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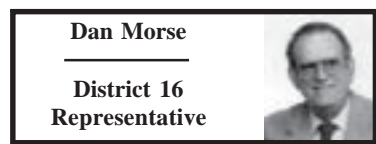
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Dan Morse

District 16  
Representative

**New York, New York:** 13,330 tables were in play in New York - many more than the predicted table count of 11-12 thousand with the ACBL setting a record for foreign players (42 countries participated in the tournament). Local hospitality members went all out to show the visitors a great time. New York was expensive but the \$159.00 room was a good rate for a New York Hilton. The weather even cooperated. A few light thunderstorms lowered the heat factor and there were many beautiful days. Varied good restaurants were within walking distance. It was a pleasure to have playing areas within the hotel. We thank Districts 3 and 24 for co-sponsoring this NABC and for their work and hospitality which was appreciated by all.

**Master Point Rankings:** Two new Life Master rankings were approved by the Board of Directors. Players with 7500-9999 masterpoints will become EMERALD Life Masters and players with 10,000 points who have not met the criteria required for a Grand Life Master will become PLATINUM Life Masters. Races will be posted as soon as ACBL completes the computer programming.

**Membership Dues:** Dues will increase effective January 1, 2005. They were last increased January 1, 2001. Changes are listed below.

2004	2005
First time new Membership	\$24.00 to \$26.00
Student	\$12.75 to \$14.00
Non Life Master	\$32.00 to \$35.00
Life Master	\$29.00 to \$32.00

You can save money if you renew or extend your membership before December 31, 2004.

**Clubs - Special Games:** Major changes to "special games" allowed in clubs will take effect January 1, 2005. Junior Fund, Charity, & International Fund games will now be awarding equal Master Points. For a \$1.00 fee per player every club game may be designated Junior Fund, Charity or International game and master points will be greatly increased. This new regulation will maintain February as Junior Fund month and will establish April as Charity month and September as International month. All these games will be treated in the same manner as Junior Fund games.

In months other than February, April, and September clubs may hold as many or as few of these special games as they desire for \$1.00 per player.

I urge the Clubs and Managers to hold as many of these games as their membership is willing to support.

**Membership:** The upward trend in ABCL membership is continuing. From June 03 through June 2004 we gained 1312 in new members. The bad news is District 16 is not increasing its membership and we are down from June 03. I would like to see every Unit & Club make an effort to participate actively in membership recruitment so we can reverse this trend for District 16 and contribute to increasing membership and retention.

**Bridge on Television:** Management has been in discussion with a cable channel regarding bridge as part of their 2005 programming. I hope they are successful.

**Junior Bridge:** There was more Junior Bridge in New York than at any tournament I have attended. The first World Schools Team Championships, A Junior Individual, Trials to pick a US team for the 2005 Jr World Championship. The WBF/ACBL Bridge Camp, The finals of a Collegiate Team Championship, A Junior Scholarship game and Junior day festivities.

The Junior Individual event attracted 120 Junior players from around the world. A great turnout. The ACBL management was asked to investigate and develop a pilot program for Youth Camps limited to junior players 21 and under.

**Schedule at National Tournaments:** The schedule for nationally rated events at NABC's was modified. In particular, the summer schedule is greatly improved. The Senior Swiss moves from Tuesday/Wednesday to Monday/Tuesday. The Open Pairs II moves from Thursday/Friday in the spring to Tues/Wed in the summer, The Mixed BAM Teams and Fast Open Pairs move from the final weekend to the second Thursday/Friday. The IMP Pairs moves from Thursday/Friday in the summer to Thursday/Friday in the spring. Finally, a new four session Open Swiss will be added to the final Saturday/Sunday of the Summer NABC.

**Patron Members:** Effective January 1, 2005 Patron members dues will increase to \$250.00 for individuals and \$350.00 for households.

**Dallas NABC:** It's not too early to make plans to attend the March 2006 National in Dallas. The volunteers in Dallas are working hard to make this a very special Tournament.

See you at the tables.

## Hamman Wins Spingold; Peggy Sutherlin Wins Women's KO; Brachman, Lazard, Bramley, Passell & Wold Second in GNT; Grace Hunt Second in Senior Swiss



Bob Hamman



Peggy Sutherlin



Grace Hunt



Malcolm Brachman



Sidney Lazard



Eddie Wold



Mike Passell



Bart Bramley

### By David Sokolow

Not too many District 16 players surfaced at the Summer NABC in New York, but those who did had a great time: wonderful food, terrific shows, spectacular museums, fantastic sights, and—oh, yeah—some exceptional bridge, too!

Bob Hamman of Dallas won the Spingold for the record 13th time (that's no misprint—he's won it 13 times!). That's a mind-boggling accomplishment. Try to imagine winning the Flight A pairs at the Dallas regional 13 times. Now add in all the top players in the United States and 67 foreign experts from 13 countries and you'll have a glimmer of what Bob has done. As if that weren't enough, his team mounted the greatest comeback in Spingold history just to make it to the final! Down by 71 Imps with 16 boards to play, Bob's team won the last quarter by an 84-2 margin. Catch some of the key hands in the Bulletin. Trust me, it was not for the faint of heart! Congratulations, Bob, on your amazing feats!

Peggy Sutherlin made it two for two this year in NABC women's team events by winning the Wagar Women's KO. Her team got out to a 55 Imp lead after the first quarter, and was never threatened. Can she make it a "trifecta" by winning the Women's Board-A-Match in Orlando this Fall? I'll let you know in my January column. Her win is the sixth in a row by a District 16 player in NABC women's team events.

Malcolm Brachman, Sidney Lazard, and Bart Bramley of Dallas, Mike Passell of Plano and Eddie Wold of Houston, finished second in the GNT Championship Flight. The final was oh-so-close: they lost by a mere 2 Imps. Ouch! Our other GNT teams did not fare as well. The one bright note was a

5/8 finish by Hua Yang and Weishu Wu of Plano, Gerry McKim of Garland, and Hanchang Wang of Irving in the GNT Flight B.

All the aforementioned first- or second-place finishers are seasoned ACBL veterans. There was, however, one District 16 newcomer to the NABC spotlight: Grace Hunt of Dallas came in second in the Senior Swiss Teams. I was there at the finish, and I can testify: Grace's smile was bright enough to light up the playing area! Congratulations on a fine showing, Grace!

Many District 16 players had top-ten finishes in national events. Lots of our girls made it to the quarter- or semi-finals of the Women's KO: Mildred Breed of Austin and Shawn Quinn of Richmond were 3/4; Lynn Baker of Austin was 3/4 on another team; Donna Compton, Joan Jackson and Petra Hamman of Dallas, and Nancy Passell, Plano, were 5/8; and Tobi Sokolow, Austin, was 5/8 on a different team.

In the Spingold, Malcolm Brachman, Eddie Wold and Mike Passell were 9/16. In the IMP Pairs, Jack Lacy, Round

Rock, and Jim Thurtell, Dallas, placed fourth, while Mark Baumgardner, Carrollton, and Bill Staats, Southlake, were tenth.

In the Mixed Board-A-Match, George Rosenkranz, Mexico City, and Eddie Wold finished fifth; Petra Hamman, Dallas, and Hemant Lall, Plano, tied for seventh; and John and Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas, and Mike Passell ended up ninth.

In the Senior Swiss Teams, Michael Penick, Dallas, came in eighth, while George Rosenkranz and Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City, wound up ninth.

Finally, in the Mini-Spingold (0-1500), Gayle and George Cowart, Richardson, placed 5/8 while Doug Couchman, Arlington, and Joe Clark and Shaun Chooi, Dallas, on a different team, did, too.

Congratulations to the following NY NABC winners:

**ACBL Educational Foundation Side Prs C3.** Margot Hirsch, Arlington  
**1st Fri Eve Strat Swiss Teams A3/**

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### Good Luck to our United States Representatives

in the  
**12th World Team Olympiad  
Istanbul, Turkey  
October 23-November 6, 2004**

**Especially to District 16 member  
Tobi Sokolow  
who is a member of the US Women's Team  
We hope you bring home the Gold!**

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## North American Pairs Announcement

NOTE CHANGE: District 16 A/B/C finals will be January 15 (2 qualifying sessions) and 16 (2 final sessions) at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio. Club managers should send a list of club qualifiers within 3 days of last game to both Unit and District NAP Coordinators. Unit Coordinators should send list of unit qualifiers within 3 days of last game to District Coordinator. Please review NAP announcement in the last issue. Players may play in any adjacent Unit Final if home unit holds no final.

Unit # & Name	Flight	Date	Time	Location
172 San Antonio	ABC	Sat 9/18	11:00/TBA	Alamo Bridge Club
173 Mexico	No information available at press time.			
174 Houston	AC	Sun 11/7	1:30/TBA	Bridge Club (Spring)
	B	Sat 11/6	1:00/TBA	Bridge & Games Studio
176 Dallas	AC	Sun 9/19	1:00/TBA	Valley View Club
	B	Sun 9/26	1:00/TBA	Valley View Club
183 Fort Western	A	Sun 9/12	1:00/TBA	Ft Worth Studio
	B	Sun 10/10	12:30/TBA	Ft Worth Studio
	C	Sun 9/12	12:30/TBA	Lockheed Rec Area
187 Corpus Christi	ABC	Sat 10/16	1:30/TBA	Jack's Bridge Club
197 Llano Estacado	ABC	Sun 10/24	1:00/TBA	Bridge Center
201 Sabine Neches	A	Sat 10/23	9:30/1:00	Beaumont Studio
	BC	Sat 9/18	9:30/1:00	Beaumont Studio
204 Fort Concho	ABC	Sat 11/6	11/TBA	Sue Barber Center
205 Mexico	No information available at press time.			
207 Texas Capitol	ABC	Sat 10/23	12:30/5:00	NW Rec Center
209 Greater Permian Basin	ABC	Sat 9/11	10:00/TBA	Allison Bridge Center
224 Fort Phantom	ABC	Sat 9/18	10:00/TBA	Mabel Lilius Center
225 East Texas	ABC	Sat 10/16	10:00/TBA	Dottie Pirkle's Club
233 Central Texas	ABC	Sun 10/3	N/A	Cultural Center
237 Magic Valley	No information available at press time.			
353 Wichita Falls	ABC	Sun 11/7	1:00/TBA	Bridge Gap Studio

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5.B1/2. Hua Yang-Weishu Wu, Plano-Gerry McKim, Garland-Hanchang Wang, Irving **Fri Eve Side Prs A6.B4.** Sandra Stevens, Katy-Barbara Phillips, Spring **Fri Strat Open Prs A10.** Judy Kay-Wolff, Dallas **Grand National Teams Flt B 5/8.** Hua Yang-Weishu Wu Plano-Gerry McKim, Garland-Hanchang Wang, Irving **Grand National Teams Champion 2.** Malcolm Brachman-Bart Bramley-Sidney Lazard, Dallas-Mike Passell Plano-Eddie Wold, Houston **1st Saturday Strati-Flted Prs AX A2.** Judy Kay-Wolff, Dallas A6.X1. Hanchang Wang, Irving-Hua Yang, Plano **Young LM-1500 Prs 12.** Michael Heymann, Ft. Worth **Educational Fund KO Teams Bkt I 1.** George Rosencranz, Mexico City-Robert Morris, Houston **Rockefeller Center KO Teams Bkt I 1.** George Rosencranz, Mexico City-Robert Morris, Houston **Bkt III 1.** Justin Lall, Plano **Bkt VI 1.** Steve Birnbaum, Dallas **1st Sun Strat Open Prs C4.** Doug Couchman, Arlington-Joe Clark, Dallas **Sun Eve Zip Teams 1.** Doug Couchman, Arlington **1st Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A6.** Bobby Wolff, Dallas-Dan Morse, Houston A13/15. Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton-Bill Staats, Southlake A18/19. Alexander Kolesnik, Austin A18/19. Judy Kay-Wolff, Dallas A20.X2. Michael Heymann, Ft. Worth **Times Square KO Teams Bkt III 3/4.** Josephine Grabow, Helotes **Mon Daylight Strat Open Prs B5.** Steve Birnbaum, Dallas **Mon Aft Strat Side Prs B5.** Dewitt Hudson, Jr., Arlington-Marsha Bernstein, Houston **Mon Eve Strat Side Prs A5.B2.** Betty Starzec-Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land **Donna Levien Strat Open Prs A5.** Derrell Childs, Garland **Tues Morn Side Prs A1.B1.** Steve Birnbaum, Dallas **Life Master Prs 21.** Bob Hamman, Dallas 45. Tobi Sokolow, Austin 46. Nagy Kamel, Plano **Rainy Days & Mondays KO Teams Bkt II 3/4.** Elton Lipnick, Houston **Bkt III 2.** Michael Estep-Barbara Estep, Hurst-Gary Neisler, N. Richland Hills-Nancy Peterson, Euless **Bkt VI 1.** Sally Blewett, Beaumont-Patsy Pierce, Hardin **Bkt VII 1.** Barbara Traphagen, Ft. Worth-Margot Hirsch, Arlington **Tues Strati-Flted Prs AX A8.** Bill Staats, Southlake-Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton **Mon-Wed A&E Side Series 6/7.** Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land 6/7. Betty Starzec, Sugar Land **It's a 2-Day Affair KO Teams Bkt II 3/4.** Michael Heymann, Ft. Worth **Wed Strat BAM Teams A5/8.** Jack Lacy, Round Rock-James Thurtell, Dallas B3. Justin Lall, Plano **Wed Strat IMP Prs B3/4.** C2. William Walker, Houston **Wed Choice Strat Prs A/8,** Chaitadi Suriya, Mexico **NABC Senior Swiss Teams 2.** Grace Hunt, Dallas 9. George Rosenkranz-Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City 15. Judy Bramley, Dallas 18. Derrell Childs, Garland **Mon-Thurs Morn KO Teams Bkt III 3/4.** Barbara Traphagen, Ft. Worth-Margot Hirsch, Arlington **Greenwich Village KO Teams Bkt I 3/4.** David Sokolow,

Austin **Thurs Mid Zip Bkt I 2.** Justin Lall, Plano **Thurs Eve Strat Swiss Teams A3.B1.** George Cowart-Gayle Cowart, Richardson **Thurs ABA/ACBL Strat Open Prs A4.** Bee Ward, Lubbock-Bonta Thompson, Shallowater C3. Pam Phillips-Kathy McCabe, Austin **Thurs/Fri Senior KO Teams Bkt II 3/4.** Betty Linbeck-Sally Avery-Betty Kyle Moore-Susan McMahan, Houston **Wagar Womens KO Teams 1.** Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas 3/4. Lynn Baker, Austin 3/4. Mildred Breed, Austin-Shawn Quinn, Richmond 5/8. Tobi Sokolow, Austin 5/8. Donna Compton-Joan Jackson-Petra Hamman, Dallas-Nancy Passell, Plano **Mini Springold II KO Teams 3/4.** Shirley Matthews, Lindale 5/8. Gayle Cowart-George Cowart, Richardson 5/8. Doug Couchman, Arlington-Joe Clark-Shaun Chooi, Dallas **Wed-Sat Morn KO Teams Bkt I 3/4.** David Sokolow, Austin **Compact Consolation II 1.** Cynthia Struve-Clemens Struve, Corpus Christi **Sat Morn Strat Side Prs A4.B3.C1.** Sally Avery-Bette Linbeck, Houston B6. Dorothy Martin, Irving-Hai Gates, Arlington **Wed-Sat Morn Side Prs B5.** Hai Gates, Arlington **Fri Senior Strat Open Prs A1.** Michael Penick, Dallas **2nd Fri Strat Swiss Teams A6/8.** Chris Compton, Dallas **NABC IMP Prs 4.** Jack Lacy, Round Rock-James Thurtell, Dallas 10. Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton-Bill Staats, Southlake 24. Barb Bramley, Dallas 35. Justin Lall, Plano 43. Judy Kay-Wolff, Dallas 45. Donna Compton, Dallas **The Producers KO Teams Bkt I 2.** Dan Morse, Houston-Bobby Wolff, Dallas **Bkt IV 1.** Lisa Burton, Austin **Radio City Consolation KO Teams Bkt II 2.** Terry Currie, Houston **Bkt V 1.** Margo Hirsch, Arlington **2nd Sat Strati-Flted Open Prs AX A8.** Mark Baumgardner, Carrollton-Joe Quinn, Richmond X6. Wayne Christensen, Jr. Houston **Spingold KO Teams 1.** Bob Hamman, Dallas 9/16. Malcolm Brachman, Dallas-Eddie Wold, Houston-Mike Passell, Plano 17/32. Bobby Wolff, Dallas-Dan Morse, Houston 17/32. Chris Compton, Dallas 17/32. Hemant Lall, Plano **NABC Fast Prs 14.** Alexander Kolesnik, Austin 26. Jack Lacy, Round Rock-James Thurtell, Dallas 34. Robert Witcher, Austin **On To Orlando KO Teams Bkt I 3/4.** Bobby Wolff, Dallas-Dan Morse, Houston **Bkt III 1.** Ann Faget, Houston **USBF Jr Team Trials 4.** Justin Lall, Plano **Mixed BAM Teams 5.** Eddie Wold, Houston-George Rosencranz, Mexico City 7/8. Petra Hamman, Dallas-Hemant Lall, Plano 9. Peggy Sutherlin-John Sutherlin, Dallas-Mike Passell, Plano 12. Shawn Quinn, Richmond-Mildred Breed, Austin 18. Nancy Passell, Plano 21. Bart Bramley-Judy Bramley, Dallas 22. Magy Mohan, Mexico City 24. Judy Kay-Wolff, Dallas 26. Joan Jackson-Norman Beck, Dallas-Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio.

The Fall NABC is in Orlando, Florida. There's NO excuse for missing this one: fun for the whole family at Disneyworld and the Epcot Center; reasonable prices (the bridge rate is just \$119 a night); temperate weather; and the prospect of masterpoints by the bushel in a host of novice, intermediate, flighted, and NABC events. The best news of all: if you make a Mickey Mouse play (or a Daffy duck or a Goofy opening lead), you can blame it on the surroundings! Th-th-that's all, folks!

### DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

DALLAS REGIONAL	Aug. 31-6
New Braunfels	9-12
Bridge Center of Houston 199er, p. 9	10-12
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#### JANUARY

Unit 174 STaC	3-9
Austin	6-9
San Antonio	14-17
NAP District Finals (San Antonio)	15-16
Dallas	20-23
HOUSTON REGIONAL	31-Feb. 6

#### FEBRUARY

HOUSTON REGIONAL	Jan. 31-6
San Angelo	25-27

### Other Upcoming Events

WBF Olympiad	October 23-November 9
Fall NABC (Orlando, FL)	November 20-30

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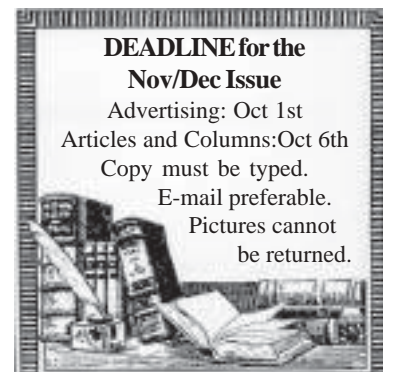
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Advertising: Oct 1st  
Articles and Columns: Oct 6th  
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## Bart Bramley Hits 15,000 MPs



Bart Bramley

By Chris Compton

District 16 member, Bart Bramley, eclipsed the 15,000 point plateau by finishing second playing on District 16's GNT Brachman squad at the Summer New York NABC. Bart, a native New Englander, MIT graduate, and reformed options trader is well known throughout the world of Bridge for his work as player and author. He loves baseball trivia, puzzles of any kind, and the Grateful Dead.

Bart's current regular partner is Hall of Famer and district member Sidney Lazard. Together Bart and Sidney have won a Reisinger, a Blue Ribbon, and finished 3/4<sup>th</sup> in the 1998 Lille Rosenblum World Team Championships. A summary of previous achievements includes two National pair game victories and a Vanderbilt with Lou Bluhm and representation of the United States in the 1991 Bermuda Bowl with Mark Feldman. On his own, Bart finished second in the World Par Contest held in Lille. The par contest was composed of time sensitive double dummy problems which is strongest part of Bart's game. Bart actually got more problems correct than the winner of the Par contest, but lost the contest on the basis of time deductions.

Bart has many other bridge contributions to his credit including writings for the Bridge World and service on the ACBL's Competition and Conventions Committee. On a private note, Bart recently married his 25-year life partner Judy Wadas. Finally, I can contribute that Bart is a compassionate teammate and partner.

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#### Photographers

**Swiss Team Winners**  
Please arrange swiss teams with the 2 tallest players standing in the back and the remaining two players sitting down in chairs in the front. Carefully label the players left to right, back to front

#### Pair Winners

Please place players standing side by side with shoulders touching. Carefully label the players left to right.

## Attention!!!

### Scorecard

#### Columnist

Please write your articles in either Word or Wordperfect, Times New Roman, 9 point, Justified and attached the document to your email.

#### Life Masters

Inger Lise Blount, Horseshoe; Nadia Branisa, Houston; Boris Brannick, Orange; Phil Brown, San Antonio; Linda Cole, San Angelo; Bill Ferguson, Austin; Jim Greaves, Pearland; Thomas Hainze, Jr., Athens; Mildred Harlow, San Antonio; Margie Hill, Big Spring; Jeanette Hughes, Marble Falls; Joanna Kaspar, Dallas; Avik Kaufman, Houston; Marilyn Krog, Sugar Land; Joe Lattimore, Port Arthur; Angela Lennon, Austin; Bette Linbeck, Houston; Doris Little, Pharr; Donna Livingston, Austin; Betty Long, Beaumont; J. Martin, Dallas; Gerald Myers, Halton City; Mrs. M.V.

Myers, San Antonio; Leigh Ann Poindexter, Spring; Mary Ann Polk, Houston; Diana Rogers, Austin; C. Sue Semple, The Woodlands; Kyong Shuey, Austin; Britt Siem, Houston; Giovanna Spiker, Houston; Catherine Tucker, Dallas; Steven Tuggle, Houston; Charlotte Tunnell, McKinney; Ivan Uys, Ft. Worth; Mary Anne Woessner, Montgomery  
**Milestones**  
**Gold Life Master (2500 MP's)**  
Thomas Davis, Waco; Richard Hinde, Irving; Gail Huie, Corpus Christi; Mary Tryer, Kingsville.  
**Silver Life Master (1000 MP's)**  
Lorraine Barkey, Pharr; Eddie Bass,

Houston; Kit Campbell, Dallas; Donna Compton, Dallas; Jerry Fairchild, Orange; Vicky Fisher, Big Lake; Pauline Gage, McAllen; Claudette Hartman, Austin; Anne Lidiak, Arlington; James Lilly, Dallas; Dean Lokken, Lubbock; David Miller, Houston; Kalpana Sutaria, Austin; Vivienne Whitworth, Rockwall.  
**Bronze Life Master (500 MP's)**  
Audrey Alto-DeMungula, Harlingen; Ila Bates, Waco; Boris Brannick, Orange; Patrick Cardullo, San Antonio; Melody Euler, Temple; Darlene Gilmore, Smithville; Marilyn Halpin, Houston; Sandy Hilliard, Canton; Larry Howell, Arlington; James

Humphrey, Ennis; Jason Kiker, Corpus Christi; Robin Ladin, Houston; June Marsh, The Woodlands; Helen McCrae, San Antonio; K. Charles Peterson, Houston; Jessica Roberts, N. Richland Hills; Joyce Seitz, Corpus Christi; Margaret Stultz, Houston; Glen Tolle, Plano.  
**Other Achievers - 1000 MP's**  
Judith Ortiz, San Antonio.  
**Other Achievers - 500 MP's**  
Frances Adkins, Austin; Frances Cofer, Baytown; Priscilla Gables, Houston; Joyce Gorzycki, Bryan; Virgil Massey, Driftwood; Robert Patton, Abilene; R. K. Richardson, Livingston; Jean Westfall, Lubbock.

# DISTRICT 16 NEW LIFE MASTERS

Life Master Pictures are now being posted on the internet at URL: <http://www.d16acbl.org/NLM.html>



Inger Lise Blount  
Horseshoe



Jim Chaffee  
Fort Worth



Jim Greaves  
Pearland



Thomas Hainze, Jr.  
Athens



Jeanette Hughes  
Marble Falls



Jo Anna Kaspar  
Dallas



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Houston



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## DISTRICT 16 - ACBL TEXAS STAR SERVICE AWARDS

**TO: President and Board of Directors  
of each Unit of District 16**  
**RE: Texas Star Service Awards for 2004**

Each Unit of District 16 has the right to annually designate a member of that Unit to receive a Texas Star Service Award. The Award can be given to a Unit member in good standing for outstanding and meritorious service to the Unit. The Award should not be given lightly and can be given only to someone who has not previously received this Award. The Texas Star Service Awards will be presented on Saturday before the evening session at the Houston Regional in February 2005.

If your Unit decides to so honor one of your members for 2004, please initiate the process within your Unit. After your selection is made, send us a letter outlining your designee's contributions to your Unit, a brief personal sketch, and, if possible, a photograph suitable for publishing in the *Scorecard*. We must receive all this information by January 1, 2005.

This is a great way to say "thank you" to a member who has worked hard in behalf of the Unit.

Please keep your selection secret as surprise is an important part of the Award presentation.

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

#### Texas Star Service Award Committee

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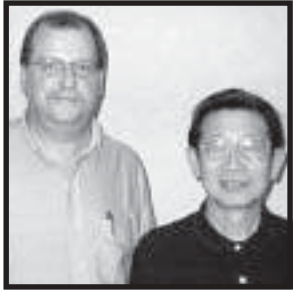
## TEXAS STAR AWARDS

### Description of the Award & Guidelines for Selection and Presentation Ceremony

1. The Texas Star Service Awards ("the Awards") shall be presented once annually at the Lone Star Regional Tournament held in Houston in the winter.
2. The Awards shall be presented by the President of District 16. If for any reason that officer is unable to make the Presentations, the Texas Star Service Awards Committee ("the Committee") shall select a person to make the presentation.
3. The Awards shall be presented just prior to commencement of play of the second session of the game held on Saturday. If play is held in more than one location, a presentation ceremony shall be held in each location. Presentation of the Awards shall be shown on the printed schedule of the tournament. Sufficient time for the presentation(s) shall be allowed by the Director in charge of that tournament.
4. Identity of the recipients of the Award shall be kept secret until their names are announced by the presenter during the presentation ceremony. All persons involved in the selection process at both the Unit and Committee levels shall take every precaution to insure confidentiality from commencement of the selection process until after presentation of the Awards. The method, screening and selection process shall not be discussed by any person involved except among themselves.
5. Each Unit within District 16 may, but need not, select one person to receive the Award annually. A married couple may be selected. Each person selected shall be a member of the selecting Unit in good standing, resident within District 16. A person who has received the Award in a prior year is not eligible for selection.
6. A recipient of the Award shall be a volunteer who has worked diligently at the Unit level. Receipt of a nominal compensation for burdensome tasks shall not automatically classify a person as a non-volunteer. A unit may ask the Committee to determine the classification of a potential recipient of the Award. The Committee's determination of classification of a potential recipient shall be final.
7. The Committee and its Chair shall be appointed by the President of District 16 at the annual meeting held during the Lone Star Regional Tournament in Houston at the beginning of each calendar year. The President may appoint the Jacoby Award Committee and its Chair to form the Texas Star Awards Committee *ex officio*. The Committee shall receive the selection from the Units annually, and arrange for a suitable commemorative pin for each recipient of this Award.
8. The Chair of the Committee shall notify each Unit each September of the opportunity to name a recipient of the Award. Such notification may be by letter or by publishing the notice in the *Scorecard*. The notice to the Units should outline the qualifications which the Unit should keep in mind in making its selection and should stress the need for confidentiality. Selections by the Unit must be received by the Committee by January 1 of each year.
9. The Committee shall maintain a record of all recipients of the Award.



# Jeff Ford, Austin, wins Four Pair Events at the Austin 4th of July Regional!!!



Wed Strat Open Prs A  
Jim Thurtell & Tosi Liang



Wed Strat Open Prs B  
Carol Katra & Bachman Nabors



Wed & Sun Strat Choice Prs C  
Jeff Ford & Mark McAllister



Wed & Sun Aft 299er Prs A  
Gene & Judy Kincaid



Thurs Strati-Flted Prs X  
Ellen Hessel & Bill Walker



Thurs Strati-Flted Prs B  
Ed Davis & John Bowers



Thurs Strati-Flted Prs C  
Rahul Mahajan & Swadesh Mahajan



Thurs Strati-Flted Prs D  
Larry Smith & David Warner



Fri Strat Open Prs A  
Bob Matcha & Guss Ginsburg



Fri Strat Open Prs C  
Nicholas Jong & Jeff Ford



Sat Strat Choice Prs C  
Wanwan Ren & Jeff Ford



Sun Strat Choice Prs A  
Chris Compton & Kim Cox



Mon Strat Fast Prs A  
John DuBose & Christoph Eick



Mon Strat Fast Prs C  
Amy & Fred Wang



Morn Side Series Prs  
Michael Walrath & Gail Wells



Eve Side Series Prs  
Mike Miller & James Bauer

**Tues Win-An-Entry Prs** 1. Glenda Chalson-John Chalson, Jr. CA 2. Dean Truair-Anthony Eckman, Austin 3/4. Randolph Worsham-Helen Worsham, Dallas 3/4. Adam Ruprecht-Jeff Ford, Austin 5. Kalpana Sutaria-Swadesh Mahajan, Austin.

**Wed Strat Open Prs** A1. Tosi Liang, Houston-James Thurtell, Dallas A2. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias, Austin A3. Michael Huston, MO-Rick Elliott, Houston A4. Bill Walker, Bulverde-Donna Watkins, San Antonio A5. Britain Beezley-Shelba Parmley, OK B1. Bachman Nabors, Kempner-Carol Katra, AZ B2. Michael Boulette-Maureen Lightfoot, Kerrville B3. Kalpana Sutaria-Swadesh Mahajan, Austin B4. Stan Kurtzer, Austin-Lydia Bearden, Lakeway B5. Barbara Phillips, Spring-Bill Gervais, Cypress C1. Mark McAllister-Jeff Ford, Austin C2. David Warner-Larry Smith, Austin C3. Tony Eckman-Durward Mahon, Austin.

**Wed Aft Strat 299er Prs** A1. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid, Denison A2.B1.C1. Charles Afill-Danna Redford, Austin A3.B2. Terry Richardson-David Hetteema, Austin B3.C2. Ronald Cherry-Robert Bradbury, Austin C3. Christine Calkins-Gary Godfrey, Austin. **Wed Eve Strat 299er Prs** A1.B1. Terry Richardson-David Hetteema, Austin A2.B2. Richard Spilo-Joyce Spilo, Austin A3. David Wicks, Houston-Alfred Fortier, III, Katy B3. Winford Boyd-Janice Boyd, Eules C1. Danna Redford-Charles Afill, Austin C2. Betsy Altenburger, Bellaire-Maureen Wittels, Houston.

**Thurs Aft Strat 299er Prs** A1.B1. Bonnie Cahill-Kathleen Sato, Austin A2. Lisa Sommer-Charles Sommer, Houston A3.B2.C1. Laura Dickson-David Dickson, Austin B3. James Glathar-Joan Glathar, Austin C2. Richard King, Houston-Sarah Hardin, Montgomery.

**Thurs Strati-Flted Prs AX** A1. Tobi Sokolow, Austin-Alan Stout, AB A2. Marilyn German-Gail Huie, Corpus Christi A3. Scott Humphrey-Rosemary Kelley, Austin A4. Diane Olson, San Antonio-Ed Rawlinson, Helotes A5X1. Bill Walker, Bulverde-Ellen Hessel, San Antonio X2. Jerry Bigler, Austin-Patricia Lozano, San Antonio X3. Nancy Joe, Austin-Christoph Eick, Houston X4. Preston Morrow, Dallas-William Baker, Bellaire X5. Eve Bindeman-Jeff Ford, Austin **Strati BCD** B1. Ed Davis, Austin-John Bowers, Seguin B2. Doug Cross-Jodie McMahon, San Antonio B3.C1. Rahul Mahajan-Swadesh

Mahajan, Austin B4. Bill Gervais, Cypress-Barbara Phillips, Spring B5. Josephine Grabow, Helotes-Sandra Weber, San Antonio C2.D1. David Warner-Larry Smith, Austin C3. Kurt Brescoll-Janet Adams, Mansfield D2. Ruth Wendel-William Moody, New Braunfels D3. Beverly Geurin, NM-Marilyn Sharratt, Austin.

**Thurs Eve Strat 299er Prs** A1.B1. Bonnie Cahill-Kathleen Sato, Austin A2. Ronald Lantz-Robert Merrifield, Austin B3.B2. Donna Gerber-Jean Townsend, Georgetown B3.C1. Charles Afill-Diana Apgar, Austin C2. Robert Siefert-Janet Seifert, Houston C3. Betty Lou Suman-George Suman, Houston.

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1.B1. Robert McGill-Carol Ann McGill, Orange A2.B2. Patricia Cardullo, San Antonio-Josephine Grabow, Helotes A3. William Chan-Molan Chan, ME A4. Gail Wells, Plano-Michael Walrath, Keller A5.B3. Art Miles, Austin-David Beam, Cedar Park B4. Anne Seiders-Patricia Pels, Austin B3. Mozelle Carr-Martha Bullington, Austin.

**Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs** A1.B1. James Glathar-Joan Glathar, Austin A2. Patricia Rose-Barbara Thomson, Dallas A3. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid, Denison B2.C1. Richard King, Houston-Sarah Hardin, Montgomery B3.C2. Danna Redford-Charles Afill, Austin.

**Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs** A1.B1. Jean Townsend-Beverly Greer, Georgetown A2. Barbara Thomson-Julie Butterfield, Dallas A3.B2.C1. Richard Spilo-Joyce Spilo, Austin B3.C2. Gary Cox-Kay Cox, Georgetown C3. Carol Peters, Maxwell-Rose Brooks, San Marcos.

**Fri Strat Open Prs** A1. Guss Ginsberg, Houston-Robert Matcha, Sugar Land A2. Tobi Sokolow, Austin-Alan Stout, AR A3. George Fox-Tosi Liang, Houston A4. Gary Powell-Stephen Bruce, Austin A5. Darlene Shirey-Steve Shirey, Ft. Worth B1. John Chaison, Jr.-Glenda Chaison, CA B2. Bill Gervais, Cypress-Barbara Phillips, Spring B3. Nancy Joe, Austin-Christoph Eick, Houston B4. Kalpana Sutaria-Swadesh Mahajan, Austin B4.C1. Nicholas Jong-Jeff Ford, Austin C2. Delbert Hess-Patricia Hess, Abilene C3. Dean Yarian, Lakeway-James Fleming, Austin.

**Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs** A1.B1.C1. Jay Thorne, San Antonio-Ankur Rath, Austin A2.B2.C2. Ruby Handcox-Richard Ryan, Austin A3. Horatio

Aldredge-Jacquelyn Aldredge, San Antonio B3.C3. Gary Cox-Kay Cox, Georgetown.

**Sat Strat Open Choice Prs** A1. W. Lease, Houston-L. Laird, Sugar Land A2. James Bauer, Dallas-Mike Miller, Temple B3. Edward Groner, Houston-David Horner, Carrollton A4. Derrell Childs, Garland-Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio A5. Carolyn Fox-Anton Haddad, Houston B1. Nancy Joe, Austin-Christoph Eick, Houston B2. Bill Gervais, Cypress-Barbara Phillips, Spring B3. Anne Cullen-Jo Bennett, Austin B4. Shyamal Bhattacharya, Corpus Christi-Lois Cersosimo, SD B5. J. Bachman Nabors, III, Kempner-Carol Katra, AZ C1. Jeff Ford-Wanwan Ren, Austin C2. Glenda Marshall-Jean Townsend, Georgetown C3. Bob Lester, Houston-Patricia Tourais, Kingwood.

**Sun Strat Open Choice Prs** A1. Kim Cox, Corpus Christi-Chris Compton, Dallas A2. Gary Powell-Marcia Powell, Austin A3. Stewart Angel, Wake Village-Jonathan Ernest, Lindale A4. Robert Matcha-Jane Matcha, Sugar Land A5. Britain Beezley-Shelba Parmley, OK B1. Ila Bates, Waco-Richard Doble, College Station B2. Marge Bartel-Tricia Kane, Austin B3. J. Bachman Nabors, III, Kempner-Carol Katra, AZ B4. Robert Stout, Cedar Park-Charles Hampton, Austin B5. Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio-Anton Haddad, Houston C1. Mark McAllister-Jeff Ford, Austin C2. David Buck-Juanita Buck, Laredo C3. Peter Thorne-Judy Carol Taquino, San Antonio.

**Sun Aft Strat 299er Prs** A1. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid, Denison A2. Shay Ura, Plano-Bob Ingebritson, Carrollton A3.B1.C1. Jay Thorne, San Antonio-Richard King, Houston B2.C2. Winford Boyd-Janice Boyd, Eules.

**Morn Side Game Series** 1/2. Michael Walrath, Dallas 1/2. Gail Wells, Plano 3/4. Claudette Hartman, Austin 3/4. Rosemary Kelley, Austin 5. Allen Wolf, The Woodlands.

**Aft Side Game Series** 1. Orpha Gips, Austin 2/3. Michael Walrath, Keller 2/3. Gail Wells, Plano 4. Betty Daniel, Austin 5. Shirley George, Austin.

**Eve Side Game Series** 1/2. Mike Miller, Temple 1/2. James Bauer, Dallas 3/4. Michael Walrath, Keller 3/4. Gail Wells, Plano 5. Chris Hull, Austin.

**Mon Strat Fast Prs** A1.B1.

Christoph Eick-John DuBose, Jr., Houston A2. Art Miles-Louise Kennedy, Austin A3. Steve Shirey-Darlene Shirey, Ft. Worth A4.B2.C1. Fred Wang-Amy Wang, Houston A5. Katherine Pearce-Donna McBride, Kerrville B3.C2. Jonobie Ford-Jeff Ford, Austin B4. Larry Smith-Shaishav Parikh, Austin.

**Bkted KO Teams 1 Bkt I** 1. Malcolm Brachman, Dallas-Mike Passell, Plano-Eddie Wold, Houston-Eric Greco, PA-Jeff Hampson, PA 2. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas-Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Justin Lall-Nagy Kamel, Plano 3/4. Mildred Breed-Austin-Shawn Quinn, Richmond-Petra Hamman, Dallas-Nancy Passell, Plano 3/4. Curtis Smith-Thomas Carolyn Peters, Grapeland-Beverlye Smith, Conroe. **Bkt II** 1. Marilyn Matthews, Odessa-Sandra Rea, Midland-Vicky Fisher, Big Lake-Pat Barrett, Midkiff 2. Janet Adams-Kurt Brescoll-Zachary Brescoll, Mansfield-Lois Cersosimo, SD 3/4. C. Sue Semple-Aletha Cahill-Wolf-Allen Wolf, The Woodlands-Peter Hanson, Houston 3/4. Bari Hart-J. Lynn Allen, Athens-Opal Thurman, OK-Delois Nell, Austin **Bkt III** 1. James Lennon-Angela Lennon-Anita Cokins-Joann Anderson, Austin 2. Lera Lewis-Mary Murray, Abilene-Gracie Craig-Dorothy King, Sweetwater 3/4. Loretta Gary-Norma White-Sally Blewett-Betty Long, Beaumont 3/4. John Taylor, Lago Vista-Sue Gerard, Mexico-David Buck-Juanita Buck, Laredo 5/8. Delbert Hess-Patricia Hess-Martha Murphy-Kay Strickland, Abilene.

**Bkted KO Teams 2 Bkt I** 1. Libby Boeye-Jim Stephenson-Marilyn MacDonald-Bill MacDonald, Corpus Christi 2. Meike Wortel, NL-Keven Bathurat, SC-Ian Boyd, AB-Edward Groner, Houston-David Horner, Carrollton 3/4. Carol Pielsticker-Nancy Phillips-Raymond Zekauskas, Jr.-Mike Aliotta, OK 3/4. John McConnell-Carol McConnell, DeSoto-Melody Gann-Dee Berg, Arlington **Bkt II** 1. Marion Fink-Maria Myers-Rosemary Quick-Mildred Harlow, San Antonio 2. Mary Jo Torczon-Dorothy Raaka-Giovanna Spiker-Nadia Bransa, Houston 3/4. James Wueste-Flora Pettit-Kyong Shuey, Austin-Harvey Browning, Georgetown 3/4. Gay Roach, Nacogdoches-Wanda Hartley, Bullard-Raymond Derr-Kathy Reddick, Longview **Bkt III** 1. Laura Delfeld-Tamas Hausel-J. Black-Diana Rogers, Austin 2. Jo Graves-Billie Graves-Don

Shimmon-George Richards, Austin 3/4. Joyce Cooper-Linda Anthony-Martha Norman, Austin-Milton Birmingham, Ft. Worth 3/4. Evelyn Weaver, Rocksprings-Linda Garrett-Kay Karnau, Gonzales-Delinda Verner, Abilene 5/8. Ginger Rhamey-Mona Buchanan, Murchison-Barbara Austin-Mattie Kay, Kemp.

**Bkted KO Teams 3 Bkt I** 1. Malcolm Brachman, Dallas-Mike Passell, Plano-Eddie Wold, Houston-Eric Greco, PA-Geoff Hampson CA 2. Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Justin Lall-Nagy Kamel, Plano-Ivan Boyd, AB 3/4. Clint Schuhmacher-Hal DeShong-Jeff Ford-Scott Humphrey, Austin 3/4. Lorraine Little-Shirley Prewitt, Ft. Worth-Marvin Stewart-Barbara Stewart, Burleson.

**Bkted KO Teams 4 Bkt 11.** Malcolm Brachman-Bart Bramley, Dallas-Mike Passell, Plano-Eddie Wold, Houston-Eric Greco, PA-Geoff Hampson, CA 2. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas-Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Justin Lall-Nagy Kamel, Plano 3/4. Mildred Breed-Austin-Shawn Quinn, Richmond-Petra Hamman, Dallas-Nancy Passell, Plano 3/4. Curtis Smith-Thomas Carolyn Peters, Grapeland-Beverlye Smith, Conroe **Bkt II** 1. James Stevens-Sandra Stevens, Katy-Thomas Schmalz, Galveston-Betsy DuBose, Bellaire-David Curl, Nederland-Robert Curl, Houston 2. Michael Boulette-Maureen Lightfoot, Kerrville-Jo Ella Bolt, Junction-Joan Burch, London 3/4. Paul Tobias-Stephen Wood-Geoff Blandy, Austin-Alexander Labry Burnet 3/4. Robert Donathan-Elizabeth Tobias-Louis Sachar-Larry David, Austin **Bkt III** 1. Ellen Meyer-Dianne Ebert-Peggy Geiler-Carol Nelson, Austin 2. Mary Adams-Jan Hart, Temple-Helen McCrae-Phyllis Giffin, San Antonio 3/4. Marcia Joy Varel-Milton Aston, Dallas-Marlow Muldoon-Joyce Muldoon, Irving 3/4. Virginia Reinier, Joshua-Larry Howell, Arlington-Jim Chaffee-Tom Nute, Ft. Worth **Bkt IV** 1. John Taylor, Lago Vista-Sue Gerard, Mexico-Juanita Buck-David Buck, Laredo 2. Alfred Fortier, III, Katy-Robert Arnett-David Wicks, Houston-Robin Johnson, Kingwood 3/4. Phil Brown-Charles Abbott-Betsy Berg-Raj Nayar, San Antonio 3/4. Tom Cox-Sandra Cox, Austin-William Brooks-Gena Brooks, Mertzon.

**Wed Eve Strat BAM Teams** 1. Melody Euler-James La Fountain, Temple-Genie Kaplan, Georgetown-Gloria McCain, FL A2/3. Anton Haddad, Houston-Alan Copeland, Arlington-Jack Rochford-Jean Rochford, San Angelo A2/3.B1.C1. Doris Little-Thomas Little, Pharr-Gena Brooks-William Brooks, Mertzon B2.C2. Travis King-Lidy King, Joshua-Sondra Kae Goar-Hershel Goar, Burleson.

**Thurs Eve Strat Swiss Teams** A1. Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett, Waco-Peggy Phelps-Lyndon Phelps, Kosse A2.B1. Janice Henderson-Charles



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Bkted KO Teams 1 Bkt II  
Sandra Rea & Pat Barrett  
Marilyn Matthews & Vicky Fisher



Bkted KO Teams 1 Bkt III  
Anita Cokins & Joann Anderson  
Angela & James Lennon



Bkted KO Teams 2 Bkt I  
Marilyn MacDonald & Libby Boeye  
Bill MacDonald & Jim Stephenson



Bkted KO Teams 2 Bkt II  
Marion Fink & Maria Myers  
Rosemary Quirk & Mildred Harlow



Bkted KO Teams 2 Bkt III  
Diana Rogers & Laura Delfeld  
J Black & Tamas Hausel



Bkted KO Teams 4 Bkt III  
Carol Nelson & Ellen Meyer  
Dianne Ebert & Peggy Geiler



Bkted KO Teams 4 Bkt IV  
David & Juanita Buck  
Sue Gerard & John Taylor



Bkted KO Teams 5 Bkt I  
Sally Wheeler & Patricia Griffin  
Buddy Hanby & Jim Griffin



Bkted KO Teams 5 Bkt II  
Jim & Patricia Fowlkes  
Margaret Stultz & Ann Taylor



Bkted KO Teams 6 Bkt I  
Petra & Bob Hamman  
Justin Lall & Hemant Lall



Bkted KO Teams 6 Bkt II  
Louis Sachar & Robery Donathan  
Larry Davis & Claudette Hartman



Bkted KO Teams 6 Bkt III  
Anita Cokins & Shirley George  
Jim & Angela Lennon



Compact KO Teams 1 Bkt I  
Babu Koneru & Virginia Noelke  
Carolyn & Terry Riely



Compact KO Teams 2 Bkt I  
Billy Leeper & Peggy Hughes  
Jeanne Love & Carolyn Pinto



Wed Eve BAM Teams A  
Melody Euler & James La Fountain  
Genie Kaplan & Gloria McCain



Wed Eve Strat BAM Teams BC  
Doris Little & Gena Brooks  
Tom Little & William Brooks



Thurs Eve Strat Swiss Teams A  
Lyndon Phelps & Tom Corlett  
Peggy Phelps & Ethel Corlett



Sat Eve Strat Swiss Teams A  
Charles Price & Bill Erwin  
Joan Jackson & Norman Beck



Mon StratiFlted Swiss Teams A  
George Pisk & Petra Hamman  
Bob Hamman & Hemant Lall



Mon StratiFlted Swiss Teams X  
Billy Leeper & John Chaison  
Carolyn Pinto & Glenda Chaison



Mon StratiFlted Swiss Teams BC  
Darlene Gilmore & Shirley Henry  
Dean Truair & Lawton Hutchison

Markowitz-Bobby Maynard, Houston-Jan Rubenstein, Sugar Land A3.B2. C1. Ann Kennemer-Robert Kennemer, Burleson, Shirley Prewitt-Lorraine Little, Ft. Worth A4. Carol Pielsticker-Nancy Phillips-Raymond Zebauskas, Jr.-Mike Aliotta, OK A5. Tosi Liang-John Byrnes-Carolyne Fox-George Fox, Houston B3.C2. Milton Birmingham, Ft. Worth-Joyce Cooper-Linda Anthony-Martha Norman, Austin B4/5.C3. Richard Burkhardt-Bonnie Burkhardt, Houston-James Simmons-Frances Simmons, Kingwood B4/5. Paul Spellman, Dallas-Charles Jefferson-San Antonio-Wilma Booth-Karen Alvarado, Houston.

**Fri Eve Strat BAM Teams A1.** Thomas Peters-Carolyn Peters-Curtis Smith, Grapeland-Beverlye Smith, Conroe A2. Mildred Breed, Austin-Petra Hamman, Dallas-Shawn Quinn, Richmond-Nancy Passell, Plano A3. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Louis Sachar-Geoff Blandy, Austin A4. Robert Sandfield-Geoff Booth, Houston-Paul Spellman, Dallas-Charles Jefferson, San Antonio A5/6.B1.C1. Glen Okui, TN-Sherry Lewinter, NY-Milton Birmingham, Ft. Worth-Monty Van Dover, Austin A5/6. Chuck Germeyer, III-J. Evans-Kathy Evans-Rick Elliott, III, Houston B2/4.B2. Virginia Wynne, Nixon-Opal Thurman, OK-Delois Nell, Austin-Beula Mae Pearce, Karnes City B2/4. Libby Boeye-Jim Stephenson-Marilyn MacDonald-Bill MacDonald, Corpus Christi B2/4 Doris Little-Thomas Little, Pharr-Lydia Bearden, Lakeway-Ila Bates, Waco B3. Phil Brown-Betsy Berg-Charles Abbott-Raj Nayar, San Antonio.

**Bkted KO Team 5, Bkt I 1.** Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby, Spring-James Griffin-Patricia Griffin, Austin 2. Vir-

ginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely, San Antonio 3/4. Janice Henderson-Charles Markowitz-Bobby Maynard, Houston-Jan Rubenstein, Sugar Land 3/4. Ann Brinker Schwall-Stephen Schwall, Houston-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley, Jr. Austin **Bkt II 1.** Patricia Fowlkes-James Fowlkes, NC-Ann Taylor-Margaret Stultz, Houston 2. Charles Burke-Caron Peck, Arlington-Charlotte Tunnell-Larry Tunnell, McKinney 3/4. Peter Hanson, Houston-Gail Carter, Kingwood-Aletha Cahill-Wolf-Allen Wolf, The Woodlands 3/4. Stephen Olson-Evelyn Smith, Temple-Jim Greeney-M. Damon, Georgetown **Bkt III 1.** Mark McAllister-Laura Delfeld- J. Black, Austin-Malou Flato, MT 2. Armand Shapiro-Lynn Shapiro-Jeremy Dilbeck-Dianne Kraft, Houston 3/4. Dion Dubois-Dorothy Ivy-Patricia Reynolds, Dallas-Barbara Traphagen, Ft. Worth 3/4. Robert Pruiett-Alan Laverty Austin-Becky Ellisor-Milton Ellisor, Houston 5/8. Frank Ingraham-Jeanne Ingraham-Betty Lou Suman-George Suman, Houston.

**Fri Eve Zip KO Teams 1 1.** Roxana Tom-Cambellton-Dorothy Rippstein-Katherine Gary, Karnes City-Virginia Wynne, Nixon 2. Glen Okui, TN-Margot Hirsch, Arlington-Patrick Cardullo, San Antonio-Sherry Lewinter, NY 3/4. Thomas Corlett, Waco-Darlene Riely, San Antonio-Robert Ellison, Ft. Worth-Shary Watson, Corsicana 3/4. Kay Karnau-Linda Garrett, Gonzales-Delinda Verner, Abilene-John Galey, Brownwood.

**Compact KO Teams 1 1.** Virginia Noelke, San Angelo-Venkatrao Koneru-Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely, San Antonio 2. Robert Purvis, VA-Jerry

Carmichael-Kyong Shuey-Flora Pettit, Austin 3. Tosi Liang-George Fox-Carolyne Fox-Pat McMullin, Houston 4. Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny, Cedar Park-Sharon Hoger-Mark Craig, Austin.

**Bkted KO Teams 6 Bkt II.** Petra Hamman-Bob Hamman, Dallas-Justin Lall-Hemant Lall, Plano 2. Malcolm Brachman-Bart Bramley, Dallas-Mike Passell, Plano-Eddie Wold, Houston-Eric Greco, PA-Geoff Hampson, CA 3/4. Jack Lacy, Round Rock-Bruce Cobb, CO-James Thurtell-Ira Rastegar, Dallas 3/4. Mildred Breed-Tobi Sokolow, Austin-Alan Stout, AR-Shawn Quinn, Richmond **Bkt II 1.** Claudette Hartman-Louis Sachar-Robert Donathan-Larry Davis, Austin 2. Eileen Smith-James McCommons, Dallas-Diane Schaffer, Frisco-Tomi Fitzgerald, Plano 3/4. Libby Boeye-Jim Stephenson-Marilyn MacDonald-Bill MacDonald, Corpus Christi 3/4. Raymond Derr-Kathy Reddick, Longview-Curt Soloff, KS-Eric Bell, OK 5/8. John McConnell-Carol McConnell, DeSoto-Joyce Elaine Klein-Benjamin Klein, Houston **Bkt III 1.** James Lennon-Angela Lennon-Shirley George-Anita Cokins, Austin 2. Robert Purvis, VA-Jerry Carmichael, Wylie-Steven Tuggle, Houston-Edward Mason, El Lago 3. Virginia Wynne, Nixon-Opal Thurman, OK-Delois Nell, Austin-Beula Mae Pearce, Karnes City 4/6. Sondra Kae Goar-Hershel Goar, Burleson-Travis King, Joshua-Tom Nute, Ft. Worth 4/6. Clint Schuhmacher-Hal DeShong-Linda Anthony-Diana Rogers, Austin 4/6. Doris Little-Thomas Little, Pharr-Patrick Cardullo-Gool Castleberry, San Antonio.

**Sat Eve Strat Open Swiss Teams A1.** Joan Jackson-Norman Beck, Dal-

las-Bill Erwin, Austin-Charles Price, Sherman A2. Joe Quinn, Richmond-Ira Hessel-Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Nagy Kamel, Plano A3. Paul Nimmons-Vinh Tran-Fred Wang-Amy Wang, Houston A4/5.B1/2.C1/2. Jim Greeney-Dick Erdenberger-Jo McDaniel-M. Damon, Georgetown A4/5.B1/2.C1/2. John Taylor, Lago Vista, Sue Gerard, Mexico-David Buck-Juanita Buck, Laredo B3. Ed Davis-Charles Hampton, Austin-John Bowers, Seguin-Mike Stout, Cedar Park B4. Roxano Tom Campbellton-Anne Hinton-Katherine Gary-Dorothy Rippstein, Karnes City B5.C3. Alfred Fortier, III, Katy-David Wicks, Houston-Delinda Verner, Abilene-Patrick Tourais, Kingwood.

**Sat Zip KO Teams 1.** Jerry Bigler, Austin-Marilyn Arnold-Patricia Lozano, San Antonio-Justin Lall, Plano 2. Kathryn Locke-Gloria Crites, Midland-Carol Katra, AZ-J. Backman Nabors, III, Kempner 3/4. Thomas Corlett, Waco-Penny Snow, Beeville-Marilyn German, Corpus Christi-Tomi Fitzgerald, Plano 3/4. J. Bagwell, Paris, Neal Perlman, San Angelo-Millie Williams, Ft. Worth-Dewitt Hudson, Jr., Arlington.

**Compact KO Teams 2 Bkt I 1.** Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper-Peggy Hughes, Ft. Worth-Jeanne Love, Arlington 2. Kenneth Schutze-James Griffith, Austin-Buddy Hanby-Sally Wheeler, Spring 3. Norman Beck-Joan Jackson, Dallas-Stephen Bruce-William Erwin, Austin 4. Eric Snow-Toni Snow-George Fox-Carolyne Fox, Houston **Bkt II 1.** James Stevens-Sandra Stevens, Katy-Thomas Schmalz, Galveston-Betsy Dubose, Bellaire 2. Charles Jefferson San Antonio-Paul Spellman, Dallas-Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield, Houston 3. Kenneth McAllister, Pearland-Bobbie Jones Friendswood-Marion Collins-Sarah Webster, Magnolia 4. Patricia Lozano, San Antonio-John Bowers, Sequin-Ed Davis-Jerry Bigler, Austin **Bkt III 1.** Armand Shapiro-Lynn Shapiro-Dianne Kraft-Jeremy Dilbeck, Houston 2. Phil Brown-Raj Nayar-Charles Abbott, San Antonio-Mary Dood, Austin 3. Paul Nimmons-Karen Alvarado-Wilma Booth, Houston-R. Segerlind, Dallas 4. Charles Burke-Caron Peck, Arlington-Charlotte Tunnell-Larry Tunnell, McKinney.

**Sun Eve Strat BAM Teams A1.** Joe

Quinn, Richmond-Ira Hessel-Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Nagy Kamel, Plano A2. Virginia Noelke, San Angelo-Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio A3.B1. Patricia Fowlkes-James Fowlkes, NC-Ann Taylor-Margaret Stultz, Houston A4/5. Jack Lacy, Round Rock-Bruce Cobb, CO-George Pisk, Manchaca-Kerr Godfrey, Houston 4/5. Scott Humphrey-Patricia Griffin-Stephen Wood, Austin-Marilou Powell, Round Rock B2/3. Patricia Rose-Barbara Thomson-Marie Anne Johnson-Bob Butterfield, Dallas B2/3. Jimmy Reynolds-Dee Berg Arlington-Sandra Campbell, Kaufman-Becky Price, Ft. Worth.

**Mon Open Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1.** Bob Hamman-Petra Hamman, Dallas-George Pisk, Manchaca-Hemant Lall, Plano A2. Mildred Breed, Austin, Joe Quinn-Shawn Quinn, Richmond, Nagy Kamel, Plano 3. Tobi Sokolow-Patricia Griffin-David Sokolow, Austin-Alan Stout, AR A4/5. Joan Jackson-Norman Beck Dallas-Hugh Hillaker-Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie A4/5. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby, Spring-James Griffin-Ken Schutze, Austin X1. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper, Ft. Worth-Glenda Chaison-John Chaison, Jr., CA X2. B. Paul Hirsch-Julia Hirsch, Garland-Charlene Sands, Pflugerville, Virgil Massey, Driftwood X3. Marilyn Arnold-Patricia Lozano, San Antonio-Anton Haddad, Houston-Jerry Bigler, Austin X4. Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett, Waco-Diane Schaffer, Frisco-Tomi Fitzgerald, Plano **Strati BCD B1.C1.** Lawton Hutchison-Dean Truair-Shirley Henry, Austin-Darlene Gilmore, Smithville B2. Patricia Fowlkes-James Fowlkes, NC-Margaret Stultz-Ann Taylor, Houston B3.C2. Pam Phillips-Ellen Meyer-Peggy Geiler-Kathy McCabe, Austin B4. Lois Goodman-Marge Bartel-Millie Sherrod-Tricia Kane, Austin B5/6.C3.D1. Anita Cokins-Angela Lennon-George Richards-Sandra Ebert, Austin A5/6. Elizabeth Tobias-Louis Sachar-Robert Donathan-Larry Davis, Austin C2. Andy Villastrigo-Patrick Cardullo-Gool Castleberry, San Antonio-James Roberson, Floresville C3. Carol Kiehl-Virginia Horsman-Brenda Tranchon-Terry Pierce, Austin.





**Chris  
Corner**

## Defending Against Strong Club 5 Card Major Systems

By Chris Compton

Most folks learning to play bridge begin within a Standard American framework feature non-forcing one level opening bids with 2C reserved as the strong forcing opening bid. However, in today's tournament world you need a firm understanding of Strong Club to compete successfully.

So, let's take a look at the overall structure of low level opening bids for a strong club pair playing 5 card majors and then talk a little about how to defend against each such bid.

### Opening Bid 1C

**Length Promised in Suit** 0+ cards  
**Description** 1) Any hand with 16 or more points unsuitable for a strong 1N opening, 2) Any hand with 8+ playing tricks and a full opening bid, or 3) Any balanced hand with too much to open 1N, usually begins with 18-19 HCP.

### Opening Bid 1D

**Length Promised in Suit** 2+ cards (rarely singleton king)

**Description** Limited to 11-15 HCP, could be 10 HCP with 10 cards in two suits. Note that most balanced hands of 12-14 HCP are opened 1D, even with minor suit lengths skewed as far as 2 diamonds and 5 clubs.

### Opening Bid 1H/1S

**Length Promised in Suit** 5+ cards, longest suit in hand

**Description** Limited to 11-15, could be 10 with 10 cards in two suits.

### Opening Bid 1N

**Length Promised in Suits** Same as in Standard American

**Description** 15-17 (can play 12-14 or 10-12) balanced, but can have 5 clubs, with any 5-4-2-2 more often than Standard American players.

### Opening Bid 2C

**Length Promised in Suit** 6+ cards in clubs, natural

**Description** 11-15, could have a four or even a five card major.

### Opening Bid 2D

**Length Promised in Suit** 0-1 diamond

**Description** 11-15, no five card major, no 6 card minor, always short in diamonds. This means that a 2D opener always has 7 or 8 cards in the majors, (4-4 exactly, or 4-3 with either major longer) along with either 4 or 5 clubs. Hand patterns for opening 2D are 3-4-5-1 (either four card major) or 4-4-1-4 exactly or 4-4-0-5 exactly.

### Defending Against a Strong Club Opening Bid

The first decision is whether to enter the auction against a strong hand to your right that could be balanced or could have any of the four suits as its longest suit. My advice is to enter the auction early and often. On some hands you should be able to gain an advantage by overcalling a low ranking suit at the one level against a strong club opening hand that is opened with one of a suit (which is higher ranking than your overcall suit) at other tables. In an extreme case, you may be able to overcall at the one level against a hand which is opened with a strong two clubs at the other table(s). Getting in the auction gives you at least 3 positive outcomes: 1) you stop your partner from making his normal poor opening lead, 2) you can find a profitable save, or 3) rarely, you can gain your own constructive contract.

Due to its infrequent occurrence, many players have given up a strong NT (15-18 HCP) overcall of a strong club opener. This allows 1N to be used to show some two suited hand, commonly the minors. A convention named Mathe utilizes the double of a strong club to show the majors and a 1N overcall to promise the minors. This is sensible since the 1C bid says nothing about any suit, so a true take-out double is not available – and the majors deserve special attention due to the scoring table. A two club overcall

of a 0+ opening one club should be natural. Preempting against a strong club is to be encouraged. Frequent preemption wreaks havoc against the strong one club opening hand which has not yet gotten to name its longest suit.

Finally, many players employ two suited overcall systems against a strong club such as Crash, Suction, or transfer overcalls. I have to comment that transfer overcalls of strong club openings have almost nothing to recommend them. By transferring you give the opponents extra bids and the chance of placing the strong club hand on lead and gaining a trick is so negligible as to be incapable of being measured.

### Defending Against a Strong Club 2+ 1D Opening Bid

This is sort of like defending against a weak NT which could instead have long diamonds. Overcalls are made exactly as frequently as against 1D bids which show 3+ diamonds. A 2D overcall of 1D should be discussed as either natural or Michaels. I prefer natural, but it is a very close issue.

Remember the minor suit lengths in the 2+ diamond opener are random. If you are on lead against a strong club 1D opener who immediately rebid some number of NT, then you should ignore the diamond opening as a suit. For example, if you have two four card minors to lead from, just lead the strongest suit, regardless of whether it is diamonds or clubs. Leading from 4 clubs instead of 5 diamonds on such an auction is sheer folly.

Follow up auctions after 1D which sound like reverses or strong jump shift rebids do not retain their normal Standard meaning. You may wish to ask questions after the auction is over, but before you lead.

### Defending Against a Strong Club 5+ 1H or 1S Opening Bid

Like against the 1D opener, remember that you do not have to concern yourself with a super-strong opening bid because all hands with 16 or more HCP are opened 1C. For example, if a strong club player opens 1S and later "jump shifts" to 3 of a second suit, the player is almost always at least 5-5, but still does not have more than 16 HCP. With this small caveat, you should defend the same against strong club players who open 1 of a major as you do against Standard American players. Your two level overcalls should follow your normal style whether sound or aggressive. A 1N overcall promises a strong NT hand, an unusual 2N overcall still shows the minors and jumps remain preemptive.

### Defending Against a Strong Club 1N Opening Bid

Against the 1N opener of a strong club player, you should enter the auction as often as against any Standard American player who opens 1N. Because of the nebulousness of the 2+

1D opener, strong club players tend to shoehorn more hands into the 1N opening bid than do Standard American players. When defending, remember to be on the lookout for the NT opener possibly having 4-2-5-2 shape with a five card minor – even 5 diamonds and 4 clubs is a live possibility.

### Defending Against a Strong Club Natural 2C Opening Bid

Here the strong club players have prevented us from overcalling our suit at the cheaper one level. While it is dangerous to overcall lightly, there is significant risk in remaining silent. As a guideline, a 2 level overcall of the natural 2C opening bid should show a light opening bid with a 6 card suit, or a sound opening bid and a 5 card suit. A 2N overcall of the natural 2C opening bid is natural 15-18, and jump overcalls are preemptive. A cue bid of 3C should be Michaels with an appropriate hand for getting your side to the 3 level. A jump cue bid of 4C should likely show at least 11 cards in the major. With super strong major suit hands, start with 3C first, and then following with a 4C re-cue bid at overcaller's second turn.

The hi-tech players will use a 4D overcall of a 2C opener to show long diamonds and an unknown 5 card major!

### Defending Against a Strong Club 2D Opening Bid

Here, because 2D shows 0-1 diamond, no 5 card major, and no 6 clubs, there is no cue bid to show the majors. This usually works out because the opening 2D bidder always has at least 7 cards in the majors. Double of the 2D opening bid is natural and not for takeout as the 2D call does not show any diamond length. A 3D overcall of 2D is natural and shows a strong hand in strength, maybe 14+ HCP, remembering that with less you can double 2D. All other overcalls of the 2D bid retain their natural meaning, with 2N showing 15-18 HCP balanced, and simple overcalls showing sound opening bids with only 5 card suits, but a little lighter with a six card suit.

Beware of leading a diamond from a broken holding against a player who jumps to 3N over a 2D opener because he usually has an opening bid with 4 or five strong diamonds. Instead, try to find the dummy's 3 card major

**Conclusion:** Strong club players have natural advantages in the bidding of reverse and jump shift strength hands. Proper defense requires recovery of some of the natural advantage through overcalling against the strong hands at a lower level before the strong clubbers know their suit lengths.

Get in the bidding early, or stay out altogether – because once the responder to the 1C opener has acted, the strong clubbers are way ahead of Standard players and can stop off and double you easily.

Unit 353  
Wichita Falls  
Susan Brower



game experience for all concerned, and we are always able to accommodate more. A big "thank you" to Gladys and all those whose efforts have increased our unit player participation.

The North American Pairs Unit finals will be at Bridge A Gap on Sunday, November 7, 2004. The finals will consist of two sessions, played on the same day, with the first session beginning at 1:00 p.m. Everyone mark your calendars and be sure to attend as this is certain to be a really fun day of bridge competition.

A delightful 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held for Jack White in August. Organizers Annetta Vaccarella and Nell Lister gathered over 40 of Jack's bridge and other friends for a sumptuous lunch at Oxford Street Pub where party guests were treated to wonderful pictures of Jack as a younger man and other family photos. Jack was truly surprised and thanked each guest personally for attending. Happy birthday to one of our favorite bridge players — Jack, we wish you many more!

We all join unit and Board of Directors member Shirley Bond in welcoming home her son-in-law, John Gallagher, from his tour of duty in Iraq. John was gone from Wichita Falls over 15 months and we applaud his service and are so glad to have his back safely with his family and friends.

Congratulations to Gail Simpson and Margie Brown for their big 72.12 percent game at the Bridge Club. So long for now from Wichita Falls and hope to see everyone at the tournament in October.

I'm not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list, but I know learning to play better is definitely last.

- Eddie Kantar

## Wichita Falls Fall Sectional October 1-3, 2004

Shrine Maskat Temple  
5101 Henry S. Grace Freeway  
940.766.4511



### Friday, October 1

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 1:30 & 7:30 pm  
Bracketed KO Teams, session 1 7:30 pm

### Saturday, October 2

#### Guest lecturers 12:45 & 6:45 pm

Bracketed KO Teams, sessions 2 & 3 9:00 am & 1:30 pm  
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm

### Sunday, October 3

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10:30 am & TBA

### Stratified 99er games every session, if warranted

#### Stratifications

Open Prs: A: 1000+, B: 300-1000, C: 0-300  
Strati-Flited Swiss: A: 2000+, AX 0-2000 (Play together)  
B: 300-1000, C: 0-300 (B & C are stratified together)

Meal served between Swiss Team sessions  
Non-smoking with hospitality breaks

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Fri Aft Strat Open Prs C  
Synthia Adams & Nancy Green



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs BC  
Joan Slaughter & Cissy Brown



Sat Morn Strat Open Prs AB  
Kerry & Dan Goldsmith



Sat Strat Open Prs B  
Diane & Keith Estep



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A  
Lue Waddle & Adele Hudgins



Sat Eve Strat 199er Prs A  
Mary Jones & Patricia Marchman



Compact KO Teams Bkt I  
Steve Lawrence & Reeves Murphey  
John Bugay & George Kirkwood



Compact KO Teams Bkt II  
Opal Thurman & Jackie McNeal  
Penny Mixon & Susan Webb  
Penny & Susan also won  
Fri Eve Strat 199er Prs AB



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams A  
Helen Blumenau & Dori Smith  
Jimmy Reynolds & Sandy Campbell  
Helen & Dori also on  
Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams X  
Dan Baker & Phyllis Mehrens  
Marvin Ellis & (NP) Libby Boeye



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams B  
Joe Freeman & Thomas Hainze  
Bob Scallan & Suresh Agrawal



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams C  
Charlene Goodman & Edna Duggan  
Elizabeth Smith & Ola Fay Anderson

**Results: Tyler Sectional**  
**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1.** Ed Word, Jr.-Cliffon Miller, Sr. A2.B1. Pat Jeffery-Gayle Mauldin B2. Dorothy Parker-Alta Peck C1. Synphia Adams-Nancy Green C2. Alfred Fischer, Sr.-Dorothy Benefield.  
**Fri Aft Strat 199er Prs A1.B1.C1.** Wahnita Boozer-Birdie Taylor A2. Helen Fletcher-Marvin Fletcher B2.C2. Joe Dean-Donna Dean.  
**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1.** Helene Blumenau-Dori Smith A2. K. Wright-Emily Leake B1.C1. Joan Slaughter-Cissy Brown B2. Helen Gregg-Sally

McClung C2. Marlow Muldoon-Joyce Muldoon.  
**Fri Eve Strat 199er Prs A1.B1.** Susan Webb-Penny Mixon A2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid B2. Ron Wyatt-Peggy Wyatt.  
**Sat Morn Strat Open Prs A1.B1.** Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith, Jr.A2/4B.2/4. Joe Freeman-Bob Scallan A2/4.B2/4. Richard Cunningham-David Cunningham A2/4.B2/4. Carolyn Watkins-Christine Griffin C1. Edna Duggan-Charlene Goodman C2. Alfred Fischer, Sr.-Dorothy Benefield.  
**Sat Morn Strat 199er Prs A1.** Helen

Fletcher-Marvin Fletcher A2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid B1.C1. Joe Dean-Donna Dean B2.C2. Ron Wyatt-Peggy Wyatt.  
**Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 1. George Kirkwood-Steve Lawrence-John Bugay-G. Reeves Murphey 2. Libby Boeye-Phyllis Mehrens-Linda Young-William Young, III **Bkt II** 1. J. McNeal-Opal Thurman-Penny Mixon-Susan Webb 2. Martha Taft-Carol Walliser-Ann Steger-Marcille Kallerson.  
**Sat Strat Open Prs A1.** Catherine Cox-Alan Stout A2. Linda Spangler-Pat Cassidy B1. Keith Estep-Diane Estep B2.C1. Patricia Barham-Ann Williams

C2. Kenneth Jeffery-Aaron McDowell.  
**Sat Aft Strat 199er Prs A1.** Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins A2. Marvin Fletcher-Helen Fletcher B1.C1. Joe Dean-Donna Dean B2.C2. Susan Webb-Penny Mixon.  
**Sat Eve Strat 199er Prs A1.** Mary Jones-Patricia Marchman A2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid B1. Marlene Phillips-David Clegg B2. Wm. Ernie Mouser-Jane Godwin.  
**Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX** A1. Helene Blumenau-Dori Smith-Jimmy Reynolds-Sandra Campbell A2. Norman Beck-Jerry Derby-Hugh Hillaker-Merri-Jo Hillaker X1. Libby

Boeye-Phyllis Mehrens-Daniel Baker-Marvin Ellis X2. Cynthia Stueber-Blanche Sibley-Opal Thurman-J. McNeal **Strati BCD B1.** Joe Freeman-Thomas Hainze, Jr.-Bob Scallan-Suresh Agrawal B2/3. Nell Velvin-Judy Adams-Bari Hart-J. Lynn Allen B2/3. Leon Ward-Patricia McCleese-Virginia Bowling-Herbert Wiist C1. Charlene Goodman-Ola Fay Anderson-Edna Duggan-Elizabeth Smith B2. Jean Peak-William Peak-Lee Lunsford-Norma Lunsford D1. Jon Heinecke-Glenda Cooper-Diane Thomspson-David Clegg D2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid-John Davis-George Davis.



## Shreveport Fall Sectional

### October 29-31, 2004

Holiday Inn  
5555 Financial Plaza  
318.688.3000

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**Friday, October 29**

Handicapped KO #1, 1st & 2nd Round	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified Future LM Pairs, single sessions	10:00 am & 3:00 pm

**Saturday, October 30**

Handicapped KO #1, Final Round	10:00 am
Marie Sharp Stratified Open Pairs, 2 sessions	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified Future LM Pairs, single sessions	10:00 am & 3:00 pm

**Sunday, October 31**

Stratified Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
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Open Stratified Games: A: 1250+, B: 300-1250, C: 0-300  
Future Life Masters Pairs: A: 50-100, B: 0-50

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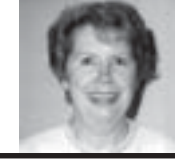
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**East Texas**



**Karol Rank**

A big AThank You to Edna Duggan and Elizabeth Smith, our Tyler Tournament of Roses Chairman(s), all their committee members and all the attendees for making our 2004 Tournament a huge success. During the day Friday there were 122 tables in play, during Saturday 145 tables were in play and on Sunday we had 48 tables playing. The results of the play is published elsewhere in this *Scorecard* and in more detail on the District 16 website [www.d16acbl.org](http://www.d16acbl.org).

Longview DBC honored Dillia Gibson in celebration of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in July. Dillia is a Silver Life Master. Special guests were Dillia's daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Russ Adams, visiting from Boston. Congratulations Dillia!

Welcome to our new Board Members: Ginger Rhamey, Martha Taft, Marcille Kallerson and Jonathan Ernest. Also Able Conner has agreed to another term.

A word on Unit 225's membership. Our active membership grew from 269 in June 2003 to 380 by June 2004. This caused our unit to be ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 17 units in District 16. The average years of ACBL membership in our unit is 13.52 as of 6/30/04. This puts us ahead of District 16 with a 12.53 average and ACBL's total average of 11.85 years.

At the August unit game the Ben Friend Award was presented to George Buddy Kirkwood; the Emily Leake Award was presented to Marcille Kallerson and Bari Hart received the Tyler Tournament Award (for the unit member earning the most points during the tournament). Congratulations!

With sadness we report the death of Bob Walker in June. We enjoyed playing bridge with Bob and will miss his low-keyed demeanor. Our condolences to his family and friends.

The 70%+ club saw the following games in June and July. In Longview Jack and Edna Wilder had a 70% game;

Dr. George Bennett and Mike Graham enjoyed a 72.5% game; while in Mineola Dorothy McCasland and Frauline Gresham played to a 70.2% game and Nelda Avent and Mike Graham recorded a 72.22% game.

Welcome to the following new members: Mrs. Nancy Caldwell, Mr. Ennis Dyess, Barbara Harris, Nancy and Roy Morris, Bill Ayers, Mrs. Charlene Borders, Mrs. Portia Gaines, Mrs. Bobbi Gifford, Mrs. Connie Mettauer, Mrs. Fankye Sessums, Mrs. Mary Krohn and Mrs. Carol McNatt. We are also glad to have Mr. Charles Richards and Mrs. Jean Schroeder transfer into our unit.


Congratulations to Dr. Thomas Hainze, Jr for becoming a Life Master in June. New Regional Masters in June were Barbara Austin and Mattie B Ray and new Sectional Masters were Marcille Kallerson, James Rhamey and Janie Wolaver.

Edwyna E.T. Testerman was honored at a Life Master Party at the Mill Run Clubhouse on Saturday, July 31. Thirty-six guest attended the luncheon and then stayed for bridge afterwards. A plaque, sterling silver medallion, and poem were presented to E.T. during the festivities.

Mark your calendars for September's unit game on 9/11 and October's game on 10/9.

In closing I want to thank everyone for their help and kind words during the last three years, I have enjoyed being your reporter.

**Unit 201**  
**Beaumont**



**Jo Ann Thompson**

Unit 201 celebrated Memorial Day with a "first ever" cookout—hot dogs with all the trimmings, watermelon, etc. were enjoyed by a full ten tables. The winners were NS 1) Sharon Theriot-Curtis O'Steen, 2) Norma White-Jo Ann Thompson, EW 1) John Smalley-Don Holst, 2) Bill Ginger-Tim Stelly.

At the Annual meeting and Member-


ship game June 7 trophies were awarded for the yearly Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners. Several players were double winners: Lynn Adamchik, Walter Wagner, Norma White, Dan Capello, Don Holst, John Smalley, Merrill Lott, and Tipton Golias. Other Ace of Clubs winners were Jim Landrum, Helen Freeman, Stanley Hall, and Tim Stelly. Other Mini-McKenney winners were Barney Bursack, Curtis O'Steen, Raymond Carlson and Lorena Strange. June 7 game was well attended, and the overall winners were 1) Cora Lee Book-Phyllis Ryan, 2) Nancy Smalley-Martha Sigler, 3) Cynthia Stueber-Blanche Sibley, 4) Beverly Hulsey-Joe Lattimore, 5) John Smalley-Don Holst, and first in C - Lynn Adamchik-Dolores Belton.

The Thursday club honored Shirley Dingle on her birthday June 10, with winners NS 1) Sue Patterson-Katherine Fouts, 2) Norma White-Jo Ann Thompson, EW 1) Vivian Breedlove-Hugh Smith, 2) Andy Lewis-Joan Burnett. On June 13 at the NAP game, novice Sue Patterson, playing with Naldia Reeves, came in first, with Merrill Lott and Tipton Golias, coming in second and Lela Wilson and Dr. Bharathi coming in third. Naldia Reeves had another big win in the team game June 17, with her team composed of Mary Jo Nix, Loretta Gary, and Betty Long coming in first. Second place went to Cora Lee Book, Phyllis Ryan, Lee Rogers and Jerry Fairchild.

Another big win for novice Norma White—playing with Sally Blewett, coming in first NS June 21, with first EW going to Naldia Reeves and Mary Jo Nix, and a good week for Jo Ann Thompson, coming in second EW June 23 playing with Helen Kay, first going to John and Nancy Smalley, and first NS Arline Meyers and Merrill Lott, and second, to Martha Sigler and Flo Gillispie—placing first NS with Andy Lewis in the Thurs a.m. game June 24, first EW going to Katherine Fouts and Martha Ann Reed; and placing second with Norma White in the Thurs afternoon game that day, with first going to John and Nancy Smalley.



**Unit 174  
Houston**  
Anne Page



Houston area players attending the Nationals in New York had the pleasant surprise of seeing Betty Starzec's smiling face for the first time in almost a year. She came from Japan to speak at the American Bridge Teachers Association meeting and while playing at the Nationals was photographed for the front page of the Saturday edition of the Daily Bulletin which published a lengthy feature article that Carolyn Jackson saved for me. It highlighted Betty's many accomplishments as a bridge teacher, director, ACBL field rep, and TAP trainer over the years and described her bridge life in Japan. Among the most interesting tidbits was that at the ACBL Hall of Fame dinner she was seated at a table with three Japanese and was able to chat with them in their native language!

Condolences to all who mourn the recent deaths of these members of our bridge community: Dick Hess, Jack Kerver, Milton Levit, Susan C. Mickle, Lorna Walser Wise.

Sympathy to these players who are mourning the recent deaths of family members: Terry Currie (sister, brother), Jolie Hess (husband), Lee Levit (husband), Max Levit (brother).

Do you know there are two games now at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights at Bridge & Games Studio of Houston? The MP payoffs are huge for the usual 199'r pairs and the new open pairs because they are sectionally rated Junior Fund games and counted together. The first Tuesday night that Wayne Oden offered open pairs that 9 table game's 1st Overall award was almost 4 MPs!

Congratulations to Charles Kuffner on the recent birth of his daughter, Olivia Rose.

Board Request: Please email Wilma.Booth@world.net.att.net with names of ill members of our Unit or

loss of loved ones as you learn about them. She will send cards. (Please also notify me for this column!)

Belated congratulations to Karen Alvarado and Paul Nimmons on their engagement.

Barbara Nance (Barbs10@aol.com) is setting up an Adopt A Novice program on Monday nights for the newest players in the Bryan-College Station. She needs LMs to volunteer to play with them.

Did you see the item about Bridge in the May 16, 2004 edition of the Parade Magazine inserted in many Sunday newspapers including our Houston Chronicle showing a person's hand holding a fanned out hand of cards was this blurb: "To be sure you have a 'full deck' later in life, play bridge." The accompanying text asserted that the best way to save your brain as you get older is to use it and, after pointing out that this is the reason many seniors attend college classes, the unidentified writer said, "A less expensive way is to play bridge" and then cited a University of California at Berkeley study's conclusion that bridge also strengthens the immune system. I wonder if that bit of publicity resulted in a rush of newcomers calling our clubs and signing up for lessons the past couple of months.

If you have news to share, please email [anne.page@neverending.com](mailto:anne.page@neverending.com) or leave a message at 281-442-1509 (days).

**Unit 197  
Lubbock**  
Sandi Krahrmer

Our tournament has come and gone. Mozella Tew worked so hard to make it a success for us. Many thanks to everyone who brought food and to those who donated money since they didn't want to cook. You are all appreciated very much. Also, thanks to all who helped set up the tables the Wednesday before the weekend and to those who helped put everything back

in readiness for the Monday game.

Alice Ailene Floyd, Marge Chisum, and Dru Castleman did a wonderful job in the kitchen. They kept all the players supplied with goodies and helped clean up after each session. Jean Westfall and Inez Kindle did a great job with partnerships, and Betty Lowmiller helped out in many capacities as usual. The out-of-towners said they love to come to Lubbock because there is non-stop food, and the people are so nice!

The winners of the July team were Pat Ellison, June Stanton, Betty Anthony, and Sandi Krahrmer.

Karl Rambo, Wanda Wilson and Faye Whitaker are recovering from recent illnesses and expect to be back at the Bridge table soon. It was so nice to see Chuck Puschnig and Carolyn Wilson back after illnesses.

Many thanks to Gwen Wright for helping us get a sprinkler system installed in our yard. Now, Betty Lowmiller won't have to go early for her games to make sure all the shrubbery is watered. If it weren't for Betty, we wouldn't have anything growing but weeds!

Also, thanks to Lexie Reese and Mozella Tew for teaching lessons that brought us 8 new members. Moe is going to start a mentoring program in September to encourage our new players. Both these ladies have worked so hard to bring in new members. They will do another series of beginner lessons and a series of advanced ones in the fall. Anyone who is interested in helping may contact either Lexie or Moe to volunteer.

That's about all for now. See you at the Bridge table.

**Unit 209  
Permian Basin**  
Jimmie Penn

Joe Brittain, hurry back to the bridge table—we miss you!

The CANICULAR DAYS of sum-

mer are upon us—lots of vacationers—Bacons (Roberta our Sunday game manager & Bob, director of same) enjoyed an Alaskan cruise—Aggie Anguish w/ family off to Padre Island (a Christmas gift!) Mary & Ralph Hammond on annual family get-together in Alabama—I even enjoyed my crew from Kentucky, Virginia & South Lake at Possum Kingdom—they were on "Jet-Skis" & whatever—I was just a nervous onlooker.

NAP games began in June—everyone has "Q"ed at least once—two session Unit Final is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11 at Allison Bridge Center.

Inter-Club Championship Game held in Odessa—Tuesday, June 22—winners were Mary Hammond-Jimmie Penn, Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites, Charlie Grimes-Bob Bacon, Ann Servatius-Clearance Marley—no percentage in OA rating—unfortunately!

Intl. Fund #3—Shuffle & Deal games were held thru-out unit—July 5-11—Midland kicked off on Monday night—ending on Sunday afternoon!

PBC, Inc. hosted a luncheon on Tues. July 13—learned that Flo Curry is quite a "SALAD MAVEN" (Kudos to her)—winners were Dixie Gifford-Mary Hammond, Roz Grover-Nancy Liberty & Sally Reeder-Billie Ruppe!

Many enjoyed Christmas in July sectional in Ruidoso—Odessan Betty Fernandez made LM—CONGRATS—it's always fun being the partner at this time—Barbara Miles had the pleasure!

July 28—"12" table game at Big Spring Country Club honored MARGIE HILL with LM Party—winners were Vicky Fisher-Pat Barrett, Betty Smith-Ramona Harris, Barbara Russell-Janet Wolfe, E. J. Russell-Tom Vick & Patti Horton-Nancy Little—Helen Wise & daughter, Nancy Harris, were great to bring me this "info"—Helen & Nancy made a day of it as they are ex-Big Spring"ites"!

Odessans said farewell to Jo Kasko, a long time bridge fan.

Allison Bridge Center opened in November 1979—a 25th Anniversary celebration is in the works—STAY TUNED!!

# Bryan Sectional

June 18-20, 2004

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1.B1. James Evans-Puddin Barnes A2.B2. Carlos Pace-Sheryl Pace C1. Barbara Nance-Doris Allen C2. Sara Branch-Sam Sharp.

**Fri Aft Strat 199er Prs** A1.B1.C1. Roger Marlatt-Robert Frederick A2.B2.C2. Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Ann Brinker Schwall-Stephen Schwall A2.B1. Sheryl Pace-Carlos Pace B2. Bobbi Kauffman-Marsha Bernstein C1. Joyce Gorzycki-Joyce Weedon C2. Lila Palmer-Carlton Ruch.


**Fri Eve Strat 199er Prs** A1. Annette Fleischer-Zo Granberry A2. Shirley Watts-Frank Edmiston B1.C1. Nancy Beard-Sue Lee B2. Alan Bath-Connie Bath.

**Sat Morn Strat Open Prs** A1.B1.C1. Louise Goswick-Marie Stinnett A2. Anna Marlatt-T. Richard Grammer B2.C2. Millicent Wear-Paul Wear.

**Sat KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Ann Brinker Schwall-Stephen Schwall-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley, Jr. 2. Wilma Booth-Geoff Booth-Bert Onstott, III-Katherine Onstott **Bkt II** 1. Bela Borsos-William Zelle-Jim Greaves-Charles Zander 2. Larry Morris-Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor-Mary Burnell.

**Sat Strat Open Prs** A1. Mike Miller-Richard Wall A2.B1.C1. Douglas Hensley-Pamela Hensley B2. Svetlana Oden-Anton Haddad C2. Nell Page-Patsy Boedeker.

**Sun Strat-Fltd Swiss Teams AX** A1.X1. Mike Doyle-Marilyn Arnold-Patricia Lozano-Lisa Burton A2. Svetlana Oden-Wayne Oden-Anton Haddad-Jeanne Linzel X2. J. Evans-Kathy Evans-K. Charles Peterson-Barbara Phillips **Strati BC** B1. James Evans-Puddin Barnes-Richard Duble-James Hibbits B2.C1. Karen Alvarado-F. MacDougall-Ruth MacDougall-Roberta Graham.



## Houston Trick or Treat Sectional

October 29-31, 2004

Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway (exit off 59 North)

**Intermediate/Newcomer Events**

**Friday, October 29**

Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 1:00 pm  
 Stratified 49ers (1 session) ..... 1:00 pm  
 Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm  
 Stratified 49er (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm

**Saturday, October 30**

Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 1:00 pm  
 Stratified 49ers (1 session) ..... 1:00 pm  
 0-5 Pairs (1 session) ..... 1:00 pm  
 Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm  
 Stratified 49ers (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, October 31**

299er Swiss ..... 10:30 & TBA  
*Play as Strat D of Strati-Flighted Swiss*  
 Stratified 299ers ..... 10:30 & TBA

*The first session is free for players with 0-5 masterpoints.*

**Stratification**

299ers: A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100  
 49ers: A: 20-50; B: 5-20; C: 0-5

**Main Events**

**Friday, October 29**

Stratified Pairs ..... 1:00 pm  
 Stratified Pairs ..... 7:00 pm  
 \*Handicapped KO (Session 1 of 4) ..... 7:00 pm

**Saturday, October 30**

Handicapped KO (Session 2 of 4) ..... 9:00 am  
 \*\*Stratified Pairs (choice of 2) .... 9, 1:00, 7:00  
 \*Handicapped KO (Session 3 of 4) ..... 1:00 pm  
 Compact KO (Session 1 of 2) ..... 1:00 pm  
 \*Handicapped KO (Session 4 of 4) ..... 7:00 pm  
 Compact KO Session (2 of 2) ..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, October 31**

Strati-Flighted Swiss ..... 10:30 & TBA  
 Stratified Pairs ..... 10:30 & TBA

**Stratified Events:** A = 1500+;  
 B = 500-1500; C = 0-500 Non Life Master

**Strati-Flighted Event:**  
 A: 3000+; AX: 0-3000;  
 B: 750-1500; C: 300-750; D: 0-300  
 A & AX play together; B, C & D play together

**\*\*New Event:  
Handicapped KO:**  
 Teams get a handicap based on masterpoint holdings of entrants; it can be as much as 30 Imps. You have a chance to beat the best.

**\*Stratified Pairs**  
 Play in any 2 sessions and you can compete for overalls.

**Host Hotel:** Best Western Intercontinental Airport Inn  
 7114 Will Clayton Parkway.  
 Phone: 281-548-1402  
**Bridge Rate:** \$72 includes continental breakfast (Rooms are like Jr. Suites and include microwave and refrigerator.)  
 Free shuttle service to and from Civic Center and Airport.

**FREE Parking**

**FREE Meal on Sunday**

**Reduced Entry Fee \$8.00**

**Tournament Co-chairs:** Jo Dene Bond: 281-444-0045; [jo\\_dene@msn.com](mailto:jo_dene@msn.com)  
 Wilma Booth: 713-868-6347; [wilma.booth@worldnet.att.net](mailto:wilma.booth@worldnet.att.net)  
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**Hospitality:** Marcella Thomas: 281-497-6876; [mlthomas174@msn.com](mailto:mlthomas174@msn.com)  
**New Player Coordinator:** Sherry Gerdes: 281-821-6202; [s.gerdes@att.net](mailto:s.gerdes@att.net)  
**Caddies:** Sandy Stevens: 281-395-5578; [dabblers885@aol.com](mailto:dabblers885@aol.com)

**FREE Coffee**

**Free Water**

**Free Soft Drinks**



Unit 237  
Magic Valley

Donna Ahlquist



Hi everybody. It's been rather quiet down here with the winter Texans gone but most of the regular bridge games are carrying on as usual.

On September 11 we're sponsoring a unit North American Pairs qualifying game. One o'clock in Harlingen at the First Presbyterian Church, 402 E. Jackson Street. I know many of you have qualified at the club level so here's your chance to qualify for the next step up—district level. Come and play even if you are not interested in the North American Pairs; you can win master points as usual. The game will be stratified.

Sad news: two of our bridge members died recently. Fern Horton and Lee Rusk

Fern Horton was a gentle caring soul and an excellent bridge player. She was very active in our unit for at least 20 years. Fern held various unit positions and was a patient and good mentor to new players. She had a good sense of humor. One of her mentees, Laverne Hill, and she always tried to out do each other with "You are getting older" birthday cards. I gather some pretty good ones were sent back and forth.

And when Bud Inhofe saw her, he usually said "Hello Eula". (Did you know that was her real name?) With a smile on her face, Fern would respond with: "Hi Percival" or some such name (She knew Bud wasn't his given name but couldn't remember what his real name was.) Fern would have been 82 as I am writing this article.

Lee Rusk died while visiting family in Iowa. He was one of the more colorful players in our unit. His systems were often a surprise to everyone at the table, especially his partner, but usually successful. He had a great competition going with his wife, Lois, an excellent bridge player; surprised her more than once when he won. I wish I could remember some of her comments at those times; they were priceless. Bud Inhofe says Lee was a good friend and that Fridays will never be the same. We'll miss both Fern and Lee.

Reminder: Andrea Klein will start bridge games again at Louie's Back Yard on SPI in September. Tuesdays at 1:00, guaranteed partner.

Also, if you haven't already done so, mark on your calendar the unit tournament to be held in Donna TX, November 19, 20 & 21. Any questions? Give me a call at 956-943-5453 or email Dahlq1028@aol.com.

That's all for now. Have a good couple months.

## Houston District 16 Minutes February 28, 2004

Meeting Called to Order.

**Voting Members present:** Everette Lewis, Unit 172; Guillimo Poplawsky, Units 173/205; Eric Snow, Unit 174; Gerrie Owen, Unit 176; Tom Hughes, Unit 183; Tom Corlett, Unit 233; Alla Mae Westbrook, Unit 237; Gay Roach, Unit 225.

**Non-Voting Members present:** Donna Compton, Dewitt Hudson, Tom Whitesides, Dan Morse, Charlie Price, Chris Compton; Sandy Campbell, Unit 176.

**There is a Quorum.**

First order of business is to elect 2004 Officers.

Nominations for all officers were requested. Tom Corlett, Unit 233 was nominated for President, Dewitt Hudson, Unit 183 was nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gerrie Price, Unit 176 was nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Tom Hughes, Unit 183 was nominated for Treasurer. There being no other nominations these officers are elected by acclamation.

Charles Price, Unit 176 and Sandy Campbell, Unit 176 were nominated for the position of Secretary. Vote Taken. Charlie Price was elected Secretary.

Chris Compton, Unit 176 was nominated for BOD 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate, Al Lochli was nominated for BOD 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate. There being no other nominations these positions are elected by acclamation.

**District Representative Report (Dan Morse)**

Membership is up about 600 members from December 2002 through December 2003. This is not a great increase, but for a change is it nice to see a small increase instead of decreases as we have seen in the past. Units and districts, keep up the good work.

The ACBL no longer will charge for the replacement of lost Good Will pins.

I would like to welcome our 2004 ACBL President Bruce Reeves to our

tournament here in Houston.

Bruce Reeves announced that this is the year of the volunteer and that we should each strive to bring in one new member a piece during 2004. He thanked Houston for such a hospitable tournament and said he was having a wonderful time getting to know the District 16 members.

**Treasurer's Report (Tom Hughes)**

The balance as of December 31, 2003 was \$6,479.31. The Scorecard is running a deficit of approximately \$10,000 a year. We need to raise money to offset the cost of the scorecard.

**Committee Reports:**

**Appellate (Scott Humphrey)**

All is well.

**Awards (Eric Snow)**

All is well.

**Charity (Carol Schoenhals)**

All is well.

**GNT**

**(Sandy Campbell)**

All is well.

**Membership & Education (Donna Compton)**

The President needs to appoint a person for District Intermediate/Novice Coordinator. Sue Doe was nominated. President Tom Corlett officially appointed Sue Doe as District 16 IN Coordinator.

Unit Growth Seminar is a free seminar to the Units. Please encourage your unit to host a UGS.

The District membership numbers were distributed as a starting point for tracking the progress of each individual unit's efforts towards membership recruitment and retention.

**Internet (Charles Richards)**

The Internet is being updated and revitalized with the help of Steve Bruce.

**North American Pairs (John Zilic)**

Austin Unit 207 requests permission

to host the 2007 NAP District Finals during the traditional January Austin Sectional. This request was tabled until the Austin Board meeting so that schedules could be reviewed.

**Tournament (Charles Price)**

The Financial Committee recommends that the Sanction Fee for the regionals be increased. **MOTION:** The Sanction Fees for District 16 Regionals will be increased from \$1.15 to \$1.40 beginning June 1, 2004. **SECONDED.** Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED.** None Opposed.

The USBF has been granted a sanction for a 2004 Regional. District 16 is a possible Host.

**Disciplinary (Louallen Leach)**

All is calm.

**Scorecard (Donna Compton)**

The Financial Committee recommends that the Scorecard Ad rates be raised 25% across the board. **MOTION:** Scorecard rates will be raised 25% starting with the July/August 2004 issue. **SECONDED.** Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED.** None Opposed.

**Board of Governors (Dewitt Hudson)**

All is well.

**Puerto Vallarta Regional (Judy McDonald)**

**Puerto Vallarta will not hold a Mexican Regional in 2004.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Austin Unit 207 requests that Austin be allowed to designate which day the extra \$1 collected for the 2006 Dallas NABC is taken. Unit 207 prefers that the extra \$1 be taken from either the Sunday or Monday sale rather than the Saturday sale during the Austin 2004 Regional. The requested was tabled until the Austin District Board meeting.

Thank you to Houston for your tournament. Meeting Adjourned.

**Something Different is Happening**  
**November 29-December 5, 2004 at DFW Airport**  
**Tell a Friend - Bring a Friend - Don't Miss this Event!**

See details on back page



### Duplicate Bridge Tournament

November 19-21, 2004

Victoria Palms Resort HoJo

602 N. Victoria Road Donna, Texas

1.800.551.5303 956.464.4656

"Bridge Rates": 40.00 for 2 people; 50.00 Standard Suites

Deluxe Suites 60.00---with patio 100.00

RV spaces from \$23.00 daily

**Friday, November 19**

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

**Saturday, November 20**

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

(playthrough & single sessions)

**Sunday, November 21**

StratiFlighted Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA

Pair Strats: A=1000+, B=500-1000, C=0-500

Team Strats: A=Unlimited, B=500-1000, C=0-500

**Hospitality after each night's game**

**Full meal between swiss sessions**

**Nonsmoking with hospitality breaks**

\$10.00 Per Player per session Fri & Sat

\$80 Sunday Swiss per Team

\$1.00 Additional charge per session non-members ACBL

**Contact Person** Alla Westbrook

956.682.9302 amqu123@access4less.net

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**Tournament Chairperson** Charlotte Lunsford

956.583.0777 lundy3841@webtv.net

Committee: Joyce Caton, Shirley Saulsbury,

Jean Killelea, Marilyn Dunphy

District 16 Unit 237 [www.d16acbl.org/U237](http://www.d16acbl.org/U237)

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## Bridge Club of Houston 199er Sectional September 10-12, 2004

1609 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, Texas

At the intersection of Spring Cypress

(exit for FM 2920) and I-45

281.651.6550

**Friday, September 10**

Stratified Pairs, single sessions

KO Teams, 1 of 4 sessions

1:30 & 7:00 pm

7:00 pm

**Saturday, September 11**

Stratified Pairs, singles sessions

KO Teams, 2-4 of 4 sessions

9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm

9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm

**Sunday, September 12**

Stratified Swiss Teams, 2 sessions (Meal Included)

10:30 am & TBA

**Stratification**

A: 100-199, B: 50-100, C: 0-50

**Tournament Chair & Partnership**

Jo Dene Bond

**Entry Fee**

\$16/pair; \$80/team



**Unit 204  
Fort Concho**  
**M.J. McCord**



My apologies for missing the last Scorecard deadline. There was plenty of news from Unit 204, including the Life Master party for Linda Cole. It was a huge game and such fun! Linda was draped in feathers, a red hat with scads of decorations, and everyone sang a roast/congratulations lyrics to the tune of "Hello, Dolly". Well, we actually sang, "Hello, Linda." We sure do love that redhead.

Congratulations to the 2003 Ace of Clubs Awards: Rookie of the Year, Lynn Reichenau of Mason; Junior Master, John Galey of Brownwood; Club Master, Frances Kent of Mason; Sectional Master, Helen Barker of San Angelo; Regional Master, Homer Allen of Brownwood; NABC Master, Maxine Rutherford of San Angelo; Life Master, Jerry Cummings, San Angelo; Bronze Life Master, Bill Collins; Silver Life Master, Sue Henry; Gold Life Master, Norma Walker.

The Mini-McKinney Award winners were: Rookie of the Year, Lynn Reichenau of Mason; Junior Master, John Galey of Brownwood; Club Master, Frances Kent of Mason; Sectional Master, Hal Noelke of Mertzon; Regional Life Master, Ann Bailey, Mertzon; NABC Master, Gene Cole of San Angelo; Life Master, Jerry Cummings, San Angelo; Bronze Life Master, Bill Collins, San Angelo; Silver Life Master, Neal Perlman, San Angelo; Gold Life Master, Virginia Noelke of San Angelo.

A large group of Unit 204 members went to Ruidoso for the annual Sectional Tournament. The cool mountain pine atmosphere must have agreed with them because most brought points home with them.

The Thursday night novice game is no longer a novice game. The members' play has improved to the point that many of the loyal, founding members have amassed too many points to qualify to play. To keep the club active/intact, the point limit has been raised to 499. All the Unit 204 clubs are wonderful, but this one has a special

warmth — a "family" atmosphere and lots of good humor. If you qualify and are in the San Angelo area, please stop in any Thursday night at 6:30. We promise you a wonderful welcome and some very stiff, albeit friendly, competition.

One last thing: Because I'm in San Angelo, most of the news from the Unit features San Angelo's clubs. Other Unit 204 members are more than welcome to email news from their clubs. Please send any news to: mjm@wcc.net. Be sure to mark it, "Unit 204 news", as email from unknown persons is never opened.

**Unit 176  
Dallas**  
**Bob Scallan**



A few years ago I lived in the Sherman area and played at the Sherman bridge club. Among my opponents was a man by the name of Herb Wiist. Since then, I have played against Herb at various local tournaments. At the Tyler sectional in July my Swiss team was playing Herb's team in the last round for first place. While shuffling the boards, my partner and I were chatting pleasantly with Herb and his partner. While playing the second board in the round, Herb suddenly became quite ill. My partner, who is a doctor, tended to Herb while 911 was called. Herb was rushed to a local Tyler hospital where he died the following day. I am sure that a few of you have had a similar occurrence happen to you, or have heard of a similar incident happening to someone else. There is a moral to all of these: Always be gracious and friendly to each of your partners and opponents, for you never know if you will see them again. Condolences go out to the family and friends of Herb Wiist, as well as to the friends of Doug Stevens who passed away this summer.

Congratulations go out to Petra Hamman, our district's newest member of the grand life master club.


Gerrie Owen, co-owner of both the Valley View and Plano bridge clubs, has announced the closing of the Plano Bridge Club, effective the end of

August. It seems that the number of players was not sufficient to pay the rent on the studio. Consequently, Valley View will pick up the Tuesday and Thursday morning games at its club, as well as the Tuesday night game.

Judy Davis, a Unit 176 board member, has moved to Colorado. She has been replaced on the board by Mary Jane McGinnis. Welcome, Mary Jane!

The Dallas Fall Sectional will be held November 11-13 at the Richardson Civic Center. Plan to attend.

**Unit 224  
Fort Phantom**  
**Ginny Wisdom**



The Non Life Master ICC Game played on June 22nd and named the following pairs: Lera Lewis and Mary Murray placed 7th in A, 3rd in B and 1st in C; Ginger Taylor and Don Dwyer placed 16th in A, 7th in B and 3rd in C. The Unit is proud of them.

The June 4th World Wide Bridge Game winners were Howard Wilkins and Betsy Duncan-A and Fran Herchenhahn and Ginny Wisdom-B. On the 5th winners were Jackie Sonnenburg and Pat Ramsey-A and Bobbie Olson and Daisy Shivers-B.

June NAP Winners were: on the 9th, Howard Wilkins and Bonnie Cartledge-A and Daisy Shivers and Bobbie Olson-B; on the 13th Betty Henderson and Bonnie Cartledge; on the 15th John Bozeman and Fran Galloway N/S and Desa Lee-Laird and Larry Robertson E/W; on the 19th, Lera Lewis and Mary Murray-ABC; on the 21st, Mary Tecson and Pat Wilson-A and Bobbie Grier and Don Dwyer-BC; on the 25th, Dee Stearns and Howard Wilkins-A and Bobbie Grier and Mary Murray B C

June and July were not so lucky for Ernesteen Barton with a broken foot; Bobbie in a leg cast, Jeane Brittain with surgery, Norma Laberthe with knee replacement, Robert Hall with cellulitis, Trudy Maddox with medical testing and Mary Ellen Headstream from a fall needing physical therapy. We have learned that all are recuperating and that is good news!

Also more good news: Thirty

prospective bridge players have been recruited for our Thursday evening bridge lesson. They are studying from Audrey Grant's, "Bidding." This recruiting was done by Jackie Sonnenburg and Martha Murphy

We can't forget Margaret Gregory's unfailing efforts to "dress up" our unit room with colorful table cloths and clever decorations to fit "the" occasion.

Congratulations to Mary Bast and Johnye Van Dever, Betsy Duncan and Dee Stearns who won some gold at the Lubbock Regional; Martha Murphy, Kay Strickland, Dorothy King, Gracie Craig, Lera Lewis and Mary Murray for their gold at the Austin Regional; Bobbie Grier, Kay Strickland, Coyita Bowker and Bob Young winning silver at Riudosa's Sectional

And we're happy to see the safe return of our vacationers; Margaret Gregory to Kansas, Dee Stearns to Missouri, Amelia Montes to California, Sassy Furlow to Alaska, Darla Mawson to Italy and Ginny Wisdom to Montana and Oregon

Our INF#3 Winners: on the 5th, Betsy Duncan and Dee Stearns-A, Margaret Gregory and Ann Murray-B; the 6th, Bobbie Grier and Kay Strickland and Will and Clea Dix; the 7th, Betsy Duncan and Mary Tecson-A, Coyita Bowker and Margaret Gregory-B; the 9th Ed Grant and Lera Lewis A, the 10th, Howard Wilkins and Dee Stearns-A and Robert and Vance McCracken-BC; the 11th, Betsy Duncan and Mary Tecson N/S-A, Daisy Shivers and Margaret Gregory N/S-B, Bobbie Grier and Martha Murphy N/S-C, Dee Stearns

and Pat Wilson E/W-, Lera Lewis and Mary Murray E/W-BC.

NAP Winners are: on the 4th (we celebrated our National Holiday with potluck and home made ice cream) Hazel Honaker and Margaret Gregory N/S-AB, Joy Davis and Delaine Deaton N/S-C; Pat Wilson and Pat Ramsey E/W-A, Lois Timmons and Ladelle Boyd E/W, BC. The 6th, Mary Bast and Bettie Patton N/S-A Joyce Cox and Margaret Gregory N/S-B, Billye Stovall and Jackie Stowe N/S-C. Pat Wilson and Bonnie Cartledge E/W-A, Fran Herchenhahn and Bobbie Grier E/W-B, Myrna Orenic and Martha Murphy E/W-C. The 7th, Betsy Duncan and Dee Stearns-A and Coyita Bowker and Margaret Gregory -B. The 9th, Ed Grant and Lera Lewis-A. The 11th Betsy Duncan and Mary Tecson N/S-A, Daisy Shivers and Margaret Gregory N/S-B, Bobbie Grier and Matha Murphy N/S-C, Dee Stearns and Pat Wilson E/W-A, Lera Lewis and Mary Murray E/W-BC. The 19th, Dale Lain and Kay Strickland-A. The 20th, Delbert and Pat Hess and Bobbie Grier and Don Dwyer. The 23rd, Betsy Duncan and Jackie Sonnenburg and Howard Wilkins and Dee Stearns, tied in A, Beverly and Bill Walker-B. The 28th, Betsy Duncn and Dee Stearns N/S-A, Mary Bast and Jeane McFarland tied with Jay Shields and Henry Doscher N/S-B; Sassy Furlow and Pat Ramsey E/W-A and Martha Murphy and Mary Ann Hall E/W-BC.

As of this writing we are expecting a good turnout for our 0-299 Tournament on August 6th-8th. Elbert and Pat Hess are chairpersons for this event.

I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you're never sure they're going to get back to you in time!

- Oswald Jacoby at 77 years old



## Dallas 2004 Fall Sectional

November 11- 14, 2004  
Richardson Civic Center  
SW Corner Arapaho Road & US- 75 (Central Expressway) Richardson, Texas  
Thursday, November 11



<p>Newcomer 49er Pairs 7:30 pm Stratified 299er Pairs 7:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs 7:30 pm Valley View Bridge Club Bracketed KO Teams-I, 1st of 3 sessions 7:30 pm Friday, November 12</p> <p>Stratified 299er Pairs 1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm VVBC Bracketed KO Teams-I, 2nd &amp; Final of 3 sessions 1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm Stratified Board-A-Match Teams 7:30 pm Saturday, November 13</p> <p>BridgeDallas Bracketed KO Teams-I I 9:00 am, 1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm Novice Pairs (0-20 Master points) 1:30 pm Stratified 299er Pairs 1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm Sunday, November 14</p> <p>Valley View Bridge Club Stratified Flighted Swiss Teams 10:00 am &amp; TBA 199er Swiss Teams 10:00 am &amp; TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tournament Chairpersons Gerrie Owen 214.477.4181 gerrieo@sbcglobal.net Preston Morrow 972.484.1702 prestonm@bridgedallas.com Partnership Chairperson LaRue Stott 214.369.9576</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stratified Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500 Stratified Flighted: A: Unlimited, AX: 0-3000 (Play together) B: 1000-2000, C: 500-1000 D: 0-500 (Play together) 299er Stratified: A: 200-300, B: 50-200, C: 0-50 199er Stratified: A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Entry Fees \$10/session Thurs &amp; Fri \$11/session Sat \$90/Team Sun Extra \$1 for 2006 Dallas NABC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Host Hotel Holiday Inn Select 1651 North Central Expressway 972.669.0508, Ask for Bridge Rate</p>
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Snacks & Drinks All Weekend!!!

Meal between Sunday swiss team!!!



## Abilene's Harvest Festival

October 15-17, 2004  
Hosted by Fort Phantom Bridge Unit 224  
Abilene Texas Civic Center North 6th and Pine



**Friday, October 15**  
Stratified Pairs, single sessions 1:30 & 7:30 pm

**Saturday, October 16**  
Stratified Pairs, 2 session play through 1:30 & 7:30 pm  
(May play only one session)

**Sunday, October 17**  
Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 & TBA  
Meal served between sessions

**Stratifications**  
A: 1500+, B: 500LM-1500, C: 0-500NLM

**Free Parking**  
**Free Coffee and Refreshments**  
**Non smoking with hospitality breaks**



**Entry Fees**  
\$8/session (ACBL members)  
\$8.50/session (non-ACBL members)  
\$80/team (\$1 additional for each non-ACBL member)

**Tournament Co-Chairmen**  
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## Bridge Class Enjoys Fort Worth 299er Sectional



University of Texas at Arlington Bridge Class taught by Dewitt Hudson

Fort Western Unit 183 had a very successful 299er Tournament in Fort Worth, Texas on July 17-18, 2004. Tournament Chairperson Carolyn Pinto and Unit President Steve Shirey invited Bridge Instructor Dewitt Hudson's University of Texas, Arlington class to participate as guests at one of the single session events. One couple who had played only party bridge placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the event. I wish you could have been there to see the expression on the lady's face after being advised that if she were a member of the ACBL she would have earned .30 of a master point. With her individual score card clasped high in the air she stated that she needs only 4.70 to make Junior Master.

These bridge students have completed a 10 week course on bridge and are eagerly looking forward to playing in the Dallas Regional over Labor Day. I start my next class on September 7th and hope that my new

group will be as enthusiastic as the last. Recently, I was invited to talk to some bridge players at the Arlington Senior Community Center and I was extremely surprised to see about 10 tables in play. After a brief question and answer session, I was appalled to find no Life Masters and no ACBL members. Several individuals who had played bridge at our local studios related horror stories...duplicate players were found to be unfriendly, cut throat, etc.

Personally, I think the efforts and funds that we are investing in the Junior Program is really great; however, programs for seniors should be expanded. Realizing that seniors are not going to drastically reduce the average bridge age, they can help to increase our numbers. Most seniors are retired, have some funds and transportation is available...with some encouragement - and Zero Tolerance at clubs-many of these seniors will join ACBL.

**Unit 183  
Fort Worth**

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**Kay Jones**

his eyes one time at her (she must be a good student!)

Shirley plays with many partners and all of them are favorites. When she travels to tournaments she goes with what she calls her groupies, Kathy Coleman, Carolyn Marks and Karen Collins. Ivan Uys and Shirley represented Unit 183 at the NAOP in Philadelphia in 2003 and she was playing with Lorraine Little and Barbara & Marvin Stewart in August this year when they played the Brachman team (very thrilling!)

This player is so enthusiastic about bridge that she is a real pleasure to be around. When asked what she likes about bridge she responds, everything! She loves the game, the people and the competition and says that bridge has been a true lifesaver for her after retiring. We are so glad to have her in our unit and look forward to seeing her lovely smile for years to come.

P.S. Shirley became a life master while attending the Waco Sectional in August!

**Dewitt Hudson**

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**District 16  
Board of Governors**

**News from the Big Apple:** The taxi ride from the airport was some experience. There were times when we were only inches from another vehicle, and I would say that was close. With a smile on his face the taxi driver replied it is only close when you hear a crunch.

**Districts 3 & 24:** Together Districts 3 & 24 put on an outstanding Summer NABC after a 30-year absence. The table count was approximately 13,560, which is about average when compared

with other Summer NABC. In 1991, Las Vegas' table count of 24,221 remains the highest for a summer NABC.

**Membership:** The upward trend in membership is continuing; however, District #16, currently ranks 22 of 25, is showing a decrease.

**Monitoring:** Real time - Cameras were first utilized at the Spring NABC in Reno, Nevada. The ACBL Staff strongly believe that general monitoring of participants' behavior may be useful in determining facts and settling issues and complaints. Zero tolerance.

**ACBL on CBS:** On Monday morning, July 12, 2004, ACBL was on the CBS Early Show. CBS provided doughnuts and coffee and transportation to those unable to walk to CBS's outdoor plaza. Several Bridge players were interviewed. This was great publicity for ACBL and Bridge. Most ACBL participants were asked to wear Bridge-themed clothing and signs.

**Life Master Categories:** A new category, Emerald Life Master, is added between Diamond Life Master and Grand Life Master, i.e. Bronze 500; Silver 1,000; Gold 2,500; Diamond 5,000; Emerald 7,500; Platinum 10,000; Grand 10,000 (must win a North American Bridge Championship).

**MIT Tops Stanford for College Crown:** A young squad from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology fought off a determined foursome from Stanford to win the College Championship, 123-82. Texas was not represented.

**ACBL Sends Playing Cards to Iraq:** ACBL donated 288 decks of playing cards to US military personnel who are serving in Iraq.

See you November 18-28, 2004, in Orlando, Florida!

Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.  
-Alfred Sheinwold

# Fort Western Fall Sectional

## October 29-31, 2004

### Amon Carter Exhibit Hall

Directly behind Fort Worth Science Museum, Free Parking,  
Take Montgomery exit off I30 (Exit 11)  
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### Friday, October 29

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified 0-300 Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO's, session 1	7:30 pm

### Saturday, October 30

Bracketed KO's, sessions 2 & 3	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified 0-300 Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm

### Sunday, October 31

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
Stratified 0-300 Teams, single sessions	10:00 am & TBA

**Stratifications**

Stratified A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750  
 Stratified 0-300 Pairs: 200-300, 100-200, 0-100  
 Strati-Flighted A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000 (play together)  
 B: 750-1500, C: 0-750 (play together)

**Tournament Chairperson**  
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**Entry Fees**

Single Sessions: \$10/player  
 Two Session Swiss: \$88/team  
 \*Additional charge of \$1.00/session for non-ACBL members

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**PLAYERS WITH 0-20 MP PLAY FREE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

**Bridge Lectures Fri & Sat 7:00 pm**  
**Script for Overall Winners**  
**Dinner between sessions on Sunday**  
**Non-smoking with breaks**



## Fort Worth 299er Sectional, July 17-18, 2004



Sat Morn Strat 299er Prs C  
Brenda Hernandez & Carol Fisher



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs A  
Barbara Thomson & Patricia Rose



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs C  
Steve Hibbard & Glen Terrell



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A  
Ron Neben & Milt Birmingham



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs B  
John Davis & George Davis



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs C  
Sam Griggs & Laura Nash



Sat Morn Strat 299er Prs AB  
Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs B  
Daralynn Cameron & Mac McKinney



Sun Aft Strat Swiss Teams AB  
Sun Eve Strat Swiss Teams B  
Mary Chaney & Birdie Taylor  
Margaret & Bill Vance



Sun Aft Strat Swiss Teams C  
Nancy Garnett & Lois Backof  
Betty Gilmore & Lou Straughn



Sun Eve Strat Swiss Teams A  
Barbara Stewart & Cynthia Benton  
Marvin Stewart & Tom Nute



Sun Eve Strat Swiss Teams C  
Anne Cornell & Pat Wheeler  
Leta Barragan & Joann King

**Sat Aft Strat 0-20 Newcomer Prs**  
A1.B1.C1. Nita Hrach-William Hrach  
A2.B2.C2. Nancy Garrett-M. Lou Straughn.

**Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs** A1. Ronald Neben-Milton Birmingham A2.B1. George Davis-John Davis B2.C1. Laura Nash-Sam Griggs C2. Helen Nelson-Linda Madding.

**Sun Aft Strat 299er Swiss Teams**  
A1.B1. Birdie Taylor-Mary Chaney-Margaret Vance-William Vance A2. Glenda Cooper-Patricia Lee-Al Watson-David Sterner B2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid-John Davis-George Davis C1. Nancy Garrett-Betty Gilmore-Lois Backof-M. Lou Straughn.

**Sun Eve Strat 299er Swiss Teams**  
A1. Tom Nute-Cynthia Benton-Marvin Stewart-Barbara Stewart A2. Jim Harp-Rolly Steen-Ted Patterson-Donna McKay B1. Birdie Taylor-Mary Chaney-Margaret Vance-William Vance B2. Diane Washabaugh-Andy Collins-Mike Zipes-Linda Zipes C1. Anne Cornwell-Pat Wheeler-Joann King-Leta Barragan.

## Bridge & Games Studio 299er Sectional July 30-August 1, 2004



Fri Aft Strat Prs A  
Karen Alvarado & Roberta Graham



Fri Eve Strat Prs A  
JoAnn Chadderdon & Ann Blohm



Sat Morn Strat Prs ABC  
Peggy DuPont & Mrylenn Schwanitz



Bktd KO Teams Bkt I  
Millicent & Robert Paul Wear  
Eleanor Lipscomb & Terry Harrison



Sun Strat Swiss Teams B  
JL & Peggy McKay  
Hugh & Kay Humphries



Sun Strat Swiss Teams C  
Herbert & Marcia Warner  
Donald Davis & Elaine Reed



Sun Strat Swiss Teams A  
David Wicks & Patrick Tourais  
Robin Johnson & Robert Arnett  
Robin & Robert also won  
Sat Eve Strat Prs AB

**Results: BGS 299er Sectional**  
**Fri Aft Strat Prs** A1. Karen Alvarado-Roberta Graham A2.B1. Mary Burnell-Larry Morris B2. Christy Morrissey-Donna Frederick C1. John Ambrosi-Collette Maddox C2. Robert Frederick-Leol Franklin

**Fri Eve Strat Prs** A1.B1.C1. JoAnn Cadderdon-Ann Blohm A2.B2.C2. Gary Hercules-Mahesh Maruvada

**Sat Morn Strat Prs** A1.B1.C1. Mrylenn Schwanitz-Peggy DuPont A2.B2.C2. Robert Ziegler-Bill Chamberlain

**Sat Aft Strat Prs** A1.B1. Robert Arnett-Robin Johnson A2. Jeremy Dilbeck-Daad Rodgers B2. Barbara Babbitt-Mahesh Maruvada C1. John Cox-Jean Evans C2. JoAnn Chadderdon-Ann Blohm

**Sat Eve Strat Prs** A1.B1. Robert Arnett-Robin Johnson A2. Jeremy Dilbeck-Daad Rodgers B2.C1. Patricia Howard-Jane Wren C2. Barbara Babbitt-Mahesh Maruvada

**Sun Aft Strat Prs** A1. Lisa Sommer-Charles Sommer A2.B1. Louis Ahlim-Doris Gainer B2. Maureen Wittels-Nancy Reader

**Bktd KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Millicent & Paul Wear-Eleanor Lipscomb-Terry Harrison 2. Karen Alvarado-P. Ralston-Sally Kimpton-Roberta Graham.

**Sun Strat Swiss Teams** A1. David Wicks-P. Tourais-Robert Arnett-Robin Johnson A2.B1. Peggy McKay-J. L. McKay-Kay Humphries-Hugh Humphries B2.C1. Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner-Elaine Reed-Donald Davis.

**Results: Ft. Worth 299er Sectional**  
**Sat Morn Strat 299er Prs** A1.B1. Emanuel McKinney-Daralynn Cameron A2. Diane Dillman-Sue Rowe B2. Jerry Carmichael-Randy Field C1. Carol Fisher-Brenda Hernandez C2. Janet Cunningham-Mary Jo Long.

**Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs** A1. Barbara Thomson-Patricia Rose A2.B1. Daralynn Cameron-Emanuel McKinney B2. Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins C1. Steve Hibbard-Glen Terrell C2. Pauline Hornsten-Betty Gilmore.

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## Austin NLM Sectional July 24-25, 2004

**Sat Aft Strat NLM Open Prs**  
A1. Anita Cokins-George Richards  
A2.B1. James Glathar-Joan Glathar  
B2. Mahesh Maruvada-Krishman Karur  
C1. Denise Deppe-Colin Norman  
C2. Charles Aufill-Danna Redford.

**Sat Eve Strat NLM Open Prs**  
A1.B1.C1. Terry Richardson-Wan-Wan Ren  
A2. Dianne Ebert-Carol Nelson  
B2. Robert Purvis-Greg Schepens  
C2. Stan Kurtzer-Zane O'Keefe.

**Sun Aft Strat NLM Open Prs**  
A1.B1. Joe Black-Tamas Hausel  
A2.B2. Danna Redford-Lynn Gunn  
C1. David McCarron-Gayle McCarron  
C2. Dave Dickson-Laura Dickson.

## New York Summer North American Bridge Championship Intermediate/Novice Winners July 7-18, 2004

Congratulations to the District 16 Intermediate/Novice winners at the New York 2004 Summer NABC:

**Fri Eve 299er Strat Swiss Teams**  
A1.B1. Cynthia Struve-Clemens Struve, Corpus Christi

**1st Sat Eve 299er Strat Prs** C4. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell

**Sun Aft 49er Strat Prs** A4.B1. Miriam Cooper-Barbara Nebgen, Beaumont

**Sun Eve 49er Strat Prs** A4. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell

**Mon Morn 299er Strat Prs** A5.B5.

Cynthia Struve-Clemens Struve, Corpus Christi

**Tues Morn 49er Strat Prs** A3.B2. Barbara Nebgen-Miriam Cooper, Beaumont

**Thurs Morn 49er Strat Prs** B4. Jo Anne Hill, Beaumont

**Thurs Eve 299er Strat Prs** A1.B1. Jeff Dater-Kevin Pheiffer, Dallas

**Thurs Eve 299er Strat Swiss Teams** A3.B3. Cynthia Struve-Clemens Struve, Corpus Christi

**2nd Sat Morn 299er Strat Prs** C3. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell.



Gary King

299er Editor



## Intermediate/Novice



There are a number of holdings that can yield great benefit for you as declarer when the suit is first led by the defenders. It pays to be familiar with the more common of these so that you are prepared to take full advantage when the situation presents itself. Many times the opportunity stems from the opening lead but may also occur later in the hand when a defender is forced to lead a new suit.

Many holdings offer little potential for a trick until attacked by the defense.

**Dummy: Q32**

**Declarer: J4**

Left to attack this combination on your own, you can only develop a trick if one defender holds both the ace and king. Lead small to the jack. If RHO wins you can develop a trick by promotion. If LHO captures the jack, then lead small towards the queen. You have approximately a 1 in 2 chance. If either defender leads the suit first you have a sure trick every time. If they lead an honor you can get your one trick by promotion. If either defender attacks the suit by leading a low spade simply play low and third hand must either produce an honor or let you win the trick.

**Dummy: K32**

**Declarer: J4**

Replacing the queen with the king is basically the same position. Left on your own, the best chance is small to the king hoping the ace is favorable. This is a 50% chance of success. The holding will be a guaranteed stopper if the defenders attack the suit.

**Dummy: AJ2**

**Declarer: Q3**

Some holdings give you an opportunity when none was present before. Essentially all win and no lose. Left on your own you can develop two tricks without losing any if the spade king is favorable. If the king is unfavorable you get two tricks but must lose one trick during the effort. A different story when LHO leads a small

spade. If LHO has the spade king you can play a low spade from dummy and win the queen. Now you can take a simple finesse on your own and come home with three tricks without having lost a single trick! The risk is nothing. If RHO has the king you get the same two spade tricks you would get anyway. All win and no lose.

**Dummy: AJ2**

**Declarer: Q43**

Add a small card to the lower hand and the advantage is still to have the defenders lead the suit. You have a loser unless LHO holds specifically the king doubleton or singleton. Do not give LHO a chance to cover your queen. If LHO leads the suit, play low and you will get three tricks and no losers anytime LHO has the king. When RHO holds the king you had a loser in any event.

**Dummy: A102**

**Declarer: K93**

With this holding you have virtually no chance for more than two tricks. Perhaps the queen-jack is doubleton or perhaps the queen or jack is singleton and you can cash the right top honor first, but neither of these is very likely. It is a very different story when the opponents lead the suit first. If LHO leads the queen (promising the jack) you can win with the king and now finesse against the known jack with LHO. If LHO leads a small spade you can play low from dummy and either win the nine or capture a queen or jack from RHO with the king. You can now develop an additional trick with a simple finesse against LHO for the remaining honor. This wins anytime LHO has both honors or anytime the honors are split.

**Dummy: J32**

**Declarer: A54**

Sequence leads can give you opportunities where none existed before. Unless you have a discard in another suit you are stuck with two losers (there is the small chance that the K-Q is doubleton but do not hold

your breath). All things change when LHO leads the king. A positional play is now presented. Capture the king with the ace and lead a small card towards the jack finessing against the known queen with LHO. Two sure losers have been reduced to one, thank you very much.

**Dummy: A32**

**Declarer: J104**

This is another very similar combination. If you must play the suit you will be held to only one trick as long as the defenders play properly. If RHO holds both the K-Q you can only take one trick (the ace). If RHO holds both the K-Q, she simply covers the jack with one and captures the ten with the other one. If the honors are split (one in each hand) LHO covers the second honor and again you are held to one trick (the ace). If LHO leads the suit you have a good chance for a second trick. If the lead is the king you can capture it with the ace and develop a sure trick by means of promotion. If the lead is a low card you can play small and allow RHO to win an honor while you give up only the spade four. As long as both of the honors are not with RHO you can get a second trick (this time by means of finesse).

**Dummy: AJ2**

**Declarer: K94**

Look for opportunities to use the power of your nine. Left on your own you have a 50% chance of a third trick. Cash the king and finesse the jack hoping that the queen is with LHO.

When LHO leads a spade you can still win a third trick whenever LHO holds the queen but you can also win a third trick some of the time when RHO holds the queen! Play low and use the power of your nine. If the queen is favorable (with LHO) it will still be favorable later. If it is located with RHO you can still prevail anytime RHO does not also hold the ten. Play low from dummy and win whatever RHO plays. If necessary, take a finesse next time.

The theme of all of these plays is essentially the same. When the defenders attack a suit many times you have the opportunity to increase your trick development potential. Do not be too quick to commit an honor. Make the defenders play an honor first and the advantage is yours. Let me hear from you.

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SUBJECT field.

Ankur Rathi is a sixteen year old junior at McNeil High School. For the past four years he has worked as a caddy at Austin tournaments. Saturday afternoon during our Fourth of July regional, he was working the 299er game. The partnership desk had been unsuccessful in locating a partner for an out-of-town player; so the directors used the public-address system to solicit kibitzers who might be willing to fill in. However, there were no volunteers, and it appeared that the director would have to turn away the lone player and run the game with a half table. At that point Ankur communicated that he would be willing either to caddy or to fill in as a player. The director seized upon the offer, and quickly Ankur discarded his caddy apron and filled out a convention card. Of course the Hollywood ending for this story would have Ankur and his partner winning the event. Well, that is exactly what happened.

Rathi comes from a bridge playing family. His father played competitive duplicate for a brief time and advanced quickly to life master before turning to other interests. Ankur and his mother won a 99er event at a sectional tournament a couple of years ago. He says that his high school activities keep him busy, and he doesn't find time to play very often. However, he hopes that he will find some bridge-playing friends when he enters college. We hope so too; it would be great to see him continue to develop as a player.

Congratulations are due to new Austin city champions Marcia and Gary Powell, who took top honors at the July 31 event. The B and C strata were won by Jeff Ford and Nick Jong. A week earlier, there was some spirited competition at the Austin NLM sectional. Anita Cokins and George Richards won the opening event; then Terry Richardson and Wan-Wan Ren prevailed Saturday evening. Sunday belonged to Tamas Hausel and Joe Black. In the overall masterpoint standings Black-Hausel nosed out Richardson-Ren by a margin of 0.05.

Unit 207 has two new silver life masters, Claudette Hartman and Kalpana Sutar. Darlene Gilmore now is a bronze life master. Furthermore our new class of life masters is larger than any in recent memory. In this issue we congratulate Jeannette Hughes, Angela Lennon, Diana Rogers, Kyong Shuey, Inger Blount, and Bill Ferguson.

Capital area players may want to make note of some upcoming events. Topping the list, of course, is the September sectional, which runs from the 23rd through the 26th at the Clarion hotel. Pairs that are NAP-qualified at the club level will be eligible to compete in the unit 207 NAP finals October 23. There will be an IMP-scored pairs game October 30, and a Halloween party October 31. Other than the sectional, all of these events will be held at the Northwest Recreation Center.

One final note about upcoming events. If you know someone who is a prospect for ACBL membership, be aware that unit 207 is planning a special membership promotion during the month of October. Details will be forthcoming in the unit newsletter and on the web site.

## Abilene 299er Sectional August 6-7, 2004



Fri Aft Strat Prs A  
Mary Bean & Kay Strickland



Fri Aft Strat Prs B  
Jim & Theresa Casey



Sat Strat Swiss Teams A  
Delinda Verner & Gwen Riggs  
Carol Williams & Myrna Orenic  
Gwen & Carol also won  
Fri Eve Strat Prs AB



Fri Aft Strat Prs C  
Gena & William Brooks

Gibson-Betty Gibson.

**Sat Strat Swiss Teams A1.** Gwenda Riggs-Myrna Orenic-Carol Williams-Delinda Verner A2. Ann Bailey-Hal Noelke-William Brooks-Gena Brooks B1. Carol McCracken-Mary Ann Smith-Cleta Dix-Will Dix B2. Gloria Robertson-Norman Sunderman-Carolyn Sunderman-Helen Barker.

**Results: Abilene 299er Sectional**  
**Fri Aft Strat Prs A1.** Kay Strickland-Mary Bean A2.B1. James Casey-Theresa Seher B2.C1. Gena Brooks-William Brooks C2. Cleta Dix-Will Dix.  
**Fri Eve Strat Prs A1.B1.** Gwenda Riggs-Carol Williams A2.B2. John

## Austin Non-Life Master Sectional

November 13-14, 2004

Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland Drive  
Austin, TX 512.458.4107

**Saturday, November 13**

Stratified Pairs 12:30 pm

A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

Stratified Pairs 5:00 pm

A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

**Sunday, November 14**

Stratified Pairs 1:30 pm

A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

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## Something Different is Happening in December...

### USBF Winter Regional Bridge Classic

November 29-December 5, 2004

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\* Trophies & Pictures

\*Hospitality & Entertainment

\* Novice Reception

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Unit 233  
Central Texas  
Helen Levy



There was disappointment and concern throughout the Unit when Stephen Olson became ill and was ordered to bed by his M.D. causing our Ft. C District GNT winners Mickie Damon, Jim Greeney, Evelyn Smith, and Stephen had to cancel their trip to the NY NABC. Efforts to send a substitute were unsuccessful. We are happy to report that Stephen has recovered and is back at the bridge table.

Congratulations to Unit 233 event winners at the July 4 Regional: Wed. Eve. Board-A-Match, A1, Melody Euler, James LaFountain, Genie Kaplan and partner. Thurs. Bracketed K04, Bkt. 3, 2nd, Mary Adams, Jan Hart, plus partners. Bkt. 4, 1st, Juanita and David Buck and partners. Thurs. Eve. Swiss, A1, Tom and Ethel Corlett and Lyndon and Peggy Phelps. Thurs. Eve. Side Series, A2, Mike Miller and partner. Fri. Eve. Strat. 299'er, A1B1, Jean Townsend and Beverly Greer. Sat. Open Choice Pairs, A1, Mike Miller and partner. Sun. Open Choice Pairs, B1, Ila Bates and partner.

We are happy to welcome Juanita and David Buck (Temple) who transferred from Mexico, and new members Galen Gibson (Copperas Cove) and Maxine Cure (Temple).

Congratulations to Tom Davis, new Gold LM (2500 MP's); Ila Bates, new Bronze LM (500 MP's); and Jim Goodwin, new Club Director.

Special get well wishes to Stafford Norman. As a regular at all of the weekly Temple games, he has been greatly missed while recuperating from a surgical procedure.

Nine new bridge students have enjoyed a series of beginner's bridge classes taught by Dale Allen and Melody Euler. Word is they want to learn more, and new classes will be held.

A big "thank you" to Tom and Ethel Corlett who co-chaired the Waco sectional Aug. 6-8. There were 297.5 tables at the three-day event, an increase of 30 tables over last year's tournament. The efforts of Jenna Franklin, partnerships; Lucy Wilson,

## Waco Bridge on the Brazos Sectional, August 6-8, 2004



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A  
Marilou Powell & Scott Humphrey



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs BC  
Linda & Everett Anderson



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A  
Richard Ware & James LaFountain



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B  
D. Pennington & R. Cunningham



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs C  
Lenora & Bill Parrish



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs B1/2  
Tom & Dorothy Moore



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs B1/2  
Vernon Hodge & Mark Craiker



Sat KO Teams Bkt I  
Nancy & Steve Kornegay  
Mike Bukala & Hugh Hillaker



Sat KO Teams Bkt III  
Laura Delfeld & (NP) Mark McAllister  
Juanita & David Buck



Sun Strati-Flted Teams AX  
Tom & Ethel Corlett  
Beth Coker & Nancy Stanton



Sun Strati-Flted Teams B  
Steve Shuman & Steve Shuman  
Matt Shuman & Jerry Carmichael



Sun Strati-Flted Teams C  
Beverly Greer & Mickie Damon  
Jim Greeney & Jean Townsend



Sun Strati-Flted Teams D  
Frances Murrell & Betty McCauley  
Sylvere & Wilma Luquette

photography; Mike Bukala, caddies; and Raby and Verna Smalley who transported the Unit trailer and bridge tables are also appreciated.

Mike Bukala was again the Unit member who won the most MP's and will receive the Maxine Tessmer memorial award. We appreciate everyone who attended and hope you will come back next year.

Mark your calendars for up-coming events: Strat. NAP Unit-final Oct. 3; Unit Christmas Party and Election Dec. 5, GNT Unit qualifying for Flts. B and C Feb. 13; and lots of good bridge at all of our duplicate clubs.

### Results: Waco Bridge on the Brazos Sectional

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Scott Humphrey-Marilou Powell A2. Puddin Barnes-J. Bachman Nabors, III B1.C1. Everett Anderson-Linda Anderson B2. Nancy Tiner-Ann Van Volkenburgh C2. Sylvere Luquette-Wilma Luquette.

**Sat Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Carolyn Pinto-Billy Leeper A2/3B1/2. Mark Craiker-Vernon Earl Hodge A2/3.B1/2. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore C1. Bertha Cunningham-Barbara Weideman C2. William Garrard, Jr.-Donna Garrard.

**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. James La Fountain-Jon Richard Ware A2.

James Bauer-Mike Miller B1. David Pennington-Richard Cunningham B2. Helen Simonette-Jo McDaniel C1. Bill Parrish-Lenora Parrish C2. Mark Dumdei-K. Haley.

**Sat KO Teams Bkt I** 1. Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay-Mike Bukala-Hugh Hillaker 2. Scott Humphrey-Gary Powell-Marcia Powell-Marilou Powell-Greg Hinz-Patricia Lozano **Bkt II** 1. Shary Watson-Nellie Judson-Ricardo Azevedo-Robert Ellison 2. Helen Simonette-Jo McDaniel-Malcolm Barnebey-Wright Barnebey **Bkt III** 1. David Buck-Junaita Buck-Mark

McAllister-Laura Delfeld 2. Charlene Goodman-Edna Duggan-Ola Fay Anderson-Elizabeth Smith **Bkt IV** 1. Jeff Ford-Nicholas Jong-Zachery Loafman-Adam Ruprecht 2. Jim Greeney-M. Damon-Beverly Greer-Jean Townsend.

**Sat Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Donna Rosz-Steve Shirey A2. Michael Murphy-S. Kohan B1C1. Lorraine Little-Rosalie Manuel B2. Marilyn Livingston-Billie Gaddy C2. Everett Anderson-Janet Anderson.

**Sun Strati-Flited Open Swiss Teams AX** A1.X1. Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett-Beth Coker-Nancy Stanton A2. Joan Jackson-Norman Beck-William Erwin-Patricia Griffin-James Griffin X2. Jonathan Ernest-Thomas Davis-Jeanne Davis-David Farris **Straiti BCD** B1. Stephen Shuman-Stephen Shuman-Matt Shuman-Jerry Carmichael B2.C1. Jim Greeney-M. Damon-Beverlyn Greer-Jean Townsend C2. Jeff Ford-Nicholas Jong-Adam Ruprecht-Zachery Loafman D1. Wilma Luquette-Sylvere Luquette-Frances Murrell-Betty McCauley C2. John Moore-Nora Moore-Joe Hunt-Donna Keller.

## Bailey's Sectional July 29-August 1, 2004

**Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Greg Hinz-Ellen Hessel A2. Ed Rawlinson-Bill Walker B1. P. McGaffic-Catherine McGaffic B2. Carmeline Squires-Ingrid Kelly C1. Sherry Johnson-Raj Nayar C2. Arleen Schafer-Harold Deason

**Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Diane Olson-Marilyn Arnold A2. Judy Lewis-Samuel Williams, Jr. B1. Sandra Weber-Beverly Santos B2. Rosemary Quick-Linda Williams C1. Patti Beard-Phil Brown C2. Becky Cucolo-Leonard Cucolo

**Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Donna Watkins-Richard Kieper A2. Janise Saul-Ziggy Tucker B1. Carol Price-Bette Allen B2. Joanne Young-Sally Armstrong. C1. Charles Abbott-Lewis Purnell C2. Patricia Powell-Joanne Christopher


**Fri Eve Strat Open Prs** A1. Derrell Childs-Ed Rawlinson A2. Alan

Copeland-Marc Levine B1. Mike Wilson-Phil Brown B2. Mike Doyle-Marilyn Arnold C1. A. Di Baggio-Sherry Johnson C2. J. D. Buchanan-Olivia Brown

**Sat Strat Open Prs** A1. Bill Walker-Paul Kelley, Jr. A2. Sheryleen Grothus-Wayne Dow B1. Marilyn Arnold-Mike Doyle B2. Robert Mangas-K. Carpenter

**Sat Aft Strat 99er Prs** A1.B1. Wilberta White-Margaret Jarrett A2.B2. Joy Price-Nito Joe Wilson

**Sun Strat Open Swiss Teams** A1. Derrell Childs-Ed Rawlinson-Paul Kelley, Jr.-Bill Walker A2.B1.C1. Jo Gayle Carter-Phil Brown-Arleen Schafer-Harold Deason B2. Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary-Dorothy Rippstein-Roxana Tom C2. Lewis Purnell-Charles Abbott-Barbara Habiger-Carolyn Martin.



### Christmas at the Alamo Alamo Bridge Club

8709 Botts Lane, San Antonio TX 210.822.2223  
**December 9-12, 2004**

<b>Thursday, December 9</b>	
Stratified Pairs, single sessions	1:00 & 7:00 pm
<b>Friday, December 10</b>	
Stratified Pairs, single sessions	1:00 & 7:00 pm
<b>Saturday, December 11</b>	
Stratified Pairs, playthrough (Players may play only 1 session if desired.)	10:30 am & 3:30 pm
<b>Sunday, December 12</b>	
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	10:30 & TBA


**0-99er Sections will be scheduled as attendance warrants**

**Stratifications**  
Pairs: A: 1500+, B: 300-1500, C: 0-300  
Swiss Teams: A: Unlimited, AX: 1500-3000 (play together)  
B: 750-1500, C: 300-750, D: 0-300 (play together)


<b>Entry Fees</b> \$9/per/session ACBL member \$10/person/session/others, \$80/SwissTeams, \$4/person/ session to students with ID	<b>Partnerships available call the Club 210.822.2223</b>	<b>Tournament Chairman</b> Richard Lampman Club 210.822.2223 Home 210.659.4248 Email: AlamoBridge@aol.com
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Spacious, well lit facility  
No smoking with smoking breaks  
Complimentary coffee, tea, snacks Meal between swiss team sessions

**Zero Tolerance is enforced - Courtesy and Good Manners are required**



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Donna.Compton@acbl.org Toll Free: 1.866.783.9369 Tel: 214.378.8284



**Unit 187**  
**Corpus Christi**  
**Dee Schade**

Our unit is saddened by the death of Monte Pat Bryant on Sunday, July 11. Though Monte Pat had been dealt many hardships in her life, including polio when she was in her twenties and more recently a battle with cancer, she had a great outlook on life and a smile that brightened the room. She was an avid player and in recent years had been playing on-line a lot. Her favorite conversations involved bridge hands - how to bid and how to play. Condolences to her husband, Bill, her children and grandchildren. We will miss her beautiful dimples!

NAP game winners in June were on the 8th, Bill and Marilyn MacDonald; on the 11th, Donna McGee and Dee Schade; on the 16th, Donna McGee and Dee Schade; and on the 27th, Ruby Buck and Mary Tryer. Finals are being held in October. Check the bulletin board for exact date and time.

Mark your calendars for the Rockport Beach Sectional, November 12-14, at the Saltwater Pavillion in Rockport. Hotels with special bridge rates are the Best Western Inn by the Bay and the Light House Inn. Martha DeCou is the tournament chairman and Betty Hill is partnership coordinator (361/729-1790). This is a really fun place to play and we expect a large crowd so make your reservations early.

News from Kingsville: Bob Gerberich and Mary Tryer won the World Wide Pairs. Dick and Linda Hahn won the NAP qualifying game in June and Tom Hays and Lou Thurston won the July

game. The International Fund Game #3 was won by Betty Nielsen and Mary Tryer. Congratulations to all. Don't forget the Instant Matchpoint game on Thursday, September 9, in the Music Club building.

**Unit 172**  
**San Antonio**  
**Beverly Santos**



Did you know that our Unit has our very own "Reality Show"? The enjoyment of playing in sectional and regional tournaments belongs to the survivorship of the tournament chairperson(s) and their committees. We salute Janise Saul (San Antonio) Nell Morgan (New Braunfels) and Margaret Higgins (Kerrville) for their devotion in planning an affordable, comfortable playing area and wonderful hospitality. Special thanks to the Partnership Chairs, John Watkins and Ralph Oxhandler (ask Ralph how he managed to play with four different partners in one session) Jackie Scott and John Buchanan and Richard and Virginia Hamm. The Hospitality Gurus are Cisse Horton, Gail Turner and Margaret Higgins. Upcoming Tournaments include: New Braunfels Sectional September 9-12 2004 at The Civic Center and San Antonio Elections Sectional November 4-7 2004 at Woodlake Golf Club.

Phyllis Giffin and Helen McCrae hosted the County Fair Unit Championship and whipped up fingered licking good fried chicken and all the trimmings that you would expect to make it a true county fair lunch. The overall flight winners were: A. Ellen and Ira Hessel, B. Shirley Brooks and Walter

Still, C. Pat Prichard and Kay Laird, 0-99ers. Bobbie and Jim Hale. A Summer Charity Unit Championship was held on July 25<sup>th</sup> hosted by the sunny duo of Roxana Tom and Patrick Cardullo. The Karnes City Ladies Gourmet Group assisted by providing homemade salads and luscious desserts. Andy Villastrigo and Jim Robison blew away all the competition and were the overall winners in Flight A, B, & C. with a 65% game. It was a pleasure to be your opponent. Cho Mayo and Olivia Brown won the 0-99ers event.

The slate of candidates chosen for next years Unit 172 Board are: Roxana Tom (incumbent president), Everette Lewis (incumbent vice president) Marilyn Arnold, Patrick Cardullo, Jo Gayle Carter, Carole Price and Paula Warren. Sandra Weber, Elections Chairperson, will be visiting the clubs over the next two months to provide on site voting to the members during their scheduled club games. Check the unit bulletin board in your club for the date and time to vote.

We are family in expressing "Cheers" to Bette Allen, Ed Higgins, Harold Wilson, Rich Lampman, Anne McCullough and Cathy Rauschuber for their healthy recovery.

Phil Brown, Mildred Harlow and Maria Meyers reached the status of Life Master. Congratulations!

The North American Pairs Unit Final will be held on September 18, 2004 at the Alamo Bridge Club at 11am and second session to be announced. Join in the fun at the Octoberfest Unit Charity Championship event at the Alamo Bridge Club with lunch at 11:30 and at 12:30 the game begins.

"Ones character is judged by ones manners at the bridge table"



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## So you might be asking what is this USBF?

The United States Bridge Federation (USBF) was formed in 2001 to advance the interests of the United States in international bridge competition, including the selection and support of United States bridge teams and players in international and Olympic bridge competition. USBF conducts United States Bridge Championships to select teams for participation in certain World Bridge Championship events.

Since 1995, these trials, renamed the United State Bridge Championship and the United States Women's Bridge Championship have been open to any team eligible to play in the World event. In addition, USBF holds Senior and Junior United State Bridge Championships to select teams for World Senior and Junior events.

All ACBL and American Bridge Association (ABA) members who are US citizens may become Active Members of the USBF (\$50 a year dues, \$25 for juniors), whereupon, among other rights, they may enter the USBCs. Residents who are not citizens may also become USBF members and play in the USBCs if they meet eligibility criteria.

### Purposes

1. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act for public and charitable purposes.
2. The purposes of this corporation are charitable in nature and are to advance the interests of the United States in international bridge competition, including the selection and support of United States bridge teams and players in international and Olympic bridge competition.
3. In furtherance of such purposes, United States Bridge Federation shall:
  - a. Support United States participation in Olympic games and world and zonal bridge championships.
  - b. Support bridge participants in all age groups who qualify for such games and championships.
  - c. Support only participants who are of Olympic and world championship caliber and who possess the highest talent and achievement as determined by trial competition and training.
  - d. Provide an equal opportunity to bridge athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in amateur bridge competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex or sexual orientation, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any bridge player, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate.
  - e. Support only such a group of participants who can achieve the quality of Olympic and world championship competition.
  - f. Make every effort to become a member of the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") recognizing that once organized the corporation is eligible to be an "Associate Member" of the USOC.

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NAP District Finals  
Saturday & Sunday, January 15-16, 2005  
1:00 & 7:00 pm

### Friday, January 14

Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 pm  
Board-A-Match Teams 7:00 pm

### Saturday, January 15

EARLY BIRD PAIRS 9:00 am  
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 1:00 & 7:00 pm

### Sunday, January 16

Stratified Pairs, 2 sessions (May play only one session) 1:00 & 7:00 pm

### Monday, January 17

Strati-Flighted Teams, 2 sessions 10:30 am & TBA

### Stratifications

Open Pairs: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500  
Strati-Flited Teams: A: 3000+, AX TBA (A & AX play together)  
B: 750-1500, C: 300-750, D: 0-300 (BCD play together)

### NEWCOMER PROGRAM PRESENTS 0-99er EVENTS

#### Friday, January 14

Snowflake Pairs 1:00 pm  
Snowmen Pairs 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, January 15

Snowball Pairs 1:00 pm  
Snowboard Pairs 7:00 pm

#### Sunday, January 16

Ski Pairs 1:00 pm  
Ice Skating Pairs 7:00 pm

99er Pairs: A: 50-100, B: 20-50, C: 0-20 (3 Table Minimum)

PRIZE for highest pair in each event!

\*Hospitality w/set-ups Saturday Evening

\*Student Card Fee: \$5.00/person/session

\*Card Fees: \$9.00 paid ACBL member

\*Swiss Teams \$80.00 (Lunch served between sessions)

\*Smoking breaks.



Looking forward to seeing you!

**Tournament Chairman:** Janise Saul 210.481.1766

**Partnerships:** John Watkins 210.391.4250 tollfree@satx.rr.com

## Rockport Beach Sectional

November 12-14, 2004

### Friday, November 12

Stratified Open Pairs, single session 1:30 pm  
Stratified Open Pairs, single session 7:30 pm  
INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME \$1 MORE & REGIONAL POINTS! 7:30 pm

### Saturday, November 13

#### Bebe Pfeiffer Day

Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 pm

### Sunday, November 14

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA

### Stratifications

Pair Events: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500

Team Event: A: Unlimited, AX: TBA B: 500-1500, C: 300-500, D: 0-300

### Novices (0-100) Games Held If Attendance Warrants

### Non-smoking with smoking breaks

### Hospitality after each night's game

### Full meal between swiss sessions

#### Tournament Chairman

Martha DeCou  
361.853.9196  
mizcou@stx.rr.com

#### Best Western Inn By the Bay

800.235.6076 (Breakfast)  
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#### Playing Site

Saltwater Pavillion  
Rockport Beach

#### Partnership Chairman

Betty Hill  
361.729.1790  
betty\_hill2003@yahoo.com

#### Lighthouse Inn

866.790.8439  
Special rates 10/12 cut-off  
200 S. Fulton Beach Road

#### Entry Fees

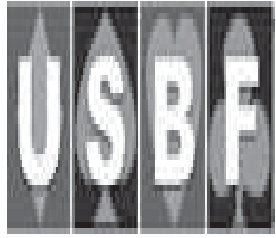
\$9 per session \$80 per team  
(\$1 more per session for  
non-ACBL members  
& \$1 more Fri Eve.)



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### Intermediate/Noice Program

**Monday, November 29th**

5/20/50 USBF Charity Pairs	1:30 pm
100/200/300 USBF Charity Pairs	1:30 pm
5/20/50 Pairs	7:30 pm
100/200/300 Pairs	7:30 pm

**Tuesday, November 30th**

Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
5/20/50 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
<b>0-5 Trophy Pairs (FREE TODAY!)</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>

**Wednesday, December 1st**

Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
5/20/50 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
<b>0-20 Trophy Pairs</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>

**Thursday, December 2nd**

Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
5/20/50 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
<b>0-50 Trophy Pairs</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>

**Friday, December 3rd**

Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
5/20/50 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
<b>0-100 Trophy Pairs</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>

**Saturday, December 4th**

Early Bird 50/100/300 Pairs	9:30 am
5/20/50 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
100/200/300 Pairs	1:30 & 7:30 pm
<b>100/200/300 Trophy Pairs</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>

**Sunday, December 5th**

5/20/50 Pairs	10 am & TBA
100/200/300 Pairs	10 am & TBA
50/100/300 Swiss Teams	10 am & TBA

**Top 299er & 49er Masterpoint Winners win Grand Trophies  
Trophy Pairs - best % of two sessions in single-session games**

**Trophies & Pictures for Overall Winners**

**Celebrity Speaker Program 12:45 & 6:45 pm Daily**

**Hand Records with Analysis**

**Section Top Award - At the Table by Bob Hamman**

**Noice Reception - Saturday 5:30 pm**

**Book Signing by Bob Hamman**

### Open Championship Events

**Pair Events**

Mon	USBF	Charity Stratified Pairs	1:30 pm
Tues	USBC	Choice Stratified Pairs*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Wed	USWBC	Choice Stratified Pairs*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Thurs	USSBC	Choice Stratified Pairs*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
<b>FRI</b>		<b>Flighted Barometer Pairs**</b>	<b>1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>
Sat	USJBC	Choice Stratified Pairs*	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Sun	USBF	Very Fast Stratified Open Pairs	10 am & TBA

\*Choose any 2 sessions each day

\*\*Flights AB&C Qualify for Barometer Final - Scores posted after each round!

**Side Game Series**

Morning & Afternoon Series runs 5 days: Tuesday-Saturday

Evening Series runs 6 days: Monday-Saturday

Your best 2 sessions count toward the Overalls

Morning Side Game Series	9:30 am
Afternoon Side Game Series	1:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series	7:30 pm

**Team Events**

Bktd KO I	Mon 7:30 pm & Tues 9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bktd KO II	Tues 1:30 & 7:30 & Wed 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	Tues 7:30 pm
Bktd KO III	Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 9:30 am
Bktd KO IV	Wed 1:30 & 7:30 pm & Thur 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	Wed 7:30 pm
Bktd KO V	Thur 1:30 & 7:30 & Fri 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams	Thurs 7:30 pm
Compact KO	Fri 9:30 am & Sat 9:30 am
Bktd KO VI	Fri 1:30 & 7:30 & Sat
Stratified Swiss Teams	Fri 7:30 pm
<b>BRACHMAN CUP 2-DAY SWISS TEAMS</b>	<b>Qualifying - Sat 1:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Finals - Sun 10 &amp; TBA</b>
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Playthrough - Out by 5:30 pm)	Sun 10 am

**After Hour Events**

Thurs	Zip KO Teams	11:30 pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Celebrity Individual*</b>	<b>11:30 pm</b>
Sat	Zip KO Teams	11:30 pm

\* 18 Board Individual with Mystery Celebrity Player sitting North!

**Stratifications & Flighting**

Stratified Events: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500

Flighted Event: A: Unlimited, B: 0-1500, C: 0-500

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### Hospitality & Entertainment

Silver Trophies for Each Flight of Barometer Pairs & Brachman Cup Swiss  
Celebrity Panel Show Between Sessions on Thursday Night  
Finger Food & Cash Bar During Celebrity Individual on Friday Night  
Ice Cream Social & Panel Show on Saturday Night  
Breakfast Served Before Swiss on Sunday \* USBF Registration Bags

**Entry Fees**

\$12/person/session Mon-Fri \$13/person/session Sat & Sun  
Junior Discounts: 1/2 Price for under 25 with Student ID

### Tournament Chairperson

Gerrie Owen 214.477.4181

### Partnerships

La Rue Stott 214.369.9576

### Director In Charge

Tom Whitesides

**Child Care (Reservations Required)**  
Donna Compton cdmra@mindspring.com

## Win a Free Trip to the Atlanta 2005 Summer NABCs

Section Top Winners will receive 1 lottery ticket & Event Winners will receive 5 lottery tickets for the drawing on Sunday.  
2 round trip airline tickets, 4 nights hotel at host hotel and entry fees for 8 regional sessions at the Atlanta 2005 NABC  
No limit on the number of lottery tickets you can win