



TOURNAMENT OF STARS APRIL 8 TO APRIL 14 2019

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified Open Choice Pairs (Session 1, 2 & 3 of 3)	
Play 2 Of 3 sessions	10:00 am, 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session)	10:00 am, 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Stratified Board-A-Match Teams (Single Session)	7:00 pm
Mary Ann Peden KO Teams (Round 1 of 4)	
KO may be handicapped	7:00 pm
Rounds 2-4 on TH	

ENTRY FEES: \$13+ \$4 PER SESSION FOR
 LAPSED MEMBERS
 East Texas Hospitality
 COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS COFFEE AND
 WATER

Free Parking Daily
 Happy Hour OFFERED BY HOTEL

The hotel is offering Happy Hour daily from 5 to
 7.

We also are providing free snacks and
 coffee throughout
 the tournament.

299ER PAIRS SCHEDULE

Monday 2:30, 7:00
 Tuesday 10:00, 2:30, 1:00
 Wednesday - Saturday 10:00, 2:30, 1:00
 Strats A 200 300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

GOLD RUSH PAIRS SCHEDULE

0.750 Play for Gold
 5 sessions: Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 and 2:30
 BRACKETED SWISS Monday thru Saturday

\$10 Lunch Order between 9-11
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Speaker Schedule on page 2

0-300 Stratified Pairs, by avg.:	A: 200-300	B: 100-200	C: 0-100
Gold Rush Pairs, by avg. :	A: 300-750	B: 100-300	C: 0-100
Limited Bracketed Swiss :	B: 0-2000		
Choice Pairs, by avge :	A: 2000+	B: 0-2000	
Stratified Open Pairs/Swiss/BAM, by avg.	A: 2000+	B: 750-2000	C: 0-750
Stratiflighted A/X Swiss, by avge :	A: 4000+	X: 0-4000	
Open Bracketed KO/Swiss :	A: Bracketed by attendance		

Note: Stratification Is based on average MPs for each pair/team. However, for Strati-Flighted events, qualification to play In a given flight is determined by the maximum MP holding for any player on that pair/team.

Co Chairs

Mike Graham

Graduate of University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in Business Management. He is the owner & Director for the Longview DBC, a position he has held for 35 years. He also is the director for the monthly unit 225 game. Mike is a past Texas Star recipient, National Goodwill Committee member, & an inductee in the Miss Texas Pageant Hall of Honor & has the track record for the most successful local pageant director in Texas, with 9 state winners.



Mike recently attained the rank of Diamond Life Master and is a bridge teacher as well. In his spare time, he enjoys time with his 9 year old niece & 5 year old nephew & going to New York with friends.

Shirley Shelton

Shirley is a Ruby Life Master who began playing bridge in 1995. She was the 2012 Texas Star recipient from Unit 225. She serves as Assistant Manager of the Longview Duplicate Bridge Club and works with Mike Graham in preparing and presenting twice-yearly lessons. Shirley believes that by getting to know the material well and having a class that asks a lot of questions, she has become a better player. She has lined up a number of professional teachers to speak during the tournament



Partnership

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PHOTOS

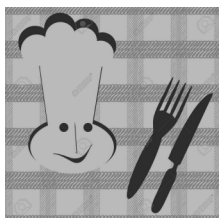
Photographs of the 1st place winner overall in A, B & C, both in open and 299er pairs. First place in knockouts for each bracket and first place in all brackets/strats for other team games. We also need photo's of all the players that become Life Masters. Photos will be taken for 30 minutes after each session located at the end of the partnership desk.

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WEDNESDAY LUNCH MENU

Smoked BBQ Brisket
 Baked Beans
 Potato Salad
 Fried Pies



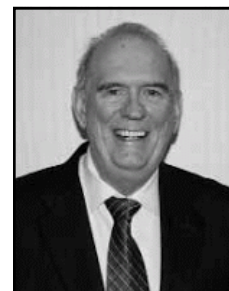
Lunch Tickets are \$10 and are on sale outside the playing area from 9-11 A.M. Please purchase your tickets by 11A.M. so that the restaurant can accommodate everyone who wants to have the lunch.

Wednesday Speaker

Dan Morse

1:45

Q and A Bidding



TUESDAY WINNERS



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 2
Richard Frankeny, Terri O'Brien,
Diana Frankeny, Anita Albert



Tuesday Choice Pairs Flt B
Bonnie Burch, Jo Ann Parten

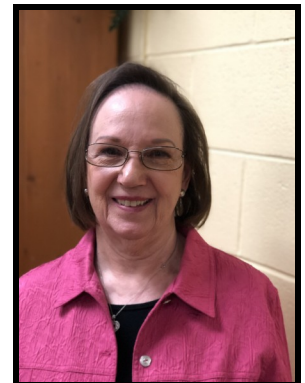
From the Desk of Linda Harrison Unit 225 President

Welcome to 2019 East Texas Tournament of Stars Regional Tournament and springtime in East Texas! We hope you enjoy this week of great bridge opportunities and experience the warm East Texas hospitality! This is our first ever regional in Longview, Texas. The regional was moved from Tyler to Longview this year when Ginger Rhomey and Charles Ford elected not to chair the tournament again. We give Ginger lots of credit for getting the regional tournament started in 2010 in Tyler and to her co-chair, Charles Ford for all the hard work they put into the project to make it a success and keep the tournament returning to East Texas every two years! They have handed the baton off to Mike Graham and Shirley Shelton along with many volunteers who have worked hard to plan and pull off the tournament in our new location at the Holiday Inn Infinity Events Center in Longview. It is a great venue given the hotel was recently renovated and a spacious new events center added. The hotel is conveniently located to many nice restaurants and the Longview Mall nearby.

In addition to lots of bridge opportunities, each day you can enjoy lots of great snacks and home cooked treats compliments of the generous volunteers in each of the nine local clubs that make up Unit 225.

I hope we can celebrate lots of new life masters who win their last few points to make this milestone in their duplicate bridge journey! Have a fun time and plan to return to East Texas for our next regional in 2021!

Thank you for coming to the 2019 East Texas Tournament of Stars!



Tue Strat Choice Pairs

18.5 Tables / Based on 10 Tables

	A	B	C		
8.75	1			Dolores Aquino - Thomas Rush, Houston TX	202.27
6.56	2			Kimmel Jones, Euless TX; Gary Kessler, Springfield IL	200.27
4.92	3	1		Bonnie Burch, New Bern NC; Jo Ann Parten, Emory TX	196.77
3.69	4			Theda Cook, Daingerfield TX; Stan Pushkarsky, Austin TX	188.14
2.92	5			Michael Bossert - Sara Bossert, Cypress TX	181.55
2.50	6			James Thurtell - James Bauer, Dallas TX	180.98
2.99		2		Terry Sucher, Montgomery TX; Clark Vernon, Hot Springs Vlg AR	178.64
2.38		3		Karen Bachman, College Station TX; Kathy Baldwin, Bryan TX	171.14

Tue Br Swiss Teams-1

7 Tables

17.53	1	Ron LaCour - Anne LaCour, Georgetown TX; Dave Swarthout - Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel - Donna Swarthout, San Antonio TX	98.00
13.15	2	Dorothy Nuttall - William Young III - Mary Hubbard - Bobbye Goodman, Shreveport LA	81.00
9.86	3	Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA	76.00

Tue Br Swiss Teams-2

7 Tables

9.48	1	Terri O'Brien, Leander TX; Anita Albert, Austin TX; Diana Frankeny - Richard Frankeny, Cedar Park TX	93.00
7.11	2	Becky Ellisor - Buddy Ellisor, Wimberley TX; Robert Auvenshine - Kay Dierks, Hot Springs Vlg AR	75.00
5.33	3	Norma Dotson, Flowood MS; Elizabeth Bryan, Newhebron MS; Floyd Fraser - Valerie Fraser, Mobile AL	61.00

Tue Br Swiss Teams-3

7 Tables

6.94	1	Pat Rice, Conway AR; Kay Nichols, N Little Rock AR; Charlotte Davis, Greenbrier AR; Marsha Biggs, Little Rock AR	85.00
5.21	2	Eddie Cheatham, Shreveport LA; Mona Martin, Choudrant LA; Tonya McNabb - Bob Mendel, Houston TX	77.00
3.90	3	Linda McReynolds - Mary Nelson - George Nelson - Linda Lewis, Houston TX	63.00

Tue Br Swiss Teams-4

The Worst Bid In Bridge by Mike Passell

Reprinted from The Scorecard

There is one single bid where more imps are lost than all the rest combined---- pass. Before we get into the bidding I would like everyone to learn two concepts. 1. When you are not vulnerable and the opponents are vulnerable you have a huge advantage and must take advantage. 2. When partner is a passed hand you must do more bidding simply because we can. We don't have to worry about partner having a big hand and getting too high or doubling the opponents on high card values. Am I saying to bid on every hand? – not at all . Let's start with responding to partner's opening bid.

At a tournament last year playing with the great Eddie Wold, I held **xxx xxxxxx Kxx x**. We were playing in a knockout match and at the other table the bidding started with 1 club and it was passed out there . Partner had **A AKxx Ax Axxxxx**, and playing precision we arrived in 7 hearts which was cold. This is an extreme example but passing on hands that we can stretch to respond to accomplishes two important functions 1- it may get us to a game or a better contract, and 2- most importantly it makes life much more difficult for the opponents. Let's say partner opens 1 spade and we have **x Jxxxx Jxxx Qxx**. A pessimist thinks, “ If I respond 1 NT partner will bid 3 spades and we will go down a lot.” I think we can get to a better spot or make it difficult for the opponents to get in. I will chance partner bidding 3 spades. On a good day he will bid 3 hearts and we get to game. Will it always work? Of course it won't. At the end of the tournament will it win imps and make you a tougher opponent? Yes it will. With a hand like **KQJxx xx xxxx xx**, your opponent opens 1 club in front of you. With partner an unpassed hand we can't afford to overcall since partner could have a very good hand and get way too high. However, with partner being a passed hand it is a must! The opponents have a game most of the time and we need a spade lead! We make the auction tougher for the opponents and they may have trouble guessing how to play the hand later.

The hardest auction is when partner opens 1 diamond and the next hand overcalls 2 clubs. Hands like **AQxx Ax Jxx xxxx** where we would bid 1 spade if our opponent had passed become very difficult to bid. We have way too much to pass so we are forced to make a negative double and when partner bids 2 hearts this becomes awkward. So, on the other side of this we go back to the beginning of the article. When we are not vul vs vul with a passed partner, we should stretch to overcall on good suits. After pass by partner and opening 1 diamond by RHO at this vulnerability I would stick in a 2 club overcall on **xx xx Qxxx AQxxx** . Don't go crazy and start bidding on every hand and when you go minus 1100 blame it on that idiot Mike Passell, but do look for spots at the right time and vulnerability to get in the opponents way, and do go out of your way to respond to your partners opening bid within reason. If anyone needs to whine at me for a bad result or help you with a bridge problem **mnpas-sell@sbcglobal** is where I can be reached.

Mike