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Nancy Passell-Shawn Quinn

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The weather in Orlando was wonderful: warm days and cool nights. I spent my two days there relaxing by the pool, but a number of District 16 players spent their time pursuing coveted NABC titles.

Bart Bramley and Bob Hamman of Dallas had an impressive run in Orlando. They won the Senior Knockout Teams, and placed fourth in both the Blue Ribbon Pairs and the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. I watched them on Vugraph, and they were rock-solid throughout. Winning the Senior KO is old hat for Bart; he won it in 2013 and again in 2014. Even more impressive: the Senior KO win was Bob's 53<sup>rd</sup> victory in an NABC event. 53 wins? That's one win for *almost* every year he's been playing bridge! Bart has been nominated once again for membership in the ACBL Hall of Fame. I think he made his case in Orlando, don't you? Of course, Bob is already in the Hall of Fame, so he's playing with "house money."

Eddie Wold of Houston won the North American Swiss Teams, his 16<sup>th</sup> NABC triumph. His team crushed the field, winning by a margin of almost a match and a half (29.51 Victory Points). By contrast, the margin of victory last year was a measly 7.38 VPs. Eddie was inducted into the Hall of Fame earlier this year, so it's only fitting that he end the year with a bang. Congratulations, Eddie!

The Women's Pairs was won by Shawn Quinn of Sugar Land and Nancy Passell of Plano. They outdistanced the field by more than two boards, primarily on the basis of a 66% final session. This was Shawn's 23<sup>rd</sup> NABC win and Nancy's fourth.

Shawn and Nancy also finished fourth in the Women's Board-a-Match Teams along with teammates Ellen Hessel of San Antonio and Peggy Sutherlin of Dallas. Way to go, girls!

Dallas denizen Barbara Ferm came oh-so-close once again, finishing second in the Women's Board-a-Match Teams. This was her fourth second-place finish in as many nationals. That's a pretty impressive record, if you ask me. It's only a matter of time before she wins one.

People sometimes ask me how I find out a player's NABC wins. I use a nifty link on the ACBL website. Click on "Tournaments," then on "NABC Winners Player Search." If you put in a player's last name, a list of all his/her wins and seconds appears. It's a great resource for a bridge "journalist" like me, and a fun way to pass the time if you've got nothing better to do.

A number of District 16 players had top-ten finishes in NABC events. Hemant Lall, Plano, finished seventh in the NA Swiss, and ninth in the Open BAM. John Sutherlin, Dallas, and Dan Morse, Houston, finished fifth/eighth in the Senior KO Teams; so did Mike Passell, Plano, and Eddie Wold on another team. Ira Hessel, San Antonio, was sixth in the LM Open Pairs, while Babu Koneru, also San Antonio, was eighth in the Open BAM. Tomi Storey, Frisco, and Scott Nason, Houston were sixth in the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs. Finally, Michael Heymann, Fort Worth, was sixth in the Mixed Swiss Teams, a relatively new NABC event. Thanks to all of them for doing our district proud!

It may seem like a long way off, but the Spring NABC will be held March 9-19, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo. KC's crown jewel is the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The stately neo-classical structure houses one of the country's premiere collections of Asian art, as well as an impressive collection of European and American masterworks. (Can you tell I was an art historian before I became a law professor?) In fact, it was voted the best U.S. museum based on Yelp re-

views. Carnivores come to KC for the steaks, given KC's history as the "Slaughterhouse of the Midwest." Come to think of it, that's a good metaphor for my results at previous KC nationals! Happy new year, one and all.

164 players

219.22 Eddie Wold, Houston  
198.71 Bob Hamman, Dallas  
198.71 Bart Bramley, Dallas  
176.70 Hemant Lall, Dallas  
124.04 Nancy Passell, Plano  
122.07 Chris Compton, Dallas  
118.53 Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land  
113.94 Mike Passell, Plano  
105.25 Dan Morse, Houston  
104.82 John Sutherlin, Dallas  
88.10 Mark Feldman, Austin  
75.85 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio  
75.19 Ira Hessel, San Antonio  
66.73 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth  
64.92 Tobi Sokolow, Austin  
56.02 Greg Hinze, San Antonio  
45.29 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth  
43.13 Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg  
43.13 David Ticen, Victoria

### Nail Life Master Prs 132 Tables

6 Ira Hessel, San Antonio  
49 Greg Hinze, San Antonio

### Open B-A-M - 108 Tables

8 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio  
9 Hemant Lall, Dallas  
13 Lynn Baker - Tobi Sokolow, Austin  
31 Greg Hinze, San Antonio

### Baze Seniors KO Teams - 24 Tables

1 Bob Hamman - Bart Bramley, Dallas  
5/8 Dan Morse, Houston  
John Sutherlin, Dallas  
5/8 Eddie Wold, Houston  
Mike Passell, Plano

### Whitehead Women's Pairs 46 Tables

1 Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land  
Nancy Passell, Plano  
15 Mildred Breed, Cypress  
Claudette Hartman, Austin  
18 Tobi Sokolow, Austin

### 0-5000 Mini Blue Ribbon 98 Tables

6 Scott Nason, Dallas  
Tomi Storey, Frisco  
15 Gary Neisler, N Richland Hls  
Robert Buchanan, Arlington

Tomi Storey

District 16  
President



It's hard to believe that I've served as District president for a year. What a ride! I want to thank you for giving me this experience and I hope I can continue to serve the players - I really love the job, even through the occasional rough spots that come with the territory. Our District is filled with truly great people. I want to give special thanks to my executive committee - Rebecca Brown, Nancy Strohmer, Lew Levy, and David Pearlman. They are always working to make things better in the district and I am very grateful for their help and support.

One thing I've learned is how much people care about our game and its survival. It's not just the unit representatives and committee chairs, although those are the people I speak to most often. I can't tell you how much it means to me when players call or write or email me with suggestions. Last week a player in Dallas came up to me at a game with a written list of suggestions to improve our regional - and darn good ideas, too! A Houston player who writes a monthly newsletter for a local club discussing hands on the ACBL Bulletin added me to his mailing list. Austin

players have included me in their discussions for their upcoming NABC. I hear from local clubs about plans to drive new players to the table. It's all good and makes me excited and hopeful about our future. My email is still [skeeter303@yahoo.com](mailto:skeeter303@yahoo.com) and I always want to hear from you.

Speaking of Austin and the future, they will be holding our District's second NLM Regional August 24-27. The first one in San Antonio was a great success and I know Austin will follow up with a great show. These regionals are a great way for new and advancing non life masters to dive in a more competitive environment and get those elusive colored points. Watch for upcoming information and scheduling.

This article will go to press before the holidays, but I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very joyous holiday season, whether it be Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever you might celebrate. Let us all hope that 2017 brings us good health, much happiness, peace in our lives, and the ability to correctly bid a grand slam. To my patient Scorecard editors, my New Year's resolution is to not drive you crazy. And to my dear partner who noticed that I didn't have a column in the last Scorecard, thank you for missing me. See you at the table!  
Tomi [Storey](mailto:Storey)

26 Charlene Sands, Pflugerville  
Virgil Massey, Driftwood  
33 William & Donna Garrard, Irving  
52 Jim Dick, Harlingen

Bryan Storey, Frisco  
NABC+ Mixed Swiss 102 Tables  
6 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth

### N. American Swiss Team 95 Tables

1 Eddie Wold, Houston  
7 Hemant Lall, Dallas ;  
11 John Sutherlin, Dallas  
13 Mark Feldman, Austin  
14 Chris Compton, Dallas  
Mike Passell, Plano  
15 Dan Morse, Houston  
Steve Shirey, Fort Worth

### Reisinger B-A-M 42 Tables

4 Bart Bramley - Bob Hamman  
Dallas

### Kaplan Blue Ribbon 137 Tables

4 Bob Hamman - Bart Bramley, Dallas  
19 Mark Feldman, Austin  
21 Chris Compton, Dallas  
Mike Passell, Plano  
27 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio  
30 Greg Hinze, San Antonio  
38 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth  
Ira Hessel, San Antonio

### Senior Mixed Pairs Tables

19 Tobi Sokolow-Louis Sachar, Austin  
49 Nancy Passell, Plano

## Chris Compton Wins Barry Crane Top 500

Chris Compton has unofficially won the Barry Crane top 500 for 2016. This honor goes to a player who wins the most masterpoints in a calendar year. It is Chris' fourth time to win and his third in a row. He also won in 2011, 2014 and 2015. At the end of the Orlando Nationals Chris had 3275.36 points. Kevin Dwyer had 2956.56 and Eddie Wold 2577.24. Although the totals won't be verified

by publication it is clear from December tournaments that neither one can overtake him. The record is held by Jim Barrow of Lake Charles who won 3584.26 in 1999.



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## Eddie Wold is 2017 ACBL Honorary Member



Eddie Wold is ACBL's Honorary Member of the Year for 2017. It is one of ACBL's highest honors.

The Honorary Member Committee is charged with the annual selection of the ACBL member or pair of members widely known throughout the membership who has given freely of his(her) time and ability, without thought of reward and in the interest and welfare of the League as a whole, Goodwill Chair Sandy DeMartino said "He has given without thought of reward.

Previous winners of the award from district 16, first given in 1937, are:

1967 Oswald Jacoby  
1989: Dan Morse  
1990: Dr. George Rosenkranz  
1991: Bob Hamman  
1995: Robert Wolff  
2004: Sidney Lazard  
2008: John and Peggy Sutherlin  
2012: Greg Johnson

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**Dewitt Hudson**  
**District 16**  
**President**



The Fall NABC was held at Orlando , Florida , with the host hotel: Walt Disney's Dolphin . The weather was great and the two Tournament Chairmen: Jane Formet and Barbara Jones did an outstanding job. All the bridge events were held at the host hotel. Nightly , fireworks were enjoyed by Disney clients and bridge players. The hospitality to bridge players were nice , starting with a registration gift of a Tupperware drinking bottle with an Orlando sticker. The food served to bridge players in the evenings were: key lime pie, ice cream, sliders, etc.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership stands at: 168,352 as at the end of October with 91 fewer members than at the start of year. New members increased by 1.3% however, lapsed members also increased slightly.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Richard Popper, an attorney from Wilmington, DE, was elected chair-

man of the ACBL Board of Governors for a two year term starting: January , 2017. Congratulations.

**PRESIDENT OF ACBL FOR 2017**

President-Elect: Bob Heller, from District 7 was elected President, and he represents: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and East Tennessee. Heller's plans to use his position to focus the Board's energies on task forces for three issues of critical importance.

"ACBL exists because of the work of volunteers" says Heller. "This year President Monzingo created a task force to focus on how to recruit more volunteers from the ranks of experienced players. As the average age of our membership has increased, so, too, has the average age of our volunteers. Replacing these volunteers as they retire is difficult, so recruiting from within, and persuading people of the importance of giving back to the game, is serious business. A real crisis has emerged because we have lost a generation of folks who could have been trained to fill these roles.

Betty Ann Kennedy 1930-2016

Betty Ann Kennedy, a five-time world champion and member of the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame, died October 30th. She was 86. Kennedy, who held 16 NABC titles and 14 second-place finishes spanning 50 years, was known for her genteel Southern charm, an attribute that earned her the Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award in 2011. Kennedy was beloved outside the bridge world as well. A lifelong resident of Shreveport, LA, she was given the key to the city during the 1980s by Mayor John Hussey and inducted into the local Louisiana Hall of Fame in 1993. She will be missed at the bridge tables.

**SENIOR KO TITLE 2016**

The Nickell Team composed of the following members: Ralph Katz, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman , Bart Bramley, Nick Nickell and Coach:Eric Kokish. The victory was the first for Nickell in a NABC Seniors. Congratulations to all, but especially to our own: Hamman and Bramley!!

SPRING NABC 2017 KANSAS City  
 March 9-19 2017, See you in Kansas!!!

JANUARY		
San Antonio (4 Nov issue)		12-15
Richardson (6 Nov Issue)		12-15
Houston 299er		12-15
Mazatlan		19-22
Denton I/N		20-22
Harlingen (15)		20-22
HOUSTON REGIONAL (4) (16 Nov)		23-29
FEBRUARY		
Puerto Vallarta		1-3
Grapevine (8 Nov issue)		3-5
Ajijic		9-12
San Angelo (11)		10-12
Austin NLM		11-12
Longview (15)		16-18
Rockport (10)		17-19
Temple (3,4)		17-19
Austin (13)		23-26
Richardson 299er		24-26
McAllen (15)		24-26
Midland 499er		25-26
San Miguel Allende REGIONAL	Feb 28-March 5	
MARCH		
Richardson (8)		2-5
Beaumont (10)		2-5
Lubbock		3-5
KANSAS CITY NABC		9-19
Spring 299er		9-12
Richardson 299er		17-19
Kerrville 299er		23-26
Fort Worth	March 31-April 2	
APRIL		
Austin 199er		1-2
Houston		7-9
GNT DISTRICT FINAL ALL FLIGHTS		8-9
TYLER REGIONAL (4)		17-23
San Antonio		27-30
Dallas 99er		28-30
MAY		
Houston 299er		4-7
Austin		4-7
Houston 499er		18-21
Denton 499er		19-21
Waco 499er		19-20
Richardson		25-29
JUNE		
Houston 299er		4-7
San Antonio		1-4
Richardson 299er		2-4
Midland		9-11
Houston		9-11
Austin NLM		10-11
Grapevine		23-25

**Dan Morse**  
**District 16**  
**Representative**



NOW THAT I' OFFICIALLY RETIRED FROM THE ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT MY YEARS AS YOUR DISTRICT 16 REPRESENTATIVE. FROM THE FIRST DAY I WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD, THROUGH THE YEAR I SERVED AS PRESIDENT, AND NOW IN MY RETIREMENT. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HONORED BY YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND TRUST. OUR DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THE ACBL, AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUTSTANDING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PAUL CUENO. WE ALL WISH HIM THE VERY BEST IN THE YEARS TO COME.

ORLANDO was a very scenic location for a National. Attendance was about 10,500 tables which was a good number

but about 750 below estimate. I think the reasons for this were the increased fees to play and the cost at the site. Eddie Wold was honored as the Honorary Member of the Year for 2017. It is one of the ACBL's highest honors, presented to a member who has made significant contributions to the game over a long period.

Congratulations to Nancy Stromer who was elected to the ACBL's Charity Foundation Board.

Bob Heller from Tennessee was elected President for 2017.

Through a series of budget cuts, fee increases and the new BBO relationship, the ACBL will report positive income and cash flow for 2016. The preliminary budget for 2017 shows continued positive income.

The Board approved an increase in Technology funding of \$300,000 in 2017 for the ACBL Score replacement project which we hope will be finished by mid-2018.

The Board adopted a new membership fee structure for 2017 and beyond.

Member rates will stay at \$39/year provided members renew for 3 years. If you renew for 1 year the rate will be \$49/year. New member rates will also have a 3 year option at \$29/year or 1 year for \$39. ACBL spends over \$85,000/year mailing membership renewal notices and the new structure is an opportunity to reduce that cost significantly.

The ACBL Educational Foundation adopted a new set of Bylaws which change the voting membership of the Foundation from the ACBL Board of Directors to the Trustees of the foundation. Also changed was an increase in the maximum number of Trustees from 9 to 24. The changes were recommended by a task force that believes the new structure will enable the foundation to raise significant funds from donors over the next several years.


Thank you, thank you for all the support I have received over the last 24 years.

Dan Morse

**Tribute to Dan Page 16**

**It is time to get your Grand National Teams together**

**Jim Thurtell**  
**District 16**  
**GNT**  
**Coordinator**



The district Grand National Teams are approaching. The district finals this year are going to be April 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> in Houston at the Marriott Westchase. The district finals, for all four flights; C - non-life master with less than 500 masterpoints, B - 0 - 2500, A - 0 - 6000, and the Super Flight which is unlimited,

will be a two day event.

Teams for flights B and C must qualify at a Unit Qualifying game. You may qualify at any unit qualifying game, not just your own unit. Flights A and the Super Flight do not have to qualify at the unit level.

If only one team enters the event, that team will be declared the district champion. If two teams enter they will play a two session final Saturday with the winner being the district champion. If three or four teams enter they will play a round robin, two sessions on Saturday to come to two teams. These two teams will play a two session final on Sunday

with the winner being the district champion. If five or more teams enter the event they will play a Swiss or Round Robin two sessions Saturday to come down to four teams. The four teams will play a one session semi-final and a one-session final on Sunday with the winner being the district champion.

Get your teams together. This is a one of a kind event. You don't have to play anyone not in your flight to win a financially supported trip to the nationals in Kansas City for a chance to win a national title. It is fun, rewarding, and a great step in furthering your bridge status.

**In Memoriam**

- \* Roy E. Booth, Duncanville TX  
 Mrs. Louise T. Cooley, Houston TX
- \* Duane D. Friedrich, Houston TX
- \* Mrs. Jo Kuehl, San Antonio TX
- \* Thomas G. Schmalz, Galveston TX
- \* Pablo Siegal, San Antonio TX
- \* Mrs. Carol S. Stodghill, Fort Worth TX
- \* Dr. Claybourne Waldrop Jr., Arlington TX  
 James C. Williams, San Augustine TX
- \* Melvin Ball, Hurst TX  
 Harv D. Kitchens, Frisco TX
- \* William V. Moody, New Braunfels TX  
 Aniel W. Revelle Jr., Dallas TX  
 Linda Williams, Arlington TX

\*Life Master

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## Tales from Wroclaw: Part II By David Sokolow

Last time I promised you some interesting hands from the world championships. I selected four of my favorites from the final against France. Each illustrates an important attribute of a successful player and/or partnership.

Hand #1: Evaluate Your Hand in Light of the Bidding

♠AT972  
♥K85  
♦T3  
♣Q95  
♠void  
♥62  
♦J9876  
♣KT8764  
♠J85  
♥A943  
♦AKQ5  
♣AJ

Everybody Vulnerable.

E	S	W	N
P	1♦	P	1♠
P	2N	P	3N

Tobi decided not to check back for a spade fit because she had a balanced 9-count with lots of intermediates, and South had opened 1♦, so she figured to have that suit under control. How right Tobi was! Her longtime partner, Janice Seamon-Molson, made five while the French went down two in 4♣. Result: 13 IMPs for the good guys. Of course, 4♣ could have been right, so maybe I'm resulting, but Tobi's my wife and can do no wrong (at least in terms of bridge!).

Hand #2: Draw the Right Inference

♠A985  
♥6  
♦KJ52  
♣AT52  
♠QJT32  
♥QJ3  
♦T94  
♣43  
♠6  
♥T92  
♦A763  
♣KJ986

NS	Vulnerable.		
W	N	E	S
P	1♦	1♥	X
2♥	3♣	3♥	5♣

Janice's double *denied* four spades, so Tobi inferred she had clubs; with five diamonds, Janice would have bid 2♦ (weak), 3D (mixed raise) or 2♥ (limit raise or better). Once Tobi bid 3C, Janice jumped to game as a two-way shot: as an advanced save against 4H or as a making game.

Tobi pulled two rounds of trump, then took a safety play in diamonds in case there were four on her right: she led to the ♦K, then the ♦A, happy to see the ♦Q fall. At the other table, her teammates played 3♥, down 3. 620 - 150 = a cool 11 IMPs for USA.

Hand #3: Have the Right Tools Available

♠A7  
♥J96  
♦AKJ76  
♣976  
♠93  
♥A  
♦Q9543  
♣AJ842  
♠JT62  
♥Q873  
♦T  
♣KQT3

♠KQ854  
♥KT542  
♦82  
♣5

Everybody Vulnerable.

S	W	N	E
2♥	P	4♥	All P

Janice opened 2♥, showing at least 5-5 in the majors when vulnerable and 0-10 HCP. Tobi bounced to 4♥, shutting French out of their club partial. At the other table, West opened 1♦, silencing North. When South declined to act, Tobi's teammates played 2♣, making on the nose for a 12-IMP pickup. This gadget has generated huge results for Tobi and Janice over the years.

This hand generated a swing in the bronze medal playoff, too: China made 3♥ with the North-South cards, and 2♣ East-West, for 6 IMPs. China ultimately prevailed against Scotland, 117-67.

Hand #4: Pay Attention to the Opponents

♠KQ8542  
♥J532  
♦void  
♣AJ5  
♠J96  
♥86  
♦QT843  
♣974  
♠AT73  
♥QT4  
♦J976  
♣K3  
♠void  
♥AK97  
♦AK52  
♣QT862

NS Vulnerable.


W	N	E	S
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	3♥
P	4♣	P	4♦
X	4♥	P	6♥
P	P	X	All P

This hand features Tobi's teammate, Beth Palmer, at the helm. East doubled the final contract and led the ♦6. Beth trumped in hand. Assuming East had hearts for her double, Beth tabled the ♥J, covered, and won in dummy. She lost a club finesse, and roughed the diamond return. Then she finessed the ♥9, pulled the last trump, and claimed. At the other table, with no double, declarer went down one. We won 18 IMPs, all because East's double provided declarer with a roadmap. Remember: if your opponents are in a marginal contract, don't tell them how to play it! As the judge I clerked for was fond of saying, "Nothing is sometimes a good thing to do and ALWAYS a good thing to say."

I hope you found this article instructive and entertaining. Next time you play, see if you can use it to your advantage. Who knows? Next year, I may be chronicling *your* success at the world championships. Stranger things have happened in the bridge world, believe me! By the way, can I be the captain of your team

## Moving Up

Don	Anderson	Puerto Vallarta	Junior Master
Eddie	Bigler	Denton	Junior Master
Robin	Bohbot	Dallas	Junior Master
Karen	Brennan	Sherman	Junior Master
Janet Jo	Bubb	Austin	Junior Master
John	Bubb	Austin	Junior Master
Linda	Buzan	Midland	Junior Master
Carolyn	Clapp	Kingwood	Junior Master
Janie	Deterly	Arlington	Junior Master
Margaret Jo	Duff	Richardson	Junior Master
William	Duff	Richardson	Junior Master
Georgia Bea	Eden	Kyle	Junior Master
Robert	Kemna	Georgetown	Junior Master
Jerelyn	Lehman	Carrollton	Junior Master
Linda	Mann	Laredo	Junior Master
Pat	Miller	San Marcos	Junior Master
Gayle	Ogden	Granbury	Junior Master
Vern	Ogden	Granbury	Junior Master
Carole	Preston	Austin	Junior Master
Alan	Schaefer	Houston	Junior Master
Cindy	Schaefer	Houston	Junior Master
Kay	Schrieber	Granbury	Junior Master
Beth	Stuart	Bryan	Junior Master
Barbara	Weddle	Houston	Junior Master
Wanda	Wisniewska	Houston	Junior Master
Rene	Wolf	Laredo	Junior Master
K C	Balasubramanian	Richardson	Club Master
Ethel	Black	Houston	Club Master
Rose	Cullivan Hock	Houston	Club Master
Phyllis	Dillard	Spring	Club Master
Joe	Frana	Fort Worth	Club Master
Judy	Franklin	Dallas	Club Master
Judy	Gardner	Junction	Club Master
Sandra	Kingslien	Austin	Club Master
Jane	Lawson	The Woodlands	Club Master
Mary	Lok	Dallas	Club Master
Nancy	Lynd	Dallas	Club Master
Carol	McCord	Hockley	Club Master
Suzan	McLallen	Rockport	Club Master
Nancy	McLeod	Dallas	Club Master
Timothy	Murphy	Duncanville	Club Master
Roxi	Raaf	Spring	Club Master
Michael	Rainbird	Austin	Club Master
Jennifer	Reichek	Houston	Club Master
David	Salem	Dallas	Club Master
Eileen	Smith	Dallas	Club Master
Charles	Stenholm	Granbury	Club Master
Dana	Taggart	Rockport	Club Master
Russell	Thomas	Eagle Lake	Club Master
Linda	Walton	Allen	Club Master
Gerry	Zoller	Horseshoe Bay	Club Master
Jacqueline	Brown	Frisco	Sectional Master
Philip	Brown	Frisco	Sectional Master
Russell	Chandler	Houston	Sectional Master
Sandy	Clapp	Dallas	Sectional Master
Florence	Ferguson	Beaumont	Sectional Master
Mary Jane	Hall	Dallas	Sectional Master
Gerald	Irion	Kerrville	Sectional Master
Margarete	Kirk	Houston	Sectional Master
Syed R	Naqvi	Richmond	Sectional Master
Carol	Peters	Maxwell	Sectional Master
Shelby	Schafer	Fort Worth	Sectional Master
Cindy	Skeels	Kingwood	Sectional Master
Jean	Smaistr	Fort Worth	Sectional Master
Lonnie	Yee	Midland	Sectional Master
J	Brennan	Sherman	Regional Master
Gretchen	Cash	Dallas	Regional Master
Celia	Chang	Houston	Regional Master
Mary Lee	Duda	Dallas	Regional Master
Sherry	Gee	Porter	Regional Master
Walid Khalid	Hakim	Richardson	Regional Master
Molly	Hamilton	Dallas	Regional Master
Cindy	Hempel	Shenandoah	Regional Master
Don	Hempel	Shenandoah	Regional Master
Sherrie	Massin	Bellaire	Regional Master
H	Quiles	San Antonio	Regional Master
Bernita	Cooper	Laredo	NABC Master
Helen	Kirby	Fort Worth	NABC Master
Kenneth	McDowell	Granbury	NABC Master
Victor	Tong	Houston	NABC Master
Evelyn Irene	White	Fair Oaks Ranch	NABC Master
Beth	Castleberry	Richardson	Adv NABC Master
Laura	Ongard	Dallas	Adv NABC Master
Stefanie	Scott	Little Elm	Adv NABC Master
Yaoguang	Zhu	Austin	Adv NABC Master
Michele	Abriol	Austin	Life Master
Charo	Barnette	Houston	Life Master
Dee	Bridgewater	Frisco	Life Master
Mabel	Byrnes	Corpus Christi	Life Master
Sandra	Dayton	Austin	Life Master
Janice	Fletcher	San Antonio	Life Master
Jean	Marsh	Austin	Life Master
Rebecca	Page	Plano	Life Master
Charo	Barnette	Houston	Bronze Life Master
Alick	Einav	Austin	Bronze Life Master
Carol	Ellis	San Antonio	Bronze Life Master
Jeanette	McDonald	Flower Mound	Bronze Life Master
Ninfa	Sada	Mexico City	Bronze Life Master
Pam	Barksdale	Houston	Silver Life Master
Charlene	Goodman	Flint	Silver Life Master
Nancy	Gray	Montgomery	Silver Life Master
Jon	Mathias	Mexico City	Silver Life Master
Ann	Parker	Dallas	Silver Life Master
Rose	Van Meter	College Station	Silver Life Master
Neva	Davis	Canton	Ruby Life Master
David	Wicks	Houston	Ruby Life Master
Molan	Chan	Grand Prairie	Sapphire LM
Sam	Dinkin	Austin	Sapphire LM
Henry	Muzzio Jr	Fort Worth	Sapphire LM
Daniel	Schomer	Katy	Sapphire LM
David	Sokolow	Austin	Diamond LM



# Heart of Texas

## TEMPLE SECTIONAL 2017

Cultural Activities Center, 3011 N. 3rd St., Temple, 76501

# FEBRUARY FIESTA!

### A THREE-DAY BRIDGE PARTY

**FRIDAY, February 17**

Swiss Teams (single sessions)	10a.m., 2:00p.m.
Stratified pairs (single sessions)	10a.m., 2:00p.m., 7:15p.m.*
299'er pair game	10a.m., 2:00p.m.

**SATURDAY, February 18**

Bracketed KO teams* (three sessions)	10a.m., 2:00p.m., 7p.m.
Swiss Team (single session)	2:00p.m.
Stratified pairs (single sessions)	10a.m., 2:00p.m., 7:15p.m.*
299'er pair game	10a.m., 2:00p.m.


\*KO may be handicapped per director's discretion (MPS for pairs and teams are averaged)

**SUNDAY, February 19**

Stratified Swiss Teams 10a.m. & TBA

**NOTE: If ALL members of a Sunday Swiss Team play in a total of THREE of the six sessions on Friday-Saturday, the team plays for FREE on Sunday, two sessions and meal, a savings of \$120!**

\*Evening Pair Games REGIONALLY RATED Grass Roots Fund Games  
Door prizes to area restaurants will be given during the day on Friday & Saturday



**Tournament Hotel**  
Motel 6 Tournament rate \$51.75  
1610 West Nugent Avenue  
Temple, TX 76504 254-770-1100

**Hospitality Chair**  
Lennie Wilkins  
254-778-0443

#### STRATIFICATIONS

Pairs: A: 2000+	Swiss: A: 2500+ X: 0-2500 (or per DIC discretion)
B: 750-2000	(Play together)
C: 0-750	B: 750-2000 C: 100-750 D: 0-100

**Tournament Chair**  
David Pennington  
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trumpking5952@AOL.com

**Partnerships**  
Helen Simonetto  
254-947-5790  
hsimonetto@embarqmail.com

**Entry Fees**  
ACBL Members \$11/Session  
Non or unpaid Members \$14/Session  
Students \$6 Sunday Swiss \$120/Team

SMOKING BREAKS      SNACKS-COFFEE-SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED

## District 16

### Player of The Year 2016

Player of the year include only points won in National events at the 3 nationals. 22 district 16 players made the top 500 for the ACBL.

Overall Rank	District Rank	Name	City	Points
11	1	Bart Bramley	Dallas	527.30
12	2	Mike Passell	Plano	524.50
15	3	Chris Compton	Dallas	491.66
61	4	Eddie Wold	Houston	343.29
63	5	Bob Hamman	Dallas	341.05
76	6	Ira Hessel	San Antonio	297.66
110	7	Hemant Lall	Dallas	244.10
161	8	Venkatrao Koneru	San Antonio	198.66
168	9	Nancy Passell	Plano	194.73
218	10	Dan Morse	Houston	152.01
235	11	Shawn Quinn	Sugar Land	143.53
246	12	Steve Shirey	Fort Worth	135.15
249	13	Greg Hinze	San Antonio	133.22
283	14	Barbara Ferm	Dallas	115.01
305	15	Ellen Hessel	San Antonio	105.74
310	16	Mark Feldman	Austin	105.61
341	17	Nagy Kamel	Plano	98.08
346	18	Tobi Sokolow	Austin	96.80
357	19	Michael Heymann	Fort Worth	91.94
373	20	John Sutherlin	Dallas	87.59
388	21	Sam Dinkin	Austin	84.00
463	22	Lynn Baker	Austin	68.77

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STaC Coordinator	Tomi Storey	214-244-8333 (c)	skeeter303@yahoo.com

## TEMPLE SECTIONAL TRYING NEW TWIST ON SWISS

The Unit 233 Sectional which will be **February 17-19** is offering a **free** option for Sunday Swiss Teams. If ALL members of the Sunday Swiss team have played at least three sessions out of the six available on Friday and Saturday, the team plays for **FREE** all day on Sunday (2 sessions)! Included in the Sunday free spree is a catered meal between sessions, which adds up to a \$120+ savings for your team. Such a deal! Additionally, a sandwich lunch will be served after the morning session on both Friday and Saturday which is, you guessed it, **FREE!**

Temple invites everyone to come and be part of the FEBRUARY FIESTA TOURNAMENT.

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*January 23 - January 29, 2017*

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 Reservations: 713-978-7400, 1-888-236-2427  
 Room Rate: \$119  
 Cut-off date for room rates: Jan 13, 2017

**Full Schedule in November  
 Scorecard and in Online  
 Scorecard**

ENJOY THE LEGENDARY EAST TEXAS HOSPITALITY

Unit 225 East Texas Regional

## TOURNAMENT OF STARS

April 17 - April 23, 2017

**HARVEY CONVENTION CENTER**  
 2000 WEST FRONT STREET  
 TYLER, TEXAS 75702  
 903-531-1349

### HOST HOTELS

<b>Hawthorn Suites</b>	<b>\$89.00</b>	<b>Magnuson Hotel</b>	<b>\$79.00</b>
3303 Troup Highway	109.00	3310 Troup Highway	
Tyler, Texas 75701	129.00	Tyler, Texas 75701	
903-595-5188		903-593-3600	
Reserve by: 1 April 2017		Reserve by: 1 April 2017	

**Full Schedule in March Scorecard  
 and in Online Scorecard**



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**STRATIFICATION & FLIGHTING**

Stratified Events	A: 2000+; B:1250-2000; C:0-1250
AX Pairs	A: 4000+; Ax: 0-4000; (A & Ax play together)
Gold Rush Pairs	C:300-750; Cx:0-300; C & Cx play together)
Strati-Flighted Swiss	A:4000+ Ax:0-4000; (A & Ax play together)
	B:0-2000 Bracketed
Bracketed Swiss	Brackets of 8 teams by average MP holding
	Top 3 teams in each bracket wins <b>GOLD</b>

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

**Daily bridge lectures 6:30 pm Tuesday thru Friday****0 to 300 Event Schedule**

Separate (0-50) daily (3 table minimum)  
 Free entry on Friday for players with 5 or less master points.

Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE Side Game Series  
 Play as many sessions as you wish with the same or different partners.  
 Overall based on individual's best two (2 of 5) sessions in respective event

AWARDS: 1<sup>st</sup> A, B & C Overall in Pairs: 1<sup>st</sup> place in KO's and Swiss,  
 299er/49er events: 1<sup>st</sup> A, B & C

**TOURNAMENT OF STARS REGIONAL****MONDAY - 17 April 2017***Hosted by: Nacogdoches DBS & Sheila Bell DBC of Texarkana*

Single Session Stratified Charity Pairs	1:30	7:00
299er Single Session Charity Pairs	1:30	7:00
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	1:30	7:00

**TUESDAY - 18 April 2017***Hosted by: Longview DBC*

<u>GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750)</u> (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Sheila Bell Bracketed KO (1 & 2 of 4)	9:30	1:30	
Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE side game series	9:30	1:30	7:00
299er Single Session Pairs	9:30	1:30	7:00
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30	7:00
Lela Mae Corley KO (1 of 3 Sessions)			7:00

**WEDNESDAY - 19 April 2017***Hosted by: Van Zandt County DBS of Canton, TX*

Steve Lawrence AM Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)	9:30		
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Sheila Bell Bracketed KO (3 & 4 of 4)	9:30	1:30	
Raymond Derr Bracketed KO (1 & 2 of 4)	9:30	1:30	
Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE side game series	9:30	1:30	7:00
299er Single Session Pairs	9:30	1:30	7:00
<u>GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750)</u> (2 sessions)		1:30	7:00
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30	7:00
Lela Mae Corley KO (2 of 3 Sessions)			7:00

**THURSDAY - 20 April 2017***Hosted by: Tyler DBC & Rose City DBC \* Tyler, TX*

Steve Lawrence AM Bracketed Swiss (2 of 2)	9:30		
<u>GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750)</u> (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE side game series	9:30	1:30	7:00
299er Single Session Pairs	9:30	1:30	7:00
Raymond Derr Bracketed KO (3 & 4 of 4)	9:30	1:30	
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30	7:00
Lela Mae Corley KO (3 of 3 Sessions)			7:00

**FRIDAY - 21 April 2017***Hosted by: The Bridge Studio @ Cedar Creek - Gun Barrel City, TX*

AM Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)	9:30		
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Weekend KO (1 & 2 of 4)	9:30	1:30	
Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE side game series	9:30	1:30	7:00
Lynn Walker 299er Single Session Pairs	9:30	1:30	7:00
<u>GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750)</u> (2 sessions)		1:30	7:00
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)		1:30	7:00
Bracketed Swiss Teams (1 of 2 sessions)			7:00

**SATURDAY - 22 April 2017***Hosted by Dottie Pirkle's DBS - Athens, TX*

AM Bracketed Swiss (2 of 2)	9:30		
<u>GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750)</u> (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	9:30	1:30	
Weekend KO (3 & 4 of 4)	9:30	1:30	
Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE side game series	9:30	1:30	7:00
299er Single Session Pairs	9:30	1:30	7:00
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30	7:00
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 of 2 sessions)			7:00

**SUNDAY - 23 April 2017 - Hosted by Unit 225**

<b>Dottie Pirkle Swiss Teams</b>		
<b>Strati-Flighted Swiss Team</b>		
A (4000+) & AX (0-4000) play together	10:00	TBA
<b>Hot Lunch between sessions</b>		
<b>GOLD RUSH SUNDAY</b>	10:00	TBA
BRACKETED SWISS (0 - 2000)		

**Tournament Co-Chairs:**

Ginger Rhamey \* gingerrhamey@msn.com \* 903-521-8041  
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**Partnership Co-Chairs:**

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**Section Top Awards in Pairs**  
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 Room Rate: \$119  
 Cut-off date for room rates: Jan 13, 2017

## INTERMEDIATE-NEWCOMER SCHEDULE

0-5, 49'r & 299'r pairs Monday @ 2:30 & 7:30  
 49'r pairs Tuesday-Saturday @ 10 & 2:30  
 299'r pairs Tuesday-Saturday @ 10, 2:30 & 7:30

0-5 Pairs at 10 & 2:30 Tuesday-Saturday if attendance warrants

Session and overall awards will be red points.

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

### I/N STRATS

299'r Events: .....A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100  
 49'r Events: .....A: 20-50 B: 5-20 C: 0-5

### I/N CHAIR

Sheryl Thomas: 713-553-9682 / kaljack02@hotmail.com

## 0-750 WIN GOLD!

Seven Bracketed Swiss Events

Top four teams in each Bracket win **Gold!**

**Tuesday thru Saturday Gold Rush Pairs** (10 & 2:30)

All who have Section Tops and/or place in the  
 Overalls in Flight C win **Gold!**

## HOSPITALITY

Lisa Zummo; 713-410-6201 / lisa.zummo@gmail.com

## ENTRY FEES

\$13 for all events

**\$4 more for non- and unpaid ACBL members**

## TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRS

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 Bill Riley: 832-289-3833 / ichibanbill@gmail.com

## DAILY OPEN PAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monday	Charity Pairs (extra points).....	2:30 & 7:30
Tuesday	A/X/Y Pairs, GR Pairs (2 sessions) .....	10 & 2:30
Wednesday	A/X, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions) .....	10 & 2:30
Thursday	A/X/Y Pairs, GR Pairs (2 sessions) .....	10 & 2:30
Friday	A/X, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions) .....	10 & 2:30
Saturday	A/X/Y Pairs, GR Pairs (2 sessions) .....	10 & 2:30
Sunday	Open Pairs (2 sessions) & Side Games....	10 & TBA

**26+ boards expected in all two session open pair games**

## THREE SIDE GAME SERIES

Your best two games count toward the overalls

Morning Series	Tuesday-Sunday .....	10:00
Afternoon Series	Monday-Saturday.....	2:30
Evening Series	Monday-Saturday.....	7:30

## KNOCKOUTS & SWISS EVERY DAY

Bracketed KO 1	Monday @ 7:30 & Tuesday @ 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
Bracketed KO 2	.....Wednesday & Thursday @ 10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed KO 3	.....Friday & Saturday @ 10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed KO 4	.....Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat @ 7:30
Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)	..... Mon, Wed & Fri @ 2:30 & 7:30
Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)	..... Tues, Thur & Sat @ 10:00 & 2:30
Stratified Swiss (Single session)	..... Tues, Thur & Sat @ 2:30
Stratified Swiss (Single session)	..... Tues thru Sat @ 7:30
A/AX Swiss (2 sessions)	..... Sunday @ 10:00 & TBA
Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)	..... Sunday @ 10:00 & TBA

## STRATIFICATION & FLIGHTING

Stratified Events	A:2500+; B:750-2500; C:0-750
A/X Pairs	A:5000+; Ax:0-5000 (A & Ax play together)
A/X/Y Pairs	A:5000+; X:2000-5000; Y: 0-2000
Mid-Flight Pairs	B:1500-3000; Bx:0-1500 (B & Bx play together)
Gold Rush Pairs	C:300-750; Cx:0-300 (C & Cx play together)
Strati-Flighted Swiss	A:4000+ Ax:0-4000 (A & Ax play together)
	B:0-2500 Bracketed (no player over 2500)
Bracketed Swiss	Brackets of 7-9 teams by average MP holding

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

## PARTNERSHIPS

Lauri Laufman: 281-235-8777 / llaufman@texas2211.com

**For partnerships in advance of the tournament, please go to  
 acbl.org/partnershipdesk**

**20 Team Event Opportunities, 13 Gold Rush Events!**



# Lone Star Regional

## Monday, January 23

Charity Pairs (Extra Points!)	2:30 & 7:30
Side Pairs	2:30 & 7:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	2:30 & 7:30
KO #1 (Session 1)	7:30
49'r & 299'r Pairs	2:30 & 7:30
0-5 Pairs	2:30 & 7:30

## Tuesday, January 24

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

## Wednesday, January 25

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

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

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

### Caddy Chair

John Caudill: 713-932-8933 / wilhitecaudill@aol.com

### Director's Refresher Course

**Sunday, January 22, 6 - 9 pm**

**Monday, January 23, 9 am - noon**

For more information & to register, please contact:

Nancy Strohmer @ 713-882-0626 / nastrohmer@yahoo.com

**Friday, January 27 @ 7:30 - MiniBridge Party Free! Invite your family & friends**

## Thursday, January 26

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

## Friday, January 27

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

## Saturday, January 28

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

## Sunday, January 29

Open Pairs	10:00 & TBA
Side Games	10:00 & TBA
A/AX Swiss Teams	10:00 & TBA
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 & TBA

### Teacher Accreditation Program

**Sunday, January 22, 1-5 & 7-10 pm**

**Monday, January 23, 9am-noon**

For more information & to register, please contact:

Betty Starzec @ 713-562-2568 / lstarzec@comcast.net

<b>Unit 172</b> <b>San Antonio</b>	
Rebecca Brown	

By the time you read this, holiday season will be over. Hopefully, you will all enjoy a healthy 2017 and never have to see a ham or turkey again! (Well, at least until next November.) We have been busy this fall. We competed at the Willson Davis, Jr. Election Sectional (October 27-30). The sectional featured IMP pairs, a format that many were not accustomed to—and some would like to forget! Ed Rawlinson was kind enough (when isn't he?) to give a short presentation about IMP pair strategy prior to the game. Though this was not a Unit-sponsored event, the Unit board does review/approve each tournament schedule. Our Unit has policies that govern which formats are obligatory and which are allowable. Something that the Unit will be addressing, both at the board level, and then with the membership, is whether it is appropriate/advisable to stretch us beyond our current comfort zones by introducing new formats during tournaments. Some of us believe that tournaments should present opportunities which depart from routine club game events; that is, to "spice it up" a bit. This approach would be accompanied by educational/introductory pieces (by Ed, who else?) published in the Winning Finesse.

On November 19 the Unit hosted a pairs event, with special prizes for the mentor/mentee pairs who competed. Kudos to Ed Rawlinson and Gary Anziani for taking first in A, Brian Bankler and Hank Eng for first in B, and Bill McCarty and Lelia Jackson, first in C and also Mentor/Mentee winners. By the way, we would like to see greater participation in the Mentor/Mentee game. Please give us some feedback. Was the low turnout due to scheduling, i.e., is it a bad time of year? Not sufficiently promoted?

Unit members played during the NABCs held in Orlando. Sightings: Venkatrao Koneru (75 points won), Ira and Ellen Hessel (she took 4<sup>th</sup> in BAM event), Greg Hinze, Jerry Harrington, Kendall Early, Tom Trudeau, Barbara Morgan, Roxana Tom, Roxie Tom and Janise Saul.

Continuing in a great tradition: our Holiday Party, held on December 10, was brilliantly hosted by Beth Gale, Kathy Sinkin-Amor, Jan Wingate and Ed Rawlinson, aided by eager "elves" Mary Harrington, JoAnn Robertson and Debbie Schweiss. Food was deli-

cious and plentiful, and the event went smoothly. The hosts kept things so organized and director, Judy Hoffman, did an outstanding job managing 32.5 tables. Winners: Terry and Carolyn Riely (A); Larry and Laurie Levin (B); Jim Roff and Irene White (C); Susan Peterson and Peggy Baker (499'ers).

Milestones: new Life Master and Bronze Life Master: Georgia Baron

This season is overcast; we have had a number of our bridge friends pass away or be struck with health crises. I know you will join me in hoping for speedy recoveries for those who are ailing and comfort to the families of loved ones who have died. We mourn the loss of Terry Rice, a kind and gentle person.

Table tidbits: A soft-spoken San Antonio guy, Charlie Walker, studied Public Administration, among other things, at Texas Tech. He did a Masters in Public Administration in, what seemed to me, to be an unusual program. His graduate fellowship had him splitting his year among the universities of Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee. After working a few years in Ohio as a Budget Officer, then ten years in Palo Alto, California in its City Manager's Office, Charlie got homesick for Texas. He took a management position with SW Bell, spending 20 years supervising others and designing telephone systems for large businesses. He retired in 2000 and took up the game we all love. He played bridge in college but didn't play during work years. In retirement, he biked to Rich Lampman's studio and Marie Bailey's club to play bridge. Something you might not guess about Charlie is that he worked nights as a DJ at a public radio station in San Antonio, playing mostly classical music...not his favorite. He prefers popular music and enjoys attending concerts. He is married to a non-bridge player and has 4 kids, 10 grandkids and 2 great-grandkids.

Upcoming: January 7-8 District 16 NAP finals (Austin Crowne Plaza Hotel); January 12-15 Winter Sectional (Fiesta); February 11 Unit GNT Finals (Fiesta)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

### Election Sectional

San Antonio  
Oct 27-30, 2016  
191 players 216 tables.

- 1 43.10 Ed Rawlinson
- 2 38.94 Gary Anziani
- 3 35.34 Dave Swarthout
- 4 34.30 Donna Swarthout

- 5 33.55 Marilyn Arnold
- 6 27.59 Larry Levin
- 7 20.99 Bill Walker
- 8 20.67 Rebecca Brown
- 9 19.97 Rosemary Kelley
- 10 19.11 Carolyn Riely

**Thursday Open Pairs-25.0 Tables / Based on 33 Tables**

A1. Rosemary Kelley-Diane Olson  
A2 Marilyn Arnold-Bill Walker BC1. Elisabeth Kay-Ann Kuehler BC2. Geneva Johnson-Jo Ann Manfredi

**Thursday 499er Pairs-7.0 Tables ABC1. Robert Craig-Coleman Driver A2. Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach BC2. Takako Malley-Paul Fafoutakis**

**Thursday Swiss-Brkt 1-5 Tables 1. Gary Anziani-Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout- Ed Rawlinson 2. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Larry Levin-Richard Ware**

**Thursday Swiss-Brkt 2-5 Tables 1. Charles Walker-Bette Allen-Sally Armstrong-Betty Jo Betterworth 2. Richard Lampman-Hank Eng-Charles Jefferson-Beverly Santos**

**Thursday Swiss-Brkt 3-5 Tables 1. Bob Otis-Beth Gale-Myra Ribak-Susan Hernandez 2. Lew Spurlock-Stephen Hoffman-Jo Neesvig-Louis Ray**

**Thursday Swiss-Brkt 4-5 Tables 1. Penny Smith-Anyemarie Weaver-Carolyn Archer-Carolyn Martin 2. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan-Ken MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran**

**Thursday Swiss-Brkt 5-7 Tables 1. Carol Ramberg-Annette Frasher-Susan Peterson-Evelyn Irene White 2/3 Wayne Tindall Barbara Bolton-Joanne Lenke-Joe Ramirez 2/3 Evelyn Pitman-Marilyn Weinstein-Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King**

**Friday Aft Open Pairs-22.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1 . David Johnson Jr-Marilyn Arnold A2. Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout B1. Jean Blilie, Kerrville ; Eugene Lux B2C1. Stephen Hoffman-Bob Steidel C2. Penny Smith-Brenda Johnson**

**Friday Aft 499er Pairs-9.0 Tables AB1. Mary Lou Anziani-Richard Arnold AB2C1. Coleman Driver-Robert Craig C2. Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King**

**Friday AM IMP Pairs-22.5 Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Larry Levin-Richard Ware A2. Charles Walker-Everette Lewis BC1. Ann Kuehler-Elisabeth Kay BC2. Julianne McKenna-J Bank**

**Friday AM 499er Pairs-10.0 Tables AB1. Mary Harrington-James Cuccia A2. Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach B2/3C1/2 Robert Craig-Coleman Driver B2/3C1/2 Larry Wadler-Weston Frazier**

**Saturday AM Open Pairs-22.5 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson A2. Rosemary Kelley-Bill McCarty B1. Beverly Santos-Rebecca Brown B2. Sandra**



## KERRVILLE

# SPRING IN THE HILLS

March 23-March 26, 2017  
Inn of the Hills  
1001 Junction Hwy 1-800-292-5690  
Bridge Rate: \$95 (Book by 2/23/17)

**Thursday, March 23**

Stratified Pairs	10 am
Stratified Swiss Teams	3:00 pm

**Friday, March 24**

Stratified Pairs	10 am & 3:00 pm
Wildflower Knockout Teams (3 sessions)	10 am, 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Fast Pairs (24 boards, finished approx. 10pm)	7:30 pm

**Saturday, March 25**

Stratified Pairs	10 am & 3:00 pm
Mesquite Knockout Teams (3 sessions)	10 am, 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Fast Pairs (24 boards, finished approx. 10pm)	7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 26**

Margaret Higgins Stratified Swiss Teams 10 am & TBA

499er pairs will be held with 3 table minimum

**Card Fees**  
\$11/person/session, \$120/team Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)  
Non or unpaid ACBL members add \$3

**Stratifications**  
A: 2500+; B: 750-2500; C: 0-750 (averaging)  
KO events are handicapped

**Tournament Chair**  
Rebecca Brown 210-885-4550 [rebeccabrown@att.net](mailto:rebeccabrown@att.net)

**Partnership Chair:**  
Richard Hamm 830-895-2085

**Director in Charge**  
Tom Marsh

Stevens-Kathy Rolf C1. Eugene Lux-Gerald Irion C2. Sisir Sharma-Ann Perry

**Saturday AM 499er Pairs-8.5 Tables A1. Don Mahoney-Diana Drenner A2. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan BC1. Weston Fraizer-Larry Wadler, Wharton B2. Mary Harrington-Jo Ann Manfredi B2. Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King**

**Saturday Aft Open Pairs-20.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Marilyn Arnold-Bill Walker A2. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson B1. Kay Laird-Richard Curtin B2C1. Janina Kuzma-Steven Kassarjian C2. Stephen Hoffman-David Herron**

**Saturday Aft 499er Pairs-6.5 Tables**

A1. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan A2B1. Gerda Jacobs-Beverly Flannery B2. Coleman Driver-Robert Craig

**Sunday Bracketed Swiss-1-7 Tables 1. Gary Anziani-Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson 2. Larry Levin-Everette Lewis-Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely**

**Sunday Bracketed Swiss-2-11 Tables 1. Susan Hernandez- Ribak-Bob Otis-Beth Gale 2. Frank Schwakhofer -Art Clausen-Marlene Clausen- Diane Childs**

## SAN ANTONIO ELECTION SECTIONAL WINNERS



Coleman Driver, Bob Craig  
Thursday Morning 499ers



Rosemary Kelley, Diane Olson  
Thursday Morning Pairs A



Ann Kuehler, Elisabeth Kay  
Thursday Morning Pairs B/C  
Friday Morning IMP Pairs B/C



Donna Swarthout, Ed Rawlinson,  
Dave Swarthout, Gary Anziani  
Thursday Bracketed Swiss (1)  
Sunday Bracketed Swiss (1)



Betty Jo Betterworth, Bette Allen,  
Charlie Walker, Sally Armstrong  
Thursday Bracketed Swiss (2)



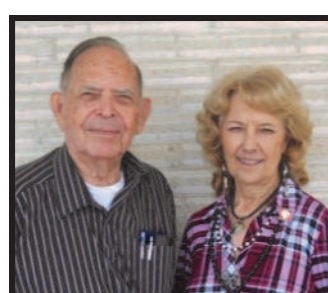
Myra Ribak, Susan Hernandez,  
Bob Otis, Beth Gale  
Thursday Bracketed Swiss (3)  
Sunday Bracketed Swiss (2)



Carolyn Archer, Anyemarie Weaver,  
Carolyn Martin, Penny Smith  
Thursday Bracketed Swiss (4)



Irene White, Carol Ramberg,  
Susan Peterson, Annette Frasher  
Thursday Bracketed Swiss (5)



Jim Cuccia, Mary Harrington  
Friday Morning 499ers



Richard Ware, Larry Levin  
Friday Morning IMP Pairs (A)





Mary Lou Anziani, Dick Arnold  
Friday Afternoon 499ers



Marilyn Arnold, David Johnson Jr.  
Friday Afternoon Pairs (A)



Gene Lux, Jean Blilie  
Friday Afternoon Pairs (B)



Marilyn Arnold, Bill Walker  
Saturday Afternoon Pairs (A)



Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani  
Saturday Morning Pairs (A)



Rebecca Brown, Beverly Santos  
Saturday Morning Pairs (B)



Gerald Irion, Gene Lux  
Saturday Morning Pairs (C)



Jim & Ann McMullan  
Saturday Afternoon 499ers



Bob Steidel, Steve Hoffman  
Friday Afternoon Pairs (C)



Kay Laird, Rich Curtin  
Saturday Afternoon Pairs (B)



Steve Kassarian, Janina Kuzma  
Saturday Afternoon Pairs (C)



Don Mahoney, Diana Drenner  
Saturday Morning 499ers

**Unit 174  
Houston**

**Carol Ann  
Wilson**



**Unit News:** Kudos to **Shawn Quinn** for winning the Whitehead Women's Pairs with **Nancy Passell** at the recent Orlando Nationals, for which they earned 96 MPs! Shawn earned a total

of 118.53 MPs at that tournament. Well done!

Our **Lone Star Regional** is January 23-29, 2017, at the MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE, Reservations at 713-978-7400 or 888-236-2427. The room rate is \$119 and the cutoff date is 1/13/17. If you have not already planned to be there, make your plans now to join us for our best regional ever! Knockouts and Swiss every day! Lots of chances for those

elusive Gold points!

**Success Stories from Unit 174:** **Barbara Phillips** reports that non-LMs from **Bridge Club of Houston** excelled the week of 11/13 on the "Regional at Sea" she directed, with 12 BCOH players winning gold points and 2 winning red points. Way to go! Their club continues to encourage new players: Mondays they have 199er pairs at 11:55 a.m.; Tuesdays, Newcomers (0-20) at 10 a.m., with

lesson by **Julie Halperin** at 9:25; Wednesdays, 299er Pairs at 11:55 a.m.; and Friday 49er Pairs at 10 a.m. with "Bridge Bits" by **Sam Khayatt** at 9:30. This is one excellent way to build club attendance. (Then throw them into open games as soon as possible!) **Apple II DBC**, playing Fridays at Tracy Gee Community Center, played only twice in November, due to early voting, but they are still averaging 40 tables per session. **Westside Bridge Academy** awards

free plays to players who won the most MPs and who played most often the prior month, to players having both under and over 300MPs. During October **Ariel Leibovitz** (300+) earned 22.61 MPs and **Sharon Campbell** (under 300) earned 8.56 MPs. Both **Ariel Leibovitz** and **Anna Marlatt** (300+) played 21 times, and **Ian Fetterly** (under 300) played 16 times. How's that for a way to keep 'em comin' back?

# Houston Unit 174 to Hold Board Election April 7-9, 2017

The members of Unit 174, whose participating clubs include Baytown, Bryan/College Station, Clear Lake, Conroe, Galveston, Houston, Kingwood, Lake Jackson, Livingston, Pasadena, Spring, Stafford, and Sugar Land, will have an opportunity to vote for three members of the Board of Directors April 7-9, 2017, during the Election Sectional at the Marriott Westchase. The three newly elected members will join Mildred Breed, John Caudill, Dianna Gittelman, Ken Hudson, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer to complete the full nine-member Board. Lisa Zummo, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Bob Dowlen, Sam Khyatt, Bert Onstott, and Joyce Ryan, urges you to vote, either in person, early online, or by absentee ballot. For a ballot to be counted, a member must vote for exactly three candidates, which can include write in candidates. In person voting will take place one hour before each session of the tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. To vote early online, go to [www.acblunit174.com](http://www.acblunit174.com), place your mouse over "MyUnit174" on the right side of the menu bar, click on "BOD Election" and follow the instructions. Online voting is not available until approximately three weeks before the start of the tournament. Exact start time and cutoff time will be available at a later date. To vote absentee, follow the instructions below. Winners will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday, April 9.

**Nancy Guthrie**



After retiring, I decided to pursue my quest to play duplicate bridge. I began taking lessons at the CL Bridge Club. Quickly, my interest became a passion... my loving obsession. I enjoy the constant challenge and everyday look forward to the camaraderie of the friends I have made through the world of bridge. I look forward to giving back to this awesome game. My goal upon being elected would be to support the Unit Intermediate/Novice Program and to encourage new players. I am very much a vivacious team player and am committed to work for the best of the Unit.

**David Henke**



I started playing bridge during college and became the youngest life master in the Oklahoma Sooner Unit. My brother and I built a duplicate bridge studio in OKC. I managed the studio, served on the Unit Board, and became a member of ACBL's National Goodwill Committee. During my career as an attorney, I worked in several areas, all involving bringing people, companies, and government agencies together to reach agreements and solve problems. Bridge has been good to me. I think it is time for me to help bring the many talented people in our Unit together to further the game.

**Daniel Jackson**



I've had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors of Unit 174 for the past three years. Currently, I am the Tournament Coordinator and the Information Coordinator of our Unit. I have very much enjoyed meeting new players and learning about the administrative side of the game. If I am reelected, I will continue to serve to the best of my ability.

**Dan Leightman**



After a hiatus of nearly 40 years, I began playing serious bridge again about six years ago. After graduating from University of Texas Law School, I have been a corporate tax executive at three different publicly traded companies and a tax partner in a large, public law firm. Currently, I maintain a part-time tax law practice. I have served on the Board of Unit 174 for the past two years and wish to continue serving. I am particularly interested in improving the quality of our tournaments and broadening the appeal of bridge to all age groups.

**Karen Nussbaum**



Bridge has been with me since I was a child, and during different phases of life bridge was always a constant. I became an avid player in college and continued during my early career at IBM. Then parenthood pushed bridge aside for a few years. In the late 70's I resumed playing party bridge and then moved to duplicate. I had to relearn the game all over! The most important lesson was that as bridge continues to evolve I have to continue to learn. Now I would like to give back to our bridge community.

**Brian Schaffer**



I am Brian Schaffer from the Bridge Club of Houston and I hope to represent you on the Unit 174 Board of Directors. My partnership with bridge began recently, but I quickly became committed to the great game and people. I was honored to have been asked to donate my time and skills. As a retired lawyer, I have the time and skill to be an effective Board member. As a newcomer, I intend to learn about the various issues facing the Unit, take direction from the senior members of the Board and passionately serve the game and its players.

**Absentee Voting Procedure**

Any member may vote by Absentee Ballot. To vote absentee, a member must contact the Election Judges by U.S. mail, e-mail, or telephone requesting an Official Ballot. If the voter is a member in good standing, and Official Ballot will be sent to the voter at the voter's address of record, in a small unsealed envelope. Upon receiving the Official Ballot, the voter should complete the ballot, seal it inside the small envelope provided, and place the small sealed envelope inside another envelope addressed to the Election Judges. The back flap of the outside envelope must be signed by the voter. If no signature is provided, the ballot will not be counted. The Absentee Ballot must be postmarked no later than March 29 and must be received by the Election Judges no later than April 5 to be counted. The Election Judges are Jolie Hess and Brigitte Sandifer. Correspondence should be addressed to Brigitte Sandifer: 507 Rozelle Ave. Sugar Land, TX 77498; sandiferdb@gmail.com; 281-494-1464.

**A VOTE ON A POSSIBLE BY LAW CHANGE WILL BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING DURING THE APRIL ELECTION SECTIONAL OF UNIT 174 – MUST BE PRESENT ON SUNDAY TO VOTE.**

**Change Article VI Unit Board of Directors, Section 3 to:**

The Board of Directors, within a reasonable time prior to the annual membership meeting, shall select a Nominating Committee composed of five (5) persons. Said Nominating Committee shall meet prior to the mailing of notices of the annual meeting, and shall prepare a slate of Nominees equal to the vacancies to be filled. Incumbent elected Directors shall be automatically re-nominated for a second term of office at the expiration of the first term to which they were elected, unless the Board of Directors shall be informed, either in writing or orally at the Board Meeting when the Nominating Committee is selected, that such Director chooses not to be so nominated. Said slate is to be placed in nomination at the annual meeting of membership to fill the vacancies existing on the Board of Directors.

The names of the persons nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be made known to the members in the notice of the annual meeting.

Additional nominations for Directors may be made by the membership, but such nominations must be submitted in writing, signed by at least fifty (50) members in good standing, to the Secretary to the Unit, by mail, not more than 10 days after giving notice as provided in the preceding paragraph. Change Article IX Standing Committees, Section 1 to:

This committee shall be composed of five (5) members in good standing, appointed by the Board of Directors, within a reasonable time prior to the annual meeting of the members: its duty shall be to prepare a slate of Nominees for election to the Board of Directors for the open board positions of the Unit. Nominees for regular elections will be submitted at the Annual Meeting at the Election Sectional.

**New 70% Milestones: Bridge Club of Houston** reports: **William Daniel III** and **Maryanne Woessner**, a 70.65% game 10/7 during StaC week; and **Janelle Frusha** and **Sonia Bryant**, a 71.06% game on 12/3. **Westside Bridge Academy** has reported plenty of Big Games: **Vic Sowers** and **George Fox**, a 72.92% on 10/5 during StaC Week; **Gary King** and **Joe Quinn** a 70.46% on 10/14; **Eddie Wold** and **Betty Starzec** had 73.48% on 10/17; and **Ralph Herz** and **David Dyer** posted 70.66% on 10/31. In the I/N Games at Westside, **Dena Bright** and **Carmen Nash**, 71.67% on 10/1; **Rose Cullivan Hock** and **Leon Gertsch**, a

76.67% in the 10/5 StaC Week game, and they did it again with 70.20% on 10/19! **Sanford Lobliner** and **Gabe Perry** posted a 71.76% game 11/28 at Spring Branch DBC. At **Apple II DBC**, Tracy Gee Community Center, **Clif Capen** and **Don White** had a 71.73% game on 10/21. Two Big Games at **Lake Conroe DBC**: **Muffy Crowl** and **Gerry Earnest** scored 75% at their Charity Game on 11/4 and **Bernice Delaney** and **Gerry Earnest** posted 70% at their 11/15 game. (Should we start drinking Gerry's brand of water?) At Clear Lake DBC **Chin Lin** and **George Feng** had a 71.21% game on 10/18; **Laura Chandler** and **Jeannie Stone**,

70.83% in the 299er game on 10/25; and **Robyn and Arvis Williams** had a 70.24% in the 10/31 199er game. **Congratulations to all for these rare achievements!**

**Fundamental Tip:** I have a couple of tips for you this report. The first is about opening INT with 15-17 HCP. Some use "a good 14 to 17." Close enough. Here's something I hear at the tables, repeatedly: "I had 16 points, but I had two doubletons." Well, that doesn't stop me anymore, and it shouldn't stop you, either. **Eddie Wold** convinced me on a cruise a few years ago (hands down, the best thing I ever did for my bridge-playing life!) that the odds favor your getting to the right contract if you open INT with hands that contain a fairly balanced 15-17 HCP, even if you have a 5-card major suit or two doubletons. Now in the December 2016 *Bridge Bulletin*, page 56, **Marty Bergen** begins his excellent column with "Opening INT with two doubletons is neither illegal nor unwise." Now how much more support could you possibly need? Read the article and learn the nuances, and you will increase your chances of getting to the correct contract.

Here's the other tip. Do you know what a "Devil's Coup" is? **Daniel Jackson**, one of our Unit 174 Board members, does, and he saw it recently while coaching a client pair, in looking at a copy of hand records from a session he had not played. He immediately recognized it, saying, "That's a hand for a Devil's Coup!" Daniel then wrote an article about it and sent it for publication on the Internet. You can learn all about it at <http://bridgewinners.com/article/print/constructing-a-devils-coup/>. And now you know what a "Devil's Coup" is and how to construct it.

**Remembering Those Who Have Passed On:** On 10/18/16, **Jay Karkowsky**, beloved by many Unit 174 players, passed away. **Thomas Gregory Schmalz**, a Ruby LM member of our Unit for 30+ year, passed away at his summer home in Bozeman MT on 11/27/16. They will be

missed.

Till next time . .

**Leads on the Lake**

League City TX  
Oct 28-30 2016  
371 players 364 tables.

- 1 35.81 Ellen Hessel
- 2 35.81 Ira Hessel
- 4 27.57 Meng-Chr Tsai
- 5 27.57 Harry Selldin
- 6 24.96 Gary King
- 7 22.67 Edward Groner
- 8 21.82 Vern Schmidt
- 9 21.02 Marilyn Adams
- 10 21.02 Anton (Tony) Haddad
- 11 17.30 Daniel Jackson
- 12 17.11 Thomas Peters
- 13 17.11 John Zilic
- 14 17.11 Gil Micheletti Md
- 15 16.87 Victor Sitton
- 16 15.41 Carolyn Fox
- 17 15.40 William Kibikas
- 18 15.40 Linda Rensi Katy
- 19 15.40 John Du Bose Jr
- 20 14.78 Jane Boozalis
- 21 14.56 Randall Lake
- 22 14.30 Kyle Lueders
- 23 14.30 Debra Bellan
- 24 14.15 George Fox
- 25 13.91 Shawn Quinn

- Friday Aft Side Pairs**-3.0 Tables  
A1. Anna Marlatt-Syed R Naqvi  
A2B1. Kitty Wong-Roger Marlatt B2. Robert Reichek-Brett Elliott
- Friday Aft 299er Pairs**-14.5 Tables+1  
Maureen Weiss-Richard McGaughy A2BC1. Cheryl Benash-Carol Jenkinson B2. Adrienne Hunt-Mary Scalisi C2. Sandi Mills-Linda Buice
- Friday Open Pairs**-12.5 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Oren Moore-Randall Lake A2. Edward Groner-Victor Sitton B1. Herbert Warner-Errol LeCesne B2C1. Anne Davis-Jeff Armstrong C2. Carol Ehrman-Linda Brodie
- Friday Eve 299er Pairs**-6.0 Tables  
ABC1. Robert Burrige-Marsha Doyle AB2. Frankie Lemasters-David Lemasters C2. George Marchand-Leah Rae Marchand

- Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables 1. Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel-Joe Quinn-Gary King 2. James Breihan-Vic Sowers-Carolyn Fox-George Fox
- Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables 1. Marilyn Adams-Anton (Tony) Haddad-Harry Selldin-Meng-Chr Tsai 2. Daniel Jackson-Deborah Jackson-Carolyn Lanier-Carol Wilson
- Friday Swiss Bracket 3-7** Tables 1. Ronald Kautz-David Bradt-William Houck-Charles Ensor 2. Susan McLaurin-Mary Jane Kinnebrew-Geri McKallip-Elisabeth Cabiness
- Friday Swiss Bracket 4-13** Tables 1. Robert Vilyus-Marilyn Gale Vilyus-Sheryl Thomas-Joseph Ford 2. Deborah Reed-Barbara Wood-Lynn Gamblin-Marilyn Slaughter
- Saturday Morn 299er Pairs**-10.0 Tables AB1. Richard Labouliere-Marsha Doyle A2. Martha Dougherty-Judith Britton A2. Patricia Dunnell-Susan Domsalla 1 Bob Yelli- Judith Hughes Cheryl Benash Spring ; Carol Jenkinson
- Saturday Morn 49er Pairs**-3.0 Tables AB1. Wanda Rogers-Penny Lietz A2. Phyllis Dillard-Jennifer Boaz

- Saturday Open Pairs**-18.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables A1. Kerr Godfrey-Kay Johnson A2. Daniel Jackson ; Shatrugna Prasad B1. Wayne Christensen Jr- Arthur Giovannangeli B2. Clif Rice-Mark Howard C1. Richard Jackson-Sandra Jackson C2. Diane Kaminsky-Marvin Meistrich
- Saturday Aft 299er Pairs**-10.0 Tables AB1. Marsha Doyle-Richard Labouliere BB2. Jeannie Stone-Laura Chandler C1. Jenelle Chamberlain-Adrienne Juno C2. Bob Yelli-Judith Hughes
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables 1. Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn-Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel 2. David Goldfarb-Harry Elliott-Lily Andre-James Andre
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables 1. Sanford Lobliner-Harry Selldin-Meng-Chr Tsai-Youssef Youssef 2. Mack Meigs-Mark Meigs-Gerhard Ohlendorf-Rose Marie Cleveland
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-7** Tables 1. Jennifer Breihan-Kyle Lueders-Jane Boozalis-Debra Bellan 2. Bobbie Moutz-Rodney McCullough-Irene Baker-Charlotte Coon

**OCTOBER LEADS ON THE LAKE WINNERS**



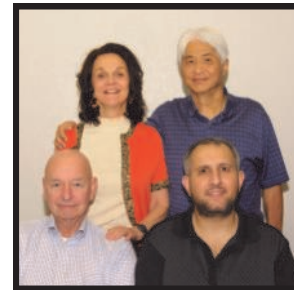
Friday Open Pairs A  
Randall Lake and Oren Moore



Friday Open Pairs B  
Errol LeCesne, Herbert Warner



Friday Swiss Bkt 1  
Ellen & Ira Hessel  
Gary King, Joe Quinn



Marilyn Adams, Meng Chr Tsai  
Harry Selldin, Tony Haddad



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2  
Youssef Youssef, Meng Chr Tsai  
Harry Selldin, Sanford Lobline



Saturday Swiss Bkt 1  
Ellen Hessel, Shawn Quinn,  
Ira Hessel, Joe Quinn



Saturday Swiss Bkt 3  
Debra Bellan, Jennifer Breihan  
and Kyle Lueders, Jane Boozalis



Saturday Swiss Bkt 6  
Marilyn Slaughter, Lynn Gamblin  
Dottie Steverson, Frederick Carvin



Sunday Swiss Bkt A  
Vern Schmidt, John Du Bose, Jr.  
William Kibikas, Linda Rensi



Sunday BCD Swiss  
Lisa Zummo, Debra Bellan  
Kyle Lueders, Jane Boozalis



Sunday BCD Swiss  
Kailash Sachdev, Rani Sachdev  
Thomas & Linda Martinsen



Sunday BCD Swiss  
Carl Hogan, Sheryl Thomas  
Marilyn Gale & Robert Vilyus

- Saturday Swiss Bracket 4-7** Tables 1. Barbara Courtright-Yvonne Pierce-Louis Bockman-Steve Vaughn 2. Susan McLaurin-Geri McKallip-Elisabeth Cabiness-Mary Jane Kinnebrew
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 5-7** Tables 1. Robert Vilyus-Marilyn Gale Vilyus-Carl Hogan-Sheryl Thomas 2. Martin Gastrell-Richard Crosby-Alan Adams-Sonneman
- Saturday Swiss Bracket 6-7** Tables 1. Lynn Gamblin-Frederick Carvin-Dottie Steverson-Marilyn Slaughter 2/3 Larry Cossey-Barbara Glass-Hillel Weinbaum-David Kuykendall 2/3 Ellen Valentine-Van Valentine-Maureen Weiss-Richard McGaughy
- Sunday Open Pairs**-6.0 Tables A1. Anita Albert-Phillip Grothus A2. Virginia Zilic-Carolyn Jackson B1. John Knox-Ronald Kautz B2. Stephen Lavoot-Himankush Saha
- Sunday A/X Swiss Teams**-17 Tables / Based on 46 Tables AX1. Vern Schmidt-William Kibikas-John Du Bose Jr-Linda Rensi AX2. Harry Selldin-Anton (Tony) Haddad Houston TX; Meng-Chr Tsai-Marilyn Adams
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables 1. Debra Bellan-Kyle Lueders-Jane Boozalis-Lisa Zummo 2. Daad Rodgers-Ann Ankrum-Carmen Keys-Paul Cuneo
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables 1. Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen-Kailash Sachdev-Rani Sachdev 2. Richard Burkhart-Bonnie Burkhart-Jo Ann Pierce-Tomi Porterfield
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-7** Tables 1. Larry Cossey-Jeff Armstrong-David Kuykendall- Deborah Reed-2. Frederick Gregory- Montgomery-Carol Lombardino- Sam Khayatt
- Sunday B Swiss Bracket 4-8** Tables 1. Julia Thompson-Myra Marsh-Louise Howell-Ann Wales 2. Lynn Gamblin-Dottie Steverson-Marilyn Slaughter-Frederick Carvin



Sunday BCD Swiss  
Larry Cossey, David Kuykendal



Friday Aft 499ers  
Carol Jenkinson, Cheryl Benash



Sunday BCD Swiss  
Julia Thompson, Myra Marsh  
Ann Wales, Louise Howell



Friday Swiss Bkt 4  
Joseph Ford, Sheryl Thomas  
Marilyn Gale & Robert Vilyus



Sunday Aft Open Pairs A  
Phillip Grothus, Anita Albert

# Big Time in Big D Sectional

World Class Lectures at 9:30am & 2pm

March 2-5, 2017

Nearby Hotel: Courtyard By Marriott 1000 S. Sherman Street, Richardson, TX  
972.235.5000 Mention BAND \$74 rate! Cut-off date 02/16/17  
Richardson Civic Center  
411 West Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080  
Southwest corner of Arapaho & Central (75)

**Thursday, March 2nd**

Open Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
1499er Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
299er Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
49er Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 10am

Open Pairs (Single Session) 2:30pm  
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Bracketed Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> of 2) 2:30pm

Open Pairs (Single Session) 7pm  
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Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7pm  
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2) 7pm

**Friday, March 3rd**

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**Saturday, March 4th**

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1499er Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
299er Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
49er Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 10am

Open Pairs (Single Session) 2:30pm  
1499er Pairs (Single Session) 2:30pm  
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49er Pairs (Single Session) 2:30pm  
Bracketed Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> of 2) 2:30pm

Open Pairs (Single Session) 7pm  
1499er Pairs (Single Session) 7pm  
299er Pairs (Single Session) 7pm  
49er Pairs (Single Session) 7pm  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7pm  
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2) 7pm

**Sunday, March 5th**

Lite lunch for two session events  
A/X Swiss & Bracketed B Swiss (P-T) 10am  
Open & 49er Pairs (Single Session) 10am  
Open & 49er Pairs (Single Session) 2pm

**A/X Swiss and Bracketed B Swiss**  
Teams Bracketed into Groups by Total MPS.  
Teams will play within their bracket.  
A:4000+ X:0-4000 B:0-2500  
**Stratified Swiss Teams**  
A:2000+ B:500-2000 C:0-500  
**Open Stratified Pairs**  
A:5000+ B:2000-5000 C:0-2000  
**1499 Stratified Pairs**  
A:750-1500 B:500-750 C:0-500  
**299er Stratified Pairs**  
A:200-300 B:100-200 C:0-100  
**49er Stratified Pairs**  
A:20-50 B:5-20 C:0-5  
Pair or Team Average Masterpoints used for stratification in all stratified events.  
Entries: \$13 for ACBL Members/Person/Session;  
\$16 for Non-ACBL Members/Person/Session  
Chairperson: Donna Compton  
214.394.5830 \* bridgeacademy@mindspring.com

Teams & Pairs All Sessions \* Snacks \* Silver Points  
Section Top Pins & Trophies for 299er & 49er Overall Winners  
Overall Winners' Pictures Posted on BAND Social Media & D16 Scorecard

Pictures and Results posted daily at [www.BridgeInDallas.com](http://www.BridgeInDallas.com) \* Send partnership requests to Lacy Peterson at [partnerships@mindspring.com](mailto:partnerships@mindspring.com)

Unit 176  
Dallas  
Martha Young

So many fun things are going on in Unit 176, locally and Nationally. Congrats to all who did well at the Nationals. We are proud of you.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – Unit 176 Holiday Party. Wow! When you have a good thing word gets out. We had a huge crowd, lots of good food and good bridge... Okay, I am trying to tell the future, because this article was due to Ira a few days ago and I am writing it on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> just prior to the party. Thanks to Tom Whitesides for organizing the entries and Su Doe, Lucky Snyder and Carolyn Pinto for directing. The biggest round of applause goes to Cathie Tucker who organized this event for us. Thank you! We conducted an optional survey while we had so many of you gathered, well fed and in a holiday mood. I will provide an update on our survey results in the next Table Talk. I thank the many of you who participated.

January 12 – 15 was our Election Sectional. By the time you read this it will have come and gone. I hope

you carlie and played and that the S weather was cooperative. That's c about the best we can hope for this o time of year. I hope you picked up r one of our new directories and voted. 7 If you missed the tournament, direc- 6 tories are available in local clubs.

I look forward to working with the newly elected board. Thanks for voting. We will be recruiting a new Score Card reporter to replace me. If you would like to volunteer, let me know.

We are actively recruiting an Equipment Manager for the Unit. This is a paid position, but I must admit it is mostly a labor of love. David Greims stepped up 11 years ago when DK Witt had to turn over the reins. What a great job David has done. We are inventoried, we are organized, we are self-sufficient with the addition of 30 + new tables this year. The duties and responsibilities of this position are documented. We have a contractor to handle the heavy work, we need the brains (and some brawn) to do the rest. Please contact Randy Earle if you are interested and want to find out more. THANK YOU DAVID cannot begin to say it all.

Here's some good news - an update on our Learn Bridge in a Day program:

Mike & Lyn Davis helped us host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Learn Bridge in a Day workshop in Frisco Lakes. It was a huge success with 46 participants. It only took a total of 15 volunteers on the day of the event! Once again it was the team of Eileen Davidoff, Vi Ganeles and myself with Lyn Davis added to plan the event. Thanks to all who got word out to their neighborhood, family and friends.

We are not taking much time off before our 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop, just enough to celebrate the holidays. It will be Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 – 3:30 at the King of Glory Lutheran Church. So let's get the word out again! Valerie Remmers is our liaison and assisting with this location. Thanks Valerie!

**Dallas Bridge Association**  
Richardson  
Nov 03-06 2016  
457 players. : 459 tables.

- 1 53.02 Gail Wells
- 2 41.83 Nagy Kamel
- 3 41.83 Mark Bumgardner
- 4 40.58 Petra Hamman
- 5 40.58 Emily Harrell
- 6 35.37 Hemant Lall
- 7 32.50 Suresh Agrawal

- 8 27.32 Michael Murphy
- 9 26.60 Stephen Kornegay
- 10 26.60 Nancy Kornegay
- 11 24.73 Hugh Hillaker
- 12 24.63 John Spessard
- 13 24.63 Bill Osborn
- 14 23.70 Marion Gebhardt
- 15 23.58 Bill Staats
- 16 23.37 S Kohan
- 17 22.97 Yan Song
- 18 22.97 Tiger King
- 19 22.97 Hua Yang
- 20 22.97 Danny Feng
- 21 21.57 Milton Neher
- 22 21.53 John Sutherlin
- 23 20.79 Nancy Passell
- 24 19.37 John Schwartz
- 25 18.44 Jay Gibson

**Thursday Morn Open Pairs**-19.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables A1. Gail Wells-Marion Gebhardt A2. John Spessard-Bill Osborn B1. Patricia Marchman-Jo England B2C1. Marie-Anne Johnson-K C Balasubramanian C2. Jonathan Wang-Wei An  
**Thursday Morn 199er Pairs**-7.0 Tables AB1. Kenneth Melvin-Bill Brooks A2. Dave Romack-Robert Dixon B2. Debrah Chockley-Judy Bouska C1. Vivian McLain-Sharon Harbach C2. Sandy Clapp-Theresa Smith  
**Thursday Morn 499er Pairs**-8.0 Tables ABC1. Ramon Nelson II-Robert Alfars AB2. Jeanne Wyatt-Anne Curry C2. Jim Nixon-Ross

Ramsey  
**Thursday Aft Open Pairs**-19.5 Tables / Based on 36 Tables ABC1. John Pelletti-Michael McShane A2. Nancy Riley-Bill Riley AB2. William Driscoll-J Terrence Wolfe  
**Thursday Aft 199er Pairs**-9.5 Tables AB1. Nand Kuloor-K N Shyam-sundar A2. Carol Murray-Linda Lindley B2C1. Steve Conover-Kathleen Buinicky C2. Randall Wilson-Mary Jane Hall  
**Thursday Aft 499er Pairs**-7.0 Tables A1/2 Dan Woodward-Betty Woodward A1/2B1. Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt B2C1. Joyce Anderson-Paul Schaefer C2. Franci Moses-Patricia Kleckner  
**Thursday Eve Open Pairs**-6.5 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells A2BC1. Sharon Seagraves-Leonard Epstein BC2. Karen Jennings-Hellen Revelle  
**Thursday Swiss Bracket 1**-7 Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Nancy Passell-Petra Hamman-Emily Harrell 2/3 Bart Bramley-Judy Bramley-Peggy Sutherlin-John Sutherlin 2/3 Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Nagy Kamel-Mark Bumgardner  
**Thursday Swiss Bracket 2**-13 Tables 1. Stephen Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield-Eileen Smith-James McCommons 2. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath-Nancy Latner-Mike Peiffer  
**Friday Morn Open Pairs**-16.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Gail

Wells-Marion Gebhardt A2. Mark Bumgardner-Nagy Kamel B1. Rich Brandenburg-Bob McNeill B2. Dorsey Shaw-Lee Gilliam C1. Terence Harley-William Driscoll C2. Joan Delisle-Nget Carter  
**Friday Morn 199er Pairs**-9.0 Tables A1. Louise Shanley-Pat Glaser A2B1. Margie Portela-Marcia Messinger B2. Jonathan Mullins-Ines de Urtubey C1. Molly Hamilton-Cheryl Paul C2. Kathy Gerwig-Marjory Myers  
**Friday Morn 499er Pairs**-6.0 Tables A1. Betty Woodward-Dan Woodward A2B1. Beth Castleberry-Judy Bouska B2. Janet Meyer-Judy Schwartz  
**Friday Aft Open Pairs**-21.5 Tables / Based on 41 Tables AB1. Vi Ganeles -Mary McGinnis AB2. Sidney Perutz -Jo England C1. Jean Higgins-William Higgins C2. John Pelletti-Ribs LaMothe  
**Friday Aft 199er Pairs**-11.0 Tables A1. Louise Shanley-Pat Glaser A2B1. Nand Kuloor-K N Shyamsundar BC2. Cecily Hutchison-Phyllis Rueckert  
**Friday Aft 499er Pairs**-8.0 Tables A1. Melba Lancaster-Patsy Rainwater

-Maddu A2B1. David Noteware-Sam Norvell B2C1. Karen Jennings-Walid Khalid Hakim C2. Debrah Chockley-Michael Chockley  
**Friday Eve Open Pairs**-6.0 Tables AB1. James Willson-Margot Hirsch A2. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells B2. Roslyn Miller-Barbara Ferm C1. Karen Jennings-Hellen Revelle C2. Carol Segreti-Joyce Armstrong  
**Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables 1. John Schwartz-James Thurtell-John Sutherlin-Michael Murphy-S Kohan 2. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Barry Schaffer-Bill Staats  
**Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables 1. Jeff Dater-Kristen Onsgard-Howard Huynh-Pawel Hanus 2. Joseph Gill-Adrienne Feuer-Lee Huber-R Randall Smith  
**Friday Swiss Bracket 3-7** Tables 1. John Davis-Bert Dempsey-J Brennan-Joy Cogburn 2/3 Rosalee Hacker-Sharon Tomnitz-Rosalind Smith-Joe Fletcher 2/3 Richard Schemmel-Virginia Boudreau-Donna Gibbs-Lindsey Jones  
**Saturday Morn Open Pairs**-23.5 Tables / Based on 40 Tables AB1.

Lynne Wood-Peter Grenier A2. Jay Gibson-Martha Young B2. Liane Tsai -Marie-Anne Johnson C1. Louise O'Brien-Marj Frederiksen C2. John Pelletti-Ribs LaMothe  
**Saturday Morn 199er Pairs**-10.5 Tables AB1. John Everhart-Anita Everhart A2. Marilyn Elliott-Floyd Gerwig B1. Dave Romack-Robert Dixon B2. Margie Portela-Marcia Messinger C1. Sandy Clapp-Theresa Smith C2. Randall Wilson-Mary Jane Hall  
**Saturday Morn 499er Pairs**-6.0 Tables A1 Martha Ward-Sharon Ward A2B1. Jeanne Wyatt-Anne Curry B2. Jun Li-Vivian Li  
**Saturday Aft Open Pairs**-24.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables AB1. Connie Martin-Barry Martin A2. Gail Wells-Suresh Agrawal B2. Jeff Karpelles-George Burcham C1/2 John Pelletti-Ribs LaMothe C1/2 Eileen Smith-Mark Dumdei  
**Saturday Aft 499er Pairs**-6.5 Tables A1. Karen Jennings-Hellen Revelle A2. Jackie Long-Janet Meyer B1. Genny Lemeshev-Yuri Lemeshev B2. Gloria Fields-Gloria Schuford

**Saturday Aft 199er Pairs**-10.0 Tables AB1. Margie Portela-Marcia Messinger AB2. Molly Hamilton-Mary Chaffin C1. Margaret Jo Duff-William Duff C2. John York Little Elm ; John Kalb  
**Saturday Eve Open Pairs**-3.0 Tables A1. Richard Page-Rebecca Page A2. Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables 1/2 Bob Hamman-Joan Jackson-Emily Harrell-Petra Hamman 1/2 Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Danny Feng  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables 1. Joseph Gill-Adrienne Feuer-R Randall Smith-Mark Hatkoff 2. Scott Nason-Milton Neher-Tomi Storey-Yaoguang Zhu  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-9** Tables 1. Ginger Morgan-Ann Parker-Leah Margerison-Rick 2/3 Jane Kirby-Nancy Latner-Lynn Cooper-Barry Cooper 2/3 Alma Farley-Robert Clarke-Judy Etchison-J Scott Etchison  
**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams**-14 Tables / Based on 43 Tables A1. Hemant Lall-Mark Bumgardner-Nagy

Kamel-Hugh Hillaker A2. Gail Wells-John Spessard-Bill Osborn-Suresh Agrawal X1/2 Bob Friz-Eric Diamond-Martha Young-Jay Gibson  
 7.18 3/4 1/2 Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King Plano-Danny Feng  
**Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams**-25 Tables B1. Jim Chaffee-Don Reynolds-Susan O'Neil-Robert Buchanan B2C1. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter-Susan Flick-Leah McCarthy C2. Frank Durante-Nancy Latner-Richard Langland-Charles Burke D1. Satish Shah-Harivadan Shah-Arvind Shah Plano-Rathnam Vasanthkumar D0.2 Paul Schaefer-Virginia Farley-Melba Clark-Joyce Armstrong  
**Sunday Morn 299er Swiss**-4 Tables 1. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley-David Croissant-Sherra Kay Read  
**Sunday Aft 299er Swiss**-4 Tables 1. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley-David Croissant-Sherra Kay Read  
**Sunday Aft Open Pairs**-7.0 Tables AB1. Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski AB2C1. Barry Cooper-Lynn Cooper C2. Dale Remmers-Steve Conover

## DALLAS NOVEMBER SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday Swiss Bkt 1  
Emily Harrell, Petra Hamman, Nancy Passell, Hemant Lall



Thursday Morning Open Pairs A  
Marion Gebhardt, Gail Wells



John Pelletti, Michael McShane  
Thursday Aft Open Pairs A



Thursday Eve Open Pairs  
Suresh Agrawal, Gail Wells



Saturday Morn Open Pairs A  
Peter Grenier, Lynne Wood



Thursday Swiss Bkt 2  
Stephen Birnbaum, Bob Butterfield, Jim McCommons, Eileen Smith



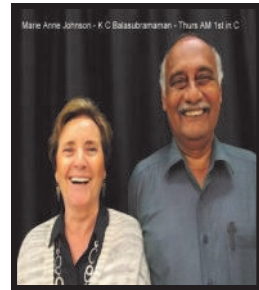
Saturday Swiss Bkt 2  
Randall Smith, Mark Hatkoff, Joseph Gill, Adrienne Feuer



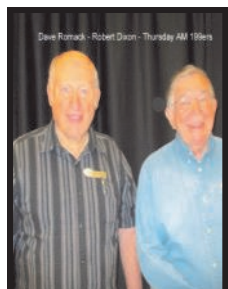
Saturday Swiss Bkt 3  
Ginger Morgan, Ann Parker, Leah & Rick Margerison



Louise O'Brien, Marj Frederiksen  
Saturday Morn Open Pairs C



Marie-Anne Johnson, K C Balasubramanian  
Thursday Morn Open Pairs C



Dave Romack, Robert Dixon  
Thursday AM 199ers



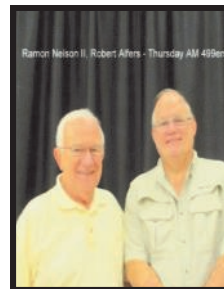
Patricia Marchman, Jo England  
Thursday Morn Open Pairs B



Kenneth Melvin, Bill Brooks  
Thursday AM 199ers



Vivian McLain, Sharon Harbach  
Thursday Morn 199ers

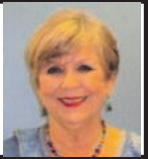


Ramon Nelson II, Robert Alfors  
Thursday Morn 499ers



Melba Lancaster, Patsy Rainwater Maddox  
Friday Aft 499ers

**Unit 183  
Fort Worth**



**Millie Williams**

I know it's time to say goodbye to fall and hello to winter, but summer just will not go away. On top of that, we just got back the hour we lost last spring. If that is so, why am I so tired? Last but not least, I'm writing this on Election Eve of 2016 and am so ready to get the process behind me. I hope you're happy with the election results and I really mean that. I also hope we can become one United States of America again. I know we can all agree that it is time for bridge!

On Saturday, October 8, a Unit Pairs game was held at the Fort Worth Studio. N/S Winners were Mary Jane Orock and Greg Resz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Spangler and David Pearlman; 3<sup>rd</sup> David Branch and Robert Thornton.

E/W Winners were Bill Ream and Susan O'Neil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugh Hillaker and Bill Staats ; 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Reynolds and Buck Buchanan.

The NAP Finals for Unit 183 were played at the Fort Worth Studio with Steve Shirey directing. Flight A N/S Winners were Nancy and Stephen Kornegay ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pawel Hanus and Bogmil Knypinski and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hugh Hillaker and Kimmel Jones. Flight B was won by Caroline Drews and Judy Latham; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheryl Glenn and Rita Scott and 3<sup>rd</sup> Debrah and Michael Chockley; Flight C was won by Opie Sanders and Bill White; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pamela Pickrell and Connie Chamberlain and 3<sup>rd</sup> James Nixon and Judy Nixon. Congratulations to all of you and thanks for all who played.

A big Birthday Bash was held for Mickey Tryon at the ADBC on the occasion of his 70th Birthday. Welcome to the other side of the Hill, Mickey. N/S Winners were Margot

Hirsch and James Willson; 2<sup>nd</sup> J'Neane Huey and Jerry Cosby; 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Zachary and Georgie Jaeger. E/W Winners were Jerrold Albom and Theresa Brantley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Leeper and Pat Cassidy and 3<sup>rd</sup> Buck Buchanan and Gary Neisler. Kimmel Jones directed.

Saturday October 15, there was a Club Appreciation Swiss Team Game in Arlington. First Place went to Charlie Brown, Sue Gilbreath, Larry White and Mike Peiffer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim and Lauren Brown and Gary Neisler and Nancy Peterson; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Ellen Stanton, Penny Mixon, Marlene Round and Helen Nelson.

Nineteen teams played at the Fort Worth Bridge Studio on October 29 in an Eight is Enough Tournament. Thanks to all who brought food and thank for coming to play! Winners were Bill Ream, Susan O'Neil, Jan Nevins and Fitz Fitzgerald; 2/3 was a tie between the team of William Gar-

ner, Anne Ward Williams, Sue Gilbreath and Charlie Brown and the team of Fran and Grady Fuller, Mary Jane Orock and Shelby Schaefer. 4<sup>th</sup> place was won by Helen Kirby, Joe Frana, and Jerry and Norma Brown. The same day ACBC had seven tables in play for a Club Appreciation Pairs Game. Winners N/S were Hugh Hillaker and Michael Pinick; 2<sup>nd</sup> Melody Gann and Bill White; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Ellen Stanton and Helen Nelson. E/W Winners were Betty Boring and Marilyn Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Caton and Caron Peck 2nd; 3rd Pat Cassidy and Jerry Derby.

Mary Hoger hosted a fun-filled Halloween game at the Southwest YMCA on October 31. There were lots of tricks (bridge) and plenty of treats. The winners were N/S Buck Buchanan and Don Reynolds; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Simon and Judy Staser; 3<sup>rd</sup> Darlene Shirey and Kay Jones. E/W Winners were Mike Goldman and Wiltie Creswell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Leeper and Caro-

lyn Pinto and 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Sheppard and Mitzi Wesely

On November 11, the Arlington Club had a Unit game dedicated to our veterans. Overall winners were 1st Marlene Round and Penny Mixon; 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Spangler and Jim Thurtell; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hugh Hillaker and Bill Staats. A NLM tournament was held on November 11/12 at the Unit home (Fort Worth Studio) and on Sunday 1st place in the Swiss team was Elton Lane, Joanne Croft, Bobby and Sharon McClellan, all of Granbury. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Linda Huggard, Michael Blanchard, Wayne Williams, and Don Dodson. On November 29, a Unit game was held at the Studio and the overall winners were 1st Letty Garek and Martin Schwartz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimmel Jones and Hugh Hillaker; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Muzio and Charlie Brown.

Congratulations to our Newest Life Master, John Robbins! Others reach-

ing new levels are Ann Overfield, Bronze Life Master; Jeri Quinton and Nora Oliver (we miss you!!), Silver Life Master, and Charlie Brown, Ruby Life Master. We are proud of your accomplishments!

Kudos go to Fort Worth players, Julie O'Neill, a world-class chess player, who is currently representing the US in a tournament in the Czech Republic; and to Shelby Schafer, who is retiring in March after 35 years with the Kimbell Museum where she "took the restaurant from an afterthought to a masterpiece."

Once again we have to say good bye to our members who are no longer with us. Linda Williams, who played mostly in Arlington passed away recently. She will be missed. Deepest Sympathy to Guy Nell Ball and Jean Helmers who recently lost their husbands and to Betty Finley who lost her daughter to pancreatic cancer. On Sunday afternoon, November 20, the Arlington Bridge Club held a memorial service for Clay Waldrop, who had battled cancer and heart problems. Carol Stodghill also recently passed away after a very lengthy illness.

Last but not least, Unit 183 would like to wish all of its members as well as all of the members of District 16 and their families a very good 2017.



As usual, we enjoyed a gala Christmas party at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club where we came together to play bridge & dine in a beautiful setting overlooking the city and the harbor. The food was exceptionally good & the atmosphere was festive. It was a jovial gathering filled with holiday cheer. (The wine helped.). Everyone went home a winner!

We are looking forward to another Sectional Tournament in Rockport scheduled for the weekend of February 17-19, 2017. Out-of-towners should plan on making early reservations. Contact Tournament Chair Martha DeCou for information on hotels & Mary Ross for partnerships. Messages can be left at (361) 944-1421. Come join us. You may even be distracted by a dolphin swimming in the canals outside the Rockport Pavilion where the tournament is held.

Allow me to introduce our current Unit Board President, Margaret Ann Kennedy. Our Unit has had to negotiate through some rough waters this past year. Margaret Ann capably stepped up to the task, taking over the vacated seat from her position as Vice-President. She proved to be all we could have hoped for as our leader.

Margaret Ann grew up in Corpus Christi. When she was a freshman in high school, her parents moved to Nebraska to take over a family business. But after two years, her family moved back to a "better life" in sunny South Texas. After high school she was awarded a music scholarship to Texas A&I College in Kingsville, Texas where she studied piano & voice. She also attended school at Del Mar college in Corpus Christi.

Margaret Ann studied art under the guidance of two renowned artists, Joseph Cain & Frances Crane. Today she paints mostly in acrylic, using diverse subject matters; ranging from the whimsical to the powerful, & from the humorous to the poignant. The results of her painting either still life or wildlife, are often stunning. She has sold her art to customers in Houston, Corpus Christi, & Florida. She has donated many of her large pieces to the South Texas Botanical Gardens for yearly fundraisers; some of her work selling for over \$600.

Another one of Margaret Ann's proud accomplishments, was writing &

publishing a booklet this past year. Her work, "Devotionals, Art, Inspirations" depicts her thoughts & her prayers. The booklet also displays several photographs of her art work.

After college Margaret Ann worked for the local electric company. Her best memories among the several careers she had was working for her mother at Margaret's Dress Shop in Lamar Park, Corpus Christi. She describes her mother as her best friend, & exclaims: "oh the fun we had!" They closed the store in 2002 after more than 35 years in business when her mother decided to retire at age 79.

Margaret Ann shared her memories that as a young girl, she and her brothers would visit their grandparents in the Rio Grande Valley where they learned to play cards & dominoes. It was not until she was an adult was she able to beat her grandfather in the card games they played. She states this where her love of cards began.

Like many duplicate bridge players, Margaret Ann began playing party bridge at an early age. She remembers the first time she was invited to play at the local bridge club. Her very skilled partner pointed out that she had failed to unblock a suit after one particular board. Margaret Ann claims that "ignorance is sometimes bliss" when after the game the pair discovered they had scored a high board in spite of this "bridge blunder".

It wasn't until after she retired that Margaret Ann began playing competitive duplicate bridge. She loves the game and is eager to play when the doors open. She wishes she had started playing duplicate bridge earlier. Margaret Ann has become a very good bridge player & continues to take lessons from highly-rated teachers. Her love for the game extends into her devoting a lot of her personal time to improving the upkeep & appearance of our Club. She has made many bridge friends & has a diverse repertoire of bridge partners.

Margaret Ann has been married to her husband Marvin for 51 years, & they have one daughter,



## 59th Beaumont Spindletop Sectional March 2-5, 2017

Beaumont Bridge Studio, 950 North Street, Beaumont, TX 77701 (409-838-2447)

### Thursday, March 2, 2017

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p  
299er Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p

### Friday, March 3, 2017

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p  
299er Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p

### Saturday, March 4, 2017

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p  
299er Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p

### Sunday, March 5, 2017

Stratified Swiss Teams 9:30a and TBA

### Host Hotels

#### MCM Elegante Hotel and Convention Center

2355 110S, Beaumont 77705  
409-842-3600

Rate: \$99 per night (by Feb 10)

\*\*Ask for Sabine Neches Bridge Club\*\*

Free WiFi and Parking (8 minutes from BBS)

#### Fairfield Inn and Suites

2265 110S, Beaumont 77705  
409-840-5751

Rate: \$87 per night (by Feb 12)

Free WiFi, Breakfast, Parking (8 minutes from BBS)

### Entry

Fees Sessions: \$10 per person per session; Swiss Team: \$100 per team (all day event) NOTE: \$3 additional per session for ACBL non-members and unpaid members

Stratification (based on team or pair average) Open: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750); 299er: A (200-300), B (100-200), C (0-100)

### Tournament Chairs

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Join us for a great bridge-playing time in Southeast Texas! As always, entry fees include coffee and snacks, lunch between morning and afternoon sessions, and lunch between Swiss team sessions!

## ROCKPORT BEACH SECTIONAL

February 17-19, 2017

### PLAYING SITE

SALTWATER PAVILION Rockport Beach  
(361) 537-2353 playing days  
810 Seabreeze, Rockport, TX

### Friday, February 17

#### SPECIAL GOODIES DAY

Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....1:00 P.M.  
Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....7:00 P.M.  
Wings Rescue Center Charity Game \$1 MORE  
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES

### Saturday, February 18

Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00 A. M. & 2:30 P.M.  
(2 separate games)  
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES  
Friday & Saturday Strats A 1500+, B-500-1500, C-0-500

### Sunday, February 19

#### DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q DAY

Swiss Teams 10:00 A.M. & TBA  
(stratified by average masterpoints)  
Strat A 2000+ Strat B 500-2000 Strat C- 0-500

This is a non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks scheduled

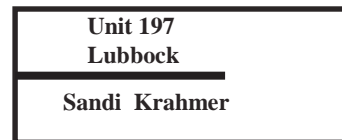
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES  
(361)729-4444 \$109

Special Bridge rates/Breakfast 1/17 cut-off  
925 Lady Claire St., Rockport, TX

\$11per session (Fri.eve \$1 more)& Sat. \$100 per team Sunday Swiss  
\$3 more per session for un-paid or non ACBL members)

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Hi everybody!

Happy New Year. Hope the black-eyed peas you ate at Bonta and Julie's party bring you lots of luck in the New Year.

Many thanks to Cheryl Thompson for sharing and installing her beautiful Christmas decorations. also, we can't thank Phyllis Kinnison enough for the wonderful Christmas party. She even gathered door prizes to be awarded in a drawing. Thanks to all the people who helped with set-up and clean-up. We appreciate all of you and your wonderful work.

Betty tells me that attendance has been good at the Thursday night game since the time has been changed to 6PM. It isn't so late for us as we get older.

Please remember that Bonta has a scramble the 5th Saturday when there is one, There is plenty of food, and the newer players get to draw a Life Master partner. Everyone has a good time and seems to learn a little bit.

We are sorry to lose Wayne Bahr who moved to Las Vegas. Also, we are sorry about the death of Johnny Hughs, a long time member of our Unit. We are glad to welcome Pat Williams who recently moved to Raider Ranch and will be sorry to lose Lynda McBride when she moves to be nearer to her kids.

That's about all our news.

Sandi Krahmer



Linda Briggs

The October 2016 Sabine Neches Sectional Tournament, chaired by Linda Briggs and Martha Oliver, successfully garnered 151 tables. Congratulations to Martha Sigler (16.16 MPs), winner of the Jean Varvil Trophy for 2017. The trophy is awarded to the U201 member who earns the most points in this tournament. It was donated by Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi and honors the mother of Tipton Golias. Other top scorers from U201 were Marilyn Adams 15, Ed Rasmussen 10.54, Arline Meyers 10.08, Nancy Smalley 9.60, John Kacher 9.47, Tim Stelly 9.47, June Eddingston 9.06, Flo Gillispie 9.06.

Players with 70% or above games in October/November were Carolyn Oliver and E.W. Sweeney, Carolyn Oliver and Nixie Lynch; Glenda Bass and Bill Delboy.

October mentor pairs placing: 1<sup>st</sup> – Carolyn Oliver and E.W. Sweeney; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Norma Crane and Patsy Peirce; Sandra Allison, and Liz Mackenzie. October mentor teams placing: -----1<sup>st</sup> – Mike and Carolyn Lemons, John Kacher, and Juanita Dean; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lou Rising, Helen Williams, Carolyn Worsham, and Arline Meyers; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nixie Lynch, Susan Nimmo, Martha Sigler and Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi.

November mentor pairs placing: 1<sup>st</sup> – Carolyn Oliver and E.W. Sweeney;

2<sup>nd</sup> tie – Sylvia Street and Pat Bell; Lou Rising and Carolyn Worsham. November mentor teams placing: 1<sup>st</sup> Jim and Flo Ferguson, Don and Juinez Moss; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Susan Gore, Reggie Cox, Marian Jones, and Dr. A. Bharathi ; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Martha Oliver, Sylvia Street, June Eddingston, and Pat Bell.

The highest monthly totals for October were Dr. A. Bharathi , Arline Meyers, and Flo Gillispie; November - Flo Gillispie, Pat Bell, and Tim Stelly.

Halloween was a special event as members dressed in costume enjoying the decorated provided by Liz Mackenzie and Sandra Allison. Placing first in NS/EW were Dr. A. Bharathi and Tipton Golias and Arline Meyers and Carolyn Worsham. The costume contest resulted in a tie between Sandra Allison and Carolyn Oliver. Each won a free play for a future game.

Wayne Outlaw's Life Master party, November 12, was hosted by Billie Carter, Kate Mulhollan, Ferrel Ashby, Martha Oliver, Jerry Triggs, Dee Payne, Mike and Carolyn Lemons, Ruby Collins, Raj Dhamankar, Gene Dixson, Joe and Dee Payne, and Kris Cherry. The party had a Fall theme with Wayne depicted as the King of Hearts card. Placing 1<sup>st</sup> - John and Nancy Smalley; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tim Stelly and John Kacher; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wilbur and Verna Dahlquist.

John Kacher's Life Master party, December 3, hosted by Tim Stelly, Carolyn Worsham, Liz Mackenzie, Sandra Allison, Linda Briggs, and E.W. Sweeney, ushered in the Christmas season. In spite of the bad weather, players enjoyed the party and the Chinese food. Placing first

was the honoree, **John Kacher** and **Pat Bell**; 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Don** and **Juinez Moss**; 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Loretta Gary** and **Cynthia Stueber**.

Other new Life Masters are **Kris Cherry**, and **E.W. Sweeney**. Unit 201 hosts a Life Master Party for each new Life Master. We're looking forward to **Kris Cherry's** January 14 and **E.W. Sweeney's** February 18.

Plans are underway for the Spindletop Sectional, March 2-5, co-chaired by **Patsy Pierce** and **Martha Oliver**. Entry fees will include coffee, snacks, and light lunches in the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday sessions, as well as lunch Sunday between the Swiss team sessions. Up-to-date information is available on the website [http://www.u201.org/tourn\\_info.htm](http://www.u201.org/tourn_info.htm).

#### Unit 204 Fort Concho

Neal Perlman



October roared in when Anna Thomas and Karl Wehner posted a 72% game; that is keeping it real.

More enhancements to the front yard renovation have been done by Carol Diminnie, Michelle Hester and Larry Hettick. What a great transformation! Your investment in our environment is appreciated every time we approach the Sue Barber Bridge Center. Thank you!

During the month of October Club Appreciation special games in the form of single session Swiss games were held on two evenings, Thursday October 13 and Monday October 31. Some Gold prospectors showed up and everybody had a good time.

The 10/13/16 event results were: 1<sup>st</sup> A Johnnie and David Gist teamed

with Lou and Bob Morton. Second in A earned by Terri Tedford + Sam Sneed with Jerre+ David McAfee. First in B was John Osborne, Wiley Bunton, Anna Thomas and Carol Diminnie.

Winners 10/31/16 were first A,B,C – Karl + Beth Wehner and Anna Thomas + Larry Hettick. Second was won by Mary Bloodworth, Michelle Hester, Leigh Broadway and Hope Garza.

Unit 204 November 5th North American Pairs game results:  
A- 1. Vicky Fisher + Judy Wilde; 2. Norma Walker + Suzanne Dorris and B-1 Mary Jane McCord + Mary Bloodworth 2. Peggy Jackson + Iris Warren and 1C Leigh Broadway + Dave Holbrook and 2C Larry Hettick + Gloria Robertson.

Again I want to invite everyone to the San Angelo sectional February 10 -12<sup>th</sup> and remind y'all to make arrangements early. Round up a team of friends and come play some cards.

Happy New Year ,

#### Unit 205 Amistad Western Mexico

Mary Ann White



Winter is here, but no heavy coats or snow shoes for us. Shorts and sandals are the norm, with the occasional sweatshirt on a chilly morning or evening. What a life! Along with winter, we welcome back our friends from Canada. Thanks for joining us again this year. The bridge tables are filling up at all of our Clubs, and Unit 205 activities are in full swing.

Unit 205 hosted the Mexican Resort Regional in Puerto Vallarta from November 7-13. The annual event was held at the Westin Resort & Spa,

with sessions at 9:30am, 2:00pm and 8:00pm providing ample opportunity to enjoy the sun and surf and still play two sessions a day. With 100 more tables than last year, this tournament is thriving. Daily newsletters highlighted the previous day's winners and prizes were awarded for all section tops. But mostly, we just had fun and hope to see everyone again next year.

The overall tournament winner, amassing 120.86 points, was Owen Lien (Oak Park, MI). Owen, along with teammates Barbara and Gaylor Kasle (Boca Raton, FL), Ron Smith (Chicago, IL), and Joshua Donn (Las Vegas, NV), dominated the KOs, winning the Vallarta, Acapulco, and Cancun KOs. The team of John Grantham (Bentonville, AR), Rebecca Rogers (Henderson, NV), Marjorie Michelin and Ellis Feigenbaum (Laguna Woods, CA), Paul Darin (San Diego, CA), and Jim Johnsen (San Mateo, CA) also performed well in the team events, winning the Sunday Swiss and tying for first in the Tuesday Swiss.

William Grant and Sam Madison-Jammal (San Diego, CA) excelled in the Open Pairs. They won the Wednesday Open Pairs as well as the Saturday Choice Pairs. The Monday Charity Pairs was won by Craig Kavin (Oxnard, CA) and Paul Markarian (Lancaster, CA). Also performing well in pairs events were Jonathan Steinberg (Toronto, ON) and Alex Hudson (Raleigh, NC). Great job!

The side games were dominated by Marjorie Michelin (Laguna Woods, CA) in the morning; Elaine Stewart and Susan Julius (Calgary, AB) in the afternoon; and Kathy Swaine and Rand Pinsky (Valencia, CA) in the evening.

The tournament chairperson was Lew Crippen. Other committee members included Mary Ann White (Prizes), Janet Mitchell (Hospitality & Partnership), Bernita Cooper (Registration), Ross Mitchell (Treasurer), and Pat Mitchell (Photography). Thanks also to all of the volunteers who helped along the way, especially Marguerite Brown, Norinne and Dick Nelson, Helen Malcolm, Dagmar Rettberg, Catherine Gonzales, Roger Buckland, and Huguette Joly. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to Lew Crippen for publishing the newsletter daily. It is truly a labor of love that keeps him up until the wee hours of the morning.

Congratulations to the following unit players who advanced their ACBL ranking: Janet Mitchell (Bronze Life Master) and Helen Lawson (Ruby Life Master) of the Lake Chapala Club, and Carolyn Little (Junior Master) of the Puerto Vallarta Club.

Set your sights on the following upcoming Unit events: Mazatlan will be hosting a sectional from January 19-22, 2017, at the Playa Mazatlan Hotel (which I've heard is quite nice); Puerto Vallarta will hold its sectional from February 1-3, 2017, at the Lions Club; and the Ajijic Valentine sectional is slated for February 9 -12, 2017, at the Hotel Real de Chapala. Lots of opportunities to win those silver points!

**Bridge Club News.** There were several 70% games at the Lake Chapala Club during October and November. Ann Szarka and Joerg Wade scored 70% on November 7 (3 tables). Lew Crippen and Don Ross posted 74.04% on November 21 (7½ tables). Also, Lorne Hamblin and John Wells had a nice 73.94% in the 299er game on November 25 (7 tables). And how about this for a REALLY BIG GAME: Ros Hartenfels and Ian Lambert shot 80% in the 299er game on October 21 (7 tables). They were on fire!

The ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Pairs on October 14 was won by Diane van Brocklin and Charles Chartier with 57.92%.

Congratulations to LCDBC members who performed well at the Puerto Vallarta tournament. Norinne and Dick Nelson, Louise Menard, and Alain Turcotte tied for first in the Tuesday Swiss Teams. Catherine Gonzales, playing with Gilles Aubin (Cuernavaca, MX), won the Friday Morning Side Pairs and finished first in C in the Wednesday Afternoon Side Game. Helen Lawson and Dagmar Rettberg, playing with Peter and Irma Andrews (Aptos, CA) won bracket 2 of the Acapulco CA. Leslie Yanko and Mary Ann Waite won the Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs. High point winner for the Club was Dagmar Rettberg with 31.7 points for the tournament.

Players from our other clubs also made the winners' circle in Puerto Vallarta: Alfredo and Debbie Ringel of Guadalajara won the Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs, as well as Flight C in the Monday Charity Pairs. Anne Bergman and Mary Seggerman of Puerto Vallarta won the Tuesday Morning Side Pairs and finished first in C on Saturday morning. Congratulations to all!

The Lake Chapala Club hosted its Annual General Meeting on December 6. Lunch for the meeting was prepared by Mary Ann White and Jimmy Reynolds. The following Management Committee members were elected: Louise Morel, President; Donnie Van Rooy, Vice President; Stephen Segall, Secretary; and Mike Roney, Club Manager. Jeane Treloar, Treasurer, and Charles Chartier, Facility Manager, will also continue their roles on the Management Committee. Thanks to Mary Ann White, Nancy Segall, and Donna McElroy for serving on the nominating committee.

The Lake Chapala Club's Christmas Dinner Dance was held on December 8 at Don Pedro Restaurant. Thanks to more than 50 people who attended and supported this event. A good time was had by all!

**In Memoriam.** On the evening of December 7, we bid farewell to Maureen Peterson of the Lake Chapala Club. There is not one among us who did not constantly marvel at Maureen's strength, determination and cheer in the face of her ongoing difficulties. She will be missed.

### Puerto Vallarta Regional Nov 07-13, 2016 322 players 726 tables.

1 120.86 Owen Lien, Oak Park MI  
2 117.77 Ron Smith, Chicago IL  
3 117.77 Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV  
4 117.47 Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton  
5 114.38 Gaylor Kasle, Boca Raton FL  
6 64.19 Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA  
7 63.45 Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA  
8 59.01 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto  
9 59.01 Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC  
10 57.14 Ellen Anten, Encino CA  
11 55.56 Jeffrey Goldsmith, CA  
12 50.79 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR  
13 50.79 Robert Johnson, Tigard OR  
14 50.79 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR  
15 50.79 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR  
16 48.79 Gerry Marshall, Las Varas  
17 48.79 Bernie Lambert, Acme AB  
18 46.65 Marjorie Michelin, CA  
19 43.49 Patricia Herrera, Mexico DF  
20 43.49 Gonzalo Herrera, MX  
21 42.80 David Abelow, La Jolla CA  
22 42.00 Ellis Feigenbaum, CA  
23 40.82 Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA  
24 37.48 William Grant, San Diego CA  
25 37.48 Sam Madison-Jammal, CA

**Vallarta KO Teams - 16 Tables**  
1. Gaylor Kasle - Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Owen Lien, Detroit MI; Ron Smith, Chicago IL  
2. Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico  
3/4 Edwin Glickman, Basalt CO; Bernie Weiss, Aspen CO; Myrlen Ann Knafelc, Reno NV; Charles Grimes, Midland TX; Jack Paulus, Eastpointe MI; Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON

13.44 3/4 Jimmy Reynolds - Mary Ann White, Laredo TX; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Talpan Mexico  
**Tuesday Swiss Teams - 20 Tables**  
A1/2 Norinne Anderson Nelson - N Richard Nelson, Tlay Mexico; Alain Turcotte - Louise Menard, Granby QC  
A1/2 Ellis Feigenbaum - Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Jim Johnsen, San Mateo CA  
A3. Robert Perlsweig, Woodland Hills CA; Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA  
A4. Dawn Campbell - Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR  
B1. Rand Pinsky - Kathy Swaine, Valencia CA; Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Marion Tumen, Pacific Plsds CA  
B2C1. Helen Dillen - Gamil Tadros - Janice Eliasson - Keith Falkenberg, Calgary AB  
B3C2. Conrad Kent, New York NY; Maxine Webb, High River AB; Linda Lake, Southampton NY; Donna McElroy, Chapala Mexico  
**Tuesday Choice Pairs - 26.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1.** Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC  
A2. David Abelow, La Jolla CA; Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA  
A3. William Grant - Sam Madison-Jammal, San Diego CA  
A4. Adriana Salinas, Mexico Mexico; Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico  
A5BC1. Anemarie Von Adelung, Monterey CA; Barbara Hake, Carmel CA  
BC2. Bob Albert, Laguna Beach CA; Janet Mori, Penticton BC  
BC3. William Gibson, Sherwood Park AB; Sam Elbadrawy, Edmonton AB  
B4. Peter Andrews - Irma Andrews, Aptos CA  
B5. Kathy Baldwin, Bryan TX; Karen Bachman, College Sta TX  
C4. Janet Dunlap, Cardiff CA; Donna Carr, Encinitas CA  
C5. Julie Greenberg, San Diego CA; Mary Fenton, Carlsbad CA

**Wednesday Open Pairs - 18.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1.** Sam Madison-Jammal - William Grant, San Diego CA  
A2. Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Robert Perlsweig, Woodland Hills CA  
A3. Rosemary Kelley - Beth Gale, San Antonio TX  
A4. Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico; Mike Roney, Ajijic Mexico  
A5. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC  
BC1. John Zohrab - Kerin Zohrab, West Vancouver BC  
BC2. Huguette Joly - Roger Buckland, Shediac NB  
B3. Donna McElroy, Chapala Mexico; Maxine Webb, High River AB  
B4. Kathy Baldwin, Bryan TX; Karen Bachman, College Sta TX  
B5. Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Marion Tumen, Pacific Plsds CA  
C3. Vicki Shepperd Chin, San Diego CA; Donna Carr, Encinitas CA  
C4. Ann Overfield, Arlington TX; Liz Jacobson, Fort Worth TX  
C5. Sandy Silverman, San Diego CA; Mary Fenton, Carlsbad CA

**Acapulco KO Teams-1 - 13 Tables**  
1. Gaylor Kasle - Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Owen Lien, Detroit MI; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Ron Smith, Chicago IL  
2. Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA  
3/4 Marcie Musser - Marisa Silverman, Aspen CO; Jeff Roman, Bend OR; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX  
3/4 Micki Lassiter, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Joy Scher - Lilian Scott, Delray Beach FL; Patricia Hirsch, Boynton Beach FL  
**Acapulco KO Teams-2 - 12 Tables**  
1. Peter Andrews - Irma Andrews, Aptos CA; Helen Lawson, Jalisco Mexico; Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico  
2. Sherie Schneider - Alan Schneider, Beverly Hills CA; Maria Pendergast, West Hollywood CA; Maria Abbott, San Francisco CA  
3/4 Edwin Glickman, Basalt CO; Jack Paulus, Eastpointe MI; Charles Grimes, Midland TX; Bernie Weiss, Aspen CO  
3/4 John Jacobson - Leslie Brodsky - Joan Vernick, Santa Fe NM; Amy Treitel, New York NY  
**Friday Open Pairs - 23.0 Tables**  
A1. David Abelow, La Jolla CA; Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA  
A2. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON;



## SAN ANGELO TEXAS INDEPENDENCE SECTIONAL February 10-12, 2017

SUEZ SHRINE CENTER  
2915 LOOP 306  
San Angelo, Texas

Friday, February 10, 2017

Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum) 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Bracketed KO Teams\* I,II,III 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum) 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
\* KO may be handicapped per director's discretion

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Stratified Swiss 10:00 am & TBA

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

Non-smoking with breaks

Director: Tom Marsh Entry Fee \$10.00/ SWISS \$96.00 per Team  
**\$3.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members**

Lunch between sessions on Sunday  
Free coffee, iced tea & refreshments

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**Rodeway Inn**  
2502 W. Loop 306  
325.944.2578  
\$50.00 ask for bridge rate

**Comfort Suites**  
4450 Houston Harte Expwy  
325.944.8600  
\$74.00 ask for bridge rate  
King suites only with sofa bed

**Day's Inn**  
3017 W. Loop 306  
325.223.1273  
\$59 ask for bridge rate

Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC A3. Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR; Bjorgvin Kristinnsson, Minneapolis MN A4. Gerri Knilans - Hal Knilans, Thousand Oaks CA A5B1. Linda Lake, Southampton NY; Maxine Webb, High River AB B2 Margarita Dolera, Mexico Mexico; Jacobo Podbilevich, Edo. De Mexico Mexico B3. Nancy Peterson, Euless TX; Tonya McNabb, Houston TX B4. Alan Schneider - Sherie Schneider, Beverly Hills CA B5. Doris Mikstay, Canton OH; Elena Steingraf, North Canton OH C1. Ninfa Sada - Patricia Schroeder, Mexico City Mexico C2. Viviana Ades, Mexico City Mexico; Vicky Guindi, Bosque De Chap Mexico C3. Raul Bouffier Jr, Sp.GarzaGarcia Mexico; Miriam Pagani, Mexico Mexico C4. Aurora De Gonzalez - Cecilia Hock, Mexico Mexico C5. Keith Coates, Ajijic Mexico; Karen Macdonald, Cranbrook BC

**Thursday Gold Rush Pairs** - 12.0 Tables / Based on 11 Tables ABC1. Carl Froebel, San Jose Cabo Mexico; William Edwards, Las Vegas A2. Sam Elbadrawy, Edmonton AB; William Gibson, Sherwood Park AB A3. David Hopkins, Shelton WA; Valerie Bowlen, Edmonton AB A4. Barbara Poole, Sn Mgel Allende Mexico; Michael Pope, San Miguel De A Mexico A5. Loretta Hamui - Bertha Duek, Mexico Mexico S2/3 Laura Pearlstein, Stoughton MA; Marlene Gobron, Naples FL B2/3C2. John Zohrab - Kerin Zohrab, West Vancouver BC B4C3. Diane Schaefer, Sandusky OH; Marlene Wildeman, Kamloops BC B5. Keith Rosenthal

- Carol Rosenthal, Sammamish WA

**Thursday Open Pairs** - 9.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables AB1. Adela Naftali, Mexico Mexico; Patricia Schroeder, Mexico City Mexico A2. David Abelow, La Jolla CA; Phyllis Yates, San Diego CA A3. Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Bernie Lambert, Acme AB A4. Jacobo Podbilevich, Edo. De Mexico Mexico; Mauricio Smid, Mexico Mexico A5. Rosemary Kelley - Beth Gale, San Antonio TX B2C1. Bob Albert, Laguna Beach CA; Moises Ganc Kolodner, Mexico Mexico C3. Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico; Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico C4. Laura Delfeld, Austin TX; Terri O'Brien, Leander TX C2. Ninfa Sada, Mexico City Mexico; Martin Luis Guzman, Mexico Mexico

**Thursday Swiss Teams** - 21 Tables A1/2 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; John Potter, Montreat NC 1/2 John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA A3. Hal Knilans - Gerri Knilans, Thousand Oaks CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Chuck Wong, Danville CA A4. Jon Bartlett - Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR A5. Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; Jimmy Reynolds - Mary Ann White, Laredo TX B1/2 Rand Pinsky - Kathy Swaine, Valencia CA; Marion Tuman, Pacific Plsds CA; Rick Weiss, Reno NV B 1/2 Barbara Lotief,

Duson LA; Ernest Ledbetter, Tucson AZ; Patsy Huckabay, Las Vegas NV; Dwaine Hawley, Huntington Bch CA B3 C1. Ann Overfield, Arlington TX; Liz Jacobson, Fort Worth TX; Alan Robson - Bonnie Jan Robson, Denton TX B4. Doris Mikstay, Canton OH; Elena Steingraf, North Canton OH; Kathy Baldwin, Bryan TX; Karen Bachman, College Sta TX C2. William Heim, Laredo TX; David Hoogenberg - Lewis Crippen - Trudy Crippen, Ajijic Mexico

**Cancun KO Teams** - 12 Tables 1. Gaylor Kasle - Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Ron Smith, Chicago IL 2. Robert Johnson, Tigard OR; Dawn Campbell - Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR 3/4 Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico 3/4 David Hoogenberg - Trudy Crippen - Lewis Crippen, Ajijic Mexico; William Heim, Laredo T

**Saturday Swiss Teams** - 12 Tables A1. Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Ellen Antten, Encino CA A2. Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Chuck Wong, Danville CA A3. Ellis Feigenbaum - Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Jim Johnsen, San Mateo CA A4B1.. Ninfa Sada - Patricia Schroeder, Mexico City Mexico; Martin Luis Guzman - Adela

Naftali, Mexico Mexico B2. Gamil Tadros - Helen Dillen - Janice Eliasson - Keith Falkenberg, Calgary AB B3. Mark Sanders - B J Sanders - Barbara Hutchison - Lawton Hutchison, Austin TX B1. Ann Overfield, Arlington TX; Liz Jacobson, Fort Worth TX; Alan Robson - Bonnie Jan Robson, Denton TX

**Saturday Choice Pairs** - 24.0 Tables A1. William Grant - Sam Madison-Jammal, San Diego CA A2. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC A3. Alain Turcotte - Louise Menard, Granby QC A4B1. Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico; Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico A5. Hal Knilans - Gerri Knilans, Thousand Oaks CA B2. Jacobo Podbilevich, Edo. De Mexico Mexico; Margarita Dolera, Mexico Mexico B3. Donna McElroy, Chapala Mexico; Myrleen Ann Knafelc, Reno NV B4. Laura Delfeld, Austin TX; Terri O'Brien B5. Peter Andrews - Irma Andrews, Aptos CA C1. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico C2. Rene Reid - Jill Wallace, Reno NV C3. Sam Elbadrawy, Edmonton AB; William Gibson, Sherwood Park AB C4. Patricia Mitchell - Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico C5. Miriam Pagani, Mexico Mexico; Raul Bouffier Jr, Sp.GarzaGarcia

**Swiss Teams** - 36 Tables A1. John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Henderson NV; Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Paul Darin, San Diego CA; Jim Johnsen, San Mateo CA A2. Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Robert

Perlsweig, Woodland Hills CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Ellen Antten, Encino CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA A3. Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Dawn Campbell - Jon Bartlett, Portland OR; Robert Johnson, Tigard OR A4. Gaylor Kasle - Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Ron Smith, Chicago IL BB1. Jacobo Podbilevich, Edo. De Mexico Mexico; Margarita Dolera - Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico; Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico B2. Mary Anderson - Patricia Mitchell, Chapala Mexico; David Hoogenberg, Ajijic Mexico; William Heim, Laredo TX B3. Neale Van Delft - Jo Ann Van Delft, Mahwah NJ; Doris Mikstay, Canton OH; Elena Steingraf, North Canton OH B4. Helen Lawson, Jalisco Mexico; Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico; Irma Andrews - Peter Andrews, Aptos CA B5C1. Raul Bouffier Jr, Sp.GarzaGarcia Mexico; Miriam Pagani - Monica Schapira - Jorge Rosen, Mexico Mexico C2. Roger Buckland - Huguette Joly, Shediac NB; John Zohrab - Kerin Zohrab, West Vancouver BC C3. Alain Fleuret, Puerto Vallarta Mexico; David Reed, Vancouver BC; Barbara Poole, Sn Mgel Allende Mexico; Michael Pope, San Miguel De A Mexico C4. Berry Gubbins - Naida Gubbins, Parksville BC; Douglas Larson - Janet Larson, Olympia WA C5. Connie Barksdale - Juanita Washburn - Pat Vanderford, Lincoln NE; David Hopkins, Shelton WA

## PUERTO VALLERTA REGIONAL WINNERS



Owen Lien, Gaylor Kasle, Barbara Kasle, Joshua Donn, Ron Smith  
Vallarta KO, Acapulco KO, Cancun KO



Alex Hudson, Jonathan Steinberg  
Tuesday Choice Pairs A



Louise Menard, Alain Turcotte, Norinne and Dick Nelson  
Tuesday Swiss Team A



William Grant, Sam Madison-Jammal  
Wednesday Open Pairs A  
Saturday Choice Pairs A



Patricia Schroeder, Adela Naftali  
Thursday Open Pairs A



Phyllis Yates, David Abelow  
Friday Open Pairs A



Elena Steingraf, Doris Mikstay  
Charity Pairs B



Barbara Hake, Annemarie von Adelung  
Tues Choice Pairs B



John and Kerin Zohrab  
Wed Open Pairs B



Adela Naftali, Ninfa Sada, Patricia Schroeder, Martin Luis Guzman  
Saturday Swiss Teams B



Liz Jacobson, Ann Overfield, Bonnie Jan Robson, Alan Robson  
Thursday Swiss Team C



Keith Falkenberg, Janice Eliasson, Gamil Tadros, Helen Dillen  
Tuesday Swiss Team C



Rand Pinsky, Kathy Swaine, Rick Weiss, Marion Tuman  
Tuesday Swiss Teams B



Moises Ganc Kolodner, Bob Albert  
Thurs Open Pairs C



Helen Lawson, Peter & Irma Andrews, Dagmar Rettberg  
Acapulco KO Bracket 2



Maxine Webb, Linda Lake  
Friday Open Pairs B



William Edwards, Carl Froebel  
Gold Rush Pairs

Unit 207 Austin	
Sandy Potts	

The application process for the mentoring program started in November. Be sure to look for the application deadline. See Pat Berry or Bobbie Gruelkey if you have questions. If you are a newer player looking for a chance to play with a mentor, don't miss out. It's a one-time opportunity to participate. The idea is that you then give back by later becoming a mentor. This starts in January and continues through May each year. An application will be on the Unit website: [www.austinbridge.org](http://www.austinbridge.org)

The NAP Unit semifinals were held October 8. The District 16 finals will be held during the January 2017 Sectional, on Saturday January 7 and Sunday January 8. A list of qualifying players is on the BCA website.

[www.austinbridge.org](http://www.austinbridge.org). The link is on the right side of the webpage and once this is clicked, one must log into the ACBL website. (Yes, put your ACBL number and password in and you will get to the correct place for partnership for the Austin Sectional.) This extra step could make it seem that one is not in the right place, but try it! It works and is a way to get a partner connection if you need one!


**Milestones: New Life Masters:** Congratulations to Gloria Bennett and Nancy Ring. **Bronze Life Master:** Nancy Ring; **Ruby Life Master:** Kyong "No Trump Gal" Shuey. We are happy for each of you!

Congratulations to Pam LaShelle and Nancy Joe for being selected to the **Goodwill National Committee for life**. This is a **HUGE honor** and includes many tasks as yet to be determined. These ladies continue to support bridge at all levels. We are delighted to have

ers to assist in a variety of ways. Maybe you and your partner could arrive a tad early or stay a tad late to "pitch in" and make the work more fun and easier for all. Please see Bob Tyler or Sandy Potts. We are considering forming some committees for these tasks. Sometimes many hands do make light work! We could use some helpful hands!

**Deceased: Dale Irish.** I first met Dale on a bridge cruise. He was a man of spunk and drive. I enjoyed playing with him. He always had kind words for his partner, though he was hard on himself. (Those are the partners that you keep.) Never hurts to be kind to your partner! Thanks, Dale!

**Deceased: Geraldine "Jerry" Jungmichel.** Jerry was one of the first owners of an Austin Bridge Studio. This was WAY BEFORE I knew Jerry. I saw her as the "butterfly" lady. She enjoyed people and this woman really was gentle inside. She had a passion for involving new bridge players into the bridge world and she encouraged several from her church world to try some of my bridge lessons. She enjoyed singing, traveling and she especially enjoyed playing bridge. She will be missed.

Unit 209 Permian Basin	
Ann Parish	

The Instant Match Point game was held on October 14 at Midland Country Club, with five tables playing. N/S winners were **Jean Pistole** and **Marilyn Matthews**. E/W winners were **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes**. Each winner earned 2.5 master points, one of which was gold.

The Eight Is Enough games are quite popular in Midland. The game on October 27 was a pizza party, and we had players from both Midland and Odessa playing at a record twelve tables. First place winners were **Deborah Brookins**, **Helen Davis**, **Greg Keys**, and **David Hudson**. Coming in second were **Belle Harris**, **Linda Buzan**, **Ann Parish**, and **Sarana Savage**. These games are held every other month, and we're all looking forward to the next one.

A few days later on October 29, **Lena Nichols** hosted a hot dog party at Caprock Bridge Club in Odessa celebrating her achievement of Sapphire Life Master. Several people brought side dishes and desserts. Players from Odessa and Midland made up 6 1/2 tables. First in A were **Bob Bacon** and **Flo Curry**. Second in A and first in B were **Paula Baggett** and **Betty Fernandez**, and third in A were **Gloria Crites** and **Jean Pistole**. Congratulations, Lena!

The Harvest Regional in Abilene attracted a number of players from the Permian Basin. **Flo Curry**, **Marlene Blumentritt**, **Ann Parish**, and **Charlie Grimes** from Midland were there part of the week. **Shirley Davenport**, **Debra Jones**, **Amanda Shaw**, **Lena Nichols**, **Les Neal**, **Mike Schlueter**, **Paula Baggett**, and **David Hudson** from Odessa and **Shyla McGill** from Hobbs, NM

also went for some or all of the tournament. Everybody came home with a few—or a lot—of points, gold or red or both! **Flo** got 25 points, most of them gold. [Congratulations, Flo!](#)

**Charlie Grimes** and **Linda Scarpelli** went to the Regional in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. **Charlie** earned 24 master points, mostly gold. Congratulations, Charlie! Only two 70%+ games were reported this time. **David Hudson** and **Mike Schlueter** had a 72% game on November 11, and **Mary Tift** got 75% in the individual-movement newcomer game on October 1.

Saturday lessons are continuing for beginners through the end of the year. Lessons are followed by a short game for players with 0-20 points.

Midland is planning to host its second NLM tournament Saturday and Sunday, February 25-26, 2017. We hope to see lots of non-life masters from around the region!

**Bob Baker** and **Jim Hawkins** have been in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Finally, **Patti Heard** is planning a trip to New Zealand, where she will meet family members who live in Australia. And **Ann Parish** is planning a cruise to Panama with her sister Barbara. Neither of these trips is bridge-related, but we expect the players to come home rejuvenated and ready to play at the top of their game!

Unit 224 Fort Phantom	
Bette Byrd	

Fort Phantom Unit 224 had a successful Harvest Regional and we thank everyone of you who played in at least one game. It gave a lot of local players a chance for "GOLD" that they might not go for unless they have a chance to get "hooked" on the game of bridge. The top point winner for the tournament was Virginia Noelke, from San Angelo. Jo Smith came in second. We want to thank the teachers that were willing to present a lesson each day and encourage players to learn. They were Coleen Grisham, Jo Smith, Bruce Ferguson, Venkatrao Keneru, and Steve Shirey.

The most outstanding event was Pat Ramsey achieving her SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER. Pat lives in Stephenville and commutes 2 hours to play here, or in most any other bridge game, but that does not stop her from pursuing her favorite hobby. We are blessed to have her in our unit.

Michael Sadler and Robert Patton had a 76.01% game on a Tuesday night. Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd placed first in the Instant Matchpoint game with a 61.85 local score.

With a three table game showing up the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Coleen decided to try a round-robin team game. It was a fun experience and brought us all to the conclusion that we would

enjoy a team game once a month. With that idea in mind, she is asking the unit to hold a game on Sunday afternoon, which she will direct. We are looking forward to a fun new game. She will also start teaching again after the first of the year. Thanks, Coleen, for promoting the game.

The Christmas parties start this week with Tuesday night the first one, and by the time we go through five parties with the good food that this unit cooks up, it will be a miracle if we are not all five pounds heavier. Bring it on players!

We are also looking forward to a New Years Eve game held by the unit.

The new Board of Directors was appointed and we welcome Tiffany Wagstaff, Beverly Joosten, Bob Young, and Jeff Lewis to join Robert Patton, Desa Lee-Laird, and Jackie Batjer. The meeting to elect officers will be held on December 27. Thank you Jo Smith for serving. We appreciate your work.

Looking Back: From the January 1997: Introduction to the new rule book presented by ACBL. The new laws will become effective May 26.

A column was dedicated to conduct and ethics. Discussed were (1) I will not give any unsolicited lessons at the table. (2) I will not give unauthorized information by use of "body language". (3) I will understand that bridge players are human (4) I will strive to play in a manner that makes my presence at the table enjoyable. (5) I will treat the director in a courteous manner. (6) I will play in at least one game a month with someone less experienced than I. (7) I will enjoy bridge.

Remember this was 1997, but we are still struggling with the same problems today. Everyone be aware that this is nothing new, but still needs to be corrected. Bridge is for fun!


From the February 1997: Darla Mawson finished her black point requirements and became a Life Master in El Paso. Jim Tucker was honored as he is moving with his wife Marge to Alexander City, Alabama. Abilene Duplicate will hold the Senior's Game on Monday afternoon, however there will be a night game in honor of Ed Grant, who has said he would direct since he is not old enough to play. Martha House was high point winner for the month with 10.90. Howard and Mary Lou Gross tied in the 0 - 300 group with 4.99.

The Bridge Tip is from Ron Klinger "Even if you have overcalled in a suit, signaling with your lowest card asks for a switch."

Checking account balance was \$2,320.57; Money Market was \$10,846.62. Mary Lou Gross was Treasurer.

I hope everyone was ready for 2017 and ready to Play More Bridge.

Thanks, Bette



## Austin Sectional February 23-26, 2017



**Bridge Center of Austin**  
6700 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin  
512-300-2743

Thursday Feb 23—Saturday Feb 25

Swiss Teams, Single Sessions	10 am, 2:30 pm
Stratified Pairs, Single Sessions	10 am, 2:30 pm
299er Pairs, Single Sessions	10 am, 2:30 pm


Sunday Feb 26

Stratiflighted A/X & B/C/D Swiss Teams 10 & TBA

Strats (pair & team games based on average masterpoints)  
Open Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750  
299er Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100 (adjustable)  
Sunday Swiss : A: 3000+, X: 0-3000  
B: 500-1500, C: 300-500, D: 0-300

**Director has discretion on A/X MP break**  
**General Convention Chart Only Except**  
**Midchart for A/X Swiss**

**Meal Served Between Sunday Sessions ONLY**  
(Restaurants Within Walking Distance)  
Entries: \$11/session (\$14 non/unpaid members)  
\$100/team Sunday Swiss  
Fragrance Free Event



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Suggested Hotels

Habitat Suites, Doubletree, Crowne Plaza, Drury Inn and other hotels along I-35.

We recommend you use Priceline.com, Expedia.com or similar websites as they provide better rates than we are able to secure.

**The Unit sectional will be held January 5-8, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6121 N. IH35.**

We look forward to hosting a great tournament! Details are posted on the Unit website.

The Unit and the BCA are implementing a partnership tool sponsored by the ACBL partnership desk.

There is a link to this site on the Unit 207 website:

them in our Austin community and we know each will do a great job in the efforts to promote niceties at our tables for many years to come!

Way to go you two!

**Speaking of good will:** Have you considered helping out during a tournament (making coffee, setting up, cleaning up, and/or volunteering to bake or to help with the partnership desk)? The Unit Board is hoping to get some help-



# ABILENE HARVEST REGIONAL



Venkatrao Koneru, Bruce Ferguson, Jo Smith, Virginia Noelke  
KO I, KO II, Thursday Swiss A



Jim Thurtell- John Schwartz  
Fri AX Pairs "A"



Gary Neisler, Buck Buchanan, Steve & Nancy Kornegay  
Tuesday Swiss A



Flo Curry, Gene Gammill  
Tuesday Choice Pairs A



Donna & William Garrard  
Wednesday Choice Pairs A



Linda Hughes, Jim Hammond  
Thursday Choice Pairs A



Ann Parker, Sheri Wolkenstein, Liane & Chris Tsai  
Saturday Swiss A&B  
Friday Swiss B&C



Mark Bumgardner, Jay Gibson  
Saturday Pairs A



Venkatrao Koneru, Dave Swarouth, Virginia Noelke, Donna Swarouth  
Sunday Swiss A



Tuesday Swiss B & C  
Whittie Rainwater, Roland McWhorter  
Betsy Parks, Martha McCartney



Tuesday Choice Pairs B  
Glynda Groves, Beverly Walker



Tuesday Choice Pairs C  
Richard Pike, Alan Wakefield



Wednesday Choice Pairs B  
Orpha Sears, James Fisk



Friday Pairs X  
Judy Wilde, Vicky Fisher



Thursday Swiss B & C  
Sharon MacMorran, Gayle Orvis,  
Ken MacMorran, Bob Orvis



Thursday Choice Pairs B  
David Luzzatto - Khalifa Ahmed



Saturday Pairs X  
Darla Mawson - Bette Byrd



Saturday Gold Rush Pairs  
Mary Ellen Little, Joyce Anderson



Sunday Swiss X  
Coleen Grisham, Carol Whitten,  
Glynda Groves, Robert Patton



Sunday Gold Rush Swiss  
Carol Diminnie, Leigh Broadway,  
Anna Thomas, Larry Hettick



Friday Gold Rush Pairs  
Pravina Jani, Laura Craft



Thursday Choice Pairs C  
Norma Labarthe, Barbara Bridges



Friday & Saturday Gold Rush Pairs  
Jacob Karno, Paul Rosenblum



Saturday Swiss C  
Sunday Gold Rush Swiss  
Gloria Bennett, Sharon Dameron  
Laura Craft, Pravina Jani

**Unit 225  
East Texas**

**Greg Cooley**

**SEVENTY PERCENT GAMES**

On Tuesday 11-08-16 Nancy Green & Brenda Baker had a 72.92% game at Rose City DBC. Jack Yarbrough and Delores Jones had a 72% game today at the Nacogdoches Duplicate Club. At the Longview DBC Shirley Shelton & Peggy Singer had a 70.54 percent on 11/2/16 and Dorothy McCasland & Liz Guthrie had a 70.14 percent on 11/9/16. Big Game-Congratulations to Cliff Smith and Helen Sullivan for their 75.69% game on November 14 at LCSBC!!

**BRIDGE STUDIO AT CEDAR**

**CREEK**

Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month was a big success at the Bridge Studio of Cedar Creek. We had 3 Swiss team games having 11 to 12 tables. Each team had a least one player who still needed gold to achieve Life Master, so each game provided a good outcome for our fellow players.

In November Gloria Rowland, Betty Wilkinson, Gail Beaupre & Mary Adams cruised the Caribbean while attending a Regional at Sea tournament. Gloria & Betty were big winners making over 28 points. They all had a great time enjoying delicious food and challenging bridge.

We are looking forward to the holidays which will be highlighted by our Toys for Tots Christmas party. Each year we support that local charity as

well as presenting a sizeable monetary gift to Santa's Kids. For years Sandy Hilliard has reached out to area organizations on behalf of Santa's Kids which provides personal Christmas gifts for the foster children of Van Zandt County.

**PITTSBURG DBC AND LAKE CYPRESS SPRINGS BC**

PITTSBURG DBC (PDBC)-held the ACBL Instant Match Point on Friday, October 14th with 6 tables competing for one gold point at the local club. The winning North/South pair was Dorothy McCasland and Liz Guthrie with 57.63%. The East/West first place winners were Sandy Lansing and Linda Harrison with 61.29%. On October 18th we had 7 Swiss Teams participating in the Jane Johnson Club Appreciation game. The first place team members were: Charles and Heather Sanders,

Cliff Smith and Helen Sullivan. On November 22, we had 9.5 tables participating in the ACBL Wide Charity game. This was a record turnout for PDBC! First place North/South was Curtis Bourland and Jeff Brown with 64.35%; East/West front-runner pair was Sandy Lansing and Linda Harrison with 65.88%. PDBC invited everyone to join us for the Christmas party and game on Tuesday, December 6th.

LAKE CYPRESS SPRINGS BC (LCSBC)- On October 24th we had 5 Swiss Teams participating in the Jane Johnson Club Appreciation game. The first place team members were: Jean Huskey, Jean Friedell, Cliff Smith and Helen Sullivan. On Sunday, December 4 and Monday, December 12, LCSBC will host its Christmas parties and games. We are looking forward to the usual great food our players are known for and

lots of bridge fun and friendship! I would like to take this opportunity to send out "a special thank you" to all of the players for their participation and generous support of our games and special activities in 2016!! Linda Harrison

**LONGVIEW DBC**

Longview DBC just completed its fall classes & will be holding its Spring lessons beginning in early February 2017. For information contact club manager & instructor Mike Graham at [babaloolop@yahoo.com](mailto:babaloolop@yahoo.com).

Congratulations to our Halloween Jane Johnson Swiss Teams champions, coming in first place among 12 teams were Pat Cawley, Judy Kelley, Lottie Guttry & Janet Bullock.

**DOTTIE PIRKLE'S DUPLICATE**

**PINEY WOODS  
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

February 16 - February 18

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - NORTH LONGVIEW  
300 Tuttle Circle (just off Loop 281 near Longview Mall)  
Longview, Texas 75605  
903-663-6464 (Bridge Rate \$85.00)

**Thursday - February 16, 2017**

Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 2:30  
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 2:30

**Friday - February 17, 2017**

Compact KO's (1 & 2) 10:00 2:30  
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 2:30  
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 2:30

**Stratifications** (Based on average master points of pair on team) KO's may be handicapped Open Pairs: A 2000+, B 750-2000, C: 0-750 299er Pairs A:200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

**Saturday - February 18, 2017**

Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 10:00 TBA

**Tournament Chairpersons**

Mike Graham 903-918-8642 [babaloolop@yahoo.com](mailto:babaloolop@yahoo.com)  
Shirley Shelton 903-245-9573 [shirleyshelton@live.com](mailto:shirleyshelton@live.com)

Refreshments Compliments of  
Longview Duplicate Bridge Club Member

Saturday Lunch Provided for Swiss Teams - Jason's Deli

Entry Fees: \$12.00/ACBL members - \$15.00 Non/unpaid  
ACBL members  
Saturday Swiss Teams \$120.00

**BRIDGE CLUB**

DPDBS hosted a 2 session Swiss on Saturday 10/29/2016 to recognize Beverly Battle becoming a Life Master. We had 18 tables with a "Pot Luck" luncheon between sessions.

**UNIT 225 TOURNAMENT OF STARS**

Unit 225's 4th Tournament of Stars Regional will be held in Tyler April 17 - April 23, 2017 at Harvey Convention Center. Charles Ford and Ginger Rhamey will Co-Chair. Check with your director to see which day your club is hosting or co-hosting. We never have enough volunteers so please call and let us know if you are willing to help.

in Temple is an exhibition center for many local and traveling art exhibits. The showing that attracted the greatest number of visitors in the Center's history was the exhibition of the many quilts that had been handmade and stitched by Carol. One of the most memorable was a wall hanging that was a biographical work of art about her husband.

The following was written about one of our long time Temple bridge players in late November to be printed in the January Scorecard. All in Unit 233 were shocked and saddened to learn that Rosemary died on December 6, following injuries she received in an auto accident. We extend our deepest sympathy to her beloved husband Gus and her children:

*Longtime Temple bridge player, Rosemary Nichols, is always bragging about sharing her life with an "older man", Gus, with whom she cannot keep up.... If you have played bridge in Unit 233, you no doubt have observed many players having wooden devices that attach to the table holding one's convention card as well as a beverage. FYI, Gus is the talented woodworker who made all those great bridge aids. He continues making his woodworking creations at age ninety-three. We all should be as fortunate as he!*

We never cease to be impressed with members of Unit 233. Steve Olson, who manages the Monday duplicate game in Temple, is one of those extraordinary people. He hails from the Minnesota - Wisconsin area and has resided in Central Texas since he was moved here by Sallie Mae. When Sallie Mae changed from public to private student education financing, their facility in Central Texas was closed. Rather than relocate, Steve continued to remain in Temple. In addition to making many friends and becoming an excellent bridge player, Steve returned to school and obtained his MBA. He now manages his own credit card processing service business. Those who are fortunate enough to partner with Steve will tell you it is pure joy to share this game with him.

**Unit 233  
Central Texas**



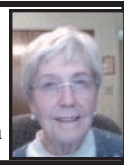
**Helen Simonette**

Whew! If you are reading this, it means you have survived; 2016 was a most interesting and extraordinary year. Thank goodness we have it behind us. The hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza were a welcome respite after living those long election campaign months. On January 20, the USA will have inaugurated our forty-fifth president. Good health and good fortune is the hope and desire of all bridge players. May our master points be many in 2017.

Unit 233 also has a new president! That "can do gal", Carol Ann Wadley was elected at the meeting at our annual Christmas party on December 4. For many years Carol frequently moved. She stated her son boasted that he attended twelve schools in nine years, as they accompanied her husband, Chip, an Air Force pilot, to his many assignments. They lived a number of years in Oregon, a place that they loved. Following the death of her husband Carol moved to Temple to care for her aging parents. It was then that Carol learned to enjoy bridge. The Cultural Activities Center

Temple, Texas will hold a "three-day bridge party" February 17-19, 2017 at the Cultural Activities Center. This is the best sectional tournament in Texas!! Do not miss it! Contact Tournament Chair, David Pennington at 254-773-1736 or 254-721-5952 or [trumpking5952@aol.com](mailto:trumpking5952@aol.com) for additional info. The partnership chair is Helen Simonette at 254-947-5790 or [hsimonette@embarqmail.com](mailto:hsimonette@embarqmail.com). Temple welcomes you!

**Unit 353  
Wichita Falls**



**Rosemary Barrington**

Like a roller coaster, the months flying by seem to gain momentum as the days seem to take wing.

We have been deeply saddened by the passing of Tony Abernethy. He was such a fine competitor and always a gentleman no matter what kind of mistakes his partners might make. We sorely miss his kind face. I truly wish that I could know about Bridge what he forgot.

We have several other players that are ailing. Annetta Vaccarella took another tumble and I know that she must weigh less than she did in High School. Amy Conley is battling shingles and it has affected her eye. We do pray that she wins this battle soon. Joan Stokes has moved back from the Northwest and she danced the light fantastic and broke some bones. She is recuperating in Health South. We pray all of them will heal quickly.

We have been blessed with several visits of Carole Tucker from Vernon, our sister group. It is such a pleasure to view her outline coming in the door. She always brings a culinary surprise and share with us her good cooking. She is a delight to have her visit. Come again soon, Carole.

Meanwhile, back at the tables: Master Point Leaders of Bridge Paradise are Kathleen Brown, 3.68, Patty Hofer, 3.29, and Nancy Purcell, 3.29.

High Percentage Games were Kathleen Brown and Suzanne Sosa, 66.67, and Bennie Young and Wanda Hughes, 64.50. Wichita Falls Bridge Unit Leaders were Gail Simpson and Helen Cash, 68.15 and Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog, 61.61. Bridge center Games Leaders were Tomie Johnson, 7.41, Dave Hertzog, 6.27, Gail Simpson 5.67, and Gladys Barley, 5.22. High Percentage Games Leaders were Gladys Barley and Nancy Purcell, 70.83, Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog, 68.06, and Leon Vaccarella and Robert Phillips, 65.97. Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders were Susan Couch, 12.40, Ruth Streit, 8.78, and Carole Tucker, 8.78.

High Percentage Games Leaders were Susan Couch and Carrol Green, 69.67, Anne Halsell and Susan Couch, 65.87, and Ruth Streit and Carole Tucker, 64.00. Bridge-A-Gap Masterpoint Leaders were Margaret Kirkland, 4.58, Tomie Johnson, 3.64, Leon Vaccarella, 2.39, and Robert Phillips, 2.39. High Percentage Leaders were Margaret Kirkland and Joan Paradeis. Suite 16 Bridge Leaders were Margaret Kirkland, 4.58, Kathleen Brown, 3.58 and Dee McKinley, 2.98. High Percentage Leaders were Marsha May and Dee McKinley, 69.44, Clay Abrams and Margaret Kirkland 69.44, and Patty Hofer and Pat Robinson, 67.36.

Congratulations to all you winners, we applaud all your efforts.

**McAllen Sectional  
February 24-26, 2017**

**Las Palmas Community Center  
1821 N. 25<sup>th</sup> & E. Sycamore  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 681-3350**

*Come Join US In The Valley Have Fun*

**Friday**

9:30 am & 1:45 pm Single Sessions Pairs  
\$11.00 player per session

**Saturday**

9:30 am & 1:45 pm Single Session Pairs  
\$11.00 player per session

**Sunday**

**Swiss Team**

10:00 am and TBA \$25.00 per team member  
**All Events Are Stratified (average of both players)** Complimentary Meal between Sessions  
A 2000+ B 750-2000 C 0-750

Beverages and Snacks available during sessions

**Join Us Have Holiday Fun In the Valley  
Tournament Chair**

Joe Ramirez (956) 467-9973

**Partnership Chair**

Wayne Tindall (785) 213-9453

*(\$3.00 extra per session for non-ACBL  
Members and Unpaid Member*



**Harlingen Bridge Club Sectional  
January 20-22, 2017**

Elks Lodge (956) 423-4290  
1426 S. Commerce  
Harlingen, Tx

Friday Jan 20

**January 20-22, 2017**

Elks Lodge 1889

1426 South Commerce

Harlingen, TX 78550

(956) 423-4290

**COME JOIN US HAVE FUN IN THE VALLEY**

Friday

Open Pairs 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Single Sessions

\$11.00 player per session

Saturday

Open Pairs 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Single Sessions

\$11.00 player per session

Sunday

**Doris Allen Stratified Swiss Teams**

10:00 am & TBA

\$25.00 per person (includes lunch)

Tournament Chair: **Laverne Hill (956) 421-3925**  
Partnership Chair: **Norma Tarbet (956) 357-0480**

# District 16 Thanks Dan Morse



Thank you Dan Morse for your long and meritorious service to Unit 174, District 16, the ACBL and the World bridge Federation. Dan has been President and Vice President of District 16 and Unit 174. He was ACBL President in 2008. He has served on the National Board of directors for 24 years representing District 16.

His many, many services include 401k Trustee, Board Operations, Credentials, Election Protest, Finance, Governance, Juniors/Education, NABC Site Selection, Strategic Review

Morse has also served as a zonal representative and honorary secretary for the WBF.

As a player, Morse won his first National in 1964 and has won a total of 13 NABC titles including all four major team events (the Spingold, the Vanderbilt, the Reisinger and the top flight GNT). He has 11 seconds. He has represented the U.S. in a number of world championships as both a player and captain. He was on the winning World Senior Team at the 2000 Olympiad.

