

FRIDAY BULLETIN



TOURNAMENT OF STARS APRIL 8 TO APRIL 14 2019

Friday April 12, 2019

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Friday, April 12, 2019

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 Swiss Teams (Single Session)	7:00 pm

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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1:45 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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Saturday, April 13, 2019

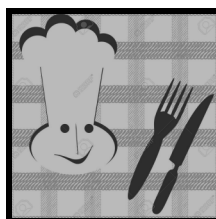
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PHOTOS

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.

FRIDAY LUNCH MENU

- Fried Catfish
- French Fries
- Hushpuppies
- Tomato Relish
- Red Velvet Parfait



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.

Friday Speaker

Ira Hessel

1:45 P.M.

Natural Bidding
 Conventional Wisdom



WINNER'S CIRCLE



Monday Swiss Bkt 1
Thursday Swiss Bkt 1
Bruce Ferguson, Virginia Noelke,
Babu Koneru, Jo Smith



Wednesday Choice Pairs Flt A
Beth Coker, Nancy Stanton



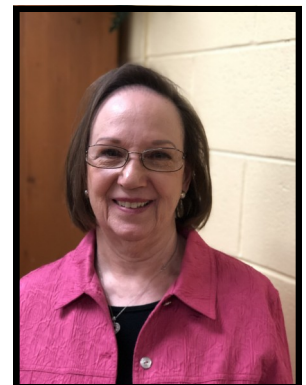
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs
Greg May, David Bidertscher



Thursday Swiss Bkt 2
Buddy Ellison, Bob Auvenshine
Becky Ellison, Kay Dierks

Welcome to 2019 East Texas Tournament of Stars Regional Tournament

As we approach the final days of Unit 225's East Texas Tournament of Stars, I really appreciate the many contributions that our volunteers have made this week. We are a very small unit consisting of 350 members, so it has been all hands on deck and lots of team work this week to make the tournament a success. We have received so many nice compliments about the wonderful venue, the food and the warm East Texas Hospitality. Thanks for choosing to come to our tournament, we hope you had a great week and will mark your calendar to return in 2021!



Thu Strat Choice Pairs

19.0 Tables /		Based on 26 Tables			
	A	B	C		
15.75	1			Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Kimmel Jones, Euless TX	346.21
11.81	2			Jim Dick, Harlingen TX; Mike Graham, Ore City TX	327.86
8.86	3	1		William Young III - Mary Hubbard, Shreveport LA	327.32
6.64	4			Nancy Stanton, Lewisville TX; Beth Coker, Bryan TX	317.38
5.25	5			Michael Bossert - Sara Bossert, Cypress TX	314.46
4.50	6			Michael Murphy, Dallas TX; Thomas Leberman, Plano TX	312.17
4.92		2		Cheryl Landers, Cheyenne WY; Shreedhara Ramarathnam, Tyler TX	308.61

Thu Bracketed Swiss Teams-1

7 Tables					
19.21	1			Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo TX; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio TX; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA	83.00
14.41	2			Dan Morse, Houston TX; Ron LaCour - Anne LaCour, Georgetown TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	78.00
10.81	3			Martha Young, Monroe LA; Karen Haik, Calhoun LA; Elizabeth Bryan, Newhebron MS; Norma Dotson, Flowood MS	70.00

Thu Bracketed Swiss Teams-2

7 Tables					
9.07	1			Becky Ellisor - Buddy Ellisor, Wimberley TX; Robert Auvenshine - Kay Dierks, Hot Springs Vlg AR	88.00
6.80	2			Kenneth Javor - Constance Javor, Denton TX; David Ticen, Victoria TX; Kim Brinkman, Flower Mound TX	78.00
5.10	3			Patricia Dunnell - Janelle Frusha, Houston TX; Susan Domsalla, The Woodlands TX; Mavis Warren, Montgomery TX	64.00

Thu Bracketed Swiss Teams-3

7 Tables					
6.65	1			Terry Sucher, Montgomery TX; Clark Vernon, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Darlyn Dusek, League City TX; Virginia Sue Hartman, Oklahoma City OK	70.00
4.99	2			Sandra O Bannon - Sarah Hillyer - Sally McAnulty, Tyler TX; Charlene Goodman, Flint TX	66.00
3.74	3			Joe Everette - Doris Everette - Carol Jenkinson, Montgomery TX; Cheryl Benash, Spring TX	65.00

Thu Bracketed Swiss Teams-4

7 Tables

5.88	1	Steven Jennings - Susan Jennings, Nacogdoches TX; Radhakrishna Kamath - Nilima Kamath, Shawnee OK	82.00
4.41	2	Bob Mendel - Tonya McNabb, Houston TX; Mona Martin, Choudrant LA; Eddie Cheatham, Shreveport LA	71.00
3.31	3	Robert Vilyus - Marilyn Gale Vilyus - Myra Marsh - Julia Thompson, Houston TX	68.00

Thu Bracketed Swiss Teams-5

7 Tables

3.99	1	Carol Kinsey - Charles Spradlin, Longview TX; Dorothy Miller - Jackie McElhane, Scroggins TX	90.00
2.99	2	Clifford Smith - Kathy Smith, Marietta TX; Rosemary Hardy - Lisa Looney, Texarkana AR	87.00
2.24	3	Susan McCain - Lola Herndon - Ann Marshall, Shreveport LA; Jerry Hobson, Bossier City LA	79.00

Thu Bracketed Swiss Teams-6

8 Tables

5.24	1	Darlene Campbell - Judy Wood, Dallas TX; Rebekah Hahn, The Colony TX; Paramjeet Ahluwalia, Plano TX	87.00
3.93	2	Denise Tabor - Kitty Klaus - Lucinda Stentz, Metairie LA; Renee Spratt, New Orleans LA	83.00
2.95	3	Don Hempel - Cindy Hempel, Shenandoah TX; Carolyn Preston - Jack Preston, Lufkin TX	62.00

THU STRAT CHOICE PAIRS THIRD OF 3 SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION W	EAST-WEST
			A	B	C		
1		Ed Word Jr, Monroe LA; Barbara Norris, West Monroe LA	1	1	1	Rebekah Hahn, The Colony TX; Paramjeet Ahluwalia, Plano TX	63.04%
	1	Bonnie Burch, New Bern NC; Jo Ann Parten, Emory TX	54.51%				
	2	1 Sheryl Thomas, Richmond TX; Gigi White, Bellaire TX	50.13%				

THU STRAT CHOICE PAIRS SECOND OF 3 SESSION

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION V	EAST-WEST
			A	B	C		
1	1	William Young III - Mary Hubbard, Shreveport LA	60.85%	1		Gary Kessler, Springfield IL; Kimmel Jones, Euless TX	61.01%
				1		Cheryl Landers, Cheyenne WY; Shreedhara Ramarathnam, Tyler TX	47.68%

THU GOLD RUSH PAIRS SECOND OF 2 SESSION

7	3	1	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION X	EAST-WEST
			7	3	1		
1	1	Gregory May - David Badertscher, Galveston TX	56.95%	1	1	Adrienne Juno, Cypress TX; Carol McCord, Hockley TX	54.36%
7	3	1	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION Y	EAST-WEST
1	1	Judy Evans - Keith Koets, Rockwall TX	55.06%	1	1		

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THU STRAT CHOICE PAIRS Eve

A	B	C	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION V	EAST-WEST
			A	B	C		
1	1		1			Nancy Stanton, Lewisville TX; Beth Coker, Bryan TX	59.27%
		Cheryl Landers, Cheyenne WY; Shreedhara Ramarathnam, Tyler TX	60.23%	5	1	Julianne McKenna - Curt Wyman, Austin TX	51.75%

THU GOLD RUSH PAIRS

7	3	1	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION X	EAST-WEST
			7	3	1		
1	1		1	1		Gregory May - David Badertscher, Galveston TX	62.50%
		Linda Dorries, Calhoun LA; Janice Clay, Monroe LA	62.50%				

7	3	1	NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION Y	EAST-WEST
			7	3	1		
1	1		1	1	1	Judy Evans - Keith Koets, Rockwall TX	58.04%
		George Holmes - Pamela Holmes, Woodway TX	55.95%				

The Suits Never Bid

At a recent NABC there were several hands with unbid suits.

My friend Val, aka "the Mad Bulgarian", picked up the following ♠ 63 ♥ 75 ♦ AKQJ6432 ♣ 5.

With no one vulnerable there were 2 passes to him. Trying to maintain his American reputation he tried 2NT. Well, he did have 8 tricks. His pard transferred with ♠AQxxx and then bid 3NT. His LHO had a big hand with honors in all but diamonds, so he chanced the safe lead of a diamond!

The question was what do you call the ♠AKQxxxx ? Or perhaps QJ ninth of spades? The standard answer is trumps. But at one table of a match the suits was never bid! In the first case your partner held a big 6-6 heart-diamond hand and opened 1♥ . Well before you bid, the opponent on your right interjects on 1♠ and there you are. Final contract had you picking your better singleton.

Holding ♠ QJ10xxxxxx ♥ x void ♣ AQx what would you bid when partner opens 4♥ ? Unfortunately 4♠ would be a cue bid so the nine card spade suit comes down in dummy.