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## Quinn Wins Women's Swiss; Hamman Second in Open Swiss

David Sokolow

Senior NABC  
Correspondent



This column was almost cancelled for lack of material. Thankfully, two of our district's veteran players came through with a first and a second on the final day of the Reno NABC. Otherwise the editors would have been scrambling for a front page ad to fill the space.

District 16's lone winner was Shawn Quinn of Houston, who won the Women's Swiss Teams. Obviously, moving from Poland to Houston, then from Houston to Switzerland has not hurt Shawn's game. Speaking of international travel, the Women's Swiss is a perfect example of how the nationals have changed over the last decade. It used to be the case that almost everyone who competed in an NABC event was from North America. No more! Two players on Shawn's team, four of the runners-up, and four on the third-place team were Europeans. The proliferation of foreign experts has made it that much more difficult to win a national. Well done, Shawn!

As I have noted before (May/June 2006), Bob Hamman of Dallas doesn't often get to play in the Open Swiss Teams—he's usually in the finals of the Vanderbilt on the last weekend of the spring NABC. But Bob's team made lemonade from the proverbial lemon of their early exit from the Vanderbilt by capturing second place in the Open Swiss.

Third place often gets short shrift in my column, but not this time around. The bronze medals (metaphorically speaking) go to John Zilic of Houston, who was third in the Mixed Pairs, and Mike Passell of Plano, who finished third in the Open Swiss Teams. Nice going, guys!

Despite the dearth of first-, second-, and third-place finishes, a bunch of District 16 players made the top ten in NABC events. Mike Passell placed 5/8 in the Vanderbilt. In the Women's Pairs, Rosemary Kelley and Claudette Hartman, Austin, were fifth, just ahead of Austinite Lynn Baker. Similarly, Barry Schaffer, Frisco, finished fifth in the Silver Ribbon Pairs, followed by Buddy Hanby, Spring. In the Open Swiss, Babu and Ira Chorush were fifth, Justin and Hemant Lall, Dallas, eighth, Steve Shirey, Fort Worth, and Ira Hessel ninth, and Mark Feldman, Austin, tenth. In the Women's Swiss, Tobi Sokolow, Austin, fin-

ished seventh, and Lynn Baker tenth. In the Open Pairs, Ira Hessel, San Antonio, was fifth, Bart Bramley and Chris Compton, Dallas, finished eighth, while Tom Peters, Grapeland, and John Zilic wound up tenth. Babu Koneru, San Antonio, and Ira Chorush, Houston, were ninth in the IMP Pairs. Last, but certainly not least, Nagy Kamel, Plano, finished tenth in the Platinum Pairs. Good job one and all!

The summer NABC will be held in New Orleans, from July 22 to August 1. As anyone who has ever attended a national in New Orleans can attest, it is THE BEST site for a national (okay, except for maybe Las Vegas). I mean, come on—the French Quarter, Café du Monde, Preservation Hall, Jackson Square, the aquarium, the Mississippi River, gambling at Harrah's—what more could you ask (except perhaps a bit less humidity)? It's no wonder New Orleans is one of the most popular convention sites in the world! Come find out for yourself. *A bientot!*

- 191.42 Bob Hamman, Dallas  
133.54 Ira Hessel, San Antonio  
129.84 Hemant Lall, Dallas  
119.70 Babu Koneru, San Antonio  
119.70 Ira Chorush, Houston  
116.47 Nagy Kamel, Plano  
105.29 John Zilic, Houston  
95.82 Dan Morse, Houston  
92.15 Justin Lall, Dallas  
89.59 Buddy Hanby, Spring  
88.40 Greg Hinze, San Antonio  
80.68 Shawn Quinn, Houston  
76.68 Bart Bramley, Dallas  
70.41 Chris Compton, Dallas  
65.20 Rosemary Kelley, Austin

### NAOP Flight A

12. Sidney Lazard - Bart Bramley, Dallas

### Platinum Pairs

10. Nagy Kamel, Plano  
16. Dan Morse, Houston ; John Sutherlin, Dallas  
20. Hemant Lall - Bob Hamman, Dallas

### Silver Ribbon Pairs

5. Barry Schaffer, Frisco  
6. Buddy Hanby, Spring  
12. Dave Swarthout, San Antonio  
17. Paul & Rosemary Kelley, Austin  
26. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas  
28. Jack Lacy, Lago Vista - James Thurtell, Dallas  
50. Petra Hamman, Dallas

### Mixed Pairs

12. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas  
27. Georgiana Gates, Houston  
35. Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel, San Antonio  
44. William Garrard Jr - Donna Garrard, Irving  
49. Robert Morris, Houston

### Silodor Open Pairs

5. Ira Hessel, San Antonio  
8. Bart Bramley - Chris Compton, Dallas  
10. Thomas Peters, Grapeland John Zilic, Houston  
20. Dan Morse, Houston - Greg Hinze, San Antonio  
26. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio Ira Chorush, Houston

### Womens Pairs

5. Rosemary Kelley - Claudette Hartman, Austin  
6. Lynn Baker, Austin  
12. Tobi Sokolow, Austin  
17. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas  
28. Sally Wheeler, Spring

### Red Ribbon Pairs

26. William Garrard Jr - Donna Garrard

### Open Swiss

2. Bob Hamman, Dallas  
5. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio-Ira Chorush,  
8. Justin Lall - Hemant Lall, Dallas  
9. Ira Hessel, San Antonio, Steve Shirey, Fort Worth  
13. Buddy Hanby, Spring  
14. Dan Morse, Houston-Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Nagy Kamel, Plano  
23/24 Robert Morris, Houston-Jonathan Ferguson, Houston  
32. Chris Compton, Dallas  
37. John Schwartz, Plano  
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Charles Price

District 16  
President



Dear District 16 Members,

To bring everyone up to date with some recent changes:

The tournament schedule is complete including pending sanction tournaments on the website.

The Scorecard will be given to Bert at the same time it goes to the printer and the end result will be it will be on the website several weeks before you receive it in the mail.

The board and committee chairs are using yahoo groups to facilitate more efficient communication. The committee chairs are beginning to work on action plans for their respective committees.

We would like to welcome Melody Euler, the NAP coordinator, and thank John Zilic for his years of service. We would like to welcome Jim Bauer, the new GNT coordinator, and thank Mark Bumgardner for his service. Mark has medical issues and we wish him the best. We would like to welcome Paul Cuneo as the new Education chairman and thank Betty Starzec for her years of service.

Our membership is continuing to grow and I am looking forward to a 5<sup>th</sup> regional tournament for our district. Our members, units, tournaments are doing well. I believe this is a result of everyone pulling together.

Please encourage people to participate in the qualifying, unit and district 16 GNT's. It is an exciting event. See you at the table.

Thanks

Dan Morse

District 16  
Representative



## Reno Report

Reno Nevada, what a great place for a National Tournament. I certainly enjoyed every morning looking out at the stunning view of mountains all around Reno. The Grand Sierra Resort and Casino was like a city, (8 restaurants, a bowling alley, and a movie theater) you did not have to go outside or leave unless you really wanted to. The playing area and the lighting were great and most of the games were on the first floor. There were 3 separate elevator banks, so the wait was not as long as usual. The attendance was about 12,200 tables, which was good but not as much as I had anticipated. The Tournament Chairwomen and her volunteers did an excellent job with hospitality every night.

PAUL HODGE SELECTED FOR HALL OF FAME  
He will be inducted in New Orleans on the first Thursday.

I was pleased that DALLAS WAS AWARDED THE SPRING NATIONAL IN 2014, I know it will be a big success.

Eddie Wold was appointed to Hall of Fame committee.

Bob Hamman was appointed to Competitions and Conventions committee.

SPECIAL GAMES AT CLUBS

A committee had been formed that studied the pro's and con's of the special games in clubs that awarded sectional masterpoints for an extra \$1.00 per person. The ACBL, on their recommendation, changed the regulations starting July 1, 2010.

During February (Junior), April (Charity) and September (International), a club may choose to run any and all sessions for the named funds. In all other months clubs will be permitted to hold one special game a month per sanctioned session. The masterpoints awards for these games are reduced to 70% of Sectional rating. The cap of 6 points is maintained

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is doing well, even after a large increase last year. We still have a small increase (170) in 2010. In addition, the loss of members in 2009 was the lowest we have seen in decades. Here in District 16 we are doing our part with our membership staying above the 9000 mark (9046) which, if it continues, will give us another Regional in 2012.

Regionals started 2010 with a bang with table count up considerably from last year. Our Houston Regional was over 3000 tables, which makes it one of ACBL's biggest.

The 2009 preliminary table count for club games is 2,844,236, of which 584,177 were from on-line games. The final numbers will be out soon.

### COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING PROGRAM

The Cooperative Advertising pro (Continued on page 3 **Morse**)

## SUMMER NAPS ARE HERE

by Melody Euler

Summer is approaching and so is the time for you to earn RED points at your local club. You can do this by participating in the North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying games. Typically, red and gold points are won at NABCs and regional tournaments. Here is your chance to win them in your own backyard.

The NAP is a four-stage event that will culminate in a contest at the Spring NABC in Louisville, Kentucky. During the months of June, July and August local clubs will have Stage One of the qualifying events.

Most clubs stratify their games in order to accommodate all players. Masterpoints are awarded at a sectional open rating and are ½ red and ½ black. Flight A is unlimited and open to all members. Flight B is for players with under 2000 masterpoints and Flight C is for non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints. Clubs can have a "stand-alone" section for Flight C and may stratify the event with an under 100 masterpoint strat and another strat for under 20 masterpoints. The lower strats of Flight C award black points only, but they are still sectionally rated (which means you get more points).

If you qualify at the club level, then you move on to Stage Two. Stage

Two is a Unit final typically held at one of the clubs in your area. Two-session unit qualifying events award a percentage of gold points to overall placers. This event is followed by the district NAP final (Stage Three)-- where you have the chance to earn even more gold! District 16 final will be held in Austin, January 8-9, 2011.

Each District is able to extend invitations to the top 3 finishers of each flight to participate in the national final. If you are one of the top two finishers in your flight, you will receive compensation to assist in your competition at the national level. Because of such strong participation in District 16, we have been able to award the top 3 finishers compensation and have qualified 4 places in Flights A and B. We are hoping to win those extra spots for our District this year, but we need your participation to do it. Just think, you can represent District 16 at the Louisville NABC in 2011 – and it all started at your club. If you don't see NAP qualifying games on your favorite club's schedule, please tell them you want to play in this event.

If you have questions about the conditions of contest or want further information, feel free to email District 16 NAP Coordinator, Melody Euler, at [melodious@hot\\_rr.com](mailto:melodious@hot_rr.com). Or you may phone her at 254.718.2270.

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**Board of Governors**  
Dewitt Hudson



The Spring National at Reno, or the "Biggest Little City in the World", was a stupendous success!! Credit goes to Kathy Hansen and her staff which did an outstanding job!!! The last Reno National was in the Spring of 2004, and had a table count of 14,954, this Spring National had a table count of 12,156.

Jay Baum, ACBL CEO, reported a total of 165,419 members. This reflects the amnesty promotional program along with new requirements for LMs as of January 1, 2010, which caused the surge in memberships.

**Stratified Pair Events:**  
From the Board of Directors Minutes, Houston Spring NABC, March 9-12, 2009: Stratified pair events at local, sectional and regional tournaments may be based, at sponsor's option, on average masterpoints of the pair-Effective: May 1, 2009.

**Special Games at Clubs Adjustments:**  
The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for charity games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games. In those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining nine months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for either the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation or charity. The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 master-points.

**Charity Games in Clubs:**  
Any club that, in any calendar year, runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28th of the following calendar year.

**Super Senior Pairs:**  
A Super Seniors Pairs (Age 70+) shall be established as an NABC+event: \*to be held at the Fall 2010 NABC and continuing at each Fall NABC until further notice. \*to be held the last two days of the Fall NABC. \*start time: 10AM and 3PM. \*the event will consist of 2 qualifying and 2 final sessions. \*the national formula for masterpoints will be used to award platinum points. \*masterpoints will not count towards senior masterpoint races. \*this event shall not qualify for Grand Life Master eligibility.

FALL 2017 NABC has been approved for San Diego, California, to be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

See you on Bourbon Street, July 22-August 1, 2010!!!

**DEADLINE for July/August Issue**  
Announcements: June 1st  
Articles, Columns: June 6th  
Copy must be typed.  
E-mail to ihessel@satx.rr.com  
Pictures must be digital.




**July 9-11, 2010**  
**Ruidoso Convention Center**  
Enjoy Bridge in the Mountains of New Mexico

**Friday, July 9**

9 AM Sierra Blanca KO's  
1 PM & 7 PM Sierra Blanca KO's  
Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 299's Open Pairs

**Saturday, July 10**

9 AM The Down and Dirty KO's  
Stratified Open Pairs  
1 PM & 7 PM The Down and Dirty KO's  
Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 299's Open Pairs

**Sunday, July 11**

10 AM & TBD Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (A & AX play together)

Stratified: (A) 1500+ (B) 500-1500 (C) 0-500  
Strati-Flighted: (A) 3000+ (Ax) 0-3000(B) 1000-1500  
(C) 500-1000 (D) 0-500

**Fees:** Pairs and KO's: \$10 / person / session  
Swiss Team: \$88 / team (Sunday Lunch Included)  
(Non-ACBL player: add \$2.00 each session)

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**Tipton Golias**

ity, have generated a hundred plus patents, products, and approximately \$100 million annual revenues. Helena has been awarded the U.S. Secretary of Commerce "E" Award for excellence in contribution to the American economy through export operations.

Tipton also received the Van Slyke award sponsored by the American Association of Clinical Chemists. This is the highest academic award in Laboratory Medicine.

In 1997, he played on the team that won the Spingold Championship In the 1990's as past unit representative to the District 16 board, he was instrumental in bringing a regional tournament to the Beaumont area, and thanks to his efforts an additional sectional tournament. He has most generously underwritten countless club activities such as member directories, tournament newsletters, life master award parties and other special events. Tipton's many contributions to bridge in general and Unit 201 in particular, earned him the prestigious Texas Star Award.

Tipton achieved this award, while serving as founder and President of Helena Laboratories since 1966. He found and chairs Etoco, an independent Houston energy company. He serves his community and directly participated in emergency services in Beaumont through local disasters including hurricanes - Ike, Rita, and Gustav. His path of influence is long, wide and commendable.

Tipton is also an internationally recognized clinical chemist. At Helena, he designs and manufactures diagnostic test kits and clinical laboratory instrumentation and supplies. His technical expertise and creativ-

**DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS**

**MAY**

Arlington NLM 1-2  
Houston NLM 7-9  
Richardson (march) 27-31  
GNT, Richardson (march) 29-31

**JUNE**

Austin NLM 5-6  
Fort Worth (march) 4-6  
San Antonio (5) 3-6  
Houston (6) 11-13  
Midland (14) 11-13  
San Antonio (6) 17-20  
Spring 0-300 25-27  
AUSTIN REGIONAL (16) 28-July 4

**JULY**

Tyler (14) 9-11  
Austin NLM 17-18

**AUGUST**

Houston 12-15  
San Miguel Allende 13-15  
Austin 0-100 21-22  
Lubbock 20-22  
Houston 0-100 28-29  
RICHARDSON REGIONAL (8) 31-Sept 6

**SEPTEMBER**

New Braunfels 9-12  
Spring 0-300 17-19  
Athens 0-500 23-25  
Austin 23-26

**OCTOBER**

Wichita Falls 1-3  
Beaumont 7-10  
San Antonio 8-11  
Fort Worth 15-17  
Rockport 15-17  
Abilene 29-31  
Humble 29-31

**NOVEMBER (Regionals)**

PUERTO VALLERTA REGIONAL 1-7  
TYLER REGIONAL 15-21



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Monday Triple Points 12:30pm  
Monday Triple Points 6:30pm  
Tuesday Triple Points 6:30pm  
Wednesday Triple Points 12:30pm  
Thursday Triple Points 12:30pm  
Thursday Triple Points 6:30pm  
Friday Triple Points 12:30pm  
Friday Evening 6:30pm - SWISS TEAMS  
Saturday Triple Points 1:30pm

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**7**  
Days a  
Week!

**2**  
Games  
a Day!

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(Supervised play with triple masterpoints \* One question per hand \* 18-21 boards)

Sunday NSS Plus 1:30pm  
Tuesday NSS Plus 12:30pm  
Wednesday NSS Plus 6:30pm

#### NOT SO SERIOUS DUPLICATE

(Supervised play with masterpoints \* Ask questions/Use notes \* 12-16 boards)

Sunday NSS 1:30pm  
Tuesday NSS 12:30pm  
Wednesday NSS 6:30pm

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(Supervised group play \* Ask questions/Use notes \* 12 boards)

Saturday Play-N-Learn 10:00am

*Mini-Lesson 30 minutes prior to NSS Plus, NSS & Play-N-Learn.*

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Friday, July 9

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6:30pm "Silver Nugget" Pairs

Saturday, July 10

(0-20 Pairs 9:00am & 1:30pm)

9:00am "Silver Dollar" Pairs  
1:30pm "Silver Bar" Pairs  
6:30pm "Silver Change" Pairs

Sunday, July 11

(0-20 Pairs 1:30pm)

1:30pm "Silver Buffaloes" Swiss Teams

**ALL 0-20 Players play for free on  
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Event Stratification: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100  
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Entries: \$12/person/session

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### The ACBL Goodwill and Charity Committees

These recognize members who work hard for the good of bridge and promote the best in bridge. The Goodwill Committee promotes being friendly at the tables, volunteering to work at tournaments, being polite to partner, teammates and opponents.

### Good Will Committee

Gary King, Houston



Gary first played bridge at eleven years old in the family kitchen and continued at home until he left home for College Station. After graduating from Texas A&M with a degree in mechanical engineering from, Gary moved to Houston and directed and taught bridge at the Bridge and Games Studio. Gary has authored hundreds of articles for the newer player, many in "The Bridge Companion" newsletter, and later in the District 16 Scorecard. For several years, Gary has been teaching at the Houston Bridge Studio. His students rave about his gifted teaching, especially his ability to explain bridge fundamentals in a manner easily understood by all. In school we learn the three 'R's', with Gary it is the three 'L's' - LISTEN, LAUGH AND LEARN. Although Gary has had a full-time job with Powell Industries for 20+ years, he has contributed greatly to Unit 174 through his continued teaching and recruiting of new members.

Eddie Wold, Houston



Houston is very fortunate to be the home of Eddie Wold, one of the world's top players. Eddie is a Grand Life Master and #3 on the ACBL's ranking list, having earned more than 55,000 masterpoints. Winner of 14 national titles, Eddie's lightning fast mind and bridge acumen are admired throughout the bridge world. Players in Houston have not only been privileged to compete against Eddie at local clubs but also to attend classes held by Eddie at various venues. Eddie's superb teaching ability is becoming increasingly well known as evidenced by his extremely successful bridge cruises with Bob Morris.

Jim Bauer, Dallas



Everyone benefits when our members spread goodwill at the table, but Unit 176 has a new role model - our own Jim Bauer has been named a lifetime member in 2010 in representing District 16. This is not the first honor for Jim this

year - in February he was selected to receive the Texas Star Award. Many of the same qualities that earned him that honor make him a perfect choice to represent our Unit and our District as a Goodwill ambassador for the game we all love. Too often we hear of players leaving bridge because the game is not a pleasant experience. Those players haven't played against Jim! Congratulations once again, Jim -- Unit 176 is proud of you.

### Charity Committee

Delores Jensen, Alamo (NP)

Rene Wallace, Mission



Congratulations to Delores Jensen and Rene Wallace. These ladies have been recognized by the ACBL National Goodwill and Charity Committee as members who work hard for the good of bridge and promote the best in bridge. The Goodwill committee promotes being polite to your partner, teammates, and your opponents. Delores is especially known for her directing skills and running a great game in a timely fashion. In addition, Delores teaches the game to many students and brings new people into the game. Rene, a 2008 Texas Star recipient, loves the game and supports it in anyway she can. According to Rene, "bridge is the only game you can play with and against the finest players in the world and meet so many wonderful people."

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gram continues to be a successful and popular resource for clubs and teachers in their efforts to reach out to beginner and/or newcomer players. The program subsidized advertising costs for 357 beginner/newcomer ad campaigns submitted by clubs and teachers in 2009.

In an effort to increase brand awareness for ACBL and provide a marketing tool for clubs and teachers, marketing has produced two 30 second radio ads and will soon make them available to clubs and teachers for their use. The ads' cost will qualify for the Cooperative Advertisement reimbursement.

A new event, the Platinum Pairs, was held in Reno. 142 pairs played and it was a success.

The 2010 Youth NABC will be held July 29-31 at the summer NABC in New Orleans.

There are currently 90 school bridge classes registered for Spring 2010.

The ACBL will have a booth at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Chris and Donna Compton will conduct a workshop entitled "Teaching Math Concepts and Applications Using Contract Duplicate Bridge".

Club managers now have the ability to post their daily game results on the ACBL website. Over 500 clubs are doing this and you can now add important messages, such as "No game today due to snow or storm".

Any sanctioned games held at clubs, with the sole exception of STACs, are to be counted in Ace of Clubs masterpoint races at Unit, District

and ACBL-wide levels.

The formula for masterpoints for special games at clubs have the appropriated M factor applied when there are masterpoint limitations.

The motion to raise the age for Senior to 60 was defeated, however a new event was approved, the SUPER SENIOR PAIRS, age 70+, to be held the last two days of the Fall National (2 qualifying and 2 finals). Masterpoints won will not count toward Senior races or qualify for Grand Life Master eligibility but will give Platinum points. The first one will be in Orlando this fall.

In 2010-2011 NAP, the monetary award will become a fixed amount.

### EXTENDED UNIT TEAM GAMES

A unit may use two of its three extended team game sanctions to run a 2 stage event, with a round-robin phase of at least 4 matches to qualify teams to a KO bracket.

### CHARITY GAMES IN CLUBS

Any club that, in any calendar year, runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28th of the following calendar year.

If you have not been to many NABC's, the one in July of this year (New Orleans) promises to be a really good one with something for everyone, and if you get tired of Bridge they have great restaurants and Jazz.

Looking forward to seeing you at the tables.

Dan



**Eddie Wold** is #3 on the all-time ACBL list with over 55,000 masterpoints. A World Champion, he has won the Barry Crane Top 500 three times. He has won 14 National Championships and over 800 Regionals.

**Bob Morris** has earned over 14,000 masterpoints in his career and is a perennial top 50 finisher in the Barry Crane Race. He is a 2-time National Champion and has captured over 200 Regionals. Formally trained as a high school teacher, he is comfortable teaching students of all levels.



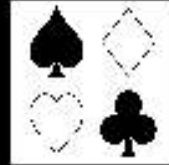
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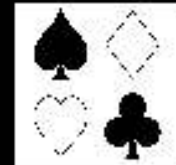
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**\*\* Western Caribbean Bridge Cruise \*\***  
**Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas**



**Round-Trip Galveston  
January 16-23, 2011**



featuring  
**Eddie Wold & Bob Morris**

**Bridge Highlights**

Daily morning lectures and question & answer sessions with Eddie & Bob  
Daily afternoon & evening stratified games with masterpoints awarded



Swiss Team and other special events scheduled  
Card playing area reserved exclusively for our group



DAY	9:30A-11:30A	1:30P-4:30P	7:30P-10:30P
Sunday	xxx	xxx	Game
Monday	Lecture	Game	Game
Tuesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Wednesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Thursday	Lecture	Game	Game
Friday	Lecture	Game	Game
Saturday	Lecture	Game	xxx

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sunday	16-Jan	Galveston	xxx	5:00PM
Monday	17-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Tuesday	18-Jan	Cozumel	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
Wednesday	19-Jan	Grand Cayman	10:00 AM	6:00PM
Thursday	20-Jan	Montego Bay	8:00 AM	5:00PM
Friday	21-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Saturday	22-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Sunday	23-Jan	Galveston	8:00 AM	xxx

**GRATUITIES AND TRAVEL INSURANCE ARE INCLUDED**

CAT	CABIN	SIZE	BALCONY	DECK	DOUBLE	SINGLE
GS	Grand Suite	381 sq ft	95 sq ft	10	\$2,300	\$3,900
JS	Junior Suite	277 sq ft	69 sq ft	10, 9	\$1,900	\$3,100
D2	Superior Outside	188 sq ft	50 sq ft	9, 8, 7	\$1,550	\$2,400
E2	Deluxe Outside	173 sq ft	47 sq ft	7, 6	\$1,500	\$2,300
H	Outside	180 sq ft	none	2	\$1,350	\$2,000
M	Inside	160 sq ft	none	9	\$1,250	\$1,800

Prices are per person, cruise only, based on either single or double occupancy and include the following: Port charges and fees of \$239.21 per person, gratuities, insurance and all of our bridge activities. Fuel surcharge (if any) is additional. All categories are subject to availability and all prices and offers are subject to change. A deposit of \$800 is required to reserve a cabin and is fully refundable until the final payment date of November 1, 2010. Cancellations made after this date are subject to penalties. We reserve the right to provide a lecturer of equal caliber in the event of illness or other circumstances beyond our control. In order to participate, your reservation must be made with Go Away Travel.



I realize that I have turned a bridge corner: I try not to plan events and trips without first looking at the ACBL tournament schedule! There's a lot going on. Despite the fact that the weather has improved, we bridge fans ignore the sunshine in favor of hours of mind-stretching/numbing indoor activity. Many of us participated at the Rockport, Austin and Kerrville sectionals, and some of us ventured west to Reno to pit our luck at the NABC tables.

One such adventurer is Fran Vanecko, whose trip to Reno was such an odyssey that it gave new meaning to the phrase "the road to Life Master is a journey." Fran and Susan Hernandez took the (unplanned) scenic route and saw Boise, Phoenix, Las Vegas and other hot spots enroute to the nationals. And that was by air! The reward for her odyssey was Bronze Life Master...skipping the initial Life Master level altogether (probably it got lost in Boise!) Congratulations, Fran! Sightings of other Unit bridge fans included Marilyn Arnold and Jerry Harrington (who bid and made 7H at KOs, helping Fran along in her Life Master odyssey), Ellen and Ira Hessel, Greg Hinze, Donna and Ken McBride, Bernadine Abend, Beth Gale, Terry Sherman and Stuart Windeler.

Along their way in their own odyssey, Becky Moseley and Warren Watson were feted splendidly at the Bridge Club of San Antonio on April 3, with 17 tables in play and cake for all, to send them on their way to Canada, with hopes of their frequent return.

A rousing "wow!" must be said for Karen and George Fillis, relative "newbies" who had a 67% game and won the club championship at Turtle Creek on March 12. Also worthy of a shout-out: Rand Schmidt and Joe Calderola had a 77.61% game at Turtle Creek later in March.

With the passing of Maria Myers, our Unit lost the presence of a charming and elegant senora. Maria was always

pleasant and friendly at the table, with a ready smile and a lovely disposition. We will miss her!

New milestones: Ginny Littrell is a new Bronze Life Master and Mike Huiatt is a new Silver Life Master. Ellen Hessel and Phillip Grothus are new Diamond Life Masters. Venkatrao Koneru qualified for the elite status of Grand Life Master (for those rare birds who have won at least 10,000 master points and a national championship!) Congratulations!

A very special "Happy Birthday" to Bill Scarpero, who turned 90 years young on April 26! Boy, oh, boy, if he isn't the poster "child" for keeping young and sharp through bridge playing, I don't know who is! He is a great model for us all, for his tenacity, sharp mind and consistent courtesy at the table. I am sure we all agree that if we have to lose, it's almost a pleasure to lose to him (and we do so frequently!)

Remember, the Unit will pay new members' ACBL first annual dues through the end of this year. Send the names of proposed new members to Linda Lawrence. And, speaking of new members, every Thursday at 11 a.m. at Turtle Creek, there is a new game for 0-20 pointers. The regular "open" game will continue, also beginning at 11 a.m. Please encourage the shy, but interested, to give it a whirl.

Turtle Creek has facilitated the sending of six more boxes of goodies to our troops, including one from New Braunfels (bound for Grant Coons' and Charlie Walker's sons, among others. Wayne Rauschuber's son is due back home during April.) Keep those items coming: Fran will gladly mail more loaded boxes.

We often make new friends at the table, but more often sit across the table from people year after year without knowing much more about them-- beyond whether or not they play 2/1 and what their first discards are. How about uncovering some tidbits about our table mates? To start us off, Barbara Ridgeway authorized me to tell you something about her. Back in the 50's, she appeared five times on a Merv Griffin show called "Word for Word", winning a 15 ft. cabin cruiser, exotic trips, furs, china

and jewels! Later, her neighbors wanted to sponsor her on "Jeopardy" in exchange for splitting the expected winnings. She said "nothing doing!" and appeared on the show in bright pink, making it into the final jeopardy round against the champ. The category was "The Bible." As a Sunday school teacher, she thought it was a cinch. The question was "Who was the Bible's first questioner?" She guessed Cain, but, alas, it was...the SERPENT! Got a tidbit to share? I am happy to include it so long as the tidbit tattler has permission!

Upcoming events: May 1/ Awards Day (Turtle Creek); May 13-16/ Austin Sectional; May 27-31/ Dallas Memorial Day Sectional / District 16 GNT finals; June 3-6 Summer Sectional (Turtle Creek); June 17-20/ Summer Sectional (BCSA).

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

**Springtime In The Hills**

Kerrville  
April 8 - 11, 2010  
187 players. : 254 tables.

- 1 34.77 Ed Rawlinson
- 2 34.75 Donna Watkins
- 3 31.27 Virginia Noelke
- 4 31.27 Venkatrao Koneru
- 5 21.92 Noreen Braun
- 6 21.92 David Walker
- 7 16.00 Gene Gammill
- 8 16.00 Flo Curry
- 9 14.81 Dave Swarhout
- 10 14.65 Donna McBride

**Thurs Aft Open Pairs-14.0 Tables /** Based on 18 Tables A1 David Walker-Noreen Braun A2 . Ed Rawlinson-Dave Swarhout B1. Richard Hamm B2. Edward Higgins-Margaret Higgins C1. Janet Revenaugh-Jo Dee Bowen C2. Anyemarie Weaver-Dee Baker

**Thursday Afternoon 299r-3.5 Tables** AB1/2 Dane Tune-Bob Jonason AB1/2 Adrienne Watt-Dixie Richardson C1. Sylvia Hamilton-Sylvia Shaw C2. Karen Spencer-Rebecca Switzer

**Thursday Eve Swiss Teams-18 Tables** A1. Donna McBride-Kenneth McBride-Diane Olson-Bill Walker A2. Flo Curry-Gene Gammill-Tommy Splitterger-Eugene LuxB1. Donald Jackson-Patricia Jackson-Jacqui Lewis-Margaret Higgins B2. Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary-Dorothy Rippstein-Roxana Tom C1. Gayle

## San Antonio Sectional Tournament

### June 3-6, 2010

### Turtle Creek Bridge Club

**2343 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio 78231**  
**210-375-0500 www.tcdbc.com**

**Thursday, June 3rd**

11 am Stratified Open and 199er Pairs  
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

**Friday, June 4th**

11 am Stratified Open and 199er Pairs  
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

**Saturday, June 5th**

11 am Stratified Open and 199er Pairs  
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

**Sunday, June 6th**

10:30 am and TBA Swiss Teams  
Snacks and sandwiches between all sessions!

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Arnold 210-273-1128  
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**Hospitality:** Olivia Brown 210- 494-1877  
**Stratifications Pairs:** A 2000+; B 500-2000; C 0-500

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McCarron-Immie Pamplin-Dixie Richardson-Adrienne Watt C2. David Ewing-Kathy Sinkin-Amor-Carol Moore-Jane Talbot  
**Friday KO-Bracket 1-4 Tables 1.** Venkatrao Koneru-Donna Watkins-Virginia Noelke-Ed Rawlinson 2.

Terry Riely-Charles Jefferson-Janise Saul-Jon Richard Ware  
**Friday KO-Bracket 2-7 Tables 1.** Clairlee Hirsch-Pamela Elsner-Jo Dee Bowen-Janet Revenaugh 2. Gayle McCarron-Immie Pamplin-Dixie Richardson-Adrienne Watt

## KERRVILLE SPRING SECTIONAL VICTORS

