

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

Wishing you prosperity and health for the new year.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Evelyn Estes-Knowles

Sivareddy Mukkamalla (transfer)

Ernest Jordan III (transfer)

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Robert Dixon

UNIT 183 SECTIONAL

Our Feb. Sectional will be held Fri.- Sun, Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 at our Wellington location. We plan to hold it in our soon to be enlarged and enlivened facility. Plan to be there! [Link](#)

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT IN DENTON

January 16-18 Denton studio will have a local sectional and would love to have a good crowd. [Link](#)

HOUSTON REGIONAL COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

Tournament will be held February 3-9. [Link](#)

2024 AWARDS

-Cynthia Benton will be awarded the DISTRICT 16 STAR for her devotion to keeping the Unit running smoothly. She will receive her award at the Houston Regional.

-Gloria Fields and John Robbins have been honored with the GOODWILL award, for their friendly and positive attitude at the bridge table .

DISTRICT NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS FINALS

The District has the finals for the NAP in Austin Jan 11-12. Click [here](#) for details, and [here](#) for qualifiers (scroll down to Unit 183.) Win some GOLD MPs, and maybe a trip to the NABC in Memphis in March!

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2025

PRESIDENT- David Branch

VICE PRESIDENT- Cynthia Benton

TREASURER- Steve Shirey

SECRETARY- Diane Dillman

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.

UPDATE ON EXPANSION OF THE FORT WORTH FACILITY:

We have applied for a Cert. of Occupancy and a permit has been issued. After some inspections we will receive our Certificate. We are very happy to report that it should happen this week!

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 <https://www.acbl.org/element3/>

BIG GAMES:

Ross Ramsey and Brian Eaton had a 70% game at the Colleyville Studio.

Kay Jones and Milt Birmingham had a 75% game Thursday aft 12/26 at the Fort Worth studio.

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

SUNSHINE CORNER/IN MEMORIAM

Ivan Uys is in Critical Care at Harris Hospital and our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Hugh Hillaker passed away December 18. He had many long-time friends at the bridge table over the years, and will be missed by so many. We send condolences to all the many bridge friends who will miss him greatly.

Laura Nash passed away December 29. She will be greatly missed by so many of us, and our deep condolences go out to all her friends and loved ones.

(Services for both Hugh and Laura were held last week.)

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. rrdentonbridge@gmail.com. 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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