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Susan Stubinsky-Bruce Wick



Justin Lall



Lynn Baker



Eddie Wold

Baker Wins Women's Swiss; Stubinsky & Wick Win Mixed Pairs; Wold Second in Vanderbilt; J. Lall Second in Open Teams Doyle, Jackson & McCarty Second in 0-10,000 Swiss

David Sokolow

Senior NABC Correspondent



I was happy to see so many District 16 players at the Spring NABC in "The Big Easy," as New Orleans is called. Lots of good food, good friends, and good (and bad!) bridge.

My esteemed colleague at UT Law School, Lynn Baker, won the Women's Swiss. There's no doubt about it, Lynn is on a roll; in October, she won the women's world team championship (Venice Cup) in China. My esteemed colleague in life, Tobi Sokolow, was third in the Women's Swiss. I may not win much myself, but I compensate by staying in close proximity to winners at work and at home!

Susan Stubinsky and Bruce Wick of Houston won the Mixed Pairs. All told, 418 pairs competed. Having played in the event, I can attest that these were not easy hands. Please join me in giving Susan and Bruce a hearty round of applause for their singular accomplishment.

Justin Lall of Plano was second in the Open Swiss. Like Lynn, Young J-Lall (not to be confused with J-Lo) is on a roll: last fall, he won the Blue Ribbon Pairs. At this rate, it won't be long before he eclipses the illustrious record of his father, Hemant. Nice going, Justin!

Second place in the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams went to Mike Doyle of Houston, Daniel Jackson of Spring, and Bill McCarty of San Antonio. These guys are on a roll, too (three?): all three were on the winning GNT Fight B team last spring, while Daniel and Bill won the NAP Flight B Pairs in 2013. A pundit once characterized consistency as "the hobgoblin of small minds," but to me, it's just plain impressive. Here's to your continued success!

Houston's own Eddie Wold was a runner-up in the premier team event at the spring nationals, the Vanderbilt

Knockout Teams. Though seeded #16, Eddie conquered one team after another, eventually succumbing to the #3 seed in the final. Given the incredible field in the Vanderbilt, that's a fine showing indeed.

Many District 16 players made the top 10 in NABC events. Kudos to Dan Morse, Houston, and Nagy Kamel, Plano, for finishing third in the IMP Pairs; Hua Yang and Yan Song, Plano, were tenth. Hua and Yan also finished fifth in the Mixed Pairs, quite an impressive showing for a Flight B pair! In the Open Swiss, Bart Bramley, Dallas, and Mike Passell, Plano, placed sixth, while John Sutherlin, Dallas, and Dan Morse ended up eighth. Bart and John paired up to finish tenth in the Grand National Pairs Flight A. In the Women's Swiss, Houstonians Mary Pat Gentry, Pat Levy, and Carolyn Lanier teamed with Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land, to finish seventh; Dallas denizens Barbara Ferm and Donna Compton, and Juanita Chambers, Garland, landed eighth. In the Life Master Women's Pairs (which has migrated from the fall NABC to the spring), Mildred Breed, Cypress, and Claudette Hartman, Austin, wound up seventh; Tobi Sokolow finished ninth. Finally, Larry Levin, and George and Karen Fillis, all of San Antonio, and Jerrold Harrington, Helotes, were fifth/ eighth in the 0-10,000 KO. A tip of the hat to you all!

The summer NABC will be held August 6-16 at the Hilton in downtown Chicago. As the song says, Chicago is "my kind of town" (Tobi lived there when we met), and it should be yours, too. It's a terrific venue for an NABC because there's so much of interest within walking distance: a world-class museum (the Art Institute of Chicago); incredible shopping on Michigan Avenue; four-star dining galore; and a series of beaches along Lake Shore Drive, the most beautiful urban parkway in America. I guarantee you: you won't be disappointed! (FYI: My "guarantee" is a gratuitous promise, which is not enforceable. You will have *no legal rights* against me if you fail to enjoy yourself.) See ya there!

Baldwin NAP Flight A
10 Bart Bramley - John Sutherlin, Dallas

Lehman IMP Pairs
3 Nagy Kamel, Plano
Dan Morse, Houston
10 Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano
24 Bryan Storey, Frisco
Tom Edwards, Austin
26 Tobi Sokolow - Louis Sachar, Austin
27 Buddy Hanby - Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands
41 Dave Swarouth, San Antonio
42 Bob Hamman - Chris Hamman, Dallas
45 Mark Bumgardner, N Richland Hls
Bill Staats, Southlake

0-10K Swiss Teams
2 Mike Doyle, Houston ; Daniel Jackson, Spring ; Bill McCarty, San Antonio
12 Stephen Kornegay - Nancy Kornegay, N Richland Hls ; Joan Jackson, Dallas ; Nancy Passell, Plano
13 Bruce Wick - Susan Stubinski, Houston
16 Larry Levin - George Fillis - Karen Fillis, San Antonio ; Jerrold Harrington, Helotes

Golder NAP Flight B
17 Yan Song - Hua Yang, Plano

Leventritt Silver Ribbon
17 Joe Quinn, Sugar Land
Ira Hessel, San Antonio
33 Nagy Kamel, Plano
48 Kimmel Jones, Euless

Rockwell Mixed Pairs
1 Susan Stubinski - Bruce Wick, Houston
6 Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano
12 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
14 Nancy Passell, Plano
Bryan Storey, Frisco
25 Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands

NABC 10K Knockout
5/8 Larry Levin - George Fillis - Karen Fillis, San Antonio ; Jerrold Harrington, Helotes

Smith LM Womens Pairs
7 Mildred Breed, Tomball
Claudette Hartman, Austin
11 Mary Pat Gentry - Pat Levy, Houston

18 Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands
22 Georgiana Gates, Houston
29 Peggy Sutherlin - Joan Jackson, Dallas

Silodor Pairs
14 John Zilic, Houston
Thomas Peters, Grapeland
26 Dan Morse, Houston
41 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

NABC+ Fast Pairs
25 Alexander Labry, Austin
Jack Lacy, Lago Vista

Jacoby Swiss Teams
2 Justin Lall, Plano
6 Mike Passell, Plano
Bart Bramley, Dallas
26 Nagy Kamel, Plano

Paul Cuneo

District 16 President



In the last issue of the Scorecard, I wrote about my belief that as individuals and organizations, we are either growing or atrophying. In recent weeks, the District Board has engaged in e-mail conversation about the disturbing trend of District membership numbers. They show an alarming decline of District membership since it peaked in 2010. You can access the chart on the District Website.

Our District is not unique and in fact our decline is consistent with the overall ACBL decline. The number of new members we have been recruiting each year as a percentage of our membership is below average at 14th out of all 25 districts.

District 16's decline is in opposition to two very significant demographic trends which are occurring in the same time period: the tremendous growth of the population in Texas and the "Baby Boomer" generation reaching retirement age. This means that there are more people than ever who can be introduced to Bridge. Overall, I believe that the tools for growth are much better today than they were in 2005, which was the end of a 15 year decline in membership. Our challenge is to reach them, teach them and retain the people who are interested in playing competitively as ACBL members.

So why are we declining despite the increase in population and the retiring boomers? To answer this question, I think we need to understand how growth must occur, and how it will not occur.

The most successful method for reaching out is by personal contact of

members with people they know who might be interested in bridge and inviting them to attend events where they can learn, play and enjoy the time they spend. Since our members average 70 years of age, it is most likely that they will reach the Baby Boomer generation. Impersonal methods such as mass marketing simply do not work, and are expensive. I know we must reach young people as well and will address that in a future article.

For us to grow each and every year, teachers and clubs need our help to stir the interest of our friends, relatives, neighbors etc. in bridge. Join with other volunteers in your club to help teachers plan and conduct events to fill their classes.

Teachers are our primary engine for growth. Our most successful teachers encourage their students and help them enjoy bridge. Their interest leads them to become members. To keep their classes alive, our teachers ask their students to bring other people who might enjoy bridge. "THANK YOU" to all of our teachers who work with beginning players.

We can also use more people who are willing to teach new players and help them enjoy and succeed at bridge. To that end, the Teacher Accreditation Program will be offered at the San Antonio regional this year in a cooperative program between Unit 172 and the district.

Every member can help teachers reach people who have an interest in learning to play bridge. If each of us will talk with just 4 additional people who might be interested in playing bridge and encourage them to attend an event for new players, I'm convinced we can reverse the membership decline. I've never met a Texan who wanted to be below average, so seize the opportunity as the future of bridge in our communities depends on it!

Tobi Sokolow Will Represent USA in Venice cup

Congratulations to Tobi Sokolow whose team won the right to represent the USA at the women's team trials. Tobi is on the Moss team [Sylvia Moss-Joann Glasson, Lynn Deas-Beth Palmer, Janice Seamon-Molson] and earned the USA2 berth to the 2015 Venice Cup at the team trials in early May.



The Longest Day

In the last two years bridge players have donated more than \$1 million to help fight Alzheimer's in both the United States and Canada. Held on Sunday, June 21, 2015, the longest day of the year, this event symbolizes the difficult journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. For the 2015 The Longest Day event, the ACBL is extending the approved participation day to include Monday, June 22.

30 Mitch Towner, Austin
31 Hemant Lall, Dallas
42 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

Vanderbilt KO Teams
2 Eddie Wold, Houston
9/16 Mike Passell, Plano
Bart Bramley, Dallas
9/16; Justin Lall, Plano
17/32 Dan Morse, Houston
John Sutherlin, Dallas
17/32 Greg Hinze, San Antonio

Machlin Womens Swiss Team
1 Lynn Baker, Austin
3 Tobi Sokolow, Austin

220.58 Eddie Wold, Houston
149.06 Justin Lall, Plano
140.75 Bart Bramley, Dallas
135.84 Dan Morse, Houston
119.24 Susan Stubinski, Houston


119.24 Bruce Wick, Houston
108.80 Mike Passell, Plano
100.22 Nagy Kamel, Plano
91.54 Lynn Baker, Austin
90.13 John Sutherlin, Dallas
83.77 Hemant Lall, Dallas
81.33 Tobi Sokolow, Austin
73.94 Yan Song, Plano
73.94 Hua Yang, Plano
59.80 Ari Sippola, Irving
58.72 Robert Schmidt, Murphy
57.71 John Schwartz, Plano
53.76 Daniel Jackson, Spring
53.76 Bill McCarty, San Antonio
52.50 Mike Doyle, Houston
50.03 Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas
45.48 Barry Martin, Dallas
48.89 James Thurtell, Dallas
48.54 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
47.66 Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands
45.48 Connie Martin, Dallas

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New Orleans Report

If you like good food and Jazz New Orleans is the place for you. I overdosed on the award winning Gumbo served at the Marriott New Orleans. Their Grits in the morning were also award winning quality. If you wanted to walk a few blocks the French Quarter offered many great restaurants. One of my favorites was Gualitos (so good I ate there 4-5 times). It was an experience walking around the Quarter and listening to all the music being played outside and indoors both. The tournament was a success with almost 11,000 tables. They had special remembrance parties after the games on Saturday and Monday nights. The first for Director of operations Jeff Johnson, who was in

charge of running the NABC'S and the Tournament Directors. Then on Monday there was a remembrance for Gary Hayden, a long time professional player who was a regular at almost all District 16 Regionals. Both were very well intended and had many fine speakers. Both will be missed.

You need to check out the ACBL web site, the new online partnership desk looks very promising. It can be used for tournaments and clubs. Tournament Partnership chairs should make a note of this service.

There is also a New Learn to Play Bridge web application software. The ACBL is launching the new version first for teachers, clubs, units, and Districts. Some of the new features: Instantly start playing bridge with robots powered by BridgeBase. Test your skills with over a thousand hands on Finesses, Stayman, Fourth best and more.

Check your ACBL masterpoints with new rank badges and full color masterpoints. Registration and use of the entire site is FREE.

The newly developed technology committee gave a presentation on future plans for ACBL Score. They answered questions about what lies ahead. The presentation was videotaped and placed on the ACBL web site. If interested here is a link, <http://www.acbl.org/about-acbl/technology-committee>.

KO Awards for 5-6 person teams at Sectionals/Regional's. Non NABC events players on KO teams with more than 4 players who are otherwise eligible for overall awards will be subject to the following participation reduction.

For every segment (half a match) of a match that is won and where a participant sits out, the overall awards for that

individual will be reduced by 5%. For example, if a player's team win's a 4-session KO and that participant played only half of each match, that players masterpoint award will be reduced by 20%. To be effective 1-1-16.

Convention Chart Modifications
 Defense to NT opening. The bid 2 diamonds showing one suit, either spades or hearts is now General Chart. TRANSFER RESPONSES are added to the COMPETITIVE BIDDING SECTION OF THE ACBL GENERAL CONVENTION CHART

Grass Roots Fund
 80% of the funds, net of total entry fee awarded by the ACBL for Flights A,B, & C is returned to the Districts that raised the monies. The other 20% will be distributed according to a complex formula that you should read the total minutes (on the ACBL web site) to understand.

GNT entry fee structure.
 For the first 2 days for Flights A,B, & C of the GNT National Final the entry fee is taken from the Grass Roots Fund.

The ACBL has changed their tournament Insurance carrier, if you require an insurance certificate for your sectional or regional there is an application page on the ACBL web site. Since the Longest Day falls of Sunday this year the ACBL has approved holding the Longest Day games either Sunday 21, or Monday the 22. This is for a good cause so encourage your club to participate.

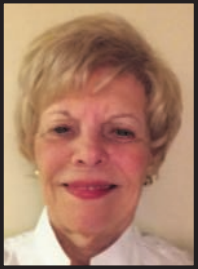
On the ACBL web site there is a complete set of minutes for anyone interested.

Hope to see everyone at the tables

Dan

Unit	Column	Announcement	Results	Pictures
172 San Antonio	4	4,16	4	4,5
174 Houston	5	5		
176 Dallas	6		6	6-7
183 Fort Western	7	8	7	8
187 Corpus Christi	8	9	8	9
197 Lubbock	14			
201 Beaumont	9		9	10
204 Fort Concho	10		10	11
207 Texas Capital	12		12	12-13
209 Permian Basin	13	13		
224 Abilene	14		15	
225 East Texas	14	14	14	
233 Central Texas	14		15	15
237 Magic Valley				
353 Wichita Falls	15			
205 Western Mexico	11		11	11-12

My road to 10,000 Pat Levy



I did not set a goal of achieving Platinum Life Master until I moved to Houston in 2000. Prior to that date I lived out of the US for eight years where ACBL masterpoints are not awarded. I found Houston to be an ideal location for players who want to improve their game. There are many expert players in the club games who are willing to share their knowledge and experience. Hand records are available so you can learn what you can do to reduce your errors by discovering where you may have gone astray on your below average boards. I love to study what the better players did on problem hands and go from there.

Bridge success comes from staying focused, bidding competitively, analyzing the opponents distribution and reducing your mistakes.

Wherever we have lived, bridge has allowed my husband and I to make friends quickly with people with whom we have a common passion. It's a game where we will never complete the journey but we have a lot of fun as we travel to get there.

Diane Olson Platinum Life Master



There are few San Antonio area players whose lives have not been touched by Diane Olson and whose bridge games have not been improved by her teaching.

Diane just became a Platinum Life Master, holding more than 10,000 masterpoints. She is quick to remind us that she has been playing for many years, as if that explained it! But we all know that she is an excellent player who has shared her time and talent with all levels of players. Since Diane was a young girl, she dreamt of being a teacher. Indeed, she has spent decades teaching scores, if not hundreds, of students. Despite a busy family life and very active teaching calendar, Diane also makes time to mentor novice players and play with intermediate players. In 1997 she was honored by Unit 172 with the Texas Star Award. Though she is among the superstars in the San Antonio bridge community, Diane is always patient and polite with those at the table. She is highly and affectionately regarded by all.

Flight A and C GNT Decided
 Flights A and C were decided in Houston to determine the district 16 winners that would represent the district at the summer nationals 8 teams were entered in each flight..

Flight A - 8 teams entered



1st Anthony Bianchi, Robert Whitcher, Mitch Towner, Gary King
 2nd - Hua Yang-Yan Song-Danny Feng-James Zhan-Tiger King

Flight B - 8 teams entered



1st Stephen & Holli Mast
 Robert Babb-Laurie Hartline-Babb
 2nd Valarie & Dale Remmers
 Deborah D'Ambrogi-David Noteware

DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

MAY

District 16 STaC (2) 4-10
 Spring 499er 14-17
 Richardson (March Issue 10) 21-25
 GNT Superflight and Flight C Richardson (10) 23-25

JUNE

San Antonio (4) 4-7
 Houston (5) 5-7
 Victoria (9) 12-14
 Midland (13) 12-14
 Austin NLM 13-14
 Dallas 299er 19-21
 Arlington NLM 27-28
 Houston 299er 25-28
 SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL (16) June 29-July 5

JULY

Tyler (14) 10-12
 Dallas 199er 17-19
 Grapevine (8) 24-26
 Houston July 30 to Aug 2

AUGUST

SUMMER NABC CHICAGO 6-16
 Waco 7-9
 Austin 199er 15-16
 Beaumont 499er 21-23
 Lubbock 21-23

SEPTEMBER

FORT WORTH REGIONAL 1-7
 Spring 299er 10-13
 New Braunfels 10-13
 Athens NLM 17-19
 Arlington NLM 19-20
 Austin 24-27
 Wichita Falls (Devol) 25-27
 STaC Various Units 26-Oct 4

OCTOBER

Houston 299er 8-11
 San Antonio 8-11
 Fort Worth 9-11
 STaC 174 12-18
 Abilene 16-18
 BEAUMONT REGIONAL 19-25
 Houston NLM 29-Nov 1

NAPS

Get ready for the new NAP cycle beginning in June! This year each District will have the opportunity to send 3 A pairs, 4 B pairs and 4 C pairs.

First you have the opportunity to earn half red/half black points 100% sectional rated points at your own local club. During June, July, and August, each club is allowed to hold two NAP games per sanction per month. Although you only need to qualify once to advance to the next level, you can win extra points all summer long!

This prestigious event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit, and district levels. It culminates in a final held in conjunction with the 2015 Spring NABC in New Orleans.

The games are flighted: (Flight eligibility is based on the May 6, 2015, masterpoint cycle: A (Open): B (0 to 2,500) and C (0 to 500, NLM) Pairs who qualify at the District level qualify to attend the NABC in Reno. ACBL pays a stipend of \$700/per person for those who qualify 1st in the District final and \$300/per person of the 2nd place qualifiers. In addition, there are no entry fees for the National event once you have qualified.

District 16 adds additional monies to each of the qualifying pairs. 1st gets and additional \$100/per person, 2nd gets \$200/per person, 3rd now gets \$300/per person, and 4th place in B and C will also get \$200/per person.

ACBL awards the District with most tables in play at the club level an additional subsidy in flights B & C, so

support your clubs when they hold qualifying games. We have won this extra subsidy in flight B several times in recent years, but we need more C tables in play in order to get the additional subsidy in C.

NAP Schedule is as follows:

Club level: June, July, August
 Unit level: From September through December
District level: January 16-17, 2016, San Antonio, Omni Hotel.
National level: At Spring 2016 NABC in Reno

.For more details, go to www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php#nap
 Or contact Melody Euler, D16 NAP Coordinator melodious@hotmail.com or 254.718.2270.

DEADLINES for July/August 2015 Issue

Announcements: June 1st
 Articles, Columns: June 6th
 Pictures & Copy must be digital.
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The Worst Bid in Bridge

By Mike Passell



There is one single bid where moreimps are lost than all the rest combined--- pass. Before we get into the bidding I would like everyone to learn two concepts. 1. When you are not vulnerable and the opponents are vulnerable you have a huge advantage and must take advantage. 2. When partner is a passed hand you must do more bidding simply because we can. We don't have to worry about partner having a big hand and getting too high or doubling the opponents on high card values. Am I saying to bid on every hand? – not at all . Let's start with responding to partner's opening bid. At a tournament last year playing

with the great Eddie Wold, I held xxx xxxxxx Kxx x. We were playing in a knockout match and at the other table the bidding started with 1 club and it was passed out there . Partner had A AKxx Ax Axxxx, and playing precision we arrived in 7 hearts which was cold. This is an extreme example but passing on hands that we can stretch to respond to accomplishes two important functions 1- it may get us to a game or a better contract, and 2- most importantly it makes life much more difficult for the opponents. Let's say partner opens 1 spade and we have x Jxxxx Jxxx Qxx. A pessimist thinks, "If I respond 1 NT partner will bid 3 spades and we will go down a lot." I think we can get to a better spot or make it difficult for the opponents to get in. I will chance partner bidding 3 spades. On a good day he will bid 3 hearts and we get to game. Will it always work? Of course it won't. At the end of the tournament will it winimps and make you a tougher opponent? Yes it will. With a hand like KQJxx xx xxxx xx, your opponent opens 1 club in front of you. With partner an unpassed hand we can't afford to overcall since partner could have a very good hand and get way too high. However, with partner being a passed hand it is a must! The opponents have a game most of the time and we need a spade lead!

We make the auction tougher for the opponents and they may have trouble guessing how to play the hand later. The hardest auction is when partner opens 1 diamond and the next hand overcalls 2 clubs. Hands like AQxx Ax Jxx xxxx where we would bid 1 spade if our opponent had passed become very difficult to bid. We have way too much to pass so we are forced to make a negative double and when partner bids 2 hearts this becomes awkward. So, on the other side of this we go back to the beginning of the article. When we are not vul vs vul with a passed partner, we should stretch to overcall on good suits. After pass by partner and opening 1 diamond by RHO at this vulnerability I would stick in a 2 club overcall on xx xx Qxxx AQxxx . Don't go crazy and start bidding on every hand and when you go minus 1100 blame it on that idiot Mike Passell, but do look for spots at the right time and vulnerability to get in the opponents way, and do go out of your way to respond to your partners opening bid within reason. If anyone needs to whine at me for a bad result or help you with a bridge problem mmpassell@sbcglobal.net is where I can be reached. See everyone here next issue,

Mike

Dewitt Hudson

District 16
President



The 2015 NABC SPRING NATIONAL WAS HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AT THE MARRIOTT HOTEL ON CANAL ST FROM MARCH 12-22, 2015.

New Orleans is a very fascinating and exotic city, walking the French Quarter, visiting the world -class Aquarium, enjoying its culinary cuisine or taking the ferry across the mighty Mississippi River, made this NABC very enjoyable!!

Honorary NABC Chair: John Onstott and his co-chairs: Dee Moses and Eleanor Onstott, made an outstanding job. Nightly refreshments were served to large crowds with jambalaya, rice and beans, ice cream, etc. As the Cajuns like to say: "I gar-o-tee?"

TABLE COUNT. The New Orleans Spring NABC had a total of 11,402 tables at play. The previous Spring National held in Dallas , Texas in 2014, they had a total table count of

9,891. The New Orleans tournament exceeded their expectations by 10%!!!

MEMBERSHIP. As of the end of February, ACBL Membership stands at: 167,392. Full membership statistics can be found at: Active Membership in the ACBL web page.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION. Regional table count is up substantially on the strength of five additional tournaments so far in the first two months. There has been an 11% increase in total tables (34,855 v. 31,262.5) but average tables have dropped by 14% (1584v.1839). Sectional tables are down 7% on ten fewer tournaments (24,244.5 v. 26,117.5) but average tables are running in a virtual tie.

SUPPORT THE ACBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. The ACBL Educational Foundation supports activities that instruct bridge and that increase the enjoyment of playing and the number of players. The Foundation has nine members: three from the ACBL Board of Directors, and six from the general

bridge membership. Members are elected for three-year terms, with a two-term limit. The Foundation meets three times yearly, once at each NABC to consider grant applications. The Educational Foundation is funded by voluntary contributions made when members join or renew their ACBL membership, through special games and events and through individual donations. Donations are tax deductible. If local clubs wish to designate one game as an Educational Foundation Charity Game, the directors of these clubs are asked to donate one dollar per player to the Foundation. In exchange, these clubs can award Regional masterpoints in a sectional game.

USE OF THE BIDDING BOX - ALERTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. When using bidding boxes, the ACBL requires that players tap the Alert strip and say: "Alert" at the same time. When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word (such as transfer) and tap the Alert strip at the same time. A player who Alerts or Announces a bid must make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

CREDIT CARD PROCESSING. ACBL is presently working with accounting to enhance our options for future credit card transactions. We believe that the League can not only save money by switching credit card processors, but also provide members with new payment options, including American Express.

CELEBRATING JEFF. A Celebration of Life for Jeff Johnston, who ran the NABC's for two decades. On Saturday, March 14, 2015, a ceremony was held with Jeff's family and friends to remember how special he was. He was responsible for setting -up tables, chairs, bidding boxes, etc. at all Nationals. Jeff , passed on January 2015, and he will be truly missed. Max Jackson ACBL is looking for a good man to replace Jeff!!

SENIORS. The definition of a Senior (for the purpose of Senior events, tournaments , special games, etc.) has matured-from 55 to 60 years old. Those 'tweeners who previously qualified as a Senior and who have been magically rejuvenated are still eligible. If you were born before

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**Christmas
in July**
Ruidoso Sectional

July 10 -12, 2015

RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL

Enjoy Bridge in the Mountains of New Mexico

Friday, July 10

9 AM Rudolf KO's
1 PM & 7 PM Rudolf KO's
Dasher/Dancer Open Pairs
Prancer/Vixen 299's Pairs

Saturday, July 11

10 AM Comet Compact KO's
Cupid Open Pairs
Donder 299's Pairs
3 PM Comet Compact KO's
Blitzen Open Pairs
Frosty 299's Pairs

Sunday, July 12

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

Stratified: (A) 2000+ (B) 750-2000 (C) 0-750
Strati-Flighted: (A) 3000+ (Ax) 0-3000
(B) 1250-2000 (C) 750-1250 (D) 0-750

Pairs and Teams stratified by average MPs of pair or team
Top KO bracket may be handicapped

Fees: Pairs and KO's: \$11 / person / session
Swiss Team: \$100. / team Sunday Lunch Included
Non-ACBL or Unpaid Member add \$3.00 each session
Host: Unit 388 District 17

Tournament Chairperson: Johnny Glover
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June 29, 2015

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Presented by National Tournament Director

Tom Marsh

Time: 9am-noon & 1-4:00pm

Cost: \$25.00

Register early! Cut-off date June 1st

A minimum of 10 is needed to have a class.

Send check (payable to SABL) to Jeri Tribo

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2-6 & 7-10


MONDAY, JUNE 29, 9-12

Location to be announced

Reduced cost only \$50 per person for a 10 hour course before the Regional Games begin. *Please register by May 15. Send check (payable to SABL) along with your home address and email address to Jeri Tribo, 8209 Roseben Circle, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015.

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**Unit 172
San Antonio**



Rebecca Brown

I am surprised that San Antonio's census didn't drop officially during the recent NABCs in New Orleans. While I was not lucky enough to go, plenty of you were. Reported sightings (please forgive me if I failed to include you): Venkatrao Koneru, Beth Gale, Kenyon Daniel, Kathy Sinkin-Amor, Tessa Bodnar, Larry Levin, Karen and George Fillis, Jerry Harrington, Rosemary Kelley, Bill McCarty, Patty and Greg Hinze, Donna and Dave Swarthout, Ellen and Ira Hessel, Roxana Tom, Roxie Tom, Ann Gary, Hank Eng, Fran Vanecko, Sheryleen Grothus, Janise Saul, the author, Rich Curtin, Kay Laird and Tom Marsh, national director. I heard that some of the bridge was excellent but that all the eating and drinking was great!

Speaking of food, thanks again to the great Kerrville folks, led by Jean Blilie, who provided wonderful hospitality for the 227 tables-full of hungry players. Thanks, too, to David Ewing, tournament chair, and Richard Hamm, partnerships. Kudos to Venkatrao Koneru, who with his partner, Virginia Noelke, took top honors, garnering 30.40 masterpoints each.

Milestones: BIG CONGRATS to Diane Olson who reached Platinum Life Master, holding more than 10,000 points!

Table tidbits: As you know, the Unit named David Mitchell as one of its two 2014 Goodwill Award winners. (As previously reported, the other winner is Sally Armstrong.) While he is ubiquitous, restraining himself to playing 8-10 times per week, many of us know little about him. He grew up and was educated in Oklahoma and spent 40 years in Texas education. He first moved to San Antonio in 1970 to begin his teaching career. He learned party bridge from relatives but began to play in earnest while in college. He got really involved in the San Antonio bridge community in the mid-

eighties when he played at Marie Bailey's and the Alamo Bridge Club on Lanark and then on Broadway. Darlene Riely was his favorite partner. He really stepped up to the plate, though, when he retired in 2009. David served several times as a Unit board member and informal mentor to many. When he looks around him at a club game on any given day, he reckons that he has played with more than 50% of the field. His love of teaching shines through as he plays with and coaches the broad spectrum of players to whom he happily devotes his time and talent. David says that he has been very honored to serve the community; he says it was the bridge community that sustained him after several life challenges, including divorce and the death of his son. Well, it's obvious he is paying it forward. If you ask him why he won the Goodwill Award, David will quip "it's because the Board has seen my wardrobe!"

Note: The dates and time for Unit board meetings have changed. During 2015 we will meet on the 2nd Monday of every month, at 3:45 pm at BCSA. Come join us.

Upcoming events: Awards Day (May 16/ BCSA); GNTs District finals (May 23-25/ Richardson); Summer Sectional (June 4-7/Fiesta Bridge Club); Regional (June 29-July 5/Omni Hotel)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Spring In The Hills

Kerrville
March 26-28, 2015
171 players.:227 tables.

- 1 30.40 Virginia Noelke
- 2 30.40 Venkatrao Koneru
- 3 28.36 Terry Riely
- 4 28.36 Carolyn Riely
- 5 28.02 Dave Swarthout
- 6 26.33 Donna Swarthout
- 7 25.61 Roxie Tom
- 8 25.42 Ed Rawlinson
- 9 23.73 Gary Anziani
- 10 22.90 Ira Hessel
- 11 22.90 Ellen Hessel

Thursday Aft Open Teams-24 Tables A1. Patty Hinze-Greg Hinze-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel A2. Rebecca

Brown-Wayne Rauschuber-Bill Walker-Jerrold Harrington B1. C David Mitchell-Kendall Early-Stephen Hoffman-Judith Hoffman B2/4 Richard Hamm-Jean Blilie-Katherine Pearce-Wright Barnebey B2/4 Ralph Sturgis-K Carpenter-Dorothy Rippstein-Beula Mae Pearce, B2/4 Horatio Aldredge-Jacquelyn Aldredge-Donald Jackson-Patricia Ann Jackson C1. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson-James Jay-Ann Jay

Thursday Morning Open Prs-21.5 Tables A1. Bill Walker-Wayne Rauschuber A2B1. Paula Warren-Linda Lawrence B2C1. Mike Vivian-Jo Ann Robertson C2. Evelyn Irene White-Jim Roff

Friday Aft Open Pairs-32.0 Tables A1. Hank Eng-Richard Lampman A2. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel BC1. Ann Jay-James Jay B2. K Voges-Susan Ohm C2. Jerre McAfee-David McAfee

Friday AM Open Pairs-31.0 Tables A1. Roxie Tom-Janise Saul A2. Jon Richard Ware-James La Fountain B1. Connie Matz-Clifford Jensen B2. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson C1. Barbara Layton-Tiny Beckham C2. Janice Fletcher-Dean Groussman

Friday Evening Fast Pairs-8.0 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2B1. K Voges-Susan Ohm

Saturday AM Open Pairs-24.5 Tables A1. Roxie Tom-Hank Eng A2. Forrest Gray-Diane Olson B1. Linda Lawrence-Paula Warren B2. Bev Howard-Elizabeth Hutchison C1. Barbara Layton-Tiny Beckham C2. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-25.5 Tables A1. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel A2. Everette Lewis-Wayne Rauschuber B1. Alberta Birk-Tommy Splittergerber B2. Linda Cole-Gene Cole C1. Elaine Martin-Polly McCamey C2. Barbara Layton-Tiny Beckham

Saturday Eve Fast Pairs-6.0 Tables A1. Gene Gammill-Flo Curry A2B1. Larry Levin-Laurie-Ann Levin B2. Kathy Sinkin-Amor-Forrest Gray

Saturday KO-Bracket 1-6 Tables 1. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke 2. Gary Anziani-Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson

Margaret Higgins Swiss-22 Tables A1. Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely-Venkatrao Koneru-Chris Compton-Linda Elmore-Virginia Noelke A2. Ed Rawlinson-Dave Swarthout-

FIESTA SUMMER SECTIONAL -SAN ANTONIO



June 4 - 7 @ FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB
2112 NW MILITARY, SAN ANTONIO 78213

Thursday, 4th 10am Open Pairs
10am 299'er Pairs
3pm Stratified Swiss Teams
Friday, 5th 10am Stratified Open Pairs
10am 299'er Pairs
3pm Stratified Open Pairs
3pm Bracketed Handicapped KO Teams (1 of 3)
Saturday 6th 10am Stratified Open Pairs
10am 299'er Pairs
10am Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (2 of 3)
3pm Stratified Open Pairs
3pm Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (3 of 3)
Sunday 7th 10am & TBA Stratified Swiss Team - Meal between session.
Stratifications: A 2000+ B 500-2000 C 0-500
Average Masterpoints will be used in all events
Chair & Hospitality: Laurie-Anne Levin (210) 213-3631
laurie-anne@sabx.r.com
Partnerships : (210) 378-7764
Card Fees: \$11/person/session \$100/Swiss Team
Unpaid/non ACBL members add \$3

Great Venue - Great Sectional - Great Hospitality

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Donna Swarthout-Gary Anziani B1. Robert Barber-Elia Rosetta-Jerome Tilles-Jay Thorne B2. Margaret Higgins-Richard Hamm-Jean Blilie-Eugene Lux-Wright Barnebey C1.

Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson-Phil Merkel-Linda Thomas C2. David Ticen-Beth Gale-Robert Otis-Kathy Sinkin-Amor

KERRVILLE SECTIONAL WINNERS



Wayne Rauschuber, Bill Walker
Thursday Morning Pairs A



Ellen Hessel, Patty Hinze,
Greg Hinze, Ira Hessel
Thursday Swiss A



Janise Saul, Roxie Tom
Friday Morning Pairs A



Hank Eng, Rich Lampman
Friday Afternoon Pairs A



Ginny Noelke, Babu Koneru
Friday Fast Pairs A



Roxie Tom, Hank Eng
Saturday Morning Pairs A



Ira & Ellen Hessel
Saturday Afternoon Pairs A



Babu Koneru, Carolyn Riely
Ginny Noelke, Terry Riely
Saturday KO
Sunday Swiss A



Paula Warren, Linda Lawrence
Thursday Morning Pairs B
Saturday Morning Pairs B



Jo Ann Robertson, Mike Vivian
Thursday Morning Pairs C



Don Hixson, James Jay,
Ginny Hixson, Ann Jay
Thursday Swiss C



Cliff Jensen, Connie Matz
Friday Morning Pairs B



Dean Groussman, Janice Fletcher
Friday Morning Pairs C



Ann & James Jay
Friday Afternoon Pairs B/C



Tiny Beckham, Barbara Layton
Saturday Morning Pairs C



Alberta Birk, Tommy Splittgerber
Saturday Afternoon Pairs B



Polly McCamey, Elaine Martin
Saturday Afternoon Pairs C



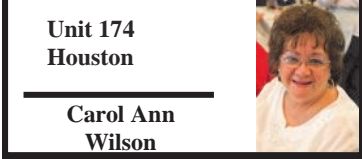
Laurie & Larry Levin
Saturday Fast Pairs B



Jerry Tillis, Robert Barber,
Elia Rosetta, Jay Thorne
Sunday Swiss B



Giny Hixson, Linda Thomas,
Don Hixson, Phil Merkel
Sunday Swiss C



Unit 174
Houston

Carol Ann
Wilson

What a great participation in the Spring Nationals in New Orleans from Unit 174! We now look forward to Chicago this summer. Our members' names were prominently featured in all the issues of the *Daily Bulletin* as they garnered platinum, gold, and red points in sometimes brutal battles. **Eddie Wold's** team battled valiantly to take second place in the Vanderbilt competition, but he and his partner **WON** the Saturday A/B Pairs. Second place also went to the team of **Daniel Jackson** and **Mike Doyle** in the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams event. **Dan Morse** and his partner were 3rd in the Lebar IMP Pairs; **Mildred Breed** and her partner finished 7th in the Smith LM Women's Pairs, and **Pat Levy** and **Mary Pat Gentry** finished 11th. Poring through the *Daily Bulletins*, I was excited to see the names of *many* of our unit members not only supporting the nationals but winning and placing as well.

But I want to tell you about a mixed pairs champion partnership. **Bruce Wick** and wife **Susan Stubinski**, who make their homes in Austin and Scottsdale, won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs at the Spring NABC in New

Orleans and added a cool 100 Platinum MPs to their already impressive totals of about 4,000 and 2,750, respectively. Bruce is a retired optometrist and Susan was his office manager. Their daughter and son have taken over the businesses (Vision Source-Mission Bend and Vision Source Copperfield). Having retired in January 2014, Susan and Bruce now spend the majority of their free time in Scottsdale, Arizona. They play mostly in tournaments, making all the nationals and about ten regionals a year. Three of their five grandchildren, from age 7 to 18 months, are in Houston, so that brings them back often. Bruce and Susan also spend time at their lake house in Austin. But they are members of Unit 174, and we're going to continue to claim them as our own!

Their system is a Forcing Club with transfer responses, Canapé, and weak NT, which is complicated and requires not only a lot of memory but also frequent, regular play. They play occasionally in pairs games and they have teams they play with in California and Arizona. Susan says, "We like to play with married couples who get along well. We enjoy that, and we enjoy the social aspect of bridge."

Bruce and Susan agree that on the national level of play, the competition is very good, so a pair must play consecutive sessions well. "You can't have a bad session and then expect to

come back and have a great session to make up for it; in fact, you can hardly have a bad round and expect to come back from it. You need to have four or six good, solid sessions," Susan commented. To the question, "Is a win like this special, or do you ever get used to it?," Susan replied: "It is never anything but *awesome*. We are totally excited about having done this!"

Bruce and Susan started playing together in 1986, when Susan was a new Life Master with 300 MPs, and Bruce had 1500. They played together until about 1992, playing well and happy with their partnership, but in 1992 they bought their Vision Source business, and just couldn't continue tournament bridge with the demands of their business.

In about 2009 they resumed playing when they retired part-time and began again to work seriously on their game. When asked the secret of being married and having a good bridge partnership, Susan said, "Bruce looks on me as an equal partner and not someone he's carrying along. He respects my decisions at the table. We have a Mutual Admiration Society, because I think he's the best, and I look to him for leadership. He has developed our system and has great ideas about bidding. We don't get mad at each other—maybe disappointed or frustrated—and we try to contain it as best we can and remain

civil at the table. We realize mistakes are made."

Bruce added: "The higher level you play, the more mistakes *matter*. You need to contain your stupidities." Susan agreed, and said, "So often people are so upset with their partner, who may be right or may be wrong, but it ruins the partnership." She added that in New Orleans, "We had one round in the final session where we made some mistakes, and we both just shook our heads and said, 'It's behind us now, so let's just move on and forget about it,' and we ended up having a solid game. Mistakes happen; how you deal with them defines your game!"

Bruce commented about the bridge ability of the foreign players who come to our nationals. "There seem to be more foreign players every year—from all over the world (Asia, Europe, Australia, South America), and they are all incredibly good. It makes it so much more difficult to do well—you have to compete against the best Americans and then there is the onslaught of great foreign players." Keep up the good work, Bruce and Susan. You have made us very proud.

Success Stories from Unit 174: Supervised Play continues to work well. At Westside Bridge Academy, **Pat Levy** and **Kay Johnson** lead the Thursday morning events, and **Tom Jahnke** and **Terry Currie** are having

great success on Tuesdays *after* the regular game. On 5/12 **Bridge Club of Houston** starts a new Bridge+ game on Tuesday mornings, with a 30-minute lesson before the game, and they will have special games for Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day.

New 70% Milestones: **Larry Laird** and **Bill Lease** scored 70.83% on 2/20 at Tracy Gee Community Center, and there were TWO big games at the same club on 2/27, when **David Goldfarb** and **Harry Elliott** had a 71.31% and **Ralda St. Pierre** and **John Erickson** had a 70.03%. At Westside Bridge Academy on 3/26, **Donna Sparks** and **Fred Feigley** scored 72.49%. All these wins are by players who consistently score well. Well done!

Fundamental Tip: Please be considerate when you are at tournaments and have finished your session. Loud talking while others are still playing is rude and thoughtless. Just move it on out of the playing area and others will appreciate it.

Sad Farewell: **Donna Maddox** left us 1/31; **Lillian Reilly** passed away 2/16, and **Rosemary Duvall's** services were on 2/9. We will miss them.

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Lectures

Friday at 1:00 TBA
Saturday at 3:00

Entry Fees

Friday & Saturday\$10
Sunday (lunch included!).....\$13
\$3 more for non- and unpaid members
0-5 play for free on Friday and Saturday!

Host Hotel

Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston, TX
713-978-7400
Room Rate \$89; Cutoff date May 16

Nearly Summer Sectional

June 5-7, 2015

Houston Marriott Westchase
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Stratification

Stratified Open Events

A:2000+ B:750-2000 C:0-750

Stratified 299r Events

A:200-300 B:100-200 C:0-100

Stratified 49r Events

A:20-50 B:5-20 C:0-5

Bracketed Swiss

Teams bracketed into groups of 7-9 by total masterpoint holding. Teams will play within their bracket.

Strati-Flighted Swiss

A:4000+ Ax:0-4000 A, Ax play together
B:0-2500 Bracketed

Team or pair average masterpoints used in determining Strati-Flighted strats.
No one with over 2500 masterpoints may play in the B flight.
Strats may vary at the directors' discretion.

Event Schedule

Friday, June 5

1:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Saturday, June 6

10:30 am
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 Of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

3:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Sunday, June 7

10:00 am & TBA
Strati-Flighted Swiss (Double Session)
Stratified Open Pairs (Double Session)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Sessions)
Stratified 299r Pairs (Single Sessions)



Unit 176 Dallas
Judith Lotridge

As always, the Big Time in Big D sectional hosted by BAND was well-attended and well-received. The format of the tournament was appealing, with new team games starting up every session except the second session on Sunday. Almost 2000 masterpoints were awarded. The top masterpoint winner was Nagy Kamel.

Have you noticed that every year, the national tournaments are becoming more and more international? At the Spring Nationals in New Orleans, only one resident of the United States, Zia Mahmood, was in the top ten masterpoint winners. Justin Lall was the unit's biggest winner at the nationals, placing second in the 4-session Jacoby Swiss Teams and making it to the round of 16 in the Vanderbilt KO. As a fan of both bridge and college basketball's March Madness, this spectator had about all the excitement possible on the second weekend of Nationals, which was also the semifinals of the basketball tournament.

Bill Higgins and Barbara O'Dell are the unit's new Bronze Life Masters. Our newest Silver Life Masters are George Burcham, Brian Gelles, and Paul Taylor. Mark Hatkoff has achieved the rank of Gold Life Master.

Congratulations to all of you! Several events are on the calendar for you to consider in May. Our monthly unit game will be on May 3. The next day, our district's STaC competition starts. It will take place from May 4 to May 10. For those of you who are curious about the acronym, STaC stands for Sectional Tournament at Clubs and is an opportunity for you to compete in a district-wide sectional without ever venturing from the club where you usually play. Triple silver points will be awarded. Check your club's schedule for more details.

Finally, the Memorial Day sectional will begin on May 21 and run through May 25 (Memorial Day). Normally our biggest sectional of the year, the attendance at the event is augmented by the District GNT competition for Flight B and the SuperFlight. Cap-

tains of SuperFlight teams should contact Jim Thurtell to reserve a spot at the District Qualifiers. I hope to see you at this sectional! It is one of my favorites of the year.

June marks the beginning of the Unit qualifying games for the NAP. These games will run through August, and most of the clubs in the Unit participate. Check with your club for more details. The National Finals for this event will be held in Reno next spring, not a bad venue for playing a little bridge and other games of chance.

Richardson

Mar 05-08, 2015
481 players. 498 tables

- 1 40.49 Nagy Kamel
- 2 37.53 Mark Bumgardner
- 3 27.87 John Schwartz
- 4 27.87 Gerry McKim
- 5 27.01 Michael Hout
- 6 26.26 Linda Spangler
- 7 25.64 Kimmel Jones
- 8 25.38 Bill Staats
- 9 23.79 Stephen Kornegay
- 10 23.79 Nancy Kornegay

Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-10.0 Tables ABC1 M George Ray-Rosalind Smith A2. Jack Schober-Nancy Young A2. Mary Lynn Trentham-Mavis Wallace B.2 Bernadette Solomon-Karen Silberman

Thursday Aft 49er Pairs-2.5 Tables A1. Michael Edwards-Sherlene Edwards A2. Becky Bullard-Joyce Jordan

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-15.5 Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1. Joan Jackson-Peggy Sutherlin A2B1. Jon Browne-Ann Berning B2. Connie Martin-Barry Martin C1. Susan Colby-Reg Watt C2. Jack Harkey-Bill Frazee

Thursday Eve Open Pairs-7.0 Tables A1. Bart Bramley-John Sutherlin A2. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells B1. Thomas Leberman-Michael Hout B2. Gary King-Brian Russell C1. Tom Lang, -David Luzzatto C2/3 Leonard Epstein-Daniel Butler C2/3 Lisa Abuhamad-Karim Abuhamad

Thursday Swiss Brakcet 1-8 Tables / Based on 24 Tables 1. Dan Morse-Bill Staats-Mark Bumgardner-Nagy Kamel 2/3 Gerry McKim-John Schwartz-James Thurtell-James Bauer 2/3 Marion Gebhardt-Robert Adams-Joe Hill-Roy Baughman, Pantego

Thursday Swiss Brakcet 2-8 Ta-

bles / Based on 16 Table 1. Kathleen Carr-Jerrold Albom-George Burcham -S Perutz 2. Stephen Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield-Eileen Smith-James McCommons

Thursday Swiss Brakcet 3-8 Tables 1. Chris Kelly-Jimmy Justice-Sheila Harrison-Pam Barksdale 2. Karen Roland-Judy Thompson-Sudhir Shah-Kay Moran

Friday Morn Open Pairs-12.5 Tables AB1. Jack Borenstein-Scott Nason A2. Linda Spangler-Michael Murphy B2. William Garrard-Donna Garrard C1. Ira Nemazie-Maryanne Hon C2. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep Milton Neher-Bill Osborn

Friday Morn 1499er Pairs-10.5 Tables AB1. Jennifer Rao-Renee Levy AB2. John Pelletti-Michael McShane C1. Rebecca Elder-Lynda Cross C2. Robert Frisch-Mark Dumdei

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-10.0 Tables AB1/2 Connie Van Patter-Patricia Kleckner AB1/2C1. Louise Shanley-Pat Glaser B2. Ian Currell, -Loretta Leathers

Friday Morn 49er Pairs-3.5 Tables A1. Karen Bowman-Carole Buffington A2B1. Janet Sheppard-Sharon Wilson B2. Judy Zipkes-Deanna Davis

Friday Aft Open Pairs-15.5 Tables / Based on 43 Tables A1. Jean Boettcher-Steven Gaynor A2. Bart Bramley-Marcia Hutchison B1. Barbara Nelson-Pat Measley B2. Leonard Schaeen-M. Aslam Ansari C1. Randolph Worsham-Marvin Migdol C2. Barry Martin-Connie Martin

Friday Aft 1499er Pairs-12.5 Tables AB1. Elizabeth Donner- Lynell Pinion A2. Jo Shah-Sam Shah B2. Leslie Conant-Roslyn Miller A1. Beverly Strauss- Earle A2. Dora Bearden-James Forsythe

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-12.5 Tables ABC1. Karen Cohen-Mary Lynn Genovesi B2. Judy Nixon-James Nixon C2. Barbara Ching-Susan Kronay

Friday Aft 49er Pairs-2.5 Tables 1. Paul Wunderlich-Jo Wunderlic 2/3 Leanna Robl-Maryln Witt 2/3 Jacqueline Brown-Philip Brown

Friday Eve Open Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Linda Spangler-David Horner A2. Bob Wilkin-John Spessard B1. Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski B2C1. George Burcham-Max Frey C2. Marjorie Deutsch-Mary Lynn Trentham

Friday KO-6 Tables 1. Stefanie Scott -Justin Lall-Petra Hamman-Hemant Lall 2. Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles-Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert

Friday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables /

Based on 22 Tables 1. Nancy Passell-Bryan Storey-Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg 2/3 Dan Morse-Mark Bumgardner-Bill Staats-Nagy Kamel 2/3 Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay-Barry Schaffer-Kimmel Jones

Friday Swiss Bracket 2-13 Tables 1. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter-Jim Harp-Mary McGinnis 2. Joseph Gill-Adrienne Feuer-R Randall Smith -Mark Hatkoff

Saturday Morn Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 43 Tables A1. Nagy Kamel-Mark Bumgardner A2. Linda Spangler-Charles Price B1. Jianbo Chen-Siming Hui B2C1. David Greims-Fred Curtis Jr, C2. Robert Scrimale-Paul Taylor

Saturday Morn 1499er Pairs-13.0 Tables AB1. John Davis-Bert Dempsey A2. Diana Winkelmann-Jane Kirby B2/3C1. Paula Pennington -Carlene Stewart B2/3 Leslie Conant-Roslyn Miller C2. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-13.0 Tables ABC1. Linda Lindley-Martha Ward ABC2. Lawrence Fritz-Charles Hill

Saturday Morn 49er Pairs-4.5 Tables A1. Debrah Chockley-Marcia Lansdown A2/3 John Everhart-Anita Everhart A2/3 Philip Brown-Jacqueline Brown B2C1. Sheryl Crocker-Tricia Ray Cyndy Sterrantino- Joyce Jordan C2. Janet Sheppard-Sharon Wilson

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-17.0 Tables ABC1. **George Burcham-S Perutz AB2. Marcia Hutchison-Kashi Singh C2. Randy Earle-Preston Morrow**

Saturday Aft 1499er Pairs-10.5 Tables ABC1. Renee Levy-Andi Gordon ABC2. Barry Cooper-Lynn Cooper

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-12.0 Tables ABC1. Loretta Leathers-Ian Currell AB2. Janet Baumgartner-Jeanne Long C2. Mary Ellen Little-Sandra Lovin Elaine Bindo-Joseph Bindo

Saturday Aft 49er Pairs-2.5 Tables 1. Anita Everhart-John Everhart 2. Kelly Austin-Donna Hanes

Saturday Eve Open Pairs-6.0 Tables / Based on 9 Tables AB1. Jack Borenstein-Bill Osborn AB2C1. Pawel Hanus-Ari Sippola C2. Chris Kelly-Kevin Broderick

Saturday Eve 1499er Pairs-3.0 Tables 1. Melba Clark-Carole Findlay 2. Mary Lynn Trentham-Marjorie Deutsch

Saturday Bracketed KO-7 Tables 1. Eric Diamond-Bob Friz-Jay Gibson-Martha Young 2. Brian Gelles-Janet

Gelles-Pam Barksdale-Sheila Harrison

Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables / Based on 25 Tables 1. James Bauer-James Thurtell-Gerry McKim-John Schwartz 2. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Justin Lall-Nancy Passell-Jeremy Fournier

Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-16 Tables / Based on 32 Tables 1. Glenda Cooper-David Clegg-Jo England-Bob Frink 2. Satish Shah-Venkata Vishnubhotla-Diana Chen-Rathnam Vasanthkumar

Sunday Swiss Bracket 1-10 Tables / Based on 51 Tables 1. Michael Hout-John Schwartz-Gerry McKim-Michael Murphy-Linda Spangler-Charles Price 2. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Kimmel Jones-Hugh Hillaker

Sunday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables / Based on 32 Tables 1. Joseph Gill-Rich Brandenburg-Bob McNeill-Adrienne Feuer 2. Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski-William Garrard-Donna Garrard

Sunday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Vernon Earl Hodge-Carolyn Motes Jr, -Jianbo Chen-Siming Hui 2. Frank Durante-Nancy Latner-Sue Gilbreath-Charles Brown,

Sunday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables / Based on 14 Tables 1. Andi Gordon-Marie-Anne Johnson-Jennifer Rao-Renee Levy 2. Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard-Judy Nixon-Jeanette McDonald

Sunday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-J Scott Etchison-Judy Etchison 2. Shelley Early-Barbara Horowitz-Lynell Pinion-Elizabeth Donner

Sunday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney-Joyce Armstrong-Carol Segreti 2. J Fletcher -William Olds-Rosalind Smith-Karen Cohen

Sunday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables 1. Deborah Armstrong-Sharon Ward-Connie Van Patter-Patsy Rainwater-Maddu

2/3 Rick Margerison-Leah Margerison-Deborah D'Ambrogio-David Noteware 2/3 Randy Patterson-Larica Taylor-Patricia Ducayet-Edwin Ducayet Jr

Sunday Aft Open Pairs-3.0 Tables 1. Jules Schoenberg-Hazel Schoenberg 2. Farell Shaftel-Marvin Migdol

Sunday Aft 49er Pairs-5.0 Tables A1. Beverly Ginsburg-Leslie Levin A2B1. M Amy Schumacher-Cheryl Sargent B2. Cheryl Rider-James Rider

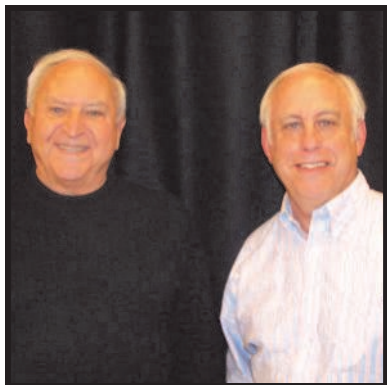
DALLAS MARCH SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Thursday Bkt Swiss Bkt 1
Bill Staats, Mark Bumgardner,
Nagy Kamel, Dan Morse



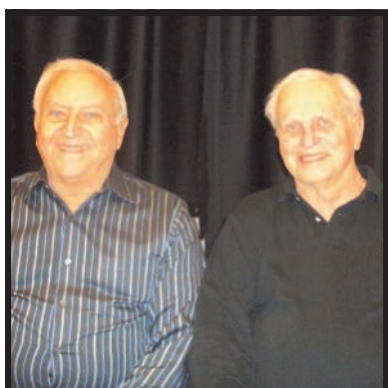
Friday Swiss Bkt 1
John & Beth Bromberg,
Nancy Passell, Bryan Storey



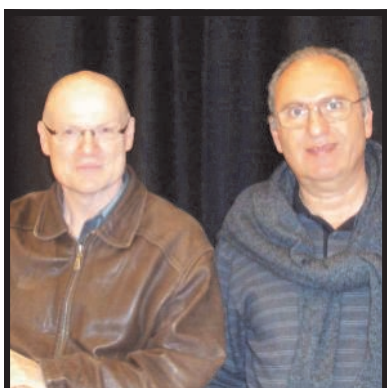
Friday Morn Open Pairs A&B
Jack Borenstein, Scott Nason



Saturday KO
Eric Diamond, Jay Gibson,
Bob Friz, Martha Young



Saturday Eve Open Pairs A&B
Jack Borenstein, Bill Osborn



Saturday Morn Open Pairs A
Mark Bumgardner, Nagy Kamel



Sunday Swiss Bkt 1
Linda Spangler, Mike Murphy,
Charlie Price, Mike Hout



Thursday Aft Open Pairs B
Jon Browne, Ann Berning



Thursday Bkt Swiss Bkt 2
Jerrold Albom, Kathleen Carr,
S Perutz, George Burcham



Thursday Bkt Swiss Bkt 3
Sheila Harris, Pam Barksdale,
Jimmy Justice, Chris Kelley



Thursday Eve Open Pairs C
Tom Lang, David Luzzato



Friday Aft 1499ers
Elizabeth Donner, Lynell Pinion



Friday Aft 1499ers
Beverly Strauss, Randy Earle



Friday Aft Open Pairs B
Barbara Nelson, Pat Measley



Friday Aft Open Pairs C
Marvin Migdol, Randolph Worsham



Friday Swiss Bkt 2
Ed Yetter, Mary McGinnis,
Kay Yetter, Jim Harp



Friday Morn 49ers
Karen Bowman, Carole Buffington



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
Jo England, Glenda Cooper
Bob Frink, Davod Clegg



Saturday Eve 1499ers
Carole Findlay, Melba Clark



Friday Morn 1499ers
Jennifer Rao, Renee Levy



Saturday Aft 1499ers
Andi Gordon, Renee Levy



Saturday Morn Pairs C
Fred Curtis, David Greims



Saturday Eve Open Pairs C
Pawel Hanus, Ari Sippola



Saturday Aft 49ers
Anita & John Everhart



Friday Morn 299ers
Louise Shanley, Pat Glaser



Saturday Morn 299ers
Martha Ward, Linda Lindley



Thursday Aft 49ers
Michael & Sherlene Edwards



Saturday Aft 299ers
Ian Currell, Loretta Leathers



Friday Aft 299ers
Karen Cohen, Mary Lynn Genovesi



Sunday Swiss Bkt 2
Rich Brandenburg, Bob McNeill
Adrienne Feuer, Joseph Gill



Sunday Swiss Bkt 3
Siming Hui, Jianbo Chen,
Vernon Earl Hodge, Carolyn Motes



Sunday Swiss Bkt 6
Joyce Armstrong, Carol Segreti,
Craig & Mary Ann Briney



Sunday Swiss Bkt 5
Alma Farley, Robert Clark,
Scott & Judy Etchison



Sunday Swiss Bkt 7
Patsy Rainwater-Maddu, Connie Van Patter,
Deborah Armstrong, Sharon Ward



Sunday Swiss Bkt 4
Renee Levy, Jennifer Rao,
Andi Gordon, Marie-Ann Johnson



Sunday Aft 49ers
Beverly Gnsburg, Leslie Levin

**Unit 183
Fort Worth**

Millie Williams



Welcome Spring! Good to see sunshine and beautiful flowers! We didn't let that old groundhog stop us from playing of bridge these last couple of months.

ADBC hosted a Groundhog Swiss game on February 7. Twenty-five teams played and enjoyed a great lunch. The winners were: Sue Gilbreath, Charlie Brown, Clay Waldrop and Melody Gann 1st; second place was Chris Kelly, Kevin Broderick, Paula and James Justice and third William and Molan Chan, Rodney Bond and Ginger Bond.

We celebrated Valentine's Day in Fort Worth with a 4 x 4 Championship Team Game on the 14th. ADBC hosted a Presidential Charity Pairs Game on February 21 with 15 tables in play. N/S Winners were Charlie Brown and Sue Gilbreath, with Richard Langland and Karen Caton second. E/W winners were Jerry Derby and Pat Cassidy, with Bill Staats and Mark Bumgardner second.

We are so fortunate to have a world-class bridge teacher, Mary Jane Orock, as a member of our unit. She graciously keeps giving us lessons and tips to improve our game. We had an outstanding doubles seminar on Feb. 21 with 28 people in atten-

dance. The topic of preemptive raises was her topic on March 14. Watch for a seminar in the future, presented by Buck Buchanan and Don Reynolds covering low-level doubles. I could have used a lesson as today I passed such a bid and was oh, so sorry!

It's always good to celebrate, and we have had lots of people who have accomplished goals this year. This year's Ace of Clubs winners were: Joyce Armstrong, Barbara Gee, Carol Segreti, Finlay Higgins, Craig Briney, Mike Peiffer, Jane Larimore, Gregory Sucec, Charlie Brown, Gary Neisler, Bill White, Nancy Kornegay, and Linda Spangler. Mini McKenney winners were Joyce Armstrong, Barbara Gee, Carol Segreti, Finlay Higgins, Craig Briney, Mike Peiffer, Jane Larimore, Sue Gilbreath, Charlie Brown, LaQuita Talbot, Bill Staats, Steve Kornegay and Hugh Hillaker. Congrats! The Goodwill Awards were given to Francis Chang and Katye Kowierschke. I can't think of two more deserving people. It is a pleasure to sit at the table with those two who are kind and pleasant to all of us.

We partied with a number of members who have reached significant new goals. February 12 there was a surprise Pizza Party in Fort Worth for Herb Fallin, who is a new Diamond Life Master. Winners N/S were Norma Brown and Carolyn Powell with Steve Shirey and Lottie Krupp second. E/W winners were Jane Larimore and Millie Williams with Bill Ream and Don Reynolds second. March 9 was the party for new Life

Master Jon Wolkenstein at the ADBC. Kudos to David Branch, a new Life Master in Fort Worth...his party was April 2. Congratulations also to Earl Mast, a new Bronze Life Master.

We all became Irish for a day on March 14 with a St. Patrick's Day Championship Game to honor Max Jackson, the most recipient of the Texas Star Award. There were 17 tables in the open game with the N/S Winners being Linda Spangler and Hugh Hillaker, also first O/A. Second were Ruby Hill and Jane Hopkins. E/W Winners were B. J. Yates and Vesta Snider, with Jane Larimore and Jeri Quinton second. The winners in the limited game were Fred Team and Ginny Collett, with Harley Puff and Sue Ragsdale second. The food, of course, was fabulous, thanks to Katye Kowierschke, Janet Jordan and Barbara Jones. Once again, Max, you are a wonderful Texas Star winner.

ADBC held its annual Membership Meeting and Election on March 28. The newly elected directors are Marguerite Lavender, Sue Gilbreath and Melody Gann. Congrats to three excellent choices. Twenty tables played in the open game with Barbara Allison and Diane Kohsmann winning N/S with Margot Hirsch and James Willson second. E/W winners and 1st O/A were Hugh Hillaker and Bill Staats with Richard Langland and Chuck Burke second. The Limited game was won by Rodney and Ginger Bond first with Rob Dixon and Mark Arneson second.

I hope you read the nice article in the 76107 Magazine recently about our own Jeri and Ken Quinton. They have worked tirelessly to build our novice games. They are a fun and gracious couple who want to share the love of playing duplicate with others. The Thursday morning game has about doubled in size and the Ft. Worth Studio is filled on Thursday with many people enjoying the game. Kay Jones Open game is still thriving....come join us and help us grow.

The last two months have been especially hard ones. We have lost a number of our good friends and bridge players, as well as dear family members. The Ft. Worth Studio just isn't the same without Mel Bason. He was everyone's friend. I guess he was best known as the caretaker of the Coke machine. Not a small job....ask Bill Ream who has agreed to do this job for us. We have lost other players....Gary Cary from Denton, Jerry Davenport, who was a long-time player and also Billie Gaddy. These people made a contribution to the places where they played and will be missed. Barbara Traphagen lost a very dear sister, Ann Box lost her sweet sister and Karen Caton lost her mom. Deepest Sympathy to all of you. How do you sum up the life of an Icon like Gene Britton? I will always be eternally grateful for this game bringing this woman into my life. Gene was a mentor to me when I first began to play duplicate and lovingly tried to impart some of her knowledge of the game to me. She quoted her much-loved mentors: Sherrill Headrick, Don Fitzhugh,

Steve Shirey, Bruce Shields and so on like the Holy Grail. Honey, she'd say, them boys have worked it all out...we just have to do it! I spent many a fun-packed day playing with her. I never heard her say an unkind word to anyone and lived her life with deep gratitude to "The Good Lord". I was blessed to be her friend.

Now, be kind and nice to each other...play hard and above all...have fun!

**Fort Western
Spring Sect.**

Fort Worth, TX
April 10-12, 2015

240 players.203 tables.

- 1 24.65 Milton Neher
- 2 24.65 Jack Borenstein
- 3 24.65 David Pearlman
- 4 22.22 John Schwartz
- 5 22.22 James Thurtell
- 6 22.22 Gerry McKim
- 7 17.85 Scott Nason
- 8 16.50 Robert Buchanan
- 9 16.25 James Bauer
- 10 15.91 Mark Bumgardner
- 11 15.91 Bill Staats

Friday Aft Open Pairs-19.5 Tables /
Based on 24 Tables A1. James Bauer-Tomi FitzGerald A2B1. Barbara Yates-Vesta Snider B2. William Morris Jr-Michael Tiernan C1. George Mann III-Bruce Mann C2. Dwight Hill-John Robbins
Fri Aft 299er Pairs-4.5 Tables
ABC1. Connie Chamberlain-Pamala Pickrell ABC2. Miriam Tobolowsky-

Martin Tobey
Fri Eve Swiss-7 Tables AB1. Frank Durante-Jerrold Albom-Kathleen Carr -Theresa Ann Brantley AB2. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath-Charles Raines-Mary Ellen Stanton C1. Sue Rowe-Patricia Sears-Barbara Jones-Virginia Reinier
Friday Eve Open Pairs-13.0 Tables A1. Claybourne Waldrop Jr-Virginia Sherman A2. Bart Bramley-Norman Beck BC1. George Mann III, -Bruce Mann B2. Jim Chaffee-Susan O'Neil C2. Janice Bauer-Tom Nute
Fri Compact KO Bkt 1-14 Tables 1. Gerry McKim-Jack Rollier-John Schwartz-James Thurtell 2. Jack Borenstein-Scott Nason, -Milton Neher-David Pearlman
Sat Morn Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / AB1. Don Reynolds-Robert Buchanan A2. Jeff McKee-Greg Resz B2. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore C1. Frank Vlach-Karen Vlach C2. Corinne Eas-

ley-Barbara Gee
Sat Morn 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Joyce Taylor-Bobbie Traylor AB2C1. Beverly Beazley-Marilyn Norton C2. Larry Dick-William Garner
Sat Compact KO Bkt 1-11 Tables 1. Mark Bumgardner-Bill Staats-Merri-Jo Hillaker-Hugh Hillaker 2. Jack Borenstein-Milton Neher-David Pearlman-Bill Osborn
Sat Compact KO Bkt 2-10 Tables 1. Frank Durante-Nancy Latner-Mike Peiffer-Finlay Higgins 2. Donald Pigg -Milton Birmingham-Rosalie Manuel-Lorraine Little
Sat Aft Swiss Teams-10 Tables A1. Bill Ream-Jim Chaffee-Herbert Fallin Jr-La Quitta Talbot A2B1. Jim Harp-Dee Berg-Larz Smith-Cary Jennings B2C1. Ivan Uys-David Branch-Colin Chang-Barbara Chang
Sat Aft Open Pairs-15.0 Tables AB1. Don Reynolds-Robert Buchanan A2.

& Steve Shirey B2. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep C1. Gary Wright-Audrey Wright C2. Emanuel McKinney-Jerry Hendrix
Sat Aft 299er Pairs-4.5 Tables ABC1. Judith Latham-Caroline Drews AB2 Donald Lang-Marilyn Lang AB2/3 Jack Lavine-Barbara Reeves
Sunday A/X Swiss-6 Tables / Based on 31 Tables AX1. Jack Borenstein-Scott Nason-David Pearlman-Milton Neher A2. Gerry McKim-John Schwartz-James Bauer-James Thurtell
Sun BC Swiss-25 Tables BC1. George Mann III-Bruce Mann-Frances Petrusawich-Vera Aktansel B2. Virginia Reinier-Barbara Jones-Patricia Sears-Sue Rowe C2. Nancy Fellman-Kristen Onsgard-Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski

Heart of the Metroplex Arlington Sectional

July 24-26, 2015
 Grapevine Convention Center
 1209 South Main, Grapevine, TX 76051
 817-410-3459 or 817-410-3424

Friday, July 24

Stratified Open/299/0-50 Newcomer Pairs (single sessions)* 1:30 & 7pm
 Compact KO (Sessions I & II) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
 Swiss Teams (Single session) 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 25

Easybridge! (under 50 MP) (Single session - \$8)* 10:00 am
 Stratified Open/299 (Single sessions)* 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Bracketed Swiss Teams (Two sessions) 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Sunday, July 26

Stratified Open Pairs (Single sessions) 10:00 am & TBA
 Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (Two sessions) 10:00 am & TBA**
 Stratified 299er Swiss Teams (Two sessions) 10:00 am & TBA**
 Meal Between Swiss Sessions (4 tickets/team/ extra meal tickets \$10 each)
 *Separate limited games, if there is adequate table count to support
 **Format for Swiss may change

Stratifications

Pair Events are stratified by Average
 Open Pairs: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
 299er Pairs/Teams: A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams
 A: Teams with any player over 4000
 AX: Teams with all players under 4000; A/AX play together
 B: 2500 C: 1500 D: 500 (B/C/D play together)

Entry Fees

Pair & KO Events: \$12 per player/session
 Sunday Swiss \$112/Team – HOT lunch included!
 Unpaid/Non-ACBL members: add \$3 per session

Speaker Program:

Friday 6:15 pm & Saturday 2:15 pm

Host Hotel

Super 8 Hotel 817-329-7222 Rate: \$79 Double or King
 250 East Hwy 1114, Grapevine, TX 76051
 Free Airport & Convention Center Shuttle
 Free Local Calls, Complimentary Breakfast, Free Internet
 Reservations by July 1 for preferred bridge rate

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General Convention Chart Only Except Mid-chart for A/AX Swiss Teams
Information Map & Results: <http://d16acbl.org/U176/ABC/adbc.htm>

FORT WESTERN SPRING SECTIONAL



Friday Eve Swiss A
 Kathy Carr, Frank Durante,
 Jerry Albom, Theresa Brantley



Friday Eve Open Pairs A
 Virginia Sherman, Clay Waldrop



Compact KO Bkt 1
 John Schwartz, Jack Rollier,
 Gerry McKim, Jim Thurtell



Sunday Swiss A
 Jack Borenstein, Scott Mason,
 Milt Neher, David Pearlman (NP)



Saturday Aft Open Pairs A
 Don Reynolds, Buck Buchanan



Compact KO Bkt 2
 Frank Durante, Finlay Higgins,
 Nancy Latner, Mike Peiffer



Friday Aft Open Pairs B
 Vesta Snider, BJ Yates



Friday Aft 499ers
 Pamala Pickrell, Connie Chamberlain



Saturday Aft 299ers
 Caroline Drews, Judy Latham

**Unit 187
Corpus Christi**



Dee Schade

for Los Amigos & the club management responsibilities have been delegated to three other members during this transition period. Two Los Amigos members have recently made Life Master. Diana Lecuona earned hers last year & Joyce Norton made LM at the Houston Regional. Congratulations!

event. Lunch was served by Hester's. Winners were Mabel Byrnes, Janet Daniel, Patricia Kaddatz & Betty Mengle. Rockport players, Marilyn Bein, Frances Couvillion, Ray Rothenbury, & Judy Schrupp were second. Congratulations to all..

The last few weeks have been rough on our members. Don Skewis took a bad fall & is in a nursing care facility. He is not expected to return to the bridge table. Peggy Kennedy suffered a heart attack. She is moving to Trinity Towers & after a recuperation period, she expects to be back at the bridge table. Claude Melton is also recuperating from surgery. Please keep all these folks in your thoughts & prayers. Prayers for Kay Mrazek, whose son who passed away in early March, would also be appreciated.

Bob & Audrey Harrison of Kingsville had moved to Madison, WI to be near family last year. We are sad to report that Audrey has passed away. Our condolences to Bob & family. Many of you may remember they wrote a newspaper column on bridge for the Kingsville Record that was very popular.

This month, please get to know Lu & Jim Bragdon. They moved to Corpus Christi about a year ago & immediately began playing at the club. Jim is originally from Jacksonville, FL. Although he played a little bridge while in college, he only got serious about duplicate about 5-6 years ago. Lu is from New Paltz, NY. She was a social bridge player & only began playing duplicate about 3 years ago. Lu & Jim met at IBM in Kingston, NY. Jim is an electrical engineer & was there for training. His career field was design of large scale computers. Jim went to the University of Florida & later got his masters from the University of Pennsylvania. Lu began playing social bridge after they were married. Jim's career took them to VA, NJ, FL, TX, IA, FL, & MA. On April 20, they celebrated 58 years of marriage. They have one son & one daughter. They moved to Corpus Christi to be near their daughter.

Sad news from Los Amigos Club in Laredo, Beverly Cantu, longtime director & manager of their club, passed away on March 27. Beverly was a good friend & mentor to Laredo bridge players & will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her family.
 Doris Sparenberg is acting director

At a recent game when the director asked if anyone had any announcements, Betty Marriett stood & said, "I do! My partner, Marilyn German, told me I did not have enough tools. Today, I brought a screwdriver, a hammer & a wrench!" These items were produced from her handbag. After the hysterical laughter, the game went on as scheduled.

GNT unit finals were held February 28 with Mary Ross directing. There were seven teams in the two session

They live on the same street about a block apart. Their son-in-law is Phil Blackmar, retired professional golfer, who spent 16 years on the pro circuit. He now works for Morning Drive on the Golf Channel. A real golf family, their granddaughter is the golf coach at Texas A&M. They also have a grandson playing pro baseball. This is a sports oriented family. They have six grandchildren, one great grandchild & another on the way. This move is probably their last so they will be a part of Corpus Christi bridge for a long time! We are happy to add a pair to the club.

Friday Afternoon Open Prs - 28.5 Tables A1. Jerrold Harrington-Bill Walker A2. Suzanne La Brecque - Larry La Brecque B1. Tessa Bodnar-Paula Warren B2. Robert Weaver-Karen Land C1. Karen Leber-Margaret Kennedy C2. Patricia Kaddatz - Betty Mengle
Fri Eve New Life Ministry - 21.0 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth - Donna Swarouth A2/3 Helen Van Amburg - George Van Amburg A2./3 Harry Elliott-Eleanor Sherwyn B1. Rebecca Landon - Jason Kiker B2. Homer Stevens - Stephanie Stevens C1. Karen Leber-Margaret Kennedy C2. Darlene Kinstley-Mabel Byrnes
Saturday Morning Open Prs - 27.5 Tables A1. Terry Riely - Carolyn Riely A2. Marilyn German-Penny Snow C1. Karen Land-Frances Smith C1. Sandra Musser - Tiny Beckham C2. Margaret Kennedy - Larry Nagel
Saturday Afternoon Pairs - 24.0 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth - Donna Swarouth A2. Helen Van Amburg - George Van Amburg BC1. Susan Wheeler - Pat Roeh B2/3 Linda Elmore - David Ticen B2/3 Karen Land-Frances Smith C2. Janet Moody - William Moody

Please send your club news to me at cdeor@aol.com. Website, southtexas-bridgeunit187.com, has unit games, director assignments, awards & much more. Ron Francey does a great job of keeping this site up-to-date. Check it often. There is a link to Rockport & Victoria clubs.

Rockport Beach Sectional

February 13-15, 2015
 128 players. 153 tables.

- 1 30.45 Donna Swarouth
- 2 30.45 Dave Swarouth
- 3 25.71 Jerrold Harrington,
- 4 25.71 Bill Walker
- 5 17.08 Harry Elliott
- 6 17.08 Eleanor Sherwyn
- 7 14.85 Terry Riely
- 8 14.85 Carolyn Riely
- 9 14.45 Karen Land
- 10 14.11 Everette Lewis
- 11 14.11 Art D'Entremont

Mahesh Maruvada Swiss Tms - 26 Tables A1. Jerrold Harrington-Bill Walker-Dave & Donna Swarouth A2. Richard Curtin - Roxie Tom-Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary B1. Karen Land-Frances Smith - Wanda Myers - Betty Hill B2C1. Kay Mrazek - Margaret Kennedy - Barbara Layton-Karen Leber C2. Kathy Stephens - Larry Schneider - Frank & Dotty Shaughnessy

ROCKPORT SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt A
Bill Walker, Jerrold Harrington



Fri Eve New Life Ministry Open Flt A
Saturday Aft Open Pairs Flt A
Dave & Donna Swarthout



Mahesh Maruvada Swiss Team Flt A
Bill Walker, Jerrold Harrington,
Dave & Donna Swarthout



Mahesh Maruvada Swiss Team Flt B
Karen Land, Frances Smith,
Wanda Myers, Betty Hill



Saturday Aft Open Pairs Flt B & C
Sandra Wheeler, Pat Roeh



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt B
Paula Warren, Tess Bodner



Fri Eve New Life Ministry Pairs Flt B
Jason Kiker, Rebecca Landon



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt C
Karen Leber, Margaret Kennedy



Saturday Morn Open Pairs Flt B
Karen Land, Frances Smith



Saturday Morn Open Pairs Flt C
Sandra Musser, Tiny Beckham

Unit 201
Sabine Neches



Patsy Pierce

Thanks to Liz Mackinzie, Dolores Belton and team for organizing the 60th Spindletop Sectional Tournament. Hospitality was great, attendance was good, and silver was flowing, until an unexpected guest in the form of a stomach flu virus showed up and put a damper on the Sunday Swiss Game. In spite of that, the tournament was successful and fun. Congratulations to Nancy Smalley for winning the top scorer trophy.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Phyllis Mann and family on the loss of her husband. Dr. Mann will be missed by all his family and many friends.

70 % Club: Flo Gillispie and Martha Sigler, Flo Gillispie and Arline Meyers, Flo Gillispie and Ron Sanders, with Glenda Bass and Bill Delboy all posted an outstanding game during this reporting period. Check this out to see why players are standing in line hoping to partner with Flo as she posted three of these scores with three different partners. Way to go, Flo!

Unit 201 Grand National Teams qualifiers are: 1st Loretta Gary, Arline Meyers, June Eddingston, and Kaz Bell. 2nd Pat Bell, Linda Adamchik, Linda Briggs, and Carolyn Worsham. 3rd Liz Mackinzie, Jack Evans, Tim Stelly and Robert Kacher. These teams have qualified to participate in the District 16 Finals at the Richardson Convention Center.

Mentor Games are favorites for many of our players. The February Pairs game was won by Reggie Cox and Marian Jones. Fred Rice and Don Moss placed 2nd with Sandra Allison and Liz Mackinzie finishing in 3rd place. The March Pairs game was won by Barney Hammer and Paul Keedy. Nixie Lynch and Jack Evans along with Sandra Allison and Anna Smith shared 2nd and 3rd places. The February Team Game was won by Janis Williams, Don Williams, Juinez Moss and Don Moss. Second place was taken by Marilyn Adams, Linda Briggs, Martha Sigler and June Eddingston with Kris Cherry, Sandra Allison, Dee Payne and Anna Smith who finished in 3rd place. The March Team Game was won by Marilyn Adams, Linda Briggs, Martha Sigler and June Eddingston. Norma Crane, Betty Kirwin, Cynthia Stueber, and Patsy Pierce were in 2nd place.

The Beaumont Bridge Studio offers regular games every day except Saturday which is saved for special events. A typical week is illustrated in this segment. In the Sunday Open

game the winners were Jack Evans and Carolyn Worsham. Earl Johnson and Connor Smith were 2nd with Sylvia Street and Kay Hooper placing 3rd. Monday afternoon open game was won by Loretta Gary and Aiyannadar Bharathi. Flo Gillispie and Arline Meyers were 2nd with Linda Briggs and Carolyn Worsham finishing 3rd. Monday Evening 0-500 pairs was won by Barney and Jean Hammer. Phyllis Mann and Mary Caskey placed 2nd with Flo and Jim Ferguson in 3rd place. Tuesday Afternoon 0-1000 (average) Game was won by E.W. Sweeney and Paul Aguiard. Linda Briggs and Don Moss placed 2nd with Carolyn Worsham and Jack Evans in a close 3rd.

Wednesday morning 0-300 Swiss Team game was won by Paul Aguiard, Susan Nimmo, Barney and Jean Hammer. Beverly Broudsard and Lou Rising, Mary Caskey, and Phyllis Mann were 2nd with Judy Lofton, Keili Cobb, Patty Salter and Rebecca Kruell placing 3rd. Wednesday Afternoon open game was won by Edward Rasmussen and Paul Aguiard. Martha Sigler and Flo Gillispie were 2nd with John and Nancy Smalley placing 3rd. Thursday afternoon handicapped Swiss Team Game was won by Juinez Moss, Don Moss, Janis Williams and Don Williams. Placing second were Edwina Landrum, Marian Jones, June Eddingston and Arline Meyers. Rounding out the week with Friday Open Pairs Game found Flo Gillispie and Mary Johnson on top. Marian Jones and Betty Poindexter were 2nd with Ed Rasmussen and Martha Sigler finishing third. Join us in as many games as you can!!

We read a great deal about the benefits of playing bridge. I found it interesting to note that the AARP Bulletin recommended playing bridge online for those who have difficulty getting out or finding a game anytime you want to play. I feel that the socialization is an important component you miss online, but isn't it nice to know that the game we love is considered beneficial as well as fun. See you at the game!!

Beaumont Spindletop

March 5-8, 2015
149 players. 176 tables.

- 1 23.54 Nancy Smalley
- 2 21.46 Aiyannadar Bharathi
- 3 20.65 Wilbur Dahlquist
- 4 20.65 Verna Dahlquist
- 5 17.55 Tim Stelly
- 6 17.55 Robert Kacher, Jr.
- 7 16.30 Ruby Collins
- 8 16.30 Dee Payne
- 9 13.82 Betty Poindexter
- 10 13.67 Marilyn Adams
- 11 13.67 Tony Haddad

Thur Aft Open Pairs-16.0 Tables /

Based on 24 Tables AB1. Tim Stelly-Robert Kacher, Jr. A2. Edward Rasmussen, -Aiyannadar Bharathi A2. Betty Poindexter-Mary Johnson C1. Liz Karnicki-Bill Lucas C2. Martha Oliver-Wayne Outlaw
Thur Aft 299er Pairs-8.0 Tables A1. Melva Jane Kalkbrenner-Jo Woody A2BC1. W Clingo-B Clingo BC2. Rogie Peyton-Marion Shortle
Thur Morn Open Pairs-14.5 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Anna Smith-Mary Johnson A2. Nancy Smalley-Cynthia Stueber B2. Betty Poindexter-Marian Jones-Aiyannadar Bharathi-Edward Rasmussen C1. Paul Keedy-Sandra Allison C2. Everett Sweeney-Paul Aguiard
Thur Morn 299er Pairs-7.0 Tables A1/2 Richard Carpenter-Marianna Carpenter A1/2BC1. Joseph Kazmar-Robert Hood BC2. Joe Payne-Joann Pledger Bonnie Zeran-Sterling Zeran
Fri Aft Open Pairs-17.5 Tables / Based on 27 Tables AB1. Dee Payne-Ruby Collins A2 Verna Dahlquist-Wilbur Dahlquist B2C1. Carolyn Worsham-Linda Briggs C2. Lisa Zummo-Cheryl Mathias
Fri Aft 299er Pairs-9.0 Tables A1. James Meade-Carol Meade A2. Tonya McNabb-Odis Nolte BC1. Rogie Peyton-Marion Shortle BC2. Mary Briggs-Leland Briggs
Fri Morn Open Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Nancy Smalley-Aiyannadar Bharathi A2. Verna Dahlquist-Wilbur Dahlquist, B1. Mike Floyd-Mack Meigs B2. Dee Payne-Ruby Collins C1. Carolyn Worsham-Linda Briggs C2. Wayne Outlaw-Martha Oliver
Fri Morn 299er Pairs-11.0 Tables AB1. Glenda Bass-William Delboy AB2C1. Susan Gore-Jerry Gore A2. Rogie Peyton-Marion Shortle
Sat Aft Open Pairs-18.5 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Marilyn Adams- Tony Haddad A2BC1. Wayne Outlaw-Martha Oliver C2. Bob Townley-Smith-Zach Townley-Smith
Sat Aft 299er Pairs-7.5 Tables ABC1. Darlyn Dusek-Bebe Walker A2. James Meade-Carol Meade B2. Karen Jennings-Susan Nimmo C2. Lucille Armintor-Patricia Woods
Sat Morn Open Pairs-15.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables AB1. Tim Stelly-Robert Kacher, Jr. A2. Nancy Smalley-Cynthia Stueber B2. Everett Sweeney-Edward Rasmussen C1. Janis Williams-Donald Williams C2. Bob Townley-Smith-Zach Townley-Smith
Sat Morn 299er Pairs-10.0 Tables ABC1. Susan Gore-Jerry Gore AB2. Glenda Bass-William Delboy C2. Sheila Odell-Annette Ehrhardt
Sunday Swiss Teams-13 Tables A1. Wilbur Dahlquist-Verna Dahlquist-Judy Robertson-Joyce Clarke A2. Carolyne Fox-George Fox-Vic Sowers-Phillip Grothus BC1. Zach Townley-Smith-Bob Townley-Smith-Dave Becker-Betty Poindexter B2. Ashok Shingavi-Edwin Zwald

Victoria Sectional

June 12-14, 2015

Host Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn

123 Huvar Street, Victoria, TX 77904 361-573-0303

Bridge Room Rate \$109/night. Cutoff date 5/31/15

If Booking online, use code BDGT

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Stratifications

- A 2000+
- B 500-2000
- C 0-500

All events based on average masterpoints. KO events may be handicapped.

Friday June 12

- 10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10:30 am Compact KO #1
- 3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
- 3:00 pm Compact KO #1

Saturday June 13

- 10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10:30 am Compact KO #2
- 3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
- 3:00 pm Compact KO #2

Sunday June 14

- 10:00 and TBD
- Stratified Swiss Teams

Card Fees

- \$12/person/session
- \$112/ team for Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)
- \$3 extra/session for non or unpaid ACBL members

Back by popular demand. After an absence of several years, the Victoria Sectional is back. As the "Crossroads," of South and Central Texas, Victoria is conveniently located less than 2 hours away from several major cities and features a variety of shopping, dining and leisure attractions.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FROM PAGE 3

January 1, 1959, you're still a Senior for the purposes of playing in any ACBL Senior events.

ROSENBERG, GRANT TO ENTER ACBL BRIDGE HALL OF FAME. The ACBL Bridge Hall of

Fame Committee has selected Audrey Grant to receive the Blackwood Award, given for service to bridge without necessarily being a world-class player. Grant will join Michael Rosenberg, elected earlier this year to the Hall of Fame. In his first year of eligibility, Rosenberg was the only player on the ballot to receive

sufficient votes for election. The two will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the 2015 Summer NABC in Chicago. Grant is one of the best known and most successful bridge teachers in the annals of the game. She also is an author, with many popular titles in print. One of her earlier books: The Joy of Bridge published in 1984, was written with Eric Rodwell. Congratulations!!

SUMMER CHICAGO NATIONAL. Looking forward to seeing you in the "Windy City" this summer, August 6-16, 2015!!

Dewitt Hudson, Jr.



Thursday Morn Stratified Pairs A & B
Mary Johnson, Anna Smith



Friday Aft Stratified Pairs A & B
Ruby Collins, Dee Payne



Saturday Aft Stratified Pairs A
Tony Haddad, Marilyn Adams



Friday Morn Stratified Pairs A
Nancy Smalley, Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi



Saturday Morn Stratified Pairs A & B
Tim Stelly, John Kacher



Sunday Swiss Team A
Joyce Clarke, Jane Robertson,
Wilbur & Verna Dahlquist



Saturday Morn Stratified Pairs B
Mack Meigs, Mike Floyd



Saturday Morn Stratified Pairs C
Janis & Don Williams



Friday Morn Stratified Pairs C
Linda Briggs, Carolyn Worsham



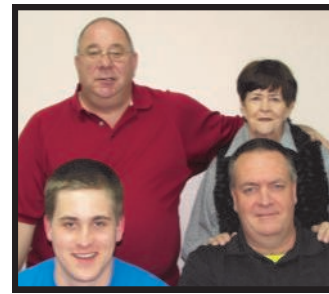
Thursday Morn Stratified Pairs C
Sandra Allison, Paul Keedy



Thursday Aft Stratified Pairs C
Bill Lucas, Liz Karnicki



Saturday Aft Stratified Pairs B & C
Martha Oliver, Wayne Outlaw



Sunday Swiss Team B & C
Dave Becker, Betty Poindexter,
Zach Townley-Smith, Bob Townley



Thursday Morn 299ers
Bob Hood-Joe Kazmar



Thursday Morn 299ers
Marianna & Richard Carpenter



Thursday Aft 299ers
Jane Kalkbrenner, Jo Woody



Thursday Aft 299ers
Walt & Babs Clingo



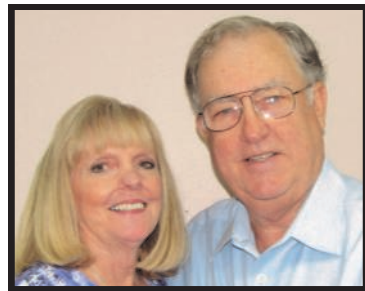
Friday Aft 299ers
Carol & Jim Meade



Friday Morn 299ers
Bill Delboy, Glenda Bass



Friday Aft 299ers
Rogie Peyton, Marion Shortle



Saturday Morn 299ers
Susan & Jerry Gore



Saturday Aft 299ers
Bebe Walker, Darlyn Dusek

BEAUMONT SPINDLETOP SECTIONAL WINNERS

**Unit 204
Fort Concho**

Neal Perlman

Played some cards with the Thursday night Ruff Crowd club and I wanted to express my appreciation to all the players who make it such a hospitable place. The friendly and easy going atmosphere encourages the players to have fun in the spirit of good gaming. It's not the exclusive list but I wanted to thank Mary, Carol, Gloria, Jo Ann, Helen, Michele, Earl, Charles, Marty, Louina, Mark, Mike, Leigh, Debbie, Carolyn, Norm, Anna, Dave, Barbara, Carolyn, Linda, Gene and Marifrances. In other environmental news the Sound Abatement Panels have been installed. Voluntary member donations and the generosity of the Hester family to install the panels and assume half the cost underlines the true spirit of action speaking louder than words. The old panels were sent for re-use to insulate a chicken coop. And some foundation work is planned for the near future. Linda Cole's email via a Pat Bitner distribution recognized Mac and Michelle Hester, Johnny Walker, Mike McAfee and Jack Rochford for their part with the above projects.

The folks from Mason and Menard scooped the top ranks in the February birthday party 2/4/15. Linda Reichenau and Toni Hurlbut were first and

the Menard sisters Norma Murray and Joan Crowell tied 2nd with Tommy Splittgerber and Gene Gammill. Suzanne Dorris and George Finley quietly posted a game that serves as a non-verbal challenge to other Tuesday night players when they had a 75.52 % game 2/10/15. Can you beat that before the end of the year?

San Angelo's annual Texas Independence sectional coincided with rodeo week again and the bridge "rodeo" of skills and execution was enjoyed by our bunch across all stratifications of play. Appreciate all out of town friends who attended.

Congratulations to all leaders at the end of 2014 in the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney standings:

- Mini McKinney** (All points won during a calendar year excluding points won online.)
0-5 Michelle Hester
5-20 Carol Diminnie
20-50 Jud Gray
50-100 Wylie Bunton
100-200 Karen Voight
200-300 Carolyn Reed-Jones
300-500 Alberta Birk
500-1000 Dave Watson
1000-2500 Judy Wilde
2500-5000 Neal Perlman
5000-7500 Virginia Noelke

Ace of Clubs (All points won during a calendar year at the club level with the exception of those won in STaCs, progressive sectionals, NABC fundraiser events, the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National

Teams.) same as Mini-McKinney except" 2500-5000 Sue Henry
Honorable mention across both lists went to, Susan Woods, Norma Green, Kaye Marsh, Karl Wehner, Anna Thomas, Debbie Farr, Bob Morton, John Osborne, Gloria Robertson, Toni Hurlbut, Marifrances Watson, Barbara Wright, Mary Bloodworth, Brenda Chapman, Gene Gammill and Louetta Green.

ACBL Seniors Game, March 2nd winners included: A- Norma Walker + Suzanne Dorris and B - Linda Cole + Fran Grogan. Runners up included Louetta Green, Virginia Noelke, Bob Bennett and Bob McCarty.

That reminds me that I wanted to tell people outside 204 about the good partnership that exists between Norma Walker and Suzanne Dorris. Their names are frequently at or near the top in sessions they play together in regardless of local, sectional or regional competition. High 60s %s are typical and last year in March they had a 79%. They are to be commended for their low key demeanor when a big game happens. Typically they are willing to help beginners with pointers and conversation. I did a little digging and they started playing together about 25 years ago. Apparently Suzanne met Sue at a "bridge marathon" and invited her to try duplicate. A little later on Norma and Suzanne tried a few standing dates and out of town play. Y'all

know the progression, it wasn't always pretty but over time they had a lot of fun and both became better. Today the partnership is obviously built upon a foundation of sticking to basic bidding, fierce defense and excellent declarer execution. The conversation is basic to building a better game and productive outcomes in the future. Congratulations on your success.

In the beginning of March George Finley and Carl McGill had a pair of fun games, around 72%. The March 12th monthly birthday's game was enjoyed by all, especially Norma Walker and Suzanne Dorris 72%. The Club Championship game winners on 3/14/15 were: A- Tommy Splittgerber and Sue Henry and B- Marifrances Watson and Carolyn Reed-Jones. 3/17/15 Tuesday night hats off went to Marty Simpson and Norma Green for a 61% and winning first in B.

Texas Independence San Angelo, TX Feb. 13-15, 2015

114 players.: 117 tables.

- 1 24.70 Virginia Noelke
- 2 24.70 Neal Perlman
- 3 16.75 George Finley
- 4 16.75 Carl McGill
- 5 14.21 Norma Murray
- 6 14.21 Joan Crowell
- 7 12.23 Barbara Wright
- 8 9.92 Wright Barnebey

- 9 9.92 Richard Hamm
- 10 9.80 Suzanne Dorris

Fri Morn Open Pairs-16.0 Tables
A1. George Finley-Carl McGill A2. Pat Ramsey- Beverly Walker BC1. Alberta Birk-Charles Loeffler AB2. Karol Rank-Ted Rank

Fri Aft Open Pairs-19.0 Tables.
A1. Virginia Noelke-Neal Perlman A2B1. Barbara Wright-Nancy Jean Harris A2. Joan Burch-Jo Ella Bolt B1. Alberta Birk- Charles Loeffler B2. Karol Rank-Ted Rank

Sat Morn Open Pairs-22.5 Tables
A1. Virginia Noelke-Neal Perlman A2B1. James Alvis- Coyita Bowker B2. Joan Burch-Jo Ella Bolt C1. Cathy Bruff- Patricia Eckert C2. David Watson-Marifrances Watson

Sat Aft 299er Pairs-3.5 Tables AB1. Charlotte Sisco- Kathy Dickson B2. Gloria Jackson-A Kay Sewell B2. Bonnie Sansing-Earl Mulley

Sat Aft Open Pairs-18.5 Tables / Based on 22 Tables AB1. Norma Murray-Joan Crowell A2. Lena Nichols-Gloria Crites A2B1. Patty Moncus- Dorothy Prater B2. David Watson-Wiley Bunton

Sun Swiss Teams-19 Tables A1. George Finley-Neal Perlman-Carl McGill-Virginia Noelke A2. Kenneth McBride-Donna McBride-Richard Hamm- Wright Barnebey B1. Joan Crowell-Norma Murray- Barbara Wright-Patsy Rogers B2C1. Glynda Groves-Sue Patton-Carol Whitten L. Dale Harris, Jr. C2. Amanda Shaw-P Scott Vaughan- Helen Davis-Shirley Davenport

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE SAN ANGELO SECTIONAL WINNERS



Saturday Aft Pairs Flt A & B
Joan Crowell, Norma Murray



Sunday Swiss Team Flt A
George Finley, Neal Pearlman,
Virginia Noelke, Carl McGill



Saturday Morn Pairs Flt B
Coyita Bowker, Jim Albris



Sunday Swiss Team Flt C
Glynda Groves, Sue Patton,
Dale Harris, Carol Whitten,



Friday Morn Pairs Flt B&C
Friday Aft Pairs Flt C
Alberta Birk, Charles Loeffler



Saturday 299ers
Kathy Dickson, Charlotte Sisco



Sunday Swiss Team Flt B
Patsy Rogers, Barbara Wright



Saturday Morn Pairs Flt C
Cathy Bruff, Patsy Eckert



Saturday Aft Pairs Flt C
Dorothy Prater, Patty Moncus

Unit 205 Amistad Western Mexico
Mary Ann White

Unit 205 has been very busy during February and March, hosting a Sectional Tournament as well as two Non-Life Master Tournaments.

The Ajijic Valentine Weekend Sectional was a great success. The tournament was held from February 12-15 at the Real de Chapala Hotel in Ajijic. For those who have never been to this tournament, the sectional in Ajijic features great hospitality and lots of prizes. Over 80 dozen home-baked cookies were served, and Saturday night featured appetizers from El Sarape Restaurant along with margaritas and beer. The hotel's buffet lunch for the Sunday Swiss was spectacular. Thanks to Janet Mitchell for organizing the cookie drive and to everyone who baked. Thanks to Ross Mitchell for orchestrating Saturday's hospitality night. And thanks to Bobbie Chandler for getting the prizes—bottles of Crane Lake wine!

Overall tournament winners were Miguel Reygadas (Tlepan, MX) and Nancy Lira (Mexico City, MX). Miguel and Nancy won the Friday afternoon Open Pairs as well as the two-session Open Pairs on Saturday. They were on fire! Not to be outdone, Mary Ann White and Jimmy Reynolds (Ajijic, JA) posted a nice 71.76% game to win the Thursday evening Open Pairs and also won the Sunday Swiss, with their teammates John Taylor (Lago Vista, TX) and Sue Gerard (Mexico City, MX). Others whose names kept coming up in the winners'

circle included Helen Malcolm and John Olsen (Flight B), Catherine Gonzales and Alex Chartier (Flight C), and Dagmar Rettberg and Pat Mitchell (Flight C). The Canadian team of Norm and Fran Smith, Roger Buckland, and Huguette Joly were elated with their victory in the Flight C Swiss—their smiles were infectious! Overall point winner in the 299r games was Gonzalo Herrera (Huixquilucan, MX). Congratulations to all of our winners.

Silver points, prizes, food, and fun were the themes of this year's Non-Life Master Tournaments—and there were plenty of each! The Lake Chapala DBC provided the site for the two events, held from February 27-March 1 and March 20-March 22. Prizes included coffee mugs and plants—thanks again to Bobbie Chandler for her hard work and creative ideas for our prizes. Special thanks to Janet Mitchell for organizing these events, and to Billy Heim for directing.

Overall winners of the first NLM Tournament were Rita Grace Donovan (Sebastian, FL) and Dagmar Rettberg (Chapala, JA). They had a huge 70.54% game in the Saturday afternoon Pairs. The Sunday Swiss was won by Frank "Paco" Jordan (Ajijic, JA), Cindy Thomson (Victoria, BC), Marguerite Brown (Cowansville, QC), and Bernita Cooper (Ajijic, JA). Overall winners of the second NLM Tournament were Stephen Segall (Ajijic, JA) and Jim Burgess (Guelph, ON). Keep up the good work—you're well on your way to achieving Life Master status.

We're also proud of our local players who represented us well at the March NABC in New Orleans. Alain Fleurot and Mary

Seggerman of Puerto Vallarta won the Flight C Friday/Saturday Side Game Series. Louise Morel of the Lake Chapala Club was on a team that won both the Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO 4 and the Sunday/Monday Bracketed KO 3. Nice going!

Club News. Congratulations to the following players who posted 70% games in February and March: In Puerto Vallarta—Beckie Stacysi and Suana Ulrich had a 71.25% game on March 6 (13 1/2 tables). In Los Cabos--Jan and Philip Coulson posted 74.11% on February 17 (9 tables), while Leslie Dickson and Marie Church scored 71.43% on February 12 (8 tables). In Mazatlan—It was Harvey Bush and Carol-Ann Halliday with a 72.42% game on February 13 (4 tables); Carol-Ann Halliday and Buz Trevor with 75% on February 4 (6 tables); and Bernetta Vient and Buz Trevor posting 73.61% on March 13 (5 tables). In Lake Chapala—Ken and Rosemarie Masson hit it big with 75.16% on February 3 (13 tables); Ed Lewis and Mary Anderson posted a 72.64% on February 6 (10 1/2 tables) and a 71.53% in the Unit Game on March 28 (7 1/2 tables). What a partnership!

Lake Chapala also hosted an 8-is-Enough Swiss on February 20, which was won by the team of David Hoogenberg, Billy Heim, and Dona and Skip Johnson, and a Stratified Swiss on March 27, which was won by Ken and Rosemarie Masson playing with Norinne and Dick Nelson. Dagmar Rettberg and Rita Grace Donovan won the ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs on March 2. Will their 65.86% game be good enough to place at the District level? We'll have to keep you posted, because final results are

not yet available...

Several LCDBC members attended the Regional tournament in San Miguel de Allende. Cindy Thomson (Victoria, BC) and Dale Klassen (Camp Morton, MB) won the Tuesday afternoon side game, while Roger Buckland and Huguette Joly (Foster, QC) won the Flight C Open Pairs on Wednesday. Nice work! A special shout out to Pat Mitchell who had an overall outstanding tournament.

LCDBC players achieving milestones recently include new NABC Masters Frank "Paco" Jordan (Ajijic, JA) and Dagmar Rettberg (Chapala, JA); new Bronze Life Master Ellen Hutt (Georgetown, ON); new Silver Life Master Lew Crippen (Ajijic, JA); and new Gold Life Master Tom Gillett (Ajijic, JA). Vinette Howell also became a new Bronze Life Master at the Mazatlan Club. Way to go!

In other Club news, the Lake Chapala DBC sponsored a food drive in February to benefit Hope for Abandoned Children. Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthy cause championed by LCDBC member Rita Grace Donovan. Also, thanks to Judy Wells for taking on the position of Facilities Manager for LCDBC—it's a somewhat thankless job, but somebody has to do it—and we can't say thank you enough.

Ajijic Valentine Sectional

Feb 12-15, 2015

149 players. 184 tables.

- 1 23.68 N Lira
- 2 23.68 Miguel Reygadas
- 3 17.77 Mary Ann White
- 4 17.77 Jimmy Reynolds

- 5 16.68 Rosemarie Masson
- 6 16.68 Kenneth Masson
- 7 15.62 Norinne Anderson Nelson
- 8 15.62 N Richard Nelson,
- 9 14.34 Sue Gerard
- 10 14.34 John Taylor
- 11 11.77 Ninfa Sada

Friday Open Pairs-27.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1. Kenneth Masson-Rosemarie Masson A2BC1. Alex Chartier-Catherine Gonzales BC2. Jorge Rosen-Monica Schapira ABC1. Lena Roberts-Aline Carel ABC2. Judy Brickman-Liette Levesque

Thursday Eve Pairs-19.0 Tables A1. Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White A2. Gonzalo Herrera-Enrico Pagani B1. Ninfa Sada-Margarita Dolera B2C1. Dagmar Rettberg-Patricia Mitchell C2. Carmel Kettlewell-John Kettlewell

Friday Afternoon Open Prs-21.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1. Miguel Reygadas, -N Lira BC1. Aurora De Gonzalez-Carmen Lebrija BC2. Jorge Rosen-Monica Schapira

Friday Afternoon 299ers-6.0 Tables A1. Maribel Herrera-Gonzalo Herrera A2. Nancy Sollosy-Ros Hartenfels B1. Bernita Cooper-Marguerite Brown B2C1. Rick Griffin-Margaret Adams C2. Anne Donagher-Catherine Riley

Saturday Morning 299ers-7 Tables ABC1. Stephen Hunter-Ian Lambert A2. Gonzalo Herrera-Albert Laplante BC2. Jim Szarka-Julian Dunlap

Saturday Open Pairs-23.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables A1. Miguel Reygadas-Nancy Lira A2B1. Helen Malcolm-John Olsen B2C1. Dagmar Rettberg-Patricia Mitchell C2. Catherine Gonzales-Alex Chartier

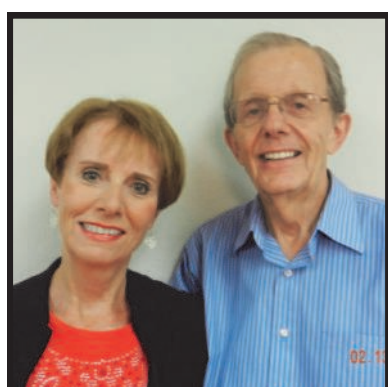
Saturday Afternoon 299ers-4.5 Tables A1. Albert Laplante-Gonzalo Herrera 2. Edward Ruddy-Gail Ruddy

Sunday Swiss Teams-24 Tables A1. Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White-John Taylor-Sue Gerard A2. Norinne Anderson Nelson-N Richard Nelson-Nancy Lira-Miguel Reygadas B1. Margarita Dolera-Adela Naftali-Ninfa Sada-Flora Bery B2. Mary Payne-Dale Klassen-Elsie Johnson-John Fraser C1. Norman Smith-Fran Smith -Roger Buckland Huguette Joly C2. Robert Calt-Christie McGue-David McDougall-Syndi McDougall

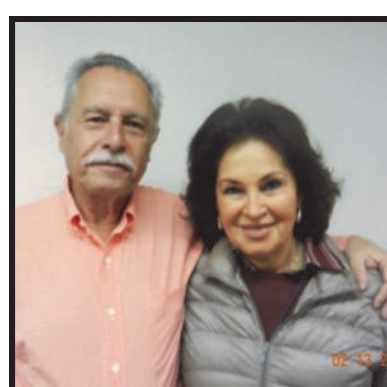
AJIJIC VALENTINE SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday Eve Open Pairs A
Mary Ann White, Jimmy Reynolds



Friday Morn Open Pairs A
Rosemarie & Ken Masson



Friday Aft & Saturday Open Pairs A
Miguel Reygadas, Nancy Lira



Sunday Swiss Team A
Mary Ann White, Jimmy Reynolds
Sue Gerard, John Taylor



Thursday Eve Open Pairs B
Margarita Dolera, Ninfa Sada



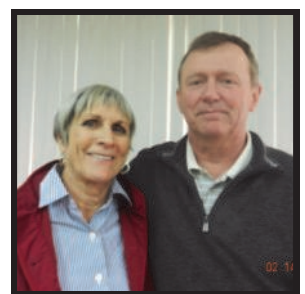
Thursday Eve & Sat Pairs C
Patricia Mitchell, Dagmar Rettberg



Friday Morn Open Pairs B
Aurora de Gonzalez, Carmen Librija



Friday Open Pairs B
Alex Chartier, Catherine Gonzales



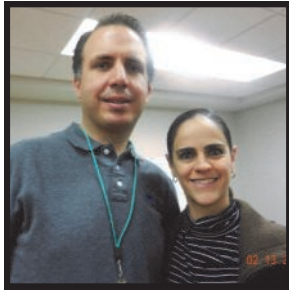
Saturday Open Pairs B
Helen Malcolm, John Olsen



Sunday Swiss Team C
Norm & Fran Smith
Huguette Joly, Roger Buckland



Friday Morn 299ers
Lena Roberts, Aline Carel



Friday Aft 299ers
Gonzalo & Maribel Herrera



Saturday Morn 299ers
Ian Lambert, Stephen Hunter

**Unit 207
Austin**

Joyce Cooper



Pam LaShelle, who just completed her first year as Unit 207's President, was reelected to lead us for another year! Pam has done a great job keeping up with the Unit and has particularly been active in reaching out to all the Clubs in Unit 207. Pat Rutledge will continue as Vice President, and Joyce Cooper, Secretary. After at least 8 years of having Robert Donathan serve as Treasurer, we have a new Treasurer: Tracy Bruce. Tracy is an accountant by profession and is meticulous to detail, so we anticipate being in good hands. Hutch Hutchison will continue in his position of Education and Membership Chair. Other new Board members are Rachell Jackson, Sandy Potts, Costa Triantaphilides and Dean Truair. Everyone has new jobs for the year and lots of enthusiasm was shown at our first Board meeting. Outgoing Board member Ken MacMorran will continue as the Unit Webmaster. Ken has maintained our Unit website meticulously. Many thanks to him for all he has done and is doing for the Unit.

The President of District 16, Paul Cuneo, was in Austin last week. He participated in a game at the Bridge Center (which I might add he won), then attended the monthly Unit Board meeting. He was in Austin to specifically ask our members what positive things we have done to increase bridge participation in our Unit, and to ask what further steps we as a Unit and District need to take to ensure that the game of bridge survives and thrives. As a Board, we shared our impressions and opinions off the top of our heads, but I for one thought of much better answers that night. I challenge both our Unit members and the District members to be thinking on this question so that we may all come up with positive steps to take to expand our base of bridge players. All Unit Board members are open to

members' suggestions. In an ongoing effort to support and improve bridge in Austin, one of the decisions that the Unit Board made was to reach out to national bridge teachers to come to Austin to share with our members. With that goal, the Unit Board is excited to announce that **Billy Miller of the Bridge Bulletin's "Dear Billy" column will be in Austin on Saturday, June 18.** Billy is known as an outstanding speaker and we are excited to have him. His engagement consists of a 2 session event from 10:00-4:00 with a light lunch between sessions. There is an entry fee of \$45.00 per person. For a fun day packed full of intermediate and advanced bridge info, we invite our fellow District members to join us! For reservations, contact Pam LaShelle at pamlaShelle@att.net or 512-217-2070. The seminar will be at the Bridge Center of Austin. A special reach out goes to Mark Anderson!

Future Events: 8 is Enough team game: May 16; NLM Sectional at the Bridge Center: June 13-14; **0-200 Sectional** at the Bridge center: August 15-16; **Unit 207 Austin Sectional:** September 24-27 at the Bridge Center.

Milestones: New Life Masters: Cathy Supple, Ozzie Ahmed, Alick Einav; **Bronze Life Master:** Julie Valentino, Ozzie Ahmed **Others: 100 Points:** Joe Giordana, Julie McKenna, Costa Triantaphilides, Sally Disanza, David Goodman; **200 Points:** Diane Davis, Jim Johnson; **300 Points:** Josh Bank, Bill McIndoo; **750 Points:** Kate Adams, Pat Berry; **1500 Points:** Diana Frankeny, Mark Rosen

Deceased: Frank Anderson, Delois Nell, Marge Bartel, Peggy Steward.—

Austin March

Feb 26 -Mar 1, 2015
331 players 349 tables.

- 1 28.50 Mitch Towner
- 2 28.50 Gary King
- 3 28.50 Carolyne Fox
- 4 26.36 James La Fountain
- 5 25.77 Virginia Noelke

- 6 25.77 Venkatrao Koneru
- 7 24.08 James Thurtell
- 8 24.08 James Bauer
- 9 23.53 Paul Tobias
- 10 23.19 Donna Swarouth
- 11 23.19 Dave Swarouth

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-19.5 Tables / Based on 30 Tables AB1. B J Sanders-Theda Cook AB2. Nancy Joe -Richard Clarke B1. Steven Andersen -Jane Collins B2. R Gary Marquart-Bruce Mansbridge

Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-10.0 Tables ABC1. Sally & Ron Sassen AB2. Alan Wakefield, -Martha McLain C2. Lysa Nguyen-Lazard Brener

Thursday Morn Swiss Teams-12 Tables A1. Jack Lacy-Tom Breed-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey A2B1. Joe Black-Terry Richardson-Mark Rosen-Laura Delfeld B2. Harry Ingham-Verlyn Stahlecker-Sandra Harris

-Michael Harris C1/2 Robin Tucker-Michele Abriol-Patricia Webb-Lola Schlapkohl C1/2 Marvin Schrage-David Warner-Ken Rochlen-Larry Smith, **Thursday Aft Open Pairs-20.5** Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. James La Fountain-Genie Kaplan A2. Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey B1. Mark Rosen-Laura Delfeld B2. B J Sanders-Theda Cook C1. Judy Hitt-Curtis Hitt C2. Shirley Churchill-Linda Howard

Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Bennett Neiman-Lisa Holzgrafe A2B1. Ralph Brettschneider-Cynthia Brettschneider B2. Barbara Rodriguez-Sally Disanza

Thursday Aft Swiss Teams-13 Tables A1. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Geoff Blandy-Pam LaShelle A2B1. Joyce Cooper-Betty Daniel-Steven Andersen-Jane Collins B2C1. Marvin Schrage-Ken Rochlen-David Warner-Larry Smith, C2. Billy Tiger-Sue Alt-Janet Hawk-Cynthia Rivet

Thursday Eve Open Pairs-8.0 Tables A1. Dani Woods-Patrick Long A2B1. Phillip Jaeger-Robert Pruiett B2/ Esther Ellis, -Terri O'Brien C1. Kyong Shuey-J Roger Williams Jr, C2. Robert Tyler-Lysa Nguyen

Friday Morn Open Pairs-24.5 Ta-

bles / Based on 34 A1. Eddie Bass-Ellen Hessel A2. Louis Sachar-Paul Tobias B1. Tom Smith-R Harry Akin B2C1. Joy Cogburn-Janis Koenig C2. Jurgen & Rosemary Stielow

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-9.0 Tables AB1. Sheila Milner-Anu Chhabra AB2C1. Gerald Barrett-Gary Anderson C2. Brenda McIndoo-Teresa Mack

Friday Morn Swiss Teams-15 Tables AB1. Joe Black-Lawton Hutchison-Terry Richardson-Raymond Borrego A2. Dave & Donna Swarouth-Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke B2. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-Verlyn Stahlecker-Harry Ingham C1. Martha Norman-Sanae Zaveloff-Marjorie Feldmann-William McIndoo C2. Marvin Schrage-Ken Rochlen-David Warner-Larry Smith

Friday Aft Open Pairs-19.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. James La Fountain-Richard Clarke A2BC1. Adrienne Watt-Doris Warlick B2. David Warner-Ken Rochlen C2. Kathleen Adams-Tod Pontius

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-7 Tables ABC1. Brenda McIndoo-Teresa Mack AB2. George Steele-Orlin Johnson C2. Robert Tyler-Lysa Nguyen

Friday Aft Swiss Teams-21 Tables A1. Dave & Donna Swarouth-Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2. Mildred Breed-Claudette Hartman- James Bauer-James Thurtell B1/2 Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel-Harry Ingham-Verlyn Stahlecker B1/2C1. Catherine Supple-Linda Banks-Lisa Holzgrafe-Bennett Neiman C2. Margaret Bennett-Lola Schlapkohl-William McIndoo-Marjorie Feldmann,

Friday Eve Open Pairs-5 Tables AB1. Harry Ingham-Verlyn Stahlecker A2. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke B2. Malou Flato-Richard Chin

Saturday Morn Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. George Watkins-R Harry Akin A2. Kalpana Sutaria-Swadesh Mahajan B1 Mark Rosen-Laura Delfeld B2. Kyong Shuey-Jean Marsh-Joe Black-G Kania C1. Catherine Supple-Sanae

Zaveloff C2. Kathleen Adams-Tod Pontius

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-3.5 Tables A1. David Garman-Graham Duke Bennett Neiman-David Goodwin A2. Caleb Gordon-Andrew Hush

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-17 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Pam LaShelle-Puddin Barnes A2. Paul Tobias-Robert Donathan B1. Richard Chin-Malou Flato B2C1. Caleb Gordon-Andrew Hush C2. James Moody-Richard Clarke

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Wendy Marks-Julie McKenna A2. Bennett Neiman-David Goodwin B2. Cynthia Brettschneider-Ralph Brettschneider

Saturday Aft Swiss Teams-12 Tables A1. Mildred Breed-Claudette Hartman- James Bauer-James Thurtell A2/3B1/2 Harry Ingham-Elaine Martin- Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel A2/3B1/2C1. Catherine Supple- Mark Miller-Gloria Wilson-Sanae Zaveloff C2. Genie Nyer-Loren Nyer-Julie Valentine- Steven Hollahan

Saturday KO Bracket 1-5 Tables 1. Mitch Towner-Varis Carey-Gary King-Carolyne Fox 2. Jack Lacy-Tom Breed-Louis Sachar-Alexander Labry

Saturday KO Bracket 2-5 Tables 1. Stephen Bruce-C G Bell-Virgil Massey-Charlene Sands 2. Sandra Reynolds-Bobbie Gruhlkey-Patricia Berry-Mickey Goldwater

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-20 Tables / Based on 42 A1. Carolyne Fox-Robert Whitcher-Mitch Towner-Gary King A2/3 Mildred Breed-Claudette Hartman-James Bauer-James Thurtell A2/3 Venkatrao Koneru-Dave & Donna Swarouth-Virginia Noelke X1. Hua Yang-Yaoguang Zhu-Yan Song-Tiger King X2. Roxie Tom-Tom Marsh-Janise Saul-Hank Eng

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-22 Tables BC1. Rita Wiegenstein-William McIndoo-Marjorie Feldmann -Jo McDaniel B2/3 Tom Banet-Gail Banet-Robert Burton-Dolline Burton 2/3C2D1 Bennett Neiman-David Goodwin-Sheila Milner-Julie Johnson D2. Lysa Nguyen-Lazard Brener-Robert Tyler-Zaem Lutfi

AUSTIN MARCH SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Thursday Morn Pairs A & B
Theda Cook, BJ Sanders



Thursday Aft Pairs A
Jimmy LaFountain, Genie Kaplan



Friday Aft Pairs A
Jimmy LaFountain, Richard Clarke



Friday Morn Pairs A
Eddie Bass, Ellen Hessel



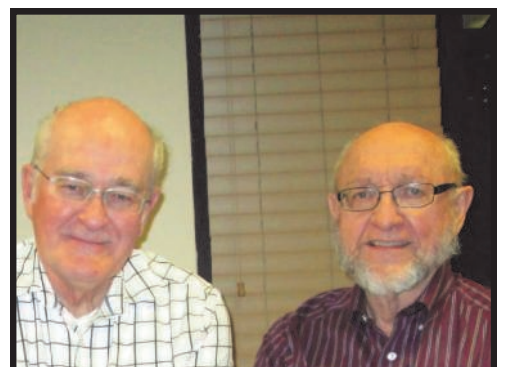
Friday Morn Swiss Teams A & B
Joe Black, Raymond Borrego,
Lawton Hutchison, Terry Richardson



Thursday Eve Pairs A
Dani Woods, Pat Long



Thursday Aft Swiss Teams A
Geoff Blandy, Paul Tobias,
Pam LaShelle, Beth Tobias



Friday Eve Pairs A & B
Harry Ingham, Verlyn Stahlecker



Saturday KO Bkt 1
Gary King, Carolyne Fox,
Varis Carey, Mitch Towner



Saturday Aft Swiss Teams A
Mildred Breed, Claudette Hartman,
James Bauer, James Thurtell



Saturday Aft Pairs A
Puddin Barnes, Pam LaShelle



Sunday Swiss Teams A
Mitch Towner, Gary King,
Carolyne Fox, Robert Whitcher



Thursday Morn Swiss Teams B
Laura Delfeld, Joe Black,
Mark Rose, Terry Richardson



Thursday Aft Swiss Teams B
Steve Andersen, Joyce Cooper,
Jane Collins, Betty Daniel



Thursday Aft Pairs B
Mark Rosen, Laura Delfeld



Friday Aft Swiss Teams B
Harry Ingham, Vernon Stahlecker,
Eleanor Sherwyn, Donald Varvel



Friday Aft Swiss Teams
Flights B & C
Bennett Neiman, Lisa Holzgrafe,
Linda Banks, Cathy Supple



Saturday Aft Swiss Teams B
Eleanor Sherwyn, Elaine Martin,
Donald Varvel, Harry Ingham



Saturday Aft Pairs B
Malou Flato, Richard Chin



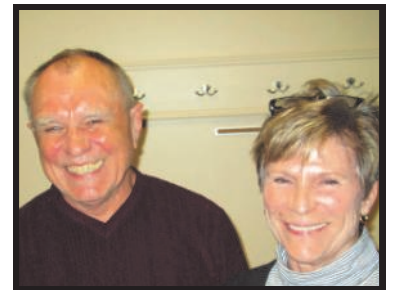
Sunday Swiss Teams B & C
Rita Wiegenstein, Marjorie Feldmann,
Bill McIndoo, Jo McDaniel



Thursday Morn Swiss Teams C
Ken Rochlen, Marvin Schragger,
Larry Smith, David Warner



Thursday Aft Pairs C
Judy & Curtis Hitt



Thursday Morn Pairs C
Steve Andersen, Jane Collins



Friday Morn Swiss Teams C
William McIndoo, Marjorie Feldmann,
Martha Norman, Sanae Zaveloff



Saturday Morn Pairs C
Cathy Supple, Sanae Zaveloff



Sunday Swiss Teams D
Bennett Neiman, David Goodwin,
Sheila Milner, Julie Johnson



Friday Morn 299er Pairs
Sheila Milner, Anu Chhabra



Friday Aft 299er Pairs
Teresa Mack, Brenda McIndoo



Saturday Aft 299er Pairs
Wendy Marks, Julie McKenna

Unit 209
Greater
Permian Basin
Chuck Mundy

Our long time scribe, Jean Pistole, has decided to lay down her quill and allow someone else to deliver the news of Unit 209. I have been appointed this task, hope I can do half as well as Jean has done.

Unit 209 has been ranked 1st out of the seventeen units in District 16 for new member gains in 2014. Deborah Brookins - our "Johnnie Appleseed" - deserves special thanks for all her efforts to spread her passion and love of this game with her hard work in recruiting, teaching, phone calls. As the Gang of Hee Haw would do during each show by jumping up in the corn field in Kornfield Kounty - "SAA-LUTE!!"

Speaking of our "Newbies": Terri Melton & Peter Berzanskis won with a 54% game February 6th. They also teamed up during the San Angelo Tournament Feb 13-15 where they earned .30 pts, not bad for their first tournament.

70% Games earned by partnerships during play for February & March at Bridge of the Permian Basin include Mary Truex - Helen Davis, Ann Servatius - Scott Vaughn, Deborah Brookins - Greg Keys, Jean Pistole - Ann Servatius, Charles Grimes - Helen Davis, and Betty Fernandez - Deborah Brookins.

Leading the pack of winners from Midland-Odessa and Big Spring during the Texas Independence Sectional Feb. 13-15 in San Angelo was Flo Curry with 8.95 pts, followed by: Lena Nichols, Gloria Crites, Shirley Davenport, Scott Vaughn, Helen Davis, Amanda Shaw-Nichols, Deborah Brookins, Coleen Grisham, Charles Grimes, David Hudson, Gloria Jackson, Kay Sewell, Marilyn Matthews, Terri Melton, Sarana Savage, & Peter Berzanskis.

District Master Point Leaders (199ers) for 2014 include Scott Vaughn, Debra Jones and Shirley Davenport.

2014 Ace of Club Leaders (199ers) Shirley Davenport, Amanda Shaw-Nichols, Scott Vaughn, Mike Robinson, Paula Baggett, Fred & Susie Girard, Robert Schuler and David Hudson.

District International Fund Game ~ Patti Whitt & Brenda Leonard came in 5th overall in District 16.

In other news shared by Sandy Thomas:

February 12 Valentine Party & 8 is Enough Team Game - 8 teams with First Place going to the team of Don Troy, Gloria Jackson, Kay Sewell & Ann Servatius.

March 2nd ACBL Senior Game - 8 tables. 1st Marilyn Higgins & Brenda Brauner with 65.87%. 2nd place was Lena Nichols & Gloria Crites. The game was scheduled to be directed by Bob Bacon on his 94th birthday, but he missed his party because his wife was in the hospital. Roberta recovered and we celebrated Bob's birthday at a later date.

March 22nd Unit Meeting to honor our Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners. We also honored Unit 209's Texas Star, Dorothy Brenneman who has served many years as club and unit secretary. Our Goodwill Ambassadors are Joan LaFond from Big Spring and Marilyn Higgins from Midland. It is a pleasure to be at the same table with these ladies. 1st place winners - Gloria Crites & Jean Pistole.

Dorothy Brenneman fell and broke her leg. She is getting around with a boot and the help of a walker. Can a second career on stage be in the offing?

Sad news to report with the sudden passing of Auriel LaFond in Big Spring, husband of Joan on March 24, and the passing of Dottie Duncan on March 25th. We know that they will be missed by family and friends.

As I mentioned in the beginning, I have just picked up the quill from Jean. I hope I didn't fail to mention any news that folks wished to be shared.



MIDLAND

TALL CITY SECTIONAL
JUNE 12 - 14 2015
MIDLAND COLLEGE
3600 N. GARFIELD
CARRASCO ROOM
MIDLAND, TEXAS

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Friday, June 12, 2015
Stratified Pairs Single Session
199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum)

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Stratified Pairs Single Session
199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum)

Saturday, June 13, 2015

9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Stratified Swiss

10:00 am & TBA

Donuts and coffee available before this game



STRATS: A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)
All Strats determined by average master points
Non-smoking with breaks



Director: Scott Humphrey
Entry Fee \$10.00/ SWISS \$100.00 per Team
\$3.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members
Lunch between sessions on Sunday
Free coffee & refreshments

HOST HOTEL
DoubleTree by Hilton
117 West Wall Street

Rate \$134.00 + taxes for double bed.
Ask for bridge rate, group code TCB. Bridge rate available until May 28, 2015.
432-683-6131 or 1-800-722-6131

Unit 224 Fort Phantom	
Bette Byrd	

The Board of Directors for Unit 224 was elected and we welcome the new members Beverly Joosten and Tiffany Wagstaff. Jo Smith is the new president. Thanks to Glynda Groves and Bill Armer for their time served on the Board.

Someone out here made Jack Frost angry and he attacked us with a vengeance. Games were cancelled and there was low attendance at those that were held. Then when the snow and ice stopped, the rain alternated with blazing hot days and storms. 2015 seems anything but normal.

The finals are in for the Mini-McKinney awards and the November leaders did not change. 0-5 Linda Scarborough 12.24, Jackie Batjer 5.27; 5-20 Jeff Lewis 40.89, Carl Grisham 16.32; 20-50 Beverly Joosten 16.74, Mary Swinney 13.37; 50-100 Jim Alvis 46.87, Willie Mae Tenison 18.51; 100-200 Ann Jay 66.39, Helen Cartee 22.49; 200=300 Sue Patton 95.85, James Jay 66.64; 300-500 Carol Whitten 123.48, Cleta Dix 31.47; 500-1000 Glynda Groves 153.43, Don Dwyer 75.26; 1000-2500 Robert Patton 242.02 Bette Byrd 112.51; 2500-5000 Coleen Grisham 109.26, Pat Ramsey 92.79; 5000-7500 Jo Smith 827.36, Alan Copeland 68.04.

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards were 0-5 Linda Scarborough 11.44, Rue Ford 5.17; 5-20 Jeff Lewis 36.78, Carl Grisham 10.89; 20-50 Beverly Joosten 11.77, Mary Swinney 11.08; 50-100 Jim Alvis 35.79, Willie Mae Tenison 16.73; 100-200 Helen Cartee 19.81, Jerry Riggs 17.13; 200-300 Sue Patton 45.48 Betty Duke 16.36; 300=500 Carol Whitten 84.31 Cleta Dix 27.82; 500-1000 Glynda Groves 86.09 Don Dwyer 56.09; 1000-2500 Bette Byrd 85.52, Betty Henderson 84.66; 2500-5000 Coleen Grisham 81.26, Pat Ramsey 51.08; 5000-7500 Betsy Duncan 48.95 Jo Smith 39.36, Jo Smith placed 122nd in the Barry Crane 500 ACBL wide.

Outstanding games were played at Bridge Etc with Ed and Sassy Furlow having a 70.42% on January 15, and Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd having a 72.46% on January 2, a 72.08 on February 12 and a 70.84 on April 16 and Gwen Riggs and Bette Byrd scoring 71.43 on February 3.

I am sad to report the passing of both Charlie and Dora Blakey of Snyder. Both were dedicated players in the Sweetwater game and Charlie did the ACBL reports for the Snyder game. I played with Charlie many times and he was always cheerful and supportive of bridge. Snyder will miss them at the table. They are meeting at the Country Club on Friday afternoons. for their regular game again.

The Houston Regional tournament is usually a big draw in Abilene but this year fewer players attended. Ed Grant playing with Bob Young won 5.48 points. Jo Smith picked up over 70 points as well as a being named the Texas Star recipient for Unit 224. Jo, when serving as President of our unit, was instrumental in procuring a regional tournament for Abilene. She served two terms as unit President and one as District Sixteen President. She is serving as our President for the coming year as well. The only thing that comes before bridge is her family. Her granddaughter, Jackie, turned eighteen this year and has gone pro in the NFR. She is vying for Rookie of the Year and can run in up to one hundred rodeos for scores. Jackie won four World Championships for under eighteen year olds last year.

During all of this time Angela Gantry, Jackie's mother, was fighting cancer. The good news is that she has completed ten surgeries and was told not to come back for six months. That is good news and she and "Granny" Jo can continue to cover the work of feeding, watering, brushing and even cleaning the stalls to keep Jackie running strong. Good luck to her this year.

Tournament attendees at the Lubbock Sectional were Ann and James Jay winning 7.57. The San Angelo tournament drew many from Abilene and points were won by Jim Alvis and Coyita Bowker 5.67. Glynda Groves won 5.63, Sue Patton, Peggy Ford, Betty Henderson and Carol Whitten 3.02 each, Coleen Grisham won 1.70 and Norma Labrathe, Barbara Bridges and Bette Byrd won.90. Always a fun tournament with lots of good food and good friends.

With the idea of Grass Roots games, Bridge Etc. had a party and game honoring Melba Long. We presented her with a charm of Texas. She is also written up in the Bridge Bulletin. Melba is the player behind the success of the two games at Rose Park Senior Center. She

comes early and puts out bidding boxes, table cards, scoring devices and sees to the cups and plates needed to serve the food that she brings. Melba does not only buy cookies and chips and dips but she cooks for us every week. Her brownies are outstanding and the homemade cookies she makes are really appreciated by all the players. To say we are spoiled would be an understatement. She also makes sure we have cards to sign for those under the weather. She never complains about anything and welcomes us with a smile. Then she stays and cleans up to make sure we leave the room cleaner than we found it.

Melba lives in Clyde, which is just East of Abilene. She retired from Hendrix Hospital after twenty years of nursing. Her sister from Aspermont got her started playing bridge. They saw there were lessons at Mabel Lillius and signed up to take from Bill Walker. That was in the nineties and she has been hooked ever since.

Melba has two boys and two girls, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She also volunteers at the Baptist Church library and sews like a dream. Bridge Etc. is very fortunate to claim Melba as one of our own. Thanks Melba, for all you do.

Thanks, Bette Byrd

Unit 225 East Texas	
Diane Squyres	

Attention, everyone, it's not too early to start planning your trip to Tyler for the Tournament of Roses November 9th-15th! The host hotels are Hawthorn Suites (903-595-5188, cschaefer@dhhhotels.com) and Magnuson Hotels (903-593-3600, bonnie@magnusonhotelytyler.com).

The Longview Pineywoods Sectional Tournament was a huge success. Members supplied lots of homemade goodies. Special thanks go to players from other studios that helped with the food. Dan Cowling was a food rock star! Kudos go to Mike Graham for all his hard work. The Longview DBC has bought a dealing machine with the proceeds from this and another tournament and generous contributions from our members. We are excitedly looking forward to improving our game play through the use of this machine.

70% Games
Victor Marks and Mary Jo Krohn had a 70.83% on Feb. 24 at Dottie Pirkle DBC. On Tuesday, March 3, Peggy Wright and Gay Roach had a 73% game at the Nacogdoches DBC and on Monday, March 9th, Roy Read and Caryl Hall (a novice) had a 73% game! On March 11, 2015 at The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek in Gun Barrel City the first place winners with 72.22% game were Chester Neel and Bonnie Magee. Curtis Bourland/Julia Mobley got made a 73.50% game at the Sheila Bell DBC on March 30th.

Unit games
On Feb. 7th, Mary and Don Bartley sitting NS grabbed 1st place, Bonnie Burch/JoAnn Parten snapped up 2nd, and Barbara Bradford/Pansy Blakely and Diane and Keith Estep tied for 3rd. On the E/W side, Ennis Dyess/Charles Ford gathered in 1st and 1st overall, while Jaquelyn Kimberley/Vermell Boucher pulled in 2nd and Gloria Rowland/Betty Wilkerson hauled in 3rd.

At the March 14th game, 1st N/S went to J Lynn Allen/Judy Adams and 2nd was won by Elizabeth Smith/Cliff Dillard. Mary and Don Bartley took 3rd. Shirley Shelton/Jonathan Ernest, sitting E/W claimed 1st and 1st overall, while Gay Roach/Roy Reed snatched 2nd, and Emily Leake/Brenda Baker were 3rd.

The GNT Unit Qualifying Game was held in Longview on April 4th. 1st place Nelda Avent/Dorothy McCasland/Ginny Jones/Diane Squyres, 2nd place Sandy Hilliard/Mary Priest/Tillie Reed/Rosalyn Tullios, 3rd place Jerrell & Janie Wolaver/Linda Harrison/Lansing, 4th place Bonnie Burch/JoAnn Parten/Pat Hargrave/Mary Peden.

On March 9th at the Longview DBC, a party was held for Linda Harrison for becoming a Life Master. As the 13 tables of guests entered, they were given sparkly bandages to put on in recognition of Linda's career as a nurse. There was a cake with a nurse's cap on it and there were lots of balloons. A picture of Sharon Whatley, Linda's partner who has moved away, was prominently displayed. Sandy Lansing, Linda's newest partner, talked about her friend's quest for Life Master

and Mike Graham, club director, read an inspired and funny poem he wrote for Linda. Linda thanked all of her previous partners and teachers and gave special thanks to her husband (who doesn't play bridge) for "driving Miss Linda" to all those games and being so supportive. She received a necklace and a monogrammed bag. Congratulations, Linda!

Congratulations also go to Jerrell Wolaver who achieved Bronze Life Master status!

Jean Roach from the Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek tells us, "On March 26th, many of our Unit 225 players attended a bridge game to benefit the Library at Cedar Creek Lake located in Tool which is the town just west of Gun Barrel City. There were approximately 27 tables with 12 of them being duplicate players directed by Gloria Rowland. Gloria has been donating her time to direct this ACBL sanctioned game twice a year since November 2009. All entry fees were a donation to the library as The Bridge Studio of Cedar Creek, which is owned by Gloria Rowland and Evelyn Schmidt, covered the cost of the ACBL fees. This game raised \$3,518 for the library from both the duplicate and party bridge players. A total of \$49,194 has been raised over the years since this benefit's inception.

The next day our studio had a Pro/Am Swiss game preceded by a "pot luck" luncheon. We have some great cooks out our way and the food was just wonderful! While we were eating, Barbara Williams, our Friday director, divided the pairs into either the Pro or the Am group depending on combined master points of the pair. After lunch, we drew for teammates and had a fun afternoon. Sandy Campbell, Jimmy Wright, Vona Nason & Wanda Prokop came in 1st winning all 4 matches. 2nd place was Jan Holcomb, Neva Davis, Jo Ann Parten & Bonnie Burch who won 3 matches. 3rd place was Bonnie Magee, Judy Northup, Dale Molander & Sarah Niemann who also won 3 matches. 4th place was Tillie Reed, Mary Priest, Jo Booth and Carol Sossamon who won 2 matches.

Our club recently suffered the loss several dear friends. James Walters, husband of Mickie, Ray Adams, husband of Mary, and Norris Jordan, husband of Barbara all passed away during March. The Walters and the Adams were duplicate partners as well as marriage partners. Norris didn't play duplicate bridge, but he fully supported Barbara's love of the game and encouraged her to play as often as possible. These men will be greatly missed."

Black Eyed Pea Sectional
Athens, TX
April 16-18, 2015

140 players 133 tables.

- 1 15.56 Janet Gelles
- 2 15.56 Brian Gelles
- 3 15.49 Sara Bossert
- 4 15.49 Michael Bossert
- 5 13.51 Leonard Schaan
- 6 13.51 Bob Friz
- 7 13.43 Judy Northup
- 8 12.86 Emily Leake
- 9 12.86 Brenda Baker
- 10 12.45 Shirley Shelton
- 11 12.45 Mike Graham

Thu Morn Open Pairs-18.5 Tables
AB1. Carolyn Chapman-Nancy Hargis
A2. James Bauer-Judy Northup B1.
Karen Owen-Mamie Stafford C1. Robert Cowling-Marion Davis C2. Janice Payne-Sherrie Culwell

Thu Aft Open Pairs-20.5 Tables A1.
James Bauer-Judy Northup A2BC1.
Janice Payne-Sherrie Culwell B2/ Gayle Mauldin, -JR Wiegmann C2. Jimmy Parker-Beverly Battle

Fri Aft Open Pairs-21.5 Tables A1. Bob Friz-Leonard Schaan A2B1. Jimmy Hubbard-Shirley Matthews B2C1. J Dale Molander-Sarah Niemann C2. Janice Payne-Sherrie Culwell

Fri Morn Open Pairs-20.0 Tables A1.
Emily Leake-Brenda Baker A2BC1.
Bonnie Burch-Jo Ann Parten B2. Joyce Austin-Ronald Austin C2. Sammie Borum-Fred Borum

Lela May Corley KO, Bkt 1-5 Tables 1.
Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles-Michael & Sara Bossert 2. Gloria Rowland-Charlene Richard-Sarah Niemann-J Dale Molander
D Pirkle 0-2000 SwissBkt1-10 Tables /
Based on 17 Tables 1. Nancy Green-Cliff Dillard-Marilyn Chionsini-Annette Crawford 2. Bonnie Magee-Sandy Molander-Jo Ann Parten-Bonnie Burch
Dottie Pirkle A/X Swiss-4 Tables /
Based on 21 Tables A1. Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles-Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert X1. Judy Adams-Nell Velvin-Bari Hart-J Lynn Allen
D Pirkle 0-2000 SwissBkt2-7 Tables 1.
Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Joyce Hahn-Paula Edwards- Charlene Goodman 2.



TYLER TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

July 10 - 12, 2015

Holiday Inn Select-5701 S. Broadway-Tyler, TX
(Call 903-561-5800 by 07/01/14 for "bridge rate" at \$94.00 a night)

Friday - July 10, 2015

Bracketed Dottie Pirkle KO1 (Sessions 1 & 2)	10:00	3:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00

Saturday - July 11, 2015

Bracketed Dottie Pirkle KO1 (Sessions 3 & 4)	10:00	3:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00
Compact KO (1 & 2 of 2)	10:00	3:00

Open Pairs: A:2000+, B:750-2000, C: 0-750
500 NLM Pairs: A:300-500, B:100-300, C: 0-100

Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team) - (Teams may be handicapped double ACBL's)

Sunday - July 12, 2015


JUDGE BILL & ANN STEGER STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

4000+, AX:0-4000 (play together)	10:00 TBA
0-2000 Bracketed (8 team brackets by masterpoints)	10:00 TBA
299er Bracketed (if there are enough 299er teams)	10:00 TBA

Entry Fees: \$ 12.00 per session for ACBL members, \$15.00 for non/unpaid members \$120.00 per Swiss Team (Complimentary Lunch for all Swiss Teams) Director in Charge: Sue Do Sanction # 1407040

Tournament Chairperson	903-918-8642
Mike Graham	babalooloop@yahoo.com
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Nelda Avent	nelda3064@suddenlink.com

Ann Parker-Carol Adamek-Patricia Ducayet-Edwin Ducayet Jr,

Unit 233 Central Texas	
Helen Levy	

Kudos to Malissa Baughfor her hard work as chairman of the Heart of Texas sectional Feb. 20-22. From the publicity to the food and decorations, it was a big success. Special thanks to those who assisted, including Lennie Wilkins, Juanita Butler, Helen Simonette, Stephen Olson, Gene Thompson, Jan Hart, Dick Cunningham, Melody Euler, Jo Ed Gonzales, those who brought snacks, and everyone who supported the tournament. We couldn't have done it without you.

Non-life masters with less than 500MP's are encouraged to attend the Unit 233 NLM tournament July17-18, 2015, at the Bridge Studio in Temple with Gene Thompson, chairman/director. Ila Bates will chair the Bridge on the Brazos sectional in Waco Aug. 7-9, 2015, at the Waco convention center. We are looking forward to a great tournament with a fine chairman at a good location.

Ft B GNT teams qualifying for the District qualifying game in Richardson Memorial Day weekend were Mary Adams, Jan Hart, David Pennington, Belva Barrington; Gail Banet, Tom Banet, Tim Burton, Dolline Burton; Wanda Carter, Malissa Baugh, Ila Bates, Raby Smalley; and Ft C team Lynn Sykes, Lennie Wilkin, Pat, Johnson, Amy Wilson.

Congratulations to 2014 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners: 0-5, Annette Bums; 5-20, Darlene Reynolds; 20-50, Ann Fulcher; 50-100 Lavona Carter; 100-200 Barbara Kirstein; 200-300, Pat Kelly; 0-500, Rita Wiegstein; 500-1000, Asa Waterman; 2500-5000 Thomas Corlett. Ace of Clubs 1000-2500 winner, Juanita Butler; 5000-7500, winner Mike Bukala. Mini-McKenney 1000-2500 winner, Caroline Baumann; 5000-7500 winner, James LaFountain.

Welcome new members Joseph Adams, Temple; Gino Chelakis, Waco; Joyce Loftin, China Spring.

We are saddened by recent deaths of Vennie Lee, Gatesville, and Joyce Lynn, Waco.

Calendar: Sectional tournaments at clubs

(StAc) games will be held during the week of May4-10, Unit-final North American Pairs qualifying for Flts. A, B, & C, I session, 1p.m., Sept. 13, CAC Strasburger Hall. Unit Christmas party and election, 10 a.m. & TBA, Sun., Dec. 6, CAC Strasburger Hall. Heart of Texas sectional tournament, Feb19-21, 2016, CAC Strasburger Hall

Unit 197 Lubbock
Sandi Krahmer

Hi Everybody!

I have a lot of news this month--some good, some not so good. First off, we offer our sympathy to Billie Mitchell on the loss of her husband, Leo. They had been married well over 60 years. The funeral service was beautiful as Leo had been a member of a barber shop quartet that sang competitively. They graciously added their voices to a lovely rite 2 Episcopal funeral service.

Next, we lost Glenna Esmond, who had been a member of our Unit in the early 60's till she moved to Houston. She returned to Lubbock in the 90's and re-joined and played almost every day. Glenna was a gold Life Master and certified director and had won several Regional titles. We extend our sympathy to her family and to her many Bridge partners and friends.

Betsy Bloechl recently lost her mother after a long illness. She lived in Phoenix, and I am told that no service is planned at the moment. Our sympathy goes out to Betsy and her family.

Saturday afternoon, May 9. will also be a Frances Green memorial game with a Mardi Gras theme. Refreshments and colored beads will be provided by Bonta and Julie and anyone else who wants to bring something. Members are asked to bring their poems that Frances wrote for many of us. Since this is a STAc game, extra points will be awarded. There is a sign-up sheet at the Bridge Center so the ladies will know how much food to prepare. It promises to be a fun time for all, and wouldn't Frances love it!

Sat., May 16, will be an 8 is Enough team game. Sue Myers and Jane Giddens have agreed to chair it for us so if you need a partner, contact one of them. Members are invited to bring finger foods. Gary Blaiss will direct.

Congrats to Howie Huynh, who once

again, had another 70 % game. This time it was with Sue Myers. Howie has also volunteered to teach some intermediate Bridge lessons in the fall on Saturday mornings. There is no charge, but donations will be welcome and given to the Bridge Center. Howie is an excellent teacher and told me he just wants to give back to the Bridge Center. The lessons will be for those wanting to learn 2/1 and some of the more modern treatments of Duplicate Bridge. These are not beginner lessons. More info on this later.

Many thanks to Mary Hildebrand, who shared some of her delicious candy with us to honor our new members from Plainview. We are so glad to have them.

Hopefully, I have covered everything. See you in a few weeks.

Sandi Kraemer

King Cotton Sectional

Lubbock March 6-8, 2015
78 players 93 tables

- 1 18.19 Robbie Butts
- 2 18.19 Greg Loran
- 3 15.95 Gerald Duncan
- 4 11.48 Albert Postar
- 5 11.47 Sammie Johnson
- 6 10.89 Gary Blaiss
- 7 10.89 Charlotte Blaiss
- 8 10.63 Gwen Wright
- 9 10.20 Kenneth Woodard
- 10 10.02 Barbara Duncan
- Friday Aft Open Pairs**-17.0 Tables A1. Charlotte & Gary Blaiss A2/3B1/2C1. Virginia Myers-Jane Giddens B2/3 1/2 Gwen Wright-Ava Huddleston C2. Ann Jay-James Jay
- Friday AM Open Pairs**-15.5 Tables A1. Greg Loran-Robbie Butts A2B1. Barbara Duncan-Gerald Duncan B2. Anita Woodard-Kenneth Woodard C1. Ann Jay-James Jay C2. Carolyn Cawthron-Sherre West
- Saturday Aft Open Pairs**-15.5 Tables AB1. Howard Huynh-Will Anthony AB2C1. Martin Burkel-Sheryl Burkel C2. Jo Temple-Gary Britt
- Saturday Morning Open Prs**-18.5 Tables A1. Albert Postar-Gerald Duncan A2B1. Cheryl Thompson-Sue Willhoit

B2. Norma Buchanan-Sammie Johnson C1. Darnell Dingle-Paula Park C2. Bruce Hook-Lynda McBride
Sunday Stratified Swiss-13 Tables A1. Betty Dickerson-Charlotte & Gary Blaiss-Robbie Butts-Greg Loran A2B1. Gwen Wright-Sue Willhoit-Sammie Johnson-Karen Wilson B2C1. Kenneth Woodard-Anita Woodard-James Jay-Ann Jay



Warmth is beginning to return to our land and an early fly came buzzing in one evening and as I sat down for an evening of pleasant television I observed the little stranger flying from cracking his head on the lamp shade to repeating the error on the television screen. He kept batting the screen trying to enter the pleasant outdoor scene on it. I had sympathy for the little fellow because I was reminded of my game that afternoon against the hands of many experts. Nevertheless there is that undying love of the challenges that keep us faithful to the game and once again I turned off the television and got out my Amy Grant books.

Our group went to the Lawton Tournament and came home with a few points. **Saturday Morning Open Pairs:** Wanda Hughes- Dee McKinley earned 4.30 MPs. **Saturday Morning 99er Pairs** Marsha May - Martha Keller earned 0.96MPs. **Saturday Afternoon:** Carole Tucker - Ruth Streit earned 3.67 MPs, and Wanda Hughes - Dee McKinley earned 2.64 MPs. **Saturday Eve in Open Pairs** Bernie Lange -Cula Burch earned 3.03 MPs and Tony Abernathy - Suzanne Sosa earned 2.17 MPs. **Sunday Swiss Teams:** Wanda Gaynor - Lois Roberson - Bernie Lange - Cula Burch earned 2.75 MPs. Total masterpoints: 540.92 earned by 136 players. The total attendance: 136 tables. Wanda Hughes and Dee McKinley earned 6.94 MPs, Bernie Lange and Cula Burch earned 5.78 MPs, Wanda Gaynor and Lois Roberson earned 4.81,

Ruth Streit and Carole Tucker earned 4.30 MPs, Tony Abernathy and Suzanne Sosa earned 2.17 MPs, Martha Keller and Marsha May earned 0.96 MPs, and Patty Hofer and Khalifa Ahmed earned .48 MPs. Total attendance was 136 tables and it was a very successful tournament. Meanwhile at home at Bridge

Paradise Helen Cash earned 1.25 MPs, Trudy Downey earned 1.25 MPs, Susanne Sosa earned 0.98 MPs and Joan Paradise earned 0.98 MPs. High Percentage Games for February are Tomie Johnson and Carolyn Kay with 67.00 MPs, Helen Cash and Trudy Downey with 61.81 Mps, Suzanne Sosa and Joan Paradise with 61.81MMPs. February Unit Games were: Bernie Lange and Cula Burch with 60.40 MPs, Gladys Barley and Julia Lucas with 59.70, Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 59.29 MPs, Khalifa Ahmed and Patty Hofer with 59.29 MPs. Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders are Helen Cash with 2.90, Cula Burch with 2.79, Bernie Lange with 2.79, Tony Abernathy with 2.57, Tomie Johnson with 2.29 MPs, and Gail Simpson with 2.13MPs. High percentage games were Gail Simpson and Helen Cash with 67.19 MPs, Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 66.15 MPs, Bernie Lange and Cula Burch with 63.69 MPs, and Marsha May and Martha Keller with 61.45 MPs.

Vernon Bridge Club MPs leaders are Susan Couch with 7.43 MPs, Ruth Streit with 6.52 MPs, Carole Tucker with 6.52 MPs and Barbara Quinby with 6.25 MPPs, and Arvella Storrs with 6.08 MPs. High percentage games were Ruth Streit and Carole Tucker with 73.81 MPs, Donna Lorange and Jean Graf with 72.50 MPs, Barbara Quinby and Susan Couch with 65.87 MPs, and Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 64.29 MPs. At Bridge-A-Gap Masterpoint Leaders are Khalifa Ahmed with 2.79MPs, Nancy Purcell with 2.60 MPs, Clay Abrams with 2.55 MPs, Patty Hofer with 2.44 MPs, Gladys Barley with 2.34 MPs, and Tony Abernathy with 2.30 MPs. High Percentage Games were Clay Abrams and Patty Hofer with 68.23 MPs, Gladys Barley

and Nancy Purcell with 67.26 MPs, Dee McKinley and Wanda Hughes with 65.83 MPs, Carolyn Kay and Nancy Purcell with 65.42 and Bernie Lange and Cula Burch with 64.50 MPs. Our favorite visitor Mark Kalawa from Wisconsin is in Wichita Falls visiting and many of our players vie for an afternoon with him. Hope he can come more often and stay longer. One of our long time bridge players Delois Nell passed away. She had moved to Austin several years ago but she is still missed here.

Heart of Texas Sectional

Temple, TX
Feb 20-22, 2015
129 players. 130 tables.

- 1 21.22 Mike Bukala
- 2 21.22 John Bromberg
- 3 21.22 Hugh Hillaker
- 4 21.22 Barry Schaffer
- 5 14.29 Puddin Barnes
- 6 14.29 J Bachman Nabors III
- 7 12.09 Pat McMullin
- 8 12.09 Nancy Boothe
- 9 12.09 Karen Snyder
- 10 12.09 John Schwartz
- Friday Morn Open Pairs**-4.5 Tables AB1. Jane Collins-Bonnie Dennis A2. Puddin Barnes-J Bachman Nabors III B2. Norma Lea McAdams-Darlene Reynolds
- Friday Morn Swiss Teams**-11 Tables A1. Pam LaShelle-Marilou Powell-James La Fountain-Jon Richard Ware A2. James Thurtell-Karen Snyder-John Schwartz-Gerry McKim B1. Mary Adams-David Pennington-Richard Cunningham-Jan Hart B2C1. Amy Wilson-Norma Swaim-Lennie Wilkins-Lynn Sykes C2. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan-William McIndoo-Rita Wiegstein
- Friday Aft Open Pairs**-8.0 Tables ABC1. Robert Burton-Dolline Burton ABC2. Jane Collins-Bonnie Dennis
- Friday Aft 299er Pairs**-2.5 Tables 1. Norma Lea McAdams-Darlene Reynolds
- 2. Joan Cation-Carole Hardeman
- Friday Aft Swiss Teams**-8 Tables A1. James Thurtell-Karen Snyder-Gerry McKim-John Schwartz A2B1. Judy Taylor Mathews-Belva Barrington-Gene

- Thompson-Edna Tuerck B2C1. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan-William McIndoo-Rita Wiegstein
- Friday Eve Open Pairs**-8.5 Tables A1. Nancy Boothe-Pat McMullin A2B1. Stephen Olson-Juanita Butler B2C1. Sunny Laird-David Collins C2. Lynn Sykes-Lennie Wilkins
- Saturday Eve Open Pairs**-8.5 Tables A1. Puddin Barnes-J Bachman Nabors III A2. Molan Chan-William Chan BC1. Amy Wilson-Norma Swaim B2. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan
- Saturday Aft Swiss Teams**-11 Tables ABC1. Joan Cation-Carole Hardeman-Sharon Clark-G Nell Carpenter ABC2. Bob Maske-Mary Levy-M Elaine Lyles-Robert Smith
- Saturday Morn Open Pairs**-11.5 Tables A1. J Bachman Nabors III-Puddin Barnes A2. Pat McMullin-Nancy Boothe B1. Bonnie Keough-Shirley Watts Edmiston B2C1. Joan Cation-Carole Hardeman C2. Rita Wiegstein-William McIndoo
- Saturday Eve Open Pairs**-5 Tables AB1. Jeanette Hughes-Inger Lise Eide A2. Tom & Ethel Corlett B/3 David Collins-Sunny Laird B2/3 Juanita & Roy Butler
- Saturday KO Bracket** 1-7 Tables 1. Hugh Hillaker-Mike Bukala-Barry Schaffer-John Bromberg 2. Daniel Baker-Alick Einav-Linda Griffith-Theda Cook
- Sunday AM A/X Swiss Team**-6 Tables / Based on 19 Tables A1. Jack Lacy-Jeff McKee-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey A2. Barry Schaffer-John Bromberg-Mike Bukala-Hugh Hillaker X1. William Chan, Van Buren ME; Molan Chan-Stephen Olson-Trudi Lamendola
- Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams**-13 Tables BCD1. Rachell Jackson-Diane Davis-Gerald Barrett-Gary Anderson B2. Dennis McAdams-Glenda Marshall-Caroline Baumann-Jean Townsend C2. Karen Logan-Barbara Werth-Vivian Thompson-Jan McLaurin
- Sunday Aft A/X Swiss Team**-6 Tables / Based on 19 A1. Barry Schaffer-John Bromberg-Mike Bukala-Hugh Hillaker A2B1. Karen Snyder-James Thurtell-Gerry McKim-John Schwartz

HEART OF TEXAS TEMPLE SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Morn Swiss Team Flt A
James La Fountain, Richard Ware, Marilou Powell, Pam LaShelle



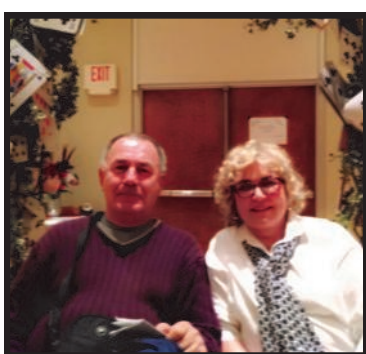
Friday Aft Swiss Team Flt A
Sunday Aft Swiss Flt X
Jim Thurtell, John Schwartz, Gerry McKim, Karen Snyder



Sunday Morn Swiss Team Flt A
Jack Lacy, Charlene Sands, Jeff McKee, Virgil Massey



Saturday KO Bkt 1
Sunday Aft Swiss Flt A
Barry Schaffer, John Bromberg, Hugh Hillaker, Mike Bukala



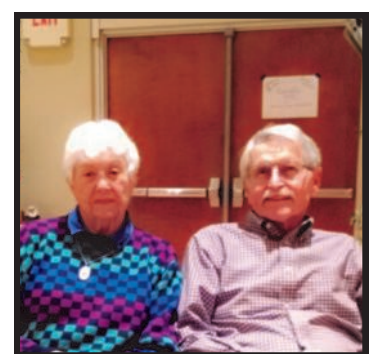
Saturday Morn Open Pairs Flt A
J Bachman Nabors III, Puddin Barnes



Saturday Aft Swiss Team Flt A,B,C
G. Nell Carpenter, Sharon Clark, Carole Hardeman, Joan Cation



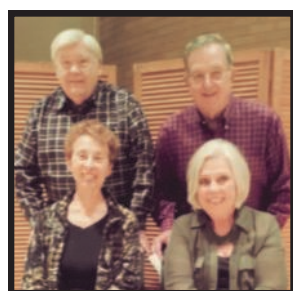
Saturday Eve Open Pairs A,B
Jeanette Hughes, Inger Lise, Eide



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt A,B,C
Dolline & Bob Burton



Friday Eve Open Pairs Flt A
Nancy Boothe, Pat McMullin



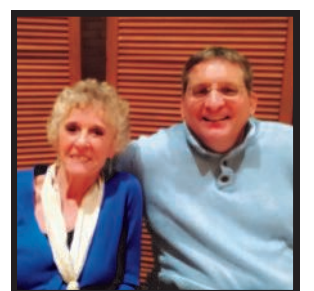
Friday Morn Swiss Team Flt B
David Pennington, Dick Cunningham, Jan Hart, Mary Adams



Friday Aft Swiss Team Flt C
Rita Wiegstein, Andrea Sullivan, Bill McIndoo, George Sullivan



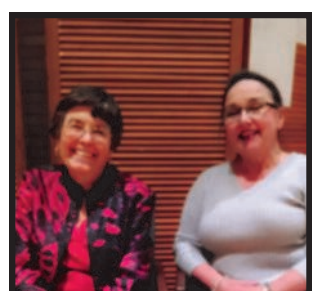
Sunday BCD Swiss
Diane Davis, Gerald Barrett, Rachell Jackson, Gary Anderson



Friday Eve Open Pairs Flt B
Juanita Butler, Steve Olson



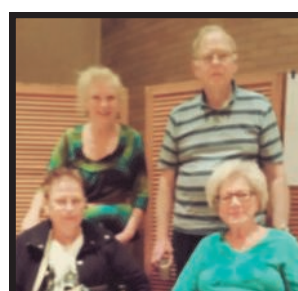
Saturday Morn Open Pairs Flt C
Carole Hardeman, Joan Cation



Saturday Morn Open Pairs Flt B
Bonnie Keough, Shirley Watts Edmiston



Friday Morn Swiss Team Flt C
Lennie Wilkins, Amy Wilson, Lynn Sykes, Norma Swaim



Friday Aft Swiss Team Flt B
Judy Mathews, Gene Thompson, Edna Tuerck, Belva Barrington



Friday Aft 299ers
Norma Lea McAdams, Darlene Reynolds



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 \$4 additional/session for non/unpaid members

	Wednesday, July 1	Friday, July 3
10:00	Diane Olson A/X Strati-flighted Pairs (1/2) Laurie's Students Gold Rush Pairs (1/2) Bob Morton KO#2 (1/4) McGaffic Morning Side Series (2/5)	10:00 AI Lochli Strati-flighted A/X Pairs (1/2) Gold Rush Pairs (1/2) KO#3 (1/4) McGaffic Morning Side Series (4/5) AI Lochli Strati-flighted A/X Pairs (2/2) Gold Rush Pairs (2/2) KO#3 (2/4)
3:00	Diane Olson A/X Strati-flighted Pairs (2/2) Gold Rush Pairs (2/2) Bob Morton KO#2 (2/4) Ed Rawlinson Stratified Swiss (1/1) Jay Thorne Afternoon Side Series (2/5)	3:00 David Mitchell Stratified Swiss (1/1) Jay Thorne Afternoon Side Series (4/5) Evening Stratified Swiss (2/2) Evening Side Series (5/6)
7:30	Stratified Swiss (1/1) Compact KO#1 (2/2) Evening Side Series (3/6)	7:30 Jay Thorne Afternoon Side Series (4/5) Evening Stratified Swiss (2/2) Evening Side Series (5/6)
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STRATIFICATIONS & FLIGHTING

All KO events are handicapped except teams with 5000+ average

Strati-Flighted A/X Swiss: A=5000; X=0-5000 (A & X play together in normal Swiss movement);

B=0-2000 will be bracketed; top 3 in each bracket will win gold.

Gold Rush Pairs = B: 300-750; C: 0-300 Strati-Flighted Pairs = A: unlimited; AX: 0-2000

All Strati-Flighted events will be based on the highest individual player's MPs & then averaged.

All Stratified Pair/Team Games will be stratified based on the pair/team average MPs.

A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750

Intermediate-Newcomer Program

Pairs.....TWTWFS 10
 Pairs.....TWTWFS 3:00

3 Table Minimum

All 299er events are 1 session & stratified & pay red for section tops.

(A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50 or at Director's discretion)

Speakers on TWTWFS at 2:15

Topics TBA in Daily Bulletin

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Cut-off date is June 1; a minimum of 10 is needed to have either class.