

Houston Lone Star Regional

Celebrating 59 Years of Lone Star Regionals

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Monday, February 3

Daily Bulletin

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A 2020 Welcome to Our Lone Star Regional

On behalf of Unit 174 and the Unit 174 Board of Directors, we welcome you to our 59th Houston Lone Star Regional and sure are glad you have decided to join us this week. Here's hoping you have both a wonderful time and successful tournament!

As you enter the Grand Foyer from the hotel, on your right you will find the Hospitality, Awards, Intermediate/Newcomer and Partnership tables. Our volunteers are ready to both welcome and assist you.

AVAILABLE AT HOSPITALITY/AWARDS:

- Special Welcome Gifts
- Sign up for your free Personalized Labels
- Lost and Found
- Restaurant Guide
- Awards

We have a terrific line up of speakers in the Grand Pavilion on Monday at noon and Tuesday – Saturday at 2pm. For our 0-5 players, we will be providing two free supervised play games during the morning session on Tuesday and Saturday.

The Republic Grill is the hotel's restaurant. You can order off the menu or take advantage of their buffet offerings at lunch and dinner. Buffet menus are printed daily in our bulletin for your convenience. The snack bar in the playing area is a great place to get a variety of food and beverages as well. Before venturing out for a meal, please grab one of our restaurant guides. In addition to providing some excellent suggestions, it also shows you which ones offer a "player's discount" by simply showing your convention card when dining there.

Not to be missed, make plans to attend the free movie showing of Aces and Knives on Saturday night from 7-8pm! Doors will open 20 minutes prior.

If you encounter any problems during your stay, please ask either of us or a Tournament Chair for assistance. We are dedicated to making your memories of both the tournament and Houston very favorable so that you will come back again next year and bring your friends.

Let's all honor our Zero Tolerance policy – please be nice to your fellow players, partners and volunteers. Here's to having a fun tournament, making new friends and all your slams come home while playing!!!

Lauri and Jack



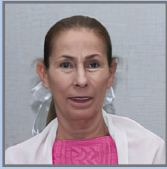
TODAY AT NOON
Gary King
THE CARE & UPKEEP
OF PARTNER



Lauri Laufman
President of Houston Unit 174
& Tournament Co-Chairman



Jack LaVigne
VP of Houston Unit 174
& Tournament Co-Chairman



Carol Jewett
**BRACKETED
 PAIRS**

The Hostess with the Mostess! Thanks for sharing your beautiful home and warm hospitality with our bridge class - Tran's Ams.- each First and Third Saturday mornings!

Thanks for your love.
 Indu Khera
 Clark Martin
 Linda McReynolds
 Susan Smith
 Michael Wexler

Partnership Desk

Kenneth Hudson and his volunteers will be on hand to help arrange partnerships for the tournament in the Grand Foyer.

Partnership Hours

Monday: 12:00-12:50pm , 5:30-6:20pm
 Tuesday-Saturday: 9:00-9:50am, 1:30-2:20pm
 Sunday: 9:00-9:20am

**Monday Buffet at the
 Marriott**

The Republic Grill will have a buffet for our bridge players. Come dine with them. Excellent food with different entrees each day.

Lunch - \$11.50 **Dinner \$12.75**

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| Tomato Basil Soup | Tomato Basil Soup |
| Seasonal Salad Bar | Seasonal Salad Bar |
| Chicken Parmesan | Rotisserie Turkey |
| Spaghetti Bolognese | Fried Catfish with Tartar |
| Au-Gratin Potatoes | Sauce |
| Broccoli | Rice Pilaf |
| Assorted Cookies and Brownies | Roasted Carrots & Peppers |
| | Cobbler |

Daily Lunch Menu Special

Soup and 1/2 Sandwich \$8.95

Tax & Tip not included

Special Events

Tuesday, Feb 4

Newcomer Appreciation Day
0-5 Supervised Play Game (free) at 10:00 am
 Cookies at 1:45 pm Compliments of the Marriott
0-299 I/N Reception after the 2:30 pm game

Thursday, Feb 6

Volunteer Recognition Day
 Brownies at 1:45 pm Compliments of the Marriott
Make-A-Wish Check Presentation at 2:20 pm

Friday, Feb 7

Teacher Appreciation Day
 Hot Dogs and Cake after the 2:30 pm game

Saturday, Feb 8

0-5 Supervised Play Game (free) at 10:00 am
District 16 Star Awards Presentation at 2:20 pm
Aces and Knaves Movie at 7:00 pm

Hospitality Desk

Sam Khayatt and her volunteers will be eager to present your welcome gift and prizes throughout the tournament.

Hospitality/Awards Desk Hours

Monday: 12:00-12:50pm & 5:30-6:20pm;
 Tuesday-Saturday: 9-9:50am, 1:30-2:20pm & 6:15-6:50pm;
 Sunday 8:30-9:20am & 1/2 hour after the final session.

Please claim your awards at the Awards Desk next to Hospitality. Awards are given to each section top winner in each flight for pairs and team games. Please be sure to collect your award prior to the end of the tournament.

JOIN OUR SPEAKERS EACH DAY AT THE PAVILION



JACK BALTER

Memorial Charity Fund Pairs

Jack Balter was born in New York became a marine and afterward moved to Detroit where he worked for GM & Ford as an engineer. He later owned two Delicatessens, 'The Pickle Barrel'. Finally he found his way to Houston and discovered he was truly a Texas at heart

Jack was a passionate, life time Bridge player. Through the years leading to retirement, tournament trips became annual highlights anticipated as much as luxury vacations. Life may have slowed down, but his passion for bridge never diminished or abated.

Jack would begin his day with a Bridge magazine and coffee and would end it with another Bridge magazine and a little ice cream. In his last years as illness stole the strength from his body, Bridge continued to comfort him when little else could.

Jack was married to Debi for almost 40 years when he died at the age of 76. He was an accomplished player with 3500 points having won many bridge tournaments.

We can picture him today, at that great Bridge Table in the sky, wearing an obscenely brightly colored shirt imploring his Heavenly partner to learn to count to 13, with a twinkle in his green eyes for the cards he had been dealt.

A special Thanks to:

- Bob Dowlen** – for having served as our Unit 174 Recorder
- Al Fortier** – for making all look their best as Unit Photographer
- Betty Starzec** – for securing our LSR speakers and serving as our units Education Coordinator
- Catherine Miller** – for chairing our Member Communications Committee and welcoming new members to the Unit
- Nancy Strohmmer** – for serving as Unit 174's Charity Coordinator

Photographer

A big thank you to our Unit 174 Photographer Al Fortier. Overall winners of Open and I/N events are asked to see Al at the Photo Station in the Grand Foyer for picture taking. We've saved a place for you in tomorrow's *Daily Bulletin* and the *District 16 Scorecard*!

Photographer Hours

Monday to Saturday 30 minutes after each session - Sunday 30 minutes after the game

We also want pictures of anyone who has reached a new masterpoint rank at this tournament, especially you new Life Masters!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Monday, February 3, 1:00pm

Jack Balter Memorial Charity Fund Pairs	single	
Gold Rush Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 6:30pm
299'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
0-5 & 49'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Carol Jewett Bracketed Swiss	1st of 2	Continues 6:30pm

Monday, February 3, 6:30pm

Jack Balter Memorial Charity Fund Pairs	single	
Gold Rush Pairs	2nd of 2	
299'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
0-5 & 49'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Carol Jewett Bracketed Swiss	2nd of 2	

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 4, 10:00am

Wayne Christiansen A/X Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Marilyn Joyner Memorial Mid-Flight Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Beverly Cheathan Gold Rush Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Morning Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 5 to qualify in overall
49'er & 299'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Julie Halperin 0-5 Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Brigitte and Danny Sandifer Bracketed Swiss	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Mystery Honoree Mini-Soloway	1st of 4	Continues 2:30pm

Tuesday, February 4, 2:30pm

Wayne Christiansen A/X Pairs	2nd of 2	
Marilyn Joyner Memorial Mid-Flight Pairs	2nd of 2	
Beverly Cheathan Gold Rush Pairs	2nd of 2	
Afternoon Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 5 to qualify in overall
49'er & 299'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
0-5 Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Brigitte and Danny Sandifer Bracketed Swiss	2nd of 2	
Mystery Honoree Mini-Soloway *	2nd of 4	Continues Wednesday 10:00am

Tuesday, February 4, 7:00pm

Evening Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 4 to qualify in overall
Bracketed Swiss	1st of 2	Continues Wednesday 7:00pm

TUESDAY, FEB 4, JOIN US FOR COOKIES
AT 1:45 PM
COMPLIMENTS OF THE MARRIOTT

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

Please enter your suggestion in the
"Suggestion Box" located at the hospitality desk.