaylor Kasle, Mark Lair, Joyce Ratner, R.C. Hargrove, Mike Passell (2<sup>nd</sup> was Malcolm/Minda Brachman, Paul Soloway, Eddie Wold, Bobby Goldman); Masters Swiss Al Childs, Howard Parker, E.X. Snovel,

Ed Banks; Men's Pairs John Bromberg, Joe Musumeci, Paul Soloway, Malcolm Brachman; Women's Pairs (tie) Fran Beard, Monte Shelton and Kathie Wei, Judi Radin; Open Ken Schutze, Jim Griffin; Masters R. Capps, Ron LaCour; Open A Sidney Lazard, Dr. John Fisher; Open B Marvin and Grace Migdol; Open C Bob and David Curl.

**IT WAS 1986:** Unit officers were Warren Olson, Pres; Judy Jacoby, VP; Lucky Snyder, Treasurer; Ellen Adams, Secretary; Bobby Wolff, National Director. Malcolm Brachman's team won the Spingold with help from Bobby Goldman, Ron Andersen, Mike Passell, Paul Soloway and Mark Lair. Wolff became the third Dallas resident in then recent years to serve as Pres of ACBL. Jerry Lewis headed ACBL in 1963 and Ira Corn was Pres in 1980. I called Diane Foreman on Aug. 23 and asked her to play bridge at Valley View that night. "I'm getting married the day after tomorrow. How about next Thursday?" she replied.

**BORN TO PLAY BRIDGE:** We've heard of women in China pausing long enough in the rice paddies to give birth to a baby. Helene Blumeneau returned from the NABC in Toronto (1986) swearing that this is a true story. She and Diane Schwartz met a couple there with a 2-day old baby and a dog. The couple didn't want to miss any bridge session so the lady gave birth at the ER department of a Toronto hospital- *in between sessions!* Yes, they played just before and after the delivery. "And you think we're bridge fanatics," Helene observed... Bettie Ingram reported that Wichita Falls would be having their Kickapoo Sectional in Oct. **TOURNAMENT NOTES:** Gerrie Owen was Chair of a Regional to be held at the Registry Hotel (now Intercontinental). There was smoking. Johnny Torbett and his band performed. People complained about the luxury hotel rates: \$63 for a double. Players could shop across the street at Prestonwood Mall. The McKinney Bridge Club was having a Round Robin. Gerrie's chairs were Ellen Adams, Caddies, Rosalie Lefler, Hospitality; Helene Blumeneau, Registration; Dori

Smith, Prizes; and Ann Roberts, Partnership...Jim Mills became a Senior Master; Richard Hinde a LM. Unit Game leaders in Aug. were Jim Duffey, Ed Banks, Charles Gittings, Larry Richardson and Frank Mazzucco...In our Mini-Mac LM leaders were Barbara Tyson, Charles Gittings, Lucky Snyder, Jack Smith and Winnifred O'Neill. Super Master leaders were Dori Smith, Mary Bennett, Ann Roberts, Frank Baley and Stephen Murphrey. Mega Master Gurus Jim Duffey, Peggy Duffey, Carl Hultman, Steve Sinclair, John Suozzo. After 5 years as Unit newsletter editor, I announced that I was retiring in '87...A Non-Master Sectional was held in the memory of Marvin Miles. Our Unit welcomed 60 new members May-Aug. and 25 members transferred into the Dallas Unit...Dorsey Shaw had more than 60 students enrolled in classes at her busy Plano club. There was a card on the cover of the Unit newsletter. What was it? The King of Diamonds. You win free lunch as well, forget it.

**AN OLYMPIC SPORT?** Shouldn't bridge be an Olympic sport? Isn't the brain as important as muscles? Isn't bridge as difficult and demanding as any activity? A lot of people would say that foxhunting isn't a sport. Is darts a sport? After all, in duplicate the game is all about skill and offers little element of chance. Isn't mental exercise as crucial as physical exercise in human development? So what if we don't play it on snow or ice? Aren't team games made of endurance and teamwork?

**MEN VS. WOMEN:** Although 60% of the ACBL members are women, virtually all of the top players are men. Audrey Grant, a bridge teacher, has said that males are given more latitude to focus- some might say obsess- on a single activity. "It's more fashionable for men to completely concentrate on something. Women are expected to be more multifaceted. Could it be that men more often have the "killer instinct?" Maybe there are biological differences. **DID YOU KNOW?** In an 1984 lawsuit, Jillian Blanchard, a two-time world champion, got women allowed

to play in what were men's pairs events.

**MOVIE BUFF?** In what movie does the hero make a seemingly unmakeable 7 Club bid, X and XX? Answer: James Bond in "Moonraker" (1955). You won lunch at The Mansion!

**THAT AIN'T PEANUTS!** Did you know that Bob Hamman's SCA Promotions has guaranteed more than \$12 billion in prizes and has \$134 million in claims?

**GRAND TOTAL MASTERPOINTS:** 16 of the top District masterpoint holders go to Dallas area residents. They are (in order): Bob Hamman, John Sutherlin, Dr. John Fisher, Chris Compton, Sidney Lazard, Bart Bramley, Peggy Sutherlin, Petra Hamman, Hugh Hillaker, Derrell Childs, Jim Miller, Barry Schaffer, Nagy Kamel and, Judy Bramley.

**VICTORIA'S SECRET:** I recently returned from Victoria, BC where they're still telling the story about player Maurice Walford. He was playing at the Canadian club as his partner opened 1S and he had 4 of them and 11 points. He cut short a call from the BC Cancer Foundation, assuming they wanted a contribution. "Three spades," he called out. Partner bid 4 but the phone rang again. This time the caller wouldn't shut up. "Do you remember buying a ticket in the BC Cancer Foundation's Lifestyles Lottery?" "Yes, several months ago." "It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you are the winner of the fully furnished first-prize home situated in West Vancouver, valued at \$2.3 million." He also won a BMW auto and \$25,000 in cash. Maurice continued to play bridge like nothing happened. I guess that it takes an earthquake to disrupt a bridge game!

**WHY?** If bridge is supposed to be good for your mental health, why are there so many crazy people at the bridge table?

**DO YOU REMEMBER?** Dallas tournaments at the Royal Coach Inn (Northwest Hwy.)? You're older than I thought. **SHARE THE NEWS:** Got news, a story, anecdote? E-mail Marv at fmmigdol@comcast.net

## Wichita Falls Fall Sectional

**September 29-October 1, 2006**  
Shrine Maskat Temple  
5101 Henry S. Grace Freeway  
940.766.4511



**Friday, September 29**

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO Teams, session 1	7:30 pm

**Saturday, September 30**

Bracketed KO Teams, sessions 2 & 3	9:00 am & 1:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

**Sunday, October 1**

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
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**Stratified 99er games every session  
(0-5, 5-50, 50-100)**

**Stratifications**

Open Pairs: A: 1000+, B: 300-1000, C: 0-300  
Strati-Flted Swiss: A: 2000+, AX 0-2000 (Play together)  
B: 300-1000, C: 0-300 (B & C are stratified together)

Meal served between Swiss Team sessions  
Non-smoking with hospitality breaks

<b>Tournament Chairman</b>	<b>Host Hotels</b>
Jolene Brantley 940.767.7450 jolenebrantley@sbcglobal.net	Best Western Northtown Inn of Wichita Falls 1317 Kenley Ave Wichita Falls, TX 76306 940.766.3300
<b>Tournament Co-Chairman</b>	Book by 9/21 for \$62 Bridge Rate
Wanda Gaynor 940.692.3942 wgaynor@sw.rr.com	Includes deluxe breakfast
<b>Partnership Chair</b>	<b>Director-in-Charge</b>
<b>Advanced &amp; IN Players</b>	Gladys Barley 940.691.5505 gladysbarley@swbell.net
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	Sue S. Doe
\$10/person/session Non-ACBL Members \$1 extra \$88/team on Sunday Swiss	

**ZERO TOLERANCE TOURNAMENT**  
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## Dallas Summer Sectional

**August 17-20, 2006**

**Richardson Civic Center**  
SW Corner US-75 & Arapaho Road, Richardson, Texas

**Thursday, August 17**

Stratified 199er, 49er, 0-5 Pairs, single session	7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single session	7:30 pm
Bracketed KO Teams-I, 1st of 3 sessions	7:30 pm

**Friday, August 18**

Stratified 199er, 49er, 0-5 Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO Teams-I, 2nd & Final of 3 sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams	7:30 pm

**Saturday, August 19**

Stratified 199er, 49er, 0-5 Pairs, single sessions	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO Teams-II	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

**Sunday, August 20**

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
Stratified 199er, 49er Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA

Stratified Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500  
Strati-Flighted Events: A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000 (Play together)  
B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000, D: 0-500 (Play together)

**Unit 176 NEW Intermediate/Newcomer Program Presents:**  
**Partners Guaranteed!!!**  
I/N Partnership Chairman Carol Casey 214.522.1010 or dallasbridgepartner@yahoo.com  
Trophies, Pictures, Section Top Prizes - Speaker Program Friday & Saturday 12:45 & 6:45  
199er Stratified Events A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50 \* 49er Stratified Events A: 20-50, B: 5-20, C: 0-5

**Free coffee, snacks & soft drinks all weekend**  
**Free meal between Sunday swiss teams**

<b>Tournament Chairperson</b>	<b>Entry Fees</b>	<b>Partnership Chairperson</b>
Gerrie Owen 214.477.4181 gerrieowen@sbcglobal.net	\$10/session/person \$90/Team on Sunday	Larue Stott 214.369.9576 <b>DIC:</b> Tom Whitesides



## Houston Election Sectional April 21-23, 2006

Gil Micheletti, Houston, was the top masterpoint winner with 38.15.

**Fri KO Teams Bkt I** 1. John Zilic-Kerr Godfrey-Mike Doyle-Knut Pettersen 2. Fred Feigley-Donna Sparks-Bert Onstott III-Katherine Onstott **Bkt II** 1. Terry Harrison-Barbara Babbitt-Daad Rodgers-Cheri Staples 2. Millicent Wear-Paul Wear-Roger Marlatt-Charles Ensor,

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1.** Gil Micheletti-Oren Moore A2. Anna Marlatt-Paula Hradecky B1. Sanford Lobliner-Jeff Nuttall B2. Walter Arnold-Joyce Ryan C1. Jay Karkowsky-Jack Rawitscher C2. Elizabeth Vondy-Ronald French.

**Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.** Bette Liebgold-Rosa Materson A2. Dan O'Malley-Jo Ann O'Malley B1. Herbert Kalman-Robert Reichel B2. Bob Whitmarsh-Andrew Farnum C1. Carolyn Lanier-Pat Bracken C2. Jack Roth-Sandy Roth.

**Fri Aft Strat 49er Prs A1.** Gene Lindner-Darlene Lindner A2. Evelyn James-Margie Nagle B1.C1. Shirley Bloom- Barbara Squires B2.C2. Sally Knight-Anne Knott.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1.** Edward Groner-Arlene Weingarten A2. Milton Freedman-Mimi Hagedorn B1. Audley Karrasch-Phyllis Timko B2. Robert Arnett-Robin Johnson C1. Bobby Hodges-Ludline Hodges C2. Jeanne Childe-Edwin Bain III.

**Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1.** Gloria La Prade-Diane Konick A2.B2.C2. Janis Koenig-Mary Kay Koenig.

**Fri Eve Strat 49er Prs A1.B1.** Gurcan Gulen-Tekin Kunt A2. Carolyn Lanier-Pat Bracken B2.C1. Charles Dalton-Munire Guroglu C2. Lindsay Prizler-Raymond Prizler.

**Sat Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Michael Crawford-Randall Lake-George Fox-Tosi Liang 2. Dan Morse-Gil Micheletti-Oren Moore-Joe Quinn **Bkt II** 1. Peter Hanson-Tom Nobis-Karen Nimmons-Rajesh Seth 2. Eugene Hanson-Yvonne Strangmeyer-Kathy

Hughes-Joyce Gore **Bkt III** 1. Rebecca Hyzer-Belinda Friis-Dianne Kraft-Stuart Hunter 2. Joe Cocklin-Kyong Cocklin-Wilma Bailey-Georgia Sampson.

**Sat Strat Choice Prs A1.** Mary Gentry-Pat Levy A2. Chris Compton-Fred Fason B1. Jere Hines-Peggy Naughton B2. Anne Page-Bob Lester C1. Sandra Rice-James Woodward C2. Nirmala Chintapalli-Prasad Chintapalli.

**Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1.** Joseph Brown-Mollie Childs A2. Junior McKay-Peggy McKay B2.C2. Jane Wren-Patricia Howard.

**Sat Aft Strat 49er Prs A1.** Mitchell Willcox-Joyce Willcox A2. Clarissa Dowdy-C. Jane Lacy B1. Anne Goldston-Edna Kelly B2.C1. Phyllis Kuchta-Ivan Hudson C2. Wendell Zumwalt-Jo Ann Zumwalt.

**Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.** John Lai-Celia Chang A2.B1.C1. Mollie Childs-Joseph Brown B2. Don Morgan-Helene Baskir C2. Bob Chiang-Shi-Lin Yeh.

**Sat Strat Open Prs A1.** Chris Compton-Robert Grantham Jr A2.B1. William Daniel III-Lorraine Coomes B2. Rosemary Brooks-Thomas Hogle C1.Lynda Kornbleet-Tito Ariwibowo C2. Douglas Hensley-Pamela Hensley.

**Sun Strat Open Prs A1.** Pat Levy-Jolie Hess A2. Shirley McKee-Bobby Maynard B1. Kenneth Baker-Jere Hines B2. Jack Stone-Harper C1. Janis Koenig-Mary Kay Koenig C2. Leslie Lawrence-Jayne Davis .

**Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1.** Joe Quinn-Shawn Quinn-Dan Morse-Gil Micheletti A2. John Zilic-Virginia Zilic-Daniel Suty-Oren Moore X1. T. Richard Grammer-John Byrnes-Anna Marlatt-Barbara Phillips X2. Siraj Jiwan-Chuck Gillis-Bill Land-Charles Markowitz **Strat BCD B1.** Lorraine Coomes-William Daniel III-Charles Collins-Marion Collins-Sarah Webster B2. Richard Duple-Barbara Petty-James Hibbets-Karen Bachman C1.D1. Dan O'Malley-Jo Ann O'Malley-Linda Marlin-David Dyer C2. Robert Arnett-Sandra Parker-James Nichols Jr.-Alfred Fortier III D2. Jay Karkowsky-Ralph Herz-Art Desmond-Jack Rawitscher.

70.14% and Ginger Rhamey/Betty Warren 70.2% Dottie Pirkle's DBC, Lynda Frazier/Gloria Rowland 74.7% Cedar Creek DBC; Gay Roach/Kirk O'Keefe 72.22%, Jimmie Lou Conner/Betty Wareing 70.83% Nacogdoches DBC; Ginger Rhamey/Nell Velvin 71.30% Athens Country Club.

**Moving on up the ladder:** Junior Masters Jean Archer, Sheila Bell Theresa Brantley, Yvonne Houston, Susann Petras and Shelia Smith: Club Masters Laura Canterbury, Sharon Chasey, Bonnie Magee, Frances Sanders and Fritz Rizer: Sectional Masters Joanne Abate, Barbara Williams and Ennis Dyess.Regional Masters are Kamel Lewicki, Jim Rhamey and Marlene Phillips.

**Congratulations** to Sandy Brown, Mary Priest, Ginger Rhamey and Marian Wilson on becoming Life Masters. Nell Velvin is now a Silver Life Master.

**Members in and out:** Welcome to our newest members Judith Kelley, Carol McDaniel, Shirley Lewis, Beverly & Victor Marks, Dale Molander, Betsy Pickle, Toni Wade, Kathryn & Ned Weaver.

**Tyler Tournament of Roses:** Make plans now to attend our annual sectional tournament. The tournament will be held at the Holiday Inn Select on South Broadway in Tyler. Tournament dates are July 14 through July 16, 2006.

**Upcoming Unit Games:** Unit games are now being held at the Garden Valley Senior Citizens Building-1915 Garden Valley Road, Tyler Texas. Upcoming games will be held August 19 and September 9, 2006. Be sure to let Brenda Baker know if you need a partner.

## Dallas 299er Sectional May 6-7, 2006

William & Karen Franklin, Rowlett, Pat Lewis and Betty Ellis, Rockwell, were the top masterpoint winners with 5.44 masterpoints.

**Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1.** John McNeill-Anthony Pellegrini A2/3. Jodie Cording-M O'Neil A2/3.B2.C2. 1 Marj Frederiksen-Louise O'Brien.

**Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.** George Poole-K Haley A2. Rhonda Huser-Shay Ura B2.C1. Ann Low-Jo Ann Truitt C2. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley.

**Fri Compact 299er KO Teams 1.** Helen Skiles-Judy Mays-Ivanette Dennis-Margaret King 2. Carolyn Bradford-Linda Thomas-Margaret Ann Boatright-Freddie O'Bannon.

**Sat Morn Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.** Harry Hays-Marion Jurek A2.B2. Rod Wicklander-Ann Mouzon.

**Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A1.** Patricia Marchman-Gay Czikora A2.B1. Stephen Wuller-Eugene Wuller B2.C1. Callie Weller-Ellen Heck C2. Martha Gehrig-Margaret King.

**Sat Aft Strat 49er Prs A1.B1.** Wendy Spiziri-Leslie Conant A2.B2. Marilyn Bick-Lee Ann Weller.

**Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.** David Clegg-Glenda Cooper A2.B1. Cindy Whitten-Nancy Kelly B2.C1. Theresa Brantley-Carol Sossamon C2. Denise Twitty-Mimi Lempert.

**Sat 299er KO Teams 1.** Jean O'Neal-Shyanne Merritt-Gay Schleicher-Jo Driscoll 2. Karen Franklin-William Franklin-Betty Ellis-Pat Lewis.

**Sun Morn Strat 299er Swiss Teams A1.** Florence Bergbauer-Frances Schmitz-Julie Butterfield-Bob Ingebritson A2.B1. Karen & William Franklin-Betty Ellis-Pat Lewis.

**Sun Aft Strat 299er Swiss Teams A1.** Carolyn Bradford-Linda Thomas-Rhonda Huser-Shay Ura A2. Kenneth Bickelhaupt-Gay Czikora-Anne Brown-Patricia Marchman B1. John Daniels-Mary Chambers-Mark Arneson-Mimi Lempert.

## Sherman 299er Sectional April 21-23, 2006

David Reynolds, Whitesboro, & Bert Dempsey, Sherman, were the top masterpoint winners with 6.91 masterpoints.

**Fri Morn Strat Prs A1.B1.** William Moore-Cole Musselman A2.B2. Bert Dempsey-David Reynolds.

**Fri Aft Strat Prs A1.B1.** James Thompson-George Cates A2.B2. Thomas Willshe Lenea Willshe.

**Fri Eve Swiss Prs 1.** David Reynolds-Bert Dempsey 2. Robert Johnstone-Kay Johnstone.

**Sat KO Teams 1.** David Reynolds-Bert Dempsey-Frances Townsley-Christine Bost 2. John Davis-George Davis-Mahaley Davis-Judy Kincaid,

**Sat Morn Strat Prs A1.** Carol Black-Cynthia Bohnenblust A2. Bill Pfeiff-Robert Frisch.

**Sat Aft Strat Prs A1.B1.** Bill Pfeiff-Robert Frisch A2.B2. Robert Karriker-Heidi Karriker C1. Cole Musselman-William Moore C2. Ann Schmirder-Frank Schmieder.

**Sat Eve Strat Prs A1.** Carol Black-Cynthia Bohnenblust A2.B1. Robert Karriker-Heidi Karriker B2. Cole Musselman-William Moore.

**Sun Morn Swiss Teams 1.** Daniel Potkalesky-Brad Etnyre-James Thompson-Jerry Carmichael.

**Sun Aft Swiss Teams 1.** Robert Karriker-Heidi Karriker-Reg Watt-Tom Lang.

**One player at a time...  
Teach a friend  
how to play bridge**



Unit 187  
Corpus Christi  
Dee Schade

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Unit held its second pro-am game with nine tables in play. North/South winners were Pat Kubicek and Don Varvel; Chukar Choucair and Marilyn MacDonald were second. East/West winners were Martha DeCou and A.J. Kubicek. Bill MacDonald and Mahesh Maruvada were second. Looks like the husbands and wives did very well without their usual partners! Sorry your reporter didn't get to participate. For the second year in a row, I traveled up to Lake Geneva, WI with our new Texan, Betty Marriett. A beautiful place and a very nice regional.

Kingsville reports Libby Boeye was April's player of the month. Dorothy Genz and Glen Mabree won the unit championship. Libby Boeye and Mary Tryer won the charity championship. May's player of the month was Mary Tryer. Mary and Libby won the unit championship. Betty and Nels Nielsen won the club championship. Congratulations to all! Tom Hays and Mary Tryer won the STaC and came in #5 in the district for that session. Annie and Doug Frick came in #5 in flight C in the district.

The following is an e-mail from a novice player, DeDe Afflerbach, that I wanted to share with the unit: "First of all it was a pleasure to play at the club today. Everyone, and I mean everyone, is so incredibly friendly and nice. These players give bridge a good name.

"Second of all, I wanted to share a

few things with you about the Nationals in Dallas this spring. It was impressive, well-organized and more than just good bridge. As this was my first National, I was not prepared for such dynamics. I attended not only to play, observe the "stars," and learn, but to also help out with the International Vugraph. I operated the Vugraph for the Vanderbilt semi-finals and finals.

"These games were held in a closed room (only the players, a TD, and the Vugraph operator). The ambiance was one of controlled power. It was uncanny how vibes were transmitted. You could sense this. These players were ordinary people (mostly professional bridge players) with extra ordinary finesse. The game was not merely bridge in the "mechanical" sense of one having been dealt thirteen cards and deciding how to garner the tricks; no, the games played at this level is a controlled mind game. It truly was a thrilling experience for me.

"Another thing I would like to note. Our own Jack Mehrens, super director, was also working there. It was nice to see how well respected he is. The Daily Bulletin also ran features on Texas tournament directors. Jack was featured in a very nice article.

"I think the long and short of this is that bridge is good, and to have a national event held in Texas is even better. I will most assuredly be attending more.

"As a side note, I was absolutely thrilled when I met all of the outstanding players. A small trophy our Swiss team won paled in comparison. I wish you all could have attended."

Thanks to DeDe for sharing these accolades with us.

## Bridge Club of Houston 299er Sectional September 8-10, 2006

1609 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, TX

At the intersection of Spring Cypress (exit for FM 2920 & I-45)

281.651.6550

### Friday, September 8

Stratified Pairs, single session 1:30 pm

Stratified Pairs, single session 7:00 pm

Play in 2 sessions to qualify for overalls!

KO Teams, session 1 of 3 7:00 pm

### Saturday September 9

KO Teams, sessions 2 & 3 of 3 9:00 am & 1:30 pm

Stratified Pairs, single session 1:30 pm

Stratified Pairs, single session 7:00 pm

Play in any 2 sessions to qualify for overalls!

### Sunday, September 10

Stratified Swiss Teams, 2 sessions 11:00 am & TBA

Meal served between sessions

### Stratification

A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100

### Snacks provided throughout tournament

#### Tournament Chairperson

Sherry Gerdes

281.821.6202

#### Partnership Chairperson

Jo Dene Bond

281.144.0045

### FREE snacks, coffee & soda all weekend!

Entry Fees: \$10/person Friday & Saturday

\$88/team Sunday



Unit 225  
East Texas  
Ginger Rhamey

U. S. District Judge William Steger passed away on June 4, 2006. Judge Steger organized the first Tyler Tournament of Roses in 1967, held in the Black Stone Hotel. Judge Steger not only served on the Federal Bench for 35 years, he also served on the Board of Unit 225 and was a past President of the Board. Judge Steger will be missed by all.

**Special Games, District 16 5/15/2006 Monday Day 226.0 Tables;** Charles Conner/Helen O'Keefe; 9<sup>th</sup>A; Alta Peck/Dorothy Parker 12<sup>th</sup>A, Kamel Lewicki & Karen Owen, Athens 12<sup>th</sup>B, and Pat Cawley/Marlene Phillips 15<sup>th</sup>B, 5/16/2006 Tuesday Afternoon 180.0 Tables: Jimmie Lou Conner/ Betty Wareing 1<sup>st</sup>A; Pat Broughton/Gay Roach 11<sup>th</sup>A, and Marget Craine/Karen Cowling 5<sup>th</sup>C: 5/17/2006 Wednesday Day 241.5 Tables Betsy Smith/Nell Velvin 3<sup>rd</sup>A, Alta Peck/Wanda Allen 9<sup>th</sup>A, Marcille Kallerson/Miriam Rubin 8<sup>th</sup>B, Ginger Rhamey/Joyce Simmons 11<sup>th</sup>B and Sylvia Glover/Don Oxer 4<sup>th</sup>C: 5/19/2006 Friday Afternoon Pairs 255.5 Tables: Deanna Drab/Barbara Williams 6<sup>th</sup>C and Noelene Hardy/Dee Gemmel 7<sup>th</sup>C 5/20/2006 Saturday Afternoon 159.5 Tables: Frauline Gresham/Cleo Tucker 16<sup>th</sup>A

**Seventy Percent Games:** Martha Ellis/Alice Phillips 71.4%, Billie Brooks/Mike Graham 76%, Dr. George Bennett/Mike Graham 75% Longview DBC; Sharon Chasey/Carol McNatt 70.83%, Ursula Brooks/ Charles Ford



Gary King

299er Editor



## Intermediate/Newcomer News



If I were to ask you, "What is the most important and valuable thing you need to learn to become an accomplished bridge player?" What would you answer?

Some might answer, "Bidding!" Without a fundamental understanding of the auction and your role in it you cannot hope to be successful. Most players work hard on the bidding to the exclusion of all else. They add all kinds of conventions and tools to the bidding structure in an effort to be better. Glance at the average convention card and you will find Stayman, transfers of all varieties, Jacoby 2NT, splinters, inverted minors, weak two bids, numerous variations of Blackwood and Gerber, negative doubles, Lebensohl, Forcing 1NT, Michaels cue bids, and Drury just to name the more common. I challenge you with, "Are these all really necessary and is bidding the most important?"

Some might answer, "Play of the hand!" Without an understanding of at least the more common card combinations you clearly cannot squeeze every trick that you are due out of each hand. Additionally you must understand how the cards relate to one another as you use the five methods of trick generation or loser elimination to your maximum benefit (all play of the hand techniques involve promotion, length, finesse, trumping losers, or discarding losers either singularly or in combination). I

challenge you with, "These techniques are important, but is simply memorizing or knowing them the most important?"

Some might answer, "Defense!" Making the proper opening lead and collecting all the tricks you have coming is vital to scoring well. Looking at the convention card again you can find many carding agreements including Journalist leads, odd-even discards, upside-down count and attitude, Lavinthal discards, MUD, and likely many more. Communicating with partner during the defense is critical to a solid defensive plan. I challenge you with, "Are these agreements all really necessary and is defense the most important?"

Some might answer, "Partnership!" Having a solid partner with whom you have experience can be very valuable. Everyone knows the comfortable feeling of having a predictable partner. Knowing if he or she is conservative or aggressive, knowing how he or she will react when confronted with common occurrences, and just knowing tendencies and preferences is definitely helpful. I challenge you with, "Is the comfort of a familiar partner the most important?"

Well? What do you think? Which one of the items above do you think is the most important?

The readers that know me have probably have already guessed at my answer. While all of the areas listed

above are important aspects of the game I do not think any of them are the most important. In my opinion, the most important thing that you need to learn to become an accomplished bridge player is judgment that comes from a fundamental understanding of the game.

Let me explain what I mean. Adding a convention to your bidding arsenal is kind of like buying a helicopter. Just because you buy a helicopter does not mean that you can fly one. Similarly, adding a convention to your bidding system does not automatically make you an improved bidder. Nor does adopting Lavinthal discards automatically improve your defensive play.

I can already hear some you, "So you think I shouldn't play all those conventions or defensive carding agreements?" My answer is no, well maybe. I am not opposed to conventions and carding agreements. Ask anyone that has been my partner and they will tell you I love gadgets. If anything I am much more of a scientist than a naturalist.

What I am opposed to is playing conventions or agreements when you do not know specifically why you play them, specifically how they should be used, and specifically what they contribute to providing you better judgment. Way too many players use these conventions and agreements as a crutch and it actually impairs their game because it clouds rather than clarifies

their judgment.

Take defensive carding agreements as an example. Hundreds of times I have met opponents at the table you sat down and announced (usually with a prideful voice), "We play upside-down inverted revolving Lavinthal discards," or some other such nonsense. They then proceed to demonstrate a fundamental problem. They are at the controls of a helicopter and have no idea how to fly. I do not care how powerful your carding system is on a technical basis, it will not help if you do not fundamentally know what message you should be sending, i.e., if you have not developed the judgment to know what to communicate. I could say the same thing about a wide variety of conventions.

I challenge you to try an experiment at one of the next visits to your favorite club game. First, invest one game towards a discovery play about you and your judgment. Play one session with an absolutely clean convention card. I will allow a small concession. You can play Stayman and you can choose between limit and forcing jump raises. Nothing else other than natural standard bidding and carding is

allowed. No forcing 1NT, no transfers, no Blackwood, no splinters, no negative doubles, no upside-down signals, no weak two bids, I mean nothing but Stayman.

I will now pause while those that must take their nitro pills for heart palpitations.

I can hear you now, "But I won't win."

No you probably won't. However, what you will discover about yourself and partner is worth more than any club game win. You will be forced to rely on your judgment and understanding of the game to navigate a couple of dozen hands. It will provide you with a better understanding of why you play the conventions and agreements that you do.

Next, sit down and discuss with partner each and every convention and carding agreement that you want to play. If you cannot clearly describe why you play a convention, why it improves your judgment and decision-making, then do not put it back on your card until you can.

Painful? Maybe. Valuable? Definitely.

Let me hear from you.

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### Athens Black Eyed Pea 299er Sectional

**September 22 & 23, 2006**

First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall  
306 E. Tyler Street (Hwy 31)  
Athens, Texas 75751  
903.675.2130

**Friday, September 22**

Compact KO Teams I, 3 sessions	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
299er Stratified Pairs, single sessions	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
49er Pairs, singles sessions	9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

**Beginner lesson given by Gloria Rowland ... 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, September 23**

Bracketed KO Teams, 2 sessions	9:00 am & 1:30 pm
299er Stratified Pairs, single sessions	9:00 am & 1:30 pm
49er Pairs, singles sessions	9:00 am & 1:30 pm

**Teammates are available!!!**

**Door Prizes**

**Trophies for Event Winners in ABC & KO Events  
Complimentary Snacks**

**Stratification**

A: 150-300; B: 50-150; C: 0-50

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**Entry Fees**

Pairs & Teams \$10/person/session

**Hotels**

**Near Playing Site**

Spanish Trace Inn  
716 E Tyler Street  
Athens, TX 75751  
800.488.5173

Best Western  
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Athens, TX 75751  
903.675.9214

Victorian Inn  
1803 Hwy 31E  
Athens, TX 75751  
903.677.1470

Super 8 Motel  
205 Dallas Hwy 175  
Athens, TX 75751  
800.800.8000

Playing site is a couple of blocks east of downtown Athens  
A non-smoking building

**Unit 224  
Fort Phantom  
Ginny Wisdom**



Our Unit congratulates Jackie Sonnenburg for receiving the Texas Star Award. Another honor, the ACBL Goodwill Award, went to Beverly Walker and Jeane Brittain.

Two more of our players made their Life Master Standings: Kaye Strickland and Vance McCracken. Hmm, more parties are in the planning stage. Way to go!!!

The Unit does not want to miss congratulating First Tuesday's Proprietors, Pat Wilson and Beverly Walker, on beginning their third year preparing delicious lunches which are free before game play.

Also we are hearing lots of good things about Darla Mawson's beginners' class which is held on Mondays. Several have already joined ACBL and are getting their toes wet by playing in the open games and winning!

Winners of the April Charity Games are: on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Henry Doscher & Robert Patton-am Beverly & Bill Walker-B and Lera Lewis & Kaye Strickland-C; on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Jackie Sonnenburg & Henry Doscher-A and Bobbie Grier & Ann Wise-B; on the 18<sup>th</sup> Bobbie Grier & Don Dryer-A&B; on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pat Wilson & Jackie Sonnenburgh-A and Fran Herchenhahn & Ginny Wisdom-B. In the first Spring Fling Game on the 28<sup>th</sup>, winners were N/S, Dale Lain & Ann Wise-A and Bobbie Grier & Martha Murphy-B, E/W, Henry Doscher & Pat Ramsey-A and Robert

Patton & Vance McCracken-B. On Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, Spring Fling had two sessions. First session winners were: Mary Ann & Robert Hall-A&B Sammie Gibson & Barbara Bridges-C; E/W, Larry & Jackie Franz-A&B and Pat & Delbert Hess-C. Second Session winners were: N/S, Howard Wilkins & Betsy Duncan-A, Daisy Shivers & Bobbie Olson-B Carol Williams & Gwen Riggs-C; E/W, Pat Ramsey & Howard Wilkins-A, Warren Haney & Ann Spitzer-B and Pat & Delbert Hess-C. A potluck was served between sessions.

In May, the 11<sup>th</sup>, ACBL's IFG #2 winners were: Beverly & Bill Walker, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Over & Under Game Winners were: 1) Mary Bean & Pat Ramsey, 2) Barbara Bridges & Jackie Sonnenburg, 3) Gary Paterick & Bobbie Grier and 4) John Bozeman & Jeane Brittain.

STAC Game Winners were: on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 1) Sue Fite & Wanda Hughes, 2) Cleta & Will Dix and 3) Janice Middlebrook & Eleanor Hoppe; on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Don Dwyer & Bobbie Grier; on the 17<sup>th</sup> N/S, Dale Lain & Robert Hall and E/W Robert Patton & Vance McCracken; on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Pat Wilson & Dee Stearns-A, Don Dwyer & Bobbie Greir-B, Wanda Hughes & Barbara Brokervich-C; on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Norma LaBarthe & Martha Murphy A&B; on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Howard Wilkins & Dee Stearns-A, Bobbie Grier & Martha Murphy-B and Pat & Delbert Hess-C and on the 21<sup>st</sup>, N/S, Jackie Sonnenburg & Peggy Jean Ford-A Jeane McFarland & Ann Murray-B, E/W, Lera Lewis & Martha Murphy-A&B.

We celebrated Memorial Day with

Darla having her 0-199 players beginning play at noon and the Open Pairs game beginning at 1:30 PM. The games went on remarkably well...all credit goes to Darla. The 0-199 winners were: Robin Julien & J. C. Wilkerson, 1), Cleta & Will Dix 2) and Charles & Verna Rathmell.

The Open Game Winners were: N/S, Lera Lewis & Mary Wilkerson-A&B and E/W, Coyita Bowker & Ginny Wisdom-A, and Artie & Bill Harris-B.

Club Championship Winners on the 31<sup>st</sup> were: Pat Wilson-A and Suzanne Davis & Ginny Wisdom-B.

Our Unit's Players these past few months had traumatic incidents in their lives. Bill Harris of Sweetwater had open heart surgery but recuperated well enough to play and win in our Memorial Day Game. Delaine Deaton was in a collision and suffered a broken ankle and ribs plus soreness of the upper body from the restraints. She also is doing well as can be and limps in to play bridge. Bobbie Grier had an accident, totaling her car. Fortunately, neither driver was hurt. Then Ann Murray was also in an accident and she, too, escaped injury. Mary Ellen Headstream's brother, Billy Wayne Williams broke his arm in an auto accident. Robert Hall reached toward the floor to pick up his Bible and tore a ligament near his shoulder. This necessitated surgery and physical therapy.

Now for the good news. Coyita Bowker and Margaret Gregory enjoyed themselves on a Caribbean Cruise, Pat and Delbert Hess met with Cleta and Will Dix in Puerto Vallarta where they managed to play some bridge; Darla Mawson and Coyita Bowker took some time off to play cards and bridge while in El Paso; Dee Stearns and family took a cruise through the Panama Canal and Mary Ann and Robert Hall just returned from an enjoyable trip to China. Pat and Delbert managed a trip to Alabama to visit with their children and on Memorial Day Weekend, they were in Dallas moving her aunt into an assisted living apartment. By the way, the aunt is 103 years young!!

Have a good summer and take care of yourselves!!

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## SCHEDULE

### Monday, October 23

Welcome Charity Open Pairs 8:30 pm  
KO Teams I-1 Bracketed 8:30 pm

### Tuesday, October 24

KO Teams I-2, 3, 4 10:00 am, 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series M-1 (1st of 5 sessions) 10:00 am  
Side Game Series A-1 (1st of 5 sessions) 2:30 pm  
Open Pairs Stratified Two Sessions 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series E-1 (1st of 5 sessions) 8:30 pm  
Single Session Swiss Teams 8:30 pm

### Wednesday, October 25

KO Teams II-1 Bracketed 10:00 am  
Side Game Series M-2 10:00 am  
KO Teams III-1, 2 Bracketed 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series A-2 2:30 pm  
Open Pairs Stratified Two Sessions 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series E-2 8:30 pm  
Single Session Swiss Teams 8:30 pm

### Thursday, October 26

KO Teams II-2 10:00 am  
Side Game Series M-3 10:00 am  
KO Teams III-3, 4 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series A-3 2:30 pm  
Open Pairs Stratified Two Sessions 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series E-3 8:30 pm  
Single Session Swiss Teams 8:30 pm

### Friday, October 27

KO Teams II-3 10:00 am  
Side Game Series M-4 10:00 am  
KO Teams IV-1, 2 Bracketed 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series A-4 2:30 pm  
Open Pairs Stratified Two Sessions 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series E-4 8:30 pm  
Single Session Swiss Teams 8:30 pm

### Saturday, October 28

KO Teams II-4 10:00 am  
Side Game Series M-5 10:00 am  
Side Game Series A-5 2:30 pm  
KO Teams IV-3, 4 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Open Pairs Stratified Two Sessions 2:30 & 8:30 pm  
Side Game Series E-5 8:30 pm  
Single Session Swiss Teams 8:30 pm

### Sunday, October 29

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA  
(Break for Lunch)  
Open Pairs Stratified Two Sessions 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

### Stratifications

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

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& gift bag on "bridge" registration,  
free coffee & sweets throughout,  
evening snacks and beverages  
\* Fashion Show  
\* Silent Auction  
\* 50/50 raffle  
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Celebrity Speakers  
Jerry Helms, Jade Barrett,  
Bruce Reeve & more...

- \* ACBL Sanction # R0610151
- \* Entry Fees \$10.00 ACBL Members
- \* DIC: Tom Whitesides
- \* DIR: Guillermo Poplawsky
- \* Zero Tolerance Policy throughout
- \* Awards for overall & section tops
- \* No smoking with hospitality breaks
- \* Bracketed KO's - Stratified Swiss  
Side Game Winners (best 2 of 5)

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# Beaumont Gusher Regional

## October 10-15, 2006

Elegante' Beaumont  
2355 IH-10 South, Beaumont, Texas  
Bridge Rate \$79  
(Cut off date for Bridge Rate September 22)  
409.842.3600



## Schedule of Events

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Tuesday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4 Wednesday)  
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
299er Pairs (2 single sessions)  
Morning Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
Afternoon Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
Evening Side Game Series (1 of 5)  
Evening KO 1 (1st of 4)

9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
9:00 am  
1:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
7:30 pm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Tuesday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4)  
Wednesday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4 Thursday)  
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
299er Pairs (2 single sessions)  
Evening KO 1 (2nd of 4)  
Evening Compact KO 1 (1st session)

9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
7:30 pm

**0-5 Players Play Free on Wednesday Afternoon**

Morning Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
Afternoon Side Game Series (2 of 5)  
Evening Side Game Series (2 of 5)

9:00 am  
1:30 pm  
7:30 pm

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Wednesday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4)  
Thursday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4 Friday.)  
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
299er Pairs (2 single sessions)  
Morning Continuous Pairs (3 of 5)  
Afternoon Continuous Pairs (3 of 5)  
Evening Continuous Pairs (3 of 5)  
Evening KO I (3rd of 4)  
Evening Compact KO 1 (2nd session)

9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
9:00 am  
1:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
7:30 pm

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Thursday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4)  
Friday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4 Saturday)  
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
299er Pairs (2 single sessions)  
Morning Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
Afternoon Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
Evening Side Game Series (4 of 5)  
Evening KO 1 (Final)  
Evening Compact KO 2 (1st session)

9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
9:00 am  
1:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
7:30 pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Friday Bracketed KO Teams (3 & 4)  
Saturday Bracketed Compact KO Teams  
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs (2 sessions)  
299er Pairs (2 single sessions)

9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm  
1:30 & 7:30 pm

**0-5 Players Play Free on Saturday Afternoon**

Morning Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
Afternoon Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
Evening Side Game Series (5 of 5)  
Evening Compact KO 2 (2nd session)

9:00 am  
1:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
7:30 pm

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Stratified Swiss Teams (lunch provided)  
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)

10:30 am & TBA  
10:30 am & TBA

**Midnight Zip KO's based on demand and at the Directors' discretion.**

#### Stratifications

Stratified Events: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500  
Strati-Flighted Event: A: 2000+, X: 0-2000 (play together)  
B: 500-1000, C: 0-500 (play together)





# Fort Western

## Ann Carb Memorial

### Labor Day Regional

#### August 29 - September 4, 2006

Renaissance Worthington Hotel  
200 Main Street  
Fort Worth, Texas

#### Main Events Schedule

##### Tuesday, August 29

Bracketed KO Teams I (Session 1 of 4)	7:30 pm
Charity Game, Single Session	7:30 pm
299er Pairs, Single Session	7:30 pm

##### Wednesday, August 30

Bracketed KO Teams I (Sessions 2-4 of 4)	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, Two Sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Horizontal Pairs (Session 1 of 5)*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

(Morning, Afternoon & Evening Respectively)

##### Thursday, August 31

Bracketed KO Teams II (Session 1 of 4)	9:30 am
Bracketed KO Teams III (Session 1 & 2 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams, Single Session	7:30 pm
Horizontal Pairs (Session 2 of 5)*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

(Morning, Afternoon, & Evening Respectively)

##### Friday, September 1

Bracketed KO Teams II (Sessions 2 of 4)	9:30 am
Bracketed KO Teams III (Sessions 3 & 4 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO Teams IV (Sessions 1 & 2 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, Two Sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs, Two Sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams, Single Session	7:30 pm
Horizontal Pairs (Session 3 of 5)*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

(Morning, Afternoon & Evening Respectively)

Midnight Zip KO	11:30 pm
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##### Saturday, September 2

Bracketed KO Teams II (Session 3 of 4)	9:30 am
Compact KO Teams (Session 1) (4 members only)	9:30 am
Bracketed KO Teams IV (Sessions 3 & 4 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO Teams V (Sessions 1 & 2 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, Two Sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs, Two Sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams, Single Session	7:30 pm
Horizontal Pairs (Session 4 of 5)*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

(Morning, Afternoon & Evening Respectively)

Midnight Zip KO	11:30 pm
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##### Sunday, September 3

Bracketed KO Teams II (Session 4 of 4)	9:30 am
Compact KO Teams (Session 2) (4 members only)	9:30 am
Bracketed KO Teams V (Sessions 3 & 4 of 4)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Compact KO Teams II (4 members only)	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Flighted Open Pairs, Two Sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs, Two Sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Horizontal Pairs (Session 5 of 5)*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

(Morning, Afternoon & Evening Respectively)

Midnight Zip KO	11:30 pm
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##### Monday, September 4

Flighted Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 am & TBA

**Flighted Events** A: Unlimited, B: 0-1500, C: 0-500  
**Stratified Events** A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500  
 Strati-Flighted Events A: Unlimited, AX: 0-3000 Play Separate  
 B: 750-1500, C: 300-750, D: 0-300 Play Together

#### Future Life Masters Schedule

##### All Single Sessions

9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm - Everyday!

Daily Trophy to the High Score if playing at least 2 sessions!  
 Stratifications A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

**Separate 0-50 stratified games daily  
if attendance warrants!**

Entry Fees: \$10/person/session

**Free Entry on Friday for players with 0-5 Masterpoints!  
Daily Bridge Lectures 6:45 pm Wednesday thru Sunday**

#### Tournament Committee

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#### Host Hotel

Renaissance Worthington Hotel  
200 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX

817.870.1000

\$100 for 1 to 4 people

Mention Bridge Rates

#### CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Contact Donna Compton

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Entry Fees: \$12/person/session  
(\$14 nonmember or unpaid life master)

\$100/team for Monday Swiss  
\$50/Pair for Monday Pairs  
(Includes meal between sessions)

##### \*Horizontal Pairs:

Play as many sessions as you wish  
with the same or different partners.

Overall awards in AM, AFT, & EVE events  
based on individual's best 2 sessions in respective event.

Non-Smoking Tournament with Breaks