Welcome to the month of February- the month in North Texas where you wear a cozy coat and boots, and later that day you're ready for shorts and sandals...

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Don Nestor
Asher Patel Parrish
Joy Regan
Devon Sharkey

RANK ADVANCEMENTS:

NABC MASTER Thomas Neagli

REGIONAL MASTER Sandra Funkhouser

JUNIOR MASTER Connie Mazzola

NOTE RE: THE NEW UPDATED FW STUDIO:

At long last our studio expansion is coming to a close. We will have an Open House Mentor/Mentee game on Sunday, Mar. 2, presented by Mary Jane and Lorraine. Bring finger foods and we'll have a celebration. Spread the news to all the bridge world that we're back in business! Contact info: Mary Jane Orock: 817.729.3115 mjobridge@charter.net Lorraine Little: 817.304.0890 lorrainelittle18@gmail.com Or mentor.mentee183@gmail.com

NOTE RE FW SECTIONAL CANCELLATION:

Unfortunately, our February sectional tournament in Fort Worth has been cancelled this year due to a scheduling SNAFU with ACBL.

NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DAVID BRANCH:

As your new President, I would like for the members of Unit 183 to know that your Board and Officers look forward to serving you in the coming year. It has already been an active transition with the new space expansion.

Many thanks to John Robbins and the Search Committee for a long process of negotiating the space agreement. Many thanks also to Cynthia Benton for working with the city and building folks to manage the construction piece that is still underway. Meanwhile, Randy Eads has worked very hard to keep the tournament schedule flowing among its fluid pieces. I am grateful to everyone across the months and appreciate your patience while the expansion is completed. We will wind up with a much more comfortable space.

HOUSTON REGIONAL COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

Tournament will be held February 3-9. Link

MENTOR/MENTEE GAMES RESUMING!

Please join us starting **Sunday March 2, 2025**. We will have a talk at 1:30 p.m. game time 2:00 p.m.

Monthly Dates are April 7, May 5, June 2.

The cost is \$8 for mentees, mentors play free. Please call or text *Mary Jane 817-729-3115* *Lorraine

817-304-0890* mentor.mentee183@gmail.com if you are a mentee or mentor. If you already have a partnership – and want to play just let us know. --

The last game on July 14 at 2:00 p.m. will be Eight is Enough, open to all and is \$32 a team.

1----Non-Life Master- or under 500 MP

2----Life Master- 2500 MP

3----Life Master Over 2500 MP

> Gather your team and COME PLAY! We will have fun!

REMINDER FOR CURRENT AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS Our BOARD MEETINGS are on the 4TH WEDNESDAY of each month after the game. This is a new date after many years of meeting on Tuesdays.

BIG GAMES:

Alan Copeland and Jimmy Justice had a 71.00% game at the Burleson Club on Jan. 13.

SUNSHINE CORNER/IN MEMORIAM

Ivan Uys passed away January 22. He was a frequent player at the FW studio and we send our deep condolences to all his bridge friends. Memorial service will be February 8 at 2PM at 2908 Field St, Haltom City, 76117.

Norma Brown passed away January 29. She and her husband Jerry played for years at the FW studio, and she will be missed. Deep condolences to all of you who knew her and enjoyed her lovely smile.

SUNSHINE CORNER HAS A NEW CHAIRPERSON

Linda Spangler will be taking over for MB Howard as Sunshine chairperson. MB has not been well and she is in our thoughts and prayers. If you need to pass on information about a member of our group who is going through a difficult time health-wise, please notify Linda. Her contact info: spanglerl@sbcglobal.net Phone: 682.224.4307

FREE YEAR OF ACBL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

This is a program offered by some insurance plans to encourage folks to stay fit mentally. Bridge qualifies as good mental exercise. Check out this website and you might find some good

news: <u>acbl.org/grouper</u> (NOTE this is NOT the same email we posted recently. That one was incorrect. This one is not)

WHERE TO PLAY IN UNIT 183:

We have in-person games open in various locations throughout the Unit and we surely hope you'll join us. Our principal locations are Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club (ADBC), Denton Bridge Studio (DBS), and the Fort Worth Studio. All have websites which provide information about location, game schedules, game results, and special activities. Weekly games are also held in various facilities throughout....Burleson, Coppell, Flower Mound, Granbury, Lewisville, and Mansfield.

Colleyville game is at their Senior Center, 2512 Glade Rd.

Granbury Bridge Club is in Acton Methodist Church. Director is David Lemasters.

Robson Ranch Denton Duplicate Bridge Club.

<u>rrdentonbridge@gmail.com</u>. They are an open club and everyone is welcome to play.

Please see the Unit 183 website for these game locations and contact information. The Unit website also provides the Fort Worth game schedule. Website addresses: Unit 183 and Fort Worth Studio

games: www.d16acbl.org/U183 Arlington Bridge Studio: https://d16acbl.org/U176/ABC/index.html Denton Bridge Studio (NEW phone #945-257-7901) www.dentonbridgestudio.com

Please email me if you have something critical that must be included in our newsletter- Thank you!

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