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Kamel Wins Fast Open Pairs, Shirey Second Baker Wins Women's Knockout, Breed Second



Nagy Kamel



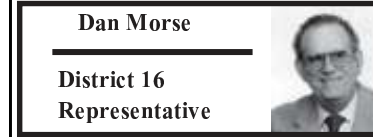
Steve Shirey



Lynn Baker



Mildred Breed



Dan Morse
District 16
Representative

New Orleans Report

ACBL Headquarters

I went to Horn Lake Mississippi for the opening of the new Headquarters of the ACBL. It was a grand affair with many local dignitaries attending. The Bridge Library and the Museum are terrific and I recommend any one traveling anywhere close to take some time and go tour the wonderful new facilities.

New Orleans NABC

New Orleans was a great place for a tournament with a fine facility and wonderful restaurants within walking distance; however the attendance was down (10,955 tables) from what was expected. One of the reasons was the high cost to park your car (\$33.60 per day). Some of the best restaurants in the US helped ease the pain of the parking. The host committee did a great job with the after game food having gumbo and red beans and rice often. The World War II Museum was great; in particular the IMAX movie is something everyone should see if they visit New Orleans. I was honored to be part of the induction of our own Paul Hodge (one of Texas's greatest players from the 50's & 60's) into the Bridge Hall of Fame. It was a much deserved honor for him. His son, Hunt Hodge, accepted the honor for him and made a very nice acceptance speech. (Ed note Vance McCracken has some wonderful stories about Paul in column on page 14)

The Youth NABC was a success with over 80 youngsters taking part. On Friday, Louis Sachar (from Austin) addressed them and talked about his book and did a book signing. On Saturday, (Houston area Astronaut) Greg Johnson addressed them about our Space program and answered questions.

Membership

In the first 6 months of 2010 membership increased by 250 and the June to June increase was 4,957. Tournaments are doing well with an increase in Regional's of about 3,000 tables so far this year.

Highlights of the Board Meeting

Changed the name of the Goodwill Committee to the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee in honor of Aileen who for 25 years exemplified and promoted Goodwill in ACBL as the chair of the committee.

Established a new national event, The Super Senior Pairs, for those 70+, to be held at the Fall NABC. It will be a 2 day event, and the winner's become eligible for Grand Life Master status if they have the required number of master points.

Made the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon pairs a mid-chart event.

Eliminated the requirement to pre-alert 5 card major week 2's and 6 card major 3 level pre-empts and undisciplined pre-empts. Alert now required only on occurrence.

Appointed a committee to form new and stiffer regulations for SLOW Play.

(cont. on page 7) Morse

David Sokolow
Senior NABC
Correspondent



Laissez les bons temps roulez ("Let the good times roll") is the unofficial motto of the city of New Orleans, and *roulez* they did for District 16 players at the summer NABC. Our denizens finished 1-2-3-4 in not just one, but two events! How cool is that?

Nagy Kamel of Plano won the Fast Open Pairs. It was his third NABC victory. Fast Pairs is not for the faint of heart, that's for sure. You only get 11 minutes a round--that's just 5-1/2 minutes to bid and play each board! Obviously, Nagy was up to the task, as were Steve Shirey of Fort Worth (second), Justin Lall of Dallas (third), and Ira Chorush of Houston and Babu Koneru of San Antonio (fourth). If only I could think that fast (the only time I played in the FOP, a slow play penalty kept me out of the final--obviously not my event!).

Lynn Baker of Austin won the Women's Knockout Teams for the fourth time (in eight years!). Her husband, Sam Dinkin, was the team's NPC (non-playing captain). Mildred Breed of Austin was second. The final came down to the wire. Kibitzers around the world followed on BBO's viewgraph as the lead changed hands repeatedly in the last quarter. In a nail-biter, Lynn's team prevailed, 126-124. Austinite Tobi Sokolow and newly-repatriated Shawn Quinn tied for 3/4 on different teams. Congratulations to all four of them on a job well done! Our teams did not fare particularly well in the various Grand National Teams events, except for the Championship Flight, where Dan Morse of Houston, Ira Hessel and Greg Hinze

of San Antonio, Hemant and Justin Lall of Dallas, and Nagy Kamel tied for third. They lost to the eventual winners in their semi-final match. Good showing, though! Other third-place finishers were Barry Schaffer of Frisco in the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams, and Mitch Towner and Rob Whitcher of Austin in the 0-1500 Life Master Pairs.

District 16 players acquitted themselves nicely, with lots of top ten finishes in NABC events in addition to those listed above. In the Senior Swiss Teams, David Sokolow, Austin, was fourth, Joe Quinn, Houston, and Ira Hessel seventh, and John Zilic, Houston, Tom Peters, Grapeland, and Buddy Hanby, Spring, eighth. In the Open Swiss Teams, Tobi Sokolow placed fourth (the best finish by an all-women's team in an open event in ages). Babu and Ira Chorush finished eighth, and Bob Hamman, Dallas, was tenth. Petra Hamman and Peggy Sutherlin, both of Dallas, finished 5/8 in the Women's KO. Mike Passell, Plano, came eighth in the Mixed BAM. In the Mini-Spingold II, Terry Richardson and Greg Schepens, Austin, finished 5/8. Steve Shirey was ninth in the Open Pairs, while Mitch Towner was ninth in the Fast Open Pairs. Finally, Paula and Jimmy Justice, Waxahachie, ended up ninth in the 0-1500 Life Master Pairs.

The fall NABC will be held in Orlando from November 22 to December 1. FYI, Orlando has a lot to offer, especially Disney World and the Epcot Center. The weather will be mild (as opposed to recent fall sites like Denver and Boston) and the rates at the host hotel are the cheapest in years (\$109/night). The schedule is ideal; have Thanksgiving at home, then head to Orlando. I hope to see you there, but whether you go or not, have a wonderful holiday.

Spingold KO Teams

- 5/8 Bob Hamman
- 9/16 Justin & Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 9/16 Seymon Deutsch, Laredo
- GNT Championship Flight**
- 3/4 Ira Hessel, Greg Hinze, San Antonio; Dan Morse, Houston; Hemant Lall - Justin Lall, Dallas; Nagy Kamel, Plano

Life Master Pairs

- 32/ Barry Schaffer, Frisco
- 57/ Bart Bramley, Dallas

Young 0-1500 LM Pairs

- 3/ Mitch Towner - Robert Whitcher, Austin
- 9/ Paula & Jimmy Justice, Waxahachie
- 13 Charles Ensor - Birendra BK Singh, Seabrook

Bruce 0-5000 LM Pairs

- 16/Terry Richardson, Austin; Henry Caspar, Katy
- 25/ Jeffrey McKee, Dale; Greg Resz, Weatherford

Wagar Womens KO Teams

- 1/ Lynn Baker, Austin
- 2/ Mildred Breed, Austin
- 3/ Tobi Sokolow, Austin
- 4/ Shawn Quinn, Houston

Mini Spingold II KO Teams

- 5/8 Terry Richardson - Greg Schepens, Austin

Mini Spingold I KO Teams

- 9/16W Lease - Guss Ginsburg - Chuck Germeyer III, Houston; Sandra Parker, Sugar Land
- 9/16Philip Duterme, Bellaire; Jon Richard Ware, New Braunfels; James La Fountain, Temple

Seniors Swiss

- 4/ David Sokolow, Austin
- 7/ Ira Hessel, San Antonio; Joe Quinn, 700 Chur Switzerland
- 8/ John Zilic, Houston; Thomas Peters, Grapeland; Buddy Hanby, Spring

- 13/ Maureen O'Rourke - Herbert Wilton, Fredericksburg
- 19/ Bill Staats, Southlake; Nancy Passell, Plano
- 24/ Barry Schaffer, Frisco;

Mixed B-A-M Teams

- 3/ Barry Schaffer, Frisco
- 15/ John Sutherlin & Sutherlin, Dallas; Dan Morse, Houston
- 22/ Tobi Sokolow, Austin;
- 23/ Bob Hamman - Petra Hamman, Dallas
- 28/ Hemant Lall, Dallas;

Fast Open Pairs

- 1/ Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 2/ Steve Shirey, Fort Worth
- 3/ Justin Lall, Dallas
- 4/ Ira Chorush, Houston; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 7/ Mitch Towner, Austin
- 35/ Jerrold Harrington; Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio

Wernher Open Pairs

- 9/ Steve Shirey, Fort Worth;
- 32/ Jack Lacy, Lago Vista
- 38/ Delmas Parker, Dallas; Bill St Clair Jr, Cypress \
- 46/John Du Bose Jr - Christoph Eick, Houston

Roth Open Swiss Teams

- 4/ Tobi Sokolow, Austin
- 8/ Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio; Ira Chorush, Houston
- 10/Bob hamman, Dallas
- 11/Eddie Wold, Houston
- 12/Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 13/Greg Hinze, San Antonio; Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 14/ Buddy Hanby, Spring
- 16/ Hemant Lall - Justin Lall, Dallas
- 34/ John Zilic, Houston; Thomas & Carolyn Peters, Grapeland
- 40/ Bill St Clair Jr, Cypress

Scorecard On-Line?

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Charles Price
District 16
President



This is a great time to be part of the leadership of District 16. We have increased our membership to over 9000, been awarded an additional regional tournament, and the District 16 board and committee members are organized and productive. We have the greatest players in the world. Our units are active and industrious, and the clubs have been developing new members. They are also providing outstanding lessons

and incentives to recruit and retain members. Several new clubs have opened within the past few years, which have added a lot of new life and energy to bridge.

Clubs are the life blood of the units, districts, and the entire ACBL. Some of our local clubs have started mentor programs, advertised in the newspapers for new duplicate players, and brought in guest speakers for their players.

The units have developed excellent websites, have a nice mixture of
(cont. on page 2) **President**

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A NEW REGIONAL IN EAST TEXAS

The Tournament of Stars will be held November 15 through 21, 2010. The schedule of events are packed full with KO's starting each day, pairs, 1 session Swiss, compact KO's and the new and exciting GOLD PAIRS (0 - 750). To make it easier on our players lunch will be available for \$10 a day Tuesday thru Saturday. Lunch tickets will be sold each morning before game time at a table near the directors area. The line up of caterers is Papacitas Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday; Jason's Deli on Wednesday; New York Deli on Thursday; Mercados on Friday and Newk's on Saturday. Sundays Swiss Games will be catered by Traditions, a favorite family owned restaurant with cost of the lunch included in the entry fee.

Learn from the Stars: Each afternoon mini seminars will be given by one of the following: Bob Hamman,

Steve Lawrence, Chris Compton, Jim Thurtell, Mike Graham or Sandy Campbell. Besides fun times at the bridge tables

Tyler offers many interesting attractions. The largest Municipal Rose Garden in the country covering 14-acres is just steps away from the Harvey Convention Center. Near by is the Tyler Rose Museum which was developed to preserve a unique history mirroring the history of Tyler itself. The museum features interactive exhibits, a display of past Rose Festival gowns, photos, memorabilia and other items of interest. Check out the Discovery Science Place, a hand's on activities for children; the Caldwell Zoo with over 2,000 animals in 85 acres of natural habitat; the Goodman Museum of History and Antiques; Brookshire's World Of Wildlife Museum and Country

Store featuring African and North American wildlife and a replica of a 1920's grocery store; the Historical Aviation Memorial Museum; Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge with big cats; Tyler Museum of Art featuring fine art and photography, and the American Freedom Museum with civil war artifacts, and more. For detailed information on these attractions log on to www.visitt Tyler.com.

Tyler has an abundance of good restaurants both franchised and local and a listing will be provided at the tournament. Tyler has an excellent wine tasting facility, K E Cellars in the French Quarter and their parent company Kiepersol Estates near Bullard which offers not only wine tasting but also gourmet dining.

A poetic welcome to all:
Twinkle, twinkle little star
If you're not in Tyler, we'll wonder where you are.
Our very first Regional is on the way

And here is what we want to say
Come join us. Stay, play and dine,
In cool East Texas where you'll really shine!
The Piney Woods are waiting just for you.
Roses are lovely in the morning dew.
Players and pros are coming in planes and cars.
So hitch a ride to our East Texas Regional *Tournament of Stars*

The Tournament will be held at the Harvey Convention Center located at 2000 W. Front Street in Tyler, TX. The phone number is 903-531-1349. The Host Hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 220 East Grande Blvd, Tyler, Texas. Phone 903-509-1166. The bridge rate is \$109-\$139, which includes a full breakfast for two. Prices are good until October 21, 2010. Should you need a little exercise the hotel is on the Rose Rudman Trail, a beautiful walking path 3.7 miles long. The Hotel also has covered parking available.



Several readers were kind enough to note, that in the last issue, I discussed a hand with more than one jack of clubs, three to be exact. While it was nice to know that some players actually read my articles, I was reminded of one of favorite pieces of advice my father gave me in my youth. Damon Runyon was a newspaperman who wrote colorful stories about New York. "Guys and Dolls" was based on his stories. Here is the quote from Damon my father offered me. "One of these days in your travels, a guy is going to come up to you and show you a nice brand-new deck of cards on which the seal is not yet broken, and this guy is going to offer to bet you that he can make the Jack of Spades jump out of the deck and squirt cider in your ear. But, son, do not bet this man, for as sure as you are standing there, you are going to end up with an earful of cider."

Unit	Column	Announcement	Results	Pictures
172 San Antonio	5	5, 5	5	6
174 Houston	5	8	6	7
176 Dallas	8	8	8, 9	9
183 Fort Western	9	10	9	10
187 Corpus Christi	11	11		
197 Lubbock	11			
201 Beaumont	10	11		
204 Fort Concho	10		10	
207 Texas Capital	11		12	13
209 Permian Basin	11			
224 Abilene	14	14		
225 East Texas	15	16		14
233 Central Texas	15			
237 Magic Valley		14		
353 Wichita Falls				
Go Away Cruise		3		
Swiss Teams Rio Vista Resort		4		

Board of Governors

Dewitt Hudson



In spite of the disaster in the Gulf this Summer, the New Orleans NABC was a great success!! Tournament Chair, John Federico did a great job in making the bridge players welcome, by giving the players great welcome bags of 'goodies' and nightly, refreshments, ice cream, jambalaya, rice and beans, etc. etc. " As the Cajuns like to say, "I gar-on-tee!!"

TABLE COUNT The Summer NABC had a total of 10,955 tables which was less than previous New Orleans' NABC's. In 2003, there were: 12,402 tables and in 1995, there were: 11,948 tables. Las Vegas Summer NABC still holds the record for most tables with a total of: 24,221 .

MEMBERSHIP The first half of 2010 saw a gain of 250 new members. As of June 2010, our ACBL membership is a

total of 165,000 strong.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION

Regionals are doing well, averaging 1600 tables per tournament. Our sectionals are breaking even, with 176 tables per tournament.

GOODBYE Gary Blaiss, a long time employee of ACBL is retiring. Gary, held many prestigious jobs within our organization, and always carried them out with great competence and distinction. He will be missed.

SUPER SENIOR PAIRS During the Fall, Orlando, NABC, for the first time, the Super Senior Pairs will take place and will continue, until further notice. This event is open to pairs each of whom is 70+ in age and are paid up members of ACBL.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE Aileen Osofsky, the Chair of the Goodwill Committee since 1985, passed June 22, 2010. In recognition of her service and goodwill toward the Bridge community, she was inducted into the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame under the Black-

wood Award last year. This year, to honor Aileen, the ACBL has renamed the Goodwill Committee the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

MILDRED BREED has advanced past the 15,000 master point plateau. She is a Grand Life Master with 16 NABC's titles. Mildred is a tireless professional bridge player, who was seen "manning the partnership desk" in Austin, Texas. ACBL is proud of Mildred's accomplishments and so is District 16 and Austin, Texas.

GREG HINZE of San Antonio, Texas, became a Grand Life Master at the Summer NABC in New Orleans, passing the 10,000 master point plateau.

WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

The World Bridge Series Championships is scheduled for Philadelphia from: October 1-16, 2010. It will be the first world championship on American soil since, 1994.

See you in the Fall 2010, NABC, Orlando, Florida.

DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

SEPTEMBER

New Braunfels (July Issue 6) 9-12
Arlington 0-500 NLM 11-12
Spring 0-300 17-19
Abilene (0-500NLM) (July Issue 14) 18-19
Mexico City 21-24
Athens 0-500 23-25
Austin (July Issue 12) 23-26
Dallas (0-100) (July Issue 3) 24-26

OCTOBER

Wichita Falls (July Issue 14) 1-3
Dallas (0-300) 7-9
Beaumont (10) 7-10
San Antonio (5) 8-11
Fort Worth (10) 15-17
Rockport (11) 15-17
Mexico City 21-24
Swiss Teams Rio Vista Resort (4) 28-31
Abilene (14) 29-31
Humble (Houston) (8) 29-31

NOVEMBER

PUERTO VALLERTA REGIONAL (15) 1-7
Houston (0-300) 5-7
Richardson (8) **Correction** 4-7
McAllen (14) 12-14
San Antonio (5) 4-7
Austin NLM (500) 13-14
TYLER REGIONAL (16) 15-21
ORLANDO FALL NATIONALS Nov 25-Dec 5

DECEMBER

Dallas (0-100) 2-4
PALM SPRINGS REGIONAL 13-19

JANUARY

Austin 6-9
NAP Austin 8-9
San Antonio 14-17
U-174 Stac 11-16
San Miguel Allende 14-16
Harlingen 21-23
Richardson 20-23

(continued from page 1) **President** experienced and new players in leadership roles, and are working on recruiting and retaining players. Here are some of the exciting activities that are taking place in the units of District 16. Unit 172 in San Antonio is having a successful membership drive in conjunction with their mentoring program. Houston's Unit 174 has begun hosting a number of intermediate novice games, ask the teacher by email, and intermediate and novice newsletters. Dallas, Unit 176, has several very active clubs with two having mentor programs and a focus on intermediate/novice players. The Bridge Academy of Dallas will host a 0-100 sectional September 24-26, and Valley View Bridge Club will host a 299er sectional October 7-9. Ft. Worth, Unit 183, has

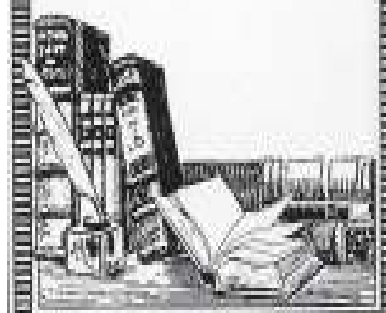
a new building that has helped the membership, and Arlington is hosting a NLM sectional September 11-12. Unit 187 of South Texas has special games including pot-luck games. Lubbock (Unit 197 Llano Estacado) has many special games including a monthly Swiss team. Unit 201 in South East Texas is hosting a play-and-learn series and two new lesson series. They are hosting a Rockport Beach sectional tournament on October 15-17. Fort Concho-San Angelo, Unit 204, is home of the Best Little Bridge Club in Texas. Unit 207 (Texas Capitol) has special games for 0-299ers, a Lone Ranger game, and pot-luck games with partners guaranteed. The Greater Permian Basin, Unit 209, is working on increasing membership at their daily games. East Texas, Unit 225, is looking for-

ward to their first regional tournament with great excitement. Central Texas, Unit 233, is beginning a mentoring program at the Cultural Activities Center and an Eight Is Enough game. Magic Valley (Unit 237) is enjoying the sun and Wichita Falls, Unit 353, is getting ready for their sectional tournament that will be held October 1-3. Fort Phantom, Abilene, Unit 224, will host a NLM sectional on September 18-19 and a Harvest Sectional tournament that begins October 30. Unit 205, Mexico, is hosting its annual regional "Life's a Beach!" tournament in Puerto Vallarta, November 1-7, at the Hotel Fiesta Americana. My wife and I are looking forward to traveling to Mexico for that one! These examples are just a few of the activities in which District 16 units are engaged.

DEADLINE for Nov/Dec Issue

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Eddie Wold is #3 on the all-time ACBL list with over 55,000 masterpoints. A World Champion, he has won the Barry Crane Top 500 three times. He has won 14 National Championships and over 800 Regionals.

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 Card playing area reserved exclusively for our group



DAY	9:30A-11:30A	1:30P-4:30P	7:30P-10:30P
Sunday	xxx	xxx	Game
Monday	Lecture	Game	Game
Tuesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Wednesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Thursday	Lecture	Game	Game
Friday	Lecture	Game	Game
Saturday	Lecture	Game	xxx

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sunday	16-Jan	Galveston	xxx	5:00PM
Monday	17-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Tuesday	18-Jan	Cozumel	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
Wednesday	19-Jan	Grand Cayman	10:00 AM	6:00PM
Thursday	20-Jan	Montego Bay	8:00 AM	5:00PM
Friday	21-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Saturday	22-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Sunday	23-Jan	Galveston	8:00 AM	xxx

GRATUITIES AND TRAVEL INSURANCE ARE INCLUDED!

CAT	CABIN	SIZE	BALCONY	DECK	DOUBLE	SINGLE
GS	Grand Suite	381 sq ft	95 sq ft	10	\$2,300	\$3,900
JS	Junior Suite	277 sq ft	69 sq ft	10, 9	\$1,900	\$3,100
D2	Superior Outside	188 sq ft	50 sq ft	9, 8, 7	\$1,550	\$2,400
E2	Deluxe Outside	173 sq ft	47 sq ft	7, 6	\$1,500	\$2,300
H	Outside	180 sq ft	none	2	\$1,350	\$2,000
M	Inside	160 sq ft	none	9	\$1,250	\$1,800

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North American Pairs Announcement

District 16 A/B/C finals will be January 8th (2 qualifying sessions) and January 9th (2 final sessions), 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin. Managers should send a list of club qualifiers within 3 days of last game to both Unit and District NAP Coordinators. **Unit Coordinators should send list of unit qualifiers within 3 days** of unit final to Melody Euler, District Coordinator. Email her at melodious@hotmail.com. Club-qualified players may play in any Unit Final within District 16.

Please Check with local site as posted times may be tentative.

Unit #	Name	Flight	Date	Time	Location
172	San Antonio	ABC	Sat 10/2	10:00/TBA	Bridge Club of San Antonio
173	Mexico	No information Available			
174	Houston	AC	Sun 11/14	11:00/TBA	Houston Bridge Studio
		B	Sat 11/13	11:00/TBA	Bridge Club of Houston
176	Dallas	C	Sat 10/2	1:30	BAND
		B	Sun 10/9	1:30	Dorsey's Bridge Studio
		A	Sun 10/17	1:30	Valley View Bridge Club
183	Fort Western	AC	Sun 10/24	12:30/TBA	Ft Worth Bridge Studio
		B	Sun 9/19	12:30/TBA	Ft Worth Bridge Studio
187	Corpus Christi	ABC	Sat 9/11	10:30/TBA	Bridge Club of South Texas
197	Llano Estacado	ABC	Sun 10/17	1:00/TBA	The Bridge Center
201	Sabine Neches	A	Sat 11/13	9:30/1:00	Beaumont Bridge Studio
		BC	Sat 9/25	9:30/1:00	Beaumont Bridge Studio
204	Fort Concho	ABC	Sat 11/13	10:00/2:00	Sue Barber Bridge Club
205	Mexico	ABC	Tue 12/14	1:00	Lakeside Bridge Center
207	Texas Capitol	ABC	Sat 10/9	1:30/5:30	The Bridge Center of Austin
209	Greater Permian Basin	ABC	Sat 9/25	10:00/TBA	Allison Bridge Center
224	Fort Phantom	ABC	Sat 9/25	1:00/6:00	Mabel Lillius Bridge Center
225	East Texas	BC	Sat 11/6	10:00/TBA	Dottie Pirkle's DBC
233	Central Texas	ABC	Sun 9/19	1:00	Temple CAC
237	Magic Valley	No event Scheduled			
353	Wichita Falls	ABC	Sun 11/7	1:30	Bridge A Gap

District 16 Publicity Chairman

Sally Blewett



Our District President, Charlie Price has set worthy goals for us including increasing membership by recruiting new player and retaining the ones we currently have. We will achieve this goal if every member and all units work together. There are three basic strategies we might use to accomplish this goal.

We can begin by ensuring that our Bridge Clubs and members are inviting and friendly. The coffee is ready, other drinks and snacks are available, and the playing area is

comfortable. When new players arrive, they are greeted and welcomed. During the play of hands, everyone is treated with courtesy. We carefully observe the No Tolerance Policy.

Every club should provide classes for newcomers and intermediate players. Most of us want to improve our games and could use help in this area. Some clubs conduct classes in schools, churches, and or Best Years Centers or wherever people gather. Mentor programs are also very helpful. Unit 201 currently has a monthly Mentor pair games and Mentor Swiss Team games.

The third suggestion is to sell Bridge in your area. We have the best

game in the world and many people have not yet discovered it. Duplicate Bridge helps us with our thought processes and keeps us on our toes. It helps with memory and is good for whatever problems we may confront.

Submit your Bridge calendar to local Community Bulletin Boards on TV and Radio. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper with stories about Bridge happenings or submit a column to city magazines or the local paper. Take advantage of the ACBL Plan and purchase advertising. Take advantage of the internet and come up with exciting new ways to get the word out about Bridge!

The Cardturner – A Review by Ellen Hessel

My first exposure to Louis Sachar's work came via my best friend, Marilyn, a non-bridge player, who is, hands down the most creative, talented educator I've ever seen. She was, at the time, reading a chapter of *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* during the few minutes left before dismissing her class. Not only did I soon read each chapter of this hilarious book to my own daughters, but also read them over the phone, long distance, to my then boyfriend – With every page, we all roared with laughter, glee and delight! I kept saying to myself, "Who IS this Louis Sachar guy?" So, some years later at an Austin tournament, when Carole Dawkins dragged me over to meet her new friend, bridge enthusiast, and author of some children's books, I nearly took poor Louis down trying to get a hug while trying to think of some humorous way to let him know how thrilled I was to be actually meeting him and that I was such a major fan. I think it must have all come out fairly garbled - needless to say, I don't shoot particularly well from the hip – and hopefully the whole scene's become blurred for him over time.

The Cardturner, Louis' latest publication, is as delightful a tale as any

bridge player could hope for. Along with mystery, intrigue, romance, inspiration, accomplishment and more, it's cleverly surrounded by the game that we all so adore. You'll find yourself reminiscing about some of your own "funny now, but not so funny then" adolescent blunders as well as that infectious period that each and every bridge player has surely experienced when "first bitten". The story unfolds through the eyes of Alton Williams, a 17 year old unemployed for the summer before his senior year young man, who becomes smitten with the world of bridge and all of its wonder and excitement. For non-bridge players, there's actually a sort of "pass" card available, or perhaps "bypass" is more accurate, in case you don't want to be bogged down with too much technical bridge info – you can simply skip to the short version box that gives you just enough explanation to give you the gist and continue with the flow. *The Cardturner* will hopefully kindle new interest and participation in our great game as it is so skillfully yet casually whets the appetite. Marilyn's getting a copy for her birthday (which Louis so kindly inscribed in New Orleans) – I do have expectations.

DISTRICT 16 - ACBL TEXAS STAR SERVICE AWARDS

TO: President and Board of Directors of each Unit of District 16
RE: Texas Star Service Awards for 2010

Each Unit of District 16 has the right to annually designate a member of that Unit to receive a Texas Star Service Award. The Award can be given to a Unit member in good standing for outstanding and meritorious service to the Unit. The Award should not be given lightly and can be given only to someone who has not previously received this Award. The Texas Star Service Awards will be presented on Saturday before the evening session at the Houston Regional in February 2011.

If your Unit decides to so honor one of your members for 2006, please initiate the process within your Unit. After your selection is made, send us a letter outlining your designee's contributions to your Unit, a brief personal sketch, and, if possible, a photograph suitable for publishing in the *Scorecard*. We must receive all this information by January 1, 2011.

This is a great way to say "thank you" to a member who has worked hard in behalf of the Unit. Please keep your selection secret as surprise is an important part of the Award presentation. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Texas Star Service Award Committee

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Description of the Award & Guidelines for Selection and Presentation Ceremony Will be in Online Scorecard

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Thursday 2PM- Swiss Team, session 1A- Snacks and drinks included
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Friday 9:30 AM- Swiss Team 1C- Friday lunch included

Sessions 2 & 3 - Same schedule as Session 1, beginning Fri & Sat at 2PM

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