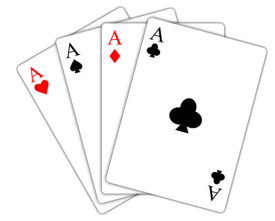


Austin Firecracker Regional Daily Bulletin



Mary Anne Laier Day

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Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Welcome to the Austin Regional Live Music Capital of the World!

Welcome to the 2022 Austin Firecracker Regional.

This is the first summer regional since San Antonio 2019. Austin and San Antonio alternate regionals each July. We were in the process of planning the Austin regional in 2020 when COVID closed everything down.

We welcome all the dedicated bridge players who have stayed with bridge over this long hiatus, and all the new bridge players who picked up the game looking for something interesting to do.

Take advantage of the activities that Austin has to offer. We are known for our great restaurants and music venues. You can take a walk along the hike and bike trail on Lady Bird Lake downtown, or ride with our Unit 207 President Sharon Hoger as she captains one of the nightly bat boats there. Where else but Austin can you see the largest urban bat colony in the world? There are tons of wineries and distilleries within an easy drive of Austin, and even more places to drink in Austin. And you will see plenty of examples of "Keeping Austin Weird."

But this week, the most fun to be had in Austin is right here inside the Holiday Inn at the Firecracker Regional. One overriding reason is that it is air-conditioned, and one thing that you need in Austin in the summer is air-conditioning. The other reason is that bridge is the greatest game in the world and playing it is lots of fun. So, play, play, play – and take home all the masterpoints you can carry.

Sally Sassen - Chairman

Sharon Hoger - Unit President

ALERT

Novice / Newcomer / Lecture Information on Back

Wednesday's Schedule

10:00 299er Novice-Newcomer Pairs (1 of 1)
A/X/Y & Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)
Stratified Side Game Pairs Series (2 of 5)
Two-Session Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)

2:30 299er Novice-Newcomer Pairs (1 of 1)
A/X/Y & Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)
Julie Johnson Stratified Side Game Pairs Series (2 of 5)
Two-Session Bracketed Swiss (2 of 2)

7:00 Stratified Side Game Pairs Series (2 of 5)
Single-Session Board-a-Match (1 of 1)

Thursday's Schedule

10:00 299er Novice-Newcomer Pairs (1 of 1)
Beth Tobias A/X/Y & Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)
Stratified Side Game Pairs Series (3 of 5)
Two-Session Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)

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Charlie Chen, age 12, made Life Master on Tuesday with a 2nd-overall place in the Open Pairs game.

NOTE: All night games begin at 7:00 p.m. The tournament flyer incorrectly lists 7:30 for the pairs.

Participants can view the daily regional bulletin at austinbridge.org

Today is Mary Anne Laier Day

Mary Anne played her first game of bridge in 1960 and is now a Diamond Life Master. For 30 years or more, she was a Director and Teacher aboard luxury cruise ships and has been to 130 countries. She has had the honor of meeting well-known bridge authors and players including C. C. Wei, Kathy Wei, Omar Sharif, Berry Crane, and Bill Flannery.



Results

The daily newsletter will post the previous day's morning and afternoon results and the evening results of two days ago. For example, the Thursday edition will post the Tuesday evening results and the Wednesday morning and afternoon results.

Prizes and Photographs

The Winner's Circle is located just outside of the main playing area. Section top prizes (of each strat) are awarded for all pair events as well as overall prizes of each Swiss bracket, one-session team events and each strat of two-session pair events.

Pictures of overall event winners (of each strat or bracket) will be taken daily in the Winner's Circle. Times are: 9:30-10:00, 1:00-2:00, and 5:30-6:00 Tuesday-Saturday.

Notices

New Life Masters

If you made Life Master during the regional, please have your picture taken at the Winner's Circle.

Lost & Found / First Aid / Eyeglass Repair

All of these are available at the Hospitality Desk.

Checks

This is a cashless tournament- credit or debit cards only. Checks cannot be accepted.

COVID Vaccinations

Everyone must wear a wrist band indicating that you have shown proof of Covid vaccination. These wristbands are available at the hospitality desk located in the lobby.

Hotel Restaurant

Breakfast: 8:00am - 10:00am

Concessions

Assorted Sodas - \$1.00

Coffee - \$1.00

Bottled Water - \$2.00

Diced Fruit Cup - \$3.00

Breakfast Tacos, Sausage and Biscuit - \$4.00

Chips, Candy, and Snacks - \$2.00

Chicken Caesar Salad - \$12.00

Chicken Tender Combo - \$13.00

Sandwich Combo - \$13.00

Novice / Newcomer Lecture Series

Lectures are held at 1:45 on Tuesday through Saturday in the Elm Room. All are welcome to the lectures – one does not need to be a novice.

Wednesday	Kim Brinkman	Have You Seen My Honor? Subtle clues your partner and the opponents give and how to use them.
Thursday	Tom Thomas	Doubles- Takeout... Negative... Support... When does the little X mean penalty?

Tuesday Morning-Afternoon Results

TUE BRACKETED TEAMS-1

7 Tables			
25.07	1	Ishmael Del'monte - Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Peggy Craig - Robert Craig, El Paso TX	85.00
18.80	2	Sam Dinkin - Nancy Joe, Austin TX; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock TX	80.00
14.10	3	C David Mitchell - Jerrold Harrington - Carolyn Riely, San Antonio TX; Terry Riely, Austin TX	71.00

TUE BRACKETED TEAMS-2

7 Tables			
11.11	1	Rupa Shah, Houston TX; Karen Jennings, Lafayette LA; Rosalee Hacker - Lynne Trigg, Southlake TX	82.00
8.33	2	Elisabeth Kay, Spring Branch TX; Catherine McGaffic - Ann Kuehler, New Braunfels TX; Cindy Cummins, Seguin TX	79.00
6.25	3	Paddy Fiorino, Missouri City TX; Jay Evert - Johara Nour - Betty Westbrook, Houston TX	74.00

TUE BRACKETED TEAMS-3

13 Tables			
10.44	1	Ross Ramsey, Flower Mound TX; Brian Eaton, Fort Worth TX; Allan Chernov, Irving TX; Linda Schubert, Dallas TX	94.00
7.83	2	Pam Pannell - John Olson - Rita Wiegenstein - John Haussmann, Georgetown TX	88.00
5.87	3	Ronnie Martin, Friendswood TX; Shirley Kingsley, Houston TX; Jackie King, Marble Falls TX; Darlyn Dusek, League City TX	73.00
3.94	4/5	Rachell Jackson - Melinda Simmen - W Kenneth Davis, Austin TX; Jane Collins, Georgetown TX	70.00
3.94	4/5	Peter Schaff - Leslie Pfeiffer, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Phyllis Baltz - Rusty Baltz, Hot Springs AR	70.00

TUE TOP FLIGHT PAIRS

12.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables				
	A	B	C	
24.15	1		Lilly Justman, Austin TX; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX	62.06%
18.11	2		David Ticen, Victoria TX; Dolores Aquino, Houston TX	59.83%
13.58	3		Pam LaShelle, Georgetown TX; Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX	55.86%
10.19	4		Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Linda Elmore, Victoria TX	55.82%
8.05	5		Kristen Onsgard, Dallas TX; Emily Harrell, Birmingham AL	54.29%
6.90	6		Larry Davis - Robert Donathan, Austin TX	54.26%
8.45		1	Brett Leach - Mark Craig, Austin TX	51.54%
6.34		2	Robert Echols, Lufkin TX; Thomas Thomas, Round Rock TX	51.39%
4.75		3	Liga Byrne - Diana Rogers, Austin TX	51.19%
3.56		4	Simone Scumpia - Stephen Wood, Austin TX	49.98%
4.10		1	Stuart Litwin, Round Rock TX; Ann Roe, Austin TX	48.34%
3.08		2	Carol Thibodeaux - Robert Penksa, Austin TX	43.88%

TUE GOLD RUSH PAIRS

12.0 Tables / Based on 11 Tables				
	7	3		
5.51	1		Margie Portela, Dallas TX; Judy Bouska, Garland TX	64.71%
4.13	2		John Foley - Michael Rainbird, Austin TX	63.73%
3.10	3		Janet Daniel - Beth Peterson, Horseshoe Bay TX	59.34%
2.32	4		Linda Gurasich - John Gurasich, Arp TX	56.05%
1.84	5		Mary Vagnoni, Houston TX; Tom Russell, Cypress TX	55.18%
1.57	6		Sharon Welsh, Plano TX; Jim La Rose, Richardson TX	53.48%
3.07		1	Beth DiTommaso - Kim Satterfield, Denton TX	52.53%
2.30		2	Cindy McCauley - Billie Ogens, Georgetown TX	49.81%

TUESDAY AFT SIDE PAIRS

3.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
2.96	1		Kathy McCabe - Paul Marino, Austin TX	57.00%
2.22	2		Nile Gross, Katy TX; David Richard, Fulshear TX	52.00%