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Bart Bramley-Ira Hessel Second in NAP Flight A Barbara Ferm-Juanita Chambers Second in Women's Swiss



Bart Bramley - Ira Hessel



Juanita Chambers



Barbara Ferm

Dan Morse

District 16
Representative



appointment as Co-Chair of the Goodwill committee.

Grass roots Funds will now be dispersed to the Districts no more than 90 days after Grass Roots month. Thanks to Paul Cueno for this suggestion.

APPEALS AT NATIONALS

ACBL Tournament Directors shall hear and rule upon all appeals at NABC'S. All conduct and ethics or disciplinary matters shall continue to be referred to and heard by the NABC Tournament Committee or its assignees.

LEAGUE COUNSEL

The post of League Counsel is abolished effective August 1, 2016. The CEO shall hire as a full time employee an "in house Counsel" as soon as possible thereafter.

Anyone interested in this job should contact the ACBL CEO.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE'S

For hearing at the ACBL Ethical Oversight, Disciplinary and appeals and charges committees, the advocate selected to appear at the hearing may be an attorney.

The Board created an Anti-Cheating Committee. This will be composed of at least five expert players.

TEAM ENTRY FEES

For team events held at NABC's, in which all team members receive full overall masterpoint awards, entry fees will be charged on a per person basis. This is optional for Sectionals and Regionals. Your District Board will be discussing this if anyone has a strong opinion.

The cooperative advertising program will now be reimbursed at 50% with a max of \$500.

A full copy of the minutes will be on the ACBL website if anyone would like to examine it.

Looking forward to seeing you at the tables.

All the best, Dan

Reno Report

It was interesting playing bridge at three Casinos. There were 4 different sites and lots of walking (all right past slot machines and blackjack tables). Lots of temptation but most stuck to playing bridge. The ACBL estimated there would be 12,000 tables but came up about 340 short. It was still successful because expenses were less than most sites. The playing area and the hotels were nice, the only drawback was the smoking that was allowed on the carpet at the 3 casinos.

ACBL Membership on February 1 was 168,403. That's 717 more than 1 year ago. The 2015 club table count was 3,146,410 of which 1,014,501 are from online games. There are approximately 3100 clubs we renew game sanctions for each year. More than 2,200 are using the online sanction renewal game sanctions. I hope the rest of the clubs will consider using this also as it is better for the clubs and the ACBL.

Clubs that have a sanctioned mp limited game may not declare such game as open when there is a STAC.

2014 Tournament tables are down slightly at Regional's, Sectionals, and STACs. I predict they will be back up next year.

The ACBL adopted a Vision Statement: BRIDGE IS REGARDED AS THE WORLD'S MOST REWARDING AND ENJOYABLE CARD GAME.

Congratulations to Eddie Wold for his appointment to the Ethical oversight committee and for being elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Chris Compton for winning the Barry Crane award for most masterpoints in 2015.

Congratulations to Janise Saul for her

Tomi Storey

District 16
President



turn them off.

Speaking of the GNT—if you haven't formed your team yet, you still have time. In past years, teams have had to prequalify at the unit level in all brackets before playing at the district finals. This year, A, B, and C enter directly at the District level at the Dallas Memorial Day Sectional, so team up and show up to win a trip to the Washington DC NABC! These grassroots events are a great way to play in a major event and be subsidized by the District. Best of luck to all who enter! And congratulations to Bart Bramley and Ira Hessel for placing second in the Flight A NAP and to Wes Peirce and Thomas Rush for third in Flight C! We had a number of pairs representing us at all levels in the Reno NABC, but their finishes were great!

I received an email from a player congratulating the district on the new phone policy and asking for help on another problem – fragrance. She played against someone who had over indulged in perfume and her allergies paid the price. It's difficult, if not impossible, to police a subjective issue, but more and more tournaments are trying to be fragrance free. Please keep the health issues of others in mind before splashing on the after-shave or dabbing on your perfume.

I'm always happy to hear from you if you have a question, a concern, or a question about anything at any level – club, unit, district or national. Email is the best way to reach me if we don't get a chance to talk at a game -- it's skeeter303@yahoo.com.

See you at the table!

David Sokolow

Senior NABC
Correspondent



The Spring NABC in Reno was not District 16's finest: no wins, and just two seconds in NABC events. Be advised—I may have to pontificate (rabbificate?) about the finer points of contract or corporate law in my next column if I don't get more to work with at the summer nationals!

Bart Bramley of Dallas and Ira Hessel of San Antonio were second in the North American Pairs Flight A. Bart had an outstanding tournament: he also finished tenth in the Platinum Pairs and the Open Swiss Teams. Poor Ira! This was his fourth runner-up finish in an NABC event. The elusive win is all Ira needs to become a Grand Life Master, the ACBL's highest rank (he's already surpassed the 10,000 masterpoint threshold). Still, finishing second out of the thousands of pairs who played in this event starting at the club level is no mean feat. Congratulations to you both!

Barbara Ferm of Dallas and Juanita Chambers of Garland followed up their second-place finish in the Women's Board-a-Match in Denver with a runner-up finish in the Women's Swiss-- as I predicted in my article on the Denver NABC ("This was Barbara's first time to shine in an NABC event, but it won't be her last!"). What a prestidigitator! Wait--I mean prevaricator! No—prognosticator! They came so close—the margin of victory was less than one IMP. Still, another fine showing by this Dallas-based duo.

Wes Pierce of The Woodlands and G Thomas Rush of Houston finished third in the North American Pairs Flight B. After qualifying in 39th place, they parlayed a 63.68% game in the first final session with a 55.53% game in the second final into a third-place finish. That's clutch bridge. Congratulations on a fine showing. Go get 'em next year!

Several other District 16 players scaled the top ten in NABC events.

Justin Lall, Plano, was 5/8 in the Vanderbilt KO Teams, and sixth in the Platinum Pairs. Georgiana Gates, Pat Levy, and Mary Pat Gentry, Houston, finished fourth in the Women's Swiss. Ellen Hessel, San Antonio, and Nancy Passell, Plano, ended up sixth in the Women's Pairs. Jack Lacy, Austin, and Tom Breed, Kingwood, were seventh in the Silver Ribbon Pairs. In the Open Swiss, Mike Passell, Plano, and Chris Compton, Dallas, landed fourth, Bob Hamman, Dallas, fifth, and Sam Dinkin, Austin, sixth. Finally, there's one pair I forgot to include in my Denver "honor roll": Stefanie Scott, Little Elm, and Kristen Onsgard, Dallas, finished tenth in the Women's Board-a-Match. My apologies for the omission!

The summer 2016 NABC will be held in Washington, DC, from July 21-31, at the Marriott Wardman Park. Washington is one of the most popular sites for a national so be sure to reserve early. The host hotel is conveniently situated across Connecticut Avenue from a variety of ethnic restaurants and the Washington zoo. If you want to take a break from bridge, there are also a myriad of monuments, museums, and historic sites to see. One of my favorites is the Newseum, an interactive museum of news and journalism. I have yet to find any of my articles from the Scorecard on display, but hope springs eternal! C U 'n DC.

- 221.49 Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 160.00 Justin Lall, Plano
- 126.38 Bob Hamman, Dallas
- 115 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 91.62 Mike Passell, Plano
- 91.62 Chris Compton, Dallas
- 80.36 Dan Morse, Houston
- 73.08 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 71.48 Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 71.36 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 56.99 Eddie Wold, Houston
- 54.43 Nancy Passell, Plano
- 52.47 G Thomas Rush, Houston
- 50.44 Wes Peirce, The Woodlands
- 49.49 Juanita Chambers, Dallas
- 47.47 Sam Dinkin, Austin
- 44.55 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio
- 42.98 Jack Lacy, Lago Vista
- 42.18 Tom Breed, Kingwood
- 40.64 Georgiana Gates, Houston
- 37.18 Tobi Sokolow, Austin

- 36.72 Mary McGinnis, Dallas
- 36.72 Jim Harp, Dallas
- 36.45 John Schwartz, Plano

Baldwin NAP Flight A

- 2 Bart Bramley, Dallas
- Ira Hessel, San Antonio

GOLDER NAP FLIGHT B

- 3 Wes Peirce, The Woodlands ;
- G Thomas Rush, Houston

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON

- 6 Jack Lacy, Lago Vista
- Tom Breed, Kingwood
- 16 Tobi Sokolow - Louis Sachar, Austin
- 19 Juanita Chambers, Dallas

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

- 17 William & Donna Garrard, Irving

SILODOR OPEN PAIRS

- 37 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 39 Gary King - Anthony Bianchi, Houston

Machlin Womens Swiss

- 2 Barbara Ferm-Juanita Chambers, Dallas
- 4 Georgiana Gates - Pat Levy
- Mary Pat Gentry, Houston

SMITH LIFE MASTER WOMEN'S

- 6 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio
- Nancy Passell, Plano
- 12 Georgiana Gates, Houston

10K SWISS TEAMS

- 16 Nancy Passell-John Schwartz, Plano
- James Thurtell, Dallas
- Bill Staats, Southlake

LEBHAR IMP PAIRS

- 31 Louis Sachar Tobi Sokolow, Austin
- 33 Mark Feldman, Austin
- 48 Robert Morris, Houston
- Betty Starzec, Sugar Land

Kay Platinum Pairs

- 6 Justin Lall, Plano
- 10 Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 18 Eddie Wold, Houston

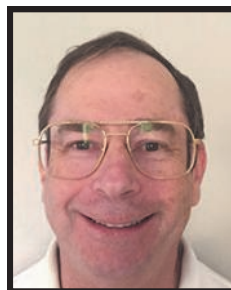
Vanderbilt KO Teams

- 5/8 Justin Lall, Plano ;
- 9/16 Bob Hamman, Dallas
- 9/16 Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 9/16 Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 9/16 Dan Morse, Houston
- Greg Hinze, San Antonio

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David Perlman
Executive Secretary

Ed note: Sorry, last issue we erroneously listed Neal Perlman as Executive Secretary Both are great writers –easy yo be confused

I'm thrilled to say that our new phone policy seems to be working. Signs have been made to remind everyone and currently announcements are still being made prior to the start of each session. As of this date, the rule is in effect at all D16 regionals and all NAP and GNT events, but a number of units are adopting the same policy for their sectionals. I do know that it will be in use at the Dallas Memorial Day sectional for all events, not just the District GNT. I'm quite certain that most units will be joining 176, if they have not done so already. Just to reiterate, phones may be carried into the playing area, but may not be visible or audible. Directors WILL issue penalties, so don't tempt fate –

NAP Cycle Begins in June

Roxie Tom



**District 16
NAP Coordinator**

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

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

This prestigious event is staged in quali-

fying rounds at the club, unit, and district levels. It culminates in a final held in conjunction with the 2017 Spring NABC in Kansas City.

The games are flighted: (Flight eligibility is based on the June 2016 master-point cycle which is run May 6, 2016: A (Open): B (0 to 2,500) and C (0 to 500, NLM) Pairs who qualify at the District level qualify to attend the NABC in Kansas City. ACBL pays a stipend of \$700/per person for those who qualify 1st in the District final and \$300/per person of the 2nd place qualifiers. In addition, there are no entry fees for the National event once you have qualified.

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

C will also get \$200/per person.

ACBL awards the District with most tables in play at the club level an additional subsidy in flights B & C, so support your clubs when they hold qualifying games. We have won this extra subsidy in flight B several times in recent years, but we need more C tables in play in order to get the additional subsidy in C.

NAP Schedule is as follows:

Club level: June, July, August
Unit level: From September through December

District level: January 7-8, 2017, Austin
National level: At Spring 2017 NABC in Kansas City, MO

For more details, go to www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php#nap
Or contact Roxie Tom, D16 NAP Coordinator rtom85@yahoo.com or 210-492-1756

Moving Up

Mark Anderson	Cedar Park	Life Master
John Hilbig	Bulverde	Life Master
Robert Kacher, Jr	Beaumont	Life Master
David Morris	Spring	Life Master
Barbara Baker	Fort Worth	Bronze Life Master
Bonnie Boyd	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Michael Fagan	Rosharon	Bronze Life Master
Jacquelyn Fisher	San Antonio	Bronze Life Master
Paula Goodpasture	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Charlotte Johns	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Roxann Klugman	Georgetown	Bronze Life Master
George Nelson	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Gayle Orvis	Burleson	Bronze Life Master
Linda Reichenau	Mason	Bronze Life Master
Carolyn Robertson	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Elizabeth Brown	Denton	Silver Life Master
Joan Delisle	Plano	Silver Life Master
Jabeen Farooki	Sugar Land	Silver Life Master
Letty Garek	Bedford	Silver Life Master
Carita Gould	Rockport	Silver Life Master
Val Grady	Pearland	Silver Life Master
Patricia Herrera	Mexico	Silver Life Master
John Jackson	Dallas	Silver Life Master
Mary Jane Kinnebrew	Houston	Silver Life Master
Ken MacMorran	Austin	Silver Life Master
Kay Moran	Dallas	Silver Life Master
Roy Read	Nacogdoches	Silver Life Master
Rob Rich	Laredo	Silver Life Master
Larry Franz	Georgetown	Ruby Life Master
Remi Houle	Grapevine	Ruby Life Master
Trudi Lamendola	Waco	Ruby Life Master
Miriam Rubin	Tyler	Ruby Life Master
Kailash Sachdev	The Woodlands	Ruby Life Master
Edward Yetter	Garland	Ruby Life Master
Sam Dodson	Houston	Gold Life Master
Chuck Gillis	Houston	Gold Life Master
Robin Ladin	Houston	Gold Life Master
Thomas Trudeau	San Antonio	Gold Life Master
Sheryleen Grothus	San Antonio	Sapphire Life Master
Jeanne Kretz	Mc Kinney	Sapphire Life Master
J Bank	Austin	Life Master
Marilyn Bein	Kemah	Life Master
Barbara Dabney	Tomball	Life Master
Finlay Higgins	Arlington	Life Master
Kathleen Hurst	Katy	Life Master
Geneva Johnson	San Antonio	Life Master
Norma Lampkin	Montgomery	Life Master
James Moody	Austin	Life Master
Rekha Parekh	Sugar Land	Life Master
Sue Ellen Smith	Waxahachie	Life Master
Steven Andersen	Austin	Bronze Life Master
Linda Banks	San Marcos	Bronze Life Master
Marilyn Bein	Kemah	Bronze Life Master
Dee Coats	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Carol Cobler	Pipe Creek	Bronze Life Master
Polly Crisp	Nacogdoches	Bronze Life Master
Barbara Dabney	Tomball	Bronze Life Master
Kay Dierks	Wimberley	Bronze Life Master
Kathleen Hurst	Katy	Bronze Life Master
Donna Jordan	Dallas	Bronze Life Master
Norma Lampkin	Montgomery	Bronze Life Master
William Moody	New Braunfels	Bronze Life Master
Robert Orvis	Burleson	Bronze Life Master
Susan Skiles	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Terri Tedford	Miles	Bronze Life Master
Janis Williams	Sour Lake	Bronze Life Master
Diana Winkelmann	Dallas	Bronze Life Master
N.Dale Beck	Odessa	Silver Life Master
Frank Durante	Addison	Silver Life Master
Jimmy Hubbard	Wills Point	Silver Life Master
Sharon MacMorran	Austin	Silver Life Master
Scott Wansbrough	Dallas	Silver Life Master
Shih-Ming Yang	Houston	Silver Life Master
Susan Adamson	Houston	Ruby Life Master
Sonia Bryant	Spring	Ruby Life Master
Lourdes Fletcher	Houston	Ruby Life Master
Barbara Harberg	Houston	Ruby Life Master
Diana Rogers	Austin	Ruby Life Master
Hjalmar Beijl	Denton	Gold Life Master
David Dyer	Houston	Gold Life Master
Joseph Gill	Richardson	Gold Life Master
Theron Lindsey	Houston	Gold Life Master
Stephen Reichel	Houston	Gold Life Master
Judith Hoffing	Houston	Sapphire Life Master
Jeffrey Kroll	Conroe	Sapphire Life Master
Leonard Schaen	Dallas	Sapphire Life Master
Kimmel Jones	Eules	Platinum Life Master

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

In Memoriam
 * Mrs. Barbara E. Allison, Bedford
 Charles L. Canfield, Fairview
 * Kerry W. Goldsmith, Weatherford
 Col. Robert J. Marcott, Austin
 * William M. Marshall, Marshall
 * Jay P. Thorne, San Antonio
 * Mrs. Flora T. Bery, Mexico
 * Mrs. Gloria Aboussie, Dallas
 * John L. Castleman, Lubbock
 Chuck C. Fatino, Lakeway
 * Mrs. Jacqueline Fetzer, Houston
 * Charlotte Krupp, Bedford
 * Mrs. Edythe U. Laser, Corpus Christi
 * Walter R. Lauckner, Mission
 * Herbert Marks, Austin
 * Michaeline C. McKinney, Corpus Christi
 * Mrs. Rosemary C. Quirk, San Antonio
 * Col. W. F. Rankin Jr., Fort Worth
 Mrs. Dorene V. Schlichter, Round Rock
 *Life Master

**Board of
Governors**



Dewitt Hudson

The setting for this National took place with snow-capped mountains surrounding Reno and the weather was crisp but not cold. Congratulations to District 21 Co-Chairs: Bob Garret, Chair and Katherine-Ewing, Co-Chair. They did an outstanding job in organizing such a well-run National that included three venues: Circus-Circus, Legacy and El Dorado. This was the first time that the tournament was held in downtown Reno. There were thirty-seven restaurants and the National Car Museum and many other attractions. Additionally, for skiing fans, tour packages were available thru the hotels. Because of all these attractions, Reno is known as the "Biggest Little City in the World!"

MEMBERSHIP
 As of January 1, 2016, ACBL membership stands at: 168,403 members. The comparison to January, 2015, reflects an increase of 717 new members. These are full paid-up memberships.

YOUTH NABC
 Patty Tucker, a well-known educator from the Atlanta area, is known for her skills and recruiting new members to our game of bridge. She was featured in the March 2016 Bridge Bulletin and recognized as: "Head of the Class"! Her accomplishments include her success in creating "Learn Bridge in a Day!"
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NLM REGIONAL

San Antonio

August 3-6 2016

Announcement in July Scorecard

DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

MAY

Spring 299er	19-22
Arlington NLM	21-22
Richardson (March Issue 12)	26-30
GNT ABC Richardson (March Issue 12)	28-30

JUNE

San Antonio (5)	2-5
Richardson NLM	3-5
Houston (4)	10-12
Midland (14)	10-12
Austin NLM	11-12
District STaC	13-19
Grapevine (9)	24-26
AUSTIN REGIONAL (16)	June 27-July 3

JULY

Temple 499er	8-9
Tyler (14)	8-10
Dallas NLM	15-17
Houston 499ER	21-24
WASHINGTON NABC	20-31

AUGUST

SAN ANTONIO NLM REGIONAL	3-6
Houston	11-14
Lubbock	12-14
Waco	12-14
Victoria	19-21
Austin MLM	20-21
RICHARDSON REGIONAL	Aug 30 -Sept 5

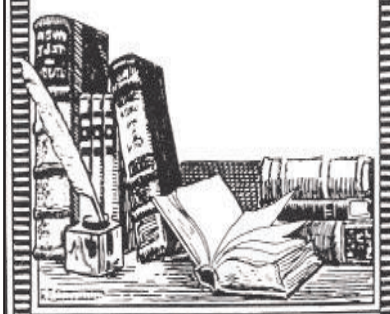
SEPTEMBER

Spring 299er	8-11
New Braunfels	8-11
Athens	15-17
Austin	22-26
Devol (Wichita Falls)	23-25
Houston 99er	Sept. 29-Oct 2
Fort Worth	Sept. 30-Oct 2

SEPTEMBER

STaC U 174	3-9
Rockport	7-9
Beaumont	13-16
ABILENE REGUINAL	17-23
San Antonio	27-30
Dallas 299er	28-30
League City	28-30

**DEADLINES for
July/August 2016 Issue**
 Announcements: June 1st
 Articles, Columns: June 6th
 Pictures & Copy must be digital.
 E-mail to: scorecard16@gmail.com



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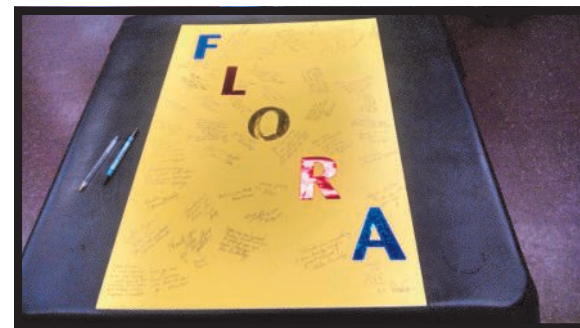
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Congratulations Flora Petit 2015 ACBL National Goodwill Member of the Year

During the National Goodwill reception in at the Reno NABC in March Flora Petit was honored as the named 2015 ACBL National Goodwill Member of the Year . Unit 207 celebrated Flora Pettit's incredible award of Goodwill on April 16 , 2016 with a free play day, 3 cakes and extraordinary snacks for all! Flora brought her daughter Nancy to help enjoy her day and we had a grand turnout of of 110 players, each one a huge fan of this lovely lady. The celebration started with Past President Pam LaShelle reading the letter she wrote to ACBL about Flora and the room was quiet enough to hear a card drop! Huge cheers for Flora followed and she was presented with roses, all the letters of the people that sent them along with a list of all who endorsed her. This was right at 150 endorsements. It was a glorious day at the Bridge Center of Austin showing all the thankfulness, respect and love for this Austin jewel.



BRIDGE TEACHER AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR COURSES

In Conjunction with Austin Regional

TEACHER COURSE

June 26: 1-5 pm & 7-10 pm

June 27: 9 am - Noon

Teacher: Betty Starzec

Cost = \$50.00

DIRECTOR COURSE

June 26: 6-9 pm

June 27: 9 am - Noon

Teacher: Tom Marsh

Cost = \$75.00

Reserve for either course

With Pam LaShelle

pamlashelle@att.net

512-217-2070

CANTON GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDY BRIDGE *by Gay Roach*

Last month Sandy Hilliard and Charles Ford of Unit 225 taught a 2-day bridge class in Canton to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Twenty-eight enthusiastic students attended the two 4-1/2 hour classes.

On March 14th, Charles and Sandy started teaching the first of eleven 1-hour courses after school. They have 12 students who will be able to attend but there many more who wanted to

attend but couldn't because of other commitments after school and because some parents needed their children to ride the school buses.

In the fall they hope the class can be taught during the regular school day so the attendance will increase.

Charles and Sandy will hold a tournament for the students on the last day of class.

Sandy has been working diligently for several years to try to get a school system in our area to allow her to teach bridge to the students, so she is delighted to have succeeded in Canton. We know that she and Charles and all the students will have a delightful time in their bridge journey together.

Gay Roach, Unit 225 Representative to District 16 BOD



Board of Governors *from page 2*

Tom and Dorothy Moore from Arlington, Texas, from District 16 are diligently working hard to attract and teach young players.

DUMMY PLAY

Just a review as to the role of dummy in bridge: "The dummy in bridge takes no part in the play. He/she may not suggest by word or gesture any lead or play, but at the conclusion of play-not before-dummy may call attention to an irregularity, a revoke for example. In North America, when declarer shows out of a suit, dummy may act to prevent a revoke by asking, for example, "No spades, partner?" In many other countries and at world bridge championships, this is not permitted. Dummy may also act to keep his partner from leading from

the wrong hand. For example, if declarer won a trick in his hand and calls a card from dummy, dummy may say, "You're in your hand." Finally, dummy (or either opponent) can alert declarer if he is placing a card from a trick horizontally (trick lost) when it should be vertical (trick won), but only when it's about to happen. It is inappropriate to call attention to this later.

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Bart Bramley and Ira Hessel rallied from 6th place after the final session to runner-up spot. In the qualifying session they were second in the North/South and in the second session they also were second, but playing East/West. Great job, fellas!!

GOODWILL COMMITTEE

District 16 was highlighted by having a resident from Austin, Texas, Flora

Pettit, named the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year, 2016. She was recognized for her spending literally thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours each year cooking and baking for the club. Her dedication to making an enjoyable atmosphere for bridge players of all ages makes her a unique and outstanding bridge representative for her area.

NABC National Washington, D.C. July 21-31, 2016

P.S. Elizabeth and I attended the last National in D.C. and will be back this summer again. We highly recommend all the outstanding tours you can take: The National Cemetery, The White House the Capitol, Mt. Vernon, many museums and lots of great cuisines. See you there!!



July 8 - 10, 2016

RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL

Enjoy Bridge in the Mountains of New Mexico

Friday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 9

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

Sunday, July 10

10 AM & TBD	Santa Swiss Teams Stratified Santa Swiss Team 299er
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Stratified: (A) 2000+ (B) 750-2000 (C) 0-750

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

Fees: Pairs and KO's: \$12/ person / session
Swiss Team: \$100. / team Sunday Lunch Included
Non-ACBL or Unpaid Member add \$3.00 each session
Host: Unit 388 District 17

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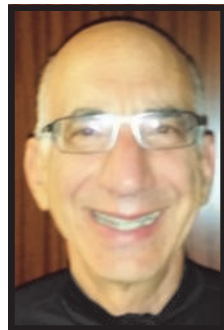
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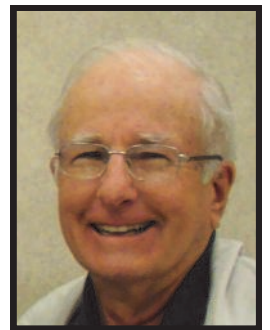
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Lectures
Friday at 1:00
Saturday at 3:00

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

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Houston Marriott Westchase
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Room Rate \$89; Cutoff date May 27

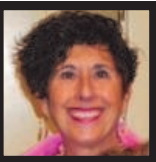
Nearly Summer Sectional
June 10-12, 2016
Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston, TX

Stratification
Stratified Open Events
A:2000+ B:750-2000 C:0-750
Stratified 299r Events
A:200-300 B:100-200 C:0-100
Stratified 49r Events
A:20-50 B:5-20 C:0-5
Bracketed Swiss
Teams bracketed into groups of 7-9 by total masterpoint holding. Teams will play within their bracket.
Strati-Flighted Swiss
A:4000+ Ax:0-4000 A, Ax play together
B:0-2500 Bracketed
*Team or pair average masterpoints used in determining Strati-Flighted strats.
No one with over 2500 masterpoints may play in the B flight.
Strats may vary at the directors' discretion.*

Event Schedule
Friday, June 10
1:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)
7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)
Saturday, June 11
10:30 am
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)
3:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)
Sunday, June 12
10:00 am & TBA
Strati-Flighted Swiss (Double Session)
Stratified Open Pairs (Double Session)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Sessions)
Stratified 299r Pairs (Single Sessions)

**Unit 172
San Antonio**

Rebecca Brown



How glorious a springtime in the hills! And how lovely a time we had in Kerrville at our Spring in the Hills Sectional, with fabulous hospitality thanks to Donna McBride and her team. We had 237 tables in play, up ten tables over last year...despite a stormy Friday morning. Congratulations to top masterpoint winners Ed Rawlinson and partner, Gary Anziani, each of whom won a whopping 41 plus points!

Congrats to Platinum Life Master, Ira Hessel, who took second place in the NAOPs in Reno with partner, Bart Bramley.

Earlier in March, Fiesta Bridge Club hosted a NLM 0-500 Sectional, which had 33 tables in play over two days. Top masterpoint winners were Anthony Quiles, Jim Seiders, Robert Craig and Paul Drexel. Congrats!

Speaking of NLM events...our Unit 172 will host the first-ever NLM Regional in District 16 (which encompasses most of Texas and all of Mexico). It will be held from Wednesday, August 3 - Saturday, August 6 at the North Hills Golf Club. It will be open to NLM players holding 0-750 points as of July 6, 2016. Gold and red points will be awarded and the tournament will feature daily lunch-time lectures. Please mark your calendars and plan to come out with your friends and have fun! Oh, win points, too!

Beginning with the Bill Scarpero Spring Sectional, you will note that Unit 172, along with District 16, has implemented a cell phone policy regarding sectional tournaments. Cell phones must be silenced and out of sight in the playing area. If you anticipate an urgent call, you must alert the director in advance and have your phone silenced and on "vibrate." You will have to leave the playing area to answer the emergency call. Having your phone ring and/or answering it in the playing area will result in penalties. Details about the penalties will be available at the tournament. None of us likes to have our concentration at the table interrupted by the sound of a cell phone ringing, barking, singing, etc. The game is hard enough!

Table tidbits: Jeri Tribo has moved around a lot, both as a military "brat"

and as a military wife. She and husband, Ron, an Air Force pilot and colonel, have been married for more than 50 years and have relocated lots of times during those decades, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico. She's a California girl, who attended UCLA, majoring in modern dance (doesn't she still have the figure of a dancer!?) and then elementary education. With one move and another, she finished her degree and Masters at Utah State University in clothing and textiles. She has taught college classes and 2nd grade...very versatile (if a little upside down). She's been playing bridge since high school, kibitzing at her parents' table, then as a Tri-Delta in college, playing at the sorority house. She is a Certified Bridge Teacher and Director, serving as manager and director for the Fair Oaks Country Club duplicate game for more than ten years. Last, but not least, Jeri served on the Unit 172 Board for two terms, serving as Mentor/Mentee chair and chairing three Regionals! No wonder she was awarded the Texas Star in 2012!

Milestones: New Life Master: Geneva Johnson; Bronze Life Master: Linda Banks, Carol Cobler; Bill Moody; Ruby Life Master: Anyemarie Weaver; Sapphire Life Masters: Sheryleen Grothus and Roxie Tom. Congrats!

A sad farewell to Jay Thorne, whose long battle with cancer ended on April 7. Jay was always an integral part of our tournaments, helping with table and room set up and anything that needed to be done. He was recently honored with the Unit's Goodwill Award. His unique sense of humor, valiant spirit and ever-present orange soda and M&Ms will be missed! Our sympathy goes to his partner, Paula Wissman.

Upcoming: Awards Day (May 14); Jay Thorne Summer Sectional (June 2 -5); Unit Game/Pro Am Pairs (June 11) STaC week (June-13-19)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Spring In The Hills

Kerrville
Mar 31-Apr 3, 2016
187 players. 234 tables.

- 1 41.65 Ed Rawlinson,
- 2 41.01 Gary Anziani,
- 3 29.67 Dave Swarthout,
- 4 29.03 Donna Swarthout,
- 5 24.44 Virginia Noelke,
- 6 24.44 Venkatrao Koneru,

- 7 22.37 Roxie Tom,
- 8 19.82 Hank Eng,
- 9 19.65 Rosemary Kelley,
- 10 18.68 Donna McBride

Thursday AM Open Pairs-17.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables AB1. Jimmie Lou Conner-Alta Peck A2. James La Fountain-Richard Ware B2. Jerrold Harrington-Kendall Early B1/2 Bob Otis-Debbie Schweiss 1/2 Linda Reichenau-Donald Jackson

Thursday AM 499r Pairs-4.0 Tables AB1. Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach AB2. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan C1.

Thursday Afternoon Swiss-23 Tables AB1. Horatio Aldredge-Jacquelyn Aldredge-Jimmie Lou Conner-Alta Peck A2. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel B2. Eugene Lux-Patricia Ann Jackson -Annette Frasher-Kenneth McBride C1. Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Marjorie Tucker-H Quiles-Helen King C2. Ginny Russell-Karen Cook-Linda Reichenau-Donald Jackson

Friday Evening Open Prs-8.0 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2B1 Eddy Rice-Verle Rice B2C1. Debra Jones-Helen Davis

Friday Aft Open Pairs-25.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. Gary Anziani -Ed Rawlinson A2B1. Eddy Rice-Verle Rice B2. Francesca Stedman-Richard Leonardon C1. Linda Jones-Leonidas Jones C2. Bob Steidel-Debbie Schweiss

Friday AM 499r Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach AB2. Sharon Dameron-Julianne McKenna

Friday AM Open Pairs-20.5 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani A2. Patty Hinze-Greg Hinze B1. Rebecca Brown-David Johnson Jr B2. Eddy Rice-Verle Rice C1. Toni Hurlbut-Alberta Birk C2. Linda Reichenau-Gerald Irion

Friday AM 499r Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Sharon Dameron-Julianne McKenna AB2. Gerda Jacobs-Beverly Flannery

Saturday AM Open Pairs-22.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables AB1. Sheryleen Grothus-Richard Curtin A2. Rosemary Kelley-Donna McBride B2. Eddy Rice-Verle Rice C1. Horatio Aldredge-Jacquelyn Aldredge C2. Annette Ruth-Suzann Patterson

Saturday AM 499r Pairs-5.0 Tables ABC1. H Quiles-Marjorie Tucker ABC2. Art Clausen-Phillip Corrigan

Saturday Eve Open Pairs-5.0 Tables A1. Forrest Gray-Gene Gammill A2 BC1. Ginny Littrell-Jacquelyn Fisher B2. Jerrold Harrington -David Ticen C2. Julianne McKenna-Sharon

**JAY THORNE SUMMER SECTIONAL
SAN ANTONIO**



June 2-5, 2016 @ FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB
2112 NW MILITARY, SAN ANTONIO 78213

Thursday, June 2
10 am Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Swiss Teams

Friday, June 3
10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs

Saturday, June 4
10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs

Sunday, June 5
10 am & TBA Stratified Swiss Team – Meal between sessions.
Stratifications: A 2500+ B 1000-2500 C 0-1000
Average Masterpoints will be used in all events
Chair & Hospitality: Laurie-Anne Levin (210) 213-3631
laurie-anne@satx.rr.com
Partnerships: (210) 378-7764
Card Fees: \$11/person/session \$108/Swiss Team
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Great Venue – Great Sectional – Great Hospitality

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Dameron
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-23.5 Tables / Based on 27 Tables AXY1. Dorothy Rippstein-Ralph Sturgis A2. Robbie Borchers-Josephine Grabow X2. Bob Otis-Tessa Bodnar Y1. Ginny Littrell-Jacquelyn Fisher Y2. Ann Perry-Priya Sharma

Saturday Aft 499r Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1/2 Jan Wingate-June Reimer AB1/2 Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach

Saturday KO-Bracket 1-7 Tables A1. Gary Anziani-Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson A2.

Virginia Noelke-Hank Eng-Roxie Tom-Venkatrao Koneru
Margaret Higgins Swiss-26 Tables A1. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani-Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout A2. Hank Eng-Roxie Tom-Rosemary Kelley-Josephine Grabow B1. Bob Otis-Beth Gale-Tessa Bodnar-John Hilbig B2. Richard Leonardon-Francesca Stedman-Katherine Gary-Roxana Tom C1. Sharon Dameron-Julianne McKenna-Thomas Smith-Laura Craft C2. Earl Mulley-Anna Thomas-Carol Diminnie-Leigh Broadway

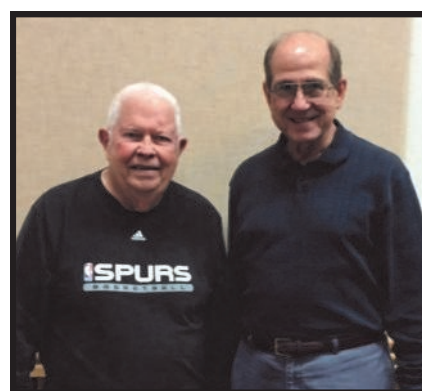
KERRVILLE SPRING IN THE HILLS SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday Morn Pairs A&B
Alta Peck, Jimmie Lou Conner



Thursday Aft Swiss Team A&B
Jackie & Horatio Aldredge,
Alta Peck, Jimmie Lou Conner



Friday Morning Pairs A
Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani



Friday Morning Pairs A
Sheryleen Grothus, Rich Curtin



Saturday KO Bkt 1
Sunday Swiss Team A
Gary Anziani, Ed Rawlinson,
Donna & Dave Swarthout



Thursday Morn Pairs Flt C Tie
Don Jackson, Linda Reichenau,
Debbie Schweiss, Bob Otis



Thursday Aft Swiss Team C
Marjorie Tucker, Anthonie Quiles
Lynn Pierson, Helen King



Friday Morning Pairs B
Rebecca Brown, David Johnson



Friday Eve Fast Pairs B
Ginny Littrell, Jacquelyn Fisher



Sunday Swiss Team B
Bob Otis, Beth Gale,
John Hilbig, Tess Bodnar



Sunday Swiss Team C
Julianne McKenna, Tom Smith,
Sharon Dameron, Laura Craft



Thursday Morn, 499ers
Charlotte Schuebach, Mike Vivian



Friday Aft 499ers Tie
Charlotte Schuebach, Mike Vivian,
Jan Wingate, June Reimer



Saturday Morning 499ers
Anthony Quiles, Marjorie Tucker

**Unit 174
Houston**

**Carol Ann
Wilson**



Unit News: The Biggest News we have had in a long time is something we are bustin' our buttons about! We are full of pride and congratulations for **Eddie Wold**, who will be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame at the summer NABC in Washington, D.C. on July 21. On April 6 he was honored at **Westside Bridge Academy** with a 48-1/2-table Tribute Game. (Think of that: **48-1/2 tables!** There was barely room for all the food, which was fantastic!)

The event hosts were **Betty Starzec, Peaches Eads, and Patti Mullendore**, along with WBA's owners **Bert and Katherine Onstott and Jimmy and Jennifer Breihan**. Dozens of others contributed food and balloons, and the Color Purple was everywhere! **Toni Snow and Shawn Quinn** shared stories. **Bob Morris** gave a moving introduction of Eddie, describing Eddie's winning of 15 national and 3 world events on the way to his 68,000 MPs! Eddie's mom and dad were there and beamed with pride, as did we all (and some of us even wiped back a few joyful tears).

Then Eddie thanked everybody and shared some of his experiences and love of the game with us. Eddie is the fourth bridge player from Houston to become an ACBL Hall of Fame Member, joining **John Gerber** (1998), **Bobby Nail** (2001), and **Paul Hodge** (2010). Eddie said he won his first National with **Dan Morse** as his partner, and won 7 of those 15 Nationals with partner **George Rosenecranz**, whom he described as his "bridge father." When Eddie served on the Hall of Fame Committee, he was instrumental in helping Paul Hodge be elected. Eddie also told us that one of his favorites was **Esta Van Zandt**, and that **John Zilic** had helped him to "become a better bridge player." We all remember the recent story where Eddie's astuteness and keen observation, coupled with his love for the game's purity, helped him expose the Germans who cheated their way to a world championship but are now where they belong: banned from the game.

In addition to his big tournament wins, Eddie has won the Barry Crane Top 500 three times, the Mott-Smith Trophy also thrice, and the Lou Herman Trophy twice. Eddie is the kind of bridge player we could all hope to be. Not only is he one of the nicest guys you could ever meet, but he helps even the lowliest among us as he willingly gives tips to his competitors (when asked) and gives back to the game he loves so much. For the past ten years has spent his non-tournament time conducting seminars

and workshops, providing private lessons, and teaching on cruises." Eddie said that he is "still learning" the game, and that he would give back every award he ever won if it meant he could start all over learning this fantastic game of bridge.

Other Success Stories from Unit 174: We held our third annual Joint ACBL-ABA game with 39-1/2 tables, and a good time was had by all. We hope to repeat this event again in 2017. Our "Election Sectional" was bigger than some regionals we've attended, and again the Bracketed Swiss events were the most popular. We now look ahead to our June 10-12 and August 11-14 Sectionals. New members elected to our Board for three-year terms were **Mildred Breed, Ken Hudson, and Bill Riley**. **Dianna Gittelman** was appointed to fill the unexpired term of **Walter Freitag**, who is moving to Travis County and will really be missed in our Unit.

New 70% Milestones: **Debra Bray** and **Kenneth Bray** posted a 75.83% game on 2/10, **Michael White** and **William Ross** had a 70% game 2/17, and **Rose Cullivan Hock** and **Patricia Freeman** a 70.83% on 2/24, all at WBA. **Jeff Kroll** and **Al Cupps** had a 75.16% game at BCoH 2/20; **Mary Pat Gentry** and **Victor Sitton** had a 70.98% game at Spring Branch DBC on 2/25; and **Jeff Kroll** and **Ted Bain** posted a 73.24% at BCoH on 2/26. **Robert Morris** and **Laura Lee Jones**, 71.54% on 2/29 at WBA. March yielded still more of these Big Games. **Vic Sowers** and **George Fox**, 71.75% on 3/10, **Christine Spalding** and **Carol Ferguson**, 74.44% on 3/16, **Emma Morgan** and **Owen Anglum**, 72.92% on 3/23, **Mildred Breed** and **Dan Leightman** a 70.13% on 3/24, and **Bill Lease** and **Larry Laird** a 73.56% on 3/29, all at WBA. **Judi Sulzbach** and **Nancy Carlin** posted a 71.26% at BCoH on 3/15 and—again!—**Jeff Kroll** and **Ted Bain** racked up another one with 73.88% on 3/25 at BCoH. One more to report at Spring Branch DBC: **Kay Kennedy** and **Barbara Gadea** posted 71.15% on 4/4. Wow! Congratulations to all, and keep 'em comin'!

Fundamental Tip: And just while we're on the subject of **Eddie Wold**, do you know that he invented a bridge convention? It's called the "Wold Relay" and he figured it out during whose years he was winning so much with **George Rosenecranz**. It's quite useful, serves as a way to find a bit more about your partner's hand, and it goes like this: Opener bids 1 of a minor, Partner bids 1 of a major, and Opener raises Partner's major (for example, 1C, 1H, 2H [opponents not bidding]). THEN, if Partner bids the *next level up*, it asks Opener to better describe his holding. The next level up from Partner's query says 3 of the agreed suit with a minimum hand, and the next level

says 3 of the suit with a maximum; the next level up from there says 4 of the suit with a minimum and the next level would be 4 of the suit with a maximum. It means Opener will not always have 4 of Partner's suit, and not every partnership can play this convention. In the example given, if Opener has raised Partner with 4 of the suit and 15 HCP (maximum without jumping), the bidding would be 1C-1H; 2H-2S (next level up, asking); Opener would respond 3H (4 levels up, skipping 2N, 3C, and 3D). Of course, you need to be able to count those levels fast, don't you?

Sad Farewell: **Larry Gordon**, a longtime Unit 174 member, passed away peacefully from heart failure on February 14, 2016, in Houston. He will be missed.

Till next time . . .

Election Sectional

Houston TX
Apr 01-03 2016
636 players 619 tables.

- 1 32.23 Randall Lake
- 2 31.83 George Fox
- 3 28.81 Jack Balter
- 4 28.13 Daniel Suty
- 5 27.76 Raleigh Williamson
- 6 27.76 Harold Copeland
- 7 26.42 Vic Sowers
- 8 24.69 Bryan Storey
- 9 24.69 Barry Schaffer
- 10 24.09 Georgiana Gates
- 11 23.84 John Schwartz
- 12 23.84 James Thurtell
- 13 23.67 Stephen Kornegay
- 14 23.67 Nancy Kornegay
- 15 22.46 John Zilic
- 17 21.07 Pat McMullin
- 18 20.98 Pat Levy
- 19 20.76 Donna Sparks
- 20 18.73 Siraj Jiwani
- 21 18.73 Charles Markowitz
- 22 18.22 Gary King
- 23 16.31 Phillip Grothus
- 24 16.26 Mildred Breed
- 25 14.83 Max Levit
- 26 14.83 Ariel Leibovitz
- Friday Aft 49er Pairs-4.5 Tables A1.** Kathy Fechik-Kim Smith A2. Carol Seliger-Sylvia Levin
- Friday Aft 299er Pairs-18.0 Tables ABC1.** Linda McCasland-Charlotte Howell B2. Ann Trammell-Judith Britton BC2. Becky Vogel-Judy Dillard
- Friday Aft Side Pairs-15.5 Tables A1.** Max Levit-Ariel Leibovitz A2BC1. Beverly Fanarof-Marilyn Leiman B2. Susan McMahan-Sue Kimbrell C2. Jim Goodale-Kathleen Stuart
- Friday Open Pairs-20.0 Tables / Based on 43 Tables A1.** Gary King-Pat Levy A2. Oren Moore-Randall Lake B1. Harold Copeland-Raleigh Williamson B2. Bill Kiehnhoff-Vince Nordberg C1. Troy Carr-Carolyn Wedel C2. Carol Ehrman-Linda Brodie
- Friday Eve 299er Pairs-7.0 Tables AB1.** B Clingo-W Clingo AB2. Richard McGaughy-Maureen Weiss C1. Linda McCasland-Charlotte Howell C2. Kim Smith-Kathy Fechik

- Friday Eve Side Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1.** Jeanette Dean-John (Jack) Dean Jr AB2. Odis Nolte-Polly Sowell
- Saturday Morn 49er Pairs-6.Tables ABC1.** Bonnie Loudin-Ian Fetterley ABC2. Kim Smith-Kathy Fechik
- Saturday Morn Side Pairs-4.5 Tables ABC 1.** Rick Burton-Bharat Shrestha AB2. Debi Balter-Raymond Alexanian
- Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-14 Tables ABC1.** AJ James-Julia Hill ABC2. Kenneth Sever-Sherry Gee
- Saturday Open Pairs-23.0 Tables / Based on 42 A1.** Daniel Suty-Georgiana Gates A2. Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield BC1. Arjune Bose-Michael Fagan BC2. Linda Brodie-Carol Ehrman
- Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-13.Tables AB1.** Julia Thompson-Ann Coates AB2. Shirley Kingsley-Judith Boyce C1. Sharon Gerson-Jeanie Connell C2. Bruce Weiner-Ede Weiner
- Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1.** Vic Sowers-Nancy Boothe- George Fox-Carolyne Fox 2. Mildred Breed-Phillip Grothus- John Schwartz-James Thurtell
- Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1/2** Shatrugna Prasad-Siraj Jiwani-Charles Markowitz-John Du Bose Jr 1/2 A1 Cupps-Judy Cupps-Tom Nobis-William Boyer
- Friday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables 1.** Harry Selldin-Gabriel Perry-Meng-Chr Tsai-Youssef Youssef 2. Steve Vaughn -Michael Novack -Joseph Volanski-Courtney Coffman
- Friday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables 1.** Carol Winograd-Vivian Cyprus-Ulla Skovdal-Yin Choo 2. Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen-E Lilly-Elisabeth Cabiness
- Friday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables 1.** Garold Adamson-Susan Adamson-Dianne Segerstrom-Ronald Schulman 2. Jennifer Breihan-Jane Boozalis-Kyle Lueders-Debra Bellan
- Friday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1.** Hugh Humphries-Kay Humphries-Raymond Prizler-Frank Mitchum 2. Mary Ann Polk-Bernice McElwain-Hick-Abid Mumtaz-Jabeen Farooki
- Friday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables 1.** Shi-Lin Yeh-Robert Armstrong-Cheryl Mathias-Lisa Zummo
- Friday Swiss Bracket 8-12 Tables 1.** Robert Shanley-Suzanne Shanley-Ned Earle-Judith Earle 2. Larry Cossey-Kathryn Kent-Willie Jo Schaefer-David Kuykendall
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1.** Vic Sowers-Randall Lake-Jack Balter-George Fox 2. James Thurtell-John Schwartz -Carolyn Pinto-Pat McMullin
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1.** Vern Schmidt-Val Grady-Dale Grady-James Ochsner 2. Harry Selldin-Gabriel Perry-Meng-Chr Tsai-Youssef Youssef
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables 1.** Sue Kimbrell-Nancy Reader-Susan McMahan-Julie Brand-Millicent Wear 2. Edwin Zwald-John Heath-Rani Sachdev-Kailash Sachdev
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables 1.** Eric Sandberg-Janice Sandberg-Harold Copeland-Raleigh Williamson 2. Troy Carr- Lynne Address-Walter Freitag-Donna Sparks
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables 1.**

- Steve Vaughn-H Sonneman-Michael Novack-Alan Adams-2. Gary Winston-Shari Winston-Marcella Thomas-Catherine Brown
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1.** Jack Manderscheid-Susan Fenton-Beverley Cheatham-Gene Levy 2. Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen-Arlene Rawitscher-Jack Rawitscher
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables 1.** Linda Albright-Rekha Parekh-Glenda Faragher-Judy Carter 2. John Montgomery-Carol Lombardino-Gayle Longmire-Titia Smulders
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 8-7 Tables 1.** Robert & Suzanne Shanley-Ned & Judith Earle 2. Ann Gibbs-Cherry Schwarz-Barbara Webber-Bette Linbeck
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 9-13 Tables 1.** Sheryl Thomas-Dottie Steverson-Frederick Carvin-James Mays 2. Odis Nolte-Jerry McNeely-Bonnie Brunskill -Priscilla Browne
- Sunday Morn 299er Pairs-6Tables AB1..** Dale Miller-Ann Trammell AB2..Marsha Doyle-Richard Laboulriere C1. Kathy Fechik-Jeff Hutton C2. Bruce Weiner-Ede Weiner
- Sunday Open Pairs-11.5 Tables / Based on 15 Tables A1.** Daniel Jackson -John Zilic A2. Phyllis & Donald Timko BC1. Julie Connor-Judith Busby B2. Giovanna Spiker-Silvana Smith C2. John & Jeanette Dean
- Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-26 Tables / Based on 79 Tables A1.** Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay- Barry Schaffer-Bryan Storey A2X1. Raleigh Williamson-Anna Marlatt-Harold Copeland-Donna Sparks X2. Pat McMullin-Chuck Gillis-Charles Markowitz- Siraj Jiwani
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1.** Edwin Zwald- Nandlal Khatri-Kailash Sachdev-Rani Sachdev-2. Raymond Alexanian-Beverley Cheatham-Sandra Sue Davis-Linda Coapland
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1.** Gary Winston-Shari Winston- Bill Kiehnhoff- Vince Nordberg 2. Val Grady-Dale Grady- William Kibikas-William Houck
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables 1.** James Simmons-Frances Simmons-Bonnie Burkhart-Richard Burkhart 2. Laura Jones- Ann McDougal-Kathryn Kent-Willie Jo Schaefer
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables 1.** Carol Wilson-Diane Jobin-Richard Polunsky- Jeffery Parker 2. Thomas Wulfers- Marilyn Hughes- Sylvia Thomas- Judith Rebmann
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables 1.** Jack Manderscheid-Robert Shanley-Suzanne Shanley- Gene Levy 2. Linda Albright-Glenda Faragher-Rekha Parekh
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1.** Steven Bell- G Thomas Rush-Tonya McNabb- Jill Spence 2. Lynn Gambelin-James Steehler- Robert Lee- B J Renshaw
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 7-11 Tables 1.** Martin Gastrell-Richard Crosby-Sandy Snelling-Donald Snelling 2. Phyllis Grant- Bharat Shrestha-Baijanti Shrestha- Kay Kennedy

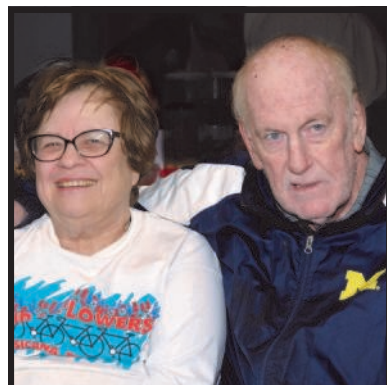
HOUSTON 2016 ELECTION SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Eve Open Pairs A
Gary King, Pat Levy



Friday Swiss Bkt 1
Nancy Boothe, Carolyne Fox,
Vic Sowers, George Fox



Saturday Open Pairs A
Georgiana Gates, Dan Suty



Saturday Swiss Bkt 1
Randall Lake, George Fox
Vic Sowers, Jack Balter



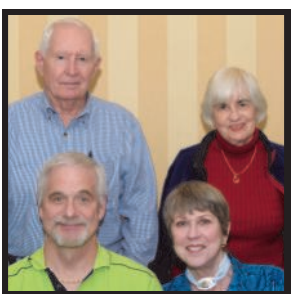
Friday Swiss Bkt 2
Siraj Jiwan, William Boyer,
Charles Markowitz, Tom Nobis



Friday Swiss Bkt 3
Meng-Chr Tsai, Gabriel Perry,
Youssef Youssef, Harry Seldin



Friday Swiss Bkt 4
Carol Winograd, Yin Choo,
Vivian Cyprus, Ulla Skoydal



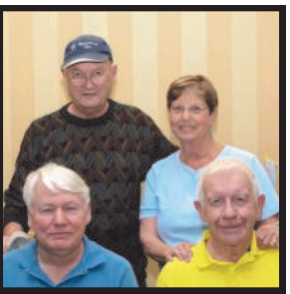
Friday Swiss Bkt 5
Ronald Schulman, Dianne Segerstrom,
Garold & Susan Adamson



Friday Swiss Bkt 6
Raymond Prizler, Kay Humphries,
Hugh Humphries, Frank Mitchum



Friday Swiss Bkt 8
Saturday Swiss Bkt 8
Ned & Judith Earle
Suzanne & Robert Shanley



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
Vern Schmidt, Val Grady,
James Ochsner, Dale Grady



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4
Janice Sanberg, Harold Copeland
Eric Sandberg, Raleigh Williamson



Saturday Swiss Bkt 6
Beverly Cheatham Gene Levy
Jack Manderscheid



Saturday Swiss Bkt 7
Rekha Parekh, Judy Carter
Linda Albright, Glenda Faragher



Friday Aft 49ers
Kim Smith, Kathy Fechik



Friday Eve 299ers
W Clingo, Babs Clingo



Saturday Morn 299ers
Juli Hill, AJ James

Unit 176
Dallas



Martha Young

Unit 176 hosted another great tournament in March. There is a separate article and pictures of our winners. I am happy to report that attendance was up. Congrats to all!

We have several exciting things on the horizon. Our next sectional is May 26 - 30. The Grand National Teams District Finals for Flights A, B & C will be held in conjunction with this tournament May 28- 30. Same great location, the Richardson Civic Center.

Things are gearing up for our Labor Day Regional. This is now an annual event. The schedule is published on the ACBL website. It includes a great variety of team and pair events. Also, we plan to hold a Learn to Play Bridge in a Day (LBIAD) event the first day of the tournament, which is August 30th. I am very excited about this. There was a great article about the originator of this program in a recent Bridge Bulletin. In the March/April Scorecard page 3 has an article about Houston's most recent LBIAD) event. They had 98 participants. I understand this is great as a refresher course or introduction to bridge.

By chatting with folks, I know many of our unit members went to Reno, had a great time and won many points. Here are the highlights of tops finishers in National events: in the Jacoby Swiss Teams, 4th Mike Passell and Chris Compton, 5th Bob Hamman, 10th Bart Bramely; in the Smith Life Master Women's Paris 6th Nancy Passell; in the Rockwall Mixed Pairs 18th Bill and Donna Garrard; in the Kay Platinum Pairs 6th Justin Lall, 10th Bart Bramely; and in the Baldwin NAP Flight A 2nd Bart Bramely.

Our long time Unit Recorder, Tom Edwards is moving. I hope you will join me and thank him for his many years of service to Unit 176. I am pleased to announce Mark Bumgardner has agreed to take on this responsibility.

Please share your ideas and successes with the Unit Board. I hope to see you at the bridge table.

Big Time In Big D

Richardson
Mar 03-06 2016
534 players 549 tables.

- 1 47.54 John Schwartz
- 2 36.91 Bryan Storey
- 3 35.62 Gerry McKim
- 4 31.08 Stephen Kornegay
- 5 31.08 Nancy Kornegay
- 6 30.64 James Thurtell
- 7 30.25 Michael Murphy
- 8 28.13 Barry Schaffer
- 9 23.96 Michael Hout
- 10 23.82 Mark Bumgardner
- 11 23.82 Kimmel Jones
- 12 20.96 S Kohan
- 13 20.88 John Bromberg
- 14 20.88 Beth Bromberg
- 15 20.87 Nancy Passell

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-13.0 Tables / Based on 35 Tables AB1. James Thurtell-John Schwartz A2. Juanita Chambers-Barbara Ferm BC1. Janet McCormack-Kenneth McClanahan B2. Jean Jensen-Mary Pennington C2. Murray Berger-A Morganstern

Friday Morn 1499er Pairs-8.5 Tables AB1. Robert Bever-David Branch AB2. Bob Dingle-Bob Frink C1. Beth Castleberry-Judy Bouska C2. Mary Lynn Trentham-Marjorie Deutsch

Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-10.0 Tables AB1/2 Ruth Viola-Patricia C Bozeman AB1/2 Karen Cohen-Mary Lynn Genovesi Pat Glaser-Judy Duval A2. Anita Everhart-John Everhart

Thursday Morn 49er Pairs-3 Tables AB1. Vivian McLain-Sharon Harbach Argyle

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-12.5 Tables / Based on 37 Tables AB1. Michael Hout-Gerry McKim AB2. Kay Moran-Donna Compton C1. N Tripode-Marvin Migdol C2. Glenda Cooper-Bob Frink

Thursday Aft 1499er Pairs-9.0 Tables ABC1. Carol Murray-Rosalind Smith ABC2. Mary Lynn Trentham - Marjorie Deutsch

Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-15.5 Tables AB1. Karen Cohen-Mary Lynn Genovesi AB2. Ruth Viola-Patricia C Bozeman C1. Maureen Kuntz-Janet Meyer C2. Pat Glaser-Judy Duval

Thursday Eve 299er Pairs-4 Tables ABC1. Floyd Gerwig-Martin Tayman ABC2. Kenneth Melvin-Bill Brooks

Thursday Eve Open Pairs-6.0 Tables / Based on 10 Tables AB1. Bob Friz-Eric Diamond A2. Marcia Hutchison-Jeanne Kretz B2C1. Janet Borg-Louise LeRoux C2. Lynn Long-Cynthia Benton

Thursday Morn Swiss Teams-7 Tables A1. Liane Tsai-Joan Delisle-Rita Holzweig-Nancy Jipp A2 BC1. Clint Schuhmacher-Carol Murray-Elise Sher -J Fletcher C2. Tom Lang - David Luzzatto-Cheryl Rider-James

Rider

Thursday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables
1. Nancy Passell-Mike Passell-Kimmel Jones-Mark Bumgardner 2. Bryan Storey-Tom Edwards-John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg

Thursday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables
1. David Pearlman-Milton Neher-Scott Nason-Jeff Dater 2. David Branch-Robert Bever-Gail Rutledge-Khalifa Ahmed

Thursday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables
1. John Pelletti-Susan Bates-Jane Kirby-Gregory LaMothe 2. Alma Farley-Robert Clarke-Betty Wheeler-Tommie Anglemeyer

Friday Morn 1499er Pairs-12.0 Tables ABC1. John Milligan-Richard Golmon AB2. Nget Carter-Joan Delisle C2. Betty Woodward-Dan Woodward

Friday Morn Open Pairs-10.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables A1/2 John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg A1/2 James Thurtell-John Schwartz B1/2 B Paul Hirsch- Diane Klein B1/2 Janet McCormack-Mary Pennington C1. Mike Peiffer- Higgins Jeanine Wofford- David Nurenberg C2. Connie Martin-Barry Martin

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-14.0 Table AB1. Jeanie Nutter-Sarah Meredith A2. Patricia Purcell -Debbie Vlais B2. Patricia C Bozeman-Ruth Viola C1. Margie Portela-Laura Williamson

Friday Morn 49er Pairs-3.0 Tables 1. Mary Kolb- Janice Thompson 2. John Kalb Fairview ; Neil Goodman

Friday Aft Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables A1. Kathy Bullock- Royce McCray A2BC1. Mike Peiffer- Finlay Higgins B2. Barbara Nelson- Pat Measley C2. Barbara Aide Plano ; Elinor Fries

Friday Aft 1499er Pairs-11.0 Tables AB1. N Tripode-Jerry Frankel A2. Jane Kirby-Diana Winkelmann B2. Randy Earle-Richard Wittup C1. Barbara Horowitz-Dee Bridgewater C2. Barbara O'Dell-Peggy King Elizabeth Donner-Lynell Pinion

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-14.0 Tables AB1. Davie Cooper-Lenette Sadler AB2. Karen Cohen-Mary Lynn Genovesi C1. Karen Silberman-Chantal Itzhakov C2. Mary Ellen Little-Sandra Lovin

Friday Aft 49er Pairs-3.5 Table A1/2 Philip Brown-Jacqueline Brown A1/2 Randall Wilson-Mary Jane Hall

Friday Eve Open Pairs-8.5 Tables A1. Bart Bramley-Norman Beck A2. James Thurtell- John Schwartz BC1. Douglas Tucker-Edith Barnes BC2. Marjorie Deutsch-Roslyn Miller

Fri Morn Swiss Teams-8 Tables AB1. J Fletcher-Rosalind Smith-Elinor Fries-Barbara Aide AB2. Jennifer Rao-Jane Kirby-Karen Cohen-Mary Lynn Genovesi C1. George Ray -Marilyn Elliott-Sharon Seagraves-

Debrah Chockley

Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1. Kimmel Jones-Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay-Mark Bumgardner 2. Nancy Passell-Bryan Storey-Barry Schaffer -Bill Staats

Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1. Joseph Gill-Mark Hatkoff-Lee Huber -Adrienne Feuer 2. Rich Brandenburg -Jeff Dater-Scott Nason-Milton Neher

Friday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. Jack Harkey-Bill Frazee-Bob Frink-Bob Dingle 2. Alma Farley-Robert Clarke-Tommie Anglemeyer-Betty Wheeler

Saturday Morn Open Pairs-10.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables AB1. Jeanine Wofford-David Nurenberg A2. Charles Price-R Bruce Shields B2. Becky Koenigseder-Gary Neisler C1. James Burnett Jr-James Burnett C2. James Willson-Margot Hirsch

Saturday Morn 49er Pairs-A1. Janice Thompson-Mary Kolb A2. Joyce Anderson-Jan Ellersieck

Saturday Morn 1499er Pairs-12.5 Tables A1. Billie Dalton-Delilah Perkinson A2B1. Mary Lynn Trentham-Marjorie Deutsch B2C1. Lena Parekh-Nget Carter C2. Michael Chockley-Jack Schober

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-12.5 Tables A1. Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt A2. Harold Schulz-Ann Thompson B1. Robert Dixon-Joy Pearson B2C1. Sherra Kay Read-David Croissant C2. Dona Powers Grand Prairie ; Karen Paul

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-13.5 Tables / Based on 47 Tables A1. Michael Murphy-S Kohan A2. Larue Stott-Gerrie Owen BC1. James Willson-Margot Hirsch B2. James Lilly-Bob Scallan C2. Jon Wolkenstein-Sheri Wolkenstein

Saturday Aft 1499er Pairs-11.0 Tables ABC1. Andi Gordon-Renee Levy A2. David Luzzatto-Betsy Goldsmith BC2. James Rider-Cheryl Rider

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-19.0 Tables AB1. Linda Lindley-Carol Murray AB2C1. Donald Livingston-James Ross C2. Rodney Bond-Virgina Bond

Saturday Aft 49er Pairs-3.0 Tables 1. Jacqueline Brown-Philip Brown 2. Mary Kolb-Janice Thompson Gainesville

Saturday Eve Open Pairs-5.5 Tables A1. Roslyn Miller-Barbara Ferm A2. James Willson-Margot Hirsch B2. Carol Segreti-Gloria Schuford

Saturday Morn Swiss Teams-12 Tables AB1. John Jackson-Jo Ann Truitt-Billee Brooks-Carol Stollenwerck AB2C1. Ginny Peterson-Donna Michel-Elizabeth Grubb-Nand Kuloor C2. Mary Springer-Lawrence Fritz-Charles Hill-Bansi Shah

Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1. Gerry McKim- John Schwartz-

James Bauer-Brady Allen 2. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay- Barry Schaffer-Bryan Storey

Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1. Jay Gibson-Eric Diamond-Florence Beard-Bob Friz 2/3 Jack Borenstein-Scott Nason-David Pearlman-Milton Neher-Tomi FitzGerald 2/3 Sandra Hollon- T Jean Kidd-Karen Caton-Caron Peck

Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-12 Tables 1. Connie Barksdale-Patricia Wittmaack-Juanita Washburn- Sharon Hockemeier 2.. Susan Flick Khalifa Ahmed- David Clegg-Glenda Cooper

Sunday Morn Open Pairs-6.0 Tables A1. Gail Wells-Suresh Agrawal A2. Judy Corey Edmiston-R Bruce Shields B1. Jim Brown-Lauren Brown B2C1. Barbara Wood-Margaret Ellis C2. Tricia Ray-Sheryl Crocker

Sunday Aft Open Pairs-7.5 Tables A1. Linda Spangler-Neal Perlman A2. Gail Wells-Suresh Agrawal B1. Diana Winkelmann-Barbara Ferm B2. Sharon Proctor-Barbara O'Dell C1. Tricia Ray-Sheryl Crocker C2. Dale Remmers-Valarie Remmers

Sunday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Bob Hamman Dallas ; Justin Lall Plano 2. William Garrard-Donna Garrard Irving ; Bogumil Knybinski N Richland Hls ; Pawel Hanus

Sunday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1. Stephen Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield-Eileen Smith-James McCommons 2/3 Gerry McKim Garland ; John Schwartz-Michael Hout- Brady Allen 5.90 2/3 Bob Friz Leonard ; Eric Diamond Plano ; Marcia Hutchison-Judith Lotridge

Sunday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables 1. Kathleen Carr- Ari Sippola- Robert Schmidt- James Richman . Mickey Tryon-Penny Mixon-Stephen Hibbard- Marlene Round

Sunday Swiss Bracket 4 1. Douglas Berke- Richard Langland- Karen Caton-Caron Peck 2. Vernon Earl Hodge-Carolyn Motes Jr Dallas ; Vera Aktansel- Khalifa Ahmed

Sunday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables 1. John Pelletti-Susan Bates-Jane Kirby-Michael McShane 2. John Jackson-Jo Ann Truitt-Billee Brooks-Carol Stollenwerck

Sunday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1. Alma Farley-Robert Clarke Richardson ; Judy Etchison-J Scott Etchison 2. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney-Judy Nixon-Jeanette McDonald

Sunday Swiss Bracket 7-10 Tables 1. Melanie Munnell-Cordelia Cottingim-Marilyn Bick-Malley Gauding 2/3 Darrel Strelitz-Frances Schmitz-Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt 2/3 Alan Robson-Bonnie Jan Robson-Jack Lavine- Barbara Reeves

BIG TIME IN BIG D SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thur Aft-Eve Bracketed Teams - Brkt 1
Nancy Passell, Mark Bumgardner,
Mike Passell & Kimmel Jones



Thur Aft Open Pairs
Gerry McKim & Michael Hout



Thur Eve Open Pairs
Eric Diamond & Bob Friz



Thur Morn Open Pairs
Jim Thurtell & John Schwartz



Thur Morn Swiss - Flt A
Rita Holzweig, Joan Delish (np),
Nancy Jipp & Liane Tsai



Fri Aft-Eve Bracketed Swiss Bkt 1
Nancy Kornegay, Mark Bumbardner,
Steve Kornegay, Kimmel Jones



Fri Morn Swiss - Flight A and B
Rosalind Smith, Barbara Aide,
Joe Flectcher, Elinor Fries



Fri Morn Open Pairs - 1st-2nd Tie
Beth & John Bromberg



Sat Aft Open Pairs - Flight A
James Wilson - Margot Hirsch



Sat Aft Open Pairs Flight A
Michael Murphy - Stan Kohan



Sat Aft-Eve Bracketed Teams Brkt 1
Jim Bauer - John Schwartz,
Gerry McKim, Brady Allen



Sat Eve Open Pairs A & B
Roslyn Miller, Barbara Fern



Sat Morn Open Pairs
David Nurenberg, Jeanine Wofford



Sun Morn Open Pairs
Gail Wood, Suresh Agrawal



Sat Morn Swiss
Billie Brooks, Carol Stollenwerck,
John Jackson, Jo Ann Truitt



Thur Aft 1500 Pairs - 1st-2nd Tie
Carol Murray, Rosalind Smith,
Marjorie Deutsch, Mary Lynn Trentham



Thur Aft 299 Pairs
Mary Lynn Genovesi, Karen Cohen



Thur Aft-Eve Bracketed Teams - Brkt 2
Jeff Dater, Scott Nason,
David Pearlman & Milton Heher



Thur Aft-Eve Bracketed Teams - Brkt 3
Gergory LaMothe, John Pelletti,
Susan Bates & Jane Kirby



Thur Morn 1500 Pairs
David Branch, Robert Bever



Thur Eve 299 Pairs
Martin Tayman & Floyd Gerwig



Thur Morn Swiss - Flt B
Carol Murray, Elise Sher,
Clint Schuhmacher, Joe FletcherViola



Sat Eve Open Pairs C
Gloria Schuford, Carol Segreti



Sat Morn 1500 Pairs E
Marjorie Deutsch, Mary Lynn Trentham



Thur Morn 299 Pairs - 1st-2nd Tie
Mary Lynn Genovesi, Karen Cohen,
Patricia Bozeman, Ruth Viola



Sat Aft-Eve Bracketed Teams Brkt 2
Bob Friz, Jay Gibson
Eric Diamond, Florence Beaird



Sat Aft 1500 Pairs
Andi Gordon, Renee Levy



Sun Swiss - Brkt 2
Bob Butterfield, Stephen Birnbaum,
James McCommons, Eileen Smith



Sun Swiss - Brkt 3
Ari Sippola, Kathy Bumgardner,
James Richman, Robert Schmidt



Sun Swiss - Brkt 4
Douglas Berke (NP), Richard Langland,
Karen Caton, Caron Peck



Sun Swiss - Brkt 5
Michael McShane, John Pelletti,
Susan Bates, Jane Kirby



Sun Swiss - Brkt 6
J Scott Etchison, Judy Etchison,
Robert Clarke, Alma Farley



Sat Aft 49 Pairs
Philip & Jacqueline Brown

**Unit 183
Fort Worth**



Millie Williams

We've weathered hail storms, tornadoes and the flu, but nothing has kept us from the tables. We played at the Winter Sectional hosted by Unit 183 in Grapevine where we learned Mary Ellen Stanton was the recipient of the Texas Star Award presented to her at the Houston Regional. This

honor is well-deserved as Mary Ellen has served the unit well in many areas. Congratulations and thanks to you for all you do for our unit. Regional and National Tournaments are also well attended by Unit 183 as well... anytime Herb Fallin and LaQuitta Talbot are missing we know that they're at a National not to mention numerous others who are on the go. Thanks to all of you who represent our unit well for those of us who don't travel anymore.

Diane Washabaugh hosted a very special Charity Game for the Lighthouse for the Blind on February 15, in honor of our Katye Kowierschke who is once again able to play her beloved bridge. The Lighthouse has been very supportive and helpful to Katye as she learns to function after losing her sight recently. There were 16 tables in play. Nora Oliver flew into town to play with Katye and her outstanding card reader for the day was Jeri Quinton. Katye was able to play all day and had a 48% game! Several Denton play-

ers came to honor her and the event raised over \$800.00 for the Lighthouse for the Blind.

Our unit continues to grow: we welcome new members Janice Curry, Ruby Day, Janie Deterly, Deborah Sanders and Lou Sellers. Anita Bradley is a transfer into our unit. Let's be quick to welcome these newcomers into all our games. We're glad Kay Jones is back to directing her games after a recent illness and know that she would thank each director who stepped in for her while she

was away.

The Bridge Studio hosted a Mentor-Mentee Game on March 22 which was directed by Janet Jordan. Thanks to Jacqueline Montgomery for her special bean soup and all the trimmings for dinner. Thirteen tables were in play with the N/S winners Mary Jane Orock and Shelby Schafter; 2nd Cynthia Benton and Marilyn Hicks; 3rd Buck Buchanan and Evan West. E/W winners were Pam Gladysz and Ken McDonnell; 2nd Don Greer and Jeff Smith; 3rd Richard

Davidson and Connie Chamberlain. Thanks for all the mentors who played as well as the mentees. The group really enjoyed this evening of camaraderie and good bridge.

Congratulations to the Denton Bridge Club as they move into their new location at 1500 Dallas Drive in Denton. The studio is attached to the Quality Inn. To celebrate this move, they are hosting a Free Bridge and Lunch to all players on Sunday, April 10. Moving is a very big undertaking and can't be done without a host of volunteers. Thanks to all who made this possible.

The Fort Worth Studio is enjoying a beautifully renovated space thanks to the hard work of many. Jacqueline Montgomery and Lynn Long took the lead, planning and executing a real makeover with the help of so many: Janet Jordan, Mary Alice and John Giordano, Jane Larimore and Patsy Walters to name a few. I know many others pitched in to help when asked. Thanks to everyone who helped in this project. We saw a new side of Patsy Walters as she recovered all of our chairs and some of our tables. I never cease to be amazed at all the things Patsy can do. Let's all do our part to keep the studio clean and orderly so the fruits of this group's labors will last a long time.

The Unit Awards Day game was held in the Fort Worth Studio on April 2. We had 24 1/2 tables in play. The Unit President, Linda Spangler, welcomed all to this afternoon of celebration and great

food catered by Pulido's. We had seventeen new Life Masters: Gayle and Bob Orvis, Marilyn Elton, David Branch, Eleanor Cherryholmes, Ann Sherman, Frank Vlach, Annie Mason, Gladys Freeman, Letty Garek, Robert Scanland, Marty Schwartz, Audrey and Gary Wright, Mary Ann and Craig Briney and Ann Overfield. There were ten Bronze Life Masters: George Lowe, Earl Mast, Melanie Watson, Ginger Kennedy, Jill Carroll, Robert Scanlan, Mary Ann Cotham, Letty Garek, Jane Larimore and Mike Pfeiffer. There were eleven Silver Life Masters: Ron Segerlind, Michael Goldman, Carolyn Marks, Donna Gibbs, Jim Brown, Kathy Coleman, Sue Gilbreath, Martha Cucci, Ivan Uys, Marty Schwartz and Barbara Allison. Our newest Diamond Life Master was Herb Fallin. Two Emerald Life Masters: Bill Staats and Roy Baughman and one Platinum Life Master Stev Kornegay. Congratulations to all!

The Ace of Clubs Winners

0-5	Alan Kiriby
5-20	Betty Hudgins
20-50	Robert Dixon
50-100	Joyce Armstrong
100-200	Judy Nixon
200-300	Finlay Higgins
300-500	Don Farrell
500-1000	Jane Larimore
1000-1500	Charlie Brown
2500-5000	Gary Neisler
5000-7500	Bill White
7500-10,000	Nancy and Steve Kornegay
10,000+	Linda Spangler

Mary Jane Orock was presented

her Teacher of the Year award. There aren't enough words to tell you how much she does for the Unit in trying to raise our awareness of the game as well as teaching concepts that will allow each member to raise the level of their game.

Two other of our members received the Goodwill Award: J'Neane Huey and Marguerite Lavender. These two ladies contribute so much to the unit. J'Neane keeps us well informed with her weekly newsletter and Marguerite represents the unit by sending cards to our members who are sick or have suffered losses. Thanks and congratulations to both of you!

We have lost a number of our players and friends in this past year: Billie McMahan, Larry Edwards, Shirley Hyde, Marian Massey, Mel Bason, Gene Britton, Carolyn Ray, Kitty Boswood, Gary Carey, Billie Gaddy, Pravin Shirmankar, Tommie Bullard, Francis Chang, Ralph Green, Mildred Bailey, Etta Moore, Lorene Pohl, Olive Wood, Ed Riddle, Ruth Sparks, Charles Henderson and Judi Evans. A moment of silence was observed as we remembered these friends.

I only know of one 70% game...I know there were others...Please let me know so I can include you!! Diane Washabaugh and Carolyn Marks scored 70% playing in Steve and Darlene's Monday night game. Way to Go!

We send our deepest sympathy to several families who have suffered profound losses.

Tex Rankin was the most unique man I think I've ever known. He passed away just days before his birthday in March. He packed more action into his life than most. He was a pilot during WW 2, flying many dangerous missions over "the Hump", he was a well-educated businessman, fine golfer, card player extraordinaire, a philanthropic supporter of TCU and other causes, family man and friend. He is survived by his wife Andrea and two sons. His quick wit and story-telling will be missed by all.

Charlotte (Lottie) Krupp passed away suddenly on March 7. She was a beautiful woman with a kind and gracious spirit. Lottie had many friends in the bridge community who will miss her so. She played for years with Steve Shirey both in the studio games as well as many tournaments. Every Tuesday found her playing with her friend Michael Goldman. I personally will miss the sparkle in her eyes and her gentle laugh.

We were shocked and saddened to learn of the devastating loss John Alexander suffered when his son James Matthew and his grandson Jackson were killed in a tragic automobile accident when traveling from Austin to Houston. Peace and Prayers to you.

Mary Hoger lost her precious granddaughter, Shannon, quite suddenly. She was the daughter of Mary's son and will be dearly missed by all her family. She was a beautiful girl who lived a full life despite dealing with some health issues. She loved it when the entire Hoger clan went camping in the fall of the year as well as other holiday gatherings. She is also survived by her husband.

Take time to smell the flowers,

give someone a smile and have fun at the table!!

Sorry for my oversight. For the last



issue I sent the column for February, 2012. The following should have been in the last bulletin, so here we go again!

Michaeline "Mic" McKinney passed away December 12. Mickey started a bridge club in her home back in 1970 prior to Hurricane Celia. In 1997 when Jack Mehrens leased our current location, Mic moved her Monday club to this location. When the Unit took over the operation of all of Jack's games in 2006, Mic donated her club to the Unit. In 2014, failing health caused her to quit playing. On her death she was 92 years young. Mic will be greatly missed by our players. She devoted much of her time to calling & welcoming new players to the club.

Edy Laser died very unexpectedly on January 20. Edy & her late husband, Al, were members of Unit 187 for many years. She leaves her four children, several grandchildren & great grandchildren. When Edy & Al moved to Corpus Christi some 60 years ago, they became members of Temple Beth El. What a wonderful legacy - to be members of the same congregation for over 60 years! Edy was a regular player at the club & will be missed by all. Our condolences to her family.

Powell Hines died March 25. Powell was a long time member of our unit, but had been in ill health for the past several years, therefore it had been quite awhile since he had played.

For about two years our club has been trying to work out a joint game with the ABA players. We are pleased to announce the details have been ironed out & that we will have a game on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 starting in May. This will be a pot luck with dinner at 6:00 & the game to start at 6:30. Players will choose which organization they want to be affiliated with & master points will be awarded based on their choice. We are really excited to have this game. It is hoped that having an evening game will provide the opportunity for younger players to participate. The Harbor Bridge Club (ABA) has the same problem we do. As we have aged many players do not want to come out in the evening. We are hoping that by joining forces we can encourage working folks to come & play this game we all love! Please put this on your calendar & support the event.

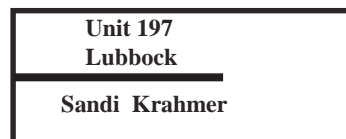
The Texas Star Award for Unit 187 was awarded to Ron Francey. Ron is a second term member of the unit board & is our webmaster. Our web site is by far the best it has ever been! No matter where in the world he is, Ron keeps the website up to date. He & his wife, Dorothy, retired to Corpus Christi from the East Coast. An avid player, Ron goes to many tournaments. When he isn't playing bridge he & Dorothy spend their time traveling. They have been to many exotic locales & are gone about half the year. We are lucky to have Ron as a Unit 187 member! This is a well deserved honor.

This month get to know a little more about Martha DeCou. She was born in Spohn Hospital & grew up in Taft. I remember Martha telling the story about being drum major for Taft High School & taking the band down the wrong way. That's probably the last thing she ever did wrong because our Unit could not run without her! She says that there was little to do in a small town & that when her parents needed a 4th she started filling in. This was about in the 7th grade. Her mother belonged to several bridge

clubs, which usually had lunch & wine or whatever, so Martha made the "sacrifice" & helped mom out when she needed a player. Martha went to Earlham College in Richmond, IN where she continued her bridge studies. She met her husband of 51 years & at that time he told her there was no future in their relationship. What do men know? Martha taught biology in high school in Kalamazoo, MI for 3 years, married Charles DeCou, & then lived in Moorestown, NJ for 3 years. While in Kalamazoo, she taught her mother-in-law & some of her friends how to play bridge. She & Charlie moved to Portland for 7 years, then across the bridge to Corpus Christi. The DeCou's have 2 daughters, both of whom are married & they both have a boy & a girl. Her 13 year old grandson, Ian, has caddied at the last two Rockport tournaments. With his personality plus, he was a big hit. In 1989 a friend talked Martha into taking duplicate lessons with Jacqui Pearce & she has been "hooked" ever since. Martha said her house had foundation problems & had to be torn down. Playing bridge was a great diversion. When Jack Mehrens became ill in 2006 & the Unit took over his games, Martha became a director. In 2011 she & Mary Ross took the teacher's course to become certified bridge teachers to encourage new players to the game. Martha said that bridge has introduced her to many new friends & good times. The reality is that Martha has done so much for us, including several terms on the unit board, serving as tournament chairperson for many years, coordinator of all special games, keeping snacks stocked at the club & many other things. She was the Texas Star recipient in 2004 & received the Jacoby Service Award in 2015. Thank you so much Martha for all you do for Unit 187!

Our thanks to all of you that came down to Rockport. We appreciate your support! Winners were in the last Scorecard.

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



Hi Everybody!

We need to thank Al and Marsha Postar for the wonderful Sectional. Also, thanks to Julie Benson and Dean rickets. We were so glad for our new Flight C players. Becky Hamilton's classes gave us a table of brand new players.

70% games this month were scored by Bonta Thompson and Al Postar and by Elizabeth Mackey and Howie Huynh. Also, I want to remind you about Bonta's Scramble Apr. 30. Novices will draw a Life Master partner and play. There will be plenty of good food, and Howie will cancel his Sat. morning lessons so everyone can come out and play. This is a good opportunity to make new friends and get to know some of the players who play in the novice games. Also, the newbies will see that we Life Masters are not so mean and scary! Everyone seems to enjoy this event. Bonta also told me that she will hold these games whenever there is a 5th Sat.

We were so very sorry to hear of John Abney's death. He was certainly a wonderful ambassador to Bridge. He brought us several players from Raider Ranch and had been on the board of various clubs and was serving a term on the Unit Board. Who will ever forget the little hand sanitizers he would put on each table! He was such a generous and giving man and will be missed.

Also, we extend our sympathy to Johnnie Dayton on the loss of her grandson in a terrorist attack. We think of those things as being far

Heart of the Metroplex

Arlington Sectional June 24-26, 2016

Grapevine Convention Center Free Parking
1209 South Main, Grapevine, TX 76051 817-410-3459 or 817-410-3424

Friday, June 24

Stratified Open/300/0-50 Newcomer Pairs (single sessions)* 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Compact KO (Sessions I & II) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Swiss Teams (Single session) 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 25

Easybridge! (under 50 MP) (Single session - \$8)* 10:00 am
Stratified Open/300/0-50 (Single sessions)* 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Two sessions) 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Sunday, June 26

Stratified Open Pairs (Single sessions) 10:00 am & TBA
Bracketed Swiss Teams B, C, D (Two sessions) 10:00 am & TBA**
A/X Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (Two sessions) 10:00 am & TBA**
Meal Between Swiss Sessions (4 tickets/team/ extra tickets \$10 each)

*Separate limited games, if there is adequate table count to support each game **Format for Swiss may change

Stratifications

Pair Events are stratified by Average
Open Pairs: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
299er Pairs/Teams: A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams

A: Teams with any player over 4000
AX: Teams with all players under 4000; A/AX play together
B: 2500 C: 1500 D: 500 (B/C/D play together)
KO Events may be Handicapped

Entry Fees

Pair & KO Events: \$12 per player/session
Sunday Swiss \$120/Team - HOT lunch included!
Unpaid/Non-ACBL members: add \$3 per session

Speaker Program: Friday 6:15 pm & Saturday 2:15 pm

Host Hotel

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

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General Convention Chart Only Except Mid-chart for A/AX Swiss

Information Map & Results: <http://d16acbl.org/U176/ABC/adbc.htm>

away and not affecting any of us personally, but his death serves a reminder to all of us that terrorists can strike anyone anywhere at any time.

We wish a speedy recovery to Ava Huddleston after a recent fall. Also, Alice Alene Floyd will no longer be playing with us. Alice had given many years of service to the Bridge Center in various capacities. She ran the kitchen during our Sectionals for many years. We will miss her. We used to say that Alice did more on one leg than many of our members did with 2 legs. Also, thanks to Kay Davidson for having the carpet cleaned and for the many other maintenance things she has done for us. Also, we wish a speedy recovery to Darlene Wilbanks after some knee replacement surgery.

That's about it for now. Sandi Kraemer

King Cotton

Lubbock TX
Mar 04-06 2016
92 players 101 tables.

- 1 27.46 Gary Sawyer
- 2 27.46 Billie Mitchell
- 3 15.03 Gary Blaiss
- 4 15.03 Charlotte Blaiss
- 5 14.62 Robbie Butts
- 6 10.07 Will Anthony
- 7 9.67 June Stanton
- 8 9.28 Phyllis Kinnison
- 9 8.60 Howard Huynh
- 10 8.07 J. Neal Marchbanks
- 11 8.07 Christy Marchbanks

Friday AM Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. Robbie Butts-June Stanton A2. Billie Mitchell-Gary Sawyer B1. Wayne Bahr-Howard Huynh James Alvis-Coyita Bowker B1. Jane Giddens-Virginia Myers B2. Julie Benson-Marsha Postar

Friday AM 199er Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1. Karen Worley-Phyllis Kinnison AB2. Donna Miller-V (Ginny) Hargrove**Friday Afternoon Open Pairs**-16.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. Billie Mitchell-Gary Sawyer A2BC1. J. Neal Marchbanks-Christy Marchbanks B2. Will Anthony-

Howard Huynh C2. Jane Giddens-Virginia Myers

Friday Aft 199r Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Donna Miller-V (Ginny) Hargrove B1. Stacy Shafer-Cynthia Williams

Saturday AM Open Pairs-13.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. Gary Sawyer-Billie Mitchell A2B1. Norma Buchanan-Julie Benson B2C1. Rebecca Howard-Lynda McBride C2. Eric Heinrich-Shelby Kay Brandon

Saturday AM 199r Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Dean Ricketts-Ethel Averitt A2B1. Liz Taylor-Lane-V (Ginny) Hargrove B2. Paula Park-Darnell Dingle C1. Gene Tate-Cynthia Williams C2. Stacy Shafer-Brian Cleveland

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-15.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables AB1.

Phyllis Kinnison-Johnnie Dayton A2. Gary Blaiss-Charlotte Blaiss B2.

Karen Wilson-Wanda Robinson C1. Lynda McBride-Rebecca Howard

Saturday Aft 199r Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1. V (Ginny) Hargrove-Liz Taylor -Lane AB2. Darnell Dingle-Paula Park

Sunday Stratified Swiss-14 Tables A1. Billie Mitchell-Charlotte Blaiss-Gary Blaiss-Gary Sawyer A2B1. Will Anthony-Robbie Butts-Helen Lauderdale-Evelyn Kennedy B2. John Rollinson- Frances Waters-J. Neal Marchbanks-Christy Marchbanks C1. Donna Miller-V (Ginny) Hargrove-Carolyn Cawthron-Liz Taylor-Lane

Unit 201
Sabine Neches



Linda Briggs

The February Life Master's party for **Don and Janis Williams** celebrated Mardi Gras fun. Players, decorated in purple, gold, and green highlighted with loads of beads, paid homage to the King and Queen of Mardi Gras, Don and Janis. Placing 1st - **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi** and **Tipton Golias**; 2nd - **Martha Oliver** and **Gail Griffith**; 3rd - **June Eddingston** and **Nancy Smalley**.

The 61st Spindletop Sectional March 3-6 was successfully chaired by **Liz Mackenzie** and **Kay Hooper** and

attracted 155 players, with 126 of them earning silver points. **Nancy Smalley** topped the list. Pair winners from U201 included **Jerry Heckman** and **Raj Dhamankar**; **Ed Rasmussen** and **Nancy Smalley**; **Marian Jones** and **Edwina Landrum**; **Martha Oliver** and **Wayne Outlaw**; **Jim** and **Flo Ferguson**; **Dee Payne** and **Ruby Collins**; **Lucille Armintor** and **Patricia Woods**; **Blanche Sibley** and **Mary Johnson**; **Richard** and **Marianna Carpenter**; **Flo Gillispie** and **John Kacher**; **Martha Oliver** and **Wayne Outlaw**; **June Eddingston** and **Blanche Sibley**. Swiss Team winners in B and C were **Connor Smith**, **Pat Schwiart**, **Frankie Hall**, and **Ann Montgomery**. Congratulations to **John Kacher** who earned Life Master status at sectional tournament.**Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi** and **Tipton Golias** underwrote two events, adding to the generous hospitality of the 4-day tournament. Many of those who attended proclaimed the Spindletop as the best sectional they've attended.

Players with 70% or above games in Feb./March were **Dee Payne** and **Ruby Collins**; **Jack Evans** and **Lou Rising**; **Wayne Outlaw** and **Beverly Hulsey**; **Don** and **Janis Williams**; **Reggie Cox** and **Kimberly Goodson**.

February mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Susan Gore** and **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi**; 2nd - **Nixie Lynch** and **Connor Smith**; 3rd **Sandra Allison** and **Juinez Moss**: February mentor teams placing: 1st - **Martha Oliver**, **June Eddingston**, **Sylvia Street**, and **Pat Bell**; tied for 2nd - **Kay Hooper**, **Paul Aguilard**, **Bob and Carol McGill**; **E.W. Sweeney**, **Tim Stelly**, **Sandra Allison**, and **Liz Mackenzie**.

March mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Sylvia Street** and **Pat Bell**; 2nd - **E.W. Sweeney** and **John Smalley**; 3rd - **Helen Williams**, and **Tim Stelly**. March mentor teams placing: 1st - **Sylvia Street** and **Pat Bell**, **Martha Oliver**, and **June Eddingston**. Tied for 2nd - **Susan Gore**, **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi**, **Bill Delboy**, and **Carolyn**

Worsham; **Lynda Jones**, **Ann Montgomery**, **Susan Nimmo**, and **Billie Carter**.

The highest monthly totals for February were **Dr. A. Bharathi**, **Martha Sigler** and **Pat Bell**; March - **John Smalley**, **Dr. A. Bharathi**, and **Nancy Smalley**.

ACBL - wide Senior Pairs winners were **Edwina Landrum** and **Marian Jones** March 7; 2nd - **Patsy Pierce** and **Ernestine Fisher**; 3rd - **Juanita Dean** and **Jan Niederstadt**.

U201 eagerly anticipates the Diamond Life Master Party for **John and Nancy Smalley** May 14.

Plans are also underway for The Longest Day, June 21, chaired by **Carolyn Worsham**.

Beaumont Spindletop

Mar 03-06 2016
126 players 147 tables.

- 1 29.69 Phillip Grothus
- 2 23.09 Mildred Breed
- 3 20.33 Nancy Smalley
- 4 17.30 Wilbur Dahlquist
- 5 17.30 Verna Dahlquist
- 6 13.42 Blanche Sibley
- 7 9.63 Ruby Collins
- 8 9.63 Dee Payne
- 9 9.58 Aiyannadar Bharathi
- 10 9.26 June Eddingston

Stratified Open Pairs-11.5 Tables / Based on 17 Tables AB1. Jill Spence-Joseph Volanski A2. Marian Jones-Nancy Smalley B2. Jerry Triggs-Billie Carter B1. Jerry Heckman-Rajendra Dhamankar B2.. Susan Gore-Patricia Bell

299er Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Judith Boyce-Marion McKernan AB2. Bebe Walker-Darlyn Dusek C1. Bobbie Carson-Tidwell Kimberly C2. Frances Price-Fred Rice

Stratified Open Pairs-15.5 Tables / Based on 20 Tables A1. Edward Rasmussen-Nancy Smalley A2. Verna Dahlquist-Wilbur Dahlquist B1. Marian Jones-Edwina Landrum B2C1. Martha Oliver-Wayne Outlaw C2. Donald Williams-Janis Williams

299er Pairs-4.0 Tables ABC1. James Ferguson-Florence Ferguson

AB2. Judith Boyce-Marion McKernan C2. B Clingo-W Clingo

Stratified Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables AB1. Dee Payne-Ruby Collins A2 Mildred Breed-Phillip Grothus B2C1. James Meade-Carol Meade

299er Pairs-7.5 Tables ABC1. Lucille Armintor-Patricia Woods ABC2. Joseph Kazmar-David Payne

Stratified Open Pairs-15.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables AB1. Blanche Sibley-Mary Johnson A2. Phillip Grothus-Mildred Breed B2C1.

Marianna Carpenter-Richard Carpenter C2. James Meade-Carol Meade

299er Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. W Clingo-B Clingo AB2. Michael Lemons-Carolyn Lemons C1. David Payne-Joseph Kazmar C2. Fred Rice-Frances Price

Stratified Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables A1. Flora Gillispie-Robert Kacher Jr A2. Phillip Grothus-Mildred Breed B1. Doris Everette-Joe Everette B2C1. Wayne Outlaw-Martha Oliver C2. Richard Carpenter-Marianna Carpenter

299er Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Virginia Mayhew-Sharon Kirkland AB2C1. Edith Purgason-Bonnie Loudin C2. Leland Briggs-Mary Briggs

Stratified Open Pairs-14.5 Tables / Based on 21 Tables A1. Mildred Breed-Phillip Grothus A2B1. June Eddingston-Blanche Sibley B2. Gerry Earnest-Mary Felton C1. Susan Gore-Jerry Gore C2. Ronald Randleman-Jody Henry

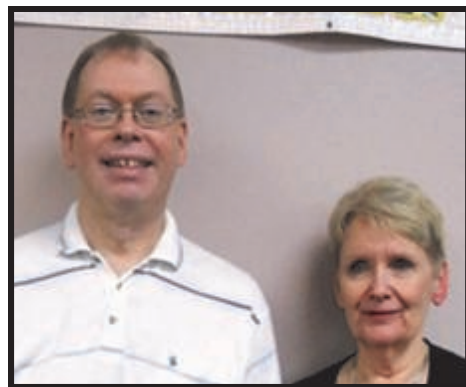
299er Pairs-6.0 Tables ABC1. Leland Briggs-Mary Briggs A2. Glenda Bass-William Delboy BC2. Bebe Walker-Darlyn Dusek

Stratified Swiss Teams-14 Tables A1. George Fox-Carolyne Fox-Vic Sowers-Phillip Grothus A2. Tom Clarke-Jim Barrow-Judy Robertson-Joyce Clarke BC1. Frankie Hall-Patricia Schiwart-Ann Montgomery-Connor Smith B2/3 Lily Andre-James Andre-John Heath-Edwin Zwald B2/3C2. Dave Becker-Robert Kacher Jr -Linda Briggs-Zach Townley-Smith

BEAUMONT MARCH SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday Morn Open Pairs A&B
Jill Spence, Joe Valanski



Thursday Aft Open Pairs A
Ed Rasmussen, Nancy Smalley



Friday Morn Open Pairs A&B
Dee Payne, Ruby Collins



Friday Aft Open Pairs A&B
Blanche Sibley, Mary Johnson



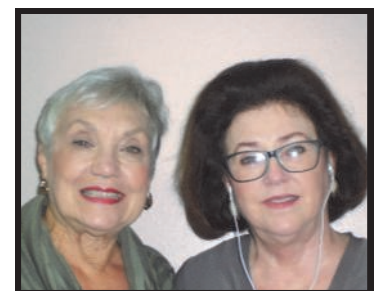
Saturday Morn Open Pairs A
John Kacher, Flo Gillispie



Saturday Aft Open Pairs A
Mildred Breed, Phillip Grothus



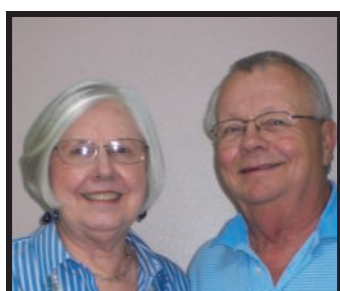
Swiss Team A
George Fox, Vic Sowers, Carolyne Fox, Phillip Grothus



Thursday Aft Open Pairs B
Edwina Landrum, Marian Jones



Sunday Swiss Team B,C
Pat Schiwart, Connor Smith, Ann Montgomery, Frankie Hall



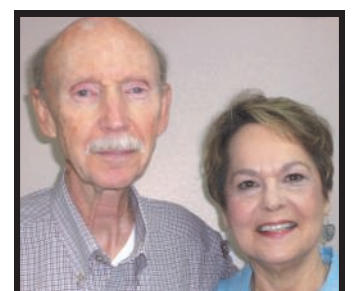
Friday Aft Open Pairs C
Marianne & Richard Carpenter



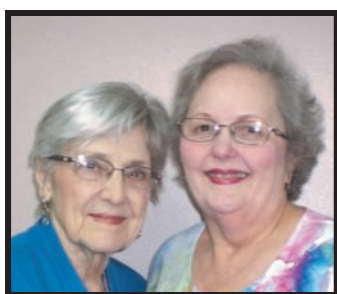
Saturday Aft Open Pairs C
Jerry and Susan Gore



Thursday Morn 299ers
Judith Boyce, Marion McKernan



Thursday Aft 299ers
Jim and Flo Ferguson



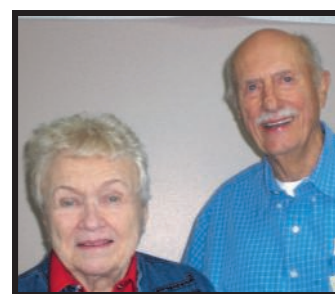
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Patricia Woods, Lucille Armintor



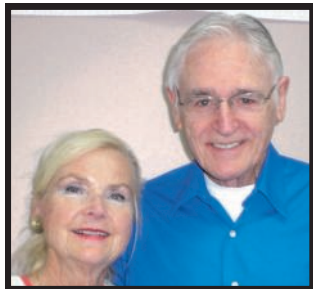
Friday Aft 299ers
Babs & Walt Clingo



Saturday Morn 299ers
Virginia Mayhew, Sharon Kirkland



Saturday Aft 299ers
Mary & Leland Briggs



Saturday Morn Open Pairs B
Doris and Joe Everette



Saturday Aft Open Pairs B
Blanche Sibley, June Eddington



Thursday Morn Open Pairs C
Raj Dhamanker, Jerry Heckman



Friday Morn Open Pairs C
Jim and Carol Meade



Saturday Morn Open Pairs C
Martha Oliver and Wayne Outlaw



**Unit 204
Fort Concho**
Neal Perlman

This spotlight on our Texas Star may appear in another place but 204 wants to emphasize our appreciation for Linda Cole. The justification excerpts included "Unit 204 is proud to announce the selection of Linda Cole as our Texas Star for 2015. Linda's tireless efforts on behalf of our club keep everything running smoothly and efficiently. She is the club manager, the computer WHIZ, the dealing machine GURU and the financial WIZARD! Though continuously being called upon, she maintains a smile and a sweet attitude." Along with her husband Gene their "bridge careers started in 1998 when they enrolled in an Adult Continuing Education bridge course taught by Virginia Noelke. Linda always gives credit to others who have aided her in her role of club leader and in becoming a better player. ... Congratulations, Linda, and THANKS!"

In February Marifrances Watson started a Tuesday Afternoon 1:30 Novice Game at the Sue Barber Bridge Center. This new effort is to expose social and new players to our fellowship and fun at the bridge table. Games initially covered basic mechanics and were very casual. Please use her contact info if you know of anyone who may be interested: call or text 325-277-9959 or email at mfwatson11@gmail.com. First time players are free. First game got off to a nice start with four tables of players with 0-100 points and people have continued to come back. An excerpt from Pat Bitner's email update--- "It

has been great to see results from the new Tuesday afternoon Novice or Newcomer game. Each week I see names of new folks--some I have not met and others that I met while Marifrances was giving lessons. One lady asked me when they would start getting points. I told her just as soon as she wins some. I just finished typing her name in the Bridge List for the newspaper and saw her first .38, or something, points. Now that is exciting!"

Nancy Craig has a renewed interest and presence in games in San Angelo and she is a pleasure to be around. And we welcome Nancy Greer who recently relocated to San Angelo from Dimmitt, Texas. Good personalities are always appreciated. Welcome to Molly Morriss who played her first duplicate game on Thursday evening 3/24/16. High game shout outs: Carol Diminnie + Mary Bloodworth 72%; Theresa Knoche + Karen Voight 68% and Sue Bramhall + Sherill Jackson - 71 %.

San Angelo's annual Texas Independence sectional was another good time and results should be in this edition. Several nice 299 games made. We appreciate the support of all those who attended.

The Unit Championship Game was preceded by a Club Business Meeting. President Vicki Fisher gave an overview of various advances and improvements recently realized. A committee has been formed to guide food, flowers, or whatever is appropriate when there are significant events among our membership. This committee will be called the Sunshine Committee. The members are Barbara Wright, Carolyn Reed-Jones,

Debbie Farr and Michelle Hester. Current board members include Carolyn Reed-Jones-Vice President, Pat Bitner, Debbie Farr, Ginny Noelke, Larry Hettick and Neal Perlman-President. Other key positions and functions include: Club Manager +Treasurer-Suzanne Dorris; Maintenance, Grounds, Tournament -Norma Walker; Technical Operations (computer, bridge pads, dealing equipment)- Linda Cole and Marifrances Watson; Secretary, Publicity and Newsletter-Pat Bitner and Sunshine Committee - Barbara Wright. I know I have not named all the people who pitch in to get it done. And I will quote "that with games six afternoons and three nights every week, it takes lots of work by many people to keep all of that running smoothly. Thank you very much, Club Manager, Directors, Dealing Machine operators, bulletin board artist, club list maintainer, and all others who voluntarily put so much time and effort into our club."

Remember some of the best advice, observations and rules are as close as your immediate friends and competitors and partners. A recent accumulation of items from my community lead me to summarize. Count? Take time to evaluate, plan in a measured way. Count. Take a minute and communicate your values to your partner with your bidding and carding; in other words, have a conversation. On defense, take time to figure it out. Ask yourself the counts, distribution, points, what you know, what you guess. Remember it is all in context and first missteps are not cause to fly a flag of surrender. Keep counting! Steel yourself to bad results and play the cards you have in your hand. Partnership harmony is based on good communication during

bidding, defending and away from the table.

Bridge People in a poll of the top experts, there was advice on how to play team games against better players and in the next column there will be the bare highlights. Check out the expanded original on the web.

Texas Independence

San Angelo
Feb 12-14 2016
109 players. 132 tables.

- 1 28.03 Virginia Noelke
- 2 26.65 Venkatrao Koneru
- 3 20.30 Carl McGill
- 4 20.17 Neal Perlman
- 5 19.36 George Finley
- 6 18.20 Donna Swarhout
- 7 18.20 Dave Swarhout
- 8 13.10 Gene Gammill
- 9 13.10 Flo Curry Mid
- 10 13.00 Shyla McGill
- 11 13.00 Nancy Hollyfield

Friday Afternoon Open Prs-16.5
Tables A1. Donna Swarhout-Dave Swarhou A2. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru B1. Iris Warren-Peggy Jackson B2C1. Terri Tedford-Frances Grogan C2. Toni Hurlbut-Alberta Birk

Friday AM Open Pairs-8.5 Tables A1. Bette Byrd-Coleen Grisham A2. Carl McGill-George Finley B1. Mary Jane McCord- Terri Tedford B2. Linda Cole-Gene Cole C1. Jerry Riggs-James Alvis C2. Toni Hurlbut-Alberta Birk

Saturday AM Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables A1/2 George Finley-Carl McGill A1/2 Janise Saul-Neal Perlman B1. Nancy Hollyfield-Shyla McGill B2. Eddy Rice-Verle Rice C1. Toni Hurlbut-Alberta Birk C2. Jo Ann Beauchamp-Frances Grogan

Saturday AM 299r Pairs-4 Tables AB1. Larry Hettick-Anna Thomas AB2. Paula Baggett-Rebecca Osborne
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-17.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru A2. Deborah Brookins-Tommy Splittgerber B1. Bonnie George-Nancy Greer B2. Martha Norman-Anita Albert C1. Helen Barker-Maxine Todd C2. Toni Hurlbut-Alberta Birk

Saturday Aft 299r Pairs-4.5 Tables ABC1. Kaye Marsh-Sherill Jackson AB2. Carol Diminnie-Leigh Broadway C2. Robert McCarty-Michael Williams

Saturday Evening Open Prs-12.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables A1. Gene Gammill-Flo Curry A2. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru B1. Martha Norman-Anita Albert B2/3 Patsy Rogers-Brenda Chapman B2/3 Coyita Bowker-James Alvis

Saturday Evening 299r Prs-3.0 Tables AB1. Michael Williams-Robert McCarty AB2. Charlotte Sisco-Kathy Dickson

Friday Evening Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables A1. Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris A2B1. Nancy Hollyfield-Shyla McGill B2C1. Mike Robinson-Shirley Davenport C2. G David Hudson-Terri Tedford

Friday Evening 299r Pairs-3.5 Tables AB1. Carol Diminnie-Leigh Broadway AB2. Charlotte Sisco-Kathy Dickson-Shirley Davenport
Sunday Stratified Swiss-19 Tables A1. George Finley-Carl McGill-Neal Perlman-Jo Smith A2. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Dave Swarhout-Donna Swarhout BC1. Earl Mulley-Leigh Broadway-Carl Diminnie-Anna Thomas B2. David Watson-Brenda Chapman-Judy Matthews-Glynda Groves C2. Shyla McGill-Nancy Hollyfield-Debra

SAN ANGELO TEXAS INDEPENDENCE SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Morn Open Pairs A
Bette Bird, Coleen Grisham



Saturday Morning Open Pairs A Tie
Carl McGill, George Finley, Janise Saul, Neal Pearlman



Friday Eve Open Pairs A
Norma Walker, Suzanne Dorris



Friday Aft Open Pairs A
Dave & Donna Swarhout



Saturday Aft Open Pairs A
Babu Koneru, Virginia Noelke



Saturday Eve Open Pairs A
Gene Gammill, Flo Curry



Sunday Swiss Team A
Neal Pearlman, Carl McGill,
Jo Smith, George Finley



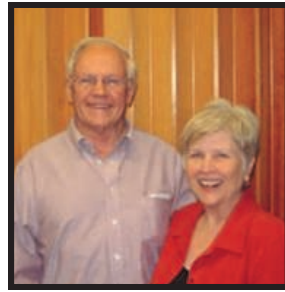
Friday Morn Open Pairs B
MJ McCord, Terri Tedford



Friday Aft Open Pairs C
Terri Tedford, Fran Grogan



Friday Eve Open Pairs B
Saturday Morn Open Pairs B
Nancy Hollyfield, Shyla McGill



Friday Eve Open Pairs C
Mike Robinson, Shirley Davenport



Sunday Swiss Team B&C
Carol Diminnie, Earl Mulley,
Leigh Broadway, Anna Thoma



Saturday Aft Open Pairs C
Maxine Todd, Helen Braker



Saturday Eve Open Pairs B
Anita Albert, Martha Norman



Saturday Morn 299ers
Anna Thomas, Larry Hettick

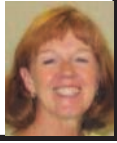


Friday Aft Open Pairs B
Iris Warren, Peggy Jackson



Friday Eve 299ers
Leigh Broadway, Carol Diminnie

**Unit 207
Austin**



Joyce Cooper

Editor's Note. We wish to thank Joyce for all her great columns. She is passing the mantle on to Sandy Potts. We have been lucky to have many great columnists, they are the backbone of the paper.

Unit 207 is pleased to welcome 2 new members to the Board of Directors: Jo Dee Bowen who will be serving as Treasurer and Harry Ingham. Our new President is Rachell Jackson, and Sandy Potts will be serving as secretary and also taking over as the Unit writer for the Scorecard. Myself, I will complete my 6th and final year on the Board as Vice President.

Pam LaShelle, who has led our Unit Board with diligence and enthusiasm for the past two years had made the decision that it was time to concentrate on other interests. Pam is currently a Director and teaches bridge lessons. She will remain on the Board for the next two years where we all need her expertise and knowledge. Under Pam's direction, the Unit Board has made concentrated efforts to reach out to our Unit Clubs and make them an integrated part of the whole. Members have paid visits to these outlying Clubs, bringing pre-deal Boards and refreshments, all in the name of saying: "how can we help?" Pam has said that one of the things she wants to be remembered for is the cheeseballs she has consistently made for every Unit tournament and most events! Obviously, we all owe her a big round of thanks for her consistency and attention to the details of keeping our Unit running smoothly. Pat Rutledge, who served as hospitality chair for the past 3 years had opted to not run for reelection. Pat is a fantastic cook and her contributions were often and many at Unit events and tournaments. Pat and Pam, your diligence and hard work for the Unit have been greatly appreciated. However, it doesn't end there: these two have been asked by Larry Davis to co-chair Hospitality for the Austin Regional in July.

Larry Davis is once again chairing the Austin July Regional. Under his guidance for the past 8 years, the table count has increased almost every year. Looking at the numbers, here is what I found: in 2008 we had a table

count of 1409; 2010: 1581; 2012: 1541; and in 2014: 1665. This year the tournament will be back in the renovated Doubletree and per requests, there will be pre-tournament Director's Certification classes as well as Instructor Certification classes. Again, we will have a strong novice/intermediate program with lecturers. The Board is getting excited about the tournament and hope all our friends across Central Texas will be joining us. The days of the tournament are perfect, with Swiss team play ending on July 3rd, which will make it easy for folks to get a lot of good bridge in and celebrate the 4th with family and friends. Currently Larry is seeking individuals who would like to sponsor events at the Regional. You can memorialize or honor a friend or player by naming an event for that player.

I would like to take a personal minute to say that it has been fun writing the Scorecard article every other month. I didn't know what to write about at first and said to Ira Hessel, who is an absolute martyr to take everyone's scribbles and put it in a form that looks like well researched news, that I just didn't think I could manufacture enough news for an interesting column. Ira told me that was nonsense - that I had some of the most interesting people in Texas to write about: Tobin Sokolow, Louis Sachar, to name a couple, and that I should just get going. Well, I did, and I tried to do a mini-interview with one of our players for each publication. It was interesting and I enjoyed it. I'm sure I haven't done justice to the talents we have in our Unit, but I found that everyone has a story and everyone who keeps showing up at the bridge games is just "Hooked on Bridge," because it is such a challenge. Some of us play for social reasons, others for the intellectual challenge, and some for the sheer elegance that sometimes happens in the bidding and play or defense of the game. Thanks to all of you who have helped me out.

Milestones: New Life Masters: Congratulations to Lisa Holzgrafe, who picked up a needed .65 of a point at the last member appreciation game, just enough to nudge her over the big milestone: She's now our newest life master! Joining her are Josh Bank and James Moody; **Bronze Life Master:** Steve Anderson, Kay Dierks; **Silver Life Master:** Mary McCarron, Sharon MacMorran; **Ruby Life Master:** Diana Rogers; **Gold Life Mas-**

ter: Swadesh Mahajan; **Others: 100:** Sig Dahl, Linda Vincent; **200:** Gary Anderson, Margie Butler, Jeff Skillin, Sharon Dameron, Loren Nyer.

Future events: Spring Sectional: May 5-8, Unit 207 Event at the Bridge Center of Austin; **Non Life Master Sectional:** June 11-12 at the Bridge Center of Austin; **Austin Summer Regional:** June 27-July 3 at the Doubletree Hotel; **0-200 Tournament:** August 20-21 at the Bridge Center of Austin.

Deceased: Herbert Marks. Herb was a gentleman and professional in every sense of the word. His death was unexpected and a lot of people, including myself, were shocked. It's a reminder that we all need to take time to smell the roses and to be particularly diligent in our outreach to our fellow players.

Austin February

Feb 25-28 2016
301 players. 318 tables.

- 1 30.82 John Schwartz
- 2 30.82 James Thurtell
- 3 22.23 Paul Tobias
- 4 21.62 Jack Lacy
- 5 21.36 Jim Hilton
- 6 20.63 James La Fountain
- 7 20.16 George Watkins
- 8 18.69 Joe Black
- 9 17.85 Donna Swarouth
- 10 17.85 Dave Swarouth

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-17.5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. James La Fountain- Genie Kaplan A2B1. B J Sanders- Theda Cook B2. Donna Lantz-Sonje Hinich C1. Aleta McTamany- Karen Jennings C2. R Gary Marquart-David Boyle

Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-7.0 Tables AB1. Richard Thieme-Shirley Thiem A2.. Barbara Rodriguez-Disanza B1. Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King B2. Linda & Paul Dawson

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-17.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Jim Hilton-Lee Stokes Hilton A2. Pam LaShelle- Geoff Blandy BC1. R Gary Marquart-David Boyle B2. Harry Ingham-Elaine Martin C2. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson

Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Robert Caldwell III-J Patrick Finnigan B2C1. Karen Dameron-Sharon Dameron C2 Simone Scumpia -Joy De Laveaga

Thursday Eve Open Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Raymond Borrego-Simone Scumpia A2. James Thurtell-John Schwartz B2C1. Sharon Dameron-Laura Craft C2. Thomas Hughes-Mindy Kerber

Thursday Morn Swiss Teams-13 Tables A1. Mark Craig-Sharon Hoger -George Watkins-Helene Hennelly A2B1. Charles Aufill-Shirley Holland -J Bank-Leona Rieger B2C1. Janet Hawk-Marlene Brandt-Sue Alt-Cynthia Rivet C2. Diana Whitfield-Gary Dayton-Sandra Dayton-Joanie Gates

Thursday Aft Swiss Teams-14 Tables AB1. Sheila Harrison-Pam Barksdale-Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert AB2. Mark Craig-Sharon Hoger-George Watkins-Helene Hennelly C1. Jane Collins-Julie Valentine -Steven Hollahan-Sanae Zaveloff C2. David Warner-Ken Rochlen-Larry Smith-Marvin Schragar

Friday Morn Open Pairs-19.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. Ralph Simon-Leonard McCormick A2. Joseph Giordano-George Watkins B1. B J Sanders-Theda Cook B2. Harry Ingham-Elaine Martin C1. Costa Triantaphilides-J Bank C2. Richard Clements-Barbara Clements

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables ABC1/2 Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King ABC1/2 John Whittaker-Bama Hill

Friday Aft Open Pairs-21.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Larry Davis-Robert Donathan A2. James Thurtell-John Schwartz A1. Kathy McCabe-Mark Craig A2. Terry Richardson-Greg Schepens B1. Costa Triantaphilides-J Bank B2. Elizabeth Ling-Shirley Churchill

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Sig Dahl-Marjorie Butler AB2. Orlin Johnson-Pritam Sooch C1. Beverly Miller-Kathy Choice C2. Marie Russiello-Emil Russiello

Friday Eve Open Pairs-5.0 Tables A1. Ed Davis-Barbara Grantham 2.58 2 Dan Morse-Nancy Joe BC1. Mark Anderson-Robert Tyler BC2. Arthur Widen-Lysa Nguyen

Friday Morn Swiss Teams-13 Tables AB1. William McIndoo-Rita Wiegenstein- Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert A2. John Schwartz-James Thurtell-Melody Euler-Eddie Bass B21. Rebecca Parmentier-Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett-Jane Collins C2. Patricia Berry-Melinda Simmen-Mickey Goldwater-Lucerne Bunch

Friday Aft Swiss Teams-13 Tables A1. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-Nancy Riley-Bill Riley A2B1. William McIndoo-Rita Wiegenstein-Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert B2C1. Patricia Webb-Laurene Jacob-Robin Tucker-Michele Abriol C2. Rebecca Parmentier-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Jane Collins

Saturday Morn Open Pairs-25.0

Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Swadesh Mahajan-Kalpna Sutaria A2. Rosemary Kelley-Karen Snyder B1. B J Sanders-Mark Sanders B2. Frank Schwakhofer-Marlene Clausen C1. Karen Logan-James Glathar C2. Thomas Hughes-Mindy Kerber

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-8 Tables A1. Julianne McKenna-Sharon Dameron A2. Barbara Werth-Margaret Shilling B1. Orlin & Julie Johnson B2C1. Jean Durocher-Earnestine Broyles C2. Betty Salvo-Sharon Lowes

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-21.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. James Thurtell-John Schwartz A2. Jim Hilton-Frank Bell BC1. Dianne Ebert-Elaine Jordan BC2. Nola Ray-Kathleen Monahan

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-4.5 Tables AB1. Sharon Dameron-Laura Craft AB2C1. Jean Durocher-Earnestine Broyles C2. Linda Dawson-Paul Dawson

Saturday Eve Open Pairs-4.0 Tables AB1. Brian Bankler-Hank Eng AB2. A Ansari-Jaroslav Langer

Saturday Aft Swiss Teams-13 Tables A1. Roxana Tom-C David Mitchell-Brian Bankler-Hank Eng A2.. Virgil Massey-Charlene Sands-C G Bell-Gary Powell BC1. Lysa Nguyen-Robert Tyler-Lazaro Brener-Mark Anderson BC2. James Moody-Rachell Jackson-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson

Saturday KO Bracket 1-6 Tables 1. Jack Lacy- Alexander Labry- Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth 2. Patricia Webb-Laurene Jacob-Robin Tucker-Michele Abriol

Sunday Swiss Bracket 1-13 Tables / Based on 34 Tables A1. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Danny Feng A2. Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn-Dan Morse-Tom Clarke X1. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Geoff Blandy-Louis Sachar X2/3 Lawton Hutchison -Mary Anne Laier-Dean Truair-Linda Anthony A2/3 James La Fountain-Richard Clarke-James Moody-Claudette Hartman

Sunday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables / Based on 21 Tables 1. Joe Black-Wiley McMinn III-Ellen Meyer-David Warner 2. Mark Craig-Sharon Hoger-Phillip Jaeger-John Oakley

Sunday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. Daniel Baker-Joyce Cooper-Paul Johnston-Alick Einav 2. Arthur Widen-Lysa Nguyen-Robert Tyler-Steven Andersen

Sunday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables 1 David Goodwin-Julianne McKenna-Costa Triantaphilides-Rose Goodwin 2. Lazaro Brener-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Mark Anderson

AUSTIN FEBRUARY SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday Morn Swiss Teams A
George Watkins, Lanie Hennelly,
Sharon Hoger, Mark Craig



Thursday Aft Swiss Teams A
Pam Barksdale, Sara Bossert,
Shiela Harrison, Mike Bossert



Thursday Aft Pairs A
Lee & Jim Hilton



Friday Morn Swiss Teams, A & B
Friday Aft Swiss Teams, B
Rita Wiegenstein, Sara Bossert,
Bill McIndoo, Michael Bossert



Friday Aft Swiss Teams A
Nancy Riley, Eleanor Sherwyn,
Bill Riley, Donald Varvel



Thursday Eve Pairs A & B
Simone Scumpia, Raymond Borrego



Friday Morn Pairs A
Leonard McCormick, Ralph Simon



Friday Aft Pairs A
Robert Donathan, Larry Davis



Friday Eve Pairs A
Ed Davis, Barbara Grantham



Saturday Morn Pairs A
Swadesh Mahajan, Kalpana Suteria



Thursday Morn Pairs A
Jimmy La Fountain, Genie Kaplan



Saturday Aft Pairs A
James Thurtell, John Schwartz



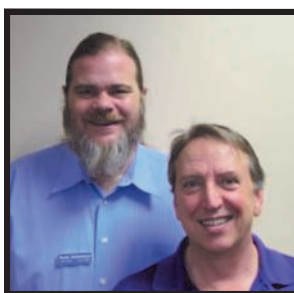
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday Morn
Pairs B
BJ Sanders, Theda Cook



Thursday Morn Swiss Teams B
Josh Bank, Shirley Holland,
Leona Rieger, Charles Aufferl



Thursday Eve Pairs C
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs
Laura Craft, Sharon Dameron



Friday Eve Pairs B & C
Mark Anderson, Bob Tyler



Friday Morn & Aft Pairs C
Costa Triantaphilides, Josh Bank



Saturday Aft Pairs B & C
Elaine Jordan, Dianne Ebert



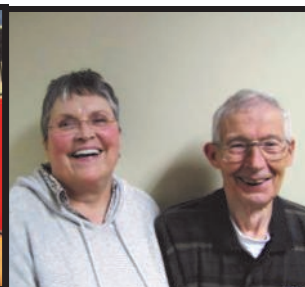
Friday Morn Swiss Teams C
Jane Collins, Becky Parmentier,
Gary Anderson, Jerry Barrett



Saturday Aft Swiss Teams B & C
Lysa Nguyen, Lazaro Brenner,
Bob Tyler, Mark Anderson



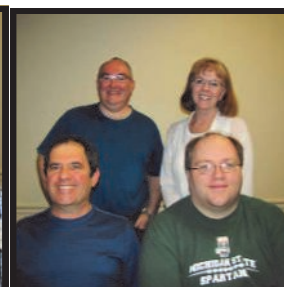
Saturday Morn Pairs B
Mark & BJ Sanders



Saturday Morn Pairs C
Karen Logan, Jim Glathar



Sunday Swiss Teams Bkt 2
Ellen Meyer, Joe Black,
David Warner, Wiley McMinn(NP)



Sunday Swiss Teams Bkt 3
Paul Johnston, Joyce Cooper,
Alick Einav, Dan Baker



Sunday Swiss Teams Bkt 4
Julie McKenna, Rose Goodwin,
Costa Triantaphilides, David Goodwin



Thurs & Fri Morning 299ers
Lynn Pierson, Helen King



Thursday Aft 299er Pairs
Pat Finnigan, Rob Caldwell



Friday Morn 299ers
Bama Hill, John Whittaker



Friday Aft 299er Pairs
Sig Dahl, Margie Butler



Saturday Morn 299ers
Orlin Johnson, Julie Johnson



Sat Morn 299ers
Julie McKenna, Sharon Dameron



Saturday Morning 299ers
Eamestine Broyles, Jean Durocher

**Unit 209
Permian Basin**



Ann Parish

We had lots of parties in Unit 209. Midland Country Club players celebrated birthdays on March 4th.-- **Bob Bacon's** 95th and **Charlie Grimes'** 80th. **Ricki Perry** ordered a huge, beautiful cake, and players from both Midland and Odessa attended. Happy birthday, guys!

Permian Bridge Club (Midland) also had its monthly birthday parties on the last Wednesday of each month. The top winners in February were **Marty Massie** and **Marilyn Higgins**. In March the winners were **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes**. Thanks to **Ann** for the birthday cakes, too!

Midland had a St. Patrick's Day game

on March 17th. Everyone wore green and brought lots of food. The big winners were **Frances Levin** and **Helen Davis**. At the Easter party, **Belle Harris** and **Les Neal** wore their bunny ears, and **Belle's** paid off—she and **Don Troy** won!

We were happy to have the required five tables for the Monday afternoon senior game on March 7th, despite a lot of players being out of town. **Charlie Grimes** and **Ann Servatius** won the event.

On March 13th, Unit 209 held a party for our Texas Star and the winners of the Mini-McKinney and Ace of Spades awards. **Flo Curry**, Unit 209 president, did a great job of organizing, and we had seven tables. North/South and overall winners were **Deborah Brookins** and **Joy Hardy**. East/West first place was won by **Belle Harris** and **Sarana Savage**, the

Texas Star honoree for 2016.

On March 27-28, Midland hosted a NLM tournament for players with fewer than 500 points. We had a great turnout both days, with players from Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Lubbock, and Carlsbad, NM. Players had a good time both playing bridge and eating yummy food. People who bought food, even if they couldn't play, included **Patti Heard** and her husband (a non-bridge player), **Sarana Savage**, **Ann Servatius**, **Sandy Thomas** (assisted by **Debbie Kemp**), and the daughter of **Jeannie Marsh-Smith**, who made fancy cookies shaped like bridge suits (clubs, hearts, etc.). On Sunday **Earl Mulley**, a bridge player who owns a bakery in San Angelo, showed up with TEN pies! A delicious time was had by all.

The tournament was helped by our

new shuffling machine. Each week two people meet and spend a couple of hours using the machine to make the boards for the week. The machine will also print out individual records and hand records if desired. The games are a bit speedier without the shuffling at the beginning. And the people are getting speedier at using the machine.

Odessa sent six players to the San Angelo Sectional—**Paula Baggett**, **Shirley Davenport**, **Debra Jones**, **Les Neal**, **Mike Robinson**, and **Scott Vaughn**. The Odessa team of **Helen Davis**, **Sherry Garcia**, **Debra Jones**, and **Shirley Davenport** went to Lubbock to play in the Sunday Swiss in their sectional.

We'd like to wish a speedy recovery to **Marlene Blumentritt** and **Sandy Thomas**.

Lessons for new players are going strong. Bridge of the Permian Basin, led by **Mercedes Barker**, **Amanda Shaw-Nichols**, and **Debra Jones**, has started a new round of Easybridge 1 while the experienced group is moving on to Easybridge 2.

In Midland, beginning bridge lessons started on Saturday, March 26, with a free introductory lesson. Beginning and intermediate lessons will be offered every Saturday through April and May at \$3 per lesson. Teachers and teacher's aides are **Belle Harris**, **Ann Servatius**, and **Kay Sewell**. The lessons end with a novice game (0-20 points) played with an individual movement. On March 26th, **Dorothy Blair** had a 76% game!

My thanks to **Belle Harris**, **Mercedes Barker**, **Patti Heard**, **Marlene Blumentritt**, **Shirley Davenport**, **Flo Curry**, and **Kay Sewell**, all play-

MIDLAND NLM SECTIONAL WINNERS



Saturday Morn Pairs
Ann Brannon, Paul Johnson



Saturday Aft Pairs
Paula Baggett, Joyce Ball



Saturday Morn & Aft Pairs
Peter Berzanskis, Greg Keys



Sunday Swiss Team
Amanda Shaw, Shirley Davenport,
Debra Jones, Helen Davis



Sunday Swiss
Marilyn Higgins, Georgia Temple,
Kay Sewell, Marty Massie



Sunday Swiss Team
Earl Mulley, Anna Thomas,
Leigh Broadway, Carol Duminnie

MIDLAND TALL CITY SECTIONAL

JUNE 10 – 12 2016
MIDLAND COLLEGE 3600 N. GARFIELD
CARRASCO ROOM
MIDLAND, TEXAS

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Friday, June 10, 2016

Stratified Pairs Single Session 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum) 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum) 9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Stratified Swiss 10:00 am & TBA
 Donuts and coffee available before this game

HOST HOTEL

Quality Suites 4706 North Garfield
 Rate \$89.00 single \$99 double+ taxes
 Ask for bridge rate.
 432-620-9191 or 432-620-9292



STRATS: A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)

All Strats determined by average master points
 Non-smoking with breaks
 Director: Scott Humphrey

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



ers who contributed to this column.

Unit 209 players are looking forward to more bridge, more parties, more food, more trips to tournaments, and more fun!

Midland NLM

02/27-02/28/2016
 40 players 38 tables.

- 1 4.80 Shirley Davenport
- 2 4.80 Amanda Shaw
- 3 4.25 Helen Davis
- 4 3.63 Peter Berzanskis
- 5 3.57 Patti Heard

Sat Morn NLM Pairs-10.5 Tables
 AB1. H Ann Brannon-Paul Johnson
 A2. Amanda Shaw-Shirley Davenport
 B1. Peter Berzanskis-Gregory Keys
 B2. Betty Moore-Patricia Kern

Sat Aft NLM Pairs-9 Tables AB1.
 Paula Baggett-Joyce Ball A2. James Maher-Helen Davis B2. Patti Heard-Kay Arrell C1. Gregory Keys-Peter Berzanskis C2. Dorothy Baird-Jeanie Marsh

Sunday NLM Swiss Teams-9 Tables
 A1. Amanda Shaw-Shirley Davenport -Helen Davis-Debra Jones A2B1. Marilyn Higgins-Georgia Temple-A Kay Sewell-Marty Massie B2C1. Earl Mulley-Leigh Broadway-Carol Diminnie-Anna Thomas C2. Scott Vaughan-Patti Heard-Dorothy Baird-Sarana Savage

Unit 224 Fort Phantom
Bette Byrd



BRIDGE ETC. has moved! The most exciting thing going on in Abilene is that Bridge Etc. has moved from the senior center to the Mable Lillius Bridge Center. The Board of Directors unanimously welcomed the two games, as it will put all the games under one roof. Coleen Grisham, owner/director made the difficult decision to request the move for several reasons. She and Carl were having to go there to use the dealing machine, which entailed carrying boards back and forth for both games. The other important reason is that parking at the Senior Center is very limited and there is no handicap parking or access on the side where we played. Having to play at twelve

o'clock so we could be out at four was not working well. We will now play at one o'clock, which still allows those that want to eat at the Senior Center to have lunch there.

We are looking forward to a very pleasant relationship and an influx of players who had had to stay away due to the parking. The first game, May third, we had seven one-half tables. YEAH! Remember there are also games on both Wednesday and Friday at the same time, as well as Tuesday night at six and Thursday, a limited game at six. Play more bridge everyone.

The Lubbock Sectional tournament was attended by Jim Alvis and Coyita Bowker who won 4.13 silver points. Carl and Coleen Grisham stopped by to play a session on their way to Surprise. Arizona to watch Texas Rangers Spring Training. They picked up .60 silver points.

Attending the Fort Worth Regional were Jim Alvis, Coyita Bowker and Jerry and Gwen Riggs. They played a team game and a pair game during two days.

The Board of Directors appointed Bob Young to fill the position of Martha Murphy as she resigned due to health problems. Thanks Martha for your time served.

I am trying something new so let me know if you like it...
MEMORY LANE!

From the June 1992 Unit Newsletter: The 0 – 199 tournament was deemed a success: We had 20 tables on Saturday and 18 on Sunday for the Swiss team. We had 26 towns represented outside Abilene, with players coming from Oklahoma and as far away as Baytown.

Memorial Day Monday Duplicate game was also a big success. We had 16 tables, with John and Betty Bozeman acting as standby. Flight A overalls were 1st: Ruth Wellhausen & Betsy Duncan; 2nd: Martyne Turner & Joan Fincher; 3rd: Dee Stearns & Howard Wilkins; 4th: Trudy Madox & Martha House. Flight B winners were 1st: Bob Young & Ed Grant; 2nd: Jean and Frank McFarland; 3rd: Rogene Spruell & LaVerne Hood; 4th: Fran Herchenhan & Janice Harkins.

Abilene Duplicate was the original duplicate club in Abilene before there was a unit.

Remember STAC games June 13-18. World Wide Bridge Game June 3 and 4 Abilene Regional Tournament October 17-23

Thanks, Bette Byrd



0% Games Janie and Jerrell Wolaver scored 77.5% on Feb. 24th at the Longview DBC. Kay Wright / Vermell Boucher had a 73.21 game on March 28th. Jack Yarbrough and Roy Reed scored 71.79% at the Unit Game on Feb. 13th. Nell Velvin and Betsy Smith scored 73.92% on Feb. 29th at the Dottie Pirkle DBC. Judy Adams and Bari Hart had a 73% game on March 24th at the Dottie Pirkle DBC.

Dorothy McCasland and Liz Guthrie had a 71.67% game on 2/16/16 and also had a 70% game at PDBC (Pittsburg) on 3/1/16. Tuesday 5 April at Nannie's Bridge House Mike Graham & Shirley Shelton a 76.49% with 8 1/2 Tables.

The Piney Woods Sectional Tournament was very successful with attendance up 15 %. Some of the proceeds will be used to buy small tables for drinks, etc. instead of having them on the corners of the card tables. Congratulations to Mike Graham and Shirley Shelton for winning the most points at the tournament with 24.97 points each.

The lessons are going well at the Longview club. Mike Graham, a Sapphire Life Master, is teaching the Club Series to 18 students. Lessons are always fun at our club! Whenever our director Mike Graham is away, Tyler director Ennis Dyess is always ready to step in to administer the games and we all appreciate his help. Thanks, Ennis.

Congratulations are in order for our longtime club member Lanora Latham, who married Wayne Bogue at the LDBC studio on Saturday, April 2. Wayne is taking Mike's bridge lessons and we all wish them a happy pairing!

The Lake Cypress Springs Bridge Club (LCSBC) in Mt. Vernon added a new Sunday afternoon game on the first Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. We held our first game on 4/3/16 and had 6.5 tables. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new afternoon game.

Tyler is happy to announce two new players, Louise Schovanec & Laura Kelley, to our club. They are a great addition!

Sandy Hilliard and Charles Ford are very excited about how well the lessons at the Canton Intermediate School (3rd-5th grades) are going. Those students are quick learners and are moving through the lessons so quickly it is amazing! Here's hoping they will be lifelong lovers of bridge.

At the February Unit Game:
 1st – Roy Reed and Jack Yarbrough 71.79%
 2nd – Ennis Dyess and Charles Ford 65.97%
 3rd – Mary Bartley and Don Bartley 65.45%

At the March Unit Game:
 1st – Brenda Baker and Emily Leake 67.80%
 2nd – Gay Roach and Carolyn Chapman 63.26%
 3rd – Ennis Dyess and Charles Ford 60.80%

Twice a year Gloria Rowland and the players at the Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek support The Library at Cedar

Creek Lake by participating in its charity bridge game. Gloria was the director for the duplicate side, which had 12 full tables at the event on March 24th. The duplicate awards were:

First Place (North South): Jimmy Wright & Sandra Campbell
 First Place (East West): Sandy Molander & Bonnie Magee

This event raised \$3,123 bringing the grand total to \$55,470 in support for The Library over the years. The event included a delicious lunch, a raffle, prizes for top 12 pairs and ample time to mingle with bridge players from all over the area.

Our favorite quarterly event is a Pro/Am Club Championship Swiss game which was held on Friday, March 18th. We start off with a potluck lunch which is enjoyed by all. Then Barbara Williams, the director, divides the entire group of players into two groups by pair average masterpoints. After lunch Gloria begins the process of drawing for teams. One pair from the Pro group and another from the Am group are drawn and announced as a team and given a team number. This process continues until all pairs are matched, accompanied by a lot of "Whoops" and "Wows" as assessments are made by the crowd as to the formidability of the teams! This is a lot of fun for everyone. The players don't have to worry about finding teammates in order to play that day...it's the luck of the draw. The winning teams were:

- 1st: Vona Nason, Wanda Prokop, Sandy Hilliard & Jean Roach
- 2nd: Barbara Jordan, Sue Wright, Betty Wilkinson & Sandy Molander
- 3rd: Sarah Neimann, Dale Molander, Barbara Bradford & Joe Ellis
- 4th: Beverly Battle, Marion Davis, Jo Booth & Carol Sossamon



Unit 353 Wichita Falls
Rosemary Barrington

TYLER TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

July 8 - 10, 2016

Holiday Inn Select-5701 S. Broadway-Tyler, TX
 (Call 903-561-5800 by 06/23/16 for bridge rate of \$99.00 a night)

Friday - July 8, 2016

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

Saturday - July 9, 2016

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

Open Pairs: A:2000+, B:750-2000, C: 0-750 500 NLM Pairs: A:300-500, B:100-300, C: 0-100
Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team) - (Teams may be handicapped double ACBL's)

Sunday - July 10, 2016

JUDGE BILL & ANN STEGER STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

4000+, AX:0-4000 (play together) 10:00 TBA
 0-2000 Bracketed (8 team brackets by masterpoints) 10:00 TBA
 299er Bracketed (if there are enough 299er teams) 10:00 TBA
 Entry Fees: \$ 12.00 per session for ACBL members, \$15.00 for non/unpaid members \$120.00 per Swiss Team (Complimentary Lunch for all Swiss Teams)

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NOTE: Coffee, Tea and Water will be available.

PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS

Register for partner on line
<https://web3.acbl.org/partnershipdesk/search-events/tournament/1607086>

If you have questions contact
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Donna Lorange and Ladocsa Kincaid with 66.00, Susan Couch and Ann Halsell with 65.42. Susan Couch and Anne Halsell with 64.58., and Susan Couch and Anne Halsell with 63.00.

Bridge-A-Gap Masterpoint Leaders were Faye Morrison with 3.51, Kathleen Brown with 3.07, Gladys Barley with 3.06, Patty Hofer with 3.00, Gail Simpson with 2.61, and Tony Abernathy with 2.50.

High Percentage Leaders were Patty Hofer and Joan Paradeis with 72.00, Bernie Lange and Cula Burch with 69.24, Dee McKinley and Wanda Hughes with 64.48, Lois Roberson and Patty Hofer with 63.50, and Martin Blecha and Chris Deopere with 63.33.

We ha a wonderful dinner celebration for the different winners over the area. Many came from Vernon to honor their winning members.

Ace of Clubs Winners were Teri McCormick, Vernon, with 0-5, Marsha May, Wichita Falls, with 5-20, Jam Hartin, Vernon, with 20-50, Suzanne Sosa, Wichita Falls, with 50-100, Douglas Jeffrey 111 with 100-200, Tony Abernathy, Wichita Falls with 200-300, Carole Tucker, Vernon, with 300-500, Ruth Streit, Vernon, with 500-1000, Anne Halsel, Vernon, with 1000-2500, Dr Susan Couch, with 2500-5000.

Mini-McKenney Winners were Teri McCormick, Vernon, with 0-5, Marsha May Wichita Falls, with 5-20, Jan Hartin, Vernon, 20-50, Suzanne Sosa, Wichita Falls, with 40-100, Douglas Jeffrey III ,Quanah, 100-200, Tony Abernathy, Wichita Falls, with 200-300, Carole Tucker, Vernon, with 300-500, Ruth Streit, Vernon, with 500-1000, Khalifa Ahmed, Denton, with 1000-2500, and last of all or should I say the very First was Dr Susan Couch, Vernon, with 2500-5000. Cogratulations to all you contenders also we love you all.

takes travel and time to amass the necessary gold and silver points to become a life master. He just managed to accomplish both at the same time. Now at age ninety-six he is quite happy to play in the local Waco clubs granting those opposing him a lesson in bridge humility.

Many in Unit 233 will wipe a tear from their eye as we bid a fond goodbye to Caroline Baumann who will soon be leaving Georgetown to relocate to Seattle to be closer to family. Caroline has been the high-tech expert for the unit. Long before ACBL offered computerized records of the club games, Caroline provided this as a service to players in this unit. She will be missed. We wish her much joy in her future home.

The Sul Ross Club has been a fixture in Waco bridge for many years. Hosting games three times weekly for the past two years makes for a very busy life for Ila Bates. In addition to the club games she has also organized and hosted the Waco Sectional Tournament for the past five years and will also host the 2016 Waco tournament August 12-14. A Baylor alum, Ila taught English, speech and drama for many years before retiring and becoming a world traveler. She grew up with a family who played games, but it wasn't until 1990 that she became smitten with bridge. Since that time she has amassed more than 2100 master points. Austin beckons when the bridge calendar slows and Ila hits the road to Austin to spend time with her daughter, son-in-law and two grand girls ages nine and thirteen. 'Bet those girls will soon be bridge players!

At the Heart of Texas Sectional held February 19-21, Preston and Carolyn Olivent of Georgetown had a 77.50% game in the 299er Pairs which was the top percentage in the tournament. Mike Bukala of Waco amassed the highest total points of 20.78. Following close behind was the team of Trudi Lamendola, Steve Olson, Lenora and Bill Parish of Waco and Temple with 18.18 masterpoints. Other first place winners were Judy and Ron Brown of Houston; Robert and Alicia Smith of Lorena; the team of John Schwartz, Mike Bukala, Melody Euler and James Thurtell; Pudding Barnes and Brenham and J. Bachman Nabors of Longview; Jade Ngai of College Station and Norma Read of Bryan; the team of Hua Yang, Yan Song, Tiger King of Plano and Jianbo Chen of Frisco; and Rachell Jackson, James Moody, Jerry Barrett and Gary Anderson of Austin.

The 499er and non-life master tournament will be held at the Bridge Studio of Temple on May 20-21. Contact Gene Thompson at 254-939-3420 or 254-541-4333 for more info. Make your plans now to play in

the Waco Sectional Tournament on August 12-14 at the Waco Convention Center. For more details, contact Ila Bates at 254-799-1047 or 254732-3602.



High season in Unit 205 is just about over, and so we go back to the simple life in our sleepy towns and villages until the Snowbirds return again next winter. The end of the season has seen a flurry of activity, including our Ajijic Sectional Tournament, the Regional Tournament at San Miguel de Allende in neighboring Unit 173, and a going-away party for our Canadian friends.

The Ajijic Valentine Weekend Sectional was a great success. The tournament was held from February 11-14 at the Real de Chapala Hotel in Ajijic. As always, the sectional in Ajijic featured great hospitality and lots of prizes. Dozens of home-baked cookies and muffins were served, and Saturday night featured mounds of guacamole and chicken wings along with margaritas and beer. Thanks to Janet Mitchell for organizing the cookie drive and to everyone who baked. Event winners received bottles of Santa Alicia merlot or chardonnay. Thanks to Bobbie Chandler for organizing the wine purchase, and to Janet Mitchell, Mollie Nadler, and Bernita Cooper for making the bottles look so beautiful with ribbon and cellophane. Special thanks also to Billy Heim, David Hoogenberg, and Charles Chartier for helping with the set-up, and to Bernita Cooper and Marguerite Brown for manning the registration table.

We're also proud of our local players who represented us well at the Regional Tournament in San Miguel de Allende. David Hoogenberg, Billy Heim, and Tom Henson, playing with William Palmer (Brooklyn, NY) finished well in several events, including the Tues/Wed KO (3rd place), Wednesday Swiss Teams (1st place), and Friday Compact KO (3rd place). David and Billy also teamed up with Mike Roney and Diane van Brocklin for a second place finish in the Saturday Swiss teams. Mary Ann White and Jimmy Reynolds teamed with Louise Menard and Alain Turcotte (Granby, QC) for third place in the Tues/Wed KO and second in the Thurs/Fri KO. Alain and Louise, paired with Enrico Pagani and Moises Ades (Mexico City, MX), also won the Sunday Swiss, while Mary Ann White and Jimmy Reynolds, paired with Miguel Reygadas and Nancy Lira from Mexico City, finished third. In pairs competition, Gabriela Castaneda and Gilles Aubin were first in B in the Thursday pairs. Alain Turcotte

and Louise Menard finished second in the Saturday Open Pairs. Mary Seggerman from Puerto Vallarta also had an outstanding tournament, and Huguette Joly and Roger Buckland picked up several gold points on their quest to Life Master. It was great to see Ann Overfield from Unit 183 at the tournament. San Miguel is a beautiful city with exquisite restaurants, and we hope more players from District 16 will put it in their travel plans in the future!

Congratulations to all of our Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners: Olga Kaplounenko (0-5), Donnie van Rooy (5-20), Susan & Jim Lightfoot (20-50), Nancy Segall (50-100), Judy Wells (100-200 Ace of Clubs), Paco Jordan (100-200 Mini-McKenney), Dagmar Rettberg (200-300), Charles Chartier (300-500), Billy Heim (500-1000), Tom Gillett (1000-2500 Ace of Clubs), Helen Malcolm (1000-2500 Mini-McKenney), Mary Anderson (2500-5000 Ace of Clubs), Dick Nelson (2500-5000 Mini-McKenney), and Norinne Nelson (5000-7500). Special congratulations to Dagmar Rettberg who also finished 6th overall in the District 16 Ace of Clubs race. She's a player!

Kudos to the following Unit 205 members who advanced their ACBL status: Mickie Wilson--Regional Master; Liette Levesque--Junior Master; and Dagmar Rettberg--Advanced NABC Master. Way to go!

The Ed Lewis Memorial Unit Game was held on March 26, in honor of our friend and a great bridge player, Ed Lewis, who passed away in January. Thanks to all who attended to show their support for Dot Lewis. Know that it was appreciated. Overall winners were Tom Gillett and Charles Chartier, with Dot Lewis and Mary Anderson first North/South.

Club News. The following players posted 70% games in February and March: In Puerto Vallarta--Lanny and Bill Anderson had a 70.04% game on February 16 (22 tables), while Jim and Lucidia Moore scored 70.83% on February 11 (9 tables). In Mazatlan--It was Janet Duncan and Francis Carpenter with a 75% game on March 21 (2 1/2 tables) and Barbara Bond and Charles Rogers with two nice games--74.09% on March 2 (5 1/2 tables) and 75.52% on March 16 (5 1/2 tables). In Lake Chapala--Ken and Rosemarie Masson hit it big with 70.83% on March 8 (17 1/2 tables); Lew Crippen and Mary Anderson posted a 72.92% on March 4 (7 1/2 tables); Tom Gillett hit the mark with Mike Roney on February 9 (71.99%--22 tables) and again with Loren Perry on March 1 (70.18%--15 1/2 tables). Finally, in the 199r game, Robbin del Nagro and Marilyn McDivitt got a big taste of success with 71.67% on March 11 (7 tables).

Lake Chapala also hosted an 8-Enough Swiss on February 26, which was won by the team of Mike Roney,

Tom Henson, Jean Roynon, and Dale Klassen, and a Stratified Swiss on March 25, which was won by Alain Turcotte, Louise Menard, Jimmy Reynolds, and Mary Ann White. Janet Mitchell and Peter Miller won the ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs on March 7.

In other Club news, the Lake Chapala DBC hosted its annual going-away party for our seasonal friends--the Snowbirds. The party was held at Los Telares Restaurant on March 22, with dinner, music, and dancing. We all enjoyed the special performance by our very own Olga Kaplounenko, who stepped up to sing a few numbers with the band. Lovely voice, lovely person. Thanks for letting your light shine on us.

Ajijic Valentine

Feb 1-4 2016

107 players. 136 tables.

- 1 23.90 Mauricio Smid
- 2 23.90 Enrico Pagani
- 3 22.03 Louise Menard
- 4 22.03 Alain Turcotte
- 5 16.81 N Lira
- 6 16.81 Miguel Reygadas
- 7 14.32 Norinne Anderson Nelson
- 8 14.32 N Richard Nelson
- 9 11.12 Miriam Rosenberg
- 10 11.12 Alberto Cohen

Thursday Open Pairs-14.0 Tables
A1. Tom Henson- Doris Denny A2. Miguel Reygadas-N Lira B1. John Olsen-Helen Lawson B2. Miriam Pagani-Lewis Crippen C1. Gabriela Castaneda-Marta Rendon C2. Alicia Reyes Retana-Cecilia Hock

Friday Afternoon Open-20 Tables
A1. Alain Turcotte-Louise Menard A2. Enrico Pagani-Mauricio Smid B1. Dagmar Rettberg-Patricia Mitchell B2C1. Marguerite Brown-Bernita Cooper C2. Michael & Louise Creaghan

Friday Morning Open Pairs-16.0 Tables
A1. Diane Van Brocklin-Charles Chartier A2C1. Mollie Nadler-Cynthia Thomson John Garrett-Jim Burgess C1. Jorge Rosen-Monica Schapira

Friday Morning 199er Pair-6 Tables
A1. Bernita Cooper-Marguerite Brown A2/3 Michelina Wilson-Donald Van Rooy A2/3B1. Magdalena Roberts-Jennifer Williams B2. Lawrence Duck-Len Campreis C1. Carole Parrie-Marie Metcalfe C2. Blema Steinman-Robin Del Nagro

Saturday Open Pairs-19.5 Tables / Based on 22 Tables
A1. Alain Turcotte-Louise Menard A2. Enrico Pagani-Mauricio Smid B1. Alex Chartier-Louise Morel B2C1. Jorge Rosen-Monica Schapira C2. Huguette Joly-Roger Buckland

Sunday Swiss-19 Tables
A1. Miguel Reygadas-N Lira-Norinne Anderson Nelson-N Richard Nelson A2. Patricia Herrera-Enrico Pagani-Mauricio Smid-Gonzalo Herrera B2. Lewis Crippen-Trudy Crippen-Donald Ross-Donna McElroy C1. Peter Miller-Marilyn Miller- Rick Griffin-Margaret Adams C2. Cecilia Hock-Alicia Reyes Retana-Bernita Cooper- Marguerite Brown



Trying to fill the shoes of Helen Levi, who composed this column for so many years has not been easy for me. In this issue and future issues some interesting people who are active bridge players in Unit 233 will be featured. We are so fortunate to be able to enjoy their acquaintances. My hope is that you will agree.

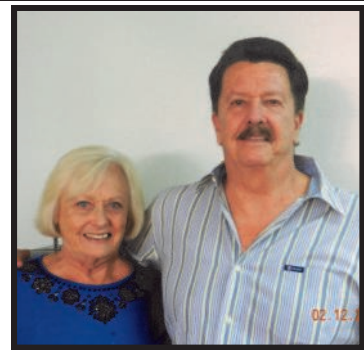
Walter Winters who plays in Waco games several times weekly became a life master last fall. He also became a silver life master at the same time. Not many folks can have those same bragging rights. You see, Walt has mostly been a club player. It



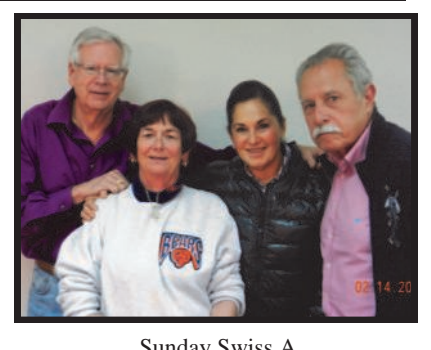
Thurs Open Pairs A
Tom Henson, Doris Denny



Fri Aft & Sat Open Pairs A
Alain Turcotte, Louise Menard



Friday Morn Open Pairs A
Diane van Brocklin, Charles Chartier



Sunday Swiss A
Dick and Norinne Nelson,
Nancy Lira, Miguel Reygadas



Thurs Open Pairs B
Helen Malcolm, John Olsen



Thurs Open Pairs C
Marta Rendon, Gabriela Castaneda



Friday Morn Open Pairs B
Mollie Nadler, Cindy Thomson



Fri Morn & Sat Open Pairs C
Monica Schapira, Jorge Rosen



Friday Aft Open Pairs B
Pat Mitchell, Dagmar Rettberg



Sat Open Pairs B
Louise Morel, Alex Chartier



Sunday Swiss B
Stefan Reich, Gloria Kreimerman,
Monica Schapira, Jorge Rosen



Sunday Swiss C
Rich Griffin, Margaret Adams,
Peter & Marilyn Miller



Fri Morn 199r A
Fri Aft Open Pairs C
Marguerite Brown, Bernita Cooper



Fri Morn 199r B
Jennifer Williams, Lena Roberts

AJJIIC SECTIONAL CHAMPS

Austin 4th of July Regional

“TEN BUCK BRIDGE”

June 27 – July 3, 2016



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299er Novice-Newcomer Schedule

Tues. Pairs 10:00 am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm
Wed. Pairs 10:00 am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm
Thurs. Pairs 10:00 am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm
Fri. Pairs 10:00 am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm
Sat. Pairs 10:00 am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Speakers on Tuesday-Saturday at 2:00pm
Topics to be announced.

Pair Games

Mon. 7:00 pm Charity game
Tues. Gold Rush Pairs - 10:00am & 2:30pm
A/X/Y Pairs – 10:00am & 2:30pm
Wed. Choice Pairs - 10:00am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Thurs. Gold Rush Pairs 10:00am & 2:30pm
A/X/Y Pairs – 10:00am & 2:30pm
Fri. Choice Pairs - 10:00am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Sat. Gold Rush Pairs - 10:00am & 2:30pm
A/X/Y Pairs – 10:00am & 2:30pm
Sun. Open Pairs - 10am and TBA

Side Game Series

Tuesday-Saturday

Morning game - 10:00am
Afternoon game - 2:30pm
Evening game - 7:30pm

Team Events

KO 1 - Mon. 7:00pm & Tues. 10:00am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm
KO 2 - Wed./Thurs. 10:00am & 2:30pm
KO 3 - Fri./Sat. 10:00am & 2:30pm
Two-sess. Bracketed Swiss - Tues. 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Two-sess. Bracketed Swiss - Wed. 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Two-sess. Bracketed Swiss - Fri. 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Compact KO1 - Wed. & Thurs. 7:30pm
Compact KO2 - Thurs. 10:00am & 2:30pm
Compact KO3 - Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm
Compact KO4 - Sat. 10:00am & 2:30pm
Single Session Swiss - Tues. 10:00am, Thurs. 2:30pm,
Sat. 2:30pm & Sat. 7:30pm
Single-Session Board-a-Match - Thurs. 7:30pm
Sun. Swiss teams (Strati-flighted A/X and Bracketed BCD)
10:00am & TBA

Stratification & Flighting

All games stratified by average masterpoints. Top bracket only of KOs and Compact KOs are handicapped per ACBL guidelines.

Stratified Events: A: 2500+, B: 750-2500, C: 0-750
Novice/Newcomer Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 50-200, C: 0-50
(Director has discretion on Novice strat settings)

Strati-flighted Pairs: A: 3000+; X: 1500-3000; Y: 0-1500
(A/X/Y play together); B: 0-750; C: 0-300 (B/C play together)

Strati-flighted Teams: A: 4000+; X: 0-4000 (A/X play together
Strats adjusted by Director), Bracketed Swiss 0-2500

Entry

\$10/person/session Mon. - Fri.
\$11 Sat. (includes surcharge for Texas NABCs)
\$22 Sun. for open pairs; \$100/team (meal provided)
\$4 additional per session for non/unpaid ACBL members

Doubletree Hotel

6505 IH 35 North, Austin, TX 78752
Reservations: 512.454.3737 or 800. 347.0330
Room Rate: \$114 - Cut-off date: June 7

This is a fragrance-free tournament.