

ACBL Unit 183



Unit 183 Newsletter

Dear Michael

Greetings! Welcome to September and the prospect of cool fall weather ahead.

UNIT 183

Annual Election

At the Fort Worth fall sectional tournament in mid-October we will be having an election for the Unit 183 officers. Ballots and nominee information will be sent out several weeks prior to the tournament. Voting can be done at the

tournament or ballots can be mailed in ahead of time. Votes will be counted towards the end of the day on the last day of the tournament.

Message from Cynthia Benton

This month Unit 183 has seen the retirement of our longtime bookkeeper, Ann Lefevre. Ann was a player several years ago, took on the job then, and stayed with us for many years although she hasn't played bridge in a long time. Ann has outlasted 4 presidents while dealing with changing treasurers, landlords, supplies chairmen, tournament coordinators, the IRS, changing of banks, and utility companies (Ann can now hold her own with any robot on the telephone). Although most of us seldom saw her we certainly got used to having her take care of our money.. and as we are wont to do, we expected her to be around forever. She will now go back to full time enjoyment of chasing her dead relatives... she's a genealogy buff! And we thank her very much and wish her all the best!

We are most indebted to Brian Eaton who has graciously consented to continue the bookkeeping adventure begun some 10 years ago by Ann. Brian spent his career as a certified public accountant working in public, private and nonprofit organizations in Ft. Worth before retiring about 5 years ago to give himself more time to play bridge! Brian, we belatedly congratulated you on that wise decision.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members.

Beverly Cochran, Denton
Nancy Engle, Arlington
William Engle, Arlington
Sue Mayo, Fort Worth
Marilyn Perley, Highland Village

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to all who advanced in rank last month!

JUNIOR MASTER (5 MPs)

Johnny Conner

REGIONAL MASTER (100 MPs)

Cheri Gross

ADVANCED NABC MASTER (300 MPs)

Elizabeth Furman

Brenda Schrader

LIFE MASTER (500 MPs)

Bansi Shah

BRONZE LIFE MASTER (750 MPs)

John Fee

RUBY LIFE MASTER (1500 MPs)

Verlyn Stahlecker

Carol Welch



BIG GAMES

Congratulations to all of those who had big games in August and late July!

Brian Eaton and Ross Ramsey had a 73% game at the Colleyville Duplicate Bridge Club on July 28th.

Bill Ream and Michael Heymann had a 72.5% game on Tuesday afternoon August 11th at the Fort Worth Bridge Studio.

DALLAS LABOR DAY REGIONAL

Here is a list of the top 20 master point winners from the recent Dallas Labor Day tournament.

Rank	mps	Name
1	98.84	Greg Resz <i>Lincoln, NE</i>
2	94.14	Robert Hollman <i>Santa Barbara, CA</i>
3	94.14	Billy Cohen <i>Sherman Oaks, CA</i>
4	94.14	Ronald Goor <i>Houten, NN</i>
5	94.14	Xavier Friesen <i>Venray, NN</i>
6	78.29	John Schwartz <i>Plano, TX</i>
7	63.66	Ira Hessel <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
8	63.24	Nancy Kornegay <i>N Richland Hls, TX</i>
9	63.24	Stephen Kornegay <i>N Richland Hls, TX</i>
10	63.24	Mark Bumgardner <i>Murphy, TX</i>
11	62.69	Michael Heymann <i>Fort Worth, TX</i>
12	60.74	S Kohan <i>Dallas, TX</i>
13	56.01	Ellen Hessel <i>San Antonio, TX</i>
14	54.47	Barry Schaffer <i>Frisco, TX</i>
15	52.35	Andrew Chen <i>Austin, TX</i>
16	52.35	Charlie Chen <i>Austin, TX</i>
17	50.19	Sheri Bumgardner <i>Murphy, TX</i>
18	49.45	John Bromberg <i>Spicewood, TX</i>
19	49.45	Steve Chen <i>Austin, TX</i>
20	48.39	Alexander Bealles <i>Mars, PA</i>

The full list is at <https://live.acbl.org/masterpoint-winners/2609109> .

Congratulations to all who won master points!

ARLINGTON (ADBC)

SPECIAL GAMES in SEPTEMBER

Arlington is hosting a Life Master party for Linda Neal on **Saturday, September 12th**, and there will also be a 15,000 Platinum Life Master party for Nancy Kornegay on **Saturday, September 26th**. On both days, lunch will be provided at noon followed by a game at 1:00 pm.

DENTON BRIDGE STUDIO

DENTON SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT



The Denton Bridge Studio is looking forward to their local fall Sectional from **October 1-3, 2026**. It is at the **Denton Bridge Studio** in Denton. We hope you all can join us.

The partnership chair is Mary Jane DeBusk. You can reach her at mjdebusk@yahoo.com.

Here is a web link to the tournament flyer :

<https://d16acbl.org/U183/events-pdfs/DBSSectionalFlyerOct2026.pdf>

FORT WORTH BRIDGE STUDIO

FORT WORTH SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT



The fall sectional in Fort Worth will be at the Fort Worth Bridge Studio from **October 15-17, 2026**. We hope to see you all there. This is a great opportunity to get silver points if you are working on your life master.

Gloria Fields is the partnership chair. You can reach Gloria at 817-266-2095 or partners183@outlook.com .

Here is a web link to the tournament flyer :

<https://d16acbl.org/U183/events-pdfs/FWSectionalFlyerOct2026.pdf> .



CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS

CLASSES

Bridge Lessons on Monday (9:30 am - 11:30 am)

Bridge lessons are still being taught at the Fort Worth studio! We have lessons every Monday.

On the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month Kathy Coleman teaches lessons for beginners who have some experience playing bridge. Contact Kathy at kbc Coleman8@gmail.com or 817-996-9039.

On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month Gloria Fields teaches lessons for beginners who have "very little or no" bridge experience. Contact Gloria at gofields@gmail.com.

Lessons are \$10 and the classes are from 9:30-11:30 am. They are very informal with lots of questions and discussion. Please come to some or all of the lessons! We would love to see you.

Monday Afternoon Game (12 noon - 3 pm)

Everyone is invited to stay after the bridge lesson on Monday to play in Docia's game which is held every Monday afternoon at the Fort Worth Studio, starting at 12 noon.

SUNSHINE CORNER

SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON REMINDER

If you need to pass on information about a member of our group who is going through a difficult time healthwise, please notify Linda Spangler. Her contact info is - email: spanglerl@sbcglobal.net , telephone: 682.224.4307.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we report that Michael Fox died in August on August 13th. No service was held. Michael played frequently in the weekly games in Fort Worth. We will all miss his polite and friendly presence at the bridge table.

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 Bridge Studio**. All have websites which provide information about location, game schedules, game results, and special activities.

Weekly games are also held in various other facilities throughout Unit 183. There are locations in Burleson, Flower Mound, Colleyville, Granbury, Mansfield, and Robson Ranch.

BAFLAC

BAFLAC, supporting Lewisville, Coppell, Flower Mound, and surrounding areas, have games played at the Flower Mound Senior Center, 2701 West Windsor Drive. The director is Darrel VanDyke. The BAFLAC contact number is: 214-929-8128.

Burleson

The Burleson game is on Monday at the Burleson Bridge Club. Contact Marvin Stewart at 817-929-3682.

Colleyville

The Colleyville game is at their Senior Center, 2512 Glade Rd. The director is Jan Mogged. Contact number: 817-851-6906.

Granbury

The Granbury Bridge Club is in Acton Methodist Church. The director is David Lemasters, 225-933-4074.

Mansfield

The Mansfield game is on Tuesday at the Mansfield Activities Center. Contact the director, Lauren Brown at 817-800-3886.

Robson Ranch Duplicate Bridge Club

The Robson Ranch Bridge Club is in Denton. They are an open club and everyone is welcome to play. Contact: 940-765-2159, rrdentonbridge@gmail.com.

WEBSITE ADDRESSES

District 16 Website: <https://district.d16acbl.org> . The district website is a good resource for information about upcoming tournaments throughout the district and it also has a library of past intermediate/newcomer lectures which you can view online.

Unit 183 and Fort Worth Bridge Studio: The Unit 183 home page is at <https://d16acbl.org/U183> .

Unit 183 Game Schedule: The Unit 183 website has a web page with the general game schedule and contact information for all of the different bridge clubs in Unit 183. The web link is: <https://d16acbl.org/U183/gameschedule.htm>

Arlington Bridge Studio:<https://d16acbl.org/U176/ABC/index.html>

Denton Bridge Studio:<https://www.bridgewebs.com/dentonstudio>

Fort Worth Daily Game Schedule: The daily Fort Worth game schedule for the current month is at: <https://d16acbl.org/U183/clubgames.htm> . This is where you will find what kinds of games are scheduled to be played on each day of the current month - whether the game is NAP, STaC, Club Championship, Instant Matchpoint, and so on.



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