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Bridge News Bulletin for The Texas Regional Conference

Hamman Wins Reisinger and Open BAM Teams

Passell , Wold and Bramley Win North American Swiss Baker Wins Women's BAM



San Antonio, Texas



Eddie Wold







Lynn baker

Mike Passell

David Sokolow
Senior NABC
Correspondent



Despite our nation's recent economic woes, District 16 had a lot to give thanks for this Thanksgiving. That's because a plethora (dig out your dictionary—I did!) of District 16 players won national events at the Fall NABC in Boston over Thanksgiving week.

Let's start at the top. The legendary Bob Hamman of Dallas won not one, but two events: the Open Board-a-Match Teams and the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, both with his new partner, international bon vivant, Zia Mahmood (usually just referred to as "Zia"). Bob's team won the Open BAM by more than four boards—a very impressive margin in a star-studded field. Even more impressive is the fact that Bob's Reisinger win was his eleventh win in the event, the most prestigious on the NABC calendar!!!!!!!!! [Yes, there are eleven exclamation points there. Count them if you don't believe me.] Bob turned 70 earlier this year, which just goes to show that age is no impediment to success at bridge. I am sure you all join me in wishing Bob a happy birthday and continued success in national and world bridge

Lynn Baker of Austin won the Women's Board-a-Match Teams. Lynn's team led after the first day, and coasted to victory by almost **five** boards! The win propelled the team to a bye in the Women Team Trials next year, a luxury Lynn has enjoyed in the past, and there is still one more event to go in the cycle! Talk about *carpe diem* ("seize the day" for those of you who don't have a Latin dictionary handy)!

Bart Bramley

Mike Passell of Plano, Eddie Wold of Houston, and Bart Bramley of Dallas were victorious in the North American Swiss Teams, a three-day event that runs parallel with the Reisinger. They, too, led after the first day, and won by more than 15 IMPS on a 20 victory-point scale—almost an entire match. Dallas denizen John Sutherlin finished third in this event.

Speaking of thirds, Mike Passell lost by a scant 5 IMPs in the semifinals of the Senior Knockout Teams. If only he could have transferred a few of those extra IMPs he won in the North American Swiss to his Senior KO semifinal total! Also on the bronze medal podium: George and Carolyne Fox of Manvel, who finished third in the 0-5000 Life Master Pairs. Congratulations on a fine performance.

Numerous District 16 players finished in the top ten in national events. In the Women's Board-a-Match, Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas, and Shawn Quinn, Richmond (temporarily residing in Poland), were third; Joan Jackson, Dallas, was sixth; Mildred Breed and Tobi Sokolow, Austin, finished seventh; and Petra Hamman, Dallas, and Nancy Passell, Plano, took tenth. In the Senior KO, Mike Passell finished 3/4, while John Sutherlin was 5/8 on another team. Finally, in the North American Swiss Teams, John Mohan, Huixquilucan, Mexico, was ninth, and Hemant Lall, Dallas, was

There are NO EXCUSES for failing to attend the Spring 2009 NABC. It will be held March 12-22 at the Hilton Americas in beautiful downtown Houston. I stayed at the Hilton Americas last month and can assure you, it's a beautiful hotel. A huge complex of shops and restaurants will be open just a few blocks away, within easy walking distance. Please be advised: I am making a list and checking it twice to be sure all District 16 members are in attendance! A happy, healthy, and fulfilling 2009 to each of you and all your loved ones!

Life Maters Womens Pairs 19/ Peggy Sutherlin 25/ Nancy Passell -Petra Hamman

Bobby Nail LM Pairs 16/ Greg Hinze-Hemant Lall 36/ Shawn Quinn 39/ Bob Hamman 49/Dan Morse

MarshaSternbergWomen'sBAM1/LynnBaker 3/ PeggySutherlin-ShawnQuinn\7/MildredBreed- TobiSokolow,10/ PetraHamman-NancyPassell

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sell, 5/8 Eddie Wold-Bart Bramley -John Sutherlin

Blue Ribbon Pairs 29/ Bob Hamman - Hemant Lall

Reisinger BAM Teams 1/Bob Hamman

North American Swiss Team Eddie Wold,-Bart Bramley 3/John Sutherlin 10/Hemant Lall 16/ Barry Schaffer

would like some tips on

President's Message

Larry Davis

District 16 President



January /February 2009

Our new Webmaster, Burt Onstott of Houston, has worked hard on the District 16 website (www.d16.acbl) and has revised and updated it. See his article in this issue for details. There will be an article on how to go about canceling U.S. mail delivery of the Scorecard if you are willing to read the Scorecard online. If two (or more) issues of the Scorecard are arriving in the mail because of multiple District 16 members living at the same address, please consider canceling all but one of them.

I previously have written to encourage units to hold tournaments and other special events for players with less than 200 masterpoints. The Austin Unit ran a 0-100 sectional tournament, and it was very successful. Attendance was 10 tables at each of the two sessions (Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon). The attendees really seemed to like it. The Austin Unit has planned another such tournament in March of 2009. Incidentally, the Unit actually made a profit on the tournament (although that was unexpected and was not the purpose of the tournament). Please contact me if you

would like some tips on how to run these tournaments inexpensively. The Austin Unit is also running a 0-100 team game along with an "Eight Is Enough" team game. (Newer players seem to shy away from team games. Having a team game just for them (in a "comfortable" environment) will accustom them to the different "mechanics", strategy and scoring thereof.) They may then start playing in your regular sectional Sunday team events.

I have, in the past few years, gotten to know most of the District 16 tournament directors. They are an intelligent, knowledgeable, competent and "interesting" (they are bridge players, after all) group of people. I have also learned, from doing occasional tournament directing myself, that directors put up with a lot. I (and they) have learned to deal with discourteous and disrespectful players (I know that you're surprised to hear that there are such players) in a professional manner - but it's not very much fun. In your future dealings with tournament directors, ask yourself this question: "Would I want to be a tournament director if I had to deal with people like myself?" (By the way, you might ask yourself the same question with respect to local club directors.)

National Co-Volunteers of the year are: ERIC SNOW& BERT ONSTOTT

We pleased to announce the selection of Eric Snow and Bert Onstott as District 16's co-volunteers of the year. There are many worthy volunteers who truly make the ACBL successful and we honor them all.

Eric has been a very active volunteer for Unit 174 and District 16 since he moved to Houston in 1975. At the unit level he has served as board member and president. He chaired many sectional and regional tournaments over the years. He has assisted at many responsibilities for the unit and Houston tournaments.

At the district level he has worm many hats. He has been the unit representative for many years and served as district president. He has been on the Jacoby Award Committee since 1998 and has chaired same for many years. He also is the Award Chairman for the district, collecting data and dispersing the Unit Good-

will pins and the Texas Star every year.

Eric chaired the 2002 NABC in Houston and is in the throes of chairing the 2009 NABC in Houston. He won the Jacoby Award in 1998 and the Texas Star. He was one of the first to win the Texas Star, but I don't remember the year. Toni reports that he is also the world's best kisser.

Bert seems to be everywhere these days. Currently he is devoting countless hours to the District web

countless hours to the District web site. His contributions to bridge is too numerous to mention so here are the highlights.

Bert has served six years on the Unit 174 board including President. He has served as Coordinator of STaC, ,NAP and GNT He has chaired many tournaments. and helped set up and tear down after nearly all the

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Dan Morse

District 16
Representative
Boston Report



Happy Holidays to everyone.

Boston was a good place for a tournament - there were two hotels but they were connected by an indoor mall so you didn't have to go outside. Attendance was down a little from expectations but still was a respectable 10,640 tables. There were lots of restaurants close by and a tournament committee that worked hard to make everyone feel at home. One of the Chairs Dr Frank Lombardo was most helpful when

my wife, Joan, caught her foot and fell fast down onto the concrete sidewalk. I will say the medical care in Boston was superb. She was in the emergency room for 5-6 hours and was seen by a General Surgeon, a Plastic Surgeon, and an Eye Doctor. She is doing fine now.

My year as President of the ACBL is ending and I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling around ACBL and attending tournaments all over. As President I was impressed by the tremendous number of volunteers all over the country. I am allowed to honor someone as volunteer of the Year. This was a hard choice and I finally settled on 2 great volunteers from Houston. National Co-Volunteers of the year are: ERIC SNOW & BERT ONS TOTT

It also is my pleasure to announce my permanent appointments to the National Goodwill and Charity Committee's for 2009.

Goodwill: JOYCE RYAN from Houston BOB BUTTERFIELD from Dallas

Charity: **DORSEY SHAW** from Dallas **KAREN NIMMONS** from Houston

Congratulations to all of the appointees.

In October the first ever MIND SPORTS GAMES was held in Beijing, China. It was at the site of the 2008 Olympics and received support (Continued on page 2)

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bridge in Schools and taught bridge to Houston. tools for tournament budget planning months of the job, he has completely

on-line file storage line partnership desk for unit mem- suite for the Detroit 2008 NABC. (www.box.net) for board record keep- bers' and is serving as the Logistics ing. He has served as Coordinator for chair for the 2009 Spring NABC in District 16 is grateful for these two

junior high and high school students In support of District 16 Bert serves time for bridge. He has created spreadsheet template as District webmaster. In the first two

and profit and loss accounting pro- revamped and updated the District posed and initiated a program to at- web site. He has developed a program tract Social Bridge players to dupli- to automate removing the names of Houston tournaments the last 6 years. cate. He has helped arrange to extend those who opt out of receiving a paper He has served as photographer. Bert the contracts with the Marriott through copy of the District newsletter from has proposed and assisted the unit 2015 to ensure we had a 'home' for the address list of District members board to use Yahoo group e-mail for the Lone Star Regional. He has Devel- provided by the ACBL Bert served intra-board private communication oped a web-based, database driven on- as co-host of the ACBL president's

volunteers who have given so much

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from the Chinese government. It was a great success with over 140 countries Financial In 2009 there will be no competing for medals in five games: BRIDGE, CHESS, DRAUGHTS, GO, AND XIANGQI. The overall awards and increase for NABC card fees and were presented at an outdoor closing the sectional surcharge that covers ceremony. The events were carried on two television stations in China and there were many articles in the newspa- STAC charges which will include all pers. I wish we could get publicity like Tournament director fees for 2009 that in North America.

An article about Cheese (and Bridge) on the Time internet may interest some. Tables You can find it @ www.time.com/time/ 0-500 world/article/0.8599,1827716.00.html

In an effort to get more publicity for 1-2000 bridge, the ACBL will supply a bridge column with a space for a local club or 2000-4000 unit to insert a name and local telephone number. These columns are not 4000+ meant to compete with the syndicated columns carried in the major newspapers but to be offered free of charge to An increase in NABC card fees per the weekly and monthly community player newspapers that are in every city. I hope these columns will entice the many people who read columns but are not members of the ACBL to give one of our clubs a try.

Mind Sports was a buzz word that created much more publicity than just bridge alone. Why can't each city organize a Mind Sports Event? We could invite many games to participate and I believe the press would take notice. Its something new and I encourage some of you to try this in your area.

A new web site has been established for the Bridge Teachers for Youth (www.btfy.org). Give it a look if you are interested in teaching bridge to youth.

The first youth NABC was held in Atlanta over 4th of July 2008 and it was a huge success. The second one will be held in conjunction with the Washington DC Nationals in July 2009, and a third has been approved for 2010 but the site has not yet been picked.

The new Bridge Law book 2007-8 is now available from the ACBL.

Real Estate Management is authorized

to negotiate the purchase of a parcel of land and proceed with the development of an ACBL headquarter building pursuant to the terms and conditions of the proposal provided in executive session.

Platinum Pairs A new event the Platinum Pairs has been approved for 2010. It will be the first Friday, Saturday, & Sunday of the Spring NABC. To play you must have won 50 Platinum points in the last 3 years or have 200 life time points. This event will have one more reading at the Houston NABC before it officially comes into effect. It will change some of the other events. If interested, look on the ACBL website for a complete description.

increase in sanction fees or membership dues. However, there will be tournament director travel costs.

were modified as follows.

\$4.35 x number of tables 500-1000 \$4.10 x number of tables over 500 + \$2.175 \$3.75 x number of tables over 1000 + \$4,225 \$3.30 x number of tables over 2000 + \$7.975\$3.00 x number of tables over 4000 + \$14,575

NABC + events \$18 to \$20 NABC limited events \$16.50 to \$17.00

Regional two session events \$15.50 to \$16.00

Single session and IN events \$14.50 to \$15.00

Sectional surcharge increase from \$135.00 to \$165.00

When a sectional (excluding STAC'S) or higher-rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club games playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games. This means no special games.

Online bridge clubs may run club championships under similar conditions as face to face clubs. All masterpoint awards will be nonpigmented. In an online club championship, each pair must play at least 18 boards. One open club championship may be awarded per quarter for sessions Monday thru Thursday with a maximum first place overall award of 3.90 points.

ACBL management is authorized to sanction silver point sectionals on cruise ships at 65% of open sectional rating for games run by a club/cruise director and at 80% of open sectional rating for those run by an ACBL tournament director.

In closing I will say that it has been a great honor to be your President for 2008 and next year I will be in our District more and I am looking forward to meeting new people as our membership has grown again this

Thanks for your support.

Dan

Texas Star Service Awards

RE: Texas Star Service Awards for 2009

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 2009.

After your selection is made, please send us a letter outlining your designee's contributions to your Unit, a brief personal sketch, and, if possible, a photograph both suitable for publishing in the Scorecard. 125-150 words is about right. If you have not already submitted your nominee please do so in the next few weeks.

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

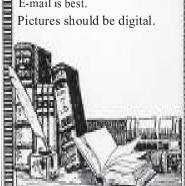
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Unit 174 Holds "Bridge in the 21st Century" Event!

Unit 174 (Houston) held an all day event on October 18th designed to entice those who have played bridge socially, but have not made the plunge into duplicate, to join the ACBL.

Unit 174's retention of new members has been rising steadily for the past eight years, but the number of new members we were attracting has remained constant at around 200 per year; this led us to decide that we needed to focus more of our efforts on recruiting new members. Early in 2008, we saw an article on an effort mounted by the Detroit Unit prior to the 2008 Spring NABC, and decided to copy/build on their efforts. (Many thanks are due to Detroit's Gail Hansen for sharing all her knowledge with us).



Participants enjoy the bridge game.

There are reputed to be about 25 million bridge players in the US, or about 8% of the population. If that fraction holds true in Unit 174, there are about half a million bridge players in our area who might be enticed to join the ACBL (about 6 ½ million people live in the counties that make up Unit 174).

We decided to target that population with our recruiting efforts, reasoning that those people would already know the game, but either weren't aware of the active duplicate bridge community in the area, had a bad image of the duplicate game, or simply hadn't made that big step to one of the local clubs. We thought with effort and a bit of money we could entice some of them to join us.

We put together a committee and set about finding a site to hold the event, publicizing it, developing a web site and flyers, preregistering attendees, rounding up teachers and volunteers, arranging for the meal, making up handout packets, and doing all the other little things that were needed to make the event a success. We decided to call it "Bridge in the 21st Century".

The event consisted of

- 1. A short welcome and introduction,
- 3 hours of classes taught by local ACBL certified teachers,

- 3. A catered BBQ lunch,
- 4. A 10 board duplicate bridge game, and an awards ceremony.

In the end, there were 85 paid (we charged \$20 to cover expenses) attendees at the event; almost none had played sanctioned duplicate previously; all but five were non-members

Everyone seemed to have a great time. An evaluation form was passed out at the end of the day; one of the questions asked the participant to rate the overall experience, with 1 meaning "Terrific", and 5 meaning "A waste of time". Seventy attendees rated it either a 1 or a 2; the average rating was 1.46, so apparently most people did enjoy it.

We held the event near one of the larger local clubs, and that club planned several special follow-up events for the attendees: they were all invited to a special Friday night social game, and one of the teachers designed a special class called "Bridge in the 21st Century – The next steps". 8 of the attendees played in



Thanks to all our volunteers and teachers!

the Unit Pro-Am game that was held soon after the event. We think it's important that there be a place that will make people welcome when they decide to take that scary step of crossing the threshold of the local club.

It's too early to tell what the impact on membership will be; we only signed up three new members at the event; though we do know that several more attendees have since joined.

Unit 174 plans to repeat these events about three times a year (the next one is planned for April 2009), spreading them out geographically to target different areas of the unit. We're optimistic that we

can double the number of new members we attract, and thereby drive unit membership to record levels over the next few years.

Bert Onstott



Unit President Jolie Hess

Galveston Bridge Cruises

Eddie Wold & Bob Morris December 13-20, 2009

Lisa & David Berkowitz February 28-March 7, 2010











Sail round-trip from Galveston to the Western Caribbean on Royal Caribbean's 5-Star Voyager of the Seas. We offer three events per day, even in port!

The first 50 people save \$100!

For more information on these cruises or to be added to our mailing list for future ones, please visit us at www.BestBridgeAtSea.com or call John Sobel at Go Away Travel

1-800-721-5927 or 954-349-2800







New District Web Site

The District web site has been overhauled; it now has a clean, modern appearance and simplified navigation. Obsolete information has been removed, and the calendar, awards, committee assignments, and contact information have all been brought up to date.

The web address hasn't changed; it is still accessible at www.d16acbl.org. Below is a picture of the new home page.

The purpose of the District web site is to serve as a central resource for all things related to duplicate bridge in District 16. From the web site you can find:

Names, photos, and contact information for District 16 Board of Directors, officers, committee chairs, tournament directors, and other key personnel. Links to Unit web sites.

The district calendar, which includes information about all district tournaments, SCORECARD deadlines, and other significant bridge happenings in the district

Results of past district tournaments & STaCs, and district-level GNT and NAP contests.

Past issues of the *SCORECARD* (in PDF format – means long download times for those with slow connections).

District representatives to the ACBL Boards of Directors and Governors. Lists of past Jacoby, Texas Star, and Unit Goodwill honorees, by year, as well as the rules by which those awards are governed.

The names of those appointed to the ACBL Goodwill and Charity Committees, by year.

The District Bylaws.

Past District Board meeting minutes and financial statements. A map of District 16, showing all of the units and their geographical layout.

Suggestions for improvement are always welcome. Just drop an e-mail to <u>D16Webmaster@comcast.net</u>, or call Bert Onstott at 281-494-9644. The same goes for errors; please let me know ASAP – they will be corrected quickly.

It is hoped that all district members will find the new site useful. Unit officials are requested to inform the District Webmaster about all tournaments, tournament flyers, changes in district personnel, and any other relevant information.

Note: For you techies out there, the site is now compliant with XHTML 1.0 Transitional standards, and has eliminated table based-layout in favor of the more modern div and CSS based formatting. All broken links have been fixed, and all orphaned files have been eliminated

Bert Onstott

Tours At The Houston NABC

The NABC committee has arranged the following outstanding tours but preregistration is required with a check payable to Houston NABC for the full amount. Your reservation will be confirmed when Marsha Bernstein at 5329 McCulloch Circle, Houston, Tx. 77056 receives your check.

Galleria Shopping Monday, March 16 \$30 pp

Historic Galveston Tuesday, March 17 \$60 pp

NASA Space Center Wednesday, March 18 \$60 pp

Houston Historic Tour Thursday, March 19 \$40 pp

Occurring at about the same time as our NABC is the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo founded in 1932. This organization has committed more than \$230 million to the youth of Texas.

Tickets to the general public will be on sale in January. More information will be available at a later date in the bulletin and the NABC website about an arranged evening tour.

In keeping with the spirit of the rodeo, a "Go Texan Day" is planned for Saturday, March 13. So bring your western duds so you can participate. Cash prizes of \$100 for 1st place and \$50 for 2nd place will be awarded for the best western attire. As one of the many entertainment features of the Houston NABC, we'll be entertained with a square dancing demonstration after the evening games. So, grab your cowboy hats, shirts, boots, belt buckles, etc. and join in the fun of "Go Texan Day"!



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District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League consists of most of Texas and all of Mexico. Its members play duplicate bridge in games at the club, unit, sectional and regional tournaments within the district. As part of the ACBL, District 16 is also part of the World Bridge Federation.

District 16 boasts many national and world champions, as well as many other expert or near-expert players. It also provides venues for beginning and learning players. District 16's mission is to promote bridge in its geographic area.

On these pages you'll find information about the district's officers and key personnel, the district calendar, results of district tournaments, minutes of the district board meetings, district financial reports, and other useful information.



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Site maintained by the ACBL District 16 Internet Coordinator



Special Programs for Newer Players at the Houston NABC

From March 12 through March 22, 2009, the ACBL will hold the Spring NABC in Houston at the downtown Hilton Americas Hotel. In addition to top level competition the NABC is also home to the Intermediate/Newcomer (IN) Program which holds bridge games and activities for people who are relatively new to duplicate. The first weekend of the tournament will especially have many activities designed for the newer player. Teachers are requested to promote the tournament experience for their students focusing on the IN Program, which is the ACBL's premier event for beginning duplicate players. Players are requested to pass along the information to their rubber/party bridge playing friends. The following lists some of the special events happening in the IN area.

Friday, March 13

All newcomers (0-5 masterpoints) play FREE today!

Saturday, March 14

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Pastry

9:45 a.m. FREE 2-hour lesson with Jerry Helms. Jerry is a professional bridge player, writer, columnist teacher. Jerry has a special flair for organizing and presenting material in a manner

teacher. Jerry has a special flair for organizing and presenting material in a manner that can be easily understood by bridge players at all levels.

FREE Bridge Plus+ Game—Play just like you would in your own home or social bridge club

Teachers will be on hand if you have questions. You'll receive a record of the hands you play for later discussions with your partner.

5 p.m. Reception for IN Players
 7:30 p.m. Special games for players with 0-5 masterpoints. Trophies for the winning pair!

Sunday, March 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Pastry

1 p.m.

9:45 a.m. FREE 2-hour lesson with Gary King. Gary is Houston's bridge teacher extraordinaire whose amazing teaching style will win you over. Don't miss this great opportunity!

p.m. FREE Friendly Duplicate Game for 0-49 players

7:30 p.m. Special Newcomer Games for players with 0-5, 0-20 & 0-49 masterpoints. Trophies!

In addition to the activities the first weekend, the NABC offers newer players the following:

- * Daily games at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Sunday, March 22, at 10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.)
- * Need a partner? We have guaranteed partners available up to one hour before game time!
- * Celebrity Speakers will offer free mini-lessons 45 minutes prior to the afternoon and evening games!
- Daily table giveaways, snacks and door prizes.
- Opportunity to win a bridge library the more you play the more entries you will earn for a special drawing on Saturday, March 21.
 Special registration gift for IN players!
- If you play on Friday, March 13 through Sunday, March 15, you can buy one entry and get a half-
- price entry good on March 20, 21 or 22.
- Trophies & section top awards!

For more program information, contact Betty Starzec (by email at LSTARZEC@comcast.net or at 281-343-8687) or Sue Williams (by email at venitaw@aol.com or at 281-980-9588).



Carl Witt Tyler



Barbara Austin Kemp



Betty Wilkinson Terrell



Teresa Brantley Mabank



Sandy Molander Malakoff

New Life Masters **Unit 172** San Antonio

David Mitchell



Unit 172 members delighted in the return to the renovated New Braunfels Civic Center for the N.B. Sectional this past September. Nell Morgan and Paula Warren did their usual bang up job in hosting the tournament.

The Election Sectional, hosted by the Turtle Creek Duplicate Bridge Club (TCDBC) was also a great success, thanks to the tireless efforts of Marilyn Arnold, Al Lochli, and their staff. New Board members are Everette Lewis and Jeri Tribo. New officers are President, Everette Lewis; Vice-President, Becky Mosely; Secretary, Paula Wissman: and Treasurer, Ed Rawlinson. We would like to thank outgoing board members Sherry Johnson (V.P. & 299er program) and Helen McCrae (membership) for the outstanding job they have done on the board for the last three years.

The Bridge Club of San Antonio (BC of SA) opened in early December. Address and other information for the club is as follows: 3195 Nacogdoches, (210) 590-9100, www.bridgeclubsa.com (website), and admin@bridgeclubsa.com (email). Day games start at 12:00 p.m. every day except Sunday (1:30 p.m.). Night games start at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and maybe Saturday nights. The BC of SA hosted the Holiday Party and a Sectional in December. Many great prizes were distributed, the highlight of which is "bridge and dinner at Ed's." He's our local gourmet chef.

Address and other information for the TCDBC is as follows: 2343 N.W. Military Hwy, (210) 375-0500, www.tcdbc.com (website), and tcdbc@sbcglobal.net (email). Day games start at 11:00 a.m. every day except Sunday (1:30 p.m.). Night games start at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights. The TCDBC will host the Winter Fun Sectional January 16 through 19, 2009. The tournament chair is

Marilyn Arnold and the Partnership chairpersons are Pete Voges (210) 286-3327 and Arline Rubin (210) 558-7754. The TCDBC will host a Unit172 Pro-Am February 1 and the Unit 172 GNT Finals on February 28, 2009.

Congratulations are in order for the following members who have reached new milestones: Liane Tsai (Life Master); Grant Coon II (Bronze LM); Dr. Billie Darnell, Ann Gary (of the home), and Bob Mangas (Silver LMs); and Everette Lewis (Gold LM).

BCoSA Holiday Sectional

San Antonio December 11-14 2008 141 players.132 tables.

- 1 20.79 Donna Watkins
- 2 20.29 Ed Rawlinson 3 19.75 Marc Levine
- 4 19.75 Chris Compton
- 5 19.56 Bill Walker

- 6 17.70 Marilyn Arnold 7 16.46 Greg Hinze
 - 8 13.91 Kenneth Schutze 9 13.01 Everette Lewis Antonio
 - 10 11.70 Terry Riely
 - 11 11.70 Carolyn Riely

Thu Aft Strat Open Pairs-16.0 Tables A1. Diane Olson-Peggy Fritsch A2. Ed Rawlinson-Bill Walker B1. K Carpenter-Beverly Barnum B2C1. Rebecca Lu Tanner-Betty Knaggs C2. Jeri Tribo-Carole Lee O'Connor

Thu Eve Strat Open Pairs-10.0 Tables A1 Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely A2B1. Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom B2. Forrest Gray-Charles Jefferson C1. Robert Barber-Arline Rubin C2. Grant Coon II-Jerrold Harrington Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs - 20.0 Tables A1. Barbara Burns-Rosalie Ribnick A2 Sheryleen Grothus-Donna Watkins B1. Linda Loye-Beverly Geurin B2 Jo Neesvig-Susan Spencer C1 James Brown C2 Kay Laird-Pat Prichard

Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs-15.0 Tables A1. Marc Levine-Chris Compton A2 Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel BC1. Grant Coon II-Gool Castleberry B2.

Forrest Gray-Charles Jefferson C2. Janet Huiatt-Pamela Bickerton Sat Aft Strat Open Pairs-15.0 Tables A1. Wavne Rauschuber-Garv Anziani A2. Sally Armstrong-Carole Price BC1. Verlyn Stahlecker-Fran Vanecko BC2. Carole Lee O'Connor-Jeri Tribo

Saturday KO Bracket 1-6 Tables 1. Marilyn Arnold-Donna Watkins-Ed Rawlinson-Bill Walker 2. Chris Compton-Marc Levine-Kenneth Schutze-Greg Hinze Sunday Strat Swiss Teams - 20 Tables A1 Chris Compton Dallas TX; Kenneth Schutze-Greg Hinze-Marc Levine A2 Sheryleen Grothus-Everette Lewis-Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely B1 Jerrold Harrington-Thomas Trudeau-Daniel Blaettler-Cecelia Zachar B2 Katherine Gary-Dorthy Rippstein-Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom C1 Phil Brown-Phyllis Giffin-Kay Laird-Pat Prichard C2 Olivia Brown-Jeri Martin-Susan Ohm-K Voges Sat Eve Strat Open Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Marina Mann-Robbie Borchers A2. Everette Lewis-Darlene Riely B1. Jerrold Harrington -Cecelia Zachar B2. Jo Neesvig-

Tessa Bodnar

SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY SECTIONAL



Thurs Aft Open A Peggy Fritsch, Diane Olson



Thu Eve Strat Open Pairs A Terry & Carolyn Riely



Thu Eve Strat Open Pairs B Roxana Tom - Roxana Tom



Thu Eve Strat Open Pairs C Robert Barber - Arline Rubin



Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs B Linda Loye - Beverly Geurin



Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs A Marc Levine - Chris Compton



Fri Eve Strat Open Pairs A Gool Castleberry - Grant Coon II



Sat Aft Strat Open Pairs A Gary Anziani - Wayne Rauschuber



Sat Aft Strat Open Pairs B Verlyn Stahlecker - Fran Vanecko



Sat Eve Open Pairs B Jerrold Harrington - Cecelia Zachar



Sat KO Marilyn Arnold - Donna Watkins Ed Rawlinson -Bill Walker



Sunday Swiss C Phil Brown - Phyllis Giffin (NP) Kay Laird - Pat Prichard

Unit 174 Houston

Anne Page

Sympathy to Betty Freedman and Joanna Heebner who lost their husbands of many decades. Condolences to them and all others who mourn the recent deaths of these members of community Freedman, Hampton Gillespie, Henry Heebner, Harriet Leo, Betty Reed, Gav Robertson, Marion "Wen" Wenger (former Houstonian).

20 volunteers are needed for an hour or two on Monday morning of Regional week to clean the already set up tables and bidding boxes. Contact Jolie Hess (713-774-4458 or 713-927 -7460, txjolie@aol.com) or Pat Levy $(71\overline{3} - 355 - 8851,$ pat@patandlew.com) if you can

Welcome and best wishes to the new Livingston DBC which has begun with a monthly game and had a good first one of 5-1/2 tables.

Read the article in this issue about the several outstanding tours arranged by the NABC Committee for

players' pleasure. They'll give you locals a new perspective of "our town".

Also, in keeping with the spirit of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo occurring during our NABC, a "Go Texan Day" is planned for Saturday, March 13. Bring your western duds so vou can participate! Cash prizes of \$100 for 1st place and \$50 for 2nd place will be awarded for the best

As one of the many Houston NABC entertainment features, we'll be entertained with a square dancing demonstration after the evening games. So grab your cowboy hats, shirts, boots, belt buckles, etc., and join in the fun of "Go Texan Day"!

The latest enhancement to the On-Line Partnership Desk created by Bert Onstott is a field added to the user's profile for comments about partnership preferences and systems or conventions played. As of December 1, 91 people had registered and 138 partnership requests had been submitted. Good job!

Missing Hank Schroder? Apparently his severe injuries from being hit by a vehicle last summer have left him unable to live independently. A former partner told me that Hank's nephew in Indiana has moved him to a nursing home there.

It's not too late to buy the naming right to an event at the Houston Spring 2009 NABC or the 2009 Houston Lone Star Regional to memorialize, honor or thank someone. But you must do it soon! For the NABC, contact Terry Currie (tcurrie1@comcast.net, 281-493-3671). Price range: \$150-\$500. For the LSR, contact Pat Levy (pat@patandlew.com, 713-355-8851). Price range: \$50-\$150.

Congratulations to all players earning masterpoints at our recent tournaments and applause for the top winners:

(A) 1796.08 MPs by 454 players at the October Sectional's 446 tables. #1-Eric Snow, #2/3-Sally Wheeler/ Buddy Hanby, #4-Toni Snow.

(B) 47.82 MPs by 48 players at the November 99er Sectional's 30 tables. #1-Dianne Foussac, #2-Anne Davis, #3-Bobbie Benson, #4/5-Goldie Rose/Frank Crabtree.

(C) 139.12 MPs by 81 players at the November 299er Sectional's 61 tables. #1-Dianne Segerstrom, #2-Jean Moritz, #3-#4-Bob Chiang/Shi-

Both of our Board's suggestions to District 16 for distribution of the \$20,000 charity foundation money from ACBL to four organizations were accepted! Blue Bird Circle and Texas Hearing and Service Dogs will each be presented with \$5,000 during our Regional. The choice of THSD honors our own Barbara Babbitt who received a service dog from it at no charge to her.

She emailed me this note after hearing the news: "My heartfelt thanks to ACBL Unit 174 and District 16 for the very generous donation to Texas Hearing and Service Dogs. Being a recipient of a beautiful service dog, Eclipse, I was overwhelmed by your donation. It's a tremendous help towards our training. We are a great team, but it takes ongoing training to continue our wonderful working relationship. Eclipse makes my life so much easier! She turns lights off and on, gets clothes out of washer/ dryer, opens refrigerator and gets bottles of water, etc., opens and closes doors, and more. Eclipse was a rescue dog, she now has a wonderful life as a certified service dog, and THSD plans to make a video of us due to our great teamwork. In return, I have a wonderful life with my companion, Eclipse! Thanks for thinking of us in such a special way."

Congratulations to these recent Life Masters and Masterpoint Achievers for their accomplishments: NEW LIFE MASTER (300+ MPs): Adolph Kubicek, Joyce Seibert, Don Trimble. BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500+ MPs): Debra Bellan, John Heath, Donna Maddox, Darlene Moody, Jan Nortman, Hans Strohmer, Nancy Strohmer. SILVER LIFE MASTER (1,000+ MPs): Ann Blackman, Murray Epstein, Sharon Epstein, Aubrey Farb, Bill Gemas, Jane Smith. GOLD LIFE MASTER (2,500+ MPs): Vinh Tran.

From Your Board: Unit 174's first Social Bridge event on October 18 was a success, so another is being planned for spring 2009. After 3 hours of classes and a catered lunch, the attendees played in a 3-section 21 -table duplicate bridge game of 5 rounds of 2 boards. There were section prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and a special trophy to 1st overall. Everyone seemed to have a grand time! Many thanks to the COMMITTEE that organized and publicized it (Norm Gautier, Chair; Pat Levy: Dianna Gittelman: Garv King; Bert Onstott), the TEACHERS (Gary King; Betty Starzec; Barbara

Phillips; Joyce Ryan; Julie Halperin), and to ALL VOLUNTEERS who helped on the day (Beverly and Gary Cheatam; Charles Collins; Kris Digre; Hallie Eads; Donna Frederick; Joyce Gautier; Jolie Hess; Carmen Keyes; Lynn Luster; Christy Morrissey; Billie Sampson; Susan Stone; Don and Joyce Trimble; Gordon Yee) It couldn't have happened without your help!

Congratulations to our top Unit Level North American Pairs qualifiers (FlightA: #1-John Erickson/Wolf Schroeter, #2-Buddy Hanby/Sally Wheeler; Flight B: #1-Daniel Jackson/Bill Gervais, #2-James Breihan/ Eddie Bass: Flight C: #1-Margaret Raymond/Nancy Reader, #2-Jim McCormick-Richard Wright).

REMEMBER: If you were in the top 50% of the field, you qualified to play January 3-4 at District Level in Austin, and everyone starts out even. If you do not plan to go, notify John Erickson (713-785-2267, jg3ric@gmail.com) so that he can award your spot to a lower-scoring

Thanks to Bridge Club of Houston, Clear Lake Bridge Club and Houston Bridge Studio for hosting the 68 pairs playing the recent Pro-Am. 8 Am players at BCOH came from the Social Bridge event! Congratulations to Joyce Trimble and Kailash Sachdev from BCOH who were 1st Overall in A-B-C with a 73.21%

We're having a STaC the week of January 5-11. And a Grand National Teams Unit Qualifier in February. But all I know of it is that it's at Houston Bridge Studio. So look for the flyer in January on the Unit's website

(http://d16acbl.org/U174/) or at your clubs or pick one up at our February Regional.

If you have news to share, please send an email to annepage@halpc.org or leave a phone message at 281-442-1509 (days).

Houston Trick Or Treat

Houston TX Oct 24-26 2008 454 players 446 tables.

- 1 27.28 Eric Snow
- 2 26.79 Sally Wheeler
- 3 26.79 Buddy Hanby
- 4 26.32 Toni Snow
- 5 23.65 John Zilic 6 21.57 Kerr Godfrey
- 7 21.57 Georgiana Gates
- 8 21.57 Dan Morse,

9 19.93 Vinh Tran 10 19.93 Edward Groner

Friday Aft Open Pairs-44.0 Tables / Based on 63 Tables A1. Jeanne Linzel- Oren Moore A2BC1. Stephen Bickel-Nicholas Rasmussen B2. Fave Vincent-Frances Robbins C2 Ann Ridgway-Shirley Hooks Friday Aft 299r Pairs-15.0 Tables ABC1. Patsy Howell-Mary Janak ABC2. Liliana Ciccarelli-Martha Kessler

Friday Aft 49r Pairs-4.0 Tables A1/2 Gary Winston-Shari Winston A1/2 Geri McKallip-Susan McLaurin Friday Eve Open Pairs-26.5 Tables / Based on 38 Tables A1. Buddy Hanby-Sally Wheeler A2. Wallet-Duane Friedrich B1 Bill Gemas-William Lindner B2C1. Donna Frederick-Robert Frederick B2 Mary Ann Polk-Edith Reed Friday Eve 299r Pairs-10.5 Tables

ABC1 Liliana Ciccarelli-Martha Kessler A2 Bob Dowlen- Don Deal B2. Dee Coats-Norma Porter C2 Norma Callender

Fri-Sat KO-Bracket 1-10 Tables 1. Philip Duterme-Daniel Renault-James Andre-Lily Andre 2 James Stevens-Sandra Stevens-Robert Curl - Betsy Dubose

Fri-Sat KO-Bracket 2-16 Tables 1. Joseph Wald-Edwin Zwald Jr-Ann Ankrum- Nandlal Khatri 2. Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor-Birendra BK Singh- Daad Rodgers

Saturday Morning 299r Prs-9.0 Tables A1. Paul Cuneo-David Russell A2 Connie Burnett-Nancy Selander BC1 Virginia Mayhew-Sharon Kirkland BC2 O Bunn-Patricia Bunn Saturday Aft 299r Pairs-14.0 Ta-

A1. Jeff Armstrong-Chris Whitelonis A2B1 Michele Halligan-Tim Halligan B2. Carol Howard-Pat Ireland C1 Charo Barnette-Kay Kennedy C2. Harvey Klein-Sandra Klein Saturday Choice Pairs-29.5 Tables A1. Buddy Hanby-Sally Wheeler A2 Ralda St Pierre-John Erickson B1. Donald White-Clif Capen B2. Larry Landers-Helen McCabe Sat Eve 299er Pairs-5.5 Tables AB1. Joseph Cunningham-Kailash Sachdev B2. Nancy Caldwell-Eleanor Cherryholmes B2. Norma Callender-Duwayne Lafley Saturday Eve Swiss Teams-15 Tables A1. Eric Sandberg-Ed Harper-Jonathan Holmes-Janice Kofman A2. Karla Riddick-Mary Anne Woessner-Hargrove-Edwin Bain III BC1. Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner- Donald Snelling-Sandra Snelling B2. Mary McManus-Chloe Ella Fackenthall-

Russell-Nancy Crabtree Sat Compact KO-Brkt 1-10 Tables 1. John Zilic-Dan Morse-Georgiana Gates-Kerr Godfrey 2. Janice Henderson-Charles Markowitz-Fred Feigley-Donna Sparks Sat Compact

Rudy Tezak- Jim Greaves C2 Car-

men Keys-Darlene Moody-David

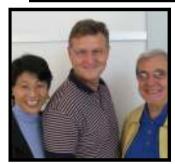
KO-Brkt 2-9 Tables 1. Don Morgan -Karen Nimmons-John Heath-George Keiller 2. Armand Shapiro-Paula Hradecky-Lynn Shapiro-Elizabeth Ghrist

Sat Compact KO-Brkt 3-9 Tables 1. James Simmons-Frances Simmons -Richard Burkhart-Bonnie Burkhart 2. Hans Strohmer-Nancy Strohmer-Clarissa Dowdy-Bathsheba Perry Sunday Open Pairs-11.5 Tables A1. Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield A2. John Monroe Jr-Judy Fernald B1. James Frick-David Glandorf B2C1. Judy Brown-Ron Brown C2 Beverly Tezak-Shannon Jones Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-21 Ta-

bles / Based on 62 Tables A1. Vinh Tran-Edward Groner-Eric Snow-Toni Snow A2. John Zilic-Dan Morse-Georgiana Gates-Kerr Godfrey X1 Marsha Bernstein-Sanford Lobliner- Jane Armstrong-Betty Starzec X2. Charles Collins-Marion Collins Barbara Phillips - Edward Freiter

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-41 Tables B1. Karen Nimmons-Susan Munn Grant-Susan Griffith-Alfred Fortier III B2C1. Shi-Lin Yeh-Bob Chiang-Joyce Trimble-Jan Guthrie C2. Allen Brandt-Harry Elliott-Robert Reichek-Herbert Kalman D1. Mary Janak-Anne Knott-Sally Knight-Patsy Howell D2. James Morgan-Monica Lett-Johnny Gills-Mayur Vallabhaneni

OCTOBER TRICK OR TREAT WINNERS



Fri-Sat KO - Bracket 1 Lily Andre - James Andre Philip Duterme - Daniel Renault (NP)



Fri-Sat KO - Bracket 2 Joseph Wald - Edwin Zwald Jr, Ann Ankrum - Nandlal Khatri



Sat Compact KO - Brkt 1 Georgiana Gates - John Zilic Kerr Godfrey - Dan Morse



Sat Compact KO - Brkt 2 Don Morgan - Karen Nimmons John Heath - George Keiller



Sat Compact KO - Brkt 3 James Simmons - Frances Simmons Richard Burkhart - Bonnie Burkhart



Fri Aft Open Pairs A Oren Moore - Jeanne Linzel



Fri Eve Open Pairs A Sat Choice Pairs A Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby



Fri Aft Open Pairs B Stephen Bickel - Nicholas Rasmussen



Fri Eve Open Pairs B Bill Gemas - William Lindner



Fri Eve Open Pairs C Donna & Robert Frederick



Sat Choice Pairs C David & Kristy Garrison



Sunday Open Pairs C Ron & Judy Brown



Saturday Eve Swiss Teams A Eric Sandberg - Ed Harper Jonathan Holmes - Janice Kofman



Saturday Eve Swiss Teams B Herbert & Marcia Warner Donald & Sandra Snelling



Sunday Swiss Teams A Toni Snow -Vinh Tran Edward Groner - Eric Snow



Sunday Swiss Teams X Betty Starzec - Jane Armstrong Marsha Bernstein - Sanford Lobliner



Susan Griffith - Susan Munn Grant Alfred Fortier III - Karen Nimmons



Fri Aft 49r Pairs Tie Gary & Shari Winston Geri McKallip - Susan McLaurin



Fri Aft 299r Pairs Patsy Howell - Mary Janak



Fri Eve 299r Pairs Liliana Ciccarelli - Martha Kessler



Sat Aft 299r Pairs A Chris Whitelonis - Jeff Armstrong



Sat Aft 299r Pairs C Charo Barnette - Kay Kennedy



Sunday Open Pairs B James Frick - David Glandorf.

Unit 183 Fort Worth

Kay Jones



The Arlington Bridge Club is holding its annual tournament at the Grapevine Convention Center on February 13 - February 15, 2009. This tournament is always wellattended and features prizes and well known bridge players. They have individual events as well as plenty of Knock Outs.... AND if you come you may meet the player being spotlighted this month!

She is a redheaded sprite who could easily be a leftover from the wild sixties, a flower child from San Francisco, or a Parisian with her tam she occasionally wears. She could be 35 or 55; she could be a Bostonian or a Californian. Her name is Julie or Julia O'Neill.

Julie was born in New Jersey but was raised in San Diego, California, where she also graduated from San Diego State University with a B.A. in English and Political Science. She was many things but primarily she was a journalist and retired about a year ago.

Somewhere along the way she was a cheerleader for the San Diego Chargers and an alternate on the U.S Womens Chess Olympiad Team. She was on the nation's top 50 list for women chess players for over 25 years. She was the first (and only) woman editor for Chess Life, the official publication of the U. S. Chess Federation, a full-color monthly magazine. At one time she knew almost every grandmaster in the world! She's done some community theater in California and danced on a clogging exhibition team in Florida. She has lived in California, Oregon, New York and Florida...but she is happy right here in the almostmiddle of the United states - in Fort Worth, Texas.

She is married to Nick Schoonmaker, an engineer at Lockheed. Julie has two sons, six grandsons and two granddaughters. Her oldest son, Steven, is an astrophysicist and world renown (he has been featured on the Discovery Channel and has won several international awards.) Her youngest son, David, was a talented athlete and was drafted by the San Diego Padres. He now lives in Florida, coaches baseball and is an electrician. She is very proud of her family as well she should be!!

Her passions include acting, painting, chess, dancing, interior design, bridge and poker. She enjoys bridge because of the people and the social aspect of the game. She is a delightful, intelligent, funny, kind, considerate person and we are fortunate to have her join our bridge club. And no, I still don't know how old she is!

Unit 176 **Dallas**



NEW OFFICERS/DIRECTORS: Don't forget to vote for DBA Directors at the Jan. 15-18 Sectional. Candidates shown in last Scorecard issue : Bob Butterfield, Charlie Price, Ellen Heck, Bob Friz, John Spessard and David Greims. The voting booth will be open for one hour before each session. The election results will be announced on Sunday, the 18th,

THANKS DORSEY: Dorsey Shaw

did it again! Another show of professionalism, good organization and class in the Nov. Sectional. She asked us to single out Pat Rose for heading a food for players delegation. It was exceptional!

THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT IN GEORGIA: Make that Valley View Bridge Club. There were 9 tables of 499er players and 5 tables in the Open. Just as the game started the lights went out! After 20 minutes, the Open players decided to leave but the 499ers were there to play! It was rainy and they opened the doors for a little illumination. Flash lights (from players' cars) and cel phones were used for illumination. Imagine no electricity and no coffee for 3 hours, but they finished the game. Gerrie Owen, co-owner, said there was no truth to one player mumbling, "The way my partner bids, I might as well have been in the

PRESTON WHO? Preston Carlisle, father of Mavericks' coach Rick Carlisle, played at VV on Dec. 6. His partner? Preston Morrow, of

IF YOU CAN'T JAM, JAN: Make it Jan. 15-18 at the Dallas Sectional at the Richardson Civic Center. That's N. Central Expy. (US 75) @ Arapaho. Where can you have so much fun for so little money? Use Holiday Inn Select, 1615 N. Central Expy., Richardson, ph (972) 669-

LOSS OF BRIDGE COLUMN: Call the Dallas Morning News at (214) 977-7744 to let them know you are mad that they took away the bridge column. (Ignore this if it's been restored). They restored the Sun. column but that's not what most of us missed. Is a mass DMN exodus in the works?

LOSS OF LEZLIE: Especially in her youth, Lezlie Dreyfus, a GLM, was a beauty with sparkling eyes. Our sympathy goes out to her fam-

DO YOU REMEMBER? 1973: Dallas' Bettie Ingram, then in Wichita Falls. was the top winner at a Wichita Falls Sectional. By the way, she became a LM in 1965. Pam Fields and Jim Miller won the Open. Lynn Focke and Wes Irby (who lived in a small town called Plano) became LMs. Charles Adler wrote it up in the DMN.

DID YOU HEAR THE HORRI-BLE NEWS: Ask Sheila Collins for a story and you get one. In 2001, her brother and his wife was coming for almost co-birthdays, Sept. 9 and 13. Sheila chose the 11th to give a bridge luncheon. At 9 in the morning Judy Jaco phoned Sheila to ask if she heard the terrible news of the disaster in NY. Sheila called her brother and announced that she had very bad news. "What?" asked her brother, "did someone cancel the bridge luncheon?"

JOHN BROMBERG: was in the spotlight in the Dec. Bridge Bulletin. Collumbia College grads had a reunion near Austin.

UNIT GAME: There has been great success with having it the first Sunday of the month. It's 1:30 at VV (Open) and Dorsey's (Future LMs). Watch for news re Unit Swiss teams quarterly, starting Feb. 12.

UP THE LADDER: Loretta Green has made SLM; Paula Justice and Roy Booth have reached Bronze; Bonnie Arnold, Billie Dalton and Margaret Ellis achieved Regional; Billie Allen and Gerald Bates reached Sectional.

GOT NEWS? Don't hide it under a

bushel basket. fmmigdol@tx.rr.com

Richardson Fall

Richardson, TX Nov 13-16, 2008 498 players.512 tables.

- 1 40.87 Peggy Sutherlin
- 2 39.59 Joan Jackson,
- 3 36.42 Hemant Lall
- 4 32.01 Emily Leake 5 32.01 Brenda Baker
- 6 31.02 Nagy Kamel
- 7 29.67 Gary Bush
- 8 25.93 Martha Young,
- 9 25.93 Bob Scallan
- 10 22.46 Stephen Kornegay,
- 11 22.46 Nancy Kornegay

Thursday Afternoon 299er-10.0 Tables AB1. Joan Daniel-Jo England AB2. Sandra Fedro-Betty Wheeler C1. Sharon Shapiro-Roslyn Miller C2. Jay Titone-Grace Ann Titon Thurs Aft Open-25.0 Tables / Based on 35 Tables A1. Mark Bumgardner-Charles Price A2. Brenda Baker-Emily Leake B1. Jim Harp-Jim Farmer B2. William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard C1. Eliza-

Thu Eve Stratified 299er-4.5 Tables AB1/ Carol Rieger-Karen Franklin A 2/4 Ivanette Dennis-Barbara O'Dell A2/4B2/3 Pamela Rowen-Suzanne Justice C1/ Alma Johnson-Ann Sims

beth Donner-Lynell Pinion C2.

Donna Gibbs-Ruby Hill

Thu Eve Stratified Open-12.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables AB1. Jeff Dater-Eric Ho AB2. Jules Schoenberg-Hazel Schoenberg C1. Donna Jordan-David Sterner C2. Janet Folmar-Suzanne Smith

Fri Aft Stratified 299er-14.0 Tables AB1. Les lie Conant-Eloise Meachum A2/3 B2/3C1. Jeff Jackson-Trella Bromley AB2/3 Jo England-Joan Daniel Fri Aft Stratified Open-35.0 Tables /

Based on 49 Tables A1. Fran Beard-John Fisher A2. Suzanne La Brecque -Larry La Brecque B1. Jeff Dater-Eric Ho B2. Marcia Joy Varel-Milton Aston C1. Margaret King-Dorothy Ivy C2. Mary Norfleet-Helen Gregg

Thu-Fri KO Bracket I-6 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay Gary Bush-Nagy Kamel 2. Linda Spangler-S Kohan-James Thurtell-Melody Euler

Thu-Fri KO Bracket II-6 Tables 1. Martha Young-Bob Scallan-William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard 2. John McConnell-Gibson Jr-Mickey Tryon-Kevin Pheiffer Thu-Fri KO Bracket III-8 Tables

1. Bill Osborn-Bob McNeill-Richard McGill-Tony Pellegrini 2. James Esker-Lue Waddle-Ann Lewis-Richard Waters

Thu-Fri KO Bracket IV-8 Tables 1 Tom Lang-Reg Watt-Carla Guthrie-Susan Flick 2. Jean O'Neal-Jo Driscoll-Nancy O'Fallon-Gay Schleicher Thu-Fri KO Bracket V-6 Tables 1. Kate Hopkins-Jo Ann Truitt-Ann Low-Carol Casey 2. Sandra Fedro-Betty Wheeler-Tommie Anglemyer-Bonnie Arnold

Sat Morn Open Pairs-7.5 Tables / Based on 19 Tables AB1. Joe Cameron-Claybourne Waldrop Jr AB2. Carolyn Bradford-Sue Alter C1. Rod Wicklander-Ann Mouzon C2. Gail Beaupre, Mabank TX; Laura Canter-

Sat Morn 299er-10.5 Tables AB1. Jo England-Joan Daniel AB2C1.-Trella Bromley-Jeff Jackson C2. Mary Duda-Jane Koch

Fri Eve Strat Swiss Teams-18 Tables A1 Lynne Wood-Bettie Ingram-Jessica Brown-Howard Tureff

A2 Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Kevin Podsiadlik-Bob Wilkin B1/2 1 Dorothy Nance-Ann Sims, Chicago IL; Alma Johnson-Marlene Vance.

B 1/2 Phil Merkel-Lonnette Nelson-Linda Thomas-Patricia Rose Fri Eve Stratified Open-14.0 Ta-

Arlington Sectional Tournament February 13-15, 2009

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FEES: \$11 per session \$96 Swiss SNACKS Fri & Sat MEAL on Sunday Bridge Lectures Fri & Sat @ 6:45

Friday, Feb 13

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 💙 0-20 Newcomer Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 🧡 Compact KO's sessions I & II 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Bridge Lecture at 6:45 p.m.

OPEN PAIRS STRAT A: (2000+), B: (750-2000), C: (0-750) 299er PAIRS STRAT A: (100-300), B: (50-100), C: (0-50)

Saturday, Feb 14

1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Bracketed KO's sessions I, II, III 9:00 a.m. EASYBRIDGE (0-50) (single session) [\$7.00 Entry] 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs (single session) Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Bridge Lecture at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 15

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (two sessions) 10:00 a.m. and TBA Flight: A (3000+) AX (0-3000) Play Together Flight: B (750-2000) C (500-750) D (0-500) Play Together Stratified 0-299er Swiss Teams Meal between Sunday sessions Strats: A(100-300) B(50-100) C(0-50) 10:00 a.m. and TBA Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 a.m. and TBA

Tournament Chair: Dee Berg (817) 913-9962 deeberg@sbcglobal.net

Partnership: Peggy McCormick 817-996-2636 peggym@publicans.com Doris Doores 817 267-9382 utroadrunner@tx.rr.com Becky Price 817-988-4494 becky.price@wnco.com

Caddy Chair: Dorothy Moore 214-334-3926 drmoore@flash.net Ann Overfield 817-468-0666 patexan@swbell.net

bles / Based on 19 Tables A1. Pat Cassidy-Jerry Derby A 2/3 Judy Bramley-Bart Bramley A 2/3 Joan Jackson-Peggy Sutherlin BC1. Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski B2. Jules Schoenberg-Hazel Schoenberg C2 Donna Jordan-David Sterner

Fri Eve Stratified 299er-5.0 Tables AB1/2 Betty Bartula-Martha Gehrig AB1/2 C1 Frank Schmieder-Anne Schmieder C2 Trella Bromley-Jeff

Sat Aft 299er-17.0 Tables ABC1. Barbara Taylor-Heather Shane AB2. Marj Frederiksen-Louise O'Brien C2. Sally Lancaster-Margaret Purse Sat Aft Open Pairs-53 0 Tables / Based on 70 Tables A1. Brenda Baker-Emily Leake A2. Hugh Hillaker-Kimmel Jones B1. Ruth Wiener-June Barnebey

B2/3 Lue Waddle-James Esker B2/3 Robert Powell-Anne Powell C1 H. Gowri Raj-Ayan Mandal C2. Gay Schleicher-Jo Driscoll Saturday Evening Swiss-16 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman-Billy Leeper-Melody Gann, A2. Kimmel Jones-Hugh Hillaker-Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay B1. Catherine Tucker-Judy Corey Edmiston-Richard Gross-Hang Waterhouse B2C1. Louise Semones-Cathey Wilson-Billie Dalton-Margaret Ellis C2. Dorothy Nance-Marlene Vance-Alma Johnson-Ann

Sat Evening Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables A1. Emily

Leake-Brenda Baker A2B1. Bruce Brown-Charles Brown B2. George Cowart-Gayle Cowart Sat Evening 299er Pairs-4.0 Table-

sABC1. Richard Langland-Judy Floyd A2/3 Mimi Lempert-Jan Welsh A2/3 BC2 Diana Way-Ralph Disch

Sat KO 2 Bracket A-8 Tables 1. Bob Hamman-Joan Jackson-Peggy Sutherlin-Hemant Lall-Petra Ham-

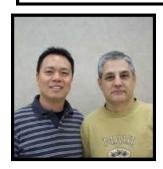
2. Martha Young-Bob Scallan-William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard Sat KO 2 Bracket B-8 Tables 1. Martin Hester,-Ricardo Azevedo-Sandra Campbell-Theresa Ann Brantley 2. Joseph Gil-: Loretta Green-Patricia Rose-Bob Butterfield Sat KO 2 Bracket C-7 Tables 1. T Jean Kidd-Gary Carey-Mary Lou Collins-Thomas Miyake 2. Kathy Coleman-Francis Chang-Tzu-Li Ho-Chen Wang

Sat KO 2 Bracket D-8 Tables 1. Betty Bartula-Martha Gehrig-Betty Wheeler-Miriam Usry 2. David Sauder-Ruby Hill-Donna Gibbs-Jo

Flight AX Swiss Teams - 21 Tables / Based on 67 Tables A1. Sidney Lazard-Hemant Lall-Joan Jackson-Peggy Sutherlin-John Sutherlin A2. S Kohan-Gary Bush-Marcus Poe Jr-Nagy Kamel AX1. Martha Young-Bob Scallan-Michael Hout-Suresh Agrawal AX2. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Kevin Podsiadlik-Bob Wilkin

Flight BCD Swiss Teams-36 Tables B1. Eileen Smith-James

DALLAS NOVEMBER SECTIONAL



Thur Eve - Flt A & B Fri Aft Stratified Open B Eric Ho - Jeff Dater



Thurs Aft Open A Mark Bumgardner - Charles Price



Thurs Aftn - 299er Flt A Joan Daniel - Jo England



Thu-Fri KO Bracket I Nancy & Stephen Kornegay Gary Bush - Nagy Kamel



Fri Aft Stratified Open A John Fisher—Fran Beard



Thur Eve - Flt C Donna Jorda - David Sterner



Thu-Fri KO Bracket II Martha Young - Bob Scallan William Garrard Jr - Donna Garrard Carol Claybrook - Mary Chambers



299er Swiss - Strat A Melba Clark - Carole Findlay



Sat KO 2 Bracket D Martha Gehrig - Betty Bartula, Mariam Usury - Betty Wheeler



299er Swiss - Strat B Dorothy Nance - Alma Johnson Ann Sims - Marlene Vance



Sat Evening Open Pairs A Brenda Baker and Emile Leake



Fri Aft 299er - Flt A Leslie Conant - Eloise Meachum



Fri Eve Strat Open A Pat Cassidy - Jerry Derby



Thu Eve 299er Pairs - Flt A & B Karen Franklin and Carol Rieger



KO BKT V Carol Casey, JoAnne Truitt Kate Hopkins - Ann Low



Fri Eve 299er - Strat A Martha Gehrig - Betty Bartula



Sat KO 2 Bracket B Martin Hester - Recardo Azenedo Sandy Campbell -Theresa Brantley



Fri Eve Strat Swiss Teams A Lynne Wood - Bettie Ingram Jessica Brown - Howard Tureff



Sun Swiss Flt C&D Reg Watt - Tom Lang Therese Milford - Rob Preece



299er FLT ABC Barbara Taylor, Heather



Thu Eve 299er Flt C



Flight B Swiss Teams Alma Johnon - Ann Sims Eileen Smith - James McCommons Steve Birnbaum - Bob Butterfield



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ROCKPORT BEACH TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2009 BIRDERS' HEAVEN, GOLFER'S DREAM, FISHERMEN'S DE-LIGHT & SHOPPER'S PARADISE

McCommons-Steve Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield BCD1. Tom Lang-Reg Watt-Robert Preece-Therese Milford C2 Bonnie Shea-Gay Anderson-Cecil Parsons-Phyllis Savell D2/3 Kenneth Price-June Price-Billie Dalton-Margaret Ellis D2/3 Barbara O'Dell-Ivanette Dennis-Dorothy Ivy-Patricia Reynolds

299er Morning Swiss Teams-10 Tables A1 Melba Clark-Carole Findlay-Carol Claybrook-Mary Chambers A 2/3 Verna Frank-Joan Stinnett-Betty Peterso,-Lewis A 2/3 Travis Roten-Judy Matlock-Lyn Davis-Mike Davis B1 Dorothy Nance-Alma Johnson-Ann Sims-Marlene Vance B2 Suzanne Justice-Pamela Rowen-Jeannie Schemensky-Judith Evans

299er Aft Swiss Teams-10 Tables A1. Mimi Lempert-Allen Lempert-Jan Welsh-Gary Twitty A2. Verna Frank-Joan Stinnett-Betty Peterson-Norma Lewis B1. Suzanne Justice-Pamela Rowen-Jeannie Schemensky-Judith Evans

Corpus Christi Dee Schade

Unit 187



Congratulations to Ann Crumpler, unit 187 Texas Star Award recipient. Every unit needs more people like Ann - always gracious and willing to help. This award is well deserved!

To our Goodwill Committee ap-

pointees, Larry Caplan and Joyce Seitz, bravo! This award is in recognition of your welcoming demeanor at the table to everyone, as well as your willingness to help in whatever way you can. We need lots of players like you two.

The unit Christmas party was held December 7 at the Corpus Christi Country Club. It was a beautiful day and the club decorations were a joy to see. Fifteen and one half tables of bridge turned out for the single session game directed by Dee Schade. Winners in flight A were (1) Lou Thurston and Mary Tryer of Kingsville; (2) Kay Mrazek and Martha Northup, our winter resident Texan; (3) Frances Smith and Bobbie Walker of Rockport; (4) Bill Clark and Marilyn German; (5) Lina Crumpler and Jack Farmer; and (6) Fran Galbraith and Chris Samelson. Flight B winners were (1) Kay and Martha: (2) Frances and Bobbie: (3) Lina and Jack; (4) Frances Schmidt and Betsy Nystrom; (5) Eleanor Sherwyn and Don Varvel; (6) Phyllis Pruet and Jason Kiker. Flight C winners were (1) Frances and Bobbie; (2) Lena and Jack; (3) Frances and Betsy; (4) Joyce and Mark Wormser. Following the game a sumptuous buffet of shrimp scampi and fried fish with all the accompaniments and marvelous key lime pie was enjoyed by the players as well as several guests. Thanks to Ann Crumpler and Martha DeCou for handling the arrangements and to Bob Gerberich for hauling all the equipment from the club to the playing site and back

Rockport Beach

to send news to me

Each club in Unit 187 is encouraged

Rockport Oct 31-Nov 2 2008 137 players. 155 tables.

1 17.53 Gail Huie

cdeoro@aol.com.

- 2 15.44 Penny Snow
- 3 13.48 Marilyn German

6 11.50 H Robert Gerberich Jr

- 4 11.64 James Brown
- 5 11.50 Mary Tryer
- 7 11.43 Martha De Cou
- 8 11.39 Kim Cox
- 9 10 57 Fleanor Sh 10 10.57 Donald Varvel

Friday Afternoon Open Prs-21.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely A2. Ann Brinker Schwall-Stephen Schwall B1. A Di Baggio-Sherry Johnson B2. Ann Van Volkenburgh-Dona Hatthorn C1. Cynthia Struve-Clemens Struve C2. Paul Olstad-Sue Olstad

Friday Afternoon 99r Prs-6.0 Tables AB1. Dolores Reiley-Clara Brinson AB2. Cynthia Schwarz-Carolyn Schafer C1. Lawrence Whipple-I Jean Whipple C2. Betty Manwaring-Lee Kuhn

Friday Evening Open Pairs-24.5 Tables ABC1. Paul Olstad-James Brown A2. Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary B2. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn C2. Bobbie Walker-Frances Smith

Saturday Aft 99r Pairs-4.5 Tables AB1. Carolyn Schafer-Cynthia

Friday, February 20 **SPECIAL GOODIES NIGHT!**

Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....1:30 P.M. Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....7:30 P.M. DRISCOLL CHILDREN'S HOPITAL CHARITY GAME BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-199er GAMES **BOTH SESSIONS**

Saturday, February 21 PIZZA NIGHT!

Stratified Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30 P.M. BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-199 GAMES BOTH SESSIONS Friday & Saturday Strats A 1500+, B-500-1500, C-0-500

Sunday, February 22 DELICIOUS BAR-B-O

10:00 A.M. & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams Flight A-Stratifed by average masterpoints Strat B- 500-1500 Strat C- 0-500

This is a non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks LOTS of FREE GOODIES!

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Fri Aft Open Prs A Terry and Carolyn Riely



Fri Aft Open Prs B Sherry & A Di Baggio



Fri Aft Open Prs C Cynthia and Clem Struve



Fri Aft 99r Prs C Jean & Lawrence Whipple



Fri Aft 99r Prs A & B Dolores Reiley - Clara Brinson



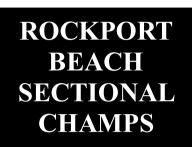
Fri Eve Open Pairs A Paul Olstad - James Brown



Sat Aft 99r Pairs A



Carolyn Schafer - Cynthia Schwarz





Sat Aft Open Pairs B & C Cynthia Struve - Joyce Wormser



Sun Swiss Teams A Mary Tryer - H Robert Gerberich Jr Ann Crumpler - Martha De Cou



Sat Eve 99r Pairs Joy & David Ochs



Sun Swiss Teams D Katherine Powers - Russel Powers Arvid Stephens - Nancy Stephens



Sun Swiss Teams C Warren Watson - Becky Mosely James Brown - G Celeste Godfrey Rhodes



Sat Aft Open Pairs A Gail Huie - Penny Snow



Sun Swiss Teams B Donald Varvel - Eleanor Sherwyn Bobbie Saulter - R Saulter

Schwarz AB2 David Ochs-Joy Ochs Whitney-Helen Casterline

Saturday Open Pairs-23.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Penny Snow-Gail Huie A2, Ralda St Pierre-Wolf Schroeter BC1. Cynthia Struve -Joyce Wormser B2. Paula Wissman -Jay Thorne C2. Steven Kassarjian-Mary Johnson

Saturday Eve 99r Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1. David Ochs-Joy Ochs AB2. Clara Brinson-Dolores Reiley

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-10 Tables / Based on 23 Tables AX1. Mary Tryer-H Robert Gerberich Jr-Ann Crumpler-Martha De Cou A2. Kim Cox-Gail Huie-Marilyn German-Penny Snow X2. Phyllis Pruet-Joyce Seitz-Dee Schade-Betty Mar-

Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss-13 Tables A1. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-Bobbie Saulter-R Saulter Warren Watson-Becky Mosely-James Brown-Celeste Godfrey Rhodes B2. Steven Kassarjian-Virginia Wynne-Beula Mae Pearce C1. Katherine Powers-Russel Powers-Arvid Stephens-Nancy Stephens C2. David Wilson-Lawrence Caplan -Mabel Byrnes-Larry Nagel

> **Unit 197** Lubbock

Sandi Krahmer

197 I am sad to report the death of Marge Chisum, Marge died of cancer in early November. She had served on the Unit Board, the boards of several clubs, and as Unit treasurer for several years. She also manned the kitchen with Alice Alene Floyd during our sectionals. She will be missed.

Congratulations to Carol Schoenhals and Marc Levine and to Frances Green and Joyce Porter for being the overall winners at our Life master party. Frances had worked hard to get us 16 tables so it is only fitting that she is one of our overall winners, many thanks to Jan Hover and Carolyn Cawthron for the good food and the lovely decorations. Also, thanks to Betty Lowmiller for directing in her usual competent manner. A good time was had by all!

Please pay your dues for the Monday and the Friday clubs. They will no longer be collected by the directory author. They must be paid to each club individually. Also, please fill out a form to get your correct information listed in the directory. Many thanks to John Castleman for doing the directory for the past several years. Due to his book signings this year, he is unable to continue in this capacity so Ken and Anita Woodard have volunteered to take over the chore. Frances Green will continue to see the ads. Many thanks to these great volunteers.

A new series of intermediate lessons will be offered on Tuesday mornings at the Bridge Center. Interested parties may contact Sandi Krahmer for information. Details have not been worked out yet.

Please make plans to play in the sectional at the Bridge Center Feb. 22-24. Refreshments will be served all day, and you won't have any extra meal expenses if you eat at the center during playing times. The food is great, and the price is right! A meal will be served between sessions on Sunday. That's about it for now. Sandi Kramer



Goodness, it doesn't seem like it has been a year since I wished you a Happy New Year. (They say age does that to a person). I sincerely hope the past year was good to you, and I'm glad we're all here to see another one in. My New Year's resolution is to try being nicer to people.

In October, I went to M.J. McCord's Monday night class and met the new players coming along. In alphabetical order they are: Helen Fullerton, Helen Green, Cherry Kasberg, Madge Mickleson, Becky Peitchinsky. Louise Darnell visited and is planning on joining the group. Carelean Hamilton, Theresa Knoche, and Tom Killingsworth rounded out the playing field. These players are coming along nicely, and I hope they will join us by the time this issue comes out. I have promised them that all our members are tolerant of ignorance, and supportive of new players. I think they are going to be a welcome addition to our club.

25 members of Unit 204 attended the Abilene Sectional in October. Friday afternoon pairs game was won by Gene Gammill and Flo Curry. We captured 4 out of the top 5 places in that contest. Then, Gene and Flo won the Saturday moming pairs. Saturday afternoon, George Finley & partner took 1st in "A" Flight, and Patsy Rogers/Betty Horne took 1st in "B". Sunday's Swiss game "B" Flight was won by Iris Warren, Peggy Jackson, Judy Wilde, and Vicky Fisher. Our overall big winner was George Finley, but everyone garnered some points. I think that speaks volumes for our Unit, don't you? Congratulations to vou all!!

Unit 204's NAOP final was held Saturday, Nov 15th. We had members from Menard, Mason, and Brady attending which gave us twelve full tables. It was a really good group. Quite a few pairs qualified for the finals in their own level, but the overall point winners for the day were Norma Walker and Suzanne Dorris.

Monday, Nov 24th brought the Charity game, with eleven tables participating. Overall winners of this event were Betty Horne and Helen Barker. The best surprise of the evening was we had 10 Novices playing with us. The "veterans" were pleased that the "newbies" got their nerve together and competed. And, did a good job



KING COTTON SECTIONAL

February 20- 22, 2009

Bridge Center 2563 74th Street Lubbock, TX 79423(806) 745-2817

Friday

Stratified Open Pairs - 1 session 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs - 1 session 7:00 pm

Saturday

Stratified Open Pairs - 1 session 1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs - 1 session $7:00 \, \mathrm{pm}$ Sunday

Rolls & Coffee 10:00 am 10:30 am & TEA Stratified Swiss

(Meal Served Between Swiss Sessions)

B 500 LM-1250 C 0-500 NLM Stratifications: A 1250 & up

This Sectional is Non-Smoking

Tournament Chairman Ken & Anita Woodard

Partnership Chairman Mary Ann Anthony

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> Rules & Ethics Carol Schoenhals (806) 798-3663

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(800) 785-0061

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Note: Residence Inn reservations are made through the Sales Department. Call ASAP. It is one mile closer to the Bridge Center than the Ashmore Inn; rates may be lower with AARP or AAA discounts.

of it. We're looking for you at the Sectional the end of February.

Joe Bailey and Louetta Green scored an <u>81.36</u>% game on Wednesday the 3rd of December!!! I didn't even know it went that high. My goodness, 81.36! Congrats! 81.36%??

Sadly, we lost Maxine Todd's daughter, Vickey Gallagher, in December. The Club's condolences are extended to her family.

Don't forget the San Angelo Sectional which will be held 27 Feb - 1 Mar! Hospitality room will be open continuously, with free coffee and snacks. Partners are available.

Unit 207 Austin

Linda Anthony



The new year will bring some new faces to the unit board as two longtime members, Mark McAllister and Phyllis Tate, are stepping down. Both have done yeoman's work for the unit during their two terms in office. For most of her six years on the board, Phyllis has been chair of hospitality, which in essence means feeding hungry bridge players during countless unit events. She's also chaired more than her share of tournaments. Mark's fingerprints are all over many things we take for granted such as the unit web page, the player photo album and the membership roster listing emails and phone numbers. He's also been among the first to arrive and the last to leave when it comes to tournament setup and cleanup. And last but by no means least, Joe Black, the unit business manager, is not seeking re-election. Joe's been the guy who's had the job of scheduling and getting the sanctions for all unit events...from tournaments to special games and making sure we comply with ACBL rules. So to all of you, our deep thanks for all you have done for bridge in Austin.

Our unit bylaws require us to field two candidates for each vacant board position. We have a great slate of candidates and each deserves our thanks for running. They are: Mark Craig, Nancy Dean, Greg Kania, Pam LaShelle, George Watkins and Dean Yarian. The election will be held after the annual unit meeting in February and new members will be seated in March.

We're also starting the new year in a new home. The new and greatly improved Bridge Center opened in December. It's more than twice the size of the old facility and is large enough to accommodate sectionals. With kitchen facilities, bathrooms, a separate classroom and storage area, it provides us with a wonderful place to play. Thanks so much to shareholders and members of the BCA board for making it possible.

Now it's time to congratulate individual members who've played their way through the past year to personal milestones. Jan McLaurin and Vivian Thompson are our newest Life Masters. Malou Flato and Barbara Hollahan reached the rank of Bronze Life Master. Alice White is now a Silver Life Master and Betty Daniel and Larry Davis are now Gold Life Mas-

ters. Other players reaching masterpoint milestones are: Martha Bullington (1500); Danny Feng, Diana Frankeny, Richard Frankeny, Sonje Hinich, Bob Pflugbeil, Kyong Shuey (750); Lucerne Bunch, Wreatha Leonard, Kathleen Malcomson (100); and Sue Breeding (50). And a special mention goes to Mildred Breed who has been nominated to the ACBL Hall of Fame. Congratulations and well played!

The new year will start with a flurry of special club games so please check our website for dates and locations. As for unit events, the first will be an individual pair game, held Saturday, Jan. 24 at the BCA. Players will have a different partner each round. Get your teams together for the unit-level GNT qualifier for B (500 - 2000 masterpoints) and C (0 -500) flight players. The two session event will be held Saturday, Feb. 21 at the BCA. Teams in the upper half of each flight qualify to go to the district-level playoff which is usually held in Richardson over Memorial Day weekend. A team and Superflight players advance directly to the district level; there is no unit-level competition. Upcoming tournaments include a 0 - 100 Sectional, which will be held March 7 - 8 at the BCA. Tournament and partnership chair is Larry Davis (343-6942; larrysdavis@att.net). The Spring NLM Sectional will be played on April 4 - 5 at the BCA.

Lastly and sadly we say goodbye to Joe Galia, Silver Life Master

Fall Non-Life Masters

Austin November 15-16, 2008 Sat Aft NLM Pairs - 17.0 Tables AB1. Edward Parken - Judith Parken AB2. Jan McLaurin- James Hurst B2. Harry Ingham- Donna Williams C1. Ankur Rathi - Anant Rathi C2. Juanita Painter - David Myers Sat Eve NLM Pairs - 9.5 Tables ABC1. Jurgen Stielow - Rosemary Stielow AB2. B J & Mark Sanders C2. Geneva Berg - Jane Collins Sunday Aft NLM Pairs - 15.0 Tables AB1. Wanda Kuehler - Mary Kurio A2. Mark Heep - Liz Cooper B2C1. David Myers - Juanita Painter C2. Fiona Schuurman - Barbara Werth



Thursday Pro-AM KO Ed Rawlinson - Rosemary Kelley Charlene Sands - Virgil Massey



Thursday KO Bkt 1 Ed Zwald - Joe Wald Amy Wang - Fred Wang



Thursday KO Bkt 2 Sandra Helton - Jackie Fiegel Jewel Dahl - Dionne Green



Thursday Aft Open Pairs Flt A Robert Donathan - Larry Davis



Thurs Aft Open PairsFlt B Al Inks - Doreen Harris



Thurs Aft Open PairsFlt C Terri O'Brien - Patsy Martin



Lucerne Bunch - Roundman Hurst



Thurs Aft 199er Pairs Flt E Mary Kurio - Wanda Kuehler



Thurs & Fri Aft 199er Pairs Flt F Marge Ospovat - Verity Devine



Thurs Eve Open PairsFlt A Pam LaShelle - Jim La Fountain



Thurs Eve Open PairsFlt B Barbara Hollahan - Mark Miller



Thurs Eve Open Pairs Flt C Janet Revennaugh - Jo Dee Bowen

AUSTIN SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday KO Bkt 1 Anne Cullen - Ellen Meyer Wiley McMinn III -Linda Bishop



Fri Aft Open Pairs Flt A Marilyn Arnold - Jim La Fountain



Fri Aft Open PairsFlt B Jean Palmer - Polly Sowell



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt C Harry Ingham - Michael Nairn



Fri Eve Open PairsFlt A Steve Wood - Jerry Bigler



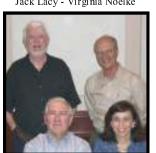
Suzann Patterson - Annette Ruth



Friday Eve Open PairsFlt B
Jacquelyn & Horatio Aldredge



Saturday KO Bkt 1 Venkatrao Koneru - James Thurtell Jack Lacy - Virginia Noelke



Saturday KO Bkt 2 Hal DeShong - Clint Schuhmacher Mark McAllister - Laura Delfeld



TEXAS INDEPENDENCE SECTIONAL February 27- March 1, 2009

SAN ANGELO INN (NEWLY RENOVATED) 441 Rio Concho Drive San Angelo, Texas 325-658-2828

Friday, February 27

Stratified Pairs Single Session 0-100 Pairs (3 tables minimum) 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 28

Stratified Swiss

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

KO may be handicapped per director's discretion

Sunday, March 1

10:00 am - TBA (Note early starting time!)

STRATS: A (1500+) B (500 (LM) - 1500) C (0-500 NLM)

Non-smoking with breaks

Director: Tom Marsh Entry Fee \$10.00/Swiss \$80.00 per Team \$1.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members

Buffet between sessions Sunday

Free coffee, iced tea & refreshments

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Friday Pro-AM KO
Ed Rawlinson - Larry Davis
Donna Watkins - Robert Donathan



Fri Eve 199er Pairs Flt E Ankur Rathi - Anant Rathi



Sunday Swiss Flt B - (Tie) Caroline Baumann - Beverly Larsen Cynthia Strahm - Helen Simonette



Sat Morning Open Pairs Flt B Carol Kiehl - Brenda Tranchon



Sat Eve Open Pairs Flt B Alex Labry - Ann Faget



Sat Eve Open Pairs Flt C Liz Cooper -Mark Heep



Saturday Aft 199er Pairs Flt D Marlene Golden - Sandy Potts



Sat Aft Open PairsFlt A Donna & William Garrard



Saturday Eve Open PairsFlt A Ed Rawlinson - Jim La Fountain



Fri Aft & Eve 199er PairsFlt D Suzann Patterson - Annette Ruth



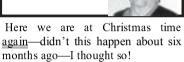
Sunday Swiss Flt D Harry Ingham - Michael Nairn Charles O'Neil - Pat Berry



Sunday Swiss Flt B - (Tie) Sharon Hoger - Robert Pruiett Mark Craig - Alan Laverty

Unit 209 Permian Basin

Jimmie Penn



Clarence Marley is at Health-South-Rehab—convalescing from quadruple by-pass surgery—Belvin Redus reports he is in great spirits & should be home by Christmas.

Sue Gardiner is in MMH recouping from Thanksgiving in Arizona with her family—turkey & dressing can be hard on a body!

Big Spring-Midland-Odessa had "44" special games in Oct.-Nov.—Jr. Fund, Appreciation & Charity Games—Odessa Clubs chose West Texas Food Bank—Midland Soup Kitchen choice of PBC, Inc. ABC Club hosted the ACBL-Wide Charity on Nov. 24—OA Winners: 1. Fran Fischer-Robert Bacon 2/3. Billie McConnell-Brenda Brauner 2/3. Aggie Anguish-Ricki Perry 4. Ann Servatius-Sandra Rea.

Christmas parties kicked off by PBC, Inc. Wed. Dec. 3—covered dish—hosted by Helen South, Gloria Crites & Aggie Anguish—OA Winners were 1. Gloria Crites-Jean Pistole 2. Herb Wales-Tommie Strack 3/4. Joe Salman-Joe Brittain 3/4. Kathryn Gesell-Frances Levin.

Friday, Dec. 5, Midland Country Club—Christmas Party unit looks forward to—10 A.M.-3 P.M.— Brunch-Lunch & trimmings hosted by Ricki Perry & Wy Whitlow. Winners were: Strat "A" OA

Betty Dickerson-Jimmie Penn 2.
 Dale Beck-Billie Rush 3. Gloria
 Crites-Mary Hammond 4. Barbara
 Miles-Ann Servatius. Strat "B" OA
 Beck-Rush 2. Miles-Servatius 3.
 Barbara Davis-Nancy Harris

4. Meriva Bast-Paulette Turner. Strat "C" OA 1. Brenda Brauner-Billie McConnell 2. Amy Jo Marshall-Neal Marshall 3. Sue Marshall-Tommie Strack. All winners received Christmas tins of popcom—Fun Day!!

Our thoughts are with the family of EJ (Elma Jean) Henderson. She was a fun-loving bridge companion—We will all miss EJ---SO LONG!

Unit 225 East Texas

> Theres a Brantley



2245 How far does a dollar go? By itself, maybe it's not much these However, collectively, the dollars do add up. Just in October and November alone, Dottie Pirkle's Bridge Studio, Athens, collected \$3,448 for charity. Two-hundred dollars came from a silent auction, but the remainder came from the \$1-2 extra player fee. The breakdown: \$1,252 Educational Fund; \$836 Multiple Sclerosis; \$724 ACBL Charity; \$412 Junior Fund; \$100 Rainbow Room; \$52 Henderson County Human Society; \$40 Casa's Santa Fund; and \$32 International Fund.

On November 21, Cedar Creek Lake Bridge Studio held a charity game and collected \$132 for Van Zandt Child Protective Services, to purchase Christmas gifts for the county's foster children. On December 19, the Studio held a Friday open game, with participants donating an unwrapped toy to the Kiwanis Club's Toy Drive in lieu of the playing fee. The club provided food and door prizes.

The Canton Bridge Club held their first charity game on November 11. Noelene Hardy and Mona Buchanan won first place; Rosemary Mize and Sandy Hilliard, won second place. On November 18, the Club held a charity game for the Van Zandt County Children's Christmas and raised \$100 for the charity. Rachel Lee and Rosemary Mize, took first place; Mary Lawrence and Anita McKinney, took second place. Also, on December 9, the Canton Bridge Club hosted a "Holiday Trunk Show", with a portion of sales going to "Santa's Kids."

Welcome to our new members Freida Dyer, Anne Ford, Peggy Painter, Elaine Schaller, and Mary Lou Williams, all of Athens; and Dena Hill, Texarkana.

Congratulations to our new Life Masters Barbara Austin of Kemp and Carl Witt of Tyler; new Bronze Life Masters Jan Boyd of Kemp; Charles "Abe" Conner, Nacogdoches; Carol Walliser, Chandler; and Betty Wilkinson, Terrell; new Silver Life Masters J. Lynn Allen of Athens; Carolyn Chapman, Lindale; and Peggy Wright, Nacogdoches; and Gold Life Master Stewart Angel of Wake Village.

Moving up the ladder: Freida Dyer & Jane Lunceford, Athens, Jr. Master; Joy Foster, Mabank, Club Master; Susan Ford, Kemp, Sectional Master; and, Joanne Abate, Athens, Sheila Bell, Texarkana, and Jim Streifel, Athens, Regional Master.

Seventy-Percent Games: Sandy Molander and Nita Carmack, 74.26%, Cedar Creek Lake Bridge Studio, October 15; Edwyna Testerman and Khalifa Ahmed, 70%, Longview DBC, October 16; Buddy Kirkwood and Brenda Baker, 74%, Rose City Bridge Club, October 28; Neva Davis and Jan Holcomb, 70%, Dottie Pirkle's Bridge Studio, November 10; Tillie Reed and Sandy Hilliard, 70.8%, Canton Bridge Club; Gay Roach and Roy Falck, 72.22%, Nacogdoches Club's Christmas Party, December 1.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of a long-time member Sharon C. Whatley on October 7. Following her retirement from Texas Eastman in Longview, Sharon enjoyed duplicate bridge both in Longview and on the tournament trail. She is survived by her husband, Wesley; an identical twin sister, Shirley, Longview; and her son Clay of Seattle.

We also want to take time to remember three other Unit 225 members that passed away in 2008: LaToss Carpenter, Whitehouse; Jean Cook, Tyler, J.M. Shields, Tyler, Marvin Ellis, Tyler and Margo Nelson, Canton.

Coming Up: On Saturday, January 17, 2009, Dottie Pirkle's Bridge Studio will celebrate the beginning of 20 years in Athens. Pre-game festivities begin at 12 noon, with a light lunch, followed by the game at 1 pm.

Refresher lesson will begin on Tuesday, January 6, at the Bridge Studio, Cedar Creek Lake. The lessons will be from 1-4 pm, with supervised play time. You can check out this and other information on the Studio's new web-site: "d16acbl.org/U225/bscc".

Unit 225 Games are normally held the second Saturday of the month at the Garden Valley Senior Citizens Center in Tyler, at 12:30 pm. However, please note, the February game will be held on February 21, due to Valentine's Day activities being held at the Senior Center. Should you find yourself needing a partner, you may contact Wanda Allen at 903-526

Unit 224
Fort Phantom
Pat Hess

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Fort Phantom Unit 224 to units of District 16. Here we are again given the opportunities of a new year to start new beginnings in all we do (or choose to do). Perhaps kindness and thoughtfulness and invitations to social bridge players to come play some duplicate bridge might increase our ACBL memberships. Let's see what we can do in 2009.

In December we all enjoyed lots of Christmas parties, delicious food and fun. Best of all we had some really good bridge games. We usually have one Saturday game each month; this month it was a Pot Luck Lunch followed by a Charity Game. It was a good turn out and enjoyed by all.

We also had our Annual Membership meeting where our new Board members were elected. The new board members are Warren Haney, Coyita Bowker, Margaret Gregory and Will Dix. They will be joining Ginnie Wisdom, Delbert Hess, Barbara Bridges and Martha Murphy. We look forward to their leadership in 2009.

One of our dedicated players has moved to Temple, Texas and we are missing Sammie Gibson each bridge playing day. We hear that she is already playing bridge with several different partners. Our loss is certainly Temple's gain. Best wishes, Sammie.

We will be looking forward to participating in the "Eight is Enough" game again during January. The December calendar was full of many activities causing the unit to skip a December "Eight is Enough" game.

HAPPY BRIDGE PLAYING!

Abilene Harvest Abilene October 17-19 2008 129 players 160 tables.

1 22.49 Dee Stearns

2 22.07 Sandra Rhodes

3 21.66 Howard Wilkins 4 18.72 Mark Lair

5 18.72 Marc Levine

6 18.72 Jo Smith7 18.72 Alan Copeland

8 17.75 Vance McCracken

9 17.75 Robert Patton 10 13.93 Les Dewey

11 13.93 George Finley

Friday Afternoon Pairs-18.0 Tables A1. Flo Curry-Gene Gammill A2B1. Pat Krannichfeld-Colleen Tiernan B 2. Eddy Rice-Verle Rice C1. Artie Harris-Bill Harris C2. Maria Montes-Theresa Seher Friday Compact KO-10 Tables 1. Carol Schoenhals-Charlotte Blaiss-Betty Dickerson-Phillip Kielpinski 2



Sunday Swiss Flight A Tobi Sokolow - Steve Wood Jerry Bigler - Geeske Joel

Lera Lewis-Howard Wilkins-Dee Stearns-Sandra Rhodes Friday Evening Pairs-22.0 Tables A1. Linda Spangler-Pat Cassidy A2BC1. Gary Paterick-M Wiltrout B2. Robert Patton-Vance McCracken C2. Sara Branch-Lynn Reeves Saturday Afternoon Pairs-24.0 Tables A1. George Finley-Les Dewey A2 . Linda Spangler-Pat Cassidy B1/2 Patsy Rogers-Betty Home B1/2 James Esker-Lue Waddle C1. Kathy Coleman-Cornelia Friedman C2. Gary Paterick-M Wiltrout Saturday KOs-Bracket 1-8 Tables 1. Vance McCracken-Dee Stearns-Robert Patton-Howard Wilkins-Sandra Rhodes 2. Alan Copeland-Jo Smith-Mark Lair-Marc Levine Saturday Evening Pairs-16.0 Tables AB1. Shirley Prewitt-Tom Nute 2. Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris B2. Patsy Rogers-Betty Horne C1. Jim Brown-Lauren Brown C2 Jeane Brittain-Margie Dawley

Saturday Morning Pairs-10.0 Tables A1. Flo Curry-Gene Gammill A2BC1. Garv Paterick-M Wiltrout B2/3 Joan Crowell-Norma Murray B2/3 Lera Lewis-Mary Wilkerson C2. Ann Bailey-Hal Noelke Sunday Swiss Teams A1. Mark Lair -Marc Levine-Alan Copeland-Jo Smith A2. Mary Stone-Fred Lugenheim- Les Dewey-George Finley B1. Vicky Fisher-Judy Wilde-Peggy Jackson-Iris Warren B2C1. Sam Sneed Jr-Barbara Bridges-Glynda Groves-Janice Harkins C2. David Watson-Marifrances Mackey-Betty Horne-Patsy Rogers

> Unit 233 Central Texas

Helen Levy



The annual Christmas party and election on Dec. 7 was well attended with two Unit championships directed by Gene Thompson assisted by caddie John McSpeden. Overall winners of the 21-table morning and 17-table afternoon games were,

morning: A1, Puddin Barnes and Bachman Nabors 111; B1, Raby Smalley and Verna Smalley; C1, Trudi Lamendola and Ruby

OCTOBER ABILENE SECTIONAL WINNERS



Fri Aft Pairs A Gene Gammill & Flo Curry



Fri Aft Pairs B Colleen Tiernan & Pat Krannichfeld



Fri Aft Pairs C Bill and Artie Harris



Friday KO Carol Schoenhals - Betty Dickerson Charlotte Blaiss - Phillip Kielpinski



Fri Eve Prs B & C Gary Paterick & M Wiltrout



Sat Aft Open A George Finley & Les Dewey



Sat Aft Open B Tie Betty Horn & Patsy Rogers



Sat Aft Open B Tie James Esker & Lue Waddle



Sat Aft Open C Cornelia Friedman & Kathy Coleman



Sat Eve Prs A & B Shirley Prewitt & Tom Nut



Fri Eve Prs A Linda Spangler & Pat Cassidy



Sat KO Sandra Rhodes - Vance McCracken Dee Stearns - Robert Patton Howard Wilkins



Sun Strat Swiss A Alan Copeland - Marc Levine Mark Lair -Jo Smith



Sun Strat Swiss B Judy Wilde - Iris Warren Vicky Fisher - Peggy Jackson



Sun Strat Swiss B Barbara Bridges - Glynda Groves Sam Sneed Jr. - Janice Harkins



Sat Eve Prs C Jim and Lauren Brown

Waggoner. Afternoon: A1, Puddin Barnes and Bachman Nabors 111; B1/2, Jim Greeney and Glenda Marshall tied Helen Simonette and Norma Swaim; C1, Marcy Cochran and Evelyn Smith.

Special thanks to Bobbye Hays and Kathleen Midkiff for arranging the catered meal and providing snacks. Mike Miller and Mike Bukala received the Maxine Tessmer memorial tournament award for the Temple and Waco sectionals, respectively; and Janette Mathias was presented the Gordon Dennis Ace of Clubs rookie of the year award for 2007. As always, we appreciated David Pennington's unique wall decorations using bridge cards to form a Christmas theme of gifts, Santas, trees, and other figures.

Richard Cunningham was re-elected president of the board of directors; Belva Barrington, vice president; and Helen Levy, secretary-treasurer; and Dorothy Dvorsky, Susan Lambert, and Lennie Wilkins were elected to the board for three-year terms. Special thanks to outgoing members Caroline Baumann, Martha Carlson, and Evelyn Smith for their service on the board. Bobby Hays and Kathleen Midkiff were named hospitality co-chairs, and Melody Euler, education coordinator.

Bridge is booming in Central Texas, with the sanctioning of two new clubs: Waco-- Stillwell BC, 0-500, 7 p.m., Wed., Bill McCown, ownermanager, 5400 Laurel Lake, 254-495 -0489. Temple- Oueens of Heart BC, open and 0-99, 1 p.m., Tue. and Thur. at the CAC. Malissa Baugh and Mary Adams, co-ownersmanagers. Jim Goodwin has moved the Golden Rule BC to the Temple Duplicate Bridge Studio and will have open games on Sat. and Sun. at 1 p.m. beginning in Jan. The 500 Duplicate Club has been changed to the 600 Duplicate Club.

We are saddened by the death of

David Buck in Nov. following surgery. David, a legally blind young man, came to our

Unit five years ago awaiting a liver transplant. Although he suffered many adversities, his indomitable spirit and charm endeared him to us. Bridge was his passion, and he is dearly missed. The Temple DBC held a charity game on No. 7 in David's honor benefitting the National Federation of the Blind of Texas of which he was an active member.

Welcome new members Joan Beesom and Bobbe McDonald, both of Temple, and Carole Hardeman of Waco; also, transfers Joan Cation of Eddy from California Unit 559 and Dr. John Smith of Georgetown from Austin Unit 207. Congratulations to new Life Master Inez Grider.

Special get well wishes to Jeanne Davis following replacement knee surgery and to Helen Reardon following surgery.

Waco sectional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 have had to be canceled due to renovation of the convention center and

conflict with Nationals. A sanction has been approved for a Waco sectional Aug. 5-7, 2011.

Make plans to attend upcoming special events at the Temple CAC: a two session Unit GNT qualifying game, Sun., Jan. 25, 2009. and the Temple sectional tournament Feb. 27, 28, and Mar. 1, 2009.

Unit 237 Magic valley



We hope your Christmas was merry and your New Year will be healthy and happy

On behalf of the players who participated in the Magic Valley Unit Sectional, I want to extend a big thank you to Alla Mae Westbrook and her committee members, Richard Burgess, Joyce Stukenholtz, Herman Westbrook, Marie Woods, Dick Volkmann, and Tom Marsh, Tournament Director. Everyone enjoyed the complimentary lunches, snacks, and coffee and tea, and the gift card drawings. We appreciate those players from all parts of South Texas and the San Antonio area who continue to show their support for our Sectional Tournaments. We hope to see Marilyn Arnold, Sheryleen Grothus, Darlene Riely, Janise Saul, Bill Walker, and Donna Watkins, players from the San Antonio Turtle Creek Bridge Club, at the Harlingen Bridge Club Sectional at the Elks Club on January 23-25.

The Upper Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has decided to cancel the March 2009 Sectional Tournament. In place of this tournament, a series of Special Games will be held throughout the year thus providing opportunities for our players to earn extra points.

Delores Jensen, Director of our games at the Las Palmas Community Center in McAllen, and the games in Alamo at Alamo Palms, held five Club Appreciation Games during October. The winners were Matt Kennedy and Herman Westbrook N/ S and La Vurne Wyatt and Bill Lemen E/W on Monday, October 20; Chuey Lum and Fred Steger N/S and LaVurne Wyatt and Bill Lemen E/W on Friday, October 24; Max Banan and Chuey Lum who scored a 71.30% on Sunday, October 26; and Richard and Venietta Miller N/S and Don and Delores Jensen E/W on Wednesday, October 29.

Congratulations to Trudy Johnston who made Life Master and Doris Little who made Bronze Life Master. To celebrate the achievement of these two ladies, a potluck luncheon

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Feb. 27 & 28

Bracketed KO teams* (3 sessions) 9 a.m., 1:00 p.m. 7 p.m. Strattified pairs (single sessions) 1:00 p.m. & 7 p.m. *KO may be handicapped at director's discretion.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Helen Levy Strati-flighted Swiss Teams* 10 a.m. & TBA *Swiss format may be changed by agreement of tournament cochairs& director Fajita lunch provided between sessions

STRATIFICATIONS

Pairs: A 1500+ B 500-1500 C 0-500

Swiss: A 5000+, AX 0-5000 (Play together) B 750-2000, C 300-750, D 0-300

(Play together)

ENTRY FEES

ACBL members Non- & unpaid members Students Swiss Team

\$9.00 per session \$10.00 per session \$5.00 per session \$80.00 /perTeam

WICHITA FALLS SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Fri Aft Strat Open A & B Joseph Gill - Adele Hudgins



Fri Aft Strat Open C Charles Young - W Ray Barnes



Fri Eve & Sat Aft Strat Open A Marion Gebhardt - Billy Leeper



Sat Eve Strat Open A Linda Spangler - Pat Cassidy



Sun Swiss A Billy Leeper-Mary Orock-Michael Heymann - Marion Gebhardt



Fri Eve Strat Open B Brigitte Cyr - Sammie Johnson



Sat Eve Strat Open B Joanna Kaspar - Marcia Joy Varel



Sat Eve Strat Open C Amy Conley - Rose Van Meter



Sat KO - Brkt 2 Carrol Green - Boyd Green Susan Couch - Anne Halsell



Sat KO - Brkt 1 & Sun Swiss AX Kathleen Brown - Lynda Jolene Brantley Delois Nell - Opal Thurman



Sun Swiss B Joseph Gill - Adele Hudgins Patricia Rose - Bob Butterfield



Sun Swiss C Gene Kincaid - Judy Kincaid Barbara Hadaway - Mary Weiser

was held in their honor at our game on Friday, December 5, at the Las Palmas Community Center in McAllen. We also want to congratulate David and Joy Ochs and Fran Buckingham and Jackie Burroughs who earned points while playing in the Rockport Tournament in October.

As the days get shorter and we experience a few "cool" spells, we notice the return of many of our Winter Texans. We welcome them and are grateful that they had a safe trip back and look forward to seeing them at the bridge table.

The Harlingen Bridge group reports that two of their players, Catherine Seidler and Esther Rhude, have moved to be with their families and have been playing bridge in their new homes. Our condolences to the family of Verde Wolfe, another Harlingen player, who passed away.

Wishing you health, happiness and gold and silver points in the New Year.

Magic Valley Sectional

McAllen November 7 –9 83 players. 94 tables.

- 1 13.02 Sheryleen Grothus
- 2 12.73 Bill Walker
- 3 11.48 Massoud Banan 4 11.48 Chuey Lum
- 5 10.97 Donna Watkins
- 6 10.68 Marilyn Arnold7 8.04 Jean Burgoine
- 8 8.02 Richard Lowry
- 9 8.02 Dianne Vander Putten
- 10 7.67 Ren

Morning Pairs-16.0 Tables A1. Chuey Lum-Massoud Banan A2BC1 Richard Fait – Jacqueline BC2. Larry Harrington-Ramona Harrington

Friday Afternoon Pairs-17.0 Tables AB 1. Patricia Crough - Ian Vignale AB2C1. Eileen Bonneville-Robbie Bonneville C2. Donald Guynn-Evelyn Guynn Saturday Open Pairs-15.0 Tables A1. Chuey Lum-Massoud Banan A2. Bill Walker-Sheryleen Grothus BC1. Donna Ahlquist BC2 Jean Burgoine-Elizabeth Hutchison Sunday Stratified Swiss-16 Tables A1. Bill Walker-Marilyn Arnold-

BC1. Donna Ahlquist BC2 Jean
Burgoine-Elizabeth Hutchison
Sunday Stratified Swiss-16 Tables
A1. Bill Walker-Marilyn ArnoldDonna Watkins-Sheryleen Grothus
A2. Mary Tryer-John Johnson-Rene
Wallace-Walter Lauckner BC1.
Richard Lowry-Jean BurgoineDianne Vander Putten-Nancy Almond B2. George Van AmburgHelen Van Amburg-Larry Harrington-Ramona Harrington C2. Carrol
Green-Doris Little-Richard Burgess
Jr-Jean Hay

Unit 353 Wichita Falls

Shirley Bond



We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will enjoy a happy and healthy 2009.

Unit 353 had a wonderful Annual Christmas Party at the Wichita Club on December 20th. Many members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and an evening of bridge.

Thanks to Kathleen Brown and Bob and Barbara Cunningham for the great Christmas parties provided at their clubs.

Friends of Bob Morrison were saddened by his death on November 23. Bob and Faye Morrison were partners in duplicate bridge for many years. Unit 353 will miss Bob, and we extend our sincere sympathy to Faye and her family.

Newly elected directors for a term of three years are: Wanda Gaynor, Patty Hofer and Joan Paradeis. Ronni Davis, Bernie Lange and Gail Simpson have served as directors for the past three years. Gail is retiring as President, Bernie is retiring as Vice President, and Ronni is retiring as Secretary. Our appreciation to Gail, Bernie and Ronni for their hard work and dedication.

Kathleen Brown is starting a new set of duplicate bridge lessons in January at Bridge-A-Gap, Anyone interested in lessons, please call Kathleen at 940-636-2994 or 940-691-1703.

Congratulations to the recent 70% game winners. Winners at Bridge-A-Gap were: Stefan Davis and Gene Probst 75% game; Judith Witte and Nell Lister 71.67% game; Bob and Faye Morrison 70% game. Winners at the Bridge Club were Leon Vaccarella and Cula Burch 72.92% game. Winners at the Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club were Mary Slappey and Mae Naylor 70% game.

Now with the holidays behind us, we can all spend more time at the bridge table. See you at bridge.

Harlingen Bridge Club Sectional

Duplicate Bridge Tournament Jan 23, 24, and 25 2009 Elks Club 1426 S. Commerce Harlingen, Texas 78552

Triday January 23
Stratified Open Pairs- 09:00am & 2:00pm
Saturday, January 24

Stratified Open Pairs- 09:00am & 1:00pm On Site Food Available Play Thru - Single Session Available Doris Allen Sunday, Ganuary 25:

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00am & TBA
Sunday Lunch Served Between Sessions
\$10.00 Per Session Fri & Sat.... \$11.00 Per Session Sun.
Unpaid & Non-Members of ACBL will be charged \$1.00 extra per Session
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NOVEMBER MAGIC VALLEY WINNERS



Sunday Strat Swiss A Bill Walker - Marilyn Arnold Donna Watkins - Sheryleen Grothus



Friday Morning Pairs B & C Richard Fait - Jacqueline Bordeleau



Fri Aft Pairs C Robbie & Eileen Bonneville



Fri Aft Pairs A & B Patricia Crough - Ian Vignale



Friday Morning Pairs A Sat Aft Open Pairs A Chuey Lum - Massoud Banan



Sunday Strat Swiss B & C Richard Lowry - Jean Burgoine Dianne Vander Putten - Nancy Almond

Soria Sectional

Sn Miguel Allen Dec 4-7 2008

Thursday Eve Pairs-19.0 Tables A1. Raymond Hickey-Carla Hickey A2/3 Jim McMullin-B Marshall San Luis Potosi A 2/3 Gonzalo Herrera-Elena BrucilovskyB1Lvnn Rattinger-Misha Tomic B2C1 Lewis Crippen-Trudy CrippenB2 Wanda Zyla-Cathy

Friday Morning Pairs - 20.0 Tables A1. Gonzalo Herrera-Elena Brucilovsky A2, Robert Martel-Miguel Reygadas BC 1. Richard Paveling-Helen Rivas Rose B2.Marianela Mogollon-Max Chauvet C2. John Areias-Bill Reid

Saturday Morning Pairs-21.5 Tables A.1 Gonzalo Herrera-Elena BrucilovskyA2 F Harari-Miguel RevgadasBC1. Jose Carral-Lorenza Carral B2.Maria Rosa Riveroll-Marcela Gomez C2. L Lajous-Vicky Guzman Soria Pairs-27.0 Tables A1. Enrico Pagani-Mauricio SmidA2.Corinne Leachman-Gary Mitchell BC1. Marcela Olivares-Frida Cassab -Dorita MontelongoC2. Gifford Moody-Margaret Moody Sunday Swiss-22 Tables A1. N Lira -Laura Salinas-F Harari-Miguel Reygadas A2. Woodrow McHarg-Sherry Rosemann-Charles Maccracken-Roger Putnam B1.Luisa Velte-Fred House-Florence Chernin-Carol Potter B2. Jean Dorr-Stephen Penning-William Heim-Misha Tomic C1. Jon Mathias-Ninfa Sada-Selma Eckstein-Alicia Reyes-Retana

Mexican Resort Regional

Puerto Vallarta Nov 3-9 2008 337 players. 834 tables.

- 1 120.21 Ed Schulte
- 2 108.26 Tom Rutledge
- 3 108 26 Bill Wisdom
- 4 101.80 Jerry Helms 5 95.15 Diana Holt
- 6 81.87 Miguel Reygadas 7 81.17 Jay Whipple III
- 8 71.11 G S Jade Barrett
- 9 66.90 Marisa Silverman 10 65.17 Karen Lee Barrett

Charity-19.0 Tables A1. Gonzalo Herrera Mexico D F 1120 Mexico-Elena Brucilovsky Mexico Mexico A2. James Senter-Gale Senter San Clemente CA BC1. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel Guadalajara Mexico BC2. Robert Frederick-Donna Frederick The Woodlands TX

Bucerias Compact KO Bkt 1-9 Tables 1. Norinne Anderson Nelson-N Richard Nelson Tlay Mexico-Mary Anderson Laredo TX- Jim McMullin Chapala Jal Mexico 2. Miguel Reygadas Polanco Mexico-Aidan Ballantyne-Katrin Litwin Burnaby BC-Birger Holmquist Kaneohe HI 3. Kathy Angstadt-Michael Hansen-Dick Mc Cluer Vancouver WA-Teresa Ozias Dallas OR 4. Melvyn Klein Tallahassee FL- Mac Argo Birmingham AL- Gerry Marshall Las Varas Mexico- Doris Whitlock Denny Rome GA

Bucerias Compact KO Bkt2-10 Tables 1.Myra Johnston Vancouver BC- Marlene Powell Burnaby BC-Doreen Ransom-Colin Ransom Furry Creek BC 2. Edwin Glickman Snowmass CO- Beth Raymond-Steven Raymond East Hampton NY-Henrietta Morris Arlington TX 3. Louise Morel-Katherine Keeler-Dorothea Waxler Toronto ON- John Fraser Mississauga ON 4. Ron Payton Taos NM- Michaele Olesen Scottsdale AZ - Carl Spencer Farmington NM-Joyce Richards Rockwall TX Bucerias Compact KO Bkt 3-9

Tables 1. Judith Rosenthal-Albert Kocourek Laredo TX- Charles Brehm Baton Rouge LA- Charles Rutherford Sma Mexico 2. Mary June Young North Vancouver BC-Marg Gibson Port Moody BC-Dianna Rickson-Barbara Morris Comox BC 3. Mickey Edholm 45800 C. P. Mexico- Elizabeth Harrison Ajijie Mexico- N Durnhofer Lomas Barrilaco Mexico-Lene Lopez Cuajimalpa Mexico 4. Timothy Holland Laredo TX- Michael Smallwood Chapala Mexico- Lee Dorsey Chapala Mexico- Michael Closs Ajijic

Side Series-8.0 Tables A1, Erik Paulsen Upland CA- Michael Shuman Pasadena CA A2. Corinne Leachman-Gary Mitchell Laredo TX A3. Yatindra Sahae Carmel Valley CA- Greg House S San Fran CA A4 BC1. Jon Mathias Mexico City Mexico- Alex Chartier Mississauga ON BC2. Sharon Gross Livingston NJ-Fara Shemirani Mexico Mexico **Tuesday Afternoon Side-6.0** Tables A1. Maria Pendergast W Hollywood CA- Donella Johnson West Hollywood CA AB1. David Dilkes Vancouver BC- Anne Smith Burnaby BC A3. Carol-Ann Halliday Vernon BC-Kathy Bye Burnaby BC B2. Robert Frederick-Donna Frederick The Woodlands TX B3. Barbara Clinkscales Fort Worth TX- Elizabeth **Hudson Arlington TX Tuesday Afternoon 199ers-7**.0

Tables A1. John Pfeiffer Chapala Jalisco Mexico-Rudy Ware Jalisco Mexico A2. Jeff Campbell Jackson CA- Maureen Brown Huntingtonbeach CA A3/4 Sofia Aldrete-Pedro Aldrete Guadalai ara Mexico A3/4 B1 Louise Bustard Royston BC- Eileen Maclean Comox BC B2C1. Richard Mitchell-Janet Mitchell Laredo TX C2. Thelma Maltz-Morton Crair CA **Evening Side Series-8.0** Tables AB1. Sue Eltringham-Carol Griffin Walnut Creek CA A2. Allan Neef St Clr Shores MI- Carol Neef Grosse Pointe MI A3. Mary Ann White-Jimmy Reynolds Arlington TX B2C1, Eileen Maclean Comox BC-Louise Bustard Royston BC C2. Joan Maxwell Davidson NC- William Taylor Mooresville NC 3 David McCarron-Mary McCarron Austin **Tuesday Open Pairs**-12.0 Tables A1. Richard Potter Black Mountain NC- John Potter Panama City FL A2. Yatindra Sahae Carmel Valley CA-Greg House S San Fran CA A3. Gonzalo Herrera Mexico D F 1120 Mexico- Elena Brucilovsky Mexico Mexico A4. Marjorie Michelin Los Angeles CA- Jim Darvey Palm Desert CA BC1. Kay Lynch-Van Ziegler Georgetown TX BC2.. Marilyn Phillips North Vancouver BC-Lynda Orr Vancouver BC BC3. Jack Rippy-Sharon Rippy San Clemente CA

Tuesday Eve Swiss Teams-11 Tables A1. Ellen Anten Encino CA-Suzette Wynn-Steve Scott Phoenix AZ- John Mohan Huixquilucan Mexico A2. Luisa Velte-Gary Mitchell-Corinne Leachman-Jean Ann Cole Laredo TX A3BC1. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel-Maria Elena del Hoyo Guadalajara Mexico- Gabriela Castaneda Zapopan Mexico BC2. Richard Mitchell-Janet Mitchell Laredo TX- John Pfeiffer Chapala Jalisco Mexico-Rudy Ware Jalisco Mexico B3. Marci Meyer Long Beach IN- E J Nowak-Donna Rasmussen McKinney TX- Jackie Hertweck Edmond OK

Vallarta KO Teams BKT 3-10 Tables 1. Susan Adamson-Garold Adamson Houston TX- Charles Kelley-Jo Anne Kelley Pacific Plsades CA 2. Marion Tumen Pacific Palis CA- Douglas Oke Bobcavgeon ON-Joerg Wode Chapala Mexico- Ellen Korney Beverly Hills CA 3/4 Stephen Penning Laredo TX- William Heim Louisville KY- Sheila Otter-Milton Otter London ON 3/4 B J Sanders-Mark Sanders Austin TX-Grace Basile Westbury NY- Miraim Domash Sacramento CA

Vallarta KO Teams BKT 1-8 Tables 1. Diana Holt Palm Beach FL-Ed Schulte Tampa FL- Jerry Helms Charlotte NC-Bill Wisdom Salisbury NC- Tom Rutledge Charleston SC 2. G S Jade Barrett-Karen Lee Barrett-Tiger Li Li Williams Elk Point SD- Marisa Silverman Aspen

Vallarta KO Teams BKT 2-11 Tables 1. David Hoogenberg Ajijic Mexico- Diane Van Brocklin Chapala Mexico- John Taylor Lago Vista TX- Sue Gerard Mexico Mexico 2 .Gaylord Brockway Phoenix AZ-Maxine Webb High River AB- John Anderson Chapala 45900 Mexico-Donna McElroy Chapala Mexico 3/4 Peter Andrews-Irma Andrews Aptos CA- Helen Malcolm Kincardine ON-Wanda Zakrzewski Chapala Mexico 3/4 Marvin Schrager-Margaret Rowe -Terry Holden Laredo TX- Dee Ropers Sn Mgel Allende Mexico Wednesday Side Game-12.0 Tables A1. Erik Paulsen Upland CA- Michael Shuman Pasadena CA A2B1 Ron Payton Taos NM- Michaele Olesen Scottsdale AZ A3B2C1 Louise Manganelli Oceanside CA-George Berris Encinitas CA B 3 Keith Gunn Orinda CA- Carol Griffin Walnut Creek CA C2 Gerard Leclercq-Margarita Cabrera Guadalajara Mexico

Wednesday 199ers-5.0 Tables A2/3BC1/2 Caryl Mizrahi Chicago IL- Diane Cohen Mc Lean VA A2/3BC1/2 Daphne Welsh-Heather Ferraby Comox BC

Morning Side Game Series-6.0 Tables AB1 Keith Gunn Orinda CA-Carol Griffin Walnut Creek CA AB2 June Aulbaugh Beaumont TX- Irene Parker Austin TX

Janet D L Sheen Lethbridge AB-Arthur Simon San Francisco CA C1 Sharon Gross Livingston NJ- Fara Shemirani Mexico Mexico C2 Jeff Campbell Jackson CA- Maureen Brown Huntingtonbeach CA Wed Eve Swiss-10 Tables A1. Luisa Velte-Corinne Leachman-Gary Mitchell Laredo TX- Jean Cole San

Miguel De A Mexico A2. Michael Hansen-Kathy Angstadt-Dick Mc Cluer Vancouver WA- Teresa Ozias Dallas OR A3. G S Jade Barrett-Karen Lee Barrett Elk Point SD-Marisa Silverman Aspen CO- Greg House S San Fran CA- Yatindra Sahae Carmel Valley CA B1. Marci Meyer Long Beach IN- E J Nowak-Donna Rasmussen McKinney TX-Jackie Hertweck Edmond OKB2. Anne Smith Burnaby BC-Bertram Schoner N Vancouver BC- Yvonne Drane-Gail Heuchert Vancouver BC Wednesday Open Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Jim Darvey Palm Desert CA-

Marjorie Michelin Los Angeles CA A2. Elena Brucilovsky Mexico Mexico- Gonzalo Herrera Mexico D F 1120 Mexico A3, Marjorie Blunt Federal Way WA- Linda Shallit Belfair WA BC1. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel Guadalajara Mexico BC2. Sally Aron Guadalaiara Mexico - Marta Rendon Guadalajara Mexico B3. Nancy Trager Shawnee Msn KS-John Gillett Barrington IL **Evening Side Series-7.0 Tables**

ABC1. Lee Dorsey Chapala Mexico-Timothy Holland Laredo TX ABC2. Joan Maxwell Davidson NC-William Taylor Mooresville NC Acapulco KO Teams Bkt 2-12 Tables 1. Jack Paulus Detroit MI- Mac Argo Birmingham AL- Doris Whitlock Denny Rome GA- Lynne Ziegler Villages FL 2. David Hoogenberg Ajijic Mexico- Diane Van Brocklin Chapala Mexico- John Taylor Lago Vista TX- Sue Gerard Mexico Mexico 3/4 Gaylord Brock-

way Phoenix AZ- Maxine Webb High River AB- John Anderson Chapala 45900 Mexico- Donna McElroy Chapala Mexico 3/4 Sara Foster-Mary Tilden-Syril Atherton San Francisco CA- Linda Danzig CA Acapulco KO Teams Bkt 3-16 Tables 1. Judith Rosenthal-Albert Kocourek Laredo TX- Charles Rutherford Sma Mexico- Charles Brehm Baton Rouge LA 2. Garold Adamson -Susan Adamson Houston TX-Charles Kelley-Jo Anne Kelley Pacific Plsades CA 3/4 Jo McDaniel-

Mickie Damon-Van Ziegler-Kay

Lynch Georgetown TX 3/4 Mark

Sanders-B J Sanders Austin TX-

liam Heim Louisville KY

Stephen Penning Laredo TX- Wil-

Sayulita Compact KO Bkt 1-10 Tables 1. N Richard Nelson-Norinne Anderson Nelson Tlay Mexico-Mary Anderson Laredo TX- Jim

Acapulco KO Teams Bkt 1-9 Tables 1. Katrin Litwin-Aidan Ballantyne Burnaby BC- Birger Holmquist Kaneohe HI- Miguel Reygadas Polanco Mexico 2/ Ellen Anten Encino CA- John Mohan Huix quilucan Mexico- Suzette Wynn-Steve Scott Phoenix AZ 3/4 Jay Whipple III Boca Grande FL- Diana Holt Palm Beach FL- Ed Schulte Tampa FL- Bill Wisdom Salisbury NC-

Thur Aft Side Pairs-10.5 Tables A1. Kathy Angstadt-Michael Hansen Vancouver WA A2. Dick Mc Cluer Vancouver WA- Teresa Ozias Dallas OR A3. Michael Shuman Pasadena CA- Erik Paulsen Upland CA B1. Barbara Clinkscales Fort Worth TX-Elizabeth Hudson Arlington TX B2C1, Margarita Cabrera-Gerard Leclercq Guadalajara Mexico Swiss Team-14 Tables A1. Jay Whipple III Boca Grande FL- Ed Schulte Tampa FL-Bill Wisdom Salisbury NC- Tom Rutledge Charleston A2B1 Sara Foster-Syril Atherton-Mary Tilden San Francisco CA- Linda Danzig Tiburon CA A3. Stefan Reich-Gloria Kreimerman Mexico Mexico- Lene Lopez Cuajimalpa Mexico- Mickey Edholm 45800 C. P. Mexico A4. Dick Mc Cluer-Kathy Angstadt-Michael Hansen Vancouver WA- Teresa Ozias Dallas OR B2C1. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel-Maria Elena del Hoyo Guadalajara Mexico-Gabriela Castaneda Zapopan Mexico B3C2. Marion Tumen Pacific Palis CA-Ellen Korney Beverly Hills CA-Douglas Oke Bobcaygeon ON- Joerg Wode Chapala Mexico

Evening Side Series-7.5 Tables ABC1. Marg Gibson Port Moody BC - Patricia Chen Vancouver BC AB2 Peter Andrews-Irma Andrews Aptos CA AB3. Wanda Zakrzewski Chapala Mexico- Helen Malcolm Kincardine ON C2. William Taylor Mooresville NC- Joan Maxwell Davidson NC

Stratified Open Pr-13.0 Tables A1. Melvyn Klein Tallahassee FL- Gerry Marshall Las Varas Mexico A2. Laura Salinas Tlalpa Mexico-F Harari Lomas detecamach Mexico A3. Gonzalo Herrera Mexico D F 1120 Mexico- Elena Brucilovsky Mexico Mexico A4. Carolyn Pinto Fort Worth TX- Pat McMullin Houston TX A5. Linda Lake Southampton NY- Bruce Reeve Raleigh NC B1. Bob Marvin-Nora Oliver Fort Worth TX B2. Geraldine Lacroix-Ellen Seale North Vancouver BC B3. Cecil Crowson Jr-Nancy Massey Morelos Mexico C1. Marilyn Phillips North Vancouver BC- Lynda Orr Vancouver BC C2. Sally Aron - Marta Rendon Guadalajara Mexico

Morning Side Game Series-7.5 Tables AB1. Keith Gunn Orinda CA-Carol Griffin Walnut Creek CA AB2. Mary Tilden-Syril Atherton San Francisco CA AB3. Joyce Richards Rockwall TX- Carl Spencer Farmington NM B1. Lisa Frese Lake Barrington IL- Diane Treslo Rolling Meadows IL B2. Michael Smallwood Chapala Mexico- Michael Closs Ajijic Mexico

Morning Side Game Series-11.5 Tables A1. Jean Ann Cole-Luisa Velte Laredo TX A2. Greg House S San Fran CA- Yatindra Sahae Carmel Valley CA A3. Michael Shuman Pasadena CA- Erik Paulsen Upland CA B2C1. Jack Pfeiffer - Rudy Ware Jalisco Mexico C2. June Aulbaugh Beaumont TX- Irene Parker Austin TX-Corinne Leachman-Gary Mitchell Laredo C2. Richard Peacock-Lucy Peacock Grosse Pt Pk MI **Morning Side Game Series-23.25** Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1/2 Carol Griffin Walnut Creek CA 1/2 Keith Gunn Orinda CA 3/4 Maria Pendergast W Hollywood CA 3/4 Maria Abbott San Francisco CA 5/6 Michael Shuman Pasadena CA 5/6 Erik Paulsen Upland CA

McMullin Chapala Jal Mexico 2. Marjorie Michelin Los Angeles CA-Jim Darvey Palm Desert CA- Greg House S San Fran CA- Yatindra Sahae Carmel Valley CA 3, G S Jade Barrett-Karen Lee Barrett-Tiger Li Li Williams Elk Point SD- Marisa Silverman Aspen CO 4. Marlene Powell Burnaby BC- Myra Johnston Vancouver BC- Doreen Ransom-Colin Ransom Furry Creek BC Sayulita Compact KO Bkt 2-10 Tables 1. Louise Morel-Dorothea Wax ler-Katherine Keeler Toronto ON- John Fraser Mississauga ON 2. Penelope Rudolph-Lois Spaeth Grosse Pointe MI- Marie Schwanitz Gross Pt Woods MI- Phyllis Zimmerman Warren MI 3. Yvonne Drane-Gail Heuchert-Jane Shimokura-Howard Shimokura Vancouver BC 4. Linda Deaton Fruita CO-Linda Scibienski Grand Junction CO - Robert Zinn-Cathy Zinn Aspen CO Sayulita Compact KO Bkt 3-9 Tables 1. Sue Boyle Long Beach WA - Kay Penstone Gearhart OR- Milton Otter-Sheila Otter London ON 2. Timothy Holland Laredo TX- Michael Smallwood Chapala Mexico-Lee Dorsey Chapala Mexico- Michael Closs Ajijic Mexico 3. Marci Meyer Long Beach IN- E J Nowak-Donna Rasmussen McKinnev TX-Jackie Hertweck Edmond OK 4. Edgar L'Heureux White Rock BC-Jane Youngberg Surrey BC- Cindy Butler-John Butler Garland TX Los Cabos KO Teams-6 Tables 1. G S Jade Barrett-Karen Lee Barrett-Tiger Li Li Williams Elk Point SD-Marisa Silverman Aspen CO- Miguel Reygadas Polanco Mexico 2. Ada Paulsen-Erik Paulsen Upland CA-Richard Potter-Betty Potter Black

Mountain NC

Los Cabos KO Teams Bkt 2-9 Ta-

bles 1. Peter Andrews-Irma Andrews

Aptos CA- Wanda Zakrzewski Cha-

pala Mexico- Helen Malcolm Kincardine ON 2. Linda Bishop-Pam Phillips-Ellen Meyer-Peggy Geiler Austin TX 3/4 Gaylord Brockway Phoenix AZ- John Anderson Chapala 45900 Mexico- Donna McElroy Chapala Mexico- Maxine Webb High River AB 3/4 John Jacobson-Kay Enfield Santa Fe NM- Darlene Anderson Lk Havasu Cty AZ- Pamela Leggett Parker AZ Los Cabos KO Teams Bkt 3-9 Tables 1. Judith Rosenthal-Albert Kocourek Laredo TX- Charles Rutherford Sma Mexico- Charles Brehm Baton Rouge LA 2. David McCarron -Mary McCarron Austin TX- Kay Lynch-Van Ziegler Georgetown TX 3/4 Susan Adamson-Garold Adamson Houston TX- Charles Kelley-Jo Anne Kelley Pacific Plsades CA 3/4 Marvin Schrager-Margaret Rowe-Terry Holden Laredo TX- Dee Ropers Sn Mgel Allende Mexico Fri Aft Side Game Series-11.0 Tables AB1. David Dilkes Vancouver BC- Anne Smith Burnaby BC A2. Teresa Ozias Dallas OR- Dick Mc Cluer Vancouver WA A3. Erik Paulsen Upland CA- Michael Shuman Pasadena CA B2C1. Lewis Crippen-Trudy Crippen Laredo TX BC2. Ellen Hutt Marmora ON-Pauline Reid Barrie ON Fri Aft. 199ers-4.0 Tables ABC1. Thelma Maltz-Morton Crair Los Angeles CA ABC2. Helen Kuhn Beverly Hills CA- Sylvia Gordon Los Angeles

Friday Eve Swiss Teams-9 Tables A1. Katrin Litwin-Aidan Ballantyne Burnaby BC- Miguel Revgadas Polanco Mexico-Birger Holmquist Kaneohe HI A2B1 Edwin Glickman Snowmass CO- Steven Raymond-Beth Raymond East Hampton NY-Henrietta Morris Arlington TX B2. Mary Tilden-Syril Atherton-Sara Foster San Francisco CA- Linda Danzig Tiburon CA

Friday Open Pairs-10.0 Tables A1. James Senter-Gale Senter San Clemente CA A2. Carolyn Pinto Fort Worth TX- Pat McMullin Houston TX A3. Flora Bery Mexico D F Z P Mexico- Maria Cespedes Cuajimalpa

Mexico B1. Cecil Crowson Jr-Nancy Massey Morelos Mexico B2C1. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel Guadalaiara Mexico B3. Lene Lopez Cuajimalpa Mexico- Abel Pushkar Mexico Mexico C2. Kenneth Lee-Kenneth Lee Elliot Lake ON

Evening Side Series-11.0 Tables A1. Edwin Lewis III Bolton CT- Ed Lewis Falls Church VA A2B1. Pato Herrera Mexico Mexico- Guadalupe Cespedes Huisquilucan Mexico A3B 2. Irma Andrews-Peter Andrews Aptos neth Dingler-Daniel Fife Dallas TX-CA C1 Edgar L'Heureux White Rock BC- Jane Youngberg Surrey BC C2/3 John Butler-Cindy Butler Garland TX C2/3 Louise Bustard Royston BC-Eileen Maclean Comox BC

Mazatlan Compact KO Teams-9 Tables 1. Jay Whipple III Boca Grande FL- Ed Schulte Tampa FL-Bill Wisdom NC- Tom Rutledge Charleston SC 2. David Hoogenberg Ajijic Mexico- Diane Van Brocklin Chapala Mexico- John Taylor Lago Vista TX- Sue Gerard Mexico 3. Burkhard Schneider-Mary Krueger-Diane McCormack Grosse Pointe MI-N. Margo Mitchell Harrison Twp MI Saturday Aft Side Pairs-13.0 Tables A1. Teresa Ozias Dallas OR- Dick Mc Cluer Vancouver WA

A2B1. Helga Brown Dallas TX-Marian Gindler Gonzales TX A3B2. Carol-Ann Halliday Vernon BC- Anne Smith Burnaby BC 5AB3. Carol Black Roanoke TX- Barbara Allison Bedford TX C1. Jack Rippy-Sharon Rippy San Clemente CA C2. Alfredo Ringel-Deborah Ringel Guadalajara Mexico

Afternoon Side Series -27.50 Tables / Based on 13 Tables .1 Anne Smith Burnaby BC 2/3 Michael Shuman Pasadena CA 2/3 Erik Paulsen Upland CA 4/5 Teresa Ozias Dallas OR 4/5 Dick Mc Cluer Vancouver WA Cancun KO Bkt. 1-9 Tables 1. Jay Whipple III Boca Grande FL- Jerry Helms Charlotte NC- Tom Rutledge Charleston SC- Bill Wisdom Salisbury NC- Ed Schulte Tampa FL- Diana Holt Palm Beach FL 2. Yatindra Sahae Carmel Valley CA- Greg House S San Fran CA- Marjorie Michelin Los Angeles CA- Jim Darvey 3/4 G S Jade Barrett-Karen Lee Barrett-Tiger Li Li Williams Elk Point SD- Marisa Silverman Aspen CO- Dorita Montelongo-Enrico Pagani Mexico Mexico 3/4 Gonzalo Herrera Mexico D F 1120 Mexico- Elena Brucilovsky Mexico Mexico- John Kissinger-Susan Kiss-

inger San Clemente CA Cancun KO Bracket 2-12 Tables 1. Jack Paulus Detroit MI- Lynne Ziegler Villages FL- Mac Argo Birmingham AL- Doris Whitlock Denny Rome GA 2. David Hoogenberg Ajijic Mexico-Diane Van Brocklin Chapala Mexico-John Taylor Lago Vista TX- Sue Gerard Mexico Mexico 3/4 Myra Johnston Vancouver BC- Marlene Powell Burnaby BC- Doreen Ransom-Colin Ransom Furry Creek BC 3/4 Carl Spencer Farmington NM-Michaele Olesen Scottsdale AZ- Ron Payton Taos NM- Joyce Richards Rockwall TX

Cancun KO Bracket 3-13 Tables 1. Charles Kelley-Jo Anne Kelley Pacific Plsades CA- Susan Adamson-Garold Adamson Houston TX 2. Marion Tumen Pacific Palis CA- Joerg Wode Chapala Mexico- Douglas Oke Bobcaygeon ON- Ellen Korney Beverly Hills CA 3/4 David McCarron-Mary McCarron Austin TX- Van Ziegler-Kay Lynch Georgetown TX 3/4 Terry Holden-Margaret Rowe-Marvin Schrager Laredo TX - Dee Ropers Sn Mgel Allende Mexico

Guayabitos Compact KO Bk1-9 Tables 1. Richard Potter Black Mountain NC- Melvyn Klein Tallahassee FL Gerry Marshall Las Varas Mexico-John Potter Panama City FL 2. Ellen Anten Encino CA- John Mohan Huixquilucan Mexico- Suzette Wynn-Steve Scott Phoenix AZ 3. Katrin Litwin-Aidan Ballantyne Burnaby BC- Miguel Reygadas Polanco Mexico-Birger Holmquist Kaneohe HI 4. N Richard Nelson-Norinne Anderson Nelson Tlay Mexico- Mary Anderson

Laredo TX - Jim McMullin Mexico

Guavabitos Compact KO Bk2-11 Tables 1. Mark Sanders-B J Sanders Austin TX - Stephen Penning Laredo TX- William Heim Louisville KY 2. Timothy Holland Laredo TX- Michael Smallwood Chapala Mexico- Lee Dorsey Chapala Mexico- Michael Closs Ajijic Mexico 3. Mary June Young North Vancouver BC- Jane Shimokura-Howard Shimokura Vancouver BC- Marg Gibson Port Moody BC 4. Robert Razon Irving TX- Ken-Cynthia Keaton Coppell TX Evening Side Series-9.0 Tables A1.

Allan Neef-Carol Neef Grosse Pointe MI A2. Elena Brucilovsky Mexico Mexico- Gonzalo Herrera Mexico D F 1120 Mexico A3BC1. Jane Youngberg Surrey BC- Edgar L'Heureux White Rock BC B2. Nora Oliver-Bob Marvin Fort Worth TX B3. Mickey Edholm 45800 C. P. Mexico- Elizabeth Harrison Ajijie Mexico C2. Jack Rippy-Sharon Rippy San Clemente CA Strat Open Pair-11.0 Tables / Based on 12 Tables A1. Edwin Lewis III Bolton CT- Ed Lewis Falls Church VA A2. Flora Bery Mexico D F Z P Mexico- Guadalupe Cespedes Huisquilucan Mexico A3. Corinne Leachman-Gary Mitchell Laredo TX B1. Yvonne Drane-Gail Heuchert Vancou ver BC B2/3C1/2 Sally Aron Marta -Rendon Guadalajara Mexico B2/3C1/2 Marilyn Phillips North Vancouver BC-

Swiss Team-11 Tables AB1. Carl Spencer Farmington NM- Joyce Richards Rockwall TX- Michaele Olesen Scottsdale AZ- Ron Payton Taos NM AB2 Edwin Glickman Snowmass CO Steven Raymond-Beth Raymond East Hampton NY- Henrietta Morris Arlington TX AB3. Myra Johnston Vancouver BC- Marlene Powell Burnaby BC- Doreen Ransom-Colin Ransom Furry Creek BC C1. Donald Cottam-Cecie Vatne Rochester WA- Jean Sager-Dennis Sager Stanwood WA Evening Side Series-25.50 Tables / Based on 10 Tables 1/2 Carol Neef Grosse Pointe MI 1/2 Allan Neef St Clr Shores MI 3/4 Irma Andrews Aptos CA 3/4 Peter Andrews Aptos CA 5/6 Nora Oliver Fort Worth TX 5/6 Bob Marvin Fort Worth TX Stratified Swiss-47 Tables A1. Diana

Lynda Orr Vancouver BC

Holt Palm Beach FL- Jay Whipple III Boca Grande FL- Jerry Helms Charlotte NC- Ed Schulte Tampa FL- Bill Wisdom Salisbury NC- Tom Rutledge Charleston SC A2. Kathy Angstadt-Michael Hansen-Dick Mc Cluer Vancouver WA- Teresa Ozias Dallas OR A3. Edwin Lewis III Bolton CT- Ed Lewis Falls Church VA- Marjorie Michelin Los Angeles CA- Jim Darvey Palm Desert CA A4. Linda Lake Southampton NY- Karen & G S Jade Barrett Elk Point SD- Marisa Silverman Aspen CO- Bruce Reeve Raleigh NC A5. Thomas Quinlan-Janice Nakao San Mateo CA- Martin Blain Woodland Hills CA- Greg House S San Fran CA B1. Myra Johnston Vancouver BC- Marlene Powell Burnaby BC- Doreen Ransom-Colin Ransom Furry Creek BC B2/3C1 Marvin Schrager-Margaret Rowe-Terry Holden Laredo TX- Dee Ropers Sn Mgel Allende Mexico B2/3 Richard & Lucy Peacock Grosse Pnte Pk MI- Robert Kromm St Clair Shrs MI- Carl Spencer Farmington NM B4. Wanda Zakrzewski Chapala Mexico-Irma Andrews-Peter Andrews Aptos CA- Helen Malcolm Kincardine ON B5. Jack Rippy-Sharon Rippy San Clemente CA- Helga Brown Dallas TX - Marian Gindler Gonzales TX C2. Burkhard Schneider-Mary Krueger-Diane McCormack Grosse Pointe MI-N. Margo Mitchell Harrison Twp MI C3. Alfredo & Deborah Ringel-Marta Rendon-Sally Aron Guadalajara Mexico C4. Charles & Jo Anne Kelley Pacific Plsades CA- Susan Adamson

Unit 201 Sabine Neches

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about his secret to success in invest- fler coming in 3rd place. ing, Buffet replied, " Investing is not ability to see things as they really are." on one thing. Bridge is a hard game!

family and friends at this time.

piano kept her busy, but in 1996 she Emmy Ferguson finishing in 3rd place. sented in this game. agreed to play a few duplicate games this new responsibility.

The October Club Appreciation series The holiday season always brings lots of games was well attended. The October 6th team game was won by the team of Don Holst, Bill Ginger, John Smalley and Aiyamadar Bharathi. The team of Nelta Devine, Juanell Jones, Blanche Sibley and Lorena Strange placed 2nd with the team of Sally Blewett, W. Osberg, Patsy Pierce and Bill Lucas placing in the B strat. In the October 8th 299er game, the top three places were shared by Miriam Cooper and Betty Kirwin, Lucy Fanette and Katherine Fouts, and Jean Hammer and Norma Crane. On October 13, Merrill Lott and Tipton Golias placed Cynthia Stuber and Blanche Siblev were 2nd with Martha Sigler and Flo Gillispe coming in 3rd. The October 16th team game was won by Tipton Golias, Merrill Lott, Bill Turner and Lela Wilson. The 2nd place team consisted of John Smalley, Nancy Smalley, Cynthia Stueber and Don Holst. Taking 1st in flight B were W. Osberg, Sally Blewett, Patsy Pierce and Bill Lucas. In the pairs game on October 17, Flo Gillispie and Martha Sigler were 1st, Arline Meyers and Joan Hataway were 2nd with Norma White and Sally Blewett claiming 3rd place honors. The 299er game on October 20 found Rudy and Helen Williams in 1st place, Jo Woody and Ben Johnson in 2nd, with Natalie Greenberg and Frieda Friedman coming in 3rd. The team game on October 22 was won by Anna Smith, Blanche Sibley, Juanell Jones and Kazue Bell.. Second place was taken by John Smalley, Nancy Smalley, Martha Sigler, and Flo Gillispie., with the team of Donald Moss, Juinez Moss, Dolores Belton, and Mary Jane Garth coming in 3rd place. In the October 24th team game, Betty Poindexter, Kazue Bell, Beverly Leger, and Marian Jones places 1st, Martha Sigler, Flo Gillispie, Arline Meyers and Joan Hataway came in 2nd. The team of Anna Smith, Joan Burnett, Hugh Smith and Jimmy Landrum claimed the 3rd place honor.

The Orange Community Club reported the October 7 team game with Phyllis Ryan, Billy Tiger, Anna Smith, and

Hugh Smith winning. The team of Joe of parties, and a party can be even

bridge. On November 5, the Flight A family and to share an afternoon with Golias placing 3rd. The Flight B lead- Overall winners for the day were John Our bridge group was saddened to ers included Bill and Ossie, Patsy and Nancy Smalley in 1st place, Mar-As most of you already know, Jack and Blanche Sibley coming in 3rd. husband Jim placed 1st in Flight C Evans resigned as President of Unit Others placing in Flight B were Jean Section A North-South . Congratula-16. His enthusiasm will be missed Davis and Peggy Dugger 2nd and tions, Edwina!! but he will continue to take an active Ernestine Fisher and Beverly Herring role in our club. Just like our country, placed 3rd. The November 10th game Did you read your December edition we had a VP who was ready on "Day found Gretchen Glass and Thelma of the Bridge Bulletin very carefully? One". I understand that the transition Stockdale in 1st place, Jack Evans and If you did you noticed that Tipton and transfer of power went smoothly Jan Niederstadt 2nd, with Anna Smith Golias is being honored at the Spring and we welcome Kazue Bell as our and Emmy Ferguson taking 3rd posi- National ACBL Tournament in Housnew president. Kas' husband Clyde tion. These same pairs also took the ton. On Sunday, March 15, the feaand two children, Denise and Chris Flight Bhonors. On November 12, the tured game will be the Tipton Golias made their home in Pinewood in the winners were Martha Sigler and Mary Stratified Senior Swiss Teams. I think 70's. Active in her church, playing Nix. Merrill Lott and Tipton Golias most of us qualify as seniors and I tennis, party bridge and playing the came in 2nd with Betty Poindexter and hope to see Beaumont well repre-

with Betty Poindexter at the Beaumont The NAP A Unit Final was held on If you are not actively involved with Bridge Studio. She simply did not November 19, with Don Holst and the mentor games, you're missing out have time to commit to regular games William Ginger finishing on top. In on lessons and a good time. Just playwith Betty. Before long, Kas was 2rd place was Tipton Golias and Ai- ing at the table allows you to pick up hooked and tennis, party bridge, and yanadar Bharathi with Martha Book- helpful hints. Not long ago I overthe piano were relegated to the back man and Mary Jane Garth coming in heard an interesting discussion. It burner. Kas, with her friendly, caring 3rd. Other top finishers were Arline went something like this, "You know personality, and willingness to work Meyers and Beverly Leger in 4th with youre in trouble when the first thing hard, will serve us well as she takes on Barbara White and Mary Terry taking the opponents do is draw trumps, and the 5th place honor.

With all the concerns we have about Majors, Mary Majors, Raymond Carl- better when you are celebrating the our nation's economic condition, I son, and Violet Branch placed 2nd, accomplishment of a friend and found this quote by Warren Buffet to with the team of Cora Lee Book, Lee member of our bridge family. Edwina be especially interesting. When asked Rogers, Ruby Collins and James Stef- Landrum has recently attained the goal of Life Master of Bridge and Unit 201 happily honored her with a lunch time nearly as tough as becoming a top- The November Club Championships feast and bridge game. It was a pleasnotch bridge player. All it takes is the gave us some exciting games and good ure to meet Edwina and Jim's lovely This just proves that Warren and I leaders were Bill Lucas and Ossie them while enjoying a delicious fried think alike; well anyway, we do agree Osberg, Bill Ginger and Don Holst chicken lunch, visiting with friends were 2rd with Merrill Lott and Tipton and competing in a great bridge game. learn of the death of Mary Bruce. Pierce and Sally Blewett 2nd with Jack tha Sigler and Flo Gillispie in 2nd, with Mary was a respected and popular Evans and Jan Niederstadt in 3rd Lela Wilson and Merrill Lott finishing player in our Unit for many years. We place. The November 7th game leaders in 3rd position. Also, Beverly Herring want to express our sympathy to her were Merrill Lott and Tipton Golias in and Ernestine Fisher came in on top in 1st, Ann Ohmstede and Martha Book- both Flight B and C. Our honoree was man were 2nd with Cynthia Stueber not to be outdone:; Edwina and her

you are the declarer." See you at the game!

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Thursday, February 26, 2009 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)......9:30 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session).....1:30 299er Pairs (single sessions)......9:30, & 1:30

Friday, February 27, 2009 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)......9:30 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session).....1:30 299er Pairs (single sessions)......9:30, & 1:30

Saturday, February 28, 2009				
Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)	9:30			
Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)	1:30			
299er Pairs (single sessions)9:30,	& 1:30			

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Stratified Swiss Teams.(strats, based on average) 10:30 a.m. & TBA Lunch served between Swiss team sessions

> Stratified A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750) 299er Pairs A (200-300) B (100-200) C (0-100) Mugs for section tops

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Monday February 2

7 pm Stratified Open Pairs

KO #1 (1 of 4)

Tuesday February 3

9 am Morning Side Game Series*

KO #1 (2 of 4)

1:15 pm Afternoon Side Game Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #1 (3 of 4) KO #3 (1 of 4)

7 pm Evening Side Games Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #1 (4 of 4) KO #3 (2 of 4)

One Session Swiss Teams

10:30 pm Late Night KO

Wednesday February 4

9 am Morning Side Game Series*

KO #2 (1 of 4)

1:15 pm Afternoon Side Game Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #3 (3 of 4) KO #4 (1 of 4)

7 pm Evening Side Games Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #3 (4 of 4)

KO #4 (2 of 4)

One Session Swiss Teams

10:30 pm Late Night KO

Thursday February 5

9 am Morning Side Game Series*

KO #2 (2 of 4)

1:15 pm Afternoon Side Game Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #4 (3 of 4) KO #5 (1 of 4)

7 pm Evening Side Games Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #4 (4 of 4) KO #5 (2 of 4)

One Session B-A-M

10:30 pm Late Night KO

Entry: \$12/person/session Mon. – Fri. \$13 Sat. (includes surcharge for Texas NABC) \$13 Sunday (meal provided) \$2 additional per session for pop & uppaid

\$2 additional per session for non & unpaid ACBL Members

Section Top Awards for Pairs and for first-place Teams in KO and Swiss.

* In the Side Game Series the best 2 of 5 count toward the overalls. Friday February 6

9 am Morning Side Game Series*

KO #2 (3 of 4)

1:15 pm Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sess.)
Afternoon Side Game Series'
Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #5 (3 of 4) KO #6 (1 of 4)

7 pm Evening Side Games Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #5 (4 of 4) KO #6 (2 of 4)

One Session Swiss Teams

10:30 pm Late Night KO

Saturday February 7

9 am Morning Side Game Series*

KO #2 (4 of 4)

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sess.) 1:15 pm Afternoon Side Game Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.)

KO #6 (3 of 4)

Compact KO (2 Sess.)

Evening Side Games Series*

Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.) Compact KO (2 Session)

KO #6 (4 of 4)

One Session Swiss Teams

10:30 pm Late Night KO

Sunday February 8

7 pm

10 am Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sess.) & TBA Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (2 Sess.)

Texas Star Awards Presentation Saturday, February 7, 2009 (Prior to the beginning of the evening session)

Intermediate-Newcomer Schedule Monday 7 pm - 0-5, 49er pairs, 299er Pairs

Tuesday - Saturday 9 am, 1:15 & 7 pm 0-5, 49er pairs, 299er Pairs

> Sunday 10 am & TBA 49er, 299er Swiss (2 Sessions)

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

299er Swiss: A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100

Session and overall awards will be red points. At the end of the tournament, the player amassing the most points will be awarded a special trophy.

> Speaker each day (Tues-Sat) 12:30 – 1 pm & 6:15 – 6:45 pm. Topics to be announced.

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Stratification & Flighting

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

Senior Events:

A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500

Strati-Flighted Event: A: 3000+; AX: 0-3000 (A & AX play together); B: 1000-2000; C: 500-1000; D: 0-500 (BCD play together)

Child Care Available

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