

Houston Lone Star Regional

Celebrating 59 Years of Lone Star Regionals

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Daily Bulletin

Thursday, February 6

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ED GRONER MEMORIAL DAY

Ed was born and raised in New York City. He attended OU and earned a BS in Petroleum Engineering. He devoted the next 40 years to raising a family and working for Halliburton.

However, from his childhood to his death, he always pursued his favorite hobby, bridge. He excelled to Platinum Life Master with over 15,000 points. He will always be remembered as a great player, teacher and honorable man. Our Unit was blessed by his presence.



**All are
invited**

Unit 174 designated Make-A-Wish as its 2019 Charity Organization

Every 34 minutes Make-A-Wish® grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a critical illness in the United States and its territories. We believe that a wish experience can be a life-changing opportunity. This one belief guides us in everything we do. It inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve.

Unit 174 will present a check to this organization today.

TODAY AT 2PM

SHAWN QUINN
DOUBLE TROUBLE



JOIN US TODAY

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY
BROWNIES AT 1:45PM
COMPLIMENTS OF THE MARRIOTT

MAKE-A-WISH CHECK
PRESENTATION AT 2:20PM



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MINI-SOLOWAY

A teacher who brings method to the madness of bridge!

Tran's Ams group: Carol Jewett, Indu Khera, Clark Martin, Linda McReynolds, Susan Smith and Michael Wexler

UNIT 174 2020 TOURNAMENTS



April 3-5, 2020
Election Sectional

June 5-7, 2020
Early Summer Sectional

August 6-9, 2020
Awesome August Sectional
Houston I/N Regional

Marriott Houston Westchase
2900 Briarpark Dr.
Houston, TX 77042



November 13-15, 2020
Fall Sectional

Arabia Shrine Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston, TX 77036

BIG THANKS TO OUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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Photographer Hours

Thursday-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!

JULIA MILLER MORNING SIDE GAME

Morning Side Series - 15.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.93	1			Sharon Stanfill, Lincoln MA; Kevin Wilson, Knoxville TN	61.26%
3.70	2			Donna Sparks, Fulshear TX; Kay Johnson, Houston TX	60.92%
4.36	3	1		Barbara Peck - Joyce Park, Houston TX	59.95%
3.27	4	2		Robin Ladin - Barbara Harberg, Houston TX	58.90%
2.45	5	3	1	Michael Wexler, Houston TX; Kris Sankaran, Sugar Land TX	58.20%
2.41	6	4		Joyce Gore, Missouri City TX; Theron Lindsey, Houston TX	57.83%
1.38	5			Sharon Haley - Wanda Meyer, Houston TX	55.62%
1.69	6			Edward Grant - Robert Young, Abilene TX	53.24%
1.84		2		Sara Rowe - Marion Beeler, Rockport TX	53.02%
1.38		3		Jane Murphy, Burton TX; MyrnaFritz, Brenham TX	51.39%
1.03		4		Sallie Davis - Ann Gibbs, Houston TX	50.84%

JULIA MILLER AFTERNOON SIDE GAME

Afternoon Side Series - 15.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.93	1	1		Mary Lou Fowler - Chris Curran, Houston TX	62.68%
3.70	2	2	1	Larry Shell, Muscatine IA; Robert Craig, Boerne TX	62.45%
3.03	3			Peter Mosheim, Miami FL; Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood FL	61.49%
2.41	4	3		Mimi Hagedorn - Bill Joplin, Houston TX	61.31%
1.76	5	4	2	Charles Lanni - Lerma Lanni, Houston TX	60.04%
1.32	6	5		Jo England - Jane Kirby, Dallas TX	59.91%
1.69		6		Michael Luckenbach, Kingsland TX; Carol Hall, Horseshoe Bay TX	55.95%

EVENING SIDE GAME

Evening Side Series - 12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.17	1	1		Thomas Smith, Austin TX; Barbara Morgan, New Braunfels TX	68.18%
3.13	2	2		Jerrold Harrington, San Antonio TX; Susan Young, Shreveport LA	61.36%
2.35	3	3		Tamara Moulton - A Moulton, Hilliard OH	60.80%
1.54	4/5			Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA	60.61%
1.68	4/5	4		Jo Ann Robertson, Bulverde TX; Olivia Brown, San Antonio TX	60.61%
1.80	6	5		Jean Blilie, Kerrville TX; Eugene Lux, Fredericksburg TX	57.39%
2.14	6	1		Debbie Nash - Bill Nash, Cypress TX	57.01%
1.61		2		Jay Evert - James Sells, Houston TX	50.00%
1.20		3		Hasin Jinna, Houston TX; David Littmann, Brookshire TX	48.48%

LARRY LAIRD A/X/Y PAIRS

40.0 Tables / Based on 80 Tables

	A	X	Y		
34.15	1			Jeff Meckstroth, Clearwater Bch FL; Jeff Overby, Boynton Beach FL	63.33%
25.61	2			Richard Chan, Markham ON; Ming Sheng, Northbrook IL	60.24%
19.21	3			Randall Lake, Houston TX; George Fox, Manvel TX	58.81%
14.41	4			Michael Curley, Rockford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI	58.36%
11.38	5			Ira Hessel, San Antonio TX; Nancy Passell, Plano TX	57.26%
19.59	6	1	1	Lotte Optekamp - Susan McMahan, Houston TX	56.10%
8.54	7			Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Linda Elmore, Victoria TX	55.74%
14.69	8	2		Gerry McKim, Garland TX; Kim Brinkman, Flower Mound TX	55.30%
11.02	9	3		Charlie Robert - Sally Gerhold, Baton Rouge LA	55.27%
6.21	10			James Melville, Springfield IL; Vladislav Isporski, Sofia Bulgaria	55.03%
5.69	11			Dana Hastings - Jan Galey, Baton Rouge LA	54.94%
5.25	12			Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie TX; Bryan Storey, Frisco TX	54.85%
4.72	13/14			Chantal Dube, Montreal QC; Martine Lacroix, Repentigny QC	54.82%
4.72	13/14			Kerr Godfrey, Houston TX; Michael Huston, Joplin MO	54.82%
8.26	15	4	2	Ann Kuehler, New Braunfels TX; Cindy Cummins, Seguin TX	54.73%
6.53	16	5	3	William Van Dame - Lesly Van Dame, Houston TX	54.32%
3.79	17			Nancy Anderson - Shelba Parmley, Fort Worth TX	54.29%
5.60	18	6		Verna Dahlquist - Wilbur Dahlquist, Sulphur LA	54.02%
3.42	19			Tobi Sokolow - Claudette Hartman, Austin TX	53.72%
4.90	20	7		Timucin Erkoc - Phyllis Timko, Houston TX	53.42%
4.35	8			Jolie Hess, Houston TX; Linda Sutton, Conroe TX	53.21%
4.47	9			Sherman Gao, Brea CA; Andrew Collins, Little Rock AR	53.15%
3.56	10			Richard Wilson - John Lindsey, Houston TX	53.04%
3.27	11			Bert Onstott III - Katherine Onstott, Stafford TX	52.77%
3.01	12			Mike Doyle, Katy TX; Bill McCarty, San Antonio TX	52.56%
2.80	13			Alfred Fortier III, Katy TX; Susan Kaplan, Houston TX	52.44%
2.61	14	4		Dale Thompson, Houma LA; Richard Leonardon, Santa Fe NM	52.29%
2.23	5			Michael Fagan, Rosharon TX; Dolores Aquino, Houston TX	49.52%
1.63	6			Irene Parker, Austin TX; June Eddingston, Beaumont TX	49.43%

Partnership Desk

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

Partnership Hours

Thursday-Saturday: 9:00-9:50am, 1:30-2:20pm, Sunday: 8:30-9:20am

BEVERLEY CHEATHAM GOLD RUSH PAIRS

28.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables

	C	Z		
8.73	1	1	June Poplack - Elizabeth Giroir, Houston TX	59.90%
6.55	2	2	Lawrence Michaels - Harlene Michaels, Brookeland TX	59.52%
4.91	3	3	Sharon Kagan, Bellaire TX; Moira Morris, Houston TX	58.91%
3.68	4	4	John Foley - Charlene Coor, Austin TX	57.55%
2.91	5	5	P O'Shea, Spring TX; Robert Dennis, ouston TX	57.24%
2.49	6	6	Bonnie Loudin - Edith Purgason, Houston TX	55.93%
2.18	7		Gail Overgaard - Roberta Gill, Steamboat Spgs CO	55.92%
1.94	8	7	Jorge Rodriguez, Galveston TX; Hilda Hahn, Center TX	55.75%
1.82	9	8	B Haznedar, Houston TX; Linda Drake, Fulshear TX	54.63%
1.59	10	9	Linda Gaston, Pflugerville TX; Terrie Kolvoord, Austin TX	53.90%
1.56	11	10	Ann Denton - Kevin Orr, Austin TX	53.85%
1.34	12		David Murison - Margaret Murison, Vernon BC	53.11%
1.25	13		Jay Evert - James Sells, Houston TX	52.62%
1.30	14		David Minto, New Braunfels TX; Chris Whitelonis, Houston TX	52.62%



THIS IS A FRAGRANCE FREE TOURNAMENT

Fragrances DON'T smell beautiful to everyone.

Scented products can make people sick.

For the health and consideration of others, please keep the air fragrance free.



Safety First!

Please keep the playing area clean and safe by placing your personal items under your chair and disposing of trash in the baskets provided.

Intermediate/ Newcomer Desk

The I/N desk is on the Grand Foyer. For you new players, this is where you get all of your questions answered. Look for the red balloon marker.

I/N Hours - Thursday-Saturday: 8:30-9:50am, 1:30-2:20pm / Sunday: 8:30-9:20am

49'er / 299'er PAIRS

Wednesday Morning 299 - 11.0 Tables

	D	E	F		
2.76	1	1	1	Marcie Jacikas - Art Jacikas, League City TX	65.77%
2.07	2	2	2	Amy Puchot - Tia Budde, Houston TX	63.39%
1.55	3	3		Phyllis Maddox - Jane Vansanten, Houston TX	60.71%
1.16	4	4		Bhagvanti Das, Houston TX; Roop Prasad, Bellaire TX	55.65%
1.18	5	5	3	Marvelyn Scraper, Kingwood TX; Penny Griffis, Spring TX	54.46%
0.69	6	6		Kim Jordan, Santa Fe NM; Judie Smith, Dallas TX	52.98%
0.89			4	Peggy Woods - William Petersen, Houston TX	51.79%
0.66			5	Mike Davis - Jennifer Reichek, Houston TX	51.49%

Wed Afternoon 299 - 12.5 Tables

	D	E	F		
3.02	1			Marion Shortle - Rogie Peyton, Houston TX	64.77%
2.33	2	1		Linda Morgan - Jennifer Reichek, Houston TX	62.39%
1.75	3	2		Craig Howard - Wanda Wisniewska, Houston TX	60.31%
1.31	4	3		Sarah Springer, Katy TX; Sharon Kaplan, Cypress TX	59.29%
0.98	5	4		Marvelyn Scraper, Kingwood TX; Penny Griffis, Spring TX	58.45%
0.72	6			Jana Mueller - Marsha Murray, Dallas TX	57.10%
0.74		5		Tia Budde - Amy Puchot, Houston TX	55.38%
1.53	6	1		Carol Scraper - Bob Scraper, Kingwood TX	54.30%
1.15		2		Gwendolyn Salama, Houston TX; Romae Bush, Katy TX	48.09%
0.86		3		Michael Linkins - Mark Johnson, Spring TX	46.68%
0.65		4		Valerie Salle, Spring TX; Angela Sanders, The Woodlands TX	46.09%

Wed Morn 49er Pairs - 3.0 Tables

	G	H	I		
1.33	1			Patricia Huyck, Katy TX; Daniel Urban, Houston TX	60.00%
1.00	2			Ronda Kelly - Utako Tomoeda, Houston TX	53.75%

HANDICAPPED SWISS

8 Tables

6.30	1	Dana Hastings - Jan Galey, Baton Rouge LA; anice Henderson, Gonzales LA; Frances Schenk, Denham Springs LA	120.00
4.73	2	Deborah Harper - Layne Noble, Ottawa ON; Ming Sheng, Northbrook IL; Richard Chan, Markham ON	89.00
3.54	3	Linda Drake, Fulshear TX; Leah McCarthy, McKinney TX; Donna Rasmussen, Broomfield CO; B Haznedar, Houston TX	76.00

Masterpoints 101



Masterpoints are the units which measure bridge achievement in competition. Masterpoints are awarded at ACBL clubs and tournaments in amounts proportional to the size and classification of the event and the rating of the club or tournament.

- **X Black points:** awarded at club games. Some special club games award red, gold or silver points.
- **X Silver points:** awarded for sectional firsts and overall placing at sectional tournaments. Also awarded at Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (StaC).
- **X Red points:** awarded for section placements at regional tournaments and NABCs. Also awarded at clubs for special events such as the qualifying rounds of the North American Pairs and the Grand National Teams.
- **X Gold points:** awarded for section firsts and overall placing in regionally rated events that have a masterpoint limit of 750 or more points and in certain club games.
- **X Platinum points:** awarded for NABC+ events and may be 10% of an overall award in an NABC event with a limit of 10,000 points.
- **X “Colorless” points:** awarded in sanctioned online club games.

A major source of gold points is the bracketed knockout teams. The overall awards for the top brackets are all gold while the lower brackets may receive a percentage of gold points and the remainder in red points.

Barry Crane Top 500 race: The ACBL player who wins the most masterpoints during a calendar year is recognized as the winner of the Barry Crane Top 500 race.

- **Masterpoint races:** ACBL recognizes the players who win the most masterpoints in their categories during the calendar year. These are the various categories and the requirements for each category at the beginning of a calendar year:

	0–5 masterpoints	1000–1500 points	
	5–20 points	1500–2500 points	
	20–50 points	2500–3500 points	
	50–100 points	3500–5000 points	
	100–200 points	5000–7500 points	
	200–300 points	7500–10,000 points	
	300–500 points	10,000 or more points	
	500–1000 points		

- **Mini-McKenney races:** In 1974, the ACBL Board of Directors voted to recognize masterpoint achievements among player below the rank of Life Master. The Bridge Bulletin recognizes leaders ACBL-wide. At the unit level, winners in each category receive recognition and special medallions. All points won during a calendar year are counted in these races.
- **Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs contests:** This competition was created in 1984 to recognize achievement at the club level. Winners are recognized at the unit level as well as ACBL-wide.

Points won only at the club level (excluding the North American Pairs, the Grand National Teams and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) are counted in these races.

MERRILL LYNCH BRACKETED SWISS

Bracketed Swiss Teams 1 - 9.0 Tables

30.37	1	Hemant Lall Carrollton, TX; Reese Milner Sarasota, FL; Justin Lall Little Elm, TX; Jacek Pszczola Chapel Hill, NC	135.00
19.93	2/3	Valentin Kovachev Las Vegas, NV; Karin Kelsey Albuquerque, NM; Jacob Morgan Madison, WI; Carole Liss San Rafael, CA	99.00
19.93	2/3	Mike Levine Boca Raton, FL; Kay Enfield Santa Fe, NM; Greg Hinze San Antonio, TX; Vincent Demuy Palm Bch Gdns, FL; Daniel Korbel Las Vegas, NV	99.00
11.47	4/5	Robert Hollman Santa Barbara, CA; Bruce Ferguson - Geoff Hampson Las Vegas, NV; Mike Passell Plano, TX	77.00
11.47	4/5	Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby The Woodlands, TX; Anne Brenner - David Caprera Denver, CO	77.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 2 - 9.0 Tables

17.57	1	Margaret Hart Baton Rouge, LA; Jay Barron Tulsa, OK; Eric Genheimer Edmond, OK; Joe Veal Oklahoma City, OK	97.00
13.18	2	Janice Henderson Gonzales, LA; Frances Schenk Denham Springs, LA; Larry Federico Metairie, LA; Idell Adams Baton Rouge, LA	93.00
9.88	3	Anne LaCour Georgetown, TX; Joe Black Austin, TX; Tomi Storey Frisco, TX; Robert Buchanan Arlington, TX	92.00
7.41	4	Jacob Kamo Metairie, LA; Todd Lusk - C Reis Baton Rouge, LA; Howard Parker III Clements, CA	86.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 3 - 9.0 Tables

12.08	1/2	Hugh Humphries - Kay Humphries Bellaire, TX; Rick Stell Houston, TX; Steve Vaughn Kingwood, TX	112.00
12.08	1/2	William Houck Houston, TX; Chuck Ensor - Birendra BK Singh Seabrook, TX; David Kuykendall Pearland, TX	112.00
7.76	3	Debra Bellan Sugar Land, TX; Lynn Shapiro - Kyle Lueders - Nancy Reader Houston, TX	79.00
5.21	4/5	Gary Winston - Shari Winston Houston, TX; Ira Garrison Sugar Land, TX; Philip Duterme Bellaire, TX	76.00
5.21	4/5	Tom Olsson - Ann Olsson Urbandale, IA; Kathy Sinkin-Amor - Beth Gale San Antonio, TX	76.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 4 - 9.0 Tables

12.77	1	Carol Winograd Bellaire, TX; Marilyn Leiman - Anne Adams Houston, TX; Yin Choo Sugar Land, TX	122.00
9.58	2	Eric Sandberg - Janice Sandberg - Raleigh Williamson - Harold Copeland Houston, TX	121.00
7.18	3	Joe Everette - Doris Everette - Mavis Warren Montgomery, TX; Janelle Frusha Houston, TX	83.00
5.39	4	Ashok Shingavi Houston, TX; Karen Fireman The Woodlands, TX; Harry Ingham San Marcos, TX; Verlyn Stahlecker Fort Worth, TX	79.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 5 - 9.0 Tables

12.02	1	Kathryn Bailey Dripping Spring, TX; Terri O'Brien Leander, TX; Stan Pushkarsky - Anita Albert Austin, TX	100.00
9.02	2	Steven Bell Cypress, TX; Courtney Coffman The Woodlands, TX; Gary Anderson - Jerry Barrett Austin, TX	96.00
5.92	3/4	Mary McDonald Willis, TX; Judy Gibson The Woodlands, TX; Carolyn Lanier Houston, TX; Edwin (Ted) Bain III Katy, TX	84.00
5.92	3/4	Marion Collins Anderson, TX; Janee Oleson Evansdale, IA; Sandy Potts Austin, TX; Marshal Iehl Waterloo, IA	84.00



DISTRICT 16 CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell Phones may **NOT** be used in the playing area.
They must be turned off or silenced and may not be visible.

Penalties **WILL** be assessed.

PLEASE TURN THEM OFF!

MERRILL LYNCH BRACKETED SWISS

Bracketed Swiss Teams 6 - 9.0 Tables

11.40	1	David Wicks - Linda McReynolds - Ronald Schulman - Carol Jewett Houston, TX	101.00
8.55	2	Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed Potomac, MD; Malou Flato Pray, MT; Richard Chin Bozeman, MT	97.00
6.41	3	Frank Mitchum - Audley Karrasch Houston, TX; Bill Beaushaw Pearl River, LA; Nelson Daigle Metairie, LA	93.00
4.81	4	Shi-Lin Yeh Sugar Land, TX; Mercedes Barker - Laura Jones Katy, TX; Charles Hilding Rosharon, TX	87.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 7 - 9.0 Tables

10.46	1	Mary Cris Emmons - Connie Conover - Carolyn Campbell - Susan Belding Houston, TX	105.00
7.85	2	Beth Todd - Molly Silvia - Di Lapeyre - Cappy McIver New Orleans, LA	95.00
5.88	3	David Richard Fulshear, TX; Linda Brending - Victoria Omowski - Nile Gross Katy, TX	93.00
4.41	4	Charles Woody - Twyla Woody Spring, TX; Kris Digre Conroe, TX; Dale Crumbaugh Houston, TX	91.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 8 - 9.0 Tables

9.54	1	Tom Banet - Rita Wiegenstein - Jo McDaniel - William McIndoo Georgetown, TX	106.00
6.27	2/3	Harry Espey Cypress, TX; Sid Weiss - George Nelson - Jack Rawitscher Houston, TX	95.00
6.27	2/3	Jabeen Farooki Sugar Land, TX; Bernice McElwain-Hick - Beverley Linskey Houston, TX; Kathleen Hurst Katy, TX	95.00
4.02	4	Ginger Hebert - David Friedrichs - Dee Daigle - Jean Kiesel Lafayette, LA	88.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 9 - 9.0 Tables

8.66	1	Liane Tsai - Christopher Tsai Plano, TX; Sue Rowe Benbrook, TX; M Howard Fort Worth, TX	111.00
6.50	2	Carla Pierce - Bruce Pierce Daphne, AL; Bob Mendel - Tonya McNabb Houston, TX	92.00
4.87	3	Carol Ramberg Fair Oaks Ranch, TX; Jeanne Dawley San Antonio, TX; Paula Wissman Webster, TX; Dave Becker Brenham, TX	91.00
3.65	4	Anne Knott - Patsy Howell Houston, TX; Joyce Wormser - Barbara Sharp Pearland, TX	86.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 10 - 9.0 Tables

8.06	1	Linwood Olson - Laura McWilliams - Gay Rod - Judith Smith Houston, TX	100.00
6.05	2	Bruce Weiner - Ede Weiner - Mary Jane Kinnebrew - Susan McLaurin Houston, TX	94.00
4.53	3	Michael McKown Sugar Land, TX; Evelyn James - Vivian Cyprus Houston, TX; Troy Carr Cypress, TX	89.00
3.40	4	Richard Jackson - Sandra Jackson Bellaire, TX; Kathleen Malcolmson Richmond, TX; Lauri Laufman Houston, TX	85.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 11 - 9.0 Tables

6.41	1/2	Howard Fishman - Susan Fenton - Gary Shepley Houston, TX; David Morris Spring, TX	92.00
6.41	1/2	Diane Seely Naples, FL; Maria Hakki Marco Island, FL; Giff Kassebaum - Jim Kassebaum Sonoita, AZ	92.00
4.12	3	Fred Seipp - Daniel Butler Dallas, TX; Leah McCarthy McKinney, TX; Donna Rasmussen Broomfield, CO	91.00
3.09	4	William Freeman - Kathy Young Lafayette, LA; Jane Ardoin Eunice, LA; Millie Ortego Opelousas, LA	83.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 12 - 9.0 Tables

6.91	1	Andrew Remson Spring, TX; Jerry McNeely - Jerry Hoffman Houston, TX; Barbara Dabney Tomball, TX	124.00
5.18	2	Martha Wallace - Ann Van Volkenburgh Lake Jackson, TX; Jeffrey Walker Eagan, MN; William Boline Minneapolis, MN	90.00
3.89	3	Julia Thompson - Myra Marsh - Barbara Webber - Betty Davis Houston, TX	83.00
2.92	4	Brad Chandler - Jeannie Stone - Laura Chandler Houston, TX; Donald Bell Seabrook, TX	80.00

Smoking Areas

No smoking anywhere in the playing areas or the hotel.

Smoking is permitted in the breezeway between the Hotel and the Grand Foyer, the area next to Rosegarden Room and 50 feet away from the back door of the Grand Foyer.

Houston Unit 174 to Hold Board Election April 3-5, 2020

The members of Unit 174, whose participating clubs include Baytown, Bryan/College Station, Clear Lake, Conroe, Galveston, Houston, Kingwood, Lake Jackson, LaGrange, Livingston, Pasadena, Spring, Stafford, and Sugar Land, will have an opportunity to vote for three members of the Board of Directors April 3-5, 2020, during the Election Sectional at the Marriott Houston Westchase. The three newly elected members will join Cindy Cox, Luan Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, Cliff Rice and Sheryl Thomas to complete the full nine-member Board. Nancy Strohmer, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Bob Dowlen, Steve Reichek, Bill Riley and Betty Starzec urges you to vote, either in person, early online, or by absentee ballot. For a ballot to be counted, a member must vote for at least one candidate, which can include a write-in candidate. **In person voting** will take place one hour before each session of the tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. **To vote early online**, go to www.acblunit174.org, click on the VOTE button on the right hand side of the page, and follow the instructions. Online voting will become available on March 9 and will end on March 31, 2020. **To vote absentee**, follow the instructions below. Winners will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday, April 5.

Dave Becker



I have been a duplicate bridge player since I was 16 years old. I love the game and the people involved with it. I have been in Texas since 2002; I was raised in Casper, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado.

My passions are bridge and cars for which I have been in the car business all my life also. Integrity, honesty, loyalty, and hard work are the codes to which I live by.

I am past president of Beaumont Unit 201 and would like to contribute and help in Houston now that I have relocated.

If elected, I will do my best to serve, contribute, listen, and convey everyone's wishes to keep the game enjoyable and stimulating.

B (Binnur) Haznedar



I grew up in an environment where get-togethers revolved around playing cards, so I developed an affinity for card games at an early age. I obtained my PhD in psychology, and subsequently worked in hospitals, taught as a statistics professor, and owned my own practice. I have been married to my husband for over 40 years and have a daughter who practices corporate law in New York.

I enjoy entertaining, fund-raising, and organizing events. My colleagues describe me as being laid-back and a great listener. My colleagues describe me as a positive, empathetic person with great determination and a "get the job done" attitude.

As a newer member, I bring a fresh perspective. It would be an honor to contribute to a community that has greatly enriched my life.

Greg May



I am a recently retired engineer. My bridge journey began in college in 1968. In 1973, I moved to Houston and played duplicate at Westbury and Houston Bridge Studio. Pressures of job & life took over and duplicate ended.

I returned to duplicate at GDGC (Feb 2017). I subsequently joined ACBL, became a director (Feb 2018) and Galveston Duplicate Bridge Club manager (Oct 2019).

I want to see bridge survive & grow and have taught several bridge courses & seminars at OLLI (Galveston). If elected, I will work tirelessly with the board to serve the members of Unit 174 and help bridge thrive & grow.

Kathleen McDougall



I was introduced to bridge while living in Argentina, pregnant with my first daughter. I was immediately hooked and shortly thereafter began teaching basic bridge to my tennis buddies, eager to spread my passion. Upon return to the US, the demands of my career and raising a family left little time for serious bridge.

Early retirement from the oil industry was my ticket back. I've played with many different people through partnership desks at various Regionals and Nationals since returning to the game in 2018. I'm humbled by the caliber of the people I've already met at the bridge table, particularly from our own unit! I'm excited for the opportunity to serve on Unit 174 and hope to receive your vote.

Karen Nussbaum



As a child, I often "kibitzed" my parents' bridge games. We lived near the Golden Dome of Notre Dame but I went to The Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. After graduating, I worked at IBM and was there for 5+ years wearing many different hats.

I served Congregation Beth El as vice-president for 5 terms. I also chaired the pro-grad event when each of my three children was a senior in high school. Later, I was co-owner of Chocolates and More.

I think my diverse experiences would help me be a valuable and contributing member to our Unit 174 Board of Directors.

Joe Quinn



I would like the opportunity to give back to the game which I love very much and have always enthusiastically enjoyed. I have achieved the rank of Grand Life Master with two national championships and have been a Houston unit member since 1974. I started playing bridge after graduating in Chemical Engineering. I also have an MBA.

I recently went to part time work which allows me time to teach bridge which I am enjoying very much.

The Houston unit has an outstanding board and it would be an honor to join this group and I would appreciate your vote.

Absentee Voting Procedure

Any member may vote by Absentee Ballot. To vote absentee, a member must contact the Election Judges by U.S. mail, e-mail, or telephone requesting an Official Ballot. If the voter is a member in good standing, an Official Ballot will be sent to the voter at the voter's address of record, in a small unsealed envelope. Upon receiving the Official Ballot, the voter should complete the ballot, seal it inside the small envelope provided, and place the small sealed envelope inside another envelope addressed to the Election Judges. The back flap of the outside envelope must be signed by the voter. If no signature is provided, the ballot will not be counted. The Absentee Ballot must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2020 and must be received by the Election Judges no later than March 31, 2020 to be counted. The Election Judges are Danny and Brigitte Sandifer. Correspondence should be addressed to Brigitte Sandifer: 507 Rozelle Ave. Sugar Land, TX 77498; sandiferbr@gmail.com; 281-494-1464.

Photo Library



**Tuesday Swiss Bkt 8
Jenelle & Bill Chamberlain**

Gary Shepley(np) & Joanna Heebner(np)



**Wednesday Aft. 299r A
Rogie Peyton & Marion Shortle**



**Wednesday Aft. 299r B
Jennifer Reichek & Linda Morgan**

MERRILL LYNCH BRACKETED SWISS

Bracketed Swiss Teams 13 - 9.0 Tables

5.74	1/2	Julie Johnson Cedar Park, TX; Karen O'Shea - Ann Roe Austin, TX; George Roach Ennis, TX	96.00
5.74	1/2	James Soller - Rick Burton Houston, TX; Bharat Shrestha - Baijanti Shrestha Katy, TX	96.00
3.69	3	Suzanne Noerager - Judith Earle - Titia Smulders - Lorita Tipton Houston, TX	92.00
2.77	4	David Littmann Brookshire, TX; Marcia Lindsey Bellaire, TX; Barbara Gadea Houston, TX; Dianne Herman Clayton, OH	89.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 14 - 9.0 Tables

6.05	1	Cindy Hillman Spring, TX; Julie Stewart Tomball, TX; Bill Chamberlain - Jenelle Chamberlain Houston, TX	108.00
4.54	2	Susan Mandel - Sandra Maalouf - Carol Jenkinson - Clydene Jones Montgomery, TX	91.00
3.40	3	W Kenneth Davis - Linda Lewis - Marie Russiello - Emil Russiello Austin, TX	88.00
2.55	4	Dale Miller - Ann Trammell - Bette Linbeck - Ann Wales Houston, TX	86.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 15 - 9.0 Tables

5.72	1	Bob Chiang - Robert Wang - Hau-Ran Wang Sugar Land, TX; Chie Yen Houston, TX	121.00
4.29	2	Ross Ramsey Flower Mound, TX; J Brennan Sherman, TX; Barbara Sweeney Houston, TX; Stuart Nelan Melissa, TX	93.00
3.22	3	Miriam Cooper - Ying Pan - Sybil Stephens - Sara Bradley Houston, TX	92.00
2.41	4	Don Hempel - Cindy Hempel Shenandoah, TX; Adrienne Juno Cypress, TX; Phyllis Dillard Spring, TX	89.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 16 - 9.0 Tables

5.41	1	Dennis Beckman - Paul Shack - Scott Koehler Houston, TX; Richard Labouliere Seabrook, TX	100.00
4.06	2	Mark Alpert - Judy Alpert Austin, TX; David Goodwin - Rose Goodwin Leander, TX	94.00
3.04	3	Susan Smith - Jeff Armstrong - Laurinda Lankford Houston, TX; Gigi White Bellaire, TX	90.00
2.28	4	Gerl Noel - Elaine Brill - Diane O'Neill - Leila Gilbert Houston, TX	88.00

Bracketed Swiss Teams 17 - 13.0 Tables

3.90	1	Mark Levy - Johara Nour - Robert Boshara Houston, TX; Yandell Rogers Jr Seabrook, TX	120.00
2.93	2	Joseph Tse - Cecilia Tse - Larry Hsing Houston, TX; Changling Huang Cypress, TX	105.00
2.19	3	Bobbie Benson New Braunfels, TX; Donna Watkins Houston, TX; Marietta Allmond - Michael Stoffel Seguin, TX	92.00
1.65	4	Cindy Cox League City, TX; Pamela Vincent Webster, TX; Marcia Chambliss Houston, TX; Geraldine Christensen La Porte, TX	88.00
1.30	5	David Hull - Stormy Hull - Karen Winston - Paula Daly Houston, TX	86.00

STOP BY GRAHAM CRACKERS

Ladies apparel & accessories Everything **40% OFF** (Cash & checks only)

Bridge T-shirts & shirt jackets \$25 to \$39 ~ Drop by & see Mike Graham for great selections and prices

HAND RECORDS ARE LOCATED IN THE PAVILION NEAR THE PAIRS SIGN IN AREA.

PHOTO GALLERY



Wednesday Aft. Side Pairs A
Chris Curran & Mary Lou Fowler



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 2
**Jay Barron, Margaret Hart,
Joe Veal & Eric Genheimer**



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 3
**David Kuykendall, William Houck,
Birendra BK Singh & Chuck Ensor**



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 4
**Yin Choo, Carol Winograd,
Anne Adams & Marilyn Leiman**



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 6
**Carol Jewett, Linda McReynolds,
David Wicks & Ronald Schulman**



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 7
**Connie Conover, Mary Cris Emmons,
Susan Belding & Carolyn Campbell(np)**



Wednesday Swiss 8
**Rita Wiegenstein, Jo McDaniel,
William McIndoo & Tom Banet**



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 12
**Andrew Remson, Jerry McNeely,
Barbara Dabney & Jerry Hoffman**



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 14
**Cindy Hillman, Julie Stewart,
Jenelle & Bill Chamberlain**

MYSTERY HONOREE MINI-SOLOWAY

Tuesday-Wednesday Mini-Soloway 1-1

4 Tables

50.56	1	Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Sam Lev - Daniel Lev, New York NY; Alfredo Versace, Rome Italy; Gary Cohler, Delray Beach FL; Mustafa Cem Tokay, Manhattan NY
35.39	2	Alison Wilson, New York NY; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Louk Verhees Jr, 2215jx Voorhout ; Cornelis Van Prooijen, Nieuw Vennepe
22.75	3	Eric Schwartz - Linda Robinson, Arlington MA; Zachary Grossack - Adam Grossack, Newton MA
17.70	4	Jane Armstrong - Betty Starzec, Sugar Land TX; Eddie Wold - Robert Morris, Houston TX; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON


ONE CAN NEVER PLAY



TOO MUCH BRIDGE

The Photography Station is in a great location, not in the traffic path, and in a nice quiet corner. However, it has been very lonely with very few pairs or teams remembering to drop by! If you and your partner or team come in 1st overall when an event is entirely completed, come get your photo taken. If your partner or team doesn't want to participate, come by yourself!! We'll label them as (NP)! This is for all strats and brackets. We also need to see you if you achieved a new rank. You can get your picture any day no matter what day you won! The photographer will be in the Pavilion 30 minutes after each session. Smile!

PHOTO GALLERY



Wednesday Swiss 15
Robert Wang, Chie Yen-Hau,
Ran Wang & Bob Chiang

TOMORROW IS
Teacher Appreciation Day
 District 16 celebrates its teachers
 with hot dogs and cake
 after the 2:30 p.m. session
All are invited!

Congratulations to Our Door Prize Winners

Wednesday winners are:

Name	Amount	From
Elizabeth Gast	10	Brookstreet BBQ
Richard Jackson	5	Chili's
Jo Shah	10	P.F. Chang's
Pete Voges	10	Rudi Lechner's
Patti Dunnell	10	Rudi Lechner's
Shirly McKee	*AF	Tamales Dona Tere
Judy Fuller	*AF	Tamales Dona Tere
Marilyn Slaughter	\$10 & *AD	Rockfish Seafood Grill
Phyllis Hink	25	Saldivia's South American Grill
J. A. Crumpler	50	Outback
Liz Hinkle	25	P.F. Chang's
*AF	Aqua Fresca	*AD Appetizer/Desert

MARRIOTT BUFFET MENU

Lunch - \$11.50

- Cream of Mushroom soup
- Seasonal Salad Bar
- Herb Roasted Salmon w/ Lemon Sauce
- Parmesan Crusted Chicken w/ Pomodoro Sauce
- Bakes Penne Alfredo
- Baby Green Beans and Red Onions
- Assorted Cookies and Brownies

Dinner - \$12.75

- Cream of Mushroom
- Seasonal Salad Bar
- Grilled Pork Chops w/ Apricot Brandy Sauce
- Herb-Garlic Slow Roast Turkey
- Butter Whipped Sweet Potatoes with Candied Pecans
- Roasted Broccolini
- Cobble

Daily Lunch Menu Special

Soup and 1/2 Sandwich - \$8.95

Tax & Tip
not
included

Hospitality Desk

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

Hospitality/Awards Desk Hours

Thursday-Friday:

9-9:50am, 1:30-2:20pm & 6:15-6:50pm;

Saturday:

9-9:50am, 1:30-2:20pm & 6-6:30pm

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.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Friday, February 7, 10:00am

Esta Van Zandt Memorial A/X/Y Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Bob Dowlen Gold Rush Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Julia Miller Morning 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
Apple Directors & Volunteers Bracketed Swiss	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Vinh Tran Mini-Soloway	3rd of 4	Continues 2:30pm

Friday, February 7, 2:30pm

Esta Van Zandt Memorial A/X/Y Pairs	1st of 2	
Bob Dowlen Gold Rush Pairs	1st of 2	
49'er / 299'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
0-5 Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Afternoon Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 5 to qualify in overall
Apple Directors & Volunteers Bracketed Swiss	2nd of 2	
Vinh Tran Mini-Soloway	4th of 4	

Friday, February 7, 7:00pm

Evening Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 4 to qualify in overall
Handicapped Swiss	2nd of 2	



For the love
of the game

Play nice

Say hello to everyone.

You might make someone's day.



Introduce yourself to people you don't know.

They may be your next good friends.



Be punctual.

If you're late, you make others late, too.



Acknowledge good play by the opponents.

An appreciative nod lets them know their skill
has not gone unnoticed.



Smile often.

You will brighten the
room considerably.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 6, 10:00am

Ed Groner Memorial A/X Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Ed Groner Memorial Mid-Flight Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Ed Groner Memorial Gold Rush Pairs	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Ed Groner Memorial Morning Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 5 to qualify in overall
Ed Groner Memorial 49'er & 299'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Ed Groner Memorial 0-5 Pair	single	if attendance warrants
Ed Groner Memorial Bracketed Swiss	1st of 2	Continues 2:30pm
Vihn Tran Mini-Soloway *	1st of 4	Continues 2:30pm

Thursday, February 6, 2:30pm

Ed Groner Memorial A/X Pairs	2nd of 2	
Ed Groner Memorial Mid-Flight Pairs	2nd of 2	
Ed Groner Memorial Gold Rush Pairs	2nd of 2	
Ed Groner Memorial Afternoon Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 5 to qualify in overall
Ed Groner Memorial 49'er & 299'er Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Ed Groner Memorial 0-5 Pairs	single	if attendance warrants
Ed Groner Memorial Bracketed Swiss		2nd of 2
Vihn Tran Mini-Soloway	2nd of 4	

Thursday, February 6, 7:00pm

Ed Groner Memorial Evening Side Game Series		Must play in 2 of 4 to qualify in overall
Ed Groner Memorial Handicapped Swiss	1st of 2	Continues Friday Feb. 8, 7:00pm

Stratified Events: A(3000+) B(750-3000) C(0-750)

A/X Pairs: A(5000+) X (0-5000) (A & X play together)

Mid-Flight Pairs: B(1500-3000) Y(0-1500) (B & Y play together)

Gold Rush Pairs: C(300-750) Z(0-300) (C & Z play together)

A/X/Y Pairs: A(5000+) X(2000-5000) Y(0-2000)

Strati-Flighted Swiss: A(4000+) X(0-4000) (A & X play together) B(0-3000) (Bracketed - no player over 3000 MPs)

Bracketed Swiss: Brackets of 7 to 9 teams by average MP

NOTE: *Team or pair average used for all stratified events and within flights for strati-flighted events.*

Stratifications may vary at Director's discretion.

** 2-Day Mini-Soloway starts for Top Bracket Equivalent.*

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