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**Dan Morse Elected As President Of The ACBL**

By Ira Hessel

At the recent Nashville Nationals our very own Dan Morse was elected President of the ACBL starting Jan 1, 2008 for 1 year. Dan has been active in Bridge administration for a long time at all levels. He has served as District 16 representative to the National Board of Directors since 1993, and has served Unit 174 (Houston) as President & Vice President as well as serving on the Board of Governors for District 16. He also represents North America as a World Bridge Federation delegate.

Dan began playing bridge in 1959. He soon took to duplicate and won his first National in Dallas in 1964. Since then Dan has been a major force at the National level. He has

won the Vanderbilt Spingold, Reisinger, Life Masters Pairs, Grand National Teams, US Bridge Championship, & Senior US Bridge Championship. The latter 2 were for the right to represent the ACBL in International competition. He has been second in the Grand National Pairs, Blue Ribbon Pairs and the North American Swiss. He has also won many regional events.

Dan has served as the captain for the US world champion team in 1976, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, & 1992. He represented the US in the Bermuda Bowl in 2003, and the Senior Bowl in 2000 & 2001. Later this year Dan will represent the US in Shanghai in the Senior Bowl playing with Bobby Wolff. You can view that event live on Bridgebase along with yours truly and a host of others cheering him on.

**Hamman and Lall Win Spingold;  
 Sokolow and Breed Win Women's KO;  
 Jackson & Hamman Win Open Pairs;  
 Keillor, Morgan, Heath and Dennis Win GNT  
 Flight C**



Bob Hamman



Hemant Lall



Tobi Sokolow



Mildred Breed



Joan Jackson and Petra Hamman



(Front) John Heath and Alan Dennis; (back) George Keillor and Don Morgan.

Dan Morse

District 16 Representative



**Board of Directors Nashville Report**

Nashville was a good place for the 2007 National Tournament. Numerous restaurants and much live country western music were in walking distance. The playing area was great right next to the host hotel and a short walk from several other hotels. The host committee provided snacks and entertainment every evening. Attendance was 12879 tables, which was about what was expected. The only problem being that the elevators at the Renaissance were very slow before game time making a few players late.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

I was pleased to be elected President of the 2008 A.C.B.L. Organization.

**HALL OF FAME:**

Seymon S. Deutch of District 16 was honored with the Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award. This is a special award started by our own Sidney Lazard to honor players for outstanding sportsmanship and ethics.

**FLIGHT C GNT:**

Special congratulations to District 16's Flight C Team George Keillor, Don Morgan, John Heath, and Alan Dennis. District 16 has done well in the GNT but this is the 1st time I remember winning the Flight C.

Our CEO reported that 2007 is looking like a good year, membership is up 368 the first 6 months and the number of tables at Regionals, Sectionals, & Stac's are all up. He also said we will probably end 2007 with a net profit of over \$200,000.

The updating of the ACBL Bridge Series is going well; the first 2 books (Bidding in the 21st Century and Play of the Hand in the 21 Century) have been updated and sent to Baron Barclay.

3400 members have currently opted to have membership renewal notices sent via email instead of regular mail. This is convenient for our members and the ACBL, so let us know if you would like to do this.

**YOUTH: THE NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP**

On an experimental basis, management will plan and implement a championship for youth under the age of 19. The first championship will be held  
 (continued on page 3 Morse report)

By David Sokolow

District 16 was a **BIG** winner at the Nashville NABC, and not just at the bridge table. Our very own Dan Morse, of Houston, was elected president of the ACBL for 2008. We're proud to have you at the helm. Perhaps inspired by Dan's election, District 16 players played their way to the top in a number of NABC events. Here's the scoop.

Bob Hamman and Hemant Lall of Dallas won the Spingold Knockout Teams, a week-long elimination event at the heart of the summer nationals. Seventy-four teams, replete with national and international stars, battled for the crown. In the final, Bob and Hemant bested a squad of Russian-Polish luminaries. Bob, of course, has won the Spingold countless times, but this was Hemant's first win in this event. Although Bob and Hemant sometimes play together (witness their seventh-place finish in the Life Master Pairs earlier in the tournament), they were

teammates in the Spingold. Congratulations on a tremendous feat!

Tobi Sokolow and Mildred Breed of Austin won the Women's Knockout Teams, the premiere women's event on the ACBL calendar. Seeded #4, they eliminated three of the top five seeds to prevail. Four must be Mildred's lucky number; she won this event last year as the #4 seed, too! In all, it was Tobi's fourth Women's KO win and Mildred's third. My favorite hand from the semifinals: holding KJxxx of trumps opposite Axx, Mildred played four spades making six (by dropping the doubleton Q offside) while her counterpart at the other table was in *six* spades *down five!* Don't mess with Millie—she can declare the spots off a leopard! [Warning: do *not* call her "Millie" in person—you do so at your own risk!]

Petra Hamman and Joan Jackson of Dallas made history at the tournament: they became the first women's pair to win the Werner Open Pairs.

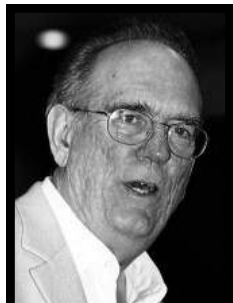
Petra and Joan have numerous wins in NABC women's events, and gold medals in the World Women's Team Olympiad, but this is their first victory together in an open event. A stellar performance! I do have one lingering question, however: Petra, Joan, Tobi, Bob and I all arrived in Nashville on the same American Airlines flight, and all but one of us won a national championship. What am I, chopped liver?

District 16's representatives won all the marbles in the Grand National Teams Flight C in Nashville. The team was comprised of George Keillor, Don Morgan and John Heath of Houston, and Alan Denis of Katy. The GNT is a grass roots event that draws hundreds of teams nationwide. Thus, the Keillor squad topped not only the 17 other teams that came to Nashville, but the scores of teams that played in the earlier stages of the Flight C event throughout 2007. These guys are the Hammans of the future! Congrats!

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**District 16 Sends 3 Players to the World Senior Teams**

Congratulations to Dan Morse, John Sutherlin and Bart Bramley who qualified to represent the United States in the World Championships that will be held later this year in China. Dan and John are on USA 1 and Bart will be on USA 2. Check out Bart's column on page 2.



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# NABC

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Zachary Brescoll of Mansfield finished second in the Mini-Spangold (0-1500). His team powered their way into the final—their semifinal opponents withdrew at the half down by more than 70 IMPs! One of Zachary's teammates was David Coberly, a long-time Austinite who now lives in South Carolina. Congratulations to them both!

Many District 16 players scaled the top ten in NABC events. Ira Hessel, San Antonio, and Joe Quinn, Houston, were ninth in the Open Pairs. Justin Lall, Dallas, was tenth in the Fast Open Pairs. Dan Morse was 5/8 in the Spingold, while Eddie Wold, Houston, was 9/16. Eddie also finished fourth in the Open Swiss Teams. Lynn Baker, Austin, finished 3/4 in the Women's KO. David Pennington and Mary Adams, Killeen, Puddin Barnes, Brenham, and J. Bachman Nabors III, Kempner, were 9/16 in the GNT Flight B. Carolyn Pinto and Darlene Shirey, Fort Worth, Marion Gebhardt, Richardson, and Peggy Duffy, Dallas, were 9/16 in the Mini-Spangold (0-5000); Billy Leeper and Michael Heymann, Fort Worth, finished 9/16 on a different team, as did David Sokolow, Austin, on yet another squad.

The Fall NABC will be held in San Francisco, one of America's most beautiful—and unique—cities. You can visit Fisherman's Wharf, ride the cable cars, feast in Chinatown, marvel at the Golden Gate Bridge, or find Tony Bennett's heart (which, apparently, he left there many years ago). This year, the fall nationals will start the day after Thanksgiving (rather than the Friday before), so you can give thanks at home with your loved ones without missing a day of bridge. Now *that's* something to be thankful for! I hope to see you there.

## National Results Spingold KO Teams 74 Tables

1 Bob Hamman-Hemant Lall, Dal-

las 5/8 Dan Morse, Houston 9/16 Eddie Wold, Houston 17/32 Bart Bramley, Dallas 17/32 Greg Hinze, San Antonio; Nagy Kamel, Plano

**BRUCE LM 0 - 5000 Pairs** 35. Charles Price, Sherman; S Kohan, Dallas 36. Phillip Grothus, San Antonio; Ed Rawlinson, Helotes

**Von Zedtwitz LM Pairs** 7. Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall 11. John Sutherlin, Dallas 13 Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV Eddie Wold, Houston 29 Ira Hessel, San Antonio 45. Sidney Lazard-Bart Bramley, Dallas

**TRUSCOTT/USPC SR SWISS** 11. Barry Schaffer, Frisco 12. Grace Hunt, Dallas; Nancy Passell, Plano Thomas Peters, Grapeland; John Zilic, Houston 12. John Kelsey, Diboll

**Werhner Open Pairs** 1. Petra Hamman - Joan Jackson, Dallas 9. Joe Quinn, Krakow Poland; Ira Hessel, San Antonio 18. Jonathan Holmes, Houston 28. Sherrill Headrick, River Oaks

**CHICAGO MIXED B-A-M TEAMS** 25. Chris Compton, Dallas 30. Robert Morris, Houston 31. Joan Jackson-Norman Beck, Dallas; Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn, Krakow Poland; Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel, San Antonio

**NABC Fast Pairs** 10. Justin Lall, Dallas 27. Paul Kelley Jr - Rosemary Kelley, Austin

**Wagar Womens KO Teams** 1. Tobi Sokolow - Mildred Breed, Austin 3/4 Lynn Baker, Austin; Marion Gebhardt, Richardson; Peggy Duffey, Dallas; Carolyn Pinto - Darlene Shirey, Fort Worth 9/16. David Sokolow, Austin 9/16. Marion Gebhardt, Richardson; Peggy Duffey, Dallas; Carolyn Pinto - Darlene Shirey, Fort Worth 9/16 Michael Heymann - Billy Leeper, Fort Worth

**Mini Spingold II KO Teams** 2 Zachary Brescoll, Mansfield

**NABC OPEN SWISS TEAMS** 4 Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston 20. Chris Compton, Dallas

**MacNab Flight C** 1 George Keiller - Don Morgan - John Heath, Houston TX; Alan Dennis, Katy TX

# THE SENIOR TRIALS 2007

by Bart Bramley

The Senior Trials for 2007 were held in early July in Bethesda, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C. Nine teams vied for the two U.S. spots in the Senior Bowl at this year's World Championships in Shanghai, China, which will be in early October. One day of round-robin play reduced the field to eight for a double-elimination KO. After easy wins in their first two matches, the two favorites met in the "Main Final" to determine USA 1. Texans were prominent on both teams: MELTZER (Rose Meltzer-Grant Baze, Alan Sontag-Roger Bates, Bart Bramley-Lew Stansby) and KASLE (Gaylor Kasle-Russ Arnold, Bobby Wolff-Dan Morse, John Sutherlin-Dan Gerstman). KASLE used a big second quarter on their way to a 27-imp win, thus becoming USA 1. Congrats to Bobby, Dan and John.

Here are a couple of hands from their earlier semifinal win:

West dealer			
Nobody vulnerable			
	KJ42		
	KQ652		
	K		
Q106	975	8753	
J983		7	
8654		J932	
106	A9	J843	
	A104		
	AQ107		
	AKQ2		
West	North	East	South
	Morse		Wolff
Pass	2D*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5C	Pass	5NT
Pass	6S	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

\*Flannery, 11-16, 4 spades, 5 hearts  
Wolff used old-fashioned Blackwood to locate no aces (no surprise there!) and three kings in Morse's hand, then judged to place the grand slam in notrump to guard against possible bad splits. His judgment was rewarded, as seven hearts is beaten by the bad trump break, while seven notrump still has play. West found the unfortunate lead of the heart nine, blowing up the suit and delivering the contract on a platter. But even on a neutral lead

Wolff would almost certainly have made his contract. The spade finesse provides the twelfth trick, and East is brutalized in three suits when the top hearts are cashed, for the thirteenth. At the other table the contract was seven hearts down one, so KASLE won 17imps.

The same match was still in doubt with two boards to go when this hand came up:

East dealer			
Both vulnerable			
		106	
		K82	
		A107	
KJ7532	KQJ92	84	
J3		1094	
KQ95		J6432	
A	AQ9	1073	
	AQ765		
	8		
	8654		

West	North	East	South
-----	Sutherlin	Pass	Gerstman
1S	2C	Pass	1H
3D	3H	4D	3C
Pass	5D	Pass	4H
Pass	6C	Pass	5S
All Pass		Pass	6H

The two-suited fit encouraged Sutherlin to try for slam. Gerstman wisely chose hearts for the final contract to protect his spade holding. West led the diamond king, after which Gerstman played as if he had the hand record. He won the ace, ruffed a diamond, played the ace and king of trumps, ruffed dummy's last diamond, and exited with a club in this position:

	106		
	8		
	VOID		
KJ7532	KQJ92	84	
VOID		10	
Q		J6	
A	AQ9	1073	
	Q		
	VOID		
	8654		

West won the ace and was endplayed, forced either to lead a spade away from the king or to give a ruff-sluff by leading a diamond. That took care of one

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## Bob Hamman's Spingold Record

With his victory in this year's Spingold Bob has now won 15 of 16 Spingold Finals. He is 9-0 while playing on the Nickel team since the early 90's. During 1993-1999 they made 6 of 7 finals without losing. As Butch Cassidy would say "Who are those guys?"

## Hemant Lall Becomes Grand Life Master.

Hemant joined the prestigious ranks of Grand Life Master, the highest LM rank. To obtain this rank one has to win 10000 masterpoints and one National Championship with no upper masterpoint limit. Although Hemant had 2 Mixed BAM titles, a Grand National Team title and an Open Pairs, he crossed the 10K level in truly Grand style by winning the ultra prestigious Spingold in Nashville.

## DEADLINE for NOV/DEC Issue

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spade loser, and the fifth club took care of the other. Making six for 13 imps versus the mundane game at the other table. Note that the endplay was effective even with a trump outstanding. This partial-strip elimination was the sensation of the tournament.

Two days later the MELTZER team got another chance in the "Second Final" against a powerful team headed by Carolyn Lynch. This time the big second quarter went in MELTZER's favor on their way to victory, as they became USA 2. This deal was one of many pickups in that quarter:

South dealer

Both vulnerable

A98

1095

K10986

Q532 43

Q72

J432

J6

K74

AK3

Q7

KQ975

J106

J864

A5

A1082

South Bramley	West -----	North Stansby	East -----
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INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
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My opener was at the top of the range, but I didn't have to worry about missing game; Stansby liked his spots and got us there directly. West led a spade. I ducked the first spade and won the second with the king. I tried the diamond queen, ducked, and a diamond to the ten, on which West did NOT give count. East, fearing that I might have nine tricks now, erred by shifting to a small club. (But if I were wide open in clubs I never would have ducked a spade.) That was all I needed. I put up the king, crossed to the spade ace, and cashed the diamond king (heart pitch), discovering the position. Now I had time to lead a second club to my queen and give up two clubs to East, with the ace-king of hearts to hold the fort. The fifth club was my ninth trick. Making three was good for 14 imps, as the same contract went down THREE at the other table.

Ron Smith (SF) has since replaced Russ Arnold on the KASLE team and Donna Compton has been approved as Non playing captain. Both U.S. teams will be among the favorites in Shanghai in October.

**Austin Non-Life Master Sectional****November 17-18, 2007**

Bridge Center of Austin  
5555 N. Lamar, Suite H126  
(Just South of Koenig/RM 222 - Behind Half-Price Books)  
Austin, TX 78751 512.300.2743

**Saturday, November 17**

Stratified Pairs 12:30 pm

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

A light meal will be served between sessions Saturday  
(for those playing both sessions)

Stratified Pairs 5:00 pm

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

**Sunday, November 18**

Stratified Pairs 1:30 pm

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

**Snacks & Free Coffee All Weekend****Non-Smoking With Breaks****Tournament & Partnership Chair**

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Gene Hoover with Dan



Ruth Wood, Joan Morse, Dan Morse, and Bobbie Jones

**Clear Lake Honors Morse**

The Clear Lake Bridge club hosted by Bobbie Jones and Ruth Wood honored Dan Morse the National President of ACBL elect with a Congratulations Party. The party was held August 13, 2007. It is such a huge honor to have the national president from the Houston area. Dan and Joan have been my friends for years. Dan had his picture taken with Gene Hoover, our oldest player of 94 years as well having the most points of anyone in our club with 4,820. We had a delightful meal and fun was had my all! It was Ruth and my pleasure to show Dan how proud we are for him.

**North American Pairs Announcement**

District 16 A/B/C finals will be January 19th (2 qualifying sessions) and 20th, 2008 (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. . 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 9/29	10:00/TBA	Bailey's Bridge Club
173	Mexico	No information available			
174	Houston	AC	Sun 11/4	12:00/5:00	Houston Bridge Studio
			Sat 11/18	12:00/5:00	Bridge Club (Spring)
176	Dallas	AC	Sun 10/14	1:00/TBA	Valley View Club
		B	Sun 10/7	1:00/TBA	Valley View Club
183	Fort Western	AC	Sun 10/7	10:30/TBA	Lockheed Martin Recreation Area
		B	Sun 9/23	12:30/TBA	Ft Worth Studio
187	Corpus Christi	ABC	Sat 9/29	10:00/TBA	Bridge club of South Texas
197	Llano Estacado	ABC	Sun 10/21	1:00/TBA	The Bridge Center
201	Sabine Neches	A	Sat 10/20	9:30/1:00	Beaumont Studio
		BC	Sat 9/29	9:30/TBA	Beaumont Studio
204	Fort Concho	ABC	Sat 11/3	11:00/3:00	Sue Barber Center
205	Mexico	No information available			
207	Texas Capitol	ABC	Sat 10/20	12:30/5:00	The Bridge Center of Austin
209	Greater Permian Basin ABC		Sat 9/8	10:00/2:00	Allison Bridge Center
224	Fort Phantom	ABC	Sat 9/15	1:00/TBA	Mabel Lilius Center
225	East Texas	ABC	Sat 11/3	10:00/TBA	Dottie Pirkle's DBC
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353	Wichita Falls	No information available			

**Morse Report***(continued from page 1)*

in Atlanta during the summer of 2008 or 2009 with a second championship to follow the next year.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Management will as soon as possible develop a plan for banning all non-medical electronic devices from the rooms, hallways, and bathrooms on the floors in which any events are being played at NABC's.

**MASTERPOINT AWARDS**

Every 5 years the ACBL reviews Masterpoint awards, and it takes two readings to change them. There have been several changes made and the first reading was done in Nashville. Any one interested can get the details on the ACBL home page. There are changes to the masterpoint awards in club games and special fund games will be capped at 6.0 masterpoints. In Knockout events the awards will be based on the strength of the field instead of the number of teams in the event.

Management is authorized to establish procedures and guidelines to suspend or rescind a club game sanction (or a club director's accreditation) for cause such as but not limited to egregious conduct detrimental to ACBL.

Grand National Teams Final Conditions have been changed.

All teams will play a one day Swiss event to qualify into a seeded KO bracket.

Only paid members, including life masters with life master status, whose dues or fees are current prior to the unit stage, may participate beyond the club level. This is for the NAP and GNT.

**FILL-IN PAIRS**

A Fill-in pair must play at least 87.5% of the boards to qualify for overall award.

Six session pair games will now have a qualifying field of between 40% & 50% to the semi-finals and from the semi-finals to the finals.

We have a lot of good National sites coming up. San Francisco in November 07 and Detroit, Las Vegas, and Boston for 08. These events are a lot of fun and there will be Bridge experts from all over the World, so the opportunity to learn or just kibitz is limitless. I recommend to everyone who is able to try and attend our National Tournaments.

See you at the tables.

Dan





## Memoirs of a Dinosaur

by Dr. George M. Pisk, reputed to be the best bridge player in Manchaca, TX (population: maybe 500, with a tailwind)

*Ed note-I believe that Dr. Pisk lives in San Leanna just outside of Manchaca*

My good friend Dr. Ira Hessel, noting the increasing geriatricization of the bridge community, came up to me and said, "Hey, @\$%^&\* Face, wanna write some articles for the District 16 Bulletin, of which Ellen and I are the new editors? You're older than dirt, so you should be able to remember some stuff that might amuse the other old fogeys." Therefore, before I put on my mahogany jump suit and start watching the grass grow from the under side, I'd like to share with you readers some of my experiences during the last 50+ years.

After a wasted adolescence devoted

to chess and card games like Casino and Russian Bank, I came to Yale University as a freshman in 1949 and was soon introduced to high stakes (1/20 of a cent per point) rubber bridge games at the dorm. These games went on uninterrupted during the weekends, and the quality of play was below atrocious, but since I had a faint clue about what was going on and most of the others had none I soon became a consistent winner. Made some pin money and mistakenly convinced myself that I could play. Then, in my senior year, my roommate Ed said, "Let's enter the Yale Duplicate Bridge Tournament." I didn't know what duplicate bridge was, but Ed's parents were doop addicts and he knew the ropes, so we headed down to the local game for a trial run. It cost a buck to enter, and first place finishers were awarded three (!!!) silver dollars. Naturally we won, and I was now hooked for life, albeit somewhat chagrined that I had not discovered this cash cow sooner. Went on to compete at the Yale Championship where my opponents treated me to my first psyche: the bidding went 2 clubs /pass/pass to me, and, chortling that these bozos didn't know enough to keep the bidding open, I passed a pretty good hand. The dummy tabled with 6

clubs AQJ10xx and not much else and they made it, which was a zero for us since my partner and I were cold for six diamonds. As a result, the stupid bozos won the tournament and Ed and I finished second. Sigh!

After serving in the U.S. Army for a couple of years in Europe during the Korean War (luckily the closest I ever got to Korea was Fort Dix, N.J.) I moved to Austin and enrolled in the University of Texas, where my father, Dr. Paul Amadeus Pisk, a prominent composer/conductor/critic/historian occupied the musicology chair. In the course of a long and undistinguished quest for a PhD degree, I (a) married one of my dad's students and started a family, and (b) diverted a lot of study time to playing rubber bridge and in the two weekly games then held in Austin. Still clad in khaki, I first arrived at the Hancock Rec Center and was introduced to "one of our veterans" Uncle Bob Shelley, who was at least 60 years older and 100 pounds lighter than me. The scrawny old-timer and I plunked down our card fees (a whopping 25 cents) and he thrust into my hands 3 mimeographed pages entitled "The Shelley 3-S System: Simple, Safe, and Sane" but I pleaded incompetence and de-

clined, which I have done ever since when pickup partners suggest unfamiliar (or idiotic) conventions. Sweet old Uncle Bob and I did have our moment in the sun later on, though. We had bid our way up to 3 spades and got doubled. In the pass-out chair, Uncle Bob gave the matter some thought and bid 4 spades. When I brought home 10 tricks, he remarked, "Heh heh heh, I knew they were trying to talk us out of game." He was so happy I couldn't bear to tell him he'd swapped +930 for +790. The complexities of higher math scoring were always lost on Uncle Bob.

The other game in town was at the Texas Student Union, and it was free to us scholars. The director was a guy named Charles Miller. Poor as a churchmouse, he shared with two other bridge-playing students a tiny apartment (rent was \$30/month, as I recall) where you had to arm wrestle the cockroaches to get in the door. Charlie was working toward a degree in pure math and supporting himself by crunching numbers for the Texas State Retirement System. After seeing me in action for a while, he told me I needed to read some bridge books (surprise! I didn't even know they wrote books about

bridge.) and sold me a copy of Goren's "Contract Bridge Complete." I devoured the text, and thus achieved a minimal amount of bridge competence. Charlie and I developed a solid partnership and both achieved Life Master status in 1961. He was an absolutely magnificent player and an unbelievably easy partner at the table. The only time he ever growled at me was when he felt slightly guilty that one of his actions had helped cause my blunder. He was a wonderful friend and became best man at my wedding, and when he left Austin to join the Navy I took over as director of the Student Union bridge game. Charlie's life later took a decidedly Horatio Alger turn. He found some financial backers and started a successful investment firm in Houston. Ultimately he became a UT regent and made the cover of Barron's Magazine with the caption THIS MAN HAS 14 BILLION DOLLARS TO INVEST (no joke!) Guess he got tired of bridge and switched to the numbers game on Wall Street. Pity, and a severe loss to the bridge community.

Well, I'm about out of gas for now. If the Hessels see fit, I'll continue this memoir at a later date, featuring such stalwarts as Oswald Jacoby and John Gerber.



## PFAUNTLEROY PSYCHS

by Dick McLamore

In the 1950's, bridge tournaments in Fort Worth emphasized the social aspects more than is done today. Free drinks after every session, and food after the evening session. Saturday night was Mixed Pair night, and players were encouraged to come in costume, as to a fancy dress ball. (no masks) Some of the ladies' costumes were memorable, notably June Kelly's Gay Nineties dance hall girl getup, complete with fishnet stockings. By far the most striking sight was John Emery as Little Lord Fauntleroy, with black velvet short pants and jacket, and a shirt with lace at the collar and cuffs. John was 6'4" tall, and a bit overweight then.

After the game was over, I looked for John to compare scores. I saw him standing about 6 inches from Oswald Jacoby, who was close to the same size, and it was obvious that conflict was in the air. As I got close, John was saying at the top of his voice, "I think you're the greatest bridge player of all time, but you can't tell me how to bid my hand".

Jacoby replied, "You're one of the most promising young players, but you must have some respect for the field". I moved away because it was hard for me not to start laughing at the sight of these two large men, one in velvet shorts and lace, bellowing compliments at one another.

Later, John told me that the controversy began when he psyched on one of the hands he played against Jacoby. He thought it strange that Jacoby would object, as he was familiar with bridge history. At one time, "psych" and "Jacoby" were virtually synonyms. Of course, many of his famous psychs were at rubber bridge, where the field is not a factor.

*This happened in 58 or 59. I don't have pictures from then, but here's 3 from the FtW 4th of July tourney in 1962. I don't know who the person in the cavalry uniform is, not even sure if man or woman. The women from L to R, are Connie Adams, Mary Edmondson & Audrey Johnson. I think the man in the derby is Jerry Lewis, and the one in the admiral's hat is Al Sobel, but I'm not positive. Mary Edmondson later married Ken Stone, and became a tournament director.*

"Time it was and what a time it was it was,  
A time of innocence a time of confidences.  
Long ago it must be, I have a photograph  
Preserve your memories, " **Paul Simon**





Condolences to all who mourn the recent deaths of these members of our bridge community: Mary B. Hutson, Kenneth D. Koehler, Dottie Musgrove, August Plate, Jean Semands, Kay Vogler, Ariel Weakley.

CONGRATULATIONS, BEST WISHES, AND GOOD LUCK TO DAN MORSE ON HIS ELECTION AS ACBL PRESIDENT! Having been our District 16 Representative on the National Board of Directors for many years, he has spent countless hours inside the ACBL and this step up to the top position is well deserved.

We have never had a member of Unit 174 serve as ACBL President, so his election is an honor for all of us as well as for him. And another glory moment for him in July was winning the United States Senior Championship which means he will be traveling to China in late September to compete in the Senior World Championships.

The top winners at the NABC in Nashville from our Unit 174 were Eddie Wold (157.38), Dan Morse (81), and Don Morgan (62.63). Congratulations to them and lots of applause please for our Unit 174 team representing District 16 in the GNT Flight C for WINNING the event! Congratulations to Alan Dennis, John Heath, George Keiller and Don Morgan for this victory, to John and George for becoming Life Master, and to George for also becoming Bronze Life Master during the event which earned them 40 gold points, far more than they needed to finish their titles. This win was a historical moment for all of us because no team from the Houston Unit had ever before won the GNT and, as one who repeatedly reminds you that the novices are our future, I am delighted that it was a Flight C team that gave GNT bragging rights to our Unit.

The Shriner's facility will not be available for tournaments in 2008 and after; the Unit Board has researched replacement sites and has tentatively decided to hold the April tournament at the Hornberger, the June tournament in Bryan, the August tournament at the Stafford Center, and the October tournament in Humble. The board thanks all the membership for their support at the Shriner's and hopes that support will continue at the new venues.

We had 494 tables at our June 8-10 Sectional. It was our most successful June tournament since 1995 which was amazing considering the late arrival of the Scorecard made our ad useless. Thanks to all of you who verbally spread the word about its happening. Congratulations to the 521 players who won some of the 1,858.13 masterpoints awarded and our top winners, the partnership of John Zilic and August Plate (who died two days later) who tied (33.72), followed by Oren Moore (30.51) and John Erickson (29.21).

Mark your calendars now for these fall events! Pro Am Game (October 4), Sectional in Humble (October 26-28), \*Unit NAP Qualifier Flights A & C (November 4 at Houston Bridge Studio), \*Unit NAP Qualifier Flight B (November 18 at Bridge Club of Houston).

\*(Unit NAP Competition Details: Qualifiers are 2-session events. Session 1 starts 12:00 noon, Session 2 at 5:00 p.m., for all flights. Entry Fee is \$10/per person per session. 50% of each field will qualify to go to District competition in San Antonio in January 2008.)

Congratulations to these recent Life Masters and Masterpoint Achievers for their accomplishments: NEW LIFE MASTER (300+ MPs): Ann Ankrum, Alan Dennis, Milton Ellisor, Jacqueline Fetzer, Marsha Sachs, Karen Tabak, Patrick Tourais, Carol Wilson. BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500+ MPs): Ann Ankrum, Carol Bercutt, Becky Ellisor, Rita Greer, Rebecca Hyzer, Daniel Jackson, Nandlal Khatri, Katherine Moore, Karen Tabak. SILVER LIFE MASTER (1,000+ MPs): Joyce Gautier, Norman Gautier, Kathy Hughes, Audley Karrasch, Raj Pruthi, Amy Wang. GOLD LIFE MASTER (2,500+ MPs): Elton Lipnick, Oren Moore.

Our fund-raising for hosting the 2009 Houston NABC is well underway. How can you help? BUY A COMMEMORATIVE LOGO SHIRT! They are for sale daily prior to the afternoon games at our tournaments or you can order by calling Brigitte Sandifer at 281-494-1464 and leaving a message that you want to buy a T-shirt (\$10 except for XXL \$12) or Polo (\$25). If you have email access, include your email address as well as your phone numbers in the message. How you will pay and get them from her will be arranged when she calls or emails you for quantity, sizes and colors.

In addition to playing bridge, Bert Onstott, our Unit President, enjoys analyzing statistics, and he recently created a breakdown of the popula-

tion of Unit 174. This data proves the success of the Board's educational initiatives in its Unit Growth and Retention program and its requests that advanced and expert players be nice to the novices when they play in the open games. Just look at these figures! In early August 2007 we have 379 Rookies (no MP), 229 Junior Masters (5+MP), 253 Club Masters (20+MP), 192 Sectional Masters (50+MP), 215 Regional Masters (100+MP), 139 NABC Masters (200+MP), 191 Life Masters (300+MP), 313 Bronze Life Masters (500+MP), 292 Silver Life Masters (1,000+MP), 66 Gold Life Masters (2,500+MP), 16 Diamond Life Masters (5,000+), 2 Emerald Life Masters (7,500+), 1 Platinum Life Master (10,000+ w/out National Win), and 6 Grand Life Masters (10,000+ w/ National Win) including 1 past the 15,000 plateau, 1 past the 20,000 plateau, and 1 past the 51,000 plateau.

If you buy your groceries at Randalls, Krogers, or Safeway, please participate in the rebate programs those stores set up for our Unit's benefit. After you register for the program at your store, a portion of each sales purchase is credited to the Unit at checkout and periodically the Board receives checks for the money accumulated which it gives back to you in tournament hospitality such as discount refreshment tickets and free candy.

Please remember that the following behavior at our local clubs and tournaments violates the published Unit 174 Zero Tolerance Policy and will not be tolerated: (A) "Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence." (B) "Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding." (C) "Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table." (D) "Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling." I have been told by some people that their use of these anonymous sayings I published last year helped them avoid close encounters with the Zero Tolerance Policy so I am offering them to you again: (1) "Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them" and (2) "Don't put both feet in your mouth at the same time because you won't have a leg to stand on."

If you have news to share, please send e-mail to [annepage@hal-pc.org](mailto:annepage@hal-pc.org) or leave a message at 281-442-1509 (days).

## Houston Sunny Days Sect. August 10 - 12

- 1 36.00 John Zilic
- 2 30.79 Dan Morse
- 3 30.35 Chris Compton
- 4 27.13 Kerr Godfrey
- 5 20.48 Gary King
- 6 19.52 Paul Nimmons
- 7 19.36 John Du Bose Jr
- 8 17.74 Wolf Schroeter
- 9 17.74 Eleanor Sherwyn
- 10 17.74 Donald Varvel

**Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs-45.0 Tables A1.** Donna Sparks-Fred Feigley A2. Janice Henderson-Charles Markowitz BC1. Donna Frederick--Beverley Cheatham B2. Robin Ladin-Stephen Reichel C2. Christy Morrissey--Robin Johnson

**Fri Aft Strat 299er Pairs-15.0 Tables ABC1** Helene Hennelly-Mark Heep A2. Stephen Bickel-Nicholas Rasmussen BC2. Robert Ziegler-Bill Chamberlain-

**Fri Aft Strat 49er Pairs-14.0 Tables AB1.** Shirley Bloom-Barbara Squires AB2C1. Virginia Stakes-Roop Prasad C2. Jane Newsom -Tia Budde-

**Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs-30.0 Tables / Based on 45 Tables A1** Eric Snow-John Byrnes A2B1. Fred Wang-Amy Wang B2. James Winfield-Katy-L Travis C 1 William Van Dame-Lesly Van Dame C2. Pat Kubicek-Adolph Kubicek

**Fri Eve Strat 299er Pairs-10.0 Tables ABC1.** Isobel Markham-Alistair Markham AB2/3C2. Helene Hennelly-Mark Heep

**Fri Eve Strat 49er Pairs-5.0 Tables ABC1.** Catherine Gonzales-Bette Magee ABC2. Ann Frayler-Jeralee Ice-

**Sat Morn Strat Side Pairs-4.5 Tables AB1.** Terry Sucher-Tom Hamilton A2/3. Nandlal Khatri--Sadhana DalalA2/3. Sandra Jackson -Daniel Jackson BC2. Audie Brooks-Bill Brooks

**Fri Sat KO Bracket 1-15 Tables / Based on 22 Tables** 1. John Zilic-Dan Morse-Kerr Godfrey-Jack La Vigne 2. Duane Friedrich Mark Wallet-Steven Tuggle-Sandra Parker

**Fri Sat KO Bracket 2-14 Tables** 1. Thomas Lin-John Lai-Etsuko Kamo-Van Ziegler 2. Jack Roth-Sandy Roth -Martin Gastrell -Kim O'Hara

**Sat Aft Strat 299er Pairs-11.5 Tables AB1.** Rushan Gao-Jeannette Nestvold- AB2. Evan Marti-Kevin Risley C1. Elizabeth Jackson-Indu Khera C2. Susan Adamson-Dale White

**Sat Aft Stratified 49er-12.0 Tables A1.** Patsy Howell-Lynn Weber A2BC1. Ann Frayler-Jeralee Ice BC2. Stella Jo Anderson-Ben Ball

**Sat Compact KO Bracket 1-10 Tables Based on 21 Tables** 1. Edwin Zwald Jr-Joseph Wald-Lourdes Fletcher-Vern Schmidt

2. Bert Onstott III-Katherine Onstot -Wilma Booth-Geoff Booth  
**Sat Compact KO Bracket 2-10 Tables Based on 15 Tables** 1 Charles Zander-Bela Borsos-William Zelle-Jim Greaves 2. Millicent Wear-Paul Wear-Lynn Shapiro-Armand Shapiro

**Sat Compact KO Bracket 3-14 Tables** 1. Lucy Hofmann-Marilyn Jordan-Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner 2. Charles Raines-Virginia Hillegeist-Sue Olstad-Frances Petrusawich

**Sat Eve Strat Swiss Teams-15 Tables A1.** Janice Henderson-Brenda Solovitz-Bobby Maynard-Jack Stone A2. Harry Selldin-Charles Markowitz-Linda Rensi-Siraj Jiwani B1. Ima Ruth Wood-Bobbie Jones-Julia Blancet-Irene Baker B2. Kathy Hughes-Joyce Gore -Yvonne Strangmeyer-Shirley Boyd C1. David Wicks-Cheri Staples-Harry Elliott-Susan Barker C2. Don Morgan-Elizabeth Gast-Alan Dennis-Janet Rauscher

**Saturday EVE Choice Pairs-46.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables A 1** Fred Fason--Chris Compton A2B1 Warren Barrett-Pearland Art Desmond B2 Paula Hradecky-Elizabeth Ghrist C1 Sandra Rice-James Woodward-

**Sat Eve Strat 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1.** Evan Marti-Bellaire-Kevin Risley AB2C1. Liliana Ciccarelli-Martha Kessler C2, August Birke-Ronald Kautz

**Sat Eve Strat 49er Pairs-4.5 Tables AB1.** Bonnie Boyd-Donald Boyd A2. Sally Knight-Yvonne Pierce B2. Catherine Gonzales-Bette Magee

**Sunday Strat 299er Pairs-6 Tables A1** Dorothy Voss-Mary Smith A2. Stephen Bickel-Nicholas Rasmussen BC1. Jane Newsom -Tia Budde B2. Paul Horvitz- Alan Holzberg C2. Dianne Foussac-Charo Barnette

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-16 Tables / Based on 61 Tables A 1** John Zilic-Georgiana Gates-Dan Morse-Kerr Godfrey-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel A2 Kenneth Cole-Gary King--Chris Compton-Donna Compton A/X1. Ralda St Pierre-Wolf Schroeter-Christoph Eick-John Du Bose Jr A/ X2. Laima Gaizutis-Ervie Freeman--Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn

**Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-45 Tables B1.** Brigitte Sandifer-Joyce Ryan-Jeff Nuttall-Ann Ankrum B2. Mahesh R Maruvada -Karur Krishnan--Daksha Adhia-Raj Pruthi CD1. Jeff Weed -Mary Jane Kinnebrew-Evelyn James-Margie Nagle C2. Don Morgan-Daad Rodgers--Alan Dennis-Janet Rauscher D2. Karen Dittert-Erica Jaeger-Barbara Gadea-Beverly Fanarof-Leora Nowitz

**Sunday Strat Open Pairs-17.0 Tables / Based on 12 Tables A1.** Shatrugna Prasad-Oren Moore A2BC1. W Turner-Jane Turner B2. Steve Vaughn-Richard Stell C2. James Grady--Karla Riddick



Fri Eve Strat 299er Pairs  
Alistair Markham - Isobel Markham



Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs  
Amy & Fred Wang



Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs B & C  
Donna Frederick - Beverley Cheatham



Fri Eve Strat 49er Pairs  
Catherine Gonzales - Bette Magee



Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs Flt A  
Donna Sparks - Fred Feigley



Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs Flt A  
John Byrnes - Eric Snow



Fri Aft Strat 49er Pairs C  
1 Virginia Stakes - Roop Prasad

## Houston Sunny Days Sectional Winners

# HOUSTON AUGUST 07 WINNERS



Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs Flt C  
Lesly & William Van Dame



Fri Aft Strat 299er Pairs  
Mark Heep - Helene Hennelly



Fri Aft Strat 49er Pairs  
Shirley Bloom - Barbara Squires



Fri Sat KO Bracket 1  
Kerr Godfrey - John Zilic - Dan Morse  
Jack La Vigne (NP)



Sat Aft Strat 299er Pairs  
Rushan Gao - Jeannette Nestvold



Sat Aft Stratified 49er Flt A  
Patsy Howell - Lynn Weber



Sat Aft Strat 299er Pairs Flt C  
Indu Khera - Elizabeth Jackson



Sat Aft Stratified 49er Flt B & C  
Ann Frayler - Jeralee Ice



Sat Compact KO Bracket 1  
Edwin Zwald Jr - Joseph Wald -  
Lourdes Fletcher Vern Schmidt



Sat Eve Strat 299er Pairs Flt A  
Evan Marti - Kevin Risley



Sat Compact KO Bracket 3  
Lucy Hofmann - Marilyn Jordan -  
Herbert Warner - Marcia Warner



Sat Eve Strat Swiss Teams Flt A  
Brenda Solovitz (NP) - Bobby Maynard  
Janice Henderson - Jack Stone



Sat Eve Strat Swiss Teams Flt C  
David Wicks - Cheri Staples - Harry  
Elliott - Susan Barker



Sat Eve Strat 49er Pairs  
Bonnie & Donald Boyd



Sat Compact KO Bracket 2  
Charles Zander (NP) - Bela Borsos - William Zelle, Jim  
Greaves



Sunday Strat 299er Pairs  
Jane Newsom - Tia Budde



Sunday Swiss Teams Flt A  
John Zilic - Georgiana Gates - Dan Morse -  
Kerr Godfrey, Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel



Sunday Strat Open Pairs A  
Shatrugna Prasad - Oren Moore



Sat Eve Strat 299er Pairs Flt C  
Martha Kessler—Liliana Ciccarelli



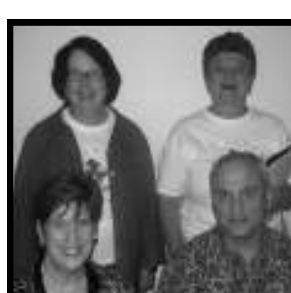
Fri Sat KO Bracket 2  
Thomas Lin - John Lai - Etsuko  
Kamo - Van Ziegler



Sunday C/D Swiss Teams  
Evelyn James - Jeff Weed Margie  
Nagle - Mary Jane Kinnebrew



Sunday Strat Open Pairs B & C  
W & Jane Turner



Sunday B Swiss Teams  
Brigitte Sandifer - Joyce Ryan - Jeff  
Nuttall, Houston Ann Ankrum



Sunday Strat 299er Pairs  
Dorothy Voss - Mary Smith



Sunday Swiss Teams Flt AX  
Ralda St Pierre - John Du Bose Jr  
Christoph Eick - Wolf Schroeter





# Houston Unit 174 Trick or Treat Sectional October 26-28, 2007



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

**Intermediate/Newcomer Events**

**Friday, October 26**

Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm  
 Stratified 49ers (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm  
 Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm  
 Stratified 49er (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm

**Saturday, October 27**

Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm  
 Stratified 49ers (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm  
 0-5 Pairs (1 session) ..... 1:30 pm  
 Stratified 299ers (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm  
 Stratified 49ers (1 session) ..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, October 28**

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

Stratified 49ers (single sessions) .... 10:30 & TBA  
 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 26**

Stratified Pairs ..... 1:30 pm  
 Stratified Pairs ..... 7:00 pm  
 Handicapped KO (Session 1 of 4) ..... 7:00 pm

**Saturday, October 27**

Handicapped KO (Session 2 of 4) ..... 9:00 am  
 \*Stratified Pairs (choice of 2) .... 9, 1:30, 7:00  
 Handicapped KO (Session 3 of 4) ..... 1:30 pm  
 Compact KO (Session 1 of 2) ..... 1:30 pm  
 Stratified Swiss Teams (1-session) ..... 7:00 pm  
 Handicapped KO (Session 4 of 4) ..... 7:00 pm  
 Compact KO Session (2 of 2) ..... 7:00 pm

**Sunday, October 28**

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

**Stratified Events:** A = 1500+;  
 B = 750-1500; C = 0-750 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



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

**Free Parking**  
**Free Meal on Sunday**

Entry Fee  
 \$10 Fri & Sat  
 \$11 on Sunday

Non-members pay \$1 more per entry.

\$1 from each entry goes towards Nationals

**Directions**

Take Highway 59 North.  
 Exit Will Clayton Pkwy.  
 Turn right (east). The Motel is on the right.  
 Humble Convention Center is a block away.

**Host Motel**

Regency Inn Suites  
 7700 Will Clayton Pkwy ; 281-812-3000

Rooms are suites with kitchen, including range, microwave, frig.

**Free Continental Breakfast**  
**Bridge Rate:** \$50-single; \$70-double

**Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Bridge Across America**

During the week of October 1st through October 7th, 2007 M.S. BRIDGE ACROSS AMERICA will be represented in more than 150 bridge clubs from Maine to Texas. During this week clubs will be holding local charity games to benefit Multiple Sclerosis research and awareness. Clubs will receive literature to be distributed to club members.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic disease of the central nervous system affecting the brain and spinal cord. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40. Symptoms may be mild such as numbness in the limbs or severe paralysis or loss of vision. Many people with multiple sclerosis live with severe fatigue, depression and cognitive problems which affect their ability to continue in their careers. The funds raised through this event will support research into the cause, cure and treatment of MS.

Thank you in advance for your support of the mission of the National MS Society to end the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis.

This effort was started four years ago with ten bridge clubs. Last year we had over 115 clubs participating. Next year with the help of volunteers throughout America, we hope to reach clubs in every state. Clubs have raffled off "play dates" with their best players, restaurant dinners, hotel stays, arts and crafts and other donated prizes to help raise additional funds.

Clubs can contact us to sign up for games during the charity week. Volunteers are encouraged to contact us as well. Triple points will be earned.

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