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Charlie Price Wins 2015 Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award



Oswald and James Jacoby Award Winners

- 2014 Martha Decou, Corpus Christi
- 2013 Carol Schoenhals, Lubbock
- 2012 Lew Levy, Houston
- 2011 Larry Davis, Austin
- 2010 Tom Corlett, Waco
- 2009 Bert Onstott, Houston
- 2008 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 2007 Dewitt Hudson, Fort Worth
- 2006 Rosemary Kelley, Austin
- 2005 Toni Snow, Houston
- 2004 Betty Starzek, Houston
- 2003 Al Lochli, San Antonio
- 2002 Scott Humphrey, Austin
- 2001 Tom Hughes, Fort Worth
- 2000 Mary Ross, Corpus Christi
- 1999 Arlene Weingarten, Houston
- 1998 Eric Snow, Houston
- 1997 George & Leah Olivari, Corpus Christi
- 1996 Howard Wilkins, Abilene
- 1995 Barry Hagedorn, Houston
- 1994 Shirley Pagan, Corpus Christi
- 1993 Jacque Tucker, San Antonio
- 1992 Henry Baer, Dallas
- 1991 Mary Williams, Austin
- 1990 Gerrie Owen, Dallas
- 1989 Dan & Joan Morse, Houston
- 1988 Jim Downs, Houston
- 1987 Judy Jacoby, Dallas
- 1986 Cisse Horton, San Antonio
- 1985 Sue Barber, San Angelo
- 1984 Ann Carb, Fort Worth
- 1983 Joyce Cook, Houston

Charlie Price was named recipient of the 2015 Oswald and James Jacoby Award. Charlie has not only met the criteria set forth, he enthusiastically plays locally and in major tournaments with both his peers and aspiring players who have the courage to ask him to be their partner. I use the term courage from the perspective that many "gold" players intimidate younger/learning players, and Charlie greets them with enthusiasm, encouragement and support. As we believe building the base of players for the future is crucial to the success of bridge; this perspective, we believe, gives added emphasis to the quality of his many years of service to unit 176 and District 16.

successfully saving a tournament in trouble. Then in 1997, he was the Finance Chair for the Dallas Nationals, a terrific successful NABC. During this time, he served several terms on our Unit Board, during which he served as Vice-President, President and unit representative. Charlie has also continued to be available for valuable advice and counsel at both the unit and district levels to those who seek his esteemed counsel.

For district 16, Charlie has served as:

- Executive Secretary
- 2nd Vice President
- 1st Vice President
- President
- Tournament Committee Chair

To give some chronology to Charlie's service, in the 90's, he chaired 2 of the most successful Dallas regionals at the DFW airport hotel – and this was a challenging location! For the first of these, he gladly stepped in and took over at the last minute,

Charlie has consistently been willing to enthusiastically help and serve wherever and whenever asked of him.

Charlie has taught bridge as a credit course at Austin College for many

years. This not only successfully starts young players, but he further requires them to play in the Dallas January Sectional. This gives them tournament experience and a sense of the vitality of the bridge community. We observe as a credit to Charlie's enthusiasm that many of these students play much more than is required of them at these tournaments. Unit 176 wants to officially recognize Charlie for his dedication, service and enthusiasm.

Paul Cuneo



District 16
President

The 3rd quarter numbers from ACBL are showing some encouraging signs. Our D16 membership is up by 95 since the end of the 2nd quarter, and we have moved from 14th to 8th in new member attraction among the districts. While we remain 25th in new member retention, there are encouraging signs that we are also starting to improve in this area as well. It takes a concerted effort to recruit and retain new members. It is also a never-ending challenge. THANK YOU for all of your hard work in this area!!!

The members we and the other districts are attracting are primarily people over the age of 60 and our average age across the district and ACBL continues to increase. Since the end of March, the average age of our members has increased from 71.11 to 71.37 in D16, and ACBL has a similar increase. We are not attracting nearly enough people below the age of 60 and certainly not enough children and young adults.

To attract younger people, I believe ACBL needs to make significant additions to its marketing efforts and its programs. In my view, there are three critical components:

National advertising to raise the profile of bridge with the 50 and over population

A suite of APPS for phones and tablets to allow people of all ages to experience the fun and challenges of bridge

Extensive research studies conducted by universities to demonstrate the educational value of learning and playing bridge as it will improve academic performance especially in the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) primarily by helping children learn inferential reasoning.

enjoyed reading the July article in the Bridge Bulletin which looked back into the 1930s where it was estimated that 44% of the American population played bridge at home. Paul Linxwiler's editorials from July onward discuss the booming population of people over the age of 60 in the U.S. In the past 5 years, that segment of the population has grown by over 4.5 million people and it will continue to grow for a least another decade as the "baby boomers" reach retirement. ACBL's annual recruitment of new members has been essentially flat during this same period at around 11,500.

To reach more of this booming population, we must raise the profile of bridge through national advertising to complement the local efforts to bring people into bridge classes and events. ACBL has great programs to help at the local level, but has almost nothing at the national level.

A Suite of APPS - People of all ages are interacting with the world through their handheld electronic devices. To attract people to bridge and to help them start learning and improving even before taking lessons, free phone and tablet APPS are needed. Characteristics of needed APPS:

Start with declarer play – play against "robots" to maximize the number of tricks taken

Sight, sound, points and level advancement are rewards for success

Online and offline play – competing against others when online

Invite friends to play the same set of hands and compete against them

Several difficulty levels with advancement dependent upon success at lower level

Teaching mode to replay the hand with explanations on how to improve

Links to learning tools

Expand to defense and bidding apps

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National Advertising - I hope you've

District 16 Shines at the World Championship

The team captained by Petra Hamman and included Bob Hamman and Hemant Lall won the Senior World Teams in Chennai, India in October.. Also on the team, playing with Bob, was near D16 member Mark Lair. Second in the Women's teams was Tobi Sokolow from Austin and Juanita Chambers from Dallas.

It was the thirteenth world Championship for Bob and the third for Hemant. It was Tobi's 4th Venice cup final. She has won two and also won the McConnell Cup. Juanita has won the Venice Cup, the Women's Olympiad and the World Mixed Pairs.

Our senior team won the 7 day round robin over 21 other teams and never trailed in their three 96 board KO matches. In the quarterfinal they beat Norway 220 to 182.7. In the semi they beat USA 216.5 to 169 and then stormed through the final over Sweden 263 to 126.3.

Tobi and Juanita lost their final to France 179.7 to 171. The last board was a makeable 4S deal where both declarers went bait. All who were still awake in the hour of the wolf and watching this particular hand on bridge base found it quite exciting.



Bob Hamman



Hemant Lall



Petra Hamman



Tobi Sokolow



Juanita Chambers

No Unit Qualifying for GNT

Jim Thurtell



District 16
GNT Coordinator

In an effort to increase participation, we are making it easier than ever to play in the District Finals for the GNT. Get your team together and show up. There is no unit qualifying for the Flight 'B' or Flight 'C' GNT this year.

The Championship Flight will be held in Houston, at the April sectional, April 2nd & 3rd. So you can have enough time to get your National's schedule together.

The Flight A, B and C District Finals will be held at the Richardson sectional May 28th, 29th & 30th (if needed). Get your team together and be there, that is all you need to do this year. Every team is automatically qualified to play at the District level.

And, again this year, any team may play in the Championship Flight in April in Houston, without giving up their right to play in their normal flight at the District Finals in May.

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In Memoriam

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 Mrs. Shirley Glass, Odessa
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 Mrs. Delois Nell, Austin *
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 Mrs. Marjorie N. Wallace, Sugar Land

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 Mrs. Marilyn Neustadt, Dallas
 Edna E. Richardson, Corsicana
 Shirley Stanton, The Woodlands *
 Stan Szychulski, Dallas

*Life Master

Grand Life Master Ken Schutze

Ken became Grand Life Master at the Chicago Nationals when he went over 10,000 points. Ken has won 4 National pair championships and has twice been second in team events. He won the NAP in 1993, 1994 and 1999, all with Jim Griffin and the Von Zedtwitz LM pairs in 1979 with Ralph Katz."



Ken is an attorney and graduated from the UT law school.

He has been one of Austin's and D16's leading players for over 40 years.

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San Antonio	28-May 1

Moving Up

Carol Ellis	San Antonio	Life Master
Margaret Ellis	Rockwall	Life Master
Letty Garek	Bedford	Life Master
Sheila Harrison	Houston	Life Master
Melba Lancaster	McKinney	Life Master
Bernie Lange	Wichita Falls	Life Master
Robert Scanland	Arlington	Life Master
Martin Schwartz	Denton	Life Master
Melinda Simmen	Austin	Life Master
Connie Van Patter	McKinney	Life Master
Diana Winkelmann	Dallas	Life Master
Audrey Wright	Keller	Life Master
Gary Wright	Keller	Life Master
Ben Ball	Sugar Land	Bronze Life Master
Jill Carroll	Hurst	Bronze Life Master
Harry Kenny	Marlin	Bronze Life Master
Bernie Lange	Wichita Falls	Bronze Life Master
Maria Rosa Riveroll	Mexico	Bronze Life Master
Robert Scanland	Arlington	Bronze Life Master
Patricia Schiwart	Port Arthur	Bronze Life Master
Gary Wright	Keller	Bronze Life Master
Tessa Bodnar	San Antonio	Silver Life Master
Richard Clarke	Austin	Silver Life Master
Richard Curtin	San Antonio	Silver Life Master
Clarissa Dowdy	Houston	Silver Life Master
Beth Gale	San Antonio	Silver Life Master
Laura Jones	Katy	Silver Life Master
Jo Kuehl	San Antonio	Silver Life Master
E J Nowak	McKinney	Silver Life Master
Susan Ohm	San Antonio	Silver Life Master
Martin Schwartz	Denton	Silver Life Master
Kathy Watkins	Houston	Silver Life Master
James Zhan	Sugar Land	Silver Life Master
Anna Alix	Houston	Gold Life Master
Harry Elliott	Cypress	Gold Life Master
Donna Garrard	Irving	Gold Life Master
Bill Gemas	Conroe	Gold Life Master
Judy Wilde	San Angelo	Gold Life Master
Stephen Wood	Austin	Gold Life Master

Dewitt Hudson



Board of Governors

The Summer NABC was held in Chicago Hilton, August 6-16, 2015. The weather was great and all events were played at the Chicago Hilton. Stan and Suzi Subek were co-chairs for the summer national. Hats off to district 13 and unit 123 for the welcome bags, i.e. , t-shirts and 44 page restaurant guide. It was clearly evident to many that a lot of hard work had gone into the preparation. The Chicago pizza was out of this world.

TABLE COUNT

The summer NABC had a table count of 13684 1/2 tables. In 2006, the summer NABC had only 13375 tables. The beautiful weather and the events being held in one central location were the contributing factor for the successful increase of the number of tables in the Chicago tournament

MEMBERSHIP

Through the end of July, total mem-

bership stands at 168,208. This is the highest level since 1997. Retention continues to be a key focus for the organization. Clubs and membership have embarked on a telephone campaign to win back lapsed members and better understand the reasons for not renewing.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION

Regional table count is up slightly for the first half of the year, with one additional tournament in 2015. There has been a 1% increase in total tables (93,9140 v. 1.411.9) Sectional tables are down 4% on eleven fewer tournaments (80,9585 v. 77,8506) with average tables running a 2% decrease (165.2 v. 162.5). STaC tables show a decrease of 6% while holding 6 additional tournaments with average tables down 19 % (1678. v. 1352.0).

OMAR SHARIF 1932-2015

Actor international playboy and avid bridge promoter Omar Sharif died at a Cairo hospital on July 10. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was 83

North American Pairs Finals

Melody Euler



District 16 NAP Coordinator

Make your plans to play in the NAPS in San Antonio, January 16th and 17th . Melody Euler, the D16 NAP Coordi-

nator, reports that District 16 will receive enhanced subsidies to Nationals in Flights B and C for the 2016 North American Pairs in Reno. In addition to having the best ratio of "B" tables to members in play at clubs of any district in the ACBL, District 16 outperformed the other Districts in Flight C as well. Although we often qualify for the additional award in Flight B, it has been a number of years since we won in Flight C as well.

There will be three pairs from A, four from B and four from flight C who will qualify to represent District 16 at the Reno Spring Nationals in March. The district is adding money to the amount that the ACBL awards. The total stipends for each qualifying player in each pair are as follows:

Flight A: 1st \$800 2nd \$500 3rd \$300
 Flight B: 1st \$800 2nd \$800 3rd \$500 4th \$300
 Flight C: 1st \$800 2nd \$800 3rd \$500 4th \$200

In addition to financial stipends for the top finishers, all the participants enjoy the best competition available on the district calendar.

Many thanks to all the Unit Coordinators for helping to promote this great event. As the District finals approach, each Unit coordinator is allowed to make substitutions up to 60% of their field, so if you failed to qualify in your Unit final, there is still hope if a pair ahead of you drops. Stay in contact with your Unit coordinator.

While Sharif is best known for his Oscar nominated role in "Lawrence of Arabia" and his performance in "Doctor Zhivago," his true love was bridge. "Acting is my business" he once said "bridge is my passion".

Once ranked among the best players in the world, he formed the Omar Sharif Bridge Circus to perform exhibition matches before such spectators as the shah of Iran. Asked why he spent so much time at bridge when he could have been making movies, he answered, "The real question is why I spend so much time making movies when I could be playing bridge." NEW AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR EVENTS

The definition of a Senior (for the purpose of a Senior events, tournaments, special games, etc.) has matured- from 55 to 60 years old. If you were born before January 1, 1059, you qualify to play in ACBL Senior events.

SEE YOU IN DENVER IN NOVEMBER

New Startup Clubs in

Unit 225 By Linda Harrison

The Ore City Duplicate Bridge Club closed last June when my partner and the director, Sharon Whatley, moved away. Due to its closing, my new partner, Sandy Lansing, had the idea that maybe we could start up a duplicate club in Pittsburg area. As a result, we have been playing bridge on Tuesday nights in Pittsburg since September 2014. Players started showing up ready to play and invited their bridge friends. After making Life Master in Feb '15, I decided it was then time for me to pursue being an ACBL Director, and I passed the test in May '15. Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club (PDBC) held its first ACBL sanctioned game May 26, 2015. The club continues to grow with 6-8 tables on a regular basis. In fact, we outgrew our first location and moved into the American Legion Building in August. We have

lots of experienced bridge players that are just getting interested in duplicate. We enjoy a relaxed environment with lots of good food and fun. Since May, we have recruited 11 new ACBL members and continue to have a great response and interest in the game. Sandy Lansing has co-chaired this club with me and has been instrumental in the success of the club start up and bringing in new players.

Sandy Lansing also was the driving force and coordinator behind a non-sanctioned duplicate club for the past four years that meets at the Tall Tree Club house at Lake Cypress. She invited me to join her and I started playing there this spring. The group started out small with party bridge players interested in learning duplicate and has now grown to 6 to 7 tables. Many of the players were also coming to the Tuesday night ACBL sanctioned game in Pittsburg and they requested that I direct their club and get it sanctioned. On 8/10/15 ACBL sanctioned Lake Cypress Springs Bridge

Club, located at 60 Cypress Creek Drive, Mt. Vernon, TX 75457. The club is player friendly and has recruited 10 new ACBL members. It meets every second and fourth Monday of each month at 12 Noon with Linda Harrison as Director and Sandy Lansing as Partnership Coordinator.

Our startup clubs have received such generous support including new bidding boxes purchased from donations by a Dallas player, Shreveport friends donated bridge mates, Ginger Rhamey, Athens Director, donated extra bidding boxes and player donations help purchase supplies and equipment. Also, local Directors, Ennis Dyess, Mike Graham and Fred Borum have all been very helpful. In addition to the local support, the ACBL staff have provided excellent technical and timely answers to my many questions as I navigate this next bridge journey as a new director of two clubs.

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BETTY STARZEC BECOMES PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN BRIDGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Incoming President, Patty Tucker; outgoing President, Chuck Hodel and President-Elect Betty Starzec

At the American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) convention in Chicago prior to the Summer NABC, Betty Starzec, Houston Unit 174, was voted President-Elect of the organization. Patty Tucker from Atlanta takes over as President for two years to be followed by Starzec for two years.

The ABTA is a non-profit professional organization founded in 1957 composed primarily of bridge teachers but also bridge writers and directors. The ABTA is dedicated to the promotion of higher standards of bridge teaching and playing.

The ABTA convention is held once a year just prior to the ACBL Summer North American Bridge Championships at the site of the tournament. Outstanding speakers and teachers offer ideas throughout the three-day convention. This past year's speakers included Zia Mahood, Larry Cohen, Phillip Alder, John Rayner, Audrey Grant and Jerry Helms to name a few.

The ABTA also acknowledges excellence in bridge writing and bridge teaching with special awards. Earning a Master Teacher designation is one of the many benefits of becoming a member of the organization. Starzec is also the committee chair of the Master Teacher Committee. Besides Starzec

the committee includes Barbara Seagram, Ginny Schuett and Julian Laderman among others. The awards are presented at the Awards Banquet which is followed by a Pro-panel moderated by George Jacobs.

The association is divided into 10 regions, each headed by a regional director. Dave Glandorf, Unit 174, is the regional director for our district. All levels of teachers are invited to join the ABTA. If you are interested in becoming a member of the ABTA, check out their website at www.abtathome.com or email Starzec at Lstarzec@comcast.net.

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President Message from page 1

Children, Youth and Research – ACBL's Bridge in Schools program has not lived up to its potential for a number of reasons. Among these are: a lack of demand for the program from children and their parents, few school employees are qualified and willing to teach bridge, and inadequate research supporting the educational value of bridge.

study will take several years to conclusively demonstrate the value of bridge in helping children accelerate their academic performance. A small study was done in Carlinville, Illinois and reported by Dr. Christopher Shaw in 2004. He is a member of the ACBL Education Foundation's Board, and he also conducted a later study in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa with similar results. You can find Dr. Shaw's studies on the D16 website.

The suite of APPs will give ACBL members an opportunity to interact with younger people including our children and grandchildren. This will be a help with the demand side for Bridge in Schools. But in my view the real key is research to demonstrate the educational benefits of bridge for developing critical thinking skills, especially in the STEM disciplines.

Once bridge is proven to raise academic performance, we can offer continuing education courses for classroom teachers to learn to play and teach bridge and get bridge certified for interscholastic competition like Speech, Debate and Chess.

ACBL needs to sponsor a coordinated research effort with a number of prestigious universities aimed at understanding the educational benefit of bridge. This

I'm convinced that if ACBL undertakes these efforts simultaneously, within 10 years we will have experienced a dramatic increase in membership, and enjoy a great number of new members from the youth and young adult population along with significantly higher growth rates from the 60 and over population.

DISTRICT APPROVES TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY AND STAR TEACHER AWARD

At their meeting in Fort Worth, the District 16 Board approved the creation of an annual Teacher Appreciation Day at the Lone Star Regional beginning in 2016. In coordination with the Teacher Appreciation Day, District 16, will also recognize a Star Teacher as part of the celebration day for teachers. The first Teacher Appreciation Day will be celebrated on Friday, February 5th. Hot dogs and cake will be provided to add to the celebration.

For many years bridge teachers have been working behind the scenes not only in clubs, but in churches, senior centers and in

homes (just to name a few.) These teachers are responsible for the new faces you see at your clubs and in tournaments. They are the unsung heroes enabling membership growth and potential growth in our clubs, units and district to continue.

The district would like to acknowledge and celebrate these members of our bridge community. Special recognition in 2016 would be to those individuals who were named *Teacher of the Year* by the American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) – Mary Jane Orock (2012) Fort Worth,

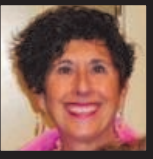
David Glandorf (2013) Houston, and Laura Delfeld (2014) Austin. All teachers will be provided badges at the Lone Star Regional to wear to acknowledge their contribution to bridge and the district.

The presentation of the annual District 16 Star Teacher Award will begin in 2017. The recipient of the award will be determined by committee similar to that of the Jacoby Award. Betty Starzec, President-Elect of the ABTA, will head the committee. Committee details will be provided in a future article.

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| Goodwill Committee Appointments | Charity Committee Appointments |
| Barbara Grantham | Linda Spangler |
| Betty Starzec | Cheryl Clark |
| Bob Armstrong | |
| Jane Armstrong | |
| Steve Shirey | |

NEW LIFE MASTER PICTURES

Please send to scorecardd16@gmail.com
Please include what city they are from.

Unit 172 San Antonio	
Rebecca Brown	

I don't know about you, but the older I get the faster time goes! Here we are, almost at the end of the year, with turkey and trimmings on the horizon. It certainly makes me aware that we had better have fun since time flies one way or the other!

As a community, we do have fun. Our bridge lives are full of events every season. We enjoyed the Luau and Annual Meeting on August 22 with the Tiki fertility award going to Kathy Sinkin-Amor, who was away and couldn't defend herself! Sharon Koenig and David Herron won for best costumes. As for bridge, Jo Nesvig and Susan Spencer came in first overall, with Brian Bankler and Hank Eng taking second. There was plenty of food enjoyed by all. We got mixed reviews about the venue, though. As a result, the Board voted to host future events at the clubs. We also managed—either despite or because of bad acoustics—to amend our by-laws. Check out the website to review the updated version. And thanks to our webmaster, Steve Simpson, for staying on top of everything!

A stand-out event for our Unit is the New Braunfels tournament, held annually at summer's end. This year it was held September 10-13, with 266 tables in play, with top masterpoint winners Patty and Greg Hinze garnering 36.56 points each, followed closely by Ed Rawlinson, winning

32.14. Congrats! And thanks to Paula Warren for a job always well done as tournament chair, ably assisted by Jan Wingate and June Reimer who made sure none of us went hungry—or went home thinner, for that matter!

The Willson Davis Election Sectional was held at BCSA on October 8-11 with 189 tables in play. Top masterpoint winners were—you guessed it—Patty and Greg Hinze, winning 29.14 each, followed by Dave Swarhout (24.86). Thanks to Penny Smith and JoAnn Robertson for making us all so welcome.

As the name of the sectional suggests, elections were held for your Unit Board of Directors. There were five vacancies, won by Debbie Schweiss, Hank Eng, Kathy Sinkin-Amor, Jerry Harrington (each of whom won a 3 year term) and Roxie Tom (one year term). Congrats to returning and new members. Special thanks to Beverly Santos and Steve Simpson who left the board after offering you, the bridge community, their time and talent. Board officers were elected at the October meeting. The slate of serving officers was unanimously re-elected to serve another term: President Rebecca Brown; Vice President Steve Hoffman, Secretary Beth Gale, Treasurer Roxie Tom.

Table Tidbits: You must have met her recently. Dee Kite is cheery, energetic and an enthusiastic new player. Her path to bridge has not been straight. Her professional life has not been linear, either! Dee completed an MBA and PhD in accounting and human behavior and was a professor at the University of Houston. She and

her husband, Scott, married in '95; one month later Dee was diagnosed with MS. All good plans... Dee left work but embarked on a three-year project of research and writing, culminating in the publication of a novel, "The Bloodless Stigmata," which Dee describes as a "police procedural." She also wrote "The Dumbest Things Smart People Say to Folks with MS." She and Scott relocated to San Antonio in 2000 for Scott's work. Since then, Dee has been a Life Coach, a photographer (see her exhibit at the Starving Artist Gallery), and reporter for Texas Public Radio (using her full name: Devaun Kite). Years ago, she played party bridge while doing her PhD but quickly got bored with it. She started learning duplicate in San Antonio with Diane's Deals and hasn't looked back. Dee will undoubtedly make her mark in bridge as she has in all her other interesting undertakings. She's a welcome addition to our community.

Upcoming events: Mentor/Mentee championship 11/14 (Fiesta); NLM 0-500 Sectional 11/20-21 (Fiesta); Unit STaC week December 7-13 at participating clubs; Unity Holiday Party, December 12 (Fiesta)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

New Braunfels

09/10-13/2015

234 players.266 tables.

- 1 36.56 Patty Hinze
- 2 36.56 Greg Hinze
- 3 32.14 Ed Rawlinson

- 4 25.73 Virginia Noelke
- 5 25.73 Venkatrao Koneru
- 6 24.85 Diane Olson
- 7 24.41 Gary Anziani
- 8 22.20 Wayne Rauschuber
- 9 20.45 Forrest Gray
- 10 20.27 Jerrold Harrington

Friday AM Open Pairs-19.5 Tables / Based on 30 Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze A2B1.. Beth Gale-Bob Otis B2. Richard Bragg-Louis Ray C1. Evelyn Berns-Jo Ann Manfredi C2. Christine Collier-Georgia Baron

Friday AM 299r Pairs-8.0 Tables ABC1. Beverly Flannery-June Eubank A2. Jim McMullan-Ann McMullan B2/3C2. Beverly Poth-Robert Watson C2/3 Richard Greenbauer-James Cuccia

Thurs AM Open Pairs-26.5 Tables / Based on 35 Tables AB1. Grant Coon II-Robbie Borchers A2. Rosemary Kelley-Ed Rawlinson B1. Karen Fillis-George Fillis B2. Andy Villastrigo-Jay Thorne C1. William Moody-Charles O'Neil C2. Robert Auvenshine-Kay Dierks

Thurs AM 499er Pairs-8.0 Tables A1. Christina Menking-Linda Garrett A2B1. Sarah Butler-Mary Bracken C1. Marietta Allmond-Michael Stoffel C2. Robert Watson-Beverly Poth

Thurs Aft 499er Pairs-4.0 Tables AB1. Charlotte Schuepbach-Mike Vivian AB2. Marietta Allmond-Michael Stoffel

Thursday Afternoon Swiss-27 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1 Everette Lewis-Wayne Rauschuber-Dee Schade-Phyllis Pruet A2B1. Larry Levin-Laurie-Ann Levin-David Johnson Jr. -Jeri Tribo B2. Joe Ramirez-Nancy Riley-Bill Riley-Wayne Tindall C1. Kay Dierks-Robert Auvenshine-Gary Amaon-Paula Amaon C2. Linda Banks-Charles O'Neil-June Reimer-Jan Wingate

Friday Aft Open Pairs-23.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze A2. Doug Cross-Jerrold Harrington B1. Kendall Early-Rebecca Brown B2. Pat Prichard-Kay Laird C1. Carol Ellis-Debbie Schweiss

Friday Aft 499er-6.0 Tables A1. Joe Ramirez-Wayne Tindall A2/3 B1/2 Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King A2/3 BC1/2 Beverly Flannery-June Eubank

Sat AM Open Pairs-25.5 Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze A2B1. Hank Eng-Brian Bankler B2. Jeri Tribo-Fran Vanecko C1. Kay Dierks-Robert Auvenshine C2. Kenneth King-Carol Zuclich

SAT MORN 499ER-5.5 Tables ABC1. Vijay Koli-Govindasamy Durairaj A2. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan BC2/3 Paul Drexel-Robert Craig BC2/3 Margaret Knaus-Jacqueline Mattice

SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS-26.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables A1. Forrest Gray-Diane Olson A2B1. Mary Harrington-Jerrold Harrington B2. Larry Levin-Laurie-Ann Levin C1. Joe Ramirez-Wayne Tindall C2. Elisabeth Kay-Ann Kuehler

SAT AFT 499ER-5.0 Tables ABC1. Vijay Koli-Govindasamy Durairaj A2/3 Mark Anderson-Lazaro Brenner A2/3BC2. Beverly Flannery-Gerda Jacobs

Friday Compact KO-8 Tables 1. Gary Anziani-Venkatrao Koneru-Ed Rawlinson-Virginia Noelke 2. George Watkins-Helene Hennelly-Elaine Martin-Harry Ingham

SATURDAY COMPACT KO-8 Tables 1. Gary Anziani-Venkatrao

SAN ANTONIO NEW BRAUNFELS SECTIONAL WINNERS



Grant Coon, Robbie Borchers
Thursday Morning Pairs A



Phyllis Pruet, Dee Schade
Everette Lewis, Wayne Rauschuber
Thursday Swiss A



Patty & Greg Hinze
Friday Morning Pairs A
Friday Afternoon Pairs A
Saturday Morning Pairs A



Ed Rawlinson, Babu Koneru,
Gary Anziani, Ginny Noelke
Friday Compact KO
Saturday Compact KO



Forrest Gray, Diane Olson
Saturday Afternoon Pairs A



Diane Olson, Forrest Gray,
Ken & Donna McBride
Sunday Swiss A



Karen & George Fillis
Thursday Morning Pairs B



Jeri Tribo, Laurie Levin
Dave Johnson, Larry Levin
Thursday Swiss B



Beth Gale, Bob Otis
Friday Morning Pairs B



Kendall Early, Rebecca Brown
Friday Afternoon Pairs B



Hank Eng, Brian Bankler
Saturday Morning Pairs B



Jerry & Mary Harrington
Saturday Afternoon Pairs B



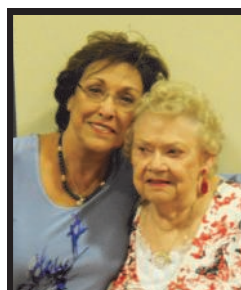
Charles O'Neil, Bill Moody
Thursday Morning Pairs C



Paula Amaon, Kay Dierks
Gary Amaon, Robert Auvenshine
Thursday Swiss C



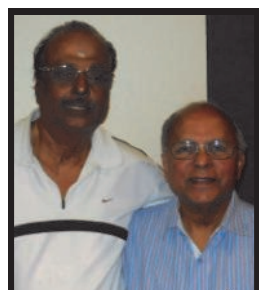
Kay Dierks, Robert Auvenshine
Saturday Morning Pairs C



Jo Ann Manfredi,
Evelyn Berns
Friday Morning Pairs C



Carol Ellis, Debbie Schweiss
Friday Afternoon Pairs C



Ral Durairaj, Vijay Koli
Saturday Morning 499er
Saturday Afternoon 499er



Charlotte Schuepbach,
Mike Vivian
Thursday Afternoon 499er



Beverly Flannery, June Eubank
Friday Morning 499er



Linda Garrett, Christina Menking
Thursday Morning 499er



Wayne Tindall, Joe Ramirez
Friday Afternoon 499er
Saturday Afternoon Pairs C

Koneru-Ed Rawlinson-Virginia Noelke 2. Bill Riley-Nancy Riley-Buddy Ellisor-Becky Ellisor
Nell Morgan Swiss Team-31 Tables A1. Forrest Gray-Diane Olson-Kenneth McBride-Donna McBride A2. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson BC1. Kay Dierks-Robert Auvenshine-Vance McCracken-Gary Amaon B2. Tessa Bodnar-Linda Lawrence-Kathy Sinkin-Amor-Paula Warren C2. William Moody-Mary Kathryn Twite-Janet Moody-Charles O'Neil

**Willson Davis
 Sectional
 San Antonio
 October 8-11, 2015**

Total masterpoints: 811.18 earned by 166 players.
 Total attendance: 189 tables.

- 1 29.14 Patty Hinze
- 2 29.14 Greg Hinze
- 3 24.86 Dave Swarthout
- 4 23.60 Donna Swarthout
- 5 23.42 Ed Rawlinson
- 6 22.16 Gary Anziani
- 7 20.57 Karen Fillis
- 8 20.57 George Fillis
- 9 18.69 Jerry Harrington
- 10 17.56 Everette Lewis

Thursday Morning Open Prs-23.0

Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze A2. Richard Lampman-Everette Lewis B1. Karen Fillis-George Fillis B2. Jeri Martin-Pamela Cobb C1. Barbara Morgan-Linda Banks C2. Bob Otis-Sharon Koenig
Thursday Morning 499r Prs-5.0 Tables AB1. Jim Johnson-James Babich AB2. Mike Vivian-Jo Ann Robertson
Thursday Aft Swiss Teams-18 Tables A1. Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout-Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson A2B1. Bill Riley-Nancy Riley-George Fillis-Karen Fillis B2. Robert Barber-Penny Smith-K Carpenter-J Bank C1/2 Charles O'Neil-Linda Banks-Mary Rita de Hoyos-Barbara Morgan C1/2 Stephen Simpson-Geneva Johnson-Janice Fletcher-David Herron
Friday Morning Open Pairs-22.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Everette Lewis-Wayne Rauschuber A2. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze B1. Kay Laird-Richard Curtin B2/3. Karen Fillis-George Fillis B2/3C1. Geneva Johnson-Stephen Simpson C2. Carolyn Martin-Janice Coley
Friday AM 499r Pairs-4.5 Tables AB1. Gerda Jacobs-Beverly Flannery ABC2. Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King
Friday Aft Open Pairs-20.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze A2. Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel B1. James Fisk-Orpha Sears B2. Thomas Trudeau-David

Ticen, C1. Linda Banks-James Cuccia C2. Janice Fletcher-Dean Groussman
Friday Aft 499r Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1. Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach AB2. Mary Lou Anziani-Richard Arnold
Saturday Morning Open Prs-23.5 Tables / Based on 30 Tables AB1. Kay Laird-Richard Curtin AB2. Robert Martin-Barbara Morgan C1. John Hilbig-Stephen Simpson C2. Andrea Williams-Dee Kite
Saturday AM 499r Prs-5.5 Tables ABC1. Vijay Koli-Govindasamy Durairaj ABC2. Sharon Dameron-Karen Elaine Dameron
Saturday Aft Open Prs-19.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables AB1. Jerry Harrington-Fran Vanecko A2. Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout B2. David Ticen-Thomas Trudeau C1. Sisir Sharma-John Gitzen C2. Ginny Littrell-Jacquelyn Fisher
Saturday Aft 499r Prs-3.0 Tables 1. Vijay Koli-Ajit Murarka 2. Sharon Dameron-Karen Elaine Dameron, Cedar Park
Sunday Stratified Swiss-21 Tables A1. Donna Swarthout-Dave Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani A2B1. George Fillis-Karen Fillis-Bill McCarty-Daniel Jackson B2. Brian Bankler-Hank Eng-Roxie Tom-Francesca Stedman C1. Karen Elaine Dameron-Sharon Dameron-Jo Ann Robertson-Pamela Cobb



SAN ANTONIO & NAP WINTER FUN SECTIONAL



Omni Hotel
 9821 Colonnade Blvd
 800-843-6664
 Bridge Rate \$119 (book by 12/16/15)

Friday, January 15, 2016
 Stratified Pairs
 Stratified Pairs
 Stratified Fast Pairs

Saturday, January 16, 2016
 Stratified Pairs
 Knock Out (Session 1 of 3)
NAP Qualifying (1st Session)
NAP Qualifying (2nd Session)
 Stratified Pairs
 Knock Out (Session 2 of 3)
 Stratified Fast Pairs
 Knock Out (Session 3 of 3)

Sunday, January 17, 2016
NAP Finals (1st session)
 Stratified Swiss Teams
NAP Finals (2nd Session)
Meal served between sessions

Monday, January 18, 2016
 Imp Pairs
 Stratified Swiss Teams

499er Games: Friday & Saturday 10 & 3 Monday 10 (3 table min.)

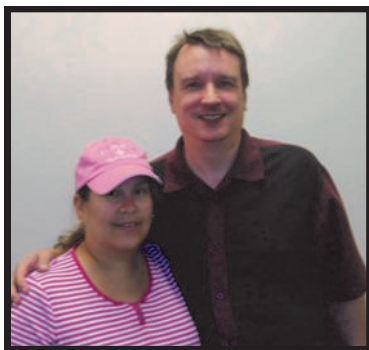
Stratifications:
 Flight A 2500+ Flight B 750-2500 Flight C 0-750
All events will be stratified based on average master points
All KO events handicapped except teams with 5000+ average

Card Fees:
 \$11/person/session Sunday Swiss/\$120/team (includes lunch)
 \$3/session more for non or unpaid members

Tournament Chair
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Results will be posted daily at www.d16acbl.org/u172

WILLSON DAVIS SAN ANTONIO ELECTION SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Patty & Greg Hinze
 Thursday Morning Pairs A
 Friday Afternoon Pairs A



Ed Rawlinson, Donna Swarthout,
 Gary Anziani, Dave Swarthout
 Thursday Swiss A Sunday Swiss A



Everette Lewis, Wayne Rauschuber
 Friday Morning Pairs A



Kay Laird, Rich Curtin
 Friday Morning Pairs B
 Saturday Morning Pairs A&B



Fran Vanecko, Jerry Harrington
 Saturday Afternoon Pairs A&B



George Fillis, Bill Riley,
 Karen Fillis, Nancy Riley
 Thursday Swiss B



Barbara Morgan, Linda Banks
 Thursday Morning Pairs C



George & Karen Fillis
 Thursday Morning Pairs B



Janice Fletcher, Dave Herron,
 Steve Simpson, Geneva Johnson
 Thursday Swiss C, tie



Orpha Sears, Jim Fisk
 Friday Afternoon Pairs B



Steve Simpson, Geneva Johnson
 Friday Morning Pairs C



George & Karen Fillis,
 Daniel Jackson, Bill McCarty
 Sunday Swiss B



Karen Dameron, Pamela Cobb,
 Sharon Dameron, Jo Ann Robertson
 Sunday Swiss C



John Gitzen, S.K. Sharma
 Saturday Afternoon Pairs C



Charlie O'Neil, Rita de Hoyos,
 Linda Banks, Barbara Morgan
 Thursday Swiss C, tie



Gerda Jacobs, Beverly Flannery
 Friday Morning 499ers



Ajit Murarka, Vijay Koli
 Saturday Afternoon 499ers



Charlotte Schuepbach, Mike Vivian
 Friday Afternoon 499er



Raj Durairaj, Vijay Koli
 Saturday Morning 499ers

**Unit 174
Houston**



**Carol Ann
Wilson**

Unit News: Our members made good showings at the Chicago nationals and brought home many MPs. **Anthony Bianchi** made Diamond LM, and two B players, **Mike Miedema** and **Ted Bain**, brought home 63 MPs each. Congrats to all! Megaplans are underway for our 2016 Lone Star Regional, February 1-7. Cutoff date for Marriott Westchase's \$119 rate is 1/15/16. Plan now for another great regional with \$13 entry fees and those terrific Bracketed Swiss events every day at 2:30 and 7:30! We must be the smartest unit in all of the ACBL for the great schedule! (I wish more tournament planners—including nationals—would take note of how much the players LOVE the Bracketed Swiss.) **Westside Bridge Academy** hosts the North American Pairs Qualifier for flights A & C on Sunday, 11/8, and Bridge Club of Houston will host Flight B on Saturday, 11/7. BCOH also has THREE 299er sectionals scheduled for 2016.

Success Stories from Unit 174: The **Clear Lake Bridge Club**, member-owned and member-run, has ten pair games every week, Monday through Saturday, and one monthly team game on Sunday. **Westside Bridge Academy** is continuing to help bridge players to improve their skills and newbies to learn the game with courses, workshops, and classes taught by **Shawn Quinn, Carolyne Fox, Gary King, and Joyce Ryan**. These skill-building events are a powerful way to improve attendance at clubs and find strength for the future. Joyce reports that she has more than 100 students in her various classes! Mentor-Mentee Games, 8Is Enough, Ambassador Programs, and local tournaments then help students to practice what they have learned. But the social events are also helping our cause. LM Milestone parties for players who are beloved and respected are filling tables to the max, with reservations needed at some! And our clubs are also successful with innovations. Bridge Club of Houston is having a costume party for their 10/31 game. **Frances Simmons** of the **Kingwood DBC** reported that one of their players has cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy with the resulting hair loss and is still attending but now wearing a wig to the games. So they supported her by having *everyone* wearing a wig to a game! We are about *more* than bridge, aren't we?

New 70% Milestones: Manu Big Games this time. At Apple II DBC, **Dan Suty** and **Jack Balter** posted a 74.91% game on 8/14, and **James Andre** and **David Goldfarb** had a 71.07% on 8/28. **Rick Stell** and **Steve Vaughn** had a 72.93% game on 10/1 at Spring Branch DBC. All the rest of the big games reported to me were at Westside Bridge Academy: **Mary White** and **Michael White** 70.33% on 8/5; **Georgiana Gates** and **Pat Levy** 70.34% on 8/7; **Michael Fagan** and **Arjune Bose** 73.74% on 8/9; **Jo Ann Zumwalt** and **Wendell Zumwalt** 77.17% on 8/19; **Mildred Breed** and **Kay Johnson** 72.50% on 8/22; **Eddie Wold** and **Hallie "Peaches" Eads** 70.05% on 8/31; **Linda Helbach** and **Jennifer Reichel** 72.30% on 9/2; **Ed Harper** and **Jack Stone** 70.63% on 9/7; **Daniel Jackson** and **Shatrugna Prasad** 71.19% on 9/19; **Georgiana Gates** and **Vinh Tran** 73.88% on 9/23; and **Mary White** and **Michael White** (again) 87.50% [!!] on 9/23 (it just *might* be time for them to move to the open game!). Congratulations to all of you, as the rest of us just keep on trying.


Fundamental Tip: Bridgisms. We have a lot of "sayings" in the world of bridge, don't we? They are *not* meaningless. They came to be because they are TRUE so much of the time. They work most of the time. As in everything with bridge, few rules are hard and fast, but "rules" became "rules" because they are effective, and when we get to be experts, we know when we can break them. While we're learning this complicated game, while we're progressing, while we are trying to become expert, it doesn't hurt to pay homage to those rules—especially when in doubt. Experts may laugh at us for following these little rules, but they became experts by learning them and then learned when *not* to follow them. What are some of these Bridgisms? "Second hand low." "Eight ever, nine never." "Always return your partner's lead." "Never lead an unsupported Ace."

Here's an example of when they can be broken. About returning partner's lead: I always try to lead something I want returned. And if I lead a singleton and my partner doesn't return it because of leading into an Ace-Ten or something, I have to bite my tongue till blood runs. But there ARE times I don't want it returned, and I trust my partner to know when not to do so. If I have bid a suit and opponents end up in NT, they obviously have my suit stopped, right? So I might try to find a way to hit my partner so Pard can then lead to my suit *through* the hand of the bidder holding the stoppers. In the case of a singleton against a suit contract, my partner should let nothing but death prevent returning my lead. But against a NT contract, if I'm fortunate enough to hit my partner, the *last* thing I want is my lead returned, and nothing but a void should prevent a switch to my bid suit. Another example: when my opponent has a singleton, I'm glad I led that unsupported Ace. But most of us are not experts and are still learning when the "rules" can be broken. Until then, when in doubt, think about those bridgisms.

Sad Farewell: Gold LM **Shirley Stanton**, a longtime Unit member and a regular at BCOH, passed away September 10. **Marjorie Neuhaus Wallace** left us September 16. **Charles Headrick's** memorial service was held on September 19. And two former members of our unit also passed away recently: **Charles Loucks** on August 16 and **Dorothy Kerver** on August 22. We bid them a fond farewell with lovely remembrances.

Till next time . . .

**Unit 176
Dallas**



Martha Young

This is my inaugural article and I hope to gather great news and fun stories to share with you about the wonderful successes in Unit 176. I can gather some things for us, but it really helps if you share good news and stories. So, don't be shy. Please share with me by email (Martha@Young-Designs.com), phone or text.

It is not often we get to report on International events and I am lucky enough to do just so in my first article. The 42nd World Bridge Team Championships were held Sept 26 – Oct 10 in Chennai, India. Bob Hamman and Hemant Lal playing on USA Team 1 placed 1st in the d'Orsi Senior Event. Petra Hamman was the non-playing captain. Juanita Chambers was a member of USA 2 women's team which placed 2nd in the Venice Cup Event. Congratulations to all of you. If you want more details, check out this web site <http://www.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/chennai.15/Microsite/Participants.asp>.

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At the Chicago Nationals Justin Lall was on the team which won the Jacoby Open Swiss. Bogumil Knypinski and Pawel Hanus placed 2nd in the Young Life Master Pairs (0-1500). I'm sure many other Unit 176 players did great things but these were the ones that made front page news when I searched for NABC Winners. Congratulations

Locally a lot was happening for Unit 176 members at the Fort Western Regional over the Labor Day week. Twelve Unit 176 members earned over 50 master points during that week including Mark Bumgardner, John Sutherlin, Petra Hamman, Mike Hout, Barry Schaffer, Marion Gebhart, Barbara Ferm, Juanita Chambers, Tom Leberman, Nancy Passell, Jerry Derby, Kristen Onsgard and Nancy Fellman. Great going! In case, you are counting (as bridge players are known to do), I know I listed 13 names. While Kristen lives in Galveston and is a member of that unit, we claim her. She is the daughter of our Unit member Laura Onsgard and plays in many of our local clubs. Kristen is an avid and quickly advancing player. You go girl! Also during the tournament District 16's premier award, the Jacoby Service Award, was presented to our own Charlie Price. Read all about it on the District 16 website. What a well-deserved award for years of service at both the Unit and District levels. The award is on display at Dorsey's Bridge Club.

I also want to do a shout out for the Unit 176 novice program. Players with less than 50 points may use a punch card. Local clubs "punch" this card for the player each time they pay to play. The 6th game is free! The local club redeems the punch card and allows a free play. The unit reimburses the club. The novice may get another "punch card" and do it again and again until they top 50 points. It seems that everyone wins, the player, the local clubs and the Unit. Thanks to Unit Board member Joe Fletcher for championing this program.

Don't forget to help me out by reporting the news.

**Unit 183
Fort Worth**



Millie Williams

It hardly seems possible that summer is gone and we are entering another holiday season. The Texas Rangers have won the American League West Title. The only thing that could make us happier is for the Cowboys to heal soon and get back on the road to the Super Bowl.

ADBL hosted a Unit Championship Watermelon game on August 8 with 9 tables in play. The Fort Worth Bridge hosted a "Piggyback" game in Fort Worth with 8 1/2 tables. Arlington winners were N/S Carolyn Pinto and M. B.Howard; 2/3 a tie between Linda Williams, Betty Gilmore and Dee Berg and Sam Long. E/W winners were Ann Curry and Betty Boring, with second going to Ginger Kennedy and Judy Floyd, third place to Becky Koenigseder and Gary Neisler. "Piggyback" winners were N/S Mary Hoger and Darlene Shirey, 2nd Bill Morris and Winnie Simon, 3rd Kay Jones and Sharon Tucci. E/W winners were Bill Ream and Randy Ausmus, 2nd Fred Team and Ginny Collett, 3rd Dick Simon and Michael Goldman.

We try hard to encourage new players to join our unit. We are happy to welcome Janet F. Angus, J. Gregory Dilger and Mary S. Springer as new members. There were several transfers into our unit: Judith Ann Dilger, James R. Haanan, Bruce Relyea, T. R. Sartor, Stephanie Scott and German Valtierra. I'm looking forward to meeting you at the table.

Unit 183 hosted its annual Labor Day Tournament at the Hyatt Hotel at DFW Airport. Thanks to all who attended this outstanding Tournament run by Janet Jordan, Tournament Director. She was supported by a great team: Letty Garek, Linda Neal, Liz Jacobson, Dorothy and Tom Moore, Ginger Kennedy, Judy Floyd, Jacque Montgomery, Lauren Brown, Darlene Shirey, Mickey Tryon and Jason Jones. I heard a number of people comment about how they love this tournament. So proud of all who contributed to the tournament's success! Several players earned the points to become new Life Masters. Congrats to Gary and Audrey Wright, as well as Letty Garek and Marty Schwartz. A bit of left-over business: I failed to mention that Ginger Kennedy is a new Bronze Life Master. Super achievements!

Two of our long-time players and Directors of Unit 183 received special awards: our President, Linda Spangler, was appointed as a lifetime member to the National Charity Committee by national board member Dan Morse of District 16. Board member Steve Shirey was appointed as a lifetime member of the prestigious Aileen Osofsky ACBL National Goodwill Committee. We're so proud of the way Linda and Steve represent our Unit in nationwide play. Well deserved!

ADBC held its Lease Membership Game on September 12. After serious studies and investigation, the Club voted to renew their lease in the present space. There were 14 tables in the Open Game and 3 in the Limited Game. Open winners were: N/S Charlie Brown and Sue Gilbreath, 2nd Hugh Hillaker and Bill Staats, 3rd Melody Gann and Clay Waldrop. E/W winners were: Jack Muzzio and David Pearlman, 2nd Penny Mixon

and Marlene Round, 3rd Marilyn Brown and Betty Boring. Winners in the Limited game were: Craig and Mary Ann Briney, 2nd Barbara Gee and Steve Vanderwolke, 3rd Wilma and Dave Hill.

The September Unit Game was at the Fort Worth Studio on September 26. Winners were: J'Neane Huey and Margot Hirsch; 2nd Linda Spangler and Hugh Hillaker, 3rd Virginia Reinier and Lorraine Little. E/W winners were Jane Larimore and Jacque Montgomery, 2nd Bruce Mann and Julie O'Neill, 3rd Greg Resz and Mary Jane Orock. There were 5 tables in the 499er game. Winners were N/S Carlene Stewart and Fitz Fitzgerald, 2nd Ken and Patricia McDowell. E/W winners were Alan and Helen Kirby, 2nd Lamar Burges and Nona Rich. Many thanks to all of you who played in the NAP finals. Flight A winners: 1/2 Nancy and Stephen Kornegay; Hugh Hillaker and Kimmel Jones; 2/3 David Pearlman and Linda Spangler; Melody Gann and Pat Cassidy. Flight B winners: Don Reynolds and Buck Buchanan, 2nd T. Jean Kidd and Kim Brinkman, 3rd Mickey Tryon and Stephen Hibbard. Flight C winners: Jan Mogged and Charles Mogged, Jr; 2nd Craig and Mary Ann Briney; 3rd Ginny Collett and Shelby Schaffer. Denton winners were Mary Ellen Stanton and Doug Berke, 2nd Sue Gilbreath and Charlie Brown. Congratulations to the winners and the other qualifiers. Good Luck representing our Unit in the finals!

A special Club Appreciation game was held in Arlington in late September. There were 11 tables in play and the winners were: N/S Dee Berg and Sam Long; Charlie Brown and Sue Gilbreath; 3rd Georgie and Bobby Jaeger. E/W winners were: Pat Cassidy and Gary Neisler; 2nd Mary Ann White and Jimmy Reynolds; 3rd (tie) Buck Buchanan and Bill White

Dallas Winter Election Sectional January 7-10, 2016

Richardson Civic Center
SW Corner of Arapaho Rd. & US 75 (Central Expressway)
Richardson, TX

Thursday, January 7

Stratified 99er & NLM Pairs (ACBL mbrs 0-5 play free)	10:00 am, 2:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 am, 2:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss & 2:00 pm	10:00 am
Evening Bracketed Knockouts (continues Fri, Sat)	7:00 pm

Friday, January 8

Stratified 99er and NLM Pairs (ACBL mbrs 0-5 play free)	10:00 am, 2:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 am, 2:00 & 7:00 pm
Compact KOs	10:00 am, 2:00 pm
Board a Match Team game	7:00 pm
Evening Bracketed KOs (continued from Thursday)	7:00 pm

Saturday, January 9

Stratified 99er and NLM Pairs	10:00 am, 2:00 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 am, 2:00 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 am, 2:00 pm
Single Session Swiss	7:00 pm
Evening Bracketed KOs (continued from Friday)	7:00 pm

Sunday, January 10

Stratified Swiss Teams – 2 Sessions	10:00 am
499er Swiss Teams – 2 Sessions	10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs	2:00 pm

Stratifications:

Pairs: A: 2500+, B: 750-2500, C: 0-750 (based on average masterpoints)
NLM Events: A: 300+, B: 200-300, C: 0-200 (based on average masterpoints)
99er Events: A: 50-100, B: 20-50, C: 0-20 (based on average masterpoints)
Stratified Teams: A: 4000+, AX: 0-4000 (play together)
B: 750-2500, C: 0-750 (play together)

Entry Fees: ACBL members \$13 per daytime session, \$10 per evening session; unpaid and non-members \$16 per session. Sunday Swiss: \$104 for team of four
Tournament Chairman: Susan Colby (susancolby96@yahoo.com)

Partnerships: Catherine Tucker (textuck@swbell.net)
Snacks and drinks every session; lunch during Sunday Swiss Teams games. We recommend you bring lunch Thursday-Saturday due to the time constraints of the schedule.

Speaker Program: I/N Speaker Program Friday & Saturday at 1:15 pm.

Tournament Director: Kevin Perkins

Host Hotel: Wingate by Wyndham, 1577 Gateway Blvd., Richardson, TX 75080; Rate: \$79/night (Ask for Dallas Bridge Association rate); Phone: 972-234-5400; Email: jenny@still88.com.

Don't forget to vote for Unit 176 Board members. Polls open 30 minutes before each game.

A brief annual meeting of Unit members will be held Sunday between sessions.

DALLAS UNIT 176 NOMINATES SIX CANDIDATES

The Dallas Bridge Association, ACBL Unit 176, announces its slate of candidates for the upcoming election of Unit Board Members. The election will be held at the Dallas Winter Election Sectional January 7-10 2016. The voting booth will be open 30 minutes before each session. (Political announcement by Dallas Unit 176)



Mark Bumgardner



Randy Earle



Susan Keyes



Karen Roland



Judy Tyler



Tom Whitesides

Mark Bumgardner

I was introduced to bridge by my parents when I was 14 and started playing duplicate bridge during my senior year at UT Austin. I graduated in 1983 with a degree in computer management then I moved to Dallas and played with my dad Willie for many years at local clubs. I started teaching bridge in 1999 and continue to teach individual and group lessons. I thoroughly enjoy teaching bridge and am proud of my efforts to assist the bridge growth of local players. I have played professionally for the last five years and attained the rank of Emerald Life Master in 2014. My knowledge of the local bridge community along with my teaching skills have given me solid ideas to improve the unit's ability to recruit new bridge players and on how to provide support to players, of all levels, representing Unit 176 in ACBL events. I have 30 years of bridge playing experience in the Dallas and am ready to serve the community as a member of the Unit 176 Board of Directors.

Randy Earle

I was born in Dallas, but grew up in Houston. After working a couple of years at in the Tax department at Arthur Andersen, in Houston, as a CPA, I moved to Dallas to practice law. I practiced 30 years with the same firm, Biggers, Beasley, Earle & Hightower when I retired from the firm. I married to Kay

Earle and we moved to Florida on our boat. We lived on a boat for 8 years, mainly in Florida, but with trips to Texas and the Bahamas. I played bridge with my family as a child, but started Duplicate Bridge in Florida in 2004. I finally got my Life Master in 2014 with the help of some great partners and teammates. the birth of grandson caused my wife and I to move back to Dallas. We have a son, Kris, and daughter in law Kristin, with 2 grandsons Knox, 3 and Karson, 5, and Lacey, 4, a Portuguese Water Dog. I still practice law from my home primarily doing Wills and Probate. The rest of my time is spent playing or studying Bridge, training Lacey, playing with grandsons, and riding my motorcycle.

Susan Keyes

I was born in Dallas and attended Tufts University, finishing at Baylor University where I met my husband, Bryan (also a bridge enthusiast). I am a Life Master and have been a board member for Unit 176 for the last 3 years serving as Secretary for the Unit Board. I have served on a number of boards and committees for both church and civic organizations as well as being a speaker and writer.

I've played Duplicate Bridge for ten years, and served several years as partnership chairman for the many of our Sectional tournaments and the 2014 Regional. I also served as the Volunteer Chairman for

the 2014 Dallas NABC. I believe the Dallas Unit organizes some of the best tournaments, giving those living in this area ample opportunity to participate beyond the club level.

I love bridge and desire to see our unit grow. I'm encouraged by the emphasis that our unit has on bringing youth into the duplicate world. The Dallas area and Unit 176 in particular is fortunate to have some of the best bridge teachers to be found anywhere. I hope, if elected, that I can serve our unit well.

Karen Roland

I discovered my passion for bridge while in high school in Dallas. I have to admit skipping school to play. However, raising a family and my 20 year career as a Dallas Criminal Court Coordinator sidelined my bridge game. I retired and moved to McKinney in 1998 and began playing social bridge. In 2012, I was introduced to my first duplicate game and was hooked.

My first year as a new ACBL member was busy. I volunteered to serve on the steering committee to organize a duplicate bridge club in McKinney. Besides being the secretary-treasurer of the new McKinney DBC, I also volunteered to serve as the club manager. I am so thankful that I had wonderful teachers, partners, mentors and my supportive husband of 31 years during that time that encouraged me to

learn and play. I hope to do the same for new players.

Throughout the years, I have served my community by volunteering at the Samaritan Inn, a homeless shelter, the Salvation Army, and my church. I want to support and promote bridge by devoting my time and energy as a member of the Unit 176 Board of Directors.

Judy Tyler

I was raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. My husband, Bill, and I moved quite a lot during our first 20 years including 3 years in Japan. Bill retired from the Navy in 1980 and we moved to Plano where we both embarked on new careers. We retired in 2000 and moved to Hot Springs Village, AK.

I learned "kitchen" bridge around 1993 and didn't play again until I took an Audrey Grant class with my husband in 2001. I played a little after that, but Bill got ill and most of my time was spent with him. I moved to Allen in 2006 and joined the Senior Center there. I started playing Bridge again and fell in love with the game. I taught a couple of the ACBL Beginning Bridge classes at the Allen Senior Center and then had an opportunity to start teaching through the SAIL program at Collin County College. This will be my fourth year, I teach three classes of the ACBL Series, Bidding, Play of the Hand, and Defense. My classes are gener-

ally full and at times we had to turn people away. I love introducing bridge to new players. I started playing sanctioned Bridge two years ago so I can't boast of a lot of master points, but certainly love working to get them and when I do become a "Master" I will certainly boast then.

Tom Whitesides

I began playing bridge in Dallas in 1967 and became a full time tournament director for the ACBL in 1973. I retired at the end of 2012 as a National tournament director and Field supervisor.

In the 70's I served two terms on the Unit board and two terms as Unit President. I was also District 16 Vice President and President. I was on the District tournament committee for many years and the STaC committee chairman for its first 13 years. I co-owned Meadow Central Bridge Club and co-chaired the publicity committee for the 1997 NABC with Randy Ekman, my partner of 31 years. I also owned a retail florist, Tom Whitesides Flowers, for 10 years. I read mystery books and am an avid theater goer, with 2 or 3 trips a year to New York to see shows and attend the local theater in between. Since retirement, I now have time to play bridge and relearn the game and would like to be active in our Unit, so hopefully, my years of experience will be an asset in this endeavor.

and Marty Schwartz and Letty Garek. Kudos to those posting big games recently: Audrey and Gary Wright with a 73% game on Thursday night; Don Cosby and Bill Strange with 70.31% on Tuesday night; Michael Goldman and Wiltie Creswell at Mary's Monday game; Steve Shirey and Donna Rosz with a 73%er at Mary's Friday game and Susan O'Neil and Billy Leeper scoring 71.43% at Steve's Wednesday game. Let me know if you have a 70% game and I'll include you in the next newsletter.

We're saddened to lose three more of our friends and players. Ruth Sparks passed away recently after a very short illness. She had been my friend for many years and was a friend and partner to many. Her quick wit and competitive nature will be missed by all. Ed Riddle was a gentle giant of a man. To sit at the table with him was always such a pleasure...he was always good for a funny story and a true gentleman. I know those of you who play in Arlington will miss Roberta Glocken and her cute accent. We can never replace these dear

friends.

Look around the table and remember those of our members who are engaged with serious health issues and remember them as we pray for better days ahead: Bob Anderson, Jim Chaffee, Judi Evans Karen, Fallman Carol Stodghill, Tex Rankin and Barbara Allison. Please know you are missed and we're hoping to see you when you can be back with us. Be kind to each other and Have Fun!

Fort Western Election

Fort Worth,
Oct 09-11, 2015
265 players 233 tables.

1 26.03 Hugh Hillaker
2 23.93 Stephen Kornegay
3 23.93 Nancy Kornegay
4 21.22 Kimmel Jones
5 17.12 John Schwartz
6 17.12 James Thurtell
7 17.12 Gerry McKim
8 17.02 Linda Spangler
9 16.04 Michael Hout
10 14.44 Jack Borenstein
11 14.44 David Pearlman

Fri Eve Open Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Hugh & Merri-Jo Hillaker A 2. Steve Shirey-; Robert Adams B1. Ellen Dutcher-Joan Williams B2. Donald Pigg- Milton Birmingham C1. Pamela Holmes-George Holmes C2. Dana Pickett-Michael Tiernan

Fri Bracketed Swiss Bkt 1-7 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1. Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles-Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert 2. Linda Spangler-Mary Orock- Pat Cassidy- Jerry Derby

Fri Bracketed Swiss Bkt 2-12 Tables 1/2 Helen Nelson-Mary Ellen Stanton- Richard McGil-Larry White

1/2 Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath-Finlay Higgins- Mike Peiffer

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 1-7 Tables / Based on 29 Tables 1/2 Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay- Hugh Hillaker- Kimmel Jones 1/2 James Thurtell- Schwartz-Michael Hout-Gerry McKim

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 2-7 Tables / Based on 22 Tables 1. Pawel Hanus- Bogumil Knapinski- John Spessard- Bob Wilkin 2. Robert Buchanan- Don Reynolds-Susan O'Neil- Joe Harbour

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 3-7 Ta-

bles / Based on 10 Tables 1. Finlay Higgins-Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath- Mike Peiffer 2. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore-John Robbins-Dwight Hill

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 4-8 Tables 1. Melvin Ball-Gay Nell Ball- Dennis Johnson- Betty Peterson 2. Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr-Julienne Moore- Karen Marie Yarbrough

Sat Aft Open Pairs-9.0 Tables / Based on 19 Tables A1. Edwina Corn-Hai Gates A2. Gary Neisler-Nancy Peterson B1. Margaret Ellis-Barbara Wood B2. Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard

Sat Aft 299er Pairs-9.5 Tables AB1. Gloria Schuford-Velma Williams AB2. William Garner-Eileen Williamson C1. Lamar Burges-Nelda Coonrod C2. Harold Schulz-Carlene Stewart

Fri Aft Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 19 Tables AB1. Michael Goldman-Dick Simon A2. Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman A2. Jim Harp-Cary Jennings C1. Harriet Motter-Donna Gooch C2. William Walker-Janet Walker

Fri Aft 299er Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Donald Lang-Marilyn Lang AB2.

Tom McCraw-Stan Carr
Sat Morn Open Pairs-10.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Bart Bramley-Judy Bramley A2. Edwina Corn- Hai Gates B1. Kevin Broderick- McConnell B2. Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard C1. Jeri Quinton- Docia Larson C2. David Robinson-TMichael Tiernan

Sat Morn 299er Pairs-12 Tables ABC1. Karen Paul- Dona Powers ABC2. Barbara Gee- Steve Vanderwolk

Sunday A/X Swiss-12 Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay- Kimmel Jones-Hugh Hillaker A2B1. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger- Milton Neher-David Pearlman B2. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Hanchang Wang

Sunday BCD Swiss-21 Tables B1. Robert Buchanan- Michael Estep-Barbara Estep- Don Reynolds B2. Virginia Reinier- Barbara Jones-Patricia Sears- Sue Rowe C1. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney-Dwight Hill-John Robbins C2. Barbara Baker-Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery- Marilyn Elston D1. James Nixon-Judy Nixon- Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr

FT. WESTERN ELECTION SECTIONAL WINNERS



Friday Swiss Bkt 1
Sally & Mike Bossert
Janet & Brian Gelles



Saturday Aft Open Pairs A
Edwina Corn, Hai Gates



Friday Eve Open Pairs A
Merri-Jo & Hugh Hillaker



Friday Aft Open Pairs A
Michael Goldman, Dick Simon



Friday Swiss Bkt 2
Larry White, Richard McGill,
Mary Ellen Stanton, Helen Nelson



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
Pavel Hangus, John Spessard,
Bob Wilkin, Bogumil Knypinski



Saturday Aft 299ers
Velma Williams, Gloria Schuford



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4
Lynn Johnson, Mel Ball,
Betty Peterson, Gay Nell Ball

**Unit 187
Corpus Christi**



Dee Schade

NAP unit finals were held Saturday, October 4 with Dee Schade directing. Overall winners were Marilyn German & Penny Snow. Second were Bill & Marilyn MacDonald. First in B flight were Linda Elmore & David Ticen. Second in B & first in C were Pat Roeh & Susan Wheeler. Margaret Ann Kennedy & Karen Leber were second in C flight. There was a total of 9 tables in the two session event. Gourmet sandwiches, Martha's (DeCou) salad & chocolate cake were served between sessions. There is a list of qualifiers for the district level at the club. Please consider going to San Antonio January 16. If you place 1-3 in your flight at the district level, 1 or 1-4 for flight C, there are some substantial subsidies (\$300-\$800) towards competing in the finals in Reno.

Kudos to Connie Freeman for the excellent job she is doing as Publicity Chairperson. Great articles in the Caller-Times.

One of the most enjoyable things about playing bridge is getting to know people. In duplicate we have a large group of very interesting folks with a variety of backgrounds. This month please get to know one of our Rockport players, Tiny Beckham. A native of Mississippi, Tiny got her college education as a music major. She learned to play bridge in the college dorm & later played her first game of duplicate in Jackson, MS. In her mid twenties, Tiny move to Houston. She met Dave Beckham while vacationing in Puerto Vallarta & they married a year later. Tiny was a member of Executive Women International, first representing the Brown Foundation & later the Scurlock Foundation. While living in Houston, Tiny was a volunteer for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo for 25 years, serving on three committees, & took lifetime retirement from the International Committee when she moved to Rockport. She was also a member of the Houston Polo Club &

greatly enjoyed Sunday afternoon matches.

In 2006 Tiny & Dave started coming to Rockport & bought a cottage to use when they were in town. Dave retired from being a State Farm Agent in 2011 & they moved to Rockport permanently. They bought the old San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad Depot that was built in 1886. They have refurbished it as Dave's photography studio & possibly later on, a gallery. Dave & Tiny have two adored children, Maggie & Rose, their precious Maine Coon cats.

In addition to bridge, Tiny enjoys Mah Jongg & reading. She belongs to the First Monday Book Club, Tiny plays regularly at the Rockport Bridge Club & frequently plays in Corpus Christi. Everyone is always delighted to see her pleasant smile at the table.

Thanks to all in attendance at the Fall Rockport Sectional. We appreciate your support & hope you had a great bridge weekend.

Make your plans now for the Rockport Sectional Spring Tournament. Feb 19-21 is the date. Grab your favorite partner & come on down. Lots of bridge & hospitality!

Please send your club news to me at cdeoro@aol.com. Web site at southtexasbridgeunit187.com.

**Unit 201
Sabine Neches**



Linda Briggs

Beaumont Bridge Studio's Nancy Smalley has had a very successful turn-out for her bridge lessons to beginners and intermediate players. Her 10 weeks of lessons attracted over 50 students. Special thanks to Nancy for providing this very necessary service which is the great way to attract new players, as well as sharpen the more experienced players.

E.W. Sweeney chaired the successful August 499er tournament. Of the 96 players who participated Aug. 21- 23, Unit 201 placed 13 winners in the top 20. Congratulations to **Jerry and Susan Gore** (8.24 MPs), **Donna**

McFerrin and Kris Cherry (6.50 MPs), **Martha Oliver** (6.02 MPs), **Janis and Don Williams** (5.96 MPs), **Wayne Outlaw** (4.87 MPs), **Linda Briggs and Lou Rising** (4.28 MPs), **Bob Hood and Joe Kazmar** (3.51 MPs), and **Glenda Bass** (3.44 MPs). Unit members for the 4 pair games were: 1st - A & B - **Donna McFerrin and Kris Cherry**; A - **Lou Ida Rising and Linda Briggs**; B - **Bob Townley-Smith and John Kacher**; 1st place Swiss Team - **Kris Cherry, Donna McFerrin, Martha Oliver, and Wayne Outlaw**.

The Labor Day party, hosted by **Betty Poindexter** was fun as always. The results were: 1st - **Betty Poindexter and Ed Rasmussen**; 2nd - **Liz Mackenzie and Carol McGill**; 3rd - **Edwina Landrum, and Marian Jones**.

The highest monthly totals for August were **Dr. A. Bharathi, Jack Evans, and Pat Bell**; September - **Dr. A. Bharathi, Flo Gillispie, and Arline Meyers**.

Players with 70% or above games in August/September were **Dr. A. Bharathi and Flo Gillispie** (twice); **Jean Hammer and Susan Nimmo**; **Bob Townley-Smith and Zach Townley-Smith**; **Ruby Collins and Dee Payne**; **Dave Becker and Zach Townley-Smith**

August mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Susan Nimmo and Billie**; 2nd - **Sylvia Street and Jack Evans**; 3rd - **E.W. Sweeney, and Don Moss**. August mentor teams placing: 1st - **Kimberly Goodson, Fred Rice, Don and Janis Williams**; 2nd - **Jaye Bessa, Donna McFerrin, Carolyn Worsham, and Marian Jones**; 3rd - **Barney Hammer, Sylvia Street, Paul Keedy, and Jack Evans**.

September mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Reggie Cox and Marian Jones**; 2nd - **Nixie Lynch and Connor Smith**; 3rd - **Sarah Smith, and Flo Gillispie**. September mentor teams placing: 1st - **Helen Williams, June Eddingston, Sylvia Street and Pat Bell**; tied for 2nd - **Sandra Allison, Anna Smith, E.W. Sweeney, and Tim Stelly**; **Reggie Cox, Marian Jones, Nixie Lynch and Carolyn Worsham**.

The Beaumont Bridge Studio has been preparing for the Beaumont Gusher Regional American Contract Bridge League Bridge Tournament, October 19- 25 at the Elegante Hotel on IH-10S. Over 500 players are expected to compete in the 100 bridge

games. Tournament co-chairs are Carolyn Worsham, Linda Briggs, and John Smalley.

"In an effort to make our tournament greener, the daily paper bulletins distributed at most tournaments, noting daily event winners and the daily schedule will be projected electronically to reduce the paper waste," Worsham said.

Beaumont 499er/NLM
August 21-23, 2015
81 players 89 tables.

- 1 8.24 Susan Gore
- 2 8.24 Jerry Gore
- 3 6.78 Darlyn Dusek
- 4 6.78 Bebe Walker
- 5 6.50 Kris Cherry
- 6 6.50 Donna McFerrin
- 7 6.07 Rogie Peyton
- 8 6.07 Marion Shortle
- 9 6.02 Valerie Fraser
- 10 6.02 Martha Oliver

Sat Aft 499er Pairs - 20.5 Tables
A1. Linda Briggs-Lou Rising A2B1. Robert Kacher, Jr. -Bob Townley-Smith B2. Sharon Kirkland - Virginia Mayhew C1/2 Joseph Kazmar - Robert Hood C1/2 Brenda Campbell - Sharon Kosboth

Sat Morn 499er Pairs - 17.5 Tables
AB1. Darlyn Dusek - Bebe Walker AB2. Susan Gore - Jerry Gore C1. W Clingo - B Clingo 2C. Victoria Bennett - Donna Bryson

Fri Morn 499er Pairs - 16.0 Table
AB1. Floyd Fraser - Valerie Fraser AB2. Darlyn Dusek, -Bebe Walker C1. Robert Hood - Joseph Kazmar C2. Lucille Armintor-Patricia Woods

Fri Aft 499er Pairs - 19.0 Tables
AB1. Kris Cherry-Donna McFerrin AB2C1. Rogie Peyton - Marion Shortle C2. Ferrel Ashby - Kate Mulhollan

Sunday Swiss Teams - 8 Tables
AB1. Wayne Outlaw - Martha Oliver - Kris Cherry-Donna McFerrin AB2. Everett Sweeney-Sandra Allison - Jerry Gore - Susan Gore C1. W Clingo - B Clingo - Rogie Peyton - Marion Shortle

Fort Worth Labor Day Regional
Sep 01-07, 2015

931 players.1579 tables.

- 1 96.10 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 2 96.10 Dan Morse, Houston
- 3 86.55 Mark Bumgardner, Garland
- 4 86.55 Bill Staats, Southlake
- 5 82.92 Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport
- 6 69.66 John Sutherlin, Dallas
- 7 69.58 Petra Hamman, Dallas
- 8 69.45 Michael Hout, Plano
- 9 65.52 Stephen Komegay, Richland Hls
- 10 65.52 Nancy Komegay, Richland Hls
- 11 64.91 Colby Vemay, Lacon IL
- 12 64.91 Barry Schaffer, Frisco
- 13 64.12 Roy Baughman, Pantego
- 14 64.12 Marion Gebhardt, Richardson
- 15 60.23 Juanita Chambers, Garland
- 16 60.23 Barbara Fern, Dallas
- 17 58.58 Robert Adams, Oklahoma City
- 18 57.97 Thomas Leberman, Plano
- 19 57.76 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth
- 20 57.30 Nancy Passell, Plano
- 21 56.56 Jerry Derby, Dallas
- 22 56.37 Robert Morris, Houston
- 23 56.37 Betty Starzec, Sugar Land
- 24 56.04 Kristen Onsgard, Galveston
- 25 55.98 Joe Quinn, Sugar Land

Bkt 1-6 Tables 1. Mark Bumgardner, Garland ; Bill Staats, Southlake ; Nancy Passell, Plano ; Petra Hamman, Dallas 2. Dan Morse, Houston ; Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio ; John Sutherlin-Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas

Mary Jane Orock KO Bkt 2-9 Tables 1. Kathleen Carr, Garland ; Robert Schmidt, Murphy ; James Richman, Dallas ; Ari Sippola, Irving 2. T Jean Kidd, Lantana ; Martin Hester, Aubrey ; Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath, Arlington 3/4 Jon Browne, Plano ; Mark Hatkoff, Rowlett ; Lee Huber, Rockwall ; Adrienne Feuer, McKinney 3/4 Rich Brandenburg, Coppell ; Tony Pellegrini, Plano ; Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Joseph Gill, Richardson

Mary Jane Orock KO Bkt 3-10 Tables 1. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley, Richardson ; Tommie Anglemeyer, Plano ; Betty Wheeler, Dallas 2. Donna Gibbs, Corinth ; Virginia Boudreau, Flower Mound ; Jo Hammett, Plano ; Sandra Hollon, Argyle 3/4 Kathy Coleman, Fort Worth ; Jean Helmers, Stephenville ; Barbara Stewart, Burleson ; Audrey Wright, Keller 3/4 Robert Scanland-Ned Nolte, Arlington ; Gary Modgling, Saginaw ; James Atteberry, Fort Worth

Mary Jane Orock KO Bkt 4-9 Ta-

UNIT 201 499ER TOURNAMENT



Friday Morning
Floyd & Valerie Fraser



Friday Afternoon
Rogie Peyton & Marion Shortle



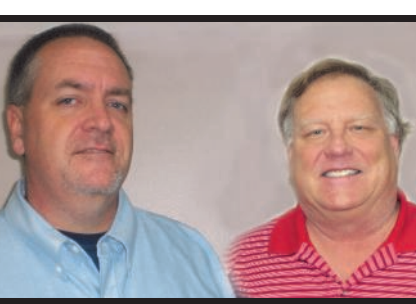
Friday Afternoon
Kris Cherry and Donna McFerrin



Saturday Morning
Bebe Walker, Darlyn Dusek



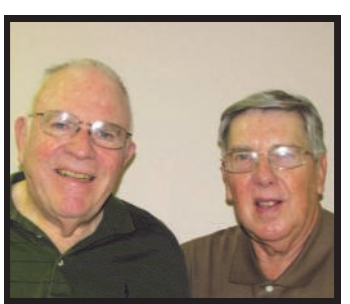
Saturday Afternoon
Sharon Kosboth, Brenda Campbell



Saturday Afternoon
Bob Townley-Smith, John Kacher



Saturday Afternoon
Lou Ida Rising, Linda Briggs



Saturday Afternoon
Bob Hood, Joe Kazmar



Sunday Swiss
Marion Shortle, Babs Clingo,
Rogie Peyton, Walt Clingo



Sunday Swiss
Kris Cherry, Martha Oliver,
Wayne Outlaw, Donna McFerrin

bles 1. Jack Harkey, Dallas ; Bill Frazee-Bob Frink, Plano ; Bob Dingle, Carrollton 2. Louise O'Brien-Marj Frederiksen, Dallas ; Charlotte Davis, Greenbrier AR; Kay Nichols, N Little Rock AR 3/4 Jerry McClurg-Marcia McClurg-Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt, Dallas 3/4 Debbie Vlasissammie Borum-Fred Borum, Texarkana ; Patricia Purcell, Texarkana AR

Wednesday Choice Pairs-23.5 Tables / Based on 37 Tables A1. Juanita Chambers, Garland ; Barbara Ferm, Dallas A2. Hai Gates, Arlington ; Edwina Corn, Hurst A3. Bob Friz, Leonard ; L Snyder, Richardson A4. Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Karin Kelsey, Albuquerque NM A5. Mark Zeitlin, Denton ; John Spessard, Dallas B1. Wes Peirce, The Woodlands ; Jeffrey Kroll, Conroe B2. Tom Lang, Richardson ; Reg Watt, Garland B3. Bob Butterfield-Elda Kay Hampton, Dallas B4C1. Janie Wolaver-Jerrell Wolaver, Jefferson B5C2. David Sterner-Donna Jordan, Dallas C3. Carole Tucker-Ruth Streit, Vernon C4. Cynthia Benton-Lynn Long, Fort Worth C5. Charles Wobbeking, Southlake ; Larry White, Grapevine

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables / Based on 51 Tables 1. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco ; Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay, N Richland Hls ; Kimmel Jones, Euless ; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie 2. Roy Baughman, Pantego ; Jerry Derby, Dallas ; Marion Gebhardt, Richardson ; Robert Adams, Oklahoma City OK 3. Gary Neisler, N Richland Hls ; Carol Keller-Robert Buchanan, Arlington ; Becky Koenigseder, Alvarado

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables / Based on 34 Tables 1. Letty Garek, Bedford ; Rosalee Hacker, Southlake ; Randy Earle, McKinney ; Preston Morrow, Dallas 2. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland ; Sara Bossert-Michael Bossert, Cypress 3. Chris Kelly, Waxahachie ; Theresa Ann Brantley, Mansfield ; Kristen Onsgard, Galveston ; Nancy Fellman, Dallas 4. Susan O'Neil-Jane Hopkins, Fort Worth ; Joe Harbour, Burleson ; Dave Sauder, Lewisville

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1/2 Jane Kirby-Diana Winkelmann-Lynn Cooper-Nancy Latner, Dallas 98.00 1/2 N Tripode, Frisco ; Marvin Migdol, Coppell ; Rosalind Smith, Dallas ; Jerry Frankel, Plano 3. William Olds-Sharon Tomnitz-Cheryl Clark-Keith Mond, Dallas 4. Ruby Hill, Argyle ; James Cothran, Savannah ; M Howard, Fort Worth ; Walter Merritt, Coleman

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Patty Moncus-Ginny Littrell, Boerne ; Dorothy Prater-Jacquelyn Fisher, San Antonio 2. Diane Quin, Grand Prairie ; Marilyn Brown, Fort Worth ; Betty Boring, Euless 3. Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Joyce Hahn-Paula Edwards, Tyler ; Charlene Goodman, Flint

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney, N Richland Hls ; Dwight Hill, Grand Prairie ; John Robbins, Fort Worth 1 2. Judy Thompson-Nita Kimball-Melba Lancaster-Beverly Yoehle, McKinney 3. William Higgins-Jean Higgins, Dallas ; Joseph Bindo-Elaine Bindo, Plano

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. James Rider-Sudhir Shah-Linda Jimmerson-Cheryl Rider, Dallas 2. Frances Schmitz-Asa De Vries-Darrel Strelitz-Judy Schwartz, Dallas 3. Marguerite Lavender, Colleyville ; Cathy Tolliver, N Richland Hls ; Alan Robson-Bonnie Jan Robson, Denton

Thursday Gold Rush Pairs-39.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables B1.

David Sterner-Donna Jordan, Dallas B2C1. Fred Team, Dallas ; Ginny Collett, Fort Worth B3C2. Patsy Rainwater-Maddu-Melba Lancaster, McKinney B4. Jacquelyn Fisher-Dorothy Prater, San Antonio B5. Gail Rutledge, Lewisville ; Elizabeth Mefert, Madison WI C3. Beth Castleberry, Richardson ; Josephine Basel, Dallas C4. Virginia Myers-Jane Giddens, Lubbock C5. Lorita Tipton-Joyce Eveld, Houston

Thursday Open Pairs-22.0 Tables / Based on 57 Tables A1. Betty Starzec, Sugar Land ; Robert Morris, Houston A2. L Snyder, Richardson ; Bob Friz, Leonard A3. Gerry McKim, Garland ; John Schwartz, Plano A4. Joan Jackson-Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas A5. Linda Spangler-Mary Orock, Fort Worth X1 Nancy Fellman, Dallas ; Kristen Onsgard, Galveston X2/3 Alfred Fortier III, Katy ; Susan Kaplan, Houston X2/3 Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Rich Brandenburg, Coppell X4. Ivan Uys, Fort Worth ; Robert Bever, Flower Mound 5. Jon Browne-Ann Berning, Plano

Thu-Fri KO Bkt 1-9 Tables 1. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth ; Roy Baughman, Pantego ; Marion Gebhardt, Richardson ; Robert Adams, Oklahoma City OK 2. Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Dan Morse, Houston ; Mark Bumgardner, Garland ; Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel, San Antonio ; Bill Staats, Southlake 3/4 Barry Schaffer, Frisco ; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay, N Richland Hls ; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie ; Kimmel Jones, Euless 3/4 Jack Borenstein-Scott Nason-Murray Berger, Dallas ; David Pearlman, Southlake ; Milton Neher, Richardson ; Bill Osborn, Frisco

Thu-Fri KO Bkt 2-9 Tables 1. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath-Finlay Higgins, Arlington ; Mike Peiffer, Colleyville 2. Patsy Walters, Fort Worth ; Ann Kennemer, Burleson ; Andrea Williams-Carol Ellis, San Antonio 3/4 Jim Harp-Chris Anderson, Dallas ; Chris Kelly, Waxahachie ; Ricardo Azevedo, Ennis 3/4 Alan Rauch-Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery, Fort Worth ; Lauren Brown, Mansfield

Thu-Fri KO Bkt 3-10 Tables 1. Robert Caldwell III-Bill Kalmbach, Austin ; Jim Goza-Kay Bickham, Edmond OK 2. Ginger Morgan, Gordonville ; Ann Parker-Leah Margerison-Rick Margerison, Dallas 3/4 Jean Rogers, Santa Barbara CA; Jean Hoffman, Dallas ; N Tripode, Frisco ; Jerry Frankel, Plano 3/4 Audrey Wright, Keller ; Sue Rowe, Benbrook ; Marilyn Elston, Aledo ; Judy Phillips, Fort Worth

Friday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables / Based on 55 Tables 1. Linda Spangler, Fort Worth ; Charles Price, Rockwall ; Jerry Derby, Dallas ; Merri-Jo Hillaker, Grand Prairie 2. Rita Ellington, Charlotte NC; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Dennis Clerkin-Jerry Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA 3. Jack Lacy, Lago Vista ; Alexander Labry, Austin ; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville ; Virgil Massey, Driftwood

Friday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables / Based on 39 Tables 1. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell ; Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Adrienne Feuer, McKinney ; Joseph Gill, Richardson 2. William Garrard-Donna Garrard, Irving ; James McCommons-Eileen Smith, Dallas 6.85 3. Marilyn Adams, Beaumont ; Anton (Tony) Haddad-Mike Doyle-David Crooks,

Friday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables / Based on 22 Tables 1. Kristen Onsgard, Galveston ; Tomi FitzGerald, Frisco ; Jeff Dater, Dallas ; Letty Garek, Bedford 2. Susan Kaplan-Ann McDougal, Houston ; Alfred Fortier III, Katy ; Karen Hout, Plano 3.

Charles Burke-Caron Peck-Karen Caton, Arlington ; Michael Cain, Decatur

Friday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1. William Olds-Sharon Tomnitz-Keith Mond-Cheryl Clark, Dallas 2. Jane Kirby-Ruthie Shor-Marjorie Deutsch-Roslynn Miller, Dallas 3. David McAfee-Jerre McAfee-Gene Cole-Linda Cole, San Angelo

Friday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Joyce Hahn-Paula Edwards, Tyler ; Charlene Goodman, Flint 2/3 William Higgins-Jean Higgins-Callie Weller, Dallas ; Ellen Heck, Allen

3.04 2/3 Robert Clarke-Alma Farley, Richardson ; J Scott Etchison-Judy Etchison, Dallas

Friday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Anne Kyle, Sanger ; Stan Hsu, Denton ; Gail Rutledge, Lewisville ; Elizabeth Mefert, Madison WI 2. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Sandra Harris-Michael Harris, Austin 3. John Robbins, Fort Worth ; Sue Kay Reeder-Gladys Freeman-G Morey, Arlington

Friday Swiss Bracket 7-13 Tables 1. Marguerite Lavender-Julienne Moore-Sharon Henry, Colleyville ; Karen Marie Yarbrough, Irving 2. Lysa Nguyen-Robert Tyler-Lazaro Brenner, Austin ; Mark Anderson, Cedar Park 3. Linda Neal, Grapevine ; Gloria Schuford, Fort Worth ; Patsy Rainwater-Maddu-Melba Lancaster, McKinney

4. Sudhir Shah-Linda Jimmerson-James Rider-Cheryl Rider, Dallas

Friday Choice Pairs-25.0 Tables A1. Gerry McKim, Garland ; Michael Hout, Plano A2. Charles Richards, Paris ; Thomas Leberman, Plano A3. Robert Morris, Houston ; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land A4B1. Don Reynolds, Fort Worth ; Robert Buchanan, Arlington A5. Stephen Castellino, Castro Valley CA; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth B2. James Willson, Dallas ; Margot Hirsch, Arlington B3. Charles Brown-Khalifa Ahmed, Denton B4. Elaine Wood, Keller ; Nancy Fellman, Dallas B5C1. David Robinson, Granbury ; James Moody, Austin C2. Judy Nixon-Jeanette McDonald, Flower Mound C3. Janet Baumgartner, Edmond OK; Jeanne Long, Oklahoma City OK C4. Julie O'Neill, Benbrook ; Bruce Mann, Aledo C5. Gail Nelson, Ruston LA; Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park

Evening KO Bracket 1-7 Tables 1. Kathleen Carr, Garland ; James Richman, Dallas ; Robert Schmidt, Murphy ; Ari Sippola, Irving 2. Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richland Hls ; Kristen Onsgard, Galveston ; Nancy Fellman, Dallas

Saturday Open Pairs-22.0 Tables / Based on 59 Tables A1. Larry Davis-Robert Donathan, Austin A2. Bart Bramley-Norman Beck, Dallas A3. Jonathan Ernest, Lindale ; Stewart Angel, Wake Village A4. Virgil Massey, Driftwood ; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville A5. James Lilly, Dallas ; Bob Scallan, Frisco X1. Don Reynolds, Fort Worth ; Robert Buchanan, Arlington X2. Debi Balter-Jack Balter, Houston X3. Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg ; David Ticen, Victoria X4. Alfred Fortier III, Katy ; Susan Kaplan, Houston X5. Gerrie Owen, Celina ; T Jean Kidd, Lantana

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs-40.0 Tables B1. Howard Huynh-Wayne Bahr, Lubbock B2. Martha Lee Lorimer-Janice Allen, Fort Scott KS B3C1. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin B4/5 Gretchen Evanco-Nan Medcalf, Hot Springs Vlg AR B4/5C2. Sam Norvell-David Note-ware, Dallas C3. Donald Fuerst, Denver CO; Richard Rose, Clearwater FL C4. Deborah Armstrong, Dallas ;

Sharon Ward, Plano C5 Harriet Motter, Mansfield ; Donna Gooch, Arlington

Saturday KO Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Ira Hessel, San Antonio ; Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Dan Morse, Houston ; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land ; Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA; John Sutherlin, Dallas 2. Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Petra Hamman-Bob Hamman, Dallas ; Nancy Passell, Plano ; Mark Bumgardner, Garland ; Bill Staats, Southlake 3/4 Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay, N Richland Hls ; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie ; Kimmel Jones, Euless ; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco 3/4 Billy Leeper-Michael Heymann, Fort Worth ; Pat Cassidy, Arlington ; Jerry Derby, Dallas

Saturday KO Bracket 2-11 Tables 1. Hua Yang-Yan Song, Plano ; James Zhan, Sugar Land ; Tiger King, Houston 2. Marilyn Adams, Beaumont ; Anton (Tony) Haddad-Mike Doyle-David Crooks, Houston 3/4 Stephen Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield-Eileen Smith-James McCommons, Dallas 3/4 Nancy Latner, Dallas ; Susan Flick, McKinney ; Sue Gilbreath-Charles Brown, Arlington

Saturday KO Bracket 3-10 Tables 1. Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Chris Anderson-Nancy Fellman, Dallas ; Kristen Onsgard, Galveston ; Stefanie Scott, Plano ; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richland Hls 2. John Osborne, Menard ; Toni Hurlbut-Alberta Birk, Mason ; Catherine Supple, San Marcos 3/4 Robert Clarke-Alma Farley, Richardson ; J Scott Etchison-Judy Etchison, Dallas 3/4 Lysa Nguyen-Robert Tyler-Lazaro Brenner, Austin ; Mark Anderson, Cedar Park

Sunday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables / Based on 53 Tables 1/2 Bryan Storey, Frisco ; Tom Edwards, Austin ; Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg, Dallas 1/2 Victor Sitton, Sugar Land ; David Henke-Paul Nimmons-Jack Balter, Houston 3. Jack Lacy, Lago Vista ; Eric Goff, Austin ; Virgil Massey, Driftwood ; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville

Sunday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables / Based on 37 Tables 1. Melody Gann-Carol Keller, Arlington ; Gary Neisler, N Richland Hls ; Becky Koenigseder, Alvarado 2. David Pearlman, Southlake ; Milton Neher, Richardson ; Scott Nason-Murray Berger, Dallas 3. Robert Buchanan-Ned Nolte, Arlington ; Rebecca Brown, San Antonio ; Barbara Grantham, Houston

Sunday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables / Based on 21 Tables 1. Letty Garek, Bedford ; Martin Schwartz, Denton ; Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore, Keller 2. Keith Estep-M Louise Wissler-Estep, Ruidoso NM; Pablo Siegal-Eleanor Siegal, San Antonio 3/4 Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland ; Truett Cates, Sherman ; Jim Harp, Dallas

Sunday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1. Mark Miller-Sandra Harris-Gloria Wilson-Michael Harris, Austin 2. Gary Wright-Audrey Wright, Keller ; Janet Jordan, Aledo ; Laura Nash, Stephenville 3. Lauren Brown, Mansfield ; Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery, Fort Worth ; Jean Helmers, Stephenville

Sunday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Ann Parker-Carol Adamek-Rosalind Smith-Carol Murray, Dallas 2. Barbara Vervenne-Jerry Barrett-Thomas Smith-Gary Anderson, Austin 3. Jeff Newman-Kimberly Dorsey-Dorothy Hensel-Ltcl Mark Hensel, Arlington

Sunday Swiss Bracket 7-8 Tables 1. Martha Ward, Plano ; Carla Joiner-Barbara Ching-Susan Kroney, Dallas 2/3 Larry Hettick, Wall ; Anna Thomas, San Angelo ; Melba Lancaster-

Patsy Rainwater-Maddu, McKinney 2/3 Josephine Basel, Dallas ; Beth Castleberry, Richardson ; Patricia C Bozeman, Carrollton ; Ruth Viola, Irving

Sunday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Barbara Aide, Plano ; Judy Thompson, McKinney ; Leah Margerison-Rick Margerison, Dallas 2. Nget Carter, Plano ; Abu Qureshi, Murphy ; A Ansari, Austin ; Bharat Shrestha, Katy 3. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson ; Mike Peiffer, Colleyville ; Finlay Higgins, Arlington 88.00

Sunday Gold Rush Pairs-19.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables BC1. Dan Woodward-Betty Woodward, Fairview BC2. Janice Trombello-Jack Schober, Dallas B3. Linda Briggs-Carolyn Worsham, Port Arthur B4. Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt, Odessa

B5. Polly Moss, Fort Worth ; Don Greer, Newberry MI C3. Lynnette Renbarger-Michael Renbarger, Superior CO Debra Jones-Mike Robinson, Odessa C5. Holli Mast-Stephen Mast, Cypress

Sunday Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1. Thomas Leberman-Michael Hout, Plano A2X. Jeff Dater, Dallas ; Tomi FitzGerald, Frisco A2X3. Juanita Chambers, Garland ; Barbara Ferm, Dallas 4 2. Alfred Fortier III, Katy ; Susan Kaplan, Houston A5. Greg Resz, Weatherford ; Jeff McKee, Nevada X3. William Garrard-Donna Garrard, Irving X4. David Loeb-Maureen Loeb, Lake Mary FL

Evening Compact KO Brkt 1-13 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay, N Richland Hls ; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco 2. Marilyn Adams, Beaumont ; Anton (Tony) Haddad-Mike Doyle-David Crooks, Houston 3. Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Jerry Clerkin-Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Venkatrao Koneru

Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables / Based on 42 Tables 1. Robert Buchanan, Arlington ; Don Reynolds-Susan O'Neil, Fort Worth ; Joe Harbour, Burleson 2. Jon Wolkenstein-Sheri Wolkenstein, Dallas ; Norman Gautier-Joyce Gautier, The Woodlands 3. Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard, Arlington ; Kathy Coleman, Fort Worth ; Jean Helmers, Stephenville 76.00

Monday B Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables / Based on 27 Tables 1. Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richland Hls ; Chris Anderson-Nancy Fellman, Dallas 2. Ann Lewis-Carol Nicoud-Lue Waddle-Nancy Harralson, Dallas 3. Lauren Brown, Mansfield ; Jane Larimore-Patricia Sears-Jacqueline Montgomery, Fort Worth

Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables / Based on 24 Tables 1. Marjorie Deutsch-Judy Corey Edmiston, Dallas ; Mary Lynn Trentham, Richardson ; Louise LeRoux, Lavon 2. Lynn Cooper-Barry Cooper-Nancy Latner-Jo England, Dallas 3. Laura Nash, Stephenville ; Marilyn Elston-Janet Jordan, Aledo ; Sue Rowe, Benbrook

Sunday B Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables / Based on 22 Tables 1. Anne Kyle, Sanger ; Stan Hsu-Khalifa Ahmed, Denton ; Gail Rutledge, Lewisville 2. Jo Hammett, Plano ; Virginia Boudreau-Richard Schemmel, Flower Mound ; Donna Gibbs, Corinth 3. Robert Bever, Flower Mound ; Rhea Roe-Virginia Farley, Arlington ; Thomas Miyake, Denton

Sunday B Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables / Based on 20 Tables 1. Stefanie Scott, Plano ; Kristen Onsgard, Galveston ; Wayne Bahr-Howard Huynh, Lubbock 2. Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Paula Edwards, Tyler ; Peter Hugler III, Seminole OK; Bonnie Palon, Midwest City OK 3. Jerrell Wolaver-

Janie Wolaver, Jefferson ; Linda Harrison, Pittsburg ; Sandy Lansing, Mount Vernon
Monday B Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables / Based on 17 Tables 1. Alma Farley-Robert Clarke, Richardson ; Judy Etchison-J Scott Etchison, Dallas 2. David Luzzatto-Betsy Goldsmith-Leonard Epstein-Daniel Butler, Dallas 3. Bernie Lange-Tony Abernethy-Suzanne Sosa-Joan Paradeis, Wichita Falls
Monday B Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Barbara Vervenne-Thomas Smith-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin 2. J Bank -A Ansari, Austin ; Venu Chintam, Tallahassee FL; Bharat Shrestha,

Katy 3. Carolyn Worsham-Linda Briggs, Port Arthur ; Velma Williams, Arlington ; J Reagan Dixon, Dallas
Monday B Swiss Bracket 8-7 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Jack Hartel-Jill Hartel, McKinney ; Leah Margerison-Rick Margerison, Dallas 2. Josephine Basel-John Ellis-Denise Strueber, Dallas ; Beth Castleberry, Richardson 3. Diane Quin, Grand Prairie ; Jane Cote, Fort Worth ; Sandra Tennison, Burleson ; Don Greer, Newberry MI
Monday B Swiss Bracket 9-7 Tables / Based on 10 Tables 1. Stephen Mast-Holli Mast, Cypress ; Michael Renbarger-Lynnette Renbarger, Superior CO 2. Marguerite Lavender-Julienne Moore, Colleyville ; Cathy Tolliver, N Richland Hls ; Karen Marie Yarbrough, Irving 3. Barbara Reeves, Lewisville ; Jack Lavine, Denton ; Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt, Dallas 71.00
Monday B Swiss Bracket 10-10 Tables 1. Charles Dalton, Houston ; Judy Noble-M Susan Tucker-James Huth, Dallas 2. Carey Cole, Corinth ; James Summers-Jan Wallace-William Layman, Denton 3. Sheryl Rokyta-Jim Riffell-Zane Sherrill-Marvin Rokyta, Frisco
Monday A/X Swiss Teams-32 Tables / Based on 72 Tables AX1. Michael Hout-Thomas Leberman,

Plano ; Stephen Sinclair, Garland ; Michael Murphy, Dallas A2 . Joe Quinn, Sugar Land ; John Sutherlin, Dallas ; Dan Morse, Houston ; Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA; Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio A3X2. Stephen Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield-Eileen Smith-James McCommons, Dallas 4. Paul Street, Delray Beach FL; Bob Hamman-Petra Hamman-Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas A5X3.. Larry Davis-Robert Donathan, Austin ; Virgil Massey, Driftwood ; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville 4 Harry Elliott, Cypress ; John Spessard, Dallas ; Bob Wilkin, Highland Vlg ; Bob Scallan, Frisco 5. Scott Nason-Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger, Dallas ; David

Pearlman, Southlake ; Bill Osborn, Frisco ; Milton Neher, Richardson
Monday Open Pairs-6.0 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal, Rowlett ; Gail Wells, Dallas A2. Debi Balter-Joyce Ryan, Houston A3. Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Jacobo Podbilevich, Edo. De Mexico Mexico A4B1. Winifred Simon-Dick Simon, Fort Worth B2C1.. Karen Paul-Al Mince, Arlington B3C2. Sharon Dameron-Karen Dameron, Cedar Park

FORT WESTERN LABOR DAY WINNERS



Mary Jane Orock KO Bkt 1
 Mark Bumgardner, Bill Staats,
 Petra Hamman, Nancy Passell



Saturday-Sunday KO Bkt 1
 Ira Hessel, John Sutherlin,
 Tom Clarke, Dan Morse,
 Joe Quinn, Betty Ann Kennedy



Thursday-Friday KO Bkt 1
 Marion Gebhardt, Bob Adams,
 Roy Baughman, Steve Shirey



Tuesday Open Pairs
 Jeff McKee Jack Lacy



Wednesday Choice Pairs Flt A
 Juanita Chambers, Barbara Fern



Thursday Choice Pairs Flt A
 Betty Starzac, Bob Morris



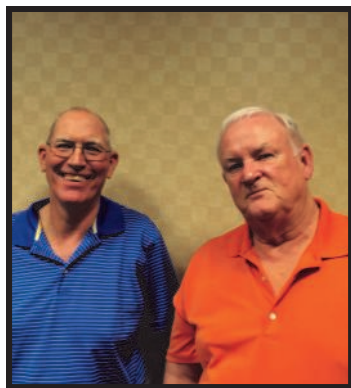
Friday Swiss Bkt 1
 Jerry Derby, Linda Spangler,
 Merri-Jo Hillaker, Charlie Price



Saturday Open Pairs Flt A
 Larry Davis, Robert Donathan



Sunday Swiss Bkt 1 Tie
 Paul Nimmons - Vic Sitton
 David Henke - Jack Balter



Sunday Pairs Flt A
 Mike Hout, Tom Leberman



Compact KO Bkt 1
 Barry Schaffer, Nancy Kornegay,
 Colby Vernay, Steve Kornegay



Sunday Swiss Bkt 1
 Beth & John Bromberg,
 Bryan Storey, Tom Edwards



Gary Cary Stratiflighted Swiss A
 Michael Hout, Michael Murphy,
 Steve Sinclair, Tom Leberman



Monday Open Pairs A
 Gail Wells, Suresh Agrawal



Sunday AX Pairs
 Tomi Fitzgerald, Jeff Dater



Friday Choice Pairs B
 Saturday Open Pairs AX
 Buck Buchanan, Don Reynolds



Thursday - Friday KO Bkt 2
 Sue Gilbreath - Finlay Higgins
 Mike Pfeiffer, Charlie Brown



Mary Jane Orock KO Bkt 2
 Kathleen Carr, Robert Schmidt,
 Ari Sippola, James Richman



Wednesday Swiss Team Bkt 4
 Patty Moncus, Dorothy Prater,
 Jacquelyn Fisher, Ginny Littrell



Wednesday Choice Pairs Flt B
 Jeff Kroll, Wes Pierce



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 5
 John Robbins, Craig &
 Mary Ann Briney



Wednesday Swiss Bracket 3
 N Tripode-Marvin Migdol
 Jerry Frankel-Rosalind Smith



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 2
 Letty Garek, Rosalee Hacker,
 Randy Earle, Preston Morrow



Friday Swiss Bkt 3
 Tomi FitzGerald,
 Kristen Onsgard,
 Jeff Dater, Letty Garek



Mary Jane Orock KO Bkt 3
Betty Wheeler, Tommie Angelmyer,
Alma Farley, Robert Clarke



Thursday Choice Pairs Flt B
Nancy Fellman, Kristen Onsgard



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



Thursday - Friday KO Bkt 3
Robert Caldwell III - Bill Kalmbach
Kay Bickham - Jim Goza



Friday Swiss Bkt 4
Keith Mond, Cheryl Clark,
William Olds, Sharon Tomnitz



Friday Swiss Bkt 5
Paula Edwards, Shreedhara Ramaratham,
Charlene Goodman, Joyce Hahn



Friday Swiss Bkt 7
Karen Marie Yarbrough, Julienne Moore,
Sharon Henry, Marguerite Lavender



Saturday - Sunday KO Bkt 2
James Zhan, Tiger King,
Hua Yang, Yan Song



Saturday - Sunday KO Bkt 3
Nancy Fellman, Stefanie Scott,
Kristen Onsgard, Bogumil Knypinski,
Chris Anderson, Pawel Hanus



Sunday Swiss Bkt 2
Carol Keller, Melody Gann
Becky Koenigseder, Gary Neisler



Sunday Swiss Bkt 5
Barbara Aide, Judy Thompson,
Leah & Rick Margerison



Sunday Swiss Bkt 3
Martin Schwartz - Tom Moore
Letty Garek - Dorothy Moore



Sunday Swiss Bkt 4
Gloria Wilson - Mark Miller;
Mike Harris - Sandy Harris



Sunday Swiss Bkt 6
Ann Parker, Carol Ademek
Carol Murray, Roz Smith



Gary Cary Stratflighted Swiss Bkt 5
Wayne Bahr, Howie Huynh,
Stephanie Scott, Kristen Onsgard



Monday B Swiss Bkt 8
Leah Margerison, Jill Hartel
Rick Margerison, Jack Hartel



Monday B Swiss Bkt 9
Holli Mast, Lynn Renbarger
Stephen Mast, Mike Renbarger



Monday B Swiss Bkt 10
Judy Noble, Susan Tucker,
Charley Dalton, Jim Huth



Monday B Swiss Bkt 1
Buck Buchanan, Don Reynolds
Joe Harbor, Susan O'Neill



Gary Cary Stratflighted Swiss Bkt 3
Majorie Deutsch, Judy Edmiston,
M.Lynn Trentham, Louise Le Roux



Monday Swiss Bkt 7
Khalifa Ahmed, San Hau,
Gail Rutledge, Anne Kyle



Monday Swiss Bkt 6
Bob Clarke, Slma Farley,
Judy & Scott Ethison



Sunday Gold Rush Pairs
Dan & Betty Woodward

**Unit 197
Lubbock**

Sandi Krahrmer

Hi Everybody!

Congrats to Howie Huynh who had 3 70 % games--one with Robbie Butts, one with Mary Hidebrand, an a third one. Howie is teaching free lessons on Saturday mornings to anyone who wants to learn some of the newer treatments in modern Bridge. The classes have been well-received and well-attended. Members have been very generous in their donations to the Bridge Center. Howie takes no money for his time.

Becky Hamilton is teaching beginning Bridge lessons on Monday nights. She has almost 4 tables of students who are very interested in eventually playing in the novice games at the Bridge Center. Players were charged for these lessons, but Becky receives no money for her time. The ad in the AJ for he lessons cost \$1230, and we received a \$750 reimbursement from ACBL. Becky gave the extra money to the Bridge Center after the books and the ad were paid for. Becky is very good at playing with the newer players and has brought several newer people to the Bridge Center to play in our regular and novice games.

Bonta Thmpson and Julie Benson had a wonderful Halloween part where players drew their partners. Refreshments were served as Julie and Bonta prepared Halloween treats and members brought other goodies. Howie canceled his lessons that day so everyone could participate in the festivities.

Many thanks to John Abney for chairing the 8 is Enough and to Gary Blaiss for directing. John worked very hard to pair up members needing a team and did a fine job. Betty Lowmiller helped with set-up, and Julie Benson and several others helped with clean-up.

That's about all our news for now. We want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. Sandi Krahrmer

**Unit 204
Fort Concho**

Neal Perlman



-Welcome back to Tom Killingsworth who returned to San Angelo. Good to see his smiling again.

On Monday evening 8/6/15 Brenda Chapman and John Osbourne enjoyed a 67% at the Cactus Club. In that setting Bob and Lou Morton had another super game with a 67% 9/10/15. Soon thereafter Theresa Knoche and Marifrances Watson also enjoyed a 67%.

Of the STACs games in September San Angelo claimed some of the top place finishes overall across the A, B and C levels competing with clubs in Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Vernon and Aijic also participating: Mon aft 2B Judy Matthews + Peggy Jackson and 3A Barbara Wright + Iris Warren; Mon eve 1C Tommy + Joann Beauchamp and 2B Dave Watson + Norm Sunderman; Tues eve

1C 2B Wiley Bunton + Dale Harris and 2A Louetta Green and Ginny Noelke; Sun aft 1C Patsy Eckert + Dale Harris.

STACS honorable mention includes Vicki Fisher, Judy Wilde, Mary Bloodworth, Michelle Hester, Carol Diminnie, Nancy Harris, Linda Reichenau, Marifranis Watson, Sue Henry, Gene Gammill, Gene Cole, Linda Cole and George Finley. Everybody had fun and ready to try again in December.

I did record a 73% for Louetta Green and Ginny Noelke from 9/7/15. Apologies to other scores over 70% that I missed.

Repeat reminder: abbreviated list for all players is extracted from the ACBL goodwill gestures:

Be On Time and Play at a Steady Pace

Enjoy the Game

Mentor a New Player

Compliment Opponent's Play

Save Analysis and Thoughtful Discussion for Away from the Table

Accept Defeat and Victory with Grace

Please practice, model and support these at all levels of play.

**Unit 205
Amistad
Western Mexico**

Mary Ann White



The rainy season is winding down, and we are looking forward to seeing our friends from Canada as they return for the winter months. Table counts will go up, and our seasonal clubs in Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo will begin playing again. We expect the snowbirds to start trickling in after Canadian Thanksgiving—which, for those who don't know, is the second Monday in October. And, yes, they also eat turkey!

Congratulations to Stephen Segall on a successful program aimed at attracting non-duplicate bridge players to the Lake Chapala DBC. The program, which was advertised in June and started in July, featured 6 lessons to help social players improve their game and introduce them to duplicate bridge. Lessons were offered on Minor Suit Openings and Responses, No Trump Openings and Responses, Overcalls, Takeout Doubles, Weak 2s, and Blackwood/Gerber. Stephen went the extra mile and emailed class notes to all of the students. About a dozen new people started the program, which was held in conjunction with the Friday morning 199r game, and about six of those have been retained. As we all know, it can be difficult to win the social player over to duplicate, and we thank Stephen for his efforts. We are also glad to be seeing some of our Friday morning players venture into the open games—and leave in one piece! Duplicate players aren't so bad...

We want to acknowledge the following Lake Chapala DBC players for outstanding games in August and September: Jeane Treloar and Tom Gillett scored 71.13% on August 31 (5 tables). And Mary Payne and Mary Anderson posted 72.49% on

September 10 (9½ tables). Keep up the good work!

**Unit 207
Austin**

Joyce Cooper



The announcement that Austin would be host to the 2021 Fall NABC tournament was big news for Austin – and our Unit is really excited about hosting this event at the JW Marriott in downtown Austin. What a wonderful location! And how much fun for the attendees to be in downtown Austin with all the great choices of things to do. The City of Austin is outdoing itself with the many improvements around Lady Bird Lake's hike and bike trails and in general, creating an atmosphere of excitement in just being downtown. I think this is going to be a great venue for the City to shine and for our area bridge members to be part of something bigger than we've ever been a part of. Paul Cunio has been instrumental in pushing bridge events that are both profitable in terms of human interaction and in appreciation for the game. One such program that was started in Austin is a monthly recognition game for players reaching new levels of attainment – from those first 20 points to Grand Life master. The idea actually came from Robin Tucker who had suggested it would be nice to have a type of "frequent flyer" program for bridge players. Laurene Jacob developed the concept and came to the Unit 207 Board with the idea of having a monthly recognition lunch for players attaining new levels of rank. She volunteered to oversee a monthly luncheon if the Unit would

agree to provide a stipend for the lunch. The Unit voted unanimously to do so. Later that idea was extended to a free play for the day to the players being recognized. After a lunch of pizza and salads, Laurene introduces the new Milestone members and everyone gives them a hand of appreciation. It's fair to say that the event is successful for all! Recognition, free lunch, and a fun afternoon of bridge. Laurene became involved in bridge about 8 years ago when her youngest daughter started college, and like so many players, found the endless card combinations mesmerizing! Laurene is originally from Michigan, with a degree from the University of Michigan business school, and a career with IBM as a System's Engineer, working in Amsterdam, Detroit, Dallas, and Austin. Like so many professionals, she too gets a high out of solving problems, both in the bidding, and in the successful play and defense of the hand. She also notes that bridge can be a humiliating and frustrating game at times! Her suggestions for newer players would be: take advantage of the great lessons at the Bridge Center and play in the Bridge Plus games where you can ask for help if you are really stuck. Next: go to tournaments when you can: they're fun - especially in the smaller Texas towns, and they're great learning experiences. Many thanks go to the ladies who ran our September tournament. The food was outstanding, and the bridge was great. Jack Lacy, who is on a tear in the Master Points races, collected 31.31 points, with Charlene Massey and Virgil Sands in second with 24.7 points. On the first morning of play Harry Ingham and Elaine Martin came in first in the open for an award of 8.94 points. That's pretty outstanding.

Future Events: Under 200 tournament: December 5-6 at the Bridge Center; STaC Games: December 7-13 (and for you Austin players, please note that the Unit FREE 2 session Holiday event on December 12 will also be STaC games); **January Sectional at the Crown Plaza:** January 7-10; and the 2016 **Austin Regionals** at the Crown Plaza: June 27-July 3.

Milestones: Life Master: Robert Penska, Carol Thibodeaux; Grand Life Master: Ken Schutze; Bronze Life Master: Opi Stielow, Robert Auvenshine, Geneva Berg, Diane Sobolak; Silver Life Master: George Sullivan. Others: 100: Anu Chhabra, Sharon Dameron, Carolyn Olivent, Sally Sassen, Jerry Barrett, Jean Stone; **200:** Lazaro Brenner, LySa Nguyen; **750:** Esther Ellis, Jim Glather, Ginger Lake, Don Shimon, Barbara Vervenne, Diana Whitfield; **1000:** Richard Clarke; **1500:** Laura

Delfeld, Danny Feng; **2000:** Buddy Bass, Anita Cokins; **2500:** Stephen Wood; **3000:** Bob Bockemuehl, Marcia Powell; **6000:** Pam LaShelle. Deceased: Chuck Fatino.

Austin Fall Sectional

September 24-27, 201
297 players 328 tables.

- 1 31.31 Jack Lacy
- 2 24.70 Virgil Massey
- 3 24.70 Charlene Sands
- 4 24.36 Paul Tobias
- 5 24.15 Tom Breed
- 6 22.77 Pam LaShelle
- 7 22.72 Robert Donathan
- 8 20.70 Alexander Labry
- 9 19.50 Virginia Noelke
- 10 19.50 Venkatrao Koneru

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-21.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables AB1. Harry Ingham-Elaine Martin AB2C1. Diana Apgar-Dwight Silver C2. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson

Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-7.5 Tables AB1. Sheryl Miller-Beth Peterson AB2C1. Pamela Holmes-George Holmes C2. Jackolyn Richards-Marianne Schmitz

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-17.5 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Jack Lacy-R Harry Akin A2. Robert Donathan-James La Fountain BC1. R Gary Marquart-Julie McKenna BC2. Jean Marsh-Linda Howard

Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-7.5 Tables A1. Spencer Ledlow-Bruce Mansbridge A2BC1. Sheryl Miller-Beth Peterson B2. Ralph Brettschneider-Cynthia Brettschneider

Thursday Eve Open Pairs-7.0 Tables AB1. Bob Bockemuehl-Sandra Harris A2. Alexander Labry-Malou Flato B2C1. David Robinson-James Moody C2. Thomas Smith-Gary Anderson

Thursday Morn Swiss Teams-14 Tables AB1. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-David McCarron-Mary McCarron A2. Claudette Hartman-Mildred Breed-John Schwartz-James Thurtell B2C1. Patricia Berry-Rich Ellmer-Melinda Simmen-Jo Dee Bowen

Thursday Aft Swiss Teams-16 Tables A1. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Geoff Blandy, Austin TX; Pam LaShelle, Round A2. Claudette Hartman-Mildred Breed, -John Schwartz-James Thurtell B1. Rita Wiegenstein-William McIndoo-Sara Bossert-Michael Bossert B2. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-Mary McCarron-David McCarron C1/2 Patricia Berry-Rich Ellmer-Melinda Simmen-Jo Dee Bowen C1/2 James Moody-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-David Robinson

Friday Morn Open Pairs-18.0 Ta-

bles / Based on 24 Tables AB1. Nancy Joe-Mark Craig A2. Paul Tobias-Pam LaShelle B2C1. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables ABHC1. Pamela Holmes-George Holmes A2. Gloria Bennett- Martha McLain 2/3 Sally Sassen-Ron Sassen B2/3C2. Sharon Dameron-Karen Dameron,

Friday Aft Open Pairs-15.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Joe Black-Wiley McMinn III A2. Larry Davis-Bob Bockemuehl B1/2 Joseph Volanski-Steve Vaughn B1/2C1. David Robinson-James Moody C2. Arthur Widen- Steven Andersen

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-7.0 Tables AB1. Anu Chhabra-Barbara Werth A2C1. Ralph Brettschneider-Cynthia Brettschneider C2. James Grant-Ronald Mason

Friday Aft Swiss Teams-18 Tables A1/2B1. Anita Albert-Sandy Potts-Martha Norman-Sanae Zaveloff 4.49 1/2 James La Fountain- Richard Clarke- Charlene Sands- Virgil Massey, 2 1 Charles Afill-Danna Redford-Shirley Holland- Leona Rieger 2 Marvin Schragger-Ken Rochlen-Larry Smith-David Warner

Friday Morn Swiss Teams-19 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth-Virginia Noelke A2B1. C David Mitchell-Sheila Harrison-Pam Barksdale-David Ticen B2C1. Marvin Schragger-Ken Rochlen-Larry Smith-David Warner-Sanae Zaveloff C2. Patricia Berry-Lucerne Bunch-Jo Dee Bowen-Melinda Simmen

Friday Eve Open Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Mark Rosen-Eugene Fisher A2. Sam Dinkin-Nancy Joe B2. Robert Tyler-Lysa Nguyen

Saturday Morn Open Pairs-22.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Mark Rosen-Eugene Fisher A2. Gary Powell-C G Bell

B2C1 .George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan C2. Jane Collins-Arthur Widen

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-9.0 Tables AB1. Mike Vivian-Jo Ann Robertson A2. Julie McKenna-Bruce Mansbridge B2. Arthur Roberts-Charles Eanes C1. David Boyle-Logan Jenkins C2. Ralph Brettschneider-Cynthia Brettschneider

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey A2. Dani Woods-Patrick Long B1. Kimi Lambert-Kyong Shuey B2. Nancy Joe-Mark Craig C1. Karen Logan-James Glathar C2. R Gary Marquart-Jackolyn Richards

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs A1. Julie McKenna-Bruce Mansbridge A2B1. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan B2C1. Ralph Brettschneider-Cynthia Brettschneider C2. Carolyn Olivent-Preston Olivent

Austin January Sectional

Jan 7-10, 2016

Crowne Plaza Hotel
6121 N. IH-35

Thursday Jan 7—Friday Jan 8

Swiss Teams, Single Sessions 10 am, 2 pm
Stratified Pairs, Single Sessions 10 am, 2 pm, 7 pm
299er Pairs, Single Sessions 10 am, 2 pm

Saturday Jan 9

Bracketed KO's 10 am, 2 pm, 7 pm
Stratified Pairs, Single Sessions 10 am, 2 pm
299er Pairs, Single Sessions 10 am, 2 pm
Single Session Swiss 2 pm
Fast Pairs 7 pm

Sunday Jan 10

Bracketed Swiss Teams 10 am & TBA

Stratifications (for all games based on average masterpoints)
Open/Fast Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750
299er Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100 (adjustable)
Sun Swiss : 7 Teams/Bracket; top bracket may be larger & stratified
Top bracket of KOs handicapped if warranted
General Convention Chart Only
Meal Served Between Sunday Sessions
Entries: \$10/session (\$13 non/unpaid members)
Players with 0-5 MPs play for \$5.00 in pair games
\$100/ Sun Swiss

Fragrance Free Event

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Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza
6121 N IH-35, 512-323-5466
\$99, Booking code TCB, cutoff 12/16

Hyatt Place
7522 N IH-35, 512-323-2121
\$109 w/breakfast
Booking code BRIG, cutoff 12/7

Saturday Aft Swiss Teams-8 Tables ABC1. Daniel Baker-Joyce Cooper-Paul Johnston-Alick Einav A2. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth B2. Barbara Hollahan-Nancy Dean-Marilyn Sharratt-Mark Miller,

Saturday KO Bracket 1-6 Tables 1. Jack Lacy- Tom Breed- Stephen Wood-Alexander Labry 2. Hank Eng-Brian Bankler- Gary King-Carolyne Fox

Saturday KO Bracket 2-6 Tables 1. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-Sheila Harrison-Pam Barksdale 2. Raymond Borrego-Anita Albert-Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny

Sunday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables / Based on 33 Tables 1. Hua Yang-

Tiger King-Yan Song-Danny Feng-Siming Hui 2. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Geoff Blandy- Pam LaShelle

Sunday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables / Larry Davis-Robert Donathan- Virgil Massey- Charlene Sands 2. George Watkins-Tricia Kane-Lois Goodman-Helene Hennelly

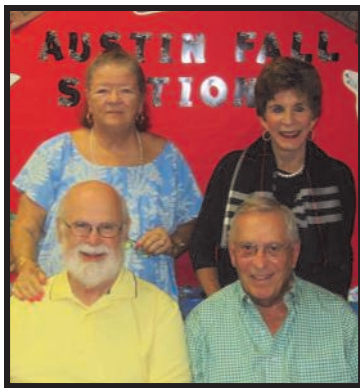
Sunday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables / Based on 11 Tables1. Ken Rochlen-Ken MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran-David Warner 2. Daniel Baker-Alick Einav-Joyce Cooper-Kimi Lambert

Sunday Swiss Bracket 4-12 Tables 1. Arthur Widen- Steven Andersen-Barbara Clements-Richard Clements 2. Lisa Holzgrafe-Sally Sassen-Leilani Rose-Margaret Bennett

AUSTIN SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Thursday Morn Pairs A & B
Elaine Martin - Harry Ingham



Thursday Morn Swiss Teams A & B
Eleanor Sherwyn - Mary McCarron,
Don Varvel - David McCarron



Friday Aft Swiss Teams A Tie
James LaFountain - Richard Clarke,
Charlene Sands - Virgil Massey



Thursday Aft Pairs A
Jack Lacy - Harry Akin



Thursday Eve Pairs A & B
Sandra Harris - Bob Bockemuehl



Friday Morn Pairs A & B
Nancy Joe - Mark Craig



Friday Morn Swiss Teams A
Donna Swarouth - Venkatrao Koneru
Dave Swarouth - Virginia Noelke



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



Friday Eve & Saturday Morn Pairs A&B
Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher



Friday Aft Swiss Teams A Tie & B
Martha Norman - Sanae Zaveloff
Sandy Potts - Anita Albert



Saturday Aft Pairs A
Charlene Sands - Virgil Massey



Saturday KO Teams Bkt 1
Jack Lacy - Tom Breed,
Steve Wood - Alex Labry



Friday Aft Pairs A
Joe Black - Wiley McMinn



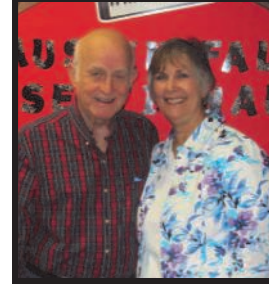
Thursday Aft Swiss Teams B
Sally Bossert - Rita Wiegenstein
Mike Bossert - Bill McIndoo



Friday Morn Swiss Teams B
Sheila Harrison - C. David Mitchell,
David Ticen - Pam Barksdale



Thursday Aft Pairs B & C
Julie McKenna - Gary Marquart



Friday Morn Pairs C
George & Andrea Sullivan



Saturday KO Teams Bkt 2
Sheila Harrison - Pam Barksdale
Eleanor Sherwyn - Don Varvel



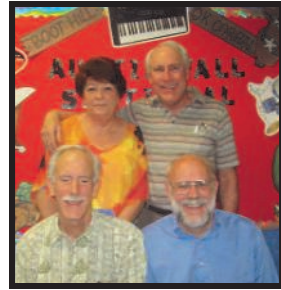
Saturday Aft Pairs B
Kimi Lambert - Kyong Shuey



Friday Morn Swiss Teams C
Ken Rochlen - Marvin Schragger
Larry Smith - David Warner



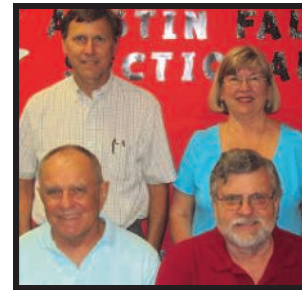
Saturday Aft Pairs C
Jim Glathar - Karen Logan



Sunday Swiss Teams Brkt 2
Charlene Sands, Robert Donathan,
Virgil Massey, Larry Davis



Sunday Swiss Teams Brkt 3
Sharon MacMorran - Ken Rochlen
Ken MacMorran - David Warner



Sunday Swiss Teams Brkt 4
Art Widen - Barbara Clements
Steve Andersen - Richard Clements



Thursday Morn Swiss Teams C
Jo Dee Bowen - Patricia Berry
Melinda Simmen - Rich Ellmer



Thursday Morn Pairs C
Diana Apgar - Dwight Silver



Thursday & Friday Morn 299ers
Pamela & George Holmes



Thursday Morn 299ers
Sheryl Miller - Beth Peterson



Saturday Aft 299ers
Bruce Mansbridge - Julie McKenna



Friday & Saturday Aft 299ers
Ralph & Cynthia Brettschneider



Friday Aft 299ers
Barbara Werth - Anu Chhabra

Unit 224
Fort Phantom



Bette Byrd

We welcome October after a record setting hot September. Unit 224 is participating with six other units in District sixteen in a STAC game, which I will give more information on later in the article. We have had good attendance and it is encouraging to have some new players winning silver points.

Attending the Waco Tournament in August were Monte West from Snyder playing with John Gibson from San Antonio. They were sixth in the overall winnings with 13.40 points. Delinda Verner also picked up 1.86 points.

James and Ann Jay won 8.73 points in the Lubbock Tournament Good Job all of you.

Darla Mawson held an Over/Under game on Friday afternoon. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed playing with the Life Masters. Winning first were Beverly Walker and Jeff Lewis. second were Coyita Bowker and Cleta Dix, third and fourth tied between Desa Lee-Laird, Jim Bertrand, Bobbie Olson and Pat Egdorf. Everyone wants to do that again.

The NAP final was held on September 12 with all flights playing. First overall were Pat Ramsey and Beverly Walker, second were Bette Byrd and Coleen Grisham; third were Betty Henderson and Peggy Ford; fourth and first in B were Delinda Verner and Cleta Dix; second in b were Glynda Gross and Carol Whitten; third in B were Darla Mawson and Coyita Bowker.

We have had some outstanding games this month with numerous pairs at 69% but we have Darla Mawson and

Cleta Dix with a 72.50 in a six table game at Bridge Etc. Glynda Groves and Dee Stearns posted a 73.96 in a Friday afternoon Abilene Duplicate game. Robert Patton and Don Dwyer had a 72.00% game at a Tuesday night Unit Game. Good bridge everyone.

On September 11, Lou McCleskey passed away. Lou had survived four husbands. She had two sons and families. She was a dedicated bridge player. When Bridge Etc. was sanctioned, she and Desa Lee-Laird talked Coleen (Palmer) Grisham into directing the club. They started out playing in Lou's home. As the game outgrew that location, they moved to a motel restaurant and had to haul tables to play. Eventually they talked to the City Senior Center and with the promise of a "bridge" room in the new multi-million dollar center at Rose Park, they hauled both tables and chairs to the old building to play there until the new one was finished. Lou played every session and encouraged all new and seasoned players to enjoy the game. We remember Lou with fondness and appreciation.

James and Ann Jay have reached the Life Master tier of Duplicate Bridge. We held their party during the STAC games on Tuesday night. You should see the necklace he had made for Ann. We are all envious. What more could anyone want than gold cards and diamonds surrounded by more gold. It is truly a work of art.

Pat Ramsey wrote a poem for the Jays that told their story. James and Ann married and had two boys. After they were grown and gone from home, what was there to do in Gorman, Texas? Both of them enjoyed duplicate bridge and decided that they would pursue that passion. No games were nearby so tournaments were the answer. Making new friends for partners and teams and winning points was part of the fun. They are a great

couple and James' humor is rare while Ann is sweet and quite as Pat said. We are glad to have then play in Abilene as often as possible.

The STAC games began on Monday evening with local winners N/S A1 Bette Byrd, Coleen Grisham; A2 Jo Smith, Robert Patton; A3 B1 C1 Jim Bertrand, Tina Bertrand. E/W A1 Ed Grant, Lera Lewis; A2 B1 Jim Alvis, Coyita Bowker; A3 Peggy Ford, Carol Whitten; C1 Beverly Joosten, Desa Lee-Laird.

District overall winners from our unit were second Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd, third Jo Smith and Robert Patton, fifth/sixth were Ed Grant and Lera Lewis, sixth in C were Jim Alvis and Coyita Bowker.

Tuesday afternoon at Bridge Etc. winners were N/S A1 Coleen Grisham, Bette Byrd; A2 B1 Barbara Bridges, Norma Labarthe; A3 B2 Richard Pike, Coyita Bowker; C1 James and Ann Jay. E/W A1 Robert Patton, Jo Smith; A2 B1 C1 Jim Alvis, Jackie Stowe; A3 B2 Jeff Lewis, Glynda Groves.

District overall winners were third Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd, fifth Robert Patton and Jo Smith; seventh in A, third in B and third in C were Jim Alvis and Jackie Stowe.

Tuesday evening unit game winners were A1 B1 Warren Haney, Monte West; tied A2/3 Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd; Robert and Sue Patton. B2 Pattons. E/W A1 Ed Grant, Lera Lewis; A2 B1 C1 David Samuelson, Desa Lee-Laird; A3 Pat Ramsey, Jo Smith; B2 Jim Alvis, Coyita Bowker.

District overall winners were first in A Ed Grant and Lera Lewis, third in B and second in C were Davis Samuelson and Desa Lee-Laird, fourth in B were Warren Haney and Monte West, fifth in B were Robert and Sue Patton.

Wednesday at WW Bridge winners

were A1 Carol Whitten, Ed Grant; A2 Glynda Groves, Beverly Walker; A3 Robert Patton, Dee Stearns; A4 Pat Ramsey, Betty Henderson; B2 C1 Bill and Rosemary Johnson.

District overall winners were second in A, first in B Ed Grant and Carol Whitten; fifth in A Glynda Groves and Beverly Walker, fifth in C Bill and Rosemary Johnson.

Thursday afternoon at Bridge Etc. winners were N/S A1 B1 Glynda Groves, Carol Whitten; A2 B2 Warren Haney, Martha Murphy A4 B1; C1 Maria Montes, Richard Pike. E/W A1 B1 Cleta Dix, Darla Mawson; A2 B2 C1 Jeff Lewis, Jim Alvis.

District overall winners were fifth in A fourth in B Carol Whitten and Glynda Groves, sixth in B Cleta Dix and Darla Mawson. fourth in C Jeff Lewis and Jim Alvis.

District overall winners for Thursday night 299er game and local game were first in A Jim Alvis and Jeff Lewis, second in A, first in B Mary Swinney and Beverly Joosten, third in A second in B Claude and Barbara Payne, third in B, first in C Barbara Swagerty and Zane Travis

Friday afternoon Abilene Duplicate Game winners were .A1 B1 Jackie Sonnenburg. Carol Whitten; A2 B2 Ann and James Jay; A3 Glynda Groves, Dee Stearns; A4 Jo Smith, Pat Ramsey

District overall winners were second in A Carol Whitten and Jackie Sonnenburg, sixth in B and third in C were James and Ann Jay.

Saturday afternoon Unit game winners were A1 Coleen Grisham, Bette Byrd; A2 Glynda Groves. Dee Stearns; A3 Carol Whitten, Jackie Sonnenburg; A4 B1 Robert Patton, Beverly Joosten B2 Darla Mawson, Delinda Verna.

We have an impressive list of overall

point winners in district as follows:
4th Carol Whitten, 8th Ed Grant, 11/12th Bette Byrd, Coleen Grisham, 17th Robert Patton, 23rd Glynda Groves, 24th Jackie Sonnenburg, 27th Jo Smith, 29th Lera Lewis, 35th Jim Alvis, 70th Dee Stearns, 76th Jeff Lewis, 80th Coyita Bowker, 87th Warren Haney, 96th Darla Mawson, 98th Beverly Joosten, 105 Pat Ramsey, 106 Beverly Walker, 126/127 James Jay, Ann Jay, 135 Desa Lee-Laird, 138 Monte West, 139/140 Norma Labarthe Barbara Bridges, 143 Betty Henderson, 147 Cleta Dix, 156 Richard Pike, 162 David Samuelson, 181 Mary Swinney, 182 Martha Murphy, 189 Sue Patton, 209/211 Jim Bertrand, Tina Bertrand, 212/213 Barbara Payne, Claude Payne, 227/228 Rosemary Johnson, Bill Johnson, 242 Delinda Verner, 244 Barbara Swagarty, 245 Zane Travis, 271 Mary Lou Gross,

We appreciate everyone playing to make the required five tables. Thanks to all of you As the Texas Rangers say "NEVER EVER QUIT" See you at the table.

thanks, Bette

Abilene Harvest

October 16-18, 2015
59 players. 68 tables.

- 1 12.07 Carol Whitten
- 2 11.32 Virginia Noelke
- 3 11.32 Neal Perlman
- 4 11.23 Kendall Early
- 5 11.23 Eugene Lux
- 6 8.53 Nancy Jean Harris
- 7 8.53 Barbara Wright
- 8 8.45 Betty Sue Henry
- 9 8.39 Pat Ramsey,
- 10 8.19 Dee Stearns,

Friday Aft Open Pairs-12.5 Tables
ABC1. Craig Caldwell-Gigette Caldwell AB2. Eddy Rice-Verle Rice 2. Tiffany Wagstaff-Sue Patton

Friday Eve Open Pairs-9.0 Tables
 AB1. Eugene Lux-Kendall Early A 2.
 Neal Perlman-Virginia Noelke B2.
 Norma Murray-Joan Crowell C1.
 Wright Barnebey, Rocksprings -;
 Linda Reichenau C2. Beverly Joosten
 -Sue Patton
Saturday Morn Open Pairs-10.0

Tables AB1 Barbara Wright-Nancy
 Jean Harris, San Angelo-65.73%
 3.44 B2. Betty Sue Henry-Sharon
 Haney, San Angelo-61.61%
 2.58 3 2. Eugene Lux-Kendall Early 1
 Craig Caldwell-Gigette Caldwell
 Robert Patton-Glynda Groves 2.
 Paula Baggett, Odessa -; P Scott

Vaughan
Saturday Eve Open Pairs-5.5 Ta-
bles AB1. Edward Grant-Carol
 Whitten B2. Neal Perlman-Virginia
 Noelke C2. Eugene Lux-Kendall
 Early
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-13.0 Ta-
bles A1. Betty Henderson, Abilene -;

Pat Ramsey A2B1. Barbara Wright-
 Nancy Jean Harris B2. Eugene Lux-
 Kendall Early B1 Rosemary Johnson-
 Clela Dix Wright Barnebey, Rock-
 springs -; Linda Reichenau
Sunday Swiss Teams-9 Tables AB1.
 Robert Patton-Dee Stearns-Carol
 Whitten-Glynda Groves A2. Vicky

Fisher-Betty Sue Henry-Iris Warren-
 Judy Wilde B2. Gloria Rowland-
 Betty Wilkinson, Athens -; Coleen
 Grisham-Bette Byrd C1. Larry Het-
 tick, Wall -Anna Thomas-Jerre
 McAfee-David McAfee

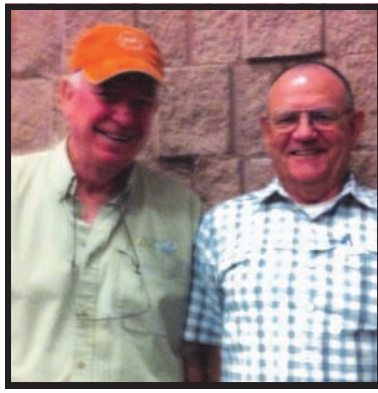
ABILENE HARVEST SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Aft Pairs A,B,&C
 Saturday Morn Pairs C
 Gigette & Craig Caldwell



Saturday Morn Pairs A&B
 Saturday Aft Pairs B
 Barbara Wright, Nancy Jean Harris



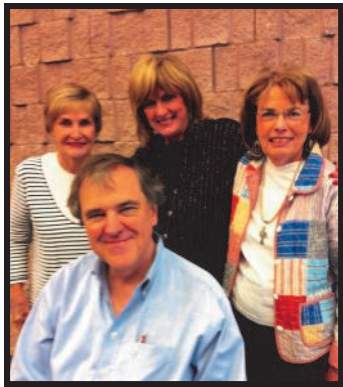
Friday Eve Pairs A&B
 Kendall Early, Gene Lux



Saturday Aft Pairs A
 Pat Ramsey, Betty Henderson



Saturday Eve Pairs A&B
 Ed Grant, Carol Whitten



Sunday Swiss Team A
 Dee Stearns, Carol Whitten,
 Glynda Groves, Robert Patton



Friday Eve Pairs C
 Linda Reichenau, Wright Barnebey



Saturday Aft Pairs C
 Rosemary Johnson, Clela Dix



Sunday Swiss B
 Barbara & Michael Estep
 Buck Buchanan, Don Reynolds



Sunday Swiss C
 Larry Hettick, David McAfee,
 Anna Thomas, Jerre McAfee



Sunday Swiss D

Unit 225 East Texas

Diane Squyres



It's not too late to make plans for
 Tournament of Stars in Tyler Nov. 9th
 -15th!

Unsung Heroes

Linda Harrison writes, "I would like
 to recognize and thank Sandy Lans-
 ing, Frank Harrison, Ed Loutherbach,
 Charles Sanders and Jim Kober for
 all they do each game to assist me.
 They make my job much easier." A
 sweet woman named Mary Graham
 sends something "delish" for every
 game at the Longview DBC. She
 happens to be Director Mike Graham's
 83 year-old amazing mom. Mike
 wanted to thank Diann Greifenkamp
 and Patsy Wood for all their yummy
 goodies. And for all of us at the club,
 Mike says, "We are pleased to have
 our own Fairy Godmother, Terry
 Slater, back after many, many months!"
 Mike also reports, "Longview DBC's
 decorator extraordinaire, Janie Wolaver,
 has done it again! Janie ordered
 beautiful new cabinetry and pulls for
 our club and had them installed." Thanks
 to this very generous lady and her
 husband, Jerrell.

You can now find the board minutes
 on our website (<http://www.acblunit225.com>).

Barbara Bradford is going to be
 doing communications for the Unit
 Board. She will be making sure
 everyone knows what goes on when
 the Board meets. Great idea!

Unit Games

We will be having 0-499er games.
 If you need a partner call Sally
 McAnulty (903-567-8237) or Sandy
 Hilliard (hm 903-567-5670, cell 903-
 880-8199).

On Aug. 8th, the N/S pair of Shirley
 Shelton/Shirley Matthews raked in 1st
 place, Chester Neel/Bonnie Magee
 picked up 2nd and Nelda Avent/
 Dorothy McCasland hauled off 3rd.
 Sitting E/W, Emily Leake/Brenda

Baker snatched up 1st and 1st OA,
 while Diane Dunn/ Nancy Hargis
 scooped in 2nd and Gloria Rowland/
 Betty Wilkerson grabbed 3rd.

On Sept. 9th sitting N/S, Mary and
 Don Bartley grabbed 1st, Diane Dun-
 can/Bonnie Gorman seized 2nd and J
 Lynn Allen/Judy Adams high-
 stepped it with 3rd. Emily Leake/
 Brenda Baker on the E/W side thun-
 dered into 1st and 1st OA while Jean
 Roach/Sandy Hilliard wrangled 2nd
 and Jack Yarbrough/Roy Read made
 off with 3rd.

70% Games

This first item should have been in
 the last *Scorecard*. Jimmy Wright /
 Brenda Baker scored a 75.54% game
 in Athens on August 27th. That will
 be in an upcoming *Bridge Bulletin*.
 I'm sorry for the goof! On Sept. 7th
 at the Sheila Bell DBC, Fred and Sam-
 mie Borum scored 70.14%. Jeff
 Brown and Fred Borum scored a
 70.83% on Sept. 28th. Mike Graham/
 Dorothy McCasland scored a 70% on
 Sept. 14th at the Longview DBC.
 Cliff Dillard/Brenda Baker had a
 71.50% game at the Rose City DBC.
 At The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek
 on Aug. 21st, Dick and Mary Hinkle
 got a 73.06% and on Sept. 2nd, Bar-
 bara McMinn/Larry Laudig scored a
 72.69%.

Linda Harrison sent this update, "We
 are continuing to have a terrific re-
 sponse from bridge players at the
 Pittsburg and Lake Cypress Clubs.
 We are having 7-8 tables on a regu-
 lar basis at both clubs. Several
 members are attending the 8-week
 bridge lessons by Mike Graham in
 Longview. They are interested in
 learning more and improving their
 game. Both clubs are player friendly
 and we always have lots of delicious
 food, compliments of the many play-
 ers who are great cooks. Pittsburg
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 Matchpoint game on 10/16 at
 11:30. This is a special game award-
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Brenda Baker reports, "We are sad-
 dened that a longtime duplicate
 player in Tyler, Betty Kirkwood and
 the widow of Buddy Kirkwood, died
 in late September."

Barbara Bradford is going to be
 doing communications for the Unit
 Board. She will be making sure
 everyone knows what goes on when
 the Board meets. Great idea!

Incoming board members are Fred
 Borem, Barbara Bradford,
 Patsy Gorden and Peggy Painter will
 join members Sandy Hilliard, Charles
 Ford, Shirley Matthews, Rick Davis,
 Dan Cowling, Wanda Allen, Hilda
 Hahn, and Sally McAnulty. We are
 grateful for your unselfish service
 and wisdom in guiding us.

Every club has 2 or more members,
 depending on the size of the club,
 who do so much to help the club run
 in an orderly manner, set up parties,
 and help with many more tasks.
 We'd like to recognize these people
 in our individual clubs.
 The Longview DBC has many help-
 ers so we'll start with just a few.
 There's this incredibly sweet woman
 named Mary Graham who sends
 something "delish" for every game.
 She happens to be Director Mike
 Graham's 83 year-old amazing mom.
 Mike wanted to thank Diann
 Greifenkamp and Patsy Wood for
 all their yummy goodies. And for all
 of us at the club, as Mike says, "We
 are pleased to have our own Fairy
 Godmother, Terry Slater, back after
 many, many months!"

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Unit 233 Central Texas

Helen Levy



Our sympathy goes out to Minta
 McCauley of Waco on the loss of her

Unit 237 Magic Valley Sectional

December 11-13, 2015

Las Palmas Community Center
1921 N. 25th St. & E. Sycamore
McAllen, TX 78501
956-681-3350

Friday and Saturday

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

9:30am/1:45pm

Fees: \$11.00 per session

\$3.00 extra non or unpaid ACBL Members

Sunday

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 9:30am/TBA

Fees: \$100.00 per team

(Complimentary Lunch every day between sessions)

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

(Average of pair and team)

Complimentary Coffee, Tea, and Snacks Daily

Tournament Chair
Johnny Johnson
956-357-3938

Partnership Chair
Gretchen Chapa
956-682-0460

Club Manager for the 600 Duplicate Club which plays on Monday afternoons at the CAC in Temple. In the last Scorecard Nancy Clements and Sue Morgan were pictured as winners of the Friday afternoon 299ers in the Bridge on the Brazos tournament. Under the picture Sue's name should be corrected to Sue Morgan.

Welcome to new member, Jacque Johnston of Temple. Now that she has partially retired from teaching, she has time to play a little bridge. My weekly "bridge camp" has resulted in two new members, Jacque Johnston and Charlotte Johnson. So my advice is to teach your friends to play bridge and bring them to a duplicate game. They will soon be "hooked" like the rest of us.

Congratulations to the following who achieved 70% in August and September: 70.42%, Tom Corlett/Bill Parish at Rolling Hills, 71.25%, Melody Euler/James La Fountain, 70.83%, Stephen Olson/Helen Simonette at Temple Duplicate, 70%, David Pennington/Phyllis Nichols at the Bridge Studio, 71.882%, Pat Kelly/Barbara Kirstein, 70.42%, Asa Waterman/Mike Bukala, 75.58%, Andrew Smalley/Walter Winters at Stillwell, 70.83%, Betty Robinson/Tom Corlett at Sul Ross.

Don't miss our Unit Christmas party and election on December 6 at the CAC in Temple.

Thanks to Jan Hart, V-P, Unit 233 for reporting for Helen Levy this month.



Hope many of you saw the blood Moon picture taken over the Dallas skyline at ten minute intervals. It was beautiful and awesome. But in spite of the many distractions such as the blood moon, the election, Isis, football, etc. bridge keeps irresistibly calling us back to the game and additionally to the great people that play the game.

Bridge Paradise Masterpoint Leaders were Carolyn Kay with 3.56, Nancy Purcell with 3.56, Margie Brown with 3.26, Faye Morrison with 3.26, Margaret Kirkland with 2.67, Dee McKinley with 2.67, and Shirley

Bond with 2.38.

High Percentage Games were Carolyn Kay and Nancy Purcell with 64.81, and Faye Morrison and Margie Brown with 61.90.

Unit Game results were Faye Morrison and Joyce Lo were 64.58, Lois Roberson and Wanda Gaynor were 62.20, Margie Brown and Patti Hofer, were 59.52 and Gladys Barley and Julia Lucas were 58.04 and Susan Brower and Joan Paradeis were 56.55.

Bridge Center Leaders were Tomy Johnson at 4.48, Dave Hertzog at 4.16, Shirley Bond at 4.09, Wanda Hughes at 3.73, and Margaret Kirkland at 3.05.

High Percentage Games were Dee McKinley and Nancy Purcell with 65.48, Tomy Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 64.17, Dee McKinley and Margaret Kirkland with 64.00, Cula Burch and Bernie Lange with 63.10

Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders were Susan Couch with 21.15, Anne Halsell with 19.72, Ruth Streit with 12.50, Carole Tucker with 10.39, Arvella Storrs with 7.90, and Jan Hartin with 7.90.

High Percentage Games were Ann Tucker and Ruth Streit with 72.00, Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 72.00, Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 71.00, Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 69.05, Ruth Streit and Barbara Quinby with 67.50.

Bridge A-Gap Master Point Leaders were Faye Morrison with 4.56, Tony Abernathy with 4.25, Margaret Kirkland with 3.49, Cula Burch with 3.10, Cay Abrams with 2.89, Nancy Purcell with 2.82, and Bernie Lange with 2.60.

High Percentage Game were Cay Abrams and Margaret Kirkland with 71.00, Joyce Lo and Joan Paradeis with 69.00, and Margaret Kirkland and Kathleen Brown with 66.07 and Clay Abrams and Margaret Kirkland with 64.16.

We want to give a special thanks to our President for her hard work in putting together our new web page which is www.wichitafalls-bridge.org. She is such a hard worker and doesn't toot her horn over her

accomplishments

Have not been given the results of our tournament yet. Will send them as soon as I get them.

Wichita Falls Sectional

Devol, OK

Sep 25-27, 2015

67 players. 73 tables.

- 1 19.77 Linda Hughes
- 2 19.77 Charles Scallon
- 3 19.26 Robert Adams
- 4 19.26 Marion Gebhardt
- 5 18.22 Joann Court
- 6 18.22 Ann Aliotta
- 7 14.61 Shelba Parmley
- 8 14.61 Bill Ream
- 9 12.40 Shirley Shaddix
- 10 12.40 Barbara Whittlesey

Sat Morn Open Pairs-9.5 Tables
A1. Shelba Parmley-Bill Ream A2. Charles Scallon-Linda Hughes B1. Susan Brower-Michael Terry B2C1. Jeanne Long-Samuel Smith C2. Tony Abernethy-Robert Phillips

Sat Aft Open Pairs-11.5 Tables A1. Charles Scallon-Linda Hughes A2. Shelba Parmley-Bill Ream B1. Dale Ginn-Willie Baker Jr, B2. Lori Moore-Robert Maul C1. Jeanne Long-Samuel Smith C2. Saranell Farr-Jolene Huddleston

Fri-Sat KO Bkt 1-6 Tables 1. Robert Adams-Joann Court-Ann Aliotta-Marion Gebhardt 2. Shirley Shaddix-Carolyn Bryan-H Wendell Williams-Barbara Whittlesey

Fri Eve Open Pairs-7.5 Tables A1. Anne Halsell-Susan Couch A2B1. Robert Phillips-Amy Conley B2C1. Paula Bevill-Minnie Williams C2. Jeanne Long-Samuel Smith

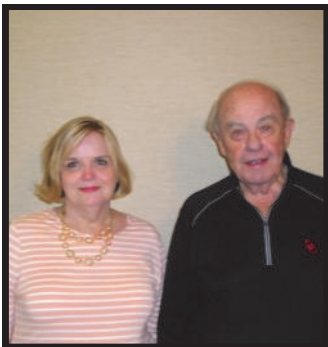
Fri Aft Open Pairs-14.0 Tables A1. Linda Hughes-Charles Scallon A2. Robert Adams-Marion Gebhardt B1. Gladys Barley-Nancy Purcell B2C1. Jeanne Long-Samuel Smith Dale Ginn-Joan Paradeis C2. Marsha May-Martha Keller

Sunday Swiss Teams-9 Tables A1. Charles Scallon-Linda Hughes-Bill Ream-Shelba Parmley A2. Ann Aliotta-Joann Court-Robert Adams-Marion Gebhardt BC1. Sammie Johnson-Brigitte Cyr-Betsy Parks-Whittie Rainwater BC2. Patty Hofer-Amy Conley-Bernie Lange-Cula Burch

WICHITA FALLS SECTIONAL WINNERS



Friday & Saturday KO Teams
Ann Aliotta, Marion Gebhardt,
Joann Court, Robert Adams



Friday & Saturday Aft Open Pairs A
Linda Hughes, Charles Scallon



Friday Eve Open Pairs A
Anne Halsell, Susan Couch



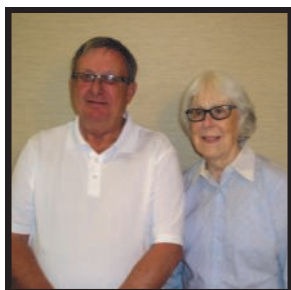
Saturday Morn Open Pairs A
Shelba Parmley, Bill Ream



Sunday Swiss Team A
Shelba Parmley, Bill Ream,
Linda Hughes



Friday Aft Open Pairs B
Nancy Purcell, Gladys Barley



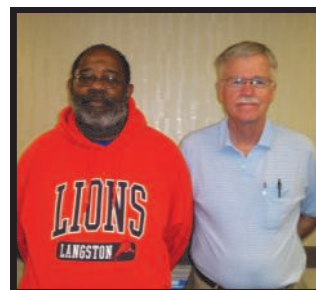
Friday Aft Open Pairs C
Saturday Morn & Aft Open Pairs C
Jeanne Long, Samuel Smith



Friday Eve Open Pairs B
Amy Conley, Robert Phillips



Friday Eve Open Pairs C
Paula Bevill, Minnie Williams



Saturday Aft Open Pairs B
Dale Ginn, Willie Baker, Jr



Sunday Swiss Team B
Sammie Johnson, Whittie Rainwater,
Brigitte Cyr, Betsy Parks

beloved husband, Clyde, who was a long time bridge player. Clyde was not only a good bridge player, but was known for his kindness and friendliness to everyone.

Lynn Sykes of Belton has agreed to replace David Pennington as our representative to the District Board. Thank you, David, for attending these meetings and keeping us apprised of district business for 10 years. Thanks goes to Asa Waterman for agreeing to

be the new webmaster for our unit. Our Board was honored to welcome District President Paul Cuneo to our last board meeting. We want to thank him for his time and effort in traveling to Temple. A new 0-300 club is opening on October 8 in Waco at the Harrison Senior Center. Alicia Smith is the manager and it is being directed by Elaine Lyles every Thursday. Congratulations to Don Grider of Georgetown for achieving Bronze Life Master. Stephen Olson is now

Houston Unit 174 proudly presents the 55th annual

Lone Star Regional

February 1-7, 2016



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Reservations: 713-978-7400, 1-888-236-2427
Room Rates: \$119
Cut-off date for room rates: January 15, 2016



Daily Open Pair Championships

Mon	Charity Pairs (extra points).....	2:30 & 7:30 pm
Tue	AX, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 am & 2:30 pm
Wed	AX, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 am & 2:30 pm
Thu	AX, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 am & 2:30 pm
Fri	AX, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 am & 2:30 pm
Sat	AX, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 am & 2:30 pm
Sun	Open Pairs (2 sessions) & Side Game	9:30 am & TBA

26+ boards expected in all two session open pair games

Three Side Game Series

Your best two games count toward the overalls.

Morning Series	Tuesday-Saturday.....	10 am
Afternoon Series	Monday-Saturday.....	2:30 pm
Evening Series	Monday-Saturday.....	7:30 pm

Knockouts & Swiss Every Day

Bracketed KO 1	Tuesday & Wednesday at 10 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed KO 2	Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed KO 3	Thursday & Friday at 10 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed KO 4	Friday & Saturday at 10 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed KO (3 session).....	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7:30 pm
Night Bracketed Swiss 1	Wednesday & Thursday at 7:30 pm
Night Bracketed Swiss 2	Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)	Monday-Friday at 2:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)	Saturday at 10 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified Swiss (single session)	Tuesday-Friday at 2:30 pm
Stratified Swiss (single session)	Thursday at 7:30 pm
Strati-Flighted Swiss (2 sessions).....	Sunday at 9:30 am & TBA

KOs may be handicapped

Stratification & Flighting

Stratified Events.....	A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
Ax Pairs.....	A: 5000+; Ax: 0-5000 (A & Ax play together)
Mid-Flight Pairs.....	B: 1500-3000; Bx: 0-1500 (B & Bx play together)
Gold Rush Pairs.....	C: 300-750; Cx: 0-300 (C & Cx play together)
Strati-Flighted Swiss... A: 4000+; Ax: 0-4000 (A & AX play together)	
	B: 0-3000 Bracketed
Bracketed Swiss.....	Brackets of 9 teams by average MP holding

*Team or pair average used for all stratified events and within flights for strati-flighted events
Strats may vary at the Director's discretion.*

Intermediate-Newcomer Schedule

49er & 299er pairs Monday at 2:30 & 7:30 pm

49er pairs Tuesday-Saturday at 10 am & 2:30 pm

299er pairs Tuesday-Saturday 10 am, 2:30 & 7:30 pm

0-5 Pairs at 10 am & 2:30 pm each day
if attendance warrants

Session and overall awards will be red points.

At the end of the tournament, the I/N player amassing the most points will be awarded a special trophy.

I/N Strats

299er Events.....A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100

49er Events.....A: 20-50 B: 5-20 C: 0-5

I/N Chair: Sheryl Thomas

713-553-9682, kaljack02@hotmail.com

0-750 Win Gold!

Eight Bracketed Swiss Events

Top four teams in each bracket win **GOLD!**

Tuesday-Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (10 am & 2:30 pm)

All who have section tops and/or place in the overalls in Flight C win **GOLD!**

Hospitality

Sandra Parker: 281-980-3424 / spcaralinda@gmail.com

Lectures Tuesday-Saturday at 2 pm

Topics to be announced.

Entry Fees \$13 for all events

\$4 additional per session for non & unpaid ACBL members

**21 Team Event Opportunities,
15 Gold Rush Events!**

For full schedule see www.acblunit174.org

Club Director's Refresher Course

Sunday, January 31 from 6-9 pm and Monday, February 1 from 9 am-noon

For information or to register contact Nancy Strohmer at 713-882-0626

or email: nastrohmer@yahoo.com

Lone Star Regional

Monday, February 1

Charity Pairs (Extra Points!)	2:30 & 7:30
Side Pairs	2:30 & 7:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	2:30 & 7:30
49'r & 299'r Pairs	2:30 & 7:30
0-5 Pairs	2:30 & 7:30

Tuesday, February 2

A/AX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
B/BX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series	10:00
299'r Pairs	10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
49'r Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Tue-Wed KO #1 (sessions 1 & 2)	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series	2:30
Stratified Swiss (single session)	2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	2:30 & 7:30
Evening Bracketed KO (session 1 of 3)	7:30
Evening Side Game Series	7:30

Wednesday, February 3

A/AX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
B/BX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series	10:00
299'r Pairs	10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
49'r Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Tue-Wed KO #1 (sessions 3 & 4)	10:00 & 2:30
Wed-Thur KO #2 (sessions 1 & 2)	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series	2:30
Stratified Swiss (single session)	2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	2:30 & 7:30
Evening Bracketed Swiss (session 1 of 2)	7:30
Evening Bracketed KO (session 2 of 3)	7:30
Evening Side Game Series	7:30

Section Top Awards in Pairs and for First Place Teams in KO and Swiss

The Awards desk will be open 1 hour before each session.

Caddy Chair and Head Caddy

Abbie LeCesne: 702-617-0775 / errolbridge@att.net

Thursday, February 4

A/AX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
B/BX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series	10:00
299'r Pairs	10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
49'r Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Wed-Thur KO #2 (sessions 3 & 4)	10:00 & 2:30
Thur-Fri KO #3 (sessions 1 & 2)	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series	2:30
Stratified Swiss (single session)	2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	2:30 & 7:30
Stratified Swiss (single session)	7:30
Evening Bracketed Swiss (session 2 of 2)	7:30
Evening Bracketed KO (session 3 of 3)	7:30
Evening Side Game Series	7:30

Friday, February 5

A/AX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
B/BX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series	10:00
299'r Pairs	10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
49'r Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Thur-Fri KO #3(sessions 3 & 4)	10:00 & 2:30
Fri-Sat KO #4 (sessions 1 & 2)	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series	2:30
Stratified Swiss (single session)	2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	2:30 & 7:30
Evening Bracketed Swiss (session 1 of 2)	7:30
Evening Side Game Series	7:30

Saturday, February 6

A/AX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
B/BX Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series	10:00
299'r Pairs	10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
49'r Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs	10:00 & 2:30
Fri-Sat KO #4 (sessions 3 & 4)	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series	2:30
Evening Bracketed Swiss (session 2 of 2)	7:30
Evening Side Game Series	7:30

Sunday, February 7

Open Pairs	9:30 & TBA
Side Games	9:30 & TBA
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams	9:30 & TBA

Hospitality

TBD