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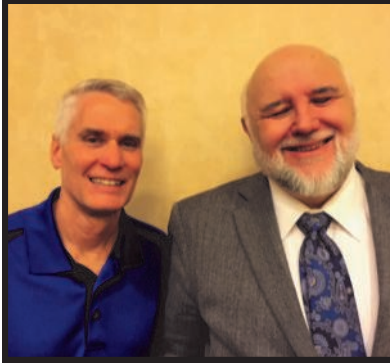
DISTRICT 16 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS CHAMPIONS



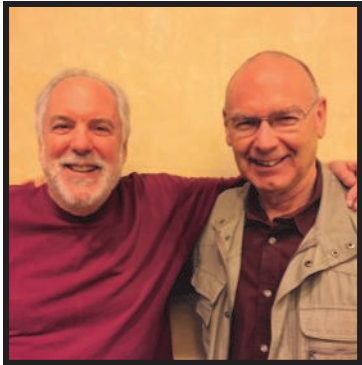
NAP FLIGHT A 1st
Yan Song, Hua Yang
Plano



NAP FLIGHT A 2nd
Bart Bramley, Dallas
Ira Hessel, San Antonio



NAP FLIGHT B 1st
Wes Pierce, The Woodlands
Thomas Rush, Houston



NAP FLIGHT B 2nd
Buck Buchanan, Arlington
Don Reynolds, Ft. Worth



NAP FLIGHT B 3rd
Jim McCommons, Dallas
Sheila Harrison, Houston



NAP FLIGHT B 4th
David Ticen, Victoria
Kim Brinkman, Highland Village



NAP FLIGHT C 1st
Stephanie Scott,
Kristin Onsgard, Dallas



NAP FLIGHT C 2nd
Laurie Hartline & Robert Babb
Georgetown



NAP FLIGHT C 3rd
Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park
Jaroslaw Langer, Austin



NAP FLIGHT C 4th
Gary Anderson Jerry Barrett
Austin

In January 116 pairs competed in Austin, for the honor of representing D16 in the National NAP finals in Kansas City during the Spring Nationals in March. There were 28 pairs in A, 54 pairs in B, and 34 pairs in C. The total has been relatively steady for the last decade, proving to be a major event on the District schedule.

The event is a 4-part sequence that began at

qualifying club games and proceeded to a 2-session Unit final. Players then advanced to the District final, where all flights played 4 sessions, 2 qualifying and 2 finals. After the final results were tallied the national qualifiers were:

Flight A

Hua Yang - Yan Song
Ira Hessel - Bart Bramley
James Breihan - Carolyne Fox

Flight B

G Thomas Rush-Wes Peirce
Robert Buchanan-Don Reynolds
Sheila Harrison-James McCommons
Kim Brinkman- David Ticen

Flight C

Stefanie Scott- Kristen Onsgard
Laurie Hartline & Robert Babb
Sharon Dameron-Jaroslaw Langer
Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett

First place winners in A, B, and C all receive a total of \$800 per player (\$700 from ACBL and \$100 from District 16). Second in B and C receive \$800 total. Second in A, 3rd in B and 3rd in C receive a total of \$500 per player (\$300 from ACBL and \$200 from District 16). Third in A, 4th in B and 4th in C get \$300 from District 16. In addition to the stipend, there are no session fees for the National Finals.

The top flight draws a very strong field and is easily stronger than any other pair event at regionals or sectionals.

James Breihan and Carolyne Fox will not be able to make the trip so were replaced by the fourth place pair, Buddy Hanby and Sally Wheeler, who were third last year. Ira and Bart won last year and finished second in the Nationals that year.

Bart has won 18 nationals and just missed getting into the ACBL Hall of Fame.

Stefanie and Kristen were third last year and also won the district 16 GNT. This is their last chance to compete in the C flight. They are the only one of the four flight C pairs not from the Austin area. Austin has done a great job of developing players.

Players really seem to enjoy the NAPS and GNT. There is a high level of enthusiasm in both. The GNT will be Houston in April. It is another great event that the District generously supports.

Tomi Storey

District 16
President



I'm back! I'm so happy to say that I've been re-elected as District 16 President, along with the rest of our excellent executive committee. Beginning next year, all officers will automatically serve a two-year term, rather than one. This change in the by-laws will give us continuity and help the board implement and carry out ideas and programs. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve again in 2017.

I was very encouraged listening to our new ACBL president Bob Heller speak to us at the meeting in Houston. Bob is a veteran on the Board of Directors and spoke to us about ACBL plans on a number of different issues. You may have heard that our current CEO, Robert Hartman, will be stepping down at mid year. A search committee is helping to find his replacement, but he will stay on until that is complete. Mr. Heller also talked to us about the ongoing efforts to reduce expenses while trying to market and grow our player base. His common sense and enthusiasm is contagious. I'm also impressed with how quickly Paul Cuneo, who has replaced Dan Morse as our representative on the ACBL Board of

Directors, has settled in. I really hope that all of you will reach out to me or to Paul with any concerns you have on District issues.

The ACBL and the District certainly agree on one thing. We will continue to stress Zero Tolerance and insure that our club and tournament games are a pleasant experience for all. The District feels so strongly about this that we have passed a new rule that will take away a portion or all of the subsidy for players representing D16 in the NAP or GNT if they receive ZT penalties. Watch the *Scorecard* and the district website for a full explanation of the procedures.

We have to say farewell to one of our longtime district officers and as much as I hate to see him go, he has certainly paid his dues in service to us. Lew Levy will be stepping down as our treasurer in March. He and Pat will be doing a lot of traveling and getting some well-deserved vacationing. I know I speak for everyone when I wish him the very best. Thank you, Lew. It has been a privilege to work with you. You are a class act.

Good luck to everyone headed to Kansas City. I hope to see at the table soon!

Tomi Storey

Paul Cuneo

District 16
National BOD



2017 is shaping up as a very interesting and important year for the ACBL Board of Directors. The unexpected resignation of CEO Robert Hartman will require extra efforts as the search team has already published the list of qualifications and applications are being accepted.

ACBL President Bob Heller has appointed two Task Forces and I'm privileged to be serving on both. The first concerns ACBL and its relationship to Clubs. Many club owners feel that they bore the brunt of the fee increases of 2016 and are struggling in today's environment. In addition, they feel under-represented on both the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors. From ACBL's perspective, Clubs and their associated teachers are the primary source of new members and critical to the future of the League. The task force will be working to understand the issues and make recommendation to im-

prove the support provided to clubs and the relationship with clubs.

The second task force is to address declining tournament attendance. Both NABCs and regional tournaments suffered declines in 2016 and the task force is chartered with making recommendations to address the issues. Some feel there are just too many tournaments, but neither units nor districts seem to like the idea of reducing their number of tournaments as judged by the conversation at the D16 meeting in Houston. There are lots of factors to be considered and addressed.

I'm in the process of making plans to visit with many Units and Clubs in 2017 to foster open communications. I'm interested in your opinions on the issues ACBL faces and will also be asking for help to learn as fast as I can. Feel free to e-mail me with your questions and comments. paulcuneo@sbcglobal.net

Our next Board meeting is at the NABC in Kansas City. I hope to see many of you at the tournament. Good luck to all of D16's North American Pairs qualifiers!!!



Tomi Storey
President

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Nancy Smalley, Unit 201, was awarded the District 16 Star Teacher of the Year Award at the Lone Star Regional in January. Bob Heller, ACBL President, made the presentation to Nancy on Teacher Appreciation Day to the cheers of many of her students and friends.

Nancy has offered bridge classes at the Beaumont Bridge Studio for more than 30 years. She has instructed and mentored hundreds of students who have joined the ACBL using the skills she patiently taught. Many of her offerings are classes of 8-10 three-hour sessions, but possibly the most impactful have been the 30-minute classes she teaches before the limited games. Nancy has done this three times per

Nancy Smalley Wins The District 16 2017 Star Teacher Award

week for many years.

Her students lovingly claim they play "Nancy Bridge," and are quickly to raise an eyebrow when a fellow player neglects to follow the rules she has taught. "Nancy says" frequently prefaces an explanation of why something worked or didn't work. For many years she was also a weekly bridge column contributor to the *Beaumont Enterprise*.

Nancy's students sent more than 30 testimonials offering praise and support. They include:

"I will be forever grateful to Nancy for introducing an old 'party bridge' player to the world of duplicate bridge. I look forward to many more opportunities to improve my game via the lessons she offers."

"Coming to the Beaumont studio was one of the best things I ever did! The


lessons that Nancy provides are beyond words! "

District 16 Board approved the creation of an annual Teacher Appreciation Day at the Lone Star Regional which began in 2016. In coordination with the Teacher Appreciation Day, District 16, also recognizes a Star Teacher as part of the celebration day for teachers. For many years bridge teachers have been working behind the scenes not only in clubs, but in churches, senior centers and in homes (just to name a few.) These teachers are responsible for the new faces you see at your clubs and in tournaments. They are the unsung heroes enabling membership growth and potential growth in our clubs, units and district to continue.

If you believe your teacher or a teacher in your unit should be considered for this award next year, please contact Betty Starzec, lstarzec@comcast.net

MARCH	
KANSAS CITY NABC	9-19
Spring 299er	9-12
Richardson 299er	17-19
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2016 Unit Goodwill

ACBL UNIT		
		
GOODWILL AWARD		

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		Ila Bates

GEORGE FINLEY 1927-2016

George Finley passed away at the end of 2016 and it's a tremendous loss for our Unit 204 world and his many friends that have loved him for decades. He will be fondly remembered in all our hearts and his spirit and observations will continue to be in our cognitive midst on Tuesday nights, Friday afternoons and during weekend games. People remarked over the last several weeks that George was "kind, very kind, witty, a great sense of humor, keen observer, a man of few words but those captured the essence of the matter, made few mistakes, consistent, a good friend". He has been a bridge player for eighty years and over the last forty years traveled a lot of bridge ground with his longstanding partner Lester Dewey. They often played on teams with various good friends that included Jo Smith, Bob Preston, Alan Copeland and Carl McGill; apologies to unnamed people he befriended at regionals and nationals. His wife Peggy consistently kibitzed along the way of their 43 years together. His daughter Amanda was spoken of frequently with great admiration. Amanda was a youthful caddy but never got the bridge bug. Other significant people included his sister Ebba Ann and Sue Barber our former director of forty years. On a local level George made many contributions to our club in San Angelo in many different capacities such as teacher, president, legal counsel, historian and analyst. His repertoire ranged from the analytical to the humorous with many stops in between. George was a great model for us and he shared the how, wow and why. Clearly his local partners and teammates enjoyed the good times and the names that quickly come to text are Carl McGill, Ginny

Noelke, Neal Perlman and Suzanne Dorris. George Finley ---*best all time player from San Angelo* is an accurate descriptor. He encouraged us to be continuing students of the game. With his accurate bidding, stealthy declaring and dependable defense George was a fantastic model of what a total bridge player could be. Reminders that the cards don't feel or know the difference and that it's a mix of position, numbers, shape and strength are easily recalled in San Angelo. His kind ways, witty comments, hearty laugh and keen observations will continue to glow in our memories. I know his many friends, partners and opponents will share in our substantial memories and fond feelings when the name George Finley is mentioned or when one of his remarks or stories presents again.



In Memoriam

- * Mrs. Vera L. Chambers, Odessa
- * Mrs. Loraine Copeland, Sugar Land
- * Mrs. Dorothy Duncan, Big Spring
- Glenda S. Franks, Arlington
- * Jerry Jungmichel, Austin
- * Margie M. Nagle, Houston
- * Mrs. Leonora Slusher, Midland
- Birdie Taylor, Arlington
- Dr. Aaron M. Tiktin, Cedar Park
- * Phyllis J. White, Odessa
- Tony Abernethy, Wichita Falls
- Vernon Hupman, Magnolia
- Mrs. Helen N. Levy, Kyle
- Hayes Schreiner, Wharton

*Life Master

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Texas Stars

The 2015 District 16 Texas Star Awards and Texas Star Pins were presented to recipients at the Houston Regional in January. The Texas Star Awards are given to worthy volunteers at the unit level for exceptional service performed in their own unit. Congratulations to all!



Roxie Tom
Unit 172



Kay Johnson
Unit 174



Eileen Smith Davidoff
Unit 176



Linda Spangler
Unit 183



Margaret Ann Kennedy
Unit 187



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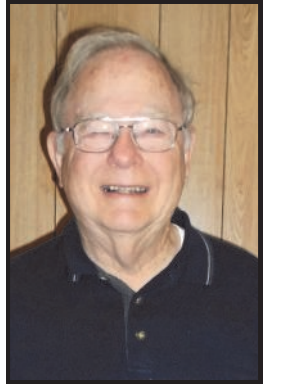
Sharon Hoger
Unit 207



Joan La Fond
Unit 209



Mike Graham
Unit 225



Gene Thompson
Unit 233

Unit 172 San Antonio Roxie Tom

Roxie Tom has been a major contributor to bridge in Unit 172. She has served on the Board of Directors since 2009 and has been Treasurer since 2010. Roxie has been the North American Pairs Coordinator for the Unit for several years and has been the District 16 NAP Coordinator for the past year. She teams with her mom (they are known as The Roxanas or Roxana I and Roxana II) to provide great hospitality as co-hosts for several Unit Games each year. Roxie is fun to be around and is a gracious partner. Her aggressive style at the bridge table has resulted in a reputation as a dangerous opponent. She's a Sapphire Life Master and finished second for this year's Cisse Horton Award (a competition for winning the most masterpoints during the Unit's sectional tournaments for the year).

Unit 174 Houston Kay Johnson

Kay Johnson has been selected for the 2016 Texas Star Award. Kay started playing bridge because her parents were avid bridge players. In Montana it was very cold and it dictated finding something to do inside, and bridge seemed to be the solution to the long winters months. Her parents were her teacher and initiated her love for bridge fifty three years ago.

Kay's husband traveled the world so besides being a mother and homemaker, Kay played bridge with friends. Duplicate came later and it became a passion for Kay.

For the last thirty-five years Kay has been an ambassador for bridge, first teaching students that didn't know how to count a hand. Her students feel her love for them and for the game as she has the ability to make every student feel like they are her very favorite. She makes learning fun for all her classes and each time she makes fresh baked thing from home.

Additionally for 35 years Kay has been instrumental in adding to the growth of our unit, by moving players from her game to the larger duplicate games. You will never see her without a smile, she's always gracious, friendly, and thoughtful to all players, all the time. That's why Kay has been selected for the 2016 Texas Star Award

Unit 176 Eileen Smith Davidoff

Eileen has been a go to person for the Dallas Bridge Association for several years and in various capacities. Her work is frequently in the background, recently serving on the Board and currently serving as our Publicity Chair. In 2016 Eileen stepped into yet another a role and a very big one at that: Facilitator for our Learn Bridge in a Day workshops.

In early 2016 the Board of Dallas Bridge Association learned the District had purchased licensing for 5 Learn Bridge in a Day facilitators. Not knowing what we were getting ourselves into but believing attracting new players was a big part of our mission, Eileen volunteered to join a small team (Vi Ganeles & Martha Young) to investigate how to implement this program within Unit 176.

The list of tasks was long but the biggest need was to identify a facilitator to lead the actual workshop. No facilitator, no workshop! Eileen stepped up to plate. She learned the materials and practiced the flow of the four-hour class to insure our participants got the most out of their experience. Here are some quotes from our participants: "Fantastic job of presenting a complex topic"; "Eileen was great"; "Quality of instruction 10 out of 10"; and "Facilitator is excellent".

Other things Eileen did to insure our class was a success included: designing the registration form, getting the registration form and participant booklets printed, arranging for us to bind the participant booklets at no cost at SCA Promotions, gathering material for our participants' goodie bags, and liaising with the venue for lunch and other amenities as needed. Eileen is the hero of our Learn Bridge in a Day program. Even better, Eileen plans to keep on as our facilitator. Unit 176 is pleased and honored to present our 2017 Texas Star to Eileen Smith Davidoff.

Unit 183 Fort Western Linda Spangler

Linda has an incredibly distinguished 40-plus year career in bridge. As a bridge club owner, President of not one but two Units, and top-flight player and bridge professional her

career is matched by very few. With her 13,000 masterpoints she ranks in the ACBL's all-time top 500. She is always willing to help others improve their games and gives lessons for free to players of all levels. Her energy and enthusiasm for the game are remarkable.

Linda's greatest achievement may be administrative. In 2013 she became President of Unit 183, which had been wracked with infighting and turmoil both within the Board and across the entire Unit. During her three years as President the Unit and its Board both saw a remarkable turnaround, with improved operations and a unified sense of purpose that would have been unimaginable just a few years ago.

Linda has our absolute respect and admiration. We and the rest of the bridge community are fortunate to count her as one of us.

Unit 187 South Texas Margaret Ann Kennedy

Our nominee for the Texas Star award to be given in Houston is Margaret Ann Kennedy. Margaret Ann is one of the newer members of our club but she is already one of the valued ones. She is currently President of Unit 187 and took on this job during some difficult times for our Corpus Christi Club. She has performed well and we are grateful for her participation. She always is ready to pitch in on whatever jobs might be necessary to make the club and our playing area a good experience. She is helping with the dealing machine and is working hard to better herself at bridge. She is an artist with clients who buy her work and therefore we have a built in illustrator for any publications we might need. She has become a valued member of our club and think she is certainly deserving of the Texas Star.

Unit 201 Sabine Neches Linda Briggs

Linda began playing duplicate bridge in 2009, after playing "party bridge" for some 40 years. An educator by profession, she became a student of the game and approached it with the same intensity that she approached her college courses many years before. Not a day goes by when she doesn't study previously played hands, ACBL's "Learn to Play Bridge," or the *Bridge Bulletin*. She

played for over a year in limited games before setting the goal of feeling competitive in an open game; however, before long she saw the possibility of attaining Life Master status. She attended 3-4 regionals per year until she earned the required 500 points for Life Master status in 2015.

Linda's early contribution to the Beaumont Bridge Studio was her recruitment of all of her "party bridge" friends. Soon she took a position on the U201 board where she volunteers her services whenever needed for tournaments and Life Master parties and serves as the recorder. She works diligently to bring partnerships together for every game, publishing her phone number and email address and encouraging anyone who is without a partner to notify her. Her dedication to the Mentor-Mentee program is unmatched. She is a master at setting up pairs for both the partner and team games. A record was set when ten tables of players gathered for the January game, and many of the pairs were arranged by Linda.

Linda makes certain that all players feel welcome at the games. Her infectious smile and enthusiasm are contagious. She exemplifies the Texas Star ideal of a "Unit volunteer who works steadfastly at the Unit level to promote bridge and further Unit activities."

Unit 207 Austin Sharon Hoger

This award is given yearly at the Houston Regional and Scott Humphrey had the honor of awarding these to the various units in our district. The Texas Star Award honors Unit volunteers who work steadfastly at the Unit level to promote bridge and to further Unit activities. Rachell Jackson, Unit 207 President, writes: "Sharon Hoger's contributions to Unit 207 over the past 20-something years are wide and varied, great and small. She's served on the Unit Board as Ethics Chair and the BCA Board as Treasurer. Sharon even designed our Unit logo - - the capitol building with the cowboy hat. Sharon helped integrate computers into Austin bridge, and she still gives out winners' prizes at our tournaments. Sharon has a history of picking up broken pieces and making something whole again. She supports our unit in the background, doing the difficult jobs that often go unnoticed. Sharon does all of

this AND she has a full time job! She does this because she wants to give back to bridge."

Unit 197 Anita Woodard

Anita spent countless hours with our computer system to give each person with access her own password. Then, she showed them how to access their files and duplicate their boards with this new technology. She also helps her husband, Ken, with the web page and keeps us updated on the happenings people need to now about. Along with Ken and Gina schultz, she is always tweaking the computer system to keep things running smoothly. We are so lucky to have both Anita and Ken and their knowledge. We are proud to give her this award

Unit 205 Western Mexico Norinne Nelson

Norinne has been playing bridge for more than 40 years. Originally from Belvidere, Illinois, after college Norinne moved to Peoria where she taught English and Spanish for 34 years and continued to hone her bridge skills. Her fluency in Spanish served her well when she and her husband, Dick, moved to Ajijic, Mexico, in 2003. She soon became a fixture in Unit 205 and at the Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club. Norinne has been active at both the club and Unit level, having served for many years as Tournament Chairperson for the Puerto Vallarta Regional Tournament and the Ajijic Valentine Sectional and as Unit Board President. She is also a member of the ACBL National Goodwill Committee. With her husband, Dick, she holds the record for an ACBL-wide Charity Game with an 83.3%. Norinne is currently the highest ranking female bridge player in Mexico. Aside from bridge, Norinne is very active in her church, where she enjoys teaching Sunday school to Mexican children.

Unit 209 Permian Basin Joan La Fond

Unit 209 is honored to present the Texas Star award to Joan La Fond of Big Spring, Texas. Joan moved to Big Spring with her husband who was with Gamco and who later taught mathematics at Howard College. Joan supported her husband as a loving wife, mother and grandmother until his untimely accident that took his

life. Joan has a daughter, son-in-law and two grand children. She is an active member of her study group and her widows club. She has been the "back bone" of the Big Spring Duplicate club where she served as a director and assists with all their activities, she has also served on the board of Unit 209 for several terms and is presently a board member. Last but not least, she is an excellent cook, her delicacies are always present at luncheons and other meetings, her candies and home made salsa are fantastic.

We take great pleasure in awarding Joan the Texas Star award for 2016.

Unit 225 East Texas Mike Graham

Mike Graham began playing bridge in 1982 at the urging of the mother of a

high school friend and one of his former elementary school teachers.

Less than two years later, the Longview DBC club owner asked Mike to become a director and take over ownership of the club. Since that time and for the past 32 years, Mike has served as club manager of the LDBC.

He became Life Master in 1991 and is currently a Sapphire Life Master. Mike has served as chairman of the Tyler Tournament of Roses for many years, as well as holding his local tournament, the Piney Woods sectional, in Longview.

Additionally, Mike has taught hundreds of players bridge, and conducts beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes annually at his local club, which is one of the fastest growing in Unit 225.

Also, Mike serves as the director for the monthly Unit 225 games in Tyler as well as being a guest speaker at the Tournament of Stars.

In his spare time, Mike has coached and prepared countless young women who have become Miss Texas, as well as having sponsored Crystle Stewart, who became Miss USA 2008.

Mike is a member of the ACBL National Goodwill Committee and for the last three years, has been the top masterpoint winner in Unit 225. When asked his favorite bridge memory, without hesitation he recounted a trip to the Hot Springs Regional.

One of his club players, Helen Bednarcik, who was diagnosed with brain cancer, and given just 6 weeks to live,

asked Mike if he would help her get the 18 gold points she needed to become Life Master. Mike assembled a six man team of local friends and players, none of whom had ever partnered with each other. Helen's team won her knockout, and 24 gold points in the process. She passed away just 4 weeks later.

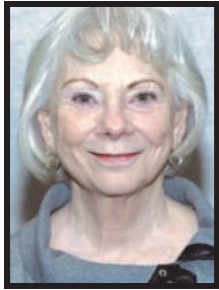
It is with great pleasure that we nominate Mike Graham as this year's Texas Star Award recipient for Unit 225.

Unit 233 Central Texas Gene Thompson

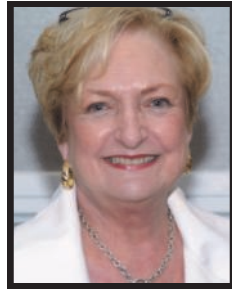
Gene Thompson has been a steady member of Unit 233 for many years, often giving many hours of his time working in the background. Gene provides games four days a week at the Bridge Studio, helping find part-

ners, giving free lessons before the Friday games, providing hand records, and most importantly, making sure his club is run in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. He assists at the Cultural Activities Center games when his expertise is needed with the computer used for the CAC bridge clubs. He supports the Temple Sectional Tournament by setting up the boards with his dealing machine. He provides space to store all the Unit 233 files in his Bridge Studio. He is a fair and gentle director, with a unique sense of humor. He displays and celebrates current news about all his players, keeping us informed and close.

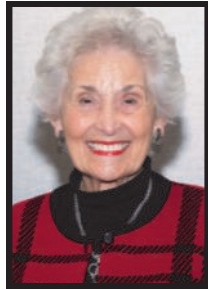
This year he held the first annual 299er Tournament at the Bridge Studio. He is always ready to lend a hand where it is needed. We are proud to recognize him for his dedication to Unit 233.



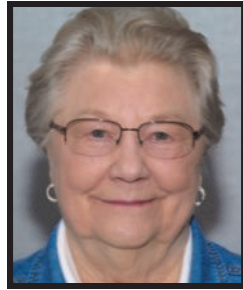
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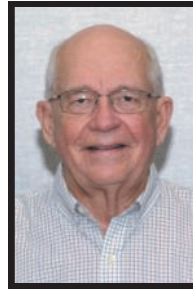
Martha Oliver
Orange



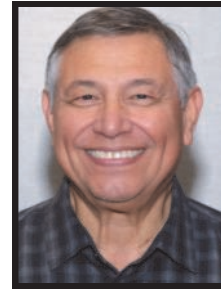
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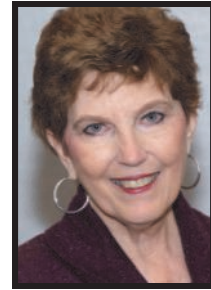
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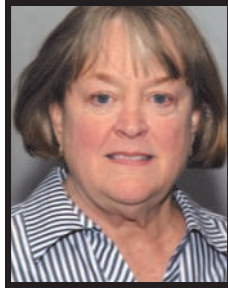


Jan Wingate
New Braunfels



Rick & Leah Margerison
Dallas

NEW LIFE MASTERS



Susan Brown
Rockport



Wayne Tindale
San Juan



Ned Earle
Houston



John Kacher
Beaumont



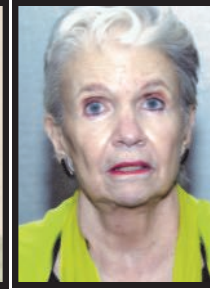
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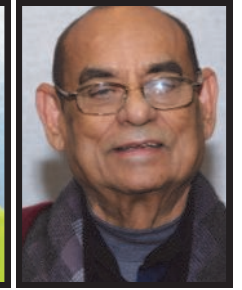
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Port Neches



Wayne Outlaw
Orange



Sheila Harrison
Dallas



Shyam Bhatia
Sugar Land

Moving Up

Gary Anderson	Austin	Life Master	Donna Frederick	The Woodlands	Silver LM
Shyam Bhatia	Sugar Land	Life Master	Thomas Hackenberg	Round Rock	Silver LM
Linda Brodie	Bellaire	Life Master	Sheila Harrison	Houston	Silver LM
Susan Brown	Rockport	Life Master	Judith Hoffman	Fair Oaks Ranch	Silver LM
Frances Couvillion	Rockport	Life Master	Bill Joplin	Houston	Silver LM
Ned Earle	Houston	Life Master	Carol Nicoud	Dallas	Silver LM
Lynn Gamblin	Houston	Life Master	Ronald Trimmer	Georgetown	Silver LM
Hilda Hahn	Center	Life Master	Lesly Van Dame	Houston	Silver LM
Bill Joplin	Houston	Life Master	Sheri Wolkenstein	Dallas	Silver LM
Indu Khera	Sugar Land	Life Master	Sanae Zaveloff	Austin	Silver LM
Gene Levy	Conroe	Life Master	Chris Anderson	Dallas	Silver LM
Gayle Longmire	Houston	Life Master	Gene Cole	San Angelo	Silver LM
Leah Margerison	Dallas	Life Master	Howard Huynh	Lubbock	Silver LM
Rick Margerison	Dallas	Life Master	Jorge Nischli	Mexico	Silver LM
Cheryl Mathias	Cypress	Life Master	Irene Parker	Austin	Silver LM
Geri Noel	Houston	Life Master	John Pelletti	Dallas	Silver LM
Joe Ramirez	Mission	Life Master	David Warner	Austin	Silver LM
James Stech	Richmond	Life Master	Raleigh Williamson	Houston	Silver LM
Tish Stephenson	Houston	Life Master	Suvabrata Biswas	Katy	Ruby LM
Wayne Tindall	San Juan	Life Master	Chloe Ella Fackenthall	Houston	Ruby LM
Pamela Whitney	Richmond	Life Master	Pawel Hanus	Carrollton	Ruby LM
Jan Wingate	New Braunfels	Life Master	James Hawkins Jr	Odessa	Ruby LM
Gail Rutledge	Lewisville	Life Master	G Kania	Austin	Ruby LM
Jack Schober	Dallas	Life Master	Nandlal Khatri	Sugar Land	Ruby LM
Susan Barker	Magnolia	Bronze LM	Puddin' Krueger	Houston	Ruby LM
Shyam Bhatia	Sugar Land	Bronze LM	James Ochsner	Houston	Ruby LM
Frances Couvillion	Rockport	Bronze LM	Robert Schmidt	Murphy	Ruby LM
Norma Edsel	Dallas	Bronze LM	Joan Torrance	Conroe	Ruby LM
Judy Etchison	Dallas	Bronze LM	Dorothy Brenneman	Midland	Ruby LM
Walter Freitag	Georgetown	Bronze LM	Moises Ganc Kolodner	Mexico	Ruby LM
Gene Levy	Conroe	Bronze LM	David Hoogenberg	Ajijic	Ruby LM
Thomas Smith	Austin	Bronze LM	Peter Hudson	Coppell	Ruby LM
Judy Thompson	McKinney	Bronze LM	Raymond Clark	Bonham	Gold LM
Pamela Whitney	Richmond	Bronze LM	Jere Hines	Houston	Gold LM
Jon Wolkenstein	Dallas	Bronze LM	Harry Ingham	San Marcos	Gold LM
Marsha Young	Dallas	Bronze LM	Milton Neher	Richardson	Gold LM
Lisa Zummo	Houston	Bronze LM	Linda Sutton	Conroe	Gold LM
Will Anthony	Lubbock	Bronze LM	Robert Buchanan	Arlington	Gold LM
Jerre McAfee	San Angelo	Bronze LM	Charles Michalski	Cypress	Gold LM
Judy Brown	Houston	Silver LM	Mark Zeitlin	Denton	Gold LM
Courtney Coffman	The Woodlands	Silver LM	Vern Schmidt	Dickinson	Diamond LM

Unit 209 Permian Basin

Ann Parish



We start the New Year with congratulations to our Texas Star, **Joan La Fond** of Big Spring. She is a director and has been active not only in Big Spring, but also in Unit 209 as Board member.

We also want to congratulate our Good Will Ambassadors, **Patti Heard** of Midland and **Scott Vaughn** of Odessa. Patti is a dedicated worker in the Midland clubs. She helps with the Tuesday afternoon games, and she is the caller for the Wednesday night game, even getting partners for players who need them. She is the President of the Permian Bridge Club. Scott is not only a dedicated bridge player but also our "handyman." He fixes lights and diagnoses plumbing issues, always willing to help with "honey-do" jobs. He is a gentleman was a great sense of humor. Patti and Scott are deserving recipients of the Good Will Ambassador Awards.

Congratulations also go to **Dorothy Brenneman** of Midland, who has earned 1500 masterpoints to become a Ruby LifeMaster. You go, Dorothy!

Unit 209 knows how to party, and we started our holidays on December 2 with a whole-day event at Midland Country Club. Lunch was catered by the Club, and the door prizes were poinsettias.

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D16 Board of Directors Meeting Overview January 28, 2017

Election of Executive Officers

The following were re-elected officers for 2017.

Tomi Storey	President
Rebecca Brown	1 st Vice President
Nancy Strohmer	2 nd Vice President
David Pearlman	Executive Secretary
Low Levy	Treasurer

Tomi Storey was also elected 2nd D16 Alternate to the ACBL Board of Governors.

Treasury

The District has about \$100,000 in cash and showed an operating profit in 2016 of approximately \$23,000.

GNT Coordinator

B.J. Sanders of Unit 207 will become GNT Coordinator on May 1, 2017.

Formation of Unit 254

Unit 254 (in Mexico) has been approved by ACBL as part of District 16.

GNT AND NAP Reimbursement Policies

The Board adopted four policies concerning the District's GNT and NAP reimbursement policies. Two concerned the effect of Zero Tolerance violations on reimbursement amounts, the other two concerned the way that reimbursement monies were to be split among those representing the District at NABCs.

Dates for District Charity Games

The Board approved dates in March for District Charity games. They will be held March 20, 28, 29 and 30.

Tournament Conflicts

A task force was formed to study the issue of tournament conflicts within the District.

SHREVEPORT SPRING SECTIONAL

APRIL 28 - 30, 2017

The Ramada Shreveport Airport
5555 Financial Plaza
318-688-3000 • 800-946-5338

Special Bridge Rate \$64 (Includes Continental Breakfast)

Friday 9:30 a.m. Stratified Single Session Open Pairs
500 NLM Stratified Pairs (No player over 500 pts.)

2:00 p.m. Stratified Single Session Open Pairs
500 NLM Stratified Pairs (No player over 500 pts.)
Single Session Swiss Team

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Stratified Single Session Open Pairs
500 NLM Stratified Pairs (No player over 500 pts.)

2:00 p.m. Stratified Single Session Open Pairs
500 NLM Stratified Pairs (No player over 500 pts.)



Sunday 10:00 a.m. Swiss Teams

Entry Fee: \$12.00, \$15.00 Non or unpaid ACBL
Swiss Teams \$120.00 (Lunch provided)

Stratification: (Open Pairs) A - 2500+ B - 500-2500 C - 0-500
Stratification: (NLM Pairs) A - 200-500 B - 100-200 C - 0-100
Stratification will be by team and pair average

Famous Shreveport Hospitality throughout the tournament

Games conveniently scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. leaving your evenings free to savor Louisiana's cuisine, shop at great stores, or enjoy your luck at one of Shreveport/Bossier's six Riverboat Casinos.

 Tournament Chairs: Pat Berry (berryp@bellsouth.net) 318.549.2093
Jean Cheatham (edijeen@yahoo.com) 318.797.3886
Partnership Chair: Billie Jean Reasor (bjflap@aol.com) 318.798.2698 

The District Board has adopted new policies concerning reimbursements for those who represent the District at the NABCs in the GNT and NAP events. These include possible reductions in reimbursements for Zero Tolerance Violations.

Civil Behavior (GNT)

Players representing, and subsidized by, District 16 are expected to comport themselves in a civil manner at the bridge table. A player receiving a Zero Tolerance (ZT) penalty at the nationals will be considered by the District 16 Board of Directors *prima facie* not to be so comporting. Such a player will have a *minimum* 25% reduction in his/her District 16 subsidy. The Executive Committee of the Board will make the *final* determination of the *actual* reduction (which could be 100% if the behavior is particularly egregious). Should the same player receive a second ZT penalty, no subsidy will be paid to said player and all other team members will receive a 25% total reduction. Should a different player receive a ZT (the second for the team), the 25% minimum (as above) will apply to said player and all other non-offending team members will receive a 25% total reduction. Should the team receive a third ZT penalty (regardless of which player receives the ZT penalty), *no subsidy will be paid to any team member*.

In addition, any team member receiving a ZT penalty at the District-level GNT competition will have a minimum 25% reduction in his/her District 16 subsidy. Any subsequent ZT penalty at the nationals by such a team member will be considered to be his/her second ZT, but the team's first ZT.

Civil Behavior (NAP)

Players representing, and subsidized by, District 16 are expected to comport themselves in a civil manner at the bridge table. A player receiving a Zero Tolerance (ZT) penalty at the nationals will be considered by the District 16 Board of Directors *prima facie* not to be so comporting. Such a player will have a *minimum* 25% reduction in his/her District 16 subsidy. The Executive Committee of the Board will make the *final* determination of the *actual* reduction (which could be 100% if the behavior is particularly egregious). Should the same player receive a second ZT penalty, no subsidy will be paid to said player and the other player will receive a 25% total reduction. Should the other player receive a ZT (the second for the pair), the 25% minimum (as above) will apply to said player. Should the pair receive a third ZT penalty (regardless of which player receives the ZT penalty), *no subsidy will be paid to either player*.

In addition, any player receiving a ZT penalty at the district-level GNT competition will have a minimum 25% reduction in his/her District 16 subsidy. Any subsequent ZT penalty at the nationals by such a player will be considered to be his/her second ZT, but the pair's first ZT.

District 16 NAP Subsidy

Congratulations on earning the right to represent District 16 in the North American Pairs (NAP) at the Nationals! The District 16 subsidy (if any) will be split equally among the two players who represent the District at the Nationals. A separate check will be sent to each player.

It is certainly possible that the two players may be from different units. *Some* units, at their sole discretion, might choose to offer an *additional* subsidy to players from their unit. (This could well mean that one member of the pair will have a greater *total* subsidy (District + Unit) than the other player because of the relative contribution of his/her unit.) Each player is certainly allowed to approach his/her home unit and ask for a subsidy. The different *autonomous* units may well offer different subsidies (or no subsidy at all.)

Members of the pair may choose to enter into *private* agreements amongst themselves concerning District and Unit subsidies and the sharing thereof. The District will not adjudicate these *private* agreements should subsequent disagreements arise amongst the pair members. Pair members would do well to make any such *private* agreements clearly written and signed.

District 16 GNT Subsidy

Congratulations on earning the right to represent District 16 in the Grand National Teams (GNT) at the Nationals! The District 16 subsidy (if any) will be split equally among the (four, five or six) team members who represent the District at the Nationals. (Please note that the larger the team, the less money *per player*.) A separate check will be sent to each team member *after* the size of the team has been determined. (A team of four may choose to add one or two players, but the *total* subsidy will *not* change.)

It is certainly possible that not all of the team members will be from the same unit. *Some* units, at their sole discretion, might choose to offer an *additional* subsidy to team members of *their* unit. (This could well mean that some team members will have a greater *total* subsidy (District + Unit) than other team members because of the relative contributions of their unit(s).) Each team member is certainly allowed to approach his home unit and ask for a subsidy. The different *autonomous* units may well offer different subsidies (or no subsidy at all.)

Team members may choose to enter into *private* agreements amongst themselves concerning District and Unit subsidies and the sharing thereof. The District will not adjudicate these *private* agreements should subsequent disagreements arise amongst the team members. Team members would do well to make any such *private* agreements clearly written and signed.

2016 DISTRICT MASTERPOINT LEADERS

0 to 5				5 to 20				20 to 50				50 to 100							
1	Joyce	Anderson	Fort Worth	136	1	Jaroslav	Langer	Austin	111	1	Robert	Vilyus	Houston	138	1	John	Dean Jr.	Houston	196
2	Carolyn	Oliver	Beaumont	71	2	Floyd	Gerwig	Plano	103	2	Marilyn	Vilyus	Houston	137	2	Jeanette	Dean	Houston	196
3	Ronnie	Martin	Friendswood	63	3	Simone	Scumpia	Austin	84	3	Clifford	Smith	Marietta	111	3	Victor	Tong	Houston	159
4	Paul	Fafoutakis	Universal City	62	4	Sherra Kay	Read	The Colony	81	4	Melissa	Plumb	Corpus Christi	101	4	Laura	Craft	Leander	158
5	Russell	Chandler	Houston	57	5	Lynda	Pillars	Streetman	67	5	Helen	Sullivan	Scroggins	91	5	James	Rider	Dallas	144
6	Rodger	Gruenwald	Dallas	49	6	David	Croissant	Irving	61	6	H. A.	Quiles	San Antonio	88	6	Steven	Jennings	Hot Springs	141
7	Lucy	Locke	Lubbock	47	7	Carol Anita	Land	Denton	61	7	Truman	Cooley	Mabank	84	7	Susan	Jennings	Hot Springs	141
8	Michael	Sadler	Abilene	45	8	Jenelle	Chamberlain	Houston	58	8	Sandi	Mills	Houston	80	8	Laura	Chandler	Houston	105
9	Sharon	Harbach	Argyle	41	9	Bruce	Weiner	Houston	57	9	John	Whittaker	San Marcos	78	9	Cheryl	Landers	Tyler	99
10	Karen	Oberling	Georgetown	39	10	Robert	Immel	Wimberly	56	10	Lynn	Pierson	San Antonio	76	10	David	Hudson	Odessa	93
11	W	Kenneth	Austin	38	11	Martin	Tayman	Dallas	55	11	William	Garner	Granbury	72	11	Debrah	Chockley	Plano	86
12	Marcia	Chambliss	Houston	36	12	P.D.	Sharma	San Antonio	52	12	Ronald	Austin	Streetman	71	12	Jeannie	Stone	Houston	84
13	Leslie	Brewer	Montgomery	34	13	Robert	Craig	San Antonio	51	13	Marsha	Doyle	Houston	69	13	Joseph	Kazmar	Orange	84
14	K C	Balasubramanian	Richardson	34	14	Terence	Harley	Richardson	46	14	Bama	Hill	Kyle	67	14	David	Petkus	Kemah	82
15	Kathy	Fechik	Montgomery	34	15	Jim	Roff	F.Oaks Ranch	45	15	Molly	Hamilton	Dallas	67	15	Carolyn	Lemons	Orange	82



Joyve Anderson Jaroslav Langer Gale & Robert Vilyus Jack & Jeanette Dean Sharon Dameron Gary Anderson Meng-Chr Tsai Jerry Barret

100 to 200				200 to 300				300 to 500				500 to 1000							
1	Sharon	Dameron	Cedar Park	453	1	Meng-Chr	Tsai	Pearland	407	1	James	Moody	Austin	260	1	Ann	Parker	Dallas	363
2	Gary	Anderson	Austin	290	2	Jerry	Barrett	Austin	366	2	Rosalind	Smith	Dallas	256	2	Scott	Nason	Dallas	330
3	Carol	Ehrman	Houston	167	3	Julianne	McKenna	Austin	304	3	Thomas	Smith	Austin	248	3	Kay	Moran	Dallas	305
4	Sheryl	Thomas	Richmond	151	4	Steven	Bell	Cypress	299	4	Jill	Spence	The Woodlands	244	4	Bob	Otis	San Antonio	291
5	Martha	Ward	Plano	149	5	Robert	Tyler	Austin	221	5	Tonya	McNabb	Houston	243	5	Mike	Peiffer	Colleyville	281
6	Jim	Nixon	Flower Mound	149	6	Dale	Remmers	Plano	161	6	Larry	White	Grapevine	240	6	Shih-Ming	Yang	Houston	277
7	Cheryl	Rider	Dallas	146	7	Mike	Vivian	San Antonio	160	7	Jane	Boozalis	Houston	238	7	Raleigh	Williamson	Houston	273
8	Charlotte	Schuepbach	San Antonio	142	8	Lysa	Nguyen	Austin	159	8	David	Johnson	San Antonio	218	8	Bill	Joplin	Houston	240
9	Liz	Jacobson	Fort Worth	134	9	Lazaro	Brener	Austin	155	9	Kristen	Onsgard	Dallas	214	9	Marilyn	Adams	Beaumont	236
10	Alan	Adams	Kingwood	124	10	Mary	Emmons	Houston	147	10	Karen	Roland	McKinney	200	10	Howard	Huynh	Lubbock	231
11	Janina	Kuzma	San Antonio	120	11	P	Vaughan	Midland	145	11	J.B.	Bank	Austin	195	11	Sheila	Harrison	Houston	227
12	Frederick	Gregory	Houston	116	12	Paula	Baggett	Odessa	139	12	Wes	Peirce	The Woodlands	194	12	Dale	Grady	Pearland	226
13	Valarie	Remmers	Plano	116	13	Joyce	Armstrong	Arlington	138	13	Connie	VanPatter	McKinney	185	13	Val	Grady	Pearland	216
14	Connie	Conover	Houston	113	14	Susan	Gore	Silsbee	136	14	Ari	Sippola	Irving	183	14	Rob	Rich	Laredo	211
15	Ribs	LaMothe	Coppell	109	15	Sam	Khayatt	Kingwood	126	15	Odis	Nolte	Conroe	173	15	Beverly	Fanarof	Houston	203



Roz Smith James Moody Ann Parker Scott Nason Barbara Ferm Buck Buchanan Susan Stubinsky Jeff Kroll

1000 to 1500				1500 to 2500				2500 to 3500				3500 to 5000							
1	Barbara	Ferm	Dallas	512	1	Patti	Mullendore	Houston	618	1	Susan	Stubinski	Houston	506	1	John	Schwartz	Plano	774
2	James	Ochsner	Houston	331	2	Robert	Buchanan	Arlington	616	2	Jeffrey	Kroll	Conroe	444	2	Gary	Neisler	Crowley	642
3	Larry	Levin	San Antonio	319	3	Milton	Neher	Richardson	525	3	Jerold	Harrington	San Antonio	442	3	David	Pearlman	Southlake	518
4	Kitty	Wong	Pearland	294	4	William	Kibikas	Friendswood	413	4	Harry	Elliott	Cypress	403	4	Bruce	Wick	Houston	506
5	Yan	Song	Plano	291	5	Charles	Brown	Arlington	409	5	Roxie	Tom	San Antonio	393	5	Martha	Young	Dallas	484
6	Jane	Kirby	Dallas	278	6	Arthur	Giovannangeli	Houston	397	6	Bill	Gemas	Conroe	385	6	Larry	Davis	Austin	396
7	Shou	Chao	Houston	249	7	Ariel	Leibovitz	Houston	373	7	Joe	Black	Austin	379	7	Charlene	Sands	Pflugerville	391
8	Bonnie	Magee	Mabank	248	8	David	Ticen	Victoria	361	8	William	Daniel III	Spring	362	8	Randall	Lake	Houston	383
9	Brian	Gelles	Fairview	248	9	Steve	Vaughn	Humble	359	9	Robert	Donathan	Austin	355	9	Bill	Osborn	Frisco	378
10	Marlene	Blumentritt	Midland	244	10	Kim	Brinkman	Highland Vlg	355	10	Bob	Bockmuehl	Cedar Park	345	10	Louis	Sachar	Austin	375
11	William	Houck	Houston	239	11	Ted	Bain III	Houston	334	11	Virgil	Massey	Driftwood	340	11	Tomi	Storey	Frisco	360
12	Rebecca	Brown	San Antonio	230	12	Kendall	Early	Fredericksburg	324	12	Charles	Grimes	Midland	335	12	Suresh	Agrawal	Heath	354
13	Nancy	Latner	Dallas	228	13	Linda	Elmore	Victoria	315	13	Gary	Anziani	San Antonio	321	13	Mary Anne	Woessner	Montgomery	345
14	Betty	Wilkinson	Athens	226	14	Karen	Fillis	San Antonio	304	14	Becky	Koenigseder	Alvarado	315	14	Vern	Schmidt	Dickinson	342
15	Nancy	Fellman	Dallas	215	15	George	Fillis	San Antonio	302	15	Rick	Stell	Houston	313	15	Paul	Tobias	Austin	329



Gary Neisler Virginia Noelke Jay Gibson Jim Thurtell Nancy Passell Chris Compton Eddie Wold Dave Swarthout John Schwartz

5000 to 7500				7500 to 10000				Over 10000				Sectional Leaders							
1	Virginia	Noelke	San Angelo	620	1	Nancy	Passell	Plano	739	1	Chris	Compton	Dallas	3421	1	John	Schwartz	Plano	335
2	Jay	Gibson	Dallas	504	2	James	Thurtell	Dallas	734	2	Eddie	Wold	Houston	2608	2	Dave	Swarthout	San Antonio	317
3	Mary Pat	Gentry	Houston	482	3	Mark	Bumgardner	Dallas	673	3	Mike	Passell	Plano	2573	3	Donna	Swarthout	San Antonio	303
4	Jack	LaVigne	Houston	473	4	Marion	Gebhardt	Richardson	637	4	Justin	Lall	Charlotte	1874	4	James	Thurtell	Dallas	288
5	William	White	Arlington	441	5	Bryan	Storey	Richardson	568	5	Greg	Hinze	San Antonio	1757	5	Ed	Rawlinson	Helotes	264
6	Phillip	Grothus	Houston	436	6	Kimmel	Jones	Euleess	514	6	Robert	Morris	Houston	1233	6	Phillip	Grothus	Houston	253
7	Melody	Gann	Arlington	418	7	Nancy	Kornegay	N Richland Hls	499	7	Babu	Koneru	San Antonio	1210	7	Mark	Bumgardner	Dallas	249
8	Shirley	McKee	Houston	393	8	Ed	Rawlinson	Helotes	488	8	Dan	Morse	Houston	1045	8	Gary	Anziani	San Antonio	243
9	Victor	Sitton	Sugar Land	388	9	Ellen	Hessel	San Antonio	488	9	Hemant	Lall	Dallas	906	9	Nagy	Kamel	Plano	229
10	James	LaFountain	Temple	331	10	Bill	Staats	Southlake	472	10	Ira	Hessel	San Antonio	815	10	Stephen	Kornegay	N Richland Hls	218
11	Michael	Murphy	Dallas	330	11	Jack	Lacy	Lago Vista	385	11	Bart	Bramley	Dallas	779	11	Nancy	Kornegay	N Richland Hls	218
12	Betty	Freedman	Houston	310	12	Rosemary	Kelley	San Antonio	325	12	Gail	Wells	Dallas	719	12	Bryan	Storey	Frisco	195
13	Herbert	Fallin Jr.	Keller	305	13	Stephen	Schwall	Houston	314	13	Bob	Hamman	Dallas	691	13	Mildred	Breed	Cypress	193
14	Oren	Moore	Missouri City	304	14	Carolyn	Fox	Manvel	227	14	Dave	Swarthout	San Antonio	660	14	Joe	Quinn	Sugar Land	188
15	La Quitta	Talbot	Keller	303	15	Roy	Baughman	Pantego	209	15	Donna	Swarthout	San Antonio	648	15	Dan	Morse	Houston	183

2016 DISTRICT ACE OF CLUBS LEADERS

0 to 5		5 to 20		20 to 50		50 to 100	
1	Joyce Anderson, Fort Worth 77	1	Floyd Gerwig, Plano 78	1	Melissa Plumb, Corpus Christi 87	1	Victor Tong, Houston 122
2	Carolyn Oliver, Beaumont 63	2	Lynda Pillans, Streetman 65	2	Clifford Smith, Marietta 86	2	John (Jack) Dean Jr., Houston 111
3	Paul Fafoutakis, Universal City 43	3	Jenelle Chamberlain, Houston 53	3	Helen Sullivan, Scroggins 79	3	Jeanette Dean, Houston 111
4	Ronnie Martin, Friendswood 42	4	Simone Scumpia, Austin 52	4	Truman Cooley, Mabank 75	4	G David Hudson, Odessa 77
5	Rodger Gruenwald, Dallas 42	5	Carol Anita Land, Denton 50	5	John Whittaker, San Marcos 71	5	Cheryl Landers, Tyler 74
6	Lucy Locke, Lubbock 40	6	Robert Immel, Wimberly 49	6	Ronald Austin, Streetman 66	6	James Rider, Dallas 74
7	Russell Chandler, Houston 38	7	P.D. Sharma, San Antonio 40	7	Sandi Mills, Houston 64	7	Laura Chandler, Houston 73
8	Karen Oberling, Georgetown 36	8	Weston Fraizer, Wharton 38	8	H. A. Quiles, San Antonio 62	8	Carolyn Lemons, Orange 69
9	Michael Sadler, Abilene 35	9	Sherra Kay Read, The Colony 38	9	Bama Hill, Kyle 60	9	David Petkus, Kemah 69
10	George Nowowiejski, Brownwood 33	10	Jaroslaw Langer, Austin 37	10	Lawrence Brough, Mount Pleasant 57	10	Joseph Kazmar, Orange 65
11	Matthew Kennedy, McAllen 32	11	Alice Wilhite, Scroggins 36	11	Marsha Doyle, Houston 53	11	Jade Ngai, College Station 64
12	Sara Rowe, Rockport 31	12	Martin Tayman, Dallas 35	12	Jackie McElhaney, Scroggins 52	12	James Summers, Denton 61
13	K C Balasubramanian, Richardson 30	13	Jim Roff, Fair Oaks Ranch 34	13	Gregory Keys, Midland 52	13	Nancy Guthrie, Houston 60
14	Betty Moore, Midland 29	14	Jack Cassidy, San Antonio 33	14	Dorothy Miller, Scroggins 50	14	James Cuccia, Schertz 57
15	W Kenneth Davis, Austin 28	15	Larry Wadler, Wharton 32	15	Joan Schnider, Houston 50	15	Patricia Kleckner, Dallas 55



Joyve Anderson



Floyd Gerwig



Jack & Jeanette Dean



Gary Anderson

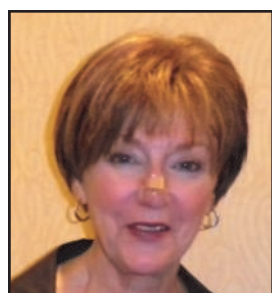


Sharon Dameron



Meng-Chr Tsai

100 to 200		200 to 300		300 to 500		500 to 1000	
1	Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park 132	1	Meng-Chr Tsai, Pearland 242	1	Rosalind Smith, Dallas 153	1	Bob Otis, San Antonio 206
2	Gary Anderson, Austin 94	2	Steven Bell, Cypress 183	2	Larry White, Grapevine 137	2	Bill Joplin, Houston 199
3	Martha Ward, Plano 91	3	P Scott Vaughan, Midland 127	3	Jane Boozalis, Houston 136	3	Shih-Ming Yang, Houston 192
4	Janina Kuzma, San Antonio 84	4	Jerry Barrett, Austin 126	4	Elizabeth Guthrie, Winnsboro 120	4	Raleigh Williamson, Houston 173
5	Alan Adams, Kingwood 77	5	Robert Tyler, Austin 122	5	Odis Nolte, Conroe 120	5	Mike Goldberg, Houston 159
6	Sandra O Bannon, Tyler 76	6	Paula Baggett, Odessa 111	6	John Caudill, Houston 119	6	A. Desmond, Jersey Village 152
7	Cheryl Rider, Dallas 75	7	Dale Remmers, Plano 97	7	David Johnson Jr., San Antonio 118	7	Patricia Bell, Silsbee 150
8	Michael Lemons, Orange 73	8	Susan Gore, Silsbee 95	8	Sandra Allison, Silsbee 115	8	J Dale Molander, Malakoff 143
9	Barbara Lively, Plano 71	9	Mary Cris Emmons, Houston 88	9	Jill Spence, The Woodlands 112	9	Diane Duncan, Longview 142
10	Scherry Sprague, Willis 69	10	Lysa Nguyen, Austin 85	10	Louis Bockman, League City 108	10	Ann Parker, Dallas 139
11	Franci Moses, Dallas 67	11	J Reagan Dixon, Dallas 79	11	Marjorie Kemp, Longview 106	11	Courtney Coffman, The Woodlands 135
12	Carol Garza, Mabank 67	12	Julianne McKenna, Austin 77	12	Thomas Smith, Austin 105	12	Sandra Press, San Antonio 130
13	Loren Nyer, Austin 66	13	Lazaro Brener, Austin 77	13	James Moody, Austin 103	13	Anita Rothfuss, Willis 127
14	Liz Jacobson, Fort Worth 66	14	Joyce Armstrong, Arlington 77	14	J. B. Bank, Austin 101	14	Tomi Porterfield, Pearland 124
15	Kris Sankaran, Sugar Land 64	15	Janet Hawk, The Hills 74	15	Carole Tucker, Vernon 101	15	Linda McReynolds, Houston 124



Roz Smith



Jerry Barret



Steven Bell



Jeff Kroll



Bob Otis



Bill Osborn

1000 to 1500		1500 to 2500		2500 to 3500		3500 to 5000	
1	Kitty Wong, Pearland 226	1	Ariel Leibovitz, Houston 314	1	Bill Gemas, Conroe 357	1	Mary Anne Woessner, Montgomery 309
2	Marlene Blumentritt, Midland 216	2	William Kibikas, Friendswood 269	2	Jeffrey Kroll, Conroe 298	2	Bill Osborn, Frisco 297
3	Bonnie Magee, Mabank 216	3	Charles Brown, Arlington 258	3	William Daniel III, Spring 276	3	Gary Neisler, Crowley 287
4	Jane Kirby, Dallas 213	4	Arthur Giovannangeli, Houston 255	4	Ann Servatius, Midland 240	4	Allen Wolf, The Woodlands 277
5	William Houck, Houston 205	5	Sandy Molander, Malakoff 230	5	Bob Bockemuehl, Cedar Park 239	5	Aiyannadar Bharathi, Beaumont 260
6	James Ochsner, Houston 197	6	Robert Buchanan, Arlington 224	6	Richard Wilson, Houston 216	6	Mike Graham, Ore City 239
7	Larry Levin, San Antonio 186	7	Stephen Reichek, Houston 210	7	Joe Black, Austin 212	7	Vern Schmidt, Dickinson 235
8	Shou Chao, Houston 165	8	Steve Vaughn, Humble 201	8	Rick Stell, Houston 207	8	John Lindsey, Houston 234
9	Betty Wilkinson, Athens 158	9	Dorothy McCasland, Pittsburg 197	9	Richard Duble, College Station 198	9	Suresh Agrawal, Heath 229
10	Larry Laudig, Waxahachie 156	10	Sidney Perutz, Dallas 195	10	Amaidas Makken, The Woodlands 189	10	W. H. Lease, Richmond 223
11	Barbara McMinn, Waxahachie 153	11	Harry Ingham, San Marcos 186	11	Gloria Rowland, Mabank 185	11	Martha Young, Dallas 215
12	Jean Roach, Kaufman 150	12	Geoff Blandy, Austin 186	12	Roxie Tom, San Antonio 185	12	David Pearlman, Southlake 208
13	Jo England, Dallas 141	13	Chester Neel Jr., Tyler 185	13	Charles Grimes, Midland 176	13	Thomas Corlett, Waco 205
14	Jan Holcomb, Canton 134	14	Edwin (Ted) Bain III, Houston 184	14	Robert Bacon, Odessa 174	14	Randall Lake, Houston 194
15	Bob Dowlen, Houston 132	15	Ralph Herz, Houston 181	15	Becky Koenigseder, Alvarado 167	15	Wally Klugiewicz, The Woodlands 190



William White



Melody Gann



Marion Gebhardt



Edward Groner



Stephen Schwall



Gail Wells

5000 to 7500		7500 to 10,000		Over 10,000	
1	William White, Arlington 402	1	Marion Gebhardt, Richardson 342	1	Gail Wells, Dallas 510
2	Melody Gann, Arlington 336	2	Stephen Schwall, Houston 198	2	Ed Groner, Houston 280
3	Mary Pat Gentry, Houston 331	3	Jack Lacy, Lago Vista 174	3	Pat Levy, Houston 218
4	Shirley McKee, Houston 311	4	Marilyn German, Corpus Christi 160	4	Joe Quinn, Sugar Land 197
5	Victor Sitton, Sugar Land 240	5	Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio 122	5	Linda Spangler, Fort Worth 196
6	Anna Marlatt, Houston 218	6	Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands 109	6	Dan Morse, Houston 195
7	Brenda Baker, Tyler 207	7	Terry Currie, Houston 107	7	Diane Olson, San Antonio 177
8	Edith Reid, Houston 206	8	Royce McCray, Caddo Mills 100	8	Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land 168
9	Oren Moore, Missouri City 203	9	Ed Rawlinson, Helotes 98	9	John Zilic, Houston 162
10	Marilou Powell, Round Rock 199	10	Carolyn Fox, Manvel 91	10	Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie 131
11	Pat Cassidy, Arlington 195	11	Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands 85	11	Eddie Wold, Houston 124
12	Gil Micheletti, Md, Houston 187	12	Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands 83	12	Tipton Golias, Beaumont 102
13	Jay Gibson, Dallas 186	13	Roy Baughman, Pantego 69	13	Robert Morris, Houston 96
14	Nancy Smalley, Beaumont 183	14	Nancy Passell, Plano 56	14	Terry Riely, San Antonio 89
15	John Smalley, Beaumont 168	15	Bill Staats, Southlake 56	15	Miguel Reygadas, MX 89

Unit 172 San Antonio	
Rebecca Brown	

Our short-lived winter is almost over, but our quest for the perfect game continues! We began 2017 with NAP District finals held in Austin. Our hometown fella, Ira Hessel, will compete in Flight A at the Spring NABCs with his partner, Bart Bramley, with whom he took 2nd at the District. Go get 'em, Ira!

Laurie Levin hosted a Winter Sectional at Fiesta Bridge Club (Jan 12-15), with 238 tables in play...all of the players ate heartily thanks to Laurie's excellent hospitality. Top masterpoint winners: Ed Rawlinson (30.30) and Gary Anziani (28.54). Congrats to them!

Ed Rawlinson does many things for our Unit in his "spare time." Check out the current issue of the Winning Finesse, mailed to you, in which you will find an excellent article by Ed about different game formats and strategies.

Sad news: Phil Brown died at Christmas and will be missed by his partners and friends. A West Point graduate, Phil was a fairly constant fixture at the bridge club, enjoying the fellowship it offered him gladly.

Table tidbits: Rich Lampman is a man who has been an important presence in the San Antonio bridge community for years and, for this reporter, serves as historian of people and places which are only memories now. A San Antonio native, Rich attended Texas A&M (majoring in English and Math), and returned to our city when he was stationed here with the Air Force. He spent some time in Japan with the service, but returned here in 1987, retiring in 1993. He was a Major, heading up Morale, Welfare and Recreation at the base. He started playing bridge at lunchtime when he was stationed in Hawaii in 1979,

without lessons, but "card sense." His history in the local bridge community is a trip down memory lane for some of you and for others, like me, a recounting of names oft-mentioned, but not personally known. When he was back in San Antonio in 1981, he played in nighttime games at Marie Bailey's and Alamo Bridge Club (then owned by Barbara Parker). His fulltime playing began with retirement in 1993. Rich became a director and worked for Parker at Alamo. He bought the club from her in 1995. In those days, Marie Bailey was also operating a club (her son Andy, took over when she died in 2004). Rich ran the club from 1995-2005. Andy Bailey bought him out and closed the location (Doug Cross brokered the deal!). Rich then directed for Andy at the consolidated clubs. During this time, Marilyn Arnold and Al Lochli opened Turtle Creek Bridge Club. When Andy closed his club (due to management issues), Kathleen Pigott opened BCSA on Nacogdoches, a club that Rich managed and also served as director. He performed the same for Penny Smith when she opened her club in 2014. When Penny closed, Rich retired again...this time for good--or so he tells us! He would rather play than direct. We are glad to have him among our community---in any capacity!

UPCOMING: Kerrville Sectional (Inn of the Hills/ March 23-26); Fiesta Sectional (Fiesta BC/ April 27-30); Awards Day (Fiesta BC/ May 13)


SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Winter Sectional

- San Antonio
Jan 12-15 2017
206 players 238 tables.
- 1 30.30 Ed Rawlinson
 - 2 28.54 Gary Anziani
 - 3 26.07 Kendall Early
 - 4 25.21 Jerrold Harrington
 - 5 22.00 Dorothy Rippstein
 - 6 22.00 Anyemarie Weaver
 - 7 20.04 Bill Walker
 - 8 18.07 Diane Olson
 - 9 15.40 Robbie Borchers
 - 10 15.39 Dave Swarthout

- Thursday AM Open Pairs-24.5** Tables / Based on 34 Tables AB1. Anyemarie Weaver-Dorothy Rippstein A2. Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary Harrington-Kendall Early B1. Elisabeth Kay-James Cuccia B2. Lew Spurlock-Janina Kuzma
- Thursday AM 499er Pairs-9.0** Tables A1. Wayne Tindall-Joe Ramirez A2B1. Lynn Pierson-Helen King B2C1. Robert Watson-Beverly Poth C2. Robert Craig-Jack Cassidy
- Thursday Swiss Teams-25** Tables A1/2B1. Susan Hernandez-Andy Villastrigo-Beth Gale-Bob Otis A1/2 Bill Walker-Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Marilyn Arnold B2. Judy Carroll Taquino-Janina Kuzma-Sunny Won-K Voges C1. Robert Craig-Jack Cassidy-Charlene Johnson-Evelyn Pitman C2. Robert Watson-Kent Tolbert-Julius Grossenbacher-Beverly Poth
- Friday AM Open Pairs-29.0** Tables / Based on 38 Tables A1. Nell Morgan-Chip Franck A2. Josephine Grabow-Robbie Borchers B1. David Ticen-Linda Elmore B2. Becky Ellis-Buddy Ellisor C1. Sisir Sharma-P.D. Sharma C2. Patty Moncus--Louise Day
- Friday AM 499er Pairs-9.0** Tables ABC1. Takako Malley-Paul Fafoutakis A2. Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach B2. Mary Lou Anziani-Richard Arnold C2. Robert Watson-Beverly Poth San Antonio TX 55.36%
- Friday AFT Open Pairs-23.0** Tables / Based on 33 Tables AB1. Jerrold Harrington-Kendall Early A2. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson B2. Bob Otis-Jodie McMahon C1. Ron Brown-Judy Brown C2. Louise Day-Patty Moncus
- Friday AFT 499er Pairs-9.5** Tables ABC1. Jerri Abrams-Barry Abrams A2. Mike Vivian-Charlotte Schuepbach B2. Mary Lou Anziani-Richard Arnold C2. Sue Dullnig-Carol Muir
- Saturday AM Open Pairs-26.0** Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson A2/3 Forrest Gray-Diane Olson A2/3 Everette Lewis-Art D'Entremont B1. Thomas Trudeau-Kendall Early B2. Larry Levin-Jerrold Harrington C1. Marjorie Miller-Andrea Williams C2. Laura Craft-Sharon Dameron
- Saturday AM 499er Pairs-10.0** Tables A1. Diana Drenner-Don Mahoney A2. Wayne Tindall-Joe Ramirez BC1. Bama Hill-Eva Dee Pollock B2. Takako Malley-Lynn Pierson C2. Ricky Therneau-P.D. Sharma
- Saturday AFT IMP Pairs-23.0** Tables / Based on 31 Tables AB1. An-

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SAN ANTONIO**



**April 27-30 @ FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB
2112 NW MILITARY, SAN ANTONIO 78213**

Thursday, April 27
10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
2:30 pm Stratified 499'er Pairs

Friday, April 28
10 am Stratified Pairs
10 am Stratified 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs

Saturday, April 29
10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified IMP Pairs & 499'er Pairs

Sunday, April 30
10 am & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams -- Meal between sessions.
Stratifications: A 2500+ B 750-2500 C 0-750
Average Masterpoints will be used in all events
Chair & Hospitality: Laurie-Anne Levin (210) 213-3631

laurie-anne@satx.rr.com
Partnerships: (210) 378-7764
Card Fees: \$12/person/session \$108/Swiss Team
Unpaid/non ACBL members add \$3




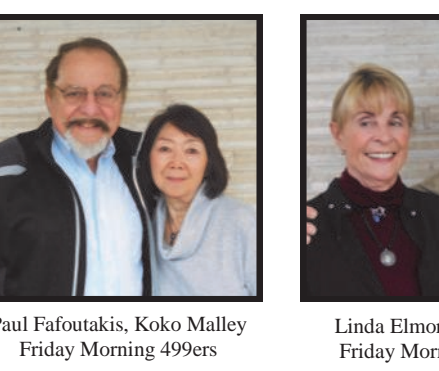



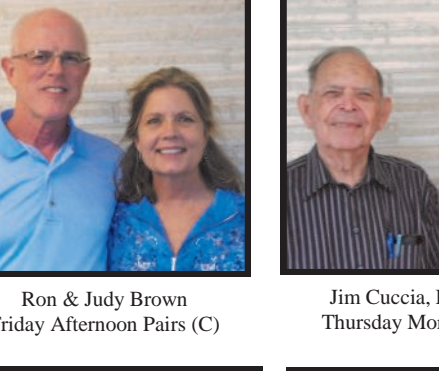

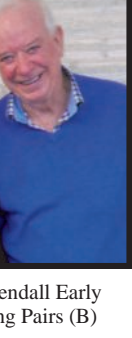
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yemarie Weaver-Dorothy Rippstein AB2C1. Julianne McKenna-Jaroslav Langer C2. Sharon Dameron-Laura Craft

Saturday AFT 499er Pairs-7.5 Tables A1. Wayne Tindall-Joe Ramirez A2. Diana Drenner-Don Mahoney B1. Mary Lou Anziani-Richard Arnold B2/3 Mary Harrington-James Cuccia B2/3C1. Jack Cassidy-Coleman Driver C2. Kent Tolbert-Julius Grossenbacher

Sunday Swiss Teams-21 Tables A1. Patty Hinze-Greg Hinze-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel A2/3B1. George Fillis-Karen Fillis-Barbara Morgan-Richard Ware A2/3 Jerrold Harrington-Thomas Trudeau-Kendall Early-Hank Eng B2. Carol Ramberg-Richard Hamm-Gerald Irion-Eugene Lux C1. John Hilbig-Dolores Reiley-Bob Steidel-Kathy Sinkin-Amor C2. Donald Davidson-Molly Ball Morristown-Linda Mott-Diana Lecuona

SAN ANTONIO WINTER SECTIONAL CHAMPS

			
Dorothy Rippstein, Anyemarie Weaver Thursday Morning Pairs (A/B) Saturday IMP Pairs (A/B)	Chip Franck, Nell Morgan Friday Morning Pairs (A)	Ellen Hessel, Patty Hinze Ira Hessel, Greg Hinze Sunday Swiss (A)	Paul Fafoutakis, Koko Malley Friday Morning 499ers
			
Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani Saturday Morning Pairs (A)	Jerry Harrington, Kendall Early Friday Afternoon Pairs (A/B)	Susan Hernandez, Beth Gale Andy Villastrigo, Bob Otis Thursday Swiss (Tied 1st in A, 1st in B)	Ron & Judy Brown Friday Afternoon Pairs (C)
			
P.D. Sharma, S.K. Sharma Friday Morning Pairs (C)	Tom Trudeau, Kendall Early Saturday Morning Pairs (B)		



Bob Steidel, Kathy Sinkin-Amor,
John Hilbig, Dolores Reiley
Sunday Swiss (C)



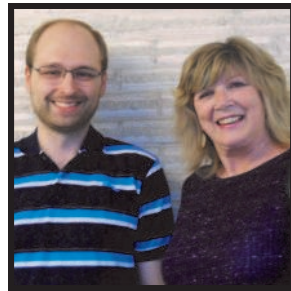
Marge Miller, Andy Williams
Saturday Morning Pairs (C)



Wayne Tindall, Joe Ramirez
Thursday Morning 499ers
Saturday Afternoon 499ers



George & Karen Fillis,
Barbara Morgan, Richard Ware
Sunday Swiss (B)



Jaroslaw Langer, Julianne McKenna
Saturday IMP Pairs (C)



Don Mahoney, Diana Drenner
Saturday Morning 499ers

**Unit 174
Houston**

**Carol Ann
Wilson**



sessions (except for Saturday night's Mini Bridge). This tournament will also host the District 16 level qualifying games for the **Grand National Teams** at 10 on both Saturday and Sunday. The Unit 174 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, and new board members will be announced.

Here's a great story: **Lucy Pierce**, LM of the **Bar X Bridge Club** in Lake Jackson, recently celebrated her **100th birthday** at the Houston Rockets game, and was honored after the game with recognition as one of their most valuable fans and a big hug from and photo op with none other than **James Harden!** Way to go, **Lucy!**

Success Stories from Unit 174: Our **Lone Star Regional** had a total of **2922** tables, down from our usual, because this year we had to move it up a week earlier because of Houston's being the host city for the Super Bowl (with a corresponding astronomical jump in hotel rates). That put us in competition with five—yes 5!—other regionals (Destin, Wilmington, Bermuda, Hawaii, and Tarrytown). We enjoyed getting to meet ACBL's new President **Bob Heller** and his wife **Barbara**, and again this year we set records with the ever-popular Bracketed Swiss events.

Saturday, February 4, we again held our annual **ABA-ACBL Joint Pairs Championship Game**, at Tracy Gee Community Center's Apple II Bridge Club. Members brought potluck dishes, and a good (and filling) time was had by all. Among three sections of 33-1/2 tables, ACBL members **Ed Groner** and **Kitty Wong** won Flight A, and ABA members **Judith Glasco** and **Johnny Gills** won Flight B-C, both pairs receiving nice trophies.

Bridge Club of Houston is now having a sanctioned game for new players (0-20 MPs) on Tuesday mornings at 9:30, with a 30-minute lesson by **Julie Halperin** preceding each session and a neat \$5 entry fee. BCOH is also changing their Friday 49er game to a 99er game. (Movin' on up!) At the opposite end of our huge metropolitan area on Tuesdays one may find the 9 a.m. \$5 game at **Sugar Land DBC**, with reservations required (to **Eric Watson**, Director, ewat2004@aol.com).

Westside Bridge Academy's 0-20 game is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with a free mini lecture before each game. They continue to have 12-15 tables for the "8 Is Enough" games (third Friday night of each month). **Gary King's** "Learn to Play Bridge" class continues through April 5 on Wednesday evenings at WBA, and **Shawn Quinn's** standalone classes on "Fine Tuning Your 2/1 Game" are held on Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 10:15.

ABTA Teacher of the Year finalist **Joyce Ryan**, assisted by **Ann Harvey**, continues her successful classes at **St. Martin's Episcopal Bridge School**. Joyce may be reached at jryan9620@abcglobel.net or 713-977-3360.

From **Clear Lake DBC:** **Dave Glandorf** recently announced that his book used in his core beginner classes is being published by Master Point Press, titled *Yes, No or Maybe, A New Way to Learn Bridge*. They may be

ordered directly from the publisher (www.masterpointpress.com). Congratulations, Dave!

Finally, here's a great little factoid about the once-a-week **Apple II DBC:** in 2016 they averaged 40 tables!

New 70% Milestones: **Clear Lake DBC** reports that **William Kibikas** and **Vern Schmidt** posted 70.19% on 12/31, and **Ronnie Martin** and **Jackie Alder** had a 71.88% game among the 0-99ers on 12/7; on 2/1, in the 199er game, **Terrance Harris** and **Charles "Chuck" Brom** had a 70.63% game and **Mary Ellen Vail** and **George Rosen** had a 74.60%; and **Robyn and Arvis Williams** had a 70.00% in the 12/19 199er game. **Bridge Club of Houston** reports that on 1/12 **Karen Fireman** and **Bill Daniel** posted a 70% game. At **Spring Branch DBC** on 12/8, a 75.14% game was posted by two of our resident pro stars, **John Zilic** and **Dan Morse!** At **Apple II DBC** at Tracy Gee Community Center on 12/2, **George Nelson** and **Linda McReynolds**, both C players, won First Overall with a 71.04% game, among 32-1/2 tables and 25 pairs playing in Flight A! Wow! Finally, these Big Games are reported from **Westside Bridge Academy:** **Daniel Leightman** and **Mildred Breed**, 70.54% on 11/16; **Robert Reichel** and **Herbert Kalman**, 71.33% on 12/14; **Vic Sowers** and **George Fox** had a 70.33% on 12/21 and again on 12/28 had a 70.83% game; **Mary Pat Gentry** and **Victor Sitton**, 70.09% on 12/29; **Mary Pat Gentry** and **Jack LaVigne**, 70.67% on 1/16 and again a 71.92% on 1/21; and **Jack LaVigne** and **Edward Groner** posted a 72.03% game on 1/17; all of these in the Open Game. In the I/N Game, **Gigi White** and **Mark Levy** had a 75.00% on 11/9 and again on 11/30 a 72.47% game.

Congratulations to all for these rare achievements!

Special Tribute to Eddie Wold: Could we be any more fortunate in Unit 174 than to have **Eddie Wold** among us? He is so special to us, as he and **Bob Morris** regularly hold workshops, training sessions, and cruise lessons to help us wannabes become better bridge players. Even when we play against him, we learn something. We would rarely get a chance to play against him in a tournament, because we just don't play on his level. But at the clubs, we are grateful that he and Bob join us regularly and then give even more by sharing their knowledge and skills. **Eddie** had quite a special year in 2016, some of which we've included in prior reports. But adding it all together in accomplishments for just one year is a bit mind-boggling. He was inducted into the **ACBL Hall of Fame**, which was well deserved and made us so proud, especially after he had exposed high-level cheaters in our beloved game. Then he won the North American Swiss Teams (his 16th national championship—in addition to three world championships)! During the year, he earned more than 2600 MPs, and he will be topping the 70,000 MP mark in 2017—4th on the all-time list! For a year-end finale, he was named the **ACBL's Honorary Member of the Year**, for "giving freely of his time and ability, without thought of reward and in the interests of the League as a whole." How fitting, and it is so "Eddie." He has never desired to be noticed or acknowledged but has continually given back because of his love for the game of bridge. His kind of selflessness is not often found among bridge professionals, and he joins no less than 10 national and world champions, all of

whom participate in Houston's local bridge community. They make Houston a very special bridge city. So thank you, **Eddie!** Thanks for being you, for giving back in so many ways, and for making all of your fellow Unit 174 members so proud!

Remembering Those Who Have Passed On: Cedric M. Hill, long-time player at BCOH, passed away January 13; **John Harry Monroe Jr.**, Gold LM who played at many of our clubs, died on January 14; and **Richard Stewart Weir**, also a BCOH regular, passed away on January 18. Oh, how they will be missed.

Till next time

Lone Star Regional

Houston
Jan 23-29, 2017
1585 players 2922 tables.

- 1 108.79 Jacob Morgan, Madison WI
- 2 108.77 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 3 107.09 Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 4 104.12 Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV
- 5 102.96 Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA
- 6 98.88 Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas
- 7 98.88 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 8 95.00 Robert Morris, Houston
- 9 94.88 Eddie Wold, Houston
- 10 89.04 Justin Lall, Charlotte NC
- 11 87.36 Vincent Demuy FL
- 12 87.36 Gillian Minitier, New York NY
- 13 87.36 Brad Moss, Denver CO
- 14 85.67 Karin Kelsey, Albuquerque
- 15 79.32 Betty Starzec, Sugar Land
- 16 75.65 Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land
- 17 74.51 Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD
- 18 74.17 Jack Lacy, Lago Vista
- 19 73.88 Tom Breed, Kingwood
- 20 72.33 Mike Doyle, Katy
- 21 69.69 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 22 69.64 Barry Schaffer, Frisco
- 23 68.26 Bryan Storey, Frisco
- 24 66.49 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara
- 25 66.49 Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs

Monday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Robert Morris-Eddie Wold, Houston; Betty Starzec-Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land 2. Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Karin Kelsey, Albuquerque NM; Marie-France Benoit, Gatineau QC; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA

Monday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. Hugh Humphries, Bellaire; Gabriel Perry-Sanford Lobliner, Houston; Youssef Youssef, Katy 2. James Ochsner, Houston; William Kibikas, Friendswood; Julia Blancet, League City; Charles Ensor, Seabrook

Monday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. Steven Bell, Cypress; Courtney Coffman, The Woodlands; Steve Vaughn, Humble; Joseph Volanski, Spring 2. Janelle Frusha, Conroe; Mavis Warren, Montgomery; Robert Hannasch, Spring; Frances Robbins, The Woodlands

Monday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables. Karen Baer-Jane Boozalis-Jeff Nuttall, Houston; Michel Morin, Montreal QC 2. Carol Winograd, Bellaire; Geri McKallip-Elisabeth Cabiness, Houston; Yin Choo, Sugar Land

Monday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. Ron Brown-Judy Brown-Tonya McNabb, Houston; Margie Patterson, Spring 2. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD; Joe Ramirez, Mission; Wayne Tindall, San Juan

Monday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin; Laura Craft, Leander; Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park 2. Judith Busby-Linwood Olson-Lynn Luster, Houston; Michael McKown, Sugar Land
Monday Swiss Bracket 7-10 Tables 1. Evita Rduch, Spring; Odis Nolte, Conroe; Twyla Woody-Charles Woody, Houston
4.262.Lynn Gamblin-Suzanne Noer-

ager-Frederick Gregory, Houston; Sam Khayatt, Kingwood
Mon-Tue KO Bracket 1-10 Tables 1Joan Cremin-Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Huub Bertens, Bend OR; Daniel Korbel, Rockville MD; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL2. Jan Hauck-Darlene Thompson, Sugar Land; Virginia Melville, Houston; Mary Stevens, Missouri City 3/4Patricia Bell-Susan Gore, Silsbee; Martha Oliver, Orange; Robert Kacher, Jr, Beaumont 3/4Brett Elliott-Harry Elliott, Cypress; Jonathan Goldberg, Saint Louis MO; David Goldfarb, Houston

Tuesday Open Pairs-27.0 Tables / Based on 67 Tables AX1. Wayne Christensen Jr, La Porte; Arthur Giovannangeli, Houston AX2. Tom Olsson-Ann Olsson, Urbandale IA AX3.Y1. Wes Peirce, The Woodlands; G Thomas Rush, Houston AX4. Daniel Jackson, Spring; Mike Doyle, Katy AX5. Josephine Grabow, Grey Forest; Robbie Borchers, New Braunfels Y2. Donald Gable Hervey, Centerville; Wesley Crawford, Shreveport LA Y3. David Glandorf, Houston; James Frick, Friendswood Y4. C Tsai, Houston; Raj Pruthi, Bellaire Y5. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Gillian Minitier, New York NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Brad Moss, Denver CO 2. Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze-Ira Hessel, San Antonio; Nagy Kamel, Plano
Tuesday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. Steve Vaughn, Humble; Rick Stell, Houston; Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Cypress

2. Chuck Gillis-Nancy Boothe-Pat McMullin, Houston; Carlyne Fox, Manvel
Tuesday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. David Dyer-Harold Copeland-Raleigh Williamson-Ralph Herz, Houston 2. Ron Brown-Judy Brown, Houston; Bill Riley-Nancy Riley, Kingwood

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. William Lindner-Bill Gemas, Conroe; Anita Rothfuss-Mary McDonald, Willis 2. Kyle Lueders-Sam Dodson, Houston; Troy Carr, Cypress; Donna Sparks, Fulshear

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. Harry Selldin, Houston; Meng-Chr Tsai, Pearland; Kathy Hughes, Missouri City; Sharon Campbell, Richmond 2. Chris Curran-Alan Zane-Lauri Laufman-Jack Rawitscher, Houston

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. Victoria Ornowski, Katy; Mary Lou Fowler-Julia Miller-Barbara Peck, Houston 2.Harry Ingham, San Marcos; Steven Andersen, Austin; Verlyn Stahlecker, Fort Worth; Jane Collins, Georgetown

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 7-9 Tables 1. James Ochsner-John (Jack) Dean Jr -Jeanette Dean, Houston; William Kibikas, Friendswood 2.Terri O'Brien, Leander; Lucerne Bunch-Patricia Berry-Barbara Vervenne, Austin

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 8-9 Tables 1.Muriel Gilmour-Ede Weiner-Mary Jane Kinnebrew-Bruce Weiner, Houston 2. Mary Ann Polk-Bernice McElwain-Hick-Bonnie Loudin, Houston; Jabeen Farooki, Sugar Land

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 9-9 Tables 1. Roxanne King, Boerne; Goldie Rose, Sugar Land; Walter Freitag, Georgetown; Lynne Andress, Houston 2. Shi-Lin Yeh-Cathy Chen-Indu Khera-Bob Chiang, Sugar Land
Tuesday Swiss Bracket 10-9 Tables 1. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson; Ann Sinclair, Houston; Laura Wrenn, Asheville NC2/3Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen, Bellaire; Beverly Wedel, Bartlesville OK;

Carolyn Wedel, Houston 2/3Jean Foltz-Barbara Sharp-Joyce Wormser-Sandra Pollard, Pearland

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 11-9 Tables 1. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park; Laura Craft, Leander; A Ansari-Lazaro Brenner, Austin 2. James Cauble-Alok Bhargava, Houston; Carol Helms, Schulenburg; Darlene Gilmore, La Grange

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 12-9 Tables 1. James Morgan-Brenda Metzge, Pearland; Sheryl Thomas, Richmond; Marilyn Slaughter, Missouri City 2.Sandra Maalouf-Susan Mandel, Montgomery; Mary Drew, Spring; Jeane Crumpler, Conroe

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 13-9 Tables 1. Suzie Wilson-Joanne Graham-Donna Walden-Kathryn Phillips, Houston 2/3 Robin Tucker-Michele Abriol, Austin; Rosalind Kokolis, Bellaire; Gail Wood, Houston 2/3Gayle Longmire-Edna Earle Mattei-Titia Smulders-Constance Grant, Houston

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 14-9 Tables 1. Marilyn Bein-David Petkus, Kemah; Nancy Guthrie, Houston; Judith Rebmann, Friendswood 2. Larry Cossey-Laura Chandler-Jeannie Stone, Houston; Jackie King, League City

Tuesday Swiss Bracket 15-8 Tables 1. Shirley Kingsley-Rubin Chang, Houston; Douglas Lilly, Seabrook; George Feng, League City 2. Barbara Fagan-Susan Smith-Paula Gay-Julia Hodges, Houston

Wednesday Open Pairs-20.0 Tables / Based on 76 Tables AX1. William Garrard-Donna Garrard, Irving A2. Richard Ware, New Braunfels; James La Fountain, Temple A3. Ned Irving, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Donald Rumelhart, Ann Arbor MIA4X2. Sandra Clark, Houston; Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land A5. Laura Delfeld, Austin; Tom Breed, Kingwood X3. Josephine Grabow, Grey Forest; Robbie Borchers, New Braunfels X4. Patricia Updegraff, Las Vegas NV; Faye Vincent, The Woodlands X5. Richard Smith, Spartanburg SC; Francine Moring, Columbia S

Wednesday Mid-Flight Pair-16.0 Tables / Based on 56 Tables B1. Martin Hester, Aubrey; T Jean Kidd, Lantana B2. James Frick, Friendswood; David Glandorf, Houston B3. Joan Sitton, Sugar Land; Linda Sutton, Conroe B4. Rosalind Howell, Atlanta GA; Sue Kimbrell, Houston B5. Stephen Reichel, Houston; Carol Winograd, Bellaire C1. Gerry Earnest-Marguerite Crowl, Montgomery C2. Carolyn Lanier-Janet Siefert, Houston C3. Shari Winston-Gary Winston, Houston C4/5 Lotte Optekamp, Houston; Leora Nowitz, Bellaire C4/5Perry Pace-Darlyn Dusek, Livingston

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs 48.0 Tables C1. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin C2D1. Vicki Dailey-Sandi Mills, Houston C3. Stanley Broadwater, San Antonio; Hilda Hahn, Center C4. Dee Daigle, Lafayette LA; Jane Ardoin, Eunice LA C5D2. Helen Hollis-Gaylene Jewell, Houston D3. Susan Lipsey-Louise Hargon, Baton Rouge LA D4. David Petkus, Kemah; Nancy Guthrie, Houston D5.Edmund Gehan-Marvin Meistrich, Houston

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie; Mark Bumgardner, Dallas 2. Joan Cremin-Haig Tchamitch, Paradise Valley AZ; Huub Bertens, Bend OR; Daniel Korbel, Rockville MD; Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL

Wednesday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. Brady Allen-James Bauer-Scott Nason, Dallas; Milton Neher, Richardson 2. Larry Davis-Robert Donathan, Austin; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville; Virgil Massey, Drift-

wood
Wednesday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. Chuck Gillis-Aleksandr Adelman-Charles Markowitz, Houston ; Siraj Jiwani, Pearland 2. Jeffrey Kroll, Conroe ; Charles Michalski, Cypress ; G Thomas Rush, Houston ; Wes Peirce, The Woodlands Ralph Herz-Terry Harrison-Susan McLaurin, Houston
Wednesday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. Ashok Shingavi-Azam Khan-Abid Mumtaz, Houston ; Nandlal Khatri, Sugar Land 2. Robin Ladin-Barbara Harberg-Chris Kollenberg-Lynn Shapiro, Houston
Wednesday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. Harry Ingham, San Marcos ; Verlyn Stahlecker, Fort Worth ; Mickey Goldwater-Julianne McKenna, Austin 2. Steve Vaughn-Michael Novack-H Sonneman, Humble ; Alan Adams, Kingwood
Wednesday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1 Mary Drew, Spring ; Jeane Crumpler, Conroe ; M Elaine Lyles, Waco ; Kay Rice, Montgomery 2/3 Jane Boozalis-Sheila Harrison-John Caudill-Pam Barksdale, Houston 2/3 Steven Bell, Cypress ; Courtney Coffman, The Woodlands ; Hugh Humphries, Bellaire ; Raymond Prizler, Houston
Wednesday Swiss Bracket 8-9 Tables 1. Suzie Wilson-Joanne Graham-Mary Nelson-George Nelson, Houston 2. Judy Nixon-Jim Nixon, Flower Mound ; Phil Bellan, Sugar Land ; Liz Jacobson, Fort Worth
Wednesday Swiss Bracket 9-9 Tables 1. Stephen Banks-Carol Banks, Houston ; Jo Anne Knodel, Pearland ; Bill Frank, Richmond 2. Gayle Longmire-Joann Suthers-Titia Smulders-Edna Earle Mattei, Houston
Wednesday Swiss Bracket 10-9 Tables 1. Cynthia Bell-Joan Schouest, The Woodlands ; Jerry Hoffman-Jerry McNeely, Houston 2. Laura McWilliams-Geri Noel-Diane O'Neill-Margot Cater, Houston
Wed-Thu KO Bracket 1-11 Tables 1. **Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Karin Kelsey, Albuquerque NM; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD 2. Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Ira Hessel-Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Nagy Kamel, Plano**

3/4 Harry Selldin-Sanford Lobliner, Houston ; Youssef Youssef, Katy ; Meng-Chr Tsai, Pearland 3/4 Gillian Minitzer, New York NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Brad Moss, Denver CO
Wed-Thu KO Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. Naomi Spicer, Dickinson ; Val Grady-Dale Grady, Pearland ; Bobbie Moutz, Houston 2. Janice Fletcher-Beth Gale-Georgia Baron-Kathy Sinkin-Amor, San Antonio 3/4 Terri O'Brien, Leander ; Lucerne Bunch-Patricia Berry-Barbara Vervenne, Austin 3/4 Patricia Carmody-Harriet Kulbersh, Savannah GA; Phyllis Chambers, Winnetka IL; Dee Coats, Houston
Wed-Thu KO Bracket 3-12 Tables 1. Elisabeth Kay, Spring Branch ; Ann Kuehler, New Braunfels ; Charlotte Schuepbach-Mike Vivian, San Antonio 2. **Beverly Fanaroff-Ann Gibbs-Marilyn Leiman-Jane Joplin, Houston 3/4 Wayne Edmondson, Porter ; Richard Denham, Kingwood ; Gary See, Naples FL; Stephen Bickel, Houston 3/4 Alan Holzberg-Paul Horvitz, Houston ; Sophie Chen-Shyue Yuan Wu, Missouri City**
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs-25.0 Tables B1. Carol Ehrman, Houston ; Linda Brodie, Bellaire B2. James Whiteside, Midland MI; Karen Jennings, Lufkin B3 John Moore-Roxann Swenson, Austin B4. Frances Holcombe, Sulphur LA; Cheryl Mathias, Cypress B5C1. Mike Anthony, Mandeville LA; David Scherer, Covington LA C2. Helen Hollis-Gaylene Jewell, Houston C3. Harry Price-Donna Price, Houston 4 Barbara Chappell-Richard Chappell, Houston 5 Susan Jennings-Steven Jennings, Hot Springs AR
Thursday Open Pairs-26.0 Tables / Based on 66 Tables AX1. W Lease, Richmond ; L Laird, Sugar Land A2. Joe Quinn-Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land A3X2. Oren Moore, Missouri City ; Randall Lake, Houston A4X3. Max Levit-Ariel Leibovitz, Houston A5. Joan Jackson, Dallas ; Nancy Passell, Plano A4Y1. Randy Pearson, Pittsburgh PA; Evan Marti, Houston Y2. David Goldfarb, Houston ; Jonathan Goldberg, Saint Louis MO Y3. Charles Anderson, San Benito ; John

Johnson, Harlingen Y4 Lindsay Herbert, Katy ; Diccen Sargent, Glen Vine Great Britain Y5. Kristen Onsgard, Dallas ; Stefanie Scott, Little Elm
Thursday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; John Zilic, Houston ; Tom Clarke-Jim Barrow, Lake Charles LA 2. Jack Lacy, Lago Vista ; Tom Breed, Kingwood ; Ned Irving, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Donald Rumelhart, Ann Arbor MI
Thursday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. Guss Ginsburg, New Orleans LA; Mike Doyle, Katy ; Eddie Bass, Austin ; Ellen Hessel, San Antonio 2. John Cox, Saint Maries ID; Richard D'Litzenberger, Leavenworth WA; Ira Garrison, Sugar Land ; Philip Duterme, Bellaire
Thursday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. Debra Bellan, Sugar Land ; Donna Sparks, Fulshear ; Marilyn Joyner-Kyle Lueders, Houston 2. Roxie Tom-Kay Laird-Pat Prichard, San Antonio ; Katherine Gary, Karnes City ; Roxana Tom, Campbellton
Thursday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. Jeffrey Kroll, Conroe ; Charles Michalski, Cypress ; Mark Miller, Austin ; G Thomas Rush, Houston 2. Susan Kaplan, Houston ; Alfred Fortier III, Katy ; James McCommons-Eileen Smith, Dallas
Thursday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. Joe Black-Larry Smith-Wiley McMinn III-David Warner, Austin 2. Barbara Grantham-Terri Orleans-Kathy Watkins, Houston ; Alan Godes, Needham MA
Thursday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. Nelson Brown, Jr-Dana Brown-John (Jack) Dean Jr-Jeanette Dean, Houston 2. Eric Sandberg-Janice Sandberg-Raleigh Williamson-Harold Copeland, Houston
Thursday Swiss Bracket 7-9 Tables 1. Geri McKallip-David Wicks-Terry Harrison-Lisa Zummo, Houston 2. Tom Nobis-Sheila Harrison-Pam Barksdale-Al Cupps, Houston
Thursday Swiss Bracket 8-9 Tables 1. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan, Round Rock ; Rita Wiegenstein-William McIndoo, Georgetown 2. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson ; Ken MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran, Austin
Thursday Swiss Bracket 9-9 Tables

1. Roxanne King, Boerne ; Walter Freitag, Georgetown ; Goldie Rose, Sugar Land ; Lynne Andress, Houston 2. Shi-Lin Yeh-Indu Khera-Bob Chiang-Cathy Chen, Sugar Land
Thursday Swiss Bracket 10-9 Tables 1. James Moody-Thomas Smith-Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett, Austin 2. Patricia Bell-Susan Gore, Silsbee ; Martha Oliver, Orange ; Robert Kacher, Jr, Beaumont
Thursday Swiss Bracket 11-9 Tables 1. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park ; A Ansari-Lazaro Brenner, Austin ; Laura Craft, Leander 2. Mark Anderson, Cedar Park ; Thomas Hughes, Austin ; Christopher Tsai-Liane Tsai, Plano
Thursday Swiss Bracket 12 1. Martha Ward-Sharon Ward, Plano ; Connie Van Patter-Karen Roland, McKinney
 4.81 2. Sandra Maalouf-Susan Mandel, Montgomery ; Jeane Crumpler, Conroe ; Mary Drew, Spring
Thursday Swiss Bracket 13-9 Tables 1. James Morgan-Dottie Steverson-Brenda Metzke, Pearland ; Marilyn Slaughter, Missouri City 2. Jo Anne Knodel, Pearland ; Bill Frank, Richmond ; Stephen Banks-Carol Banks, Houston
Thursday Swiss Bracket 14-9 Tables 1. Joseph Anderson-Patricia Ducayet-Edwin Ducayet Jr-Philippa Anderson, Dallas
 2. Cynthia Rivet, Lakeway ; Sue Alt, Austin ; Rick Margerison-Leah Margerison, Dallas
Thursday Swiss Bracket 15-9 Tables 1. Gayle Longmire-Edna Earle Mattei-Constance Grant-Titia Smulders, Houston 2. Richard McCaughy, Sugar Land ; Maureen Weiss-Joyce Eveld-Lorita Tipton, Houston
Thursday Swiss Bracket 16-14 Tables 1. Beverly Giannone, Alexandria LA; Geraldine Gainer-Linda Young-Doris Scroggs, Pineville LA 2. Michael Wexler-Jack Adams-Rony Klein, Houston ; Kris Sankaran, Sugar Land 3. Linda Buice-Sandi Mills-Kenneth Hudson, Houston ; Joseph Nichols, Seabrook
Friday Gold Rush Pairs-37.0 Tables B1. Carl Estes-Paul Wear, Houston B2C1. Jane Herman-William Herman, Effingham IL B3C2. Alok Bhargava-James Cauble, Houston B4.

Eddie Cheatham-Diana Ely, Shreveport LA B5. John Moore-Roxann Swenson, Austin C3. Jill Lehw, New York NY; Thomas Schott, Scarsdale NY C4. Victor Tong-Celia Chang, Houston C5. Maria Godzina, Galveston ; George Rosen, Houston
Friday Mid-Flight Pairs-17.0 Tables / Based on 56 Tables B1. Tommy Boze-Linda Boze, Gallatin TN B2. Birendra BK Singh, Seabrook ; James Frick, Friendswood B3Y1. Kristen Onsgard, Dallas ; Stefanie Scott, Little Elm G4Y. Y2. Richard Jackson-Sandra Jackson, Bellaire B5Y3. Thomas Smith-James Moody, Austin Y4. Daniel Leightman, Houston ; Alick Einav, Austin Lotte Optekamp-Charlotte Johns, Houston
Friday Open Pairs-21.0 Tables / Based on 78 Tables A1. Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land A2X1. Richard Wilson-John Lindsey, Houston A3. Kenneth Schutze-Jim Hilton, Austin A4. Edward Groner, Houston ; Victor Sitton, Sugar Land A5. Vinh Tran-Phillip Grothus, Houston X2. Subabrata Biswas, Katy ; Ari Sippola, Irving X3. Wayne Christensen Jr, La Porte ; Larry Washburn, The Woodlands X4. Jack Stone, Sugar Land ; Daniel Schomer, Katy X5/6 Bobbi Kauffman-Kay Johnson, Houston 5/6 Oren Moore, Missouri City ; Randall Lake, Houston
Friday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Ira Hessel-Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Nagy Kamel, Plano 2. Gillian Minitzer, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL
Friday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. Linda Rensi, Katy ; John Du Bose Jr-Christoph Eick, Houston ; Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land 2. Dianna Gittelman-J Gittelman, Houston ; Daniel Jackson, Spring ; Sandra Parker, Sugar Land
Friday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. David Dyer-Ralph Herz-Raleigh Williamson-Harold Copeland, Houston 2/3 Sheryleen Grothus-Rebecca Brown, San Antonio ; Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg ; David Ticen, Victoria 2/3 Steven Bell, Cypress ; Courtney Coffman-Wally

Unit 174 Election Sectional

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District 16 Grand National Teams

District level qualifying for all flights will be held on Saturday 10 am & TBD and on Sunday 10 am & TBD.

Lectures

Friday and Saturday at 2:00 pm

Saturday , April 8 @ 7:30 - MiniBridge Party

Free! Invite your family & friends

April 7-9, 2017

Houston Westchase Marriott

2900 Briarpark, Houston, TX 77042
713-978-7400 or 1-888-236-2427
Bridge Rate \$89 plus tax
Cutoff date March 17

Entry Fees

Friday & Saturday:	\$10
Sunday (lunch included!):	\$13

0-5 play for free the first time they play!
\$3 more for non and unpaid members

Stratification

A:2500+	B:750-2500	C:0-750
A:200-300	B:100-200	C:0-100
A:20-50	B:5-20	C:0-5
A:4000+	Ax:0-4000 A, Ax play together	
B:0-2500	Bracketed	

No one with over 2,500 mps may play in the B flight.

Bracketed Swiss

Brackets of 7-9 teams by total 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

The Unit 174 Annual Meeting will be held between sessions on Sunday.

Polls will be open for the BOD elections an hour before each session on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.

Event Schedule

Friday, April 7

10:00 am

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (One Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Saturday, April 8

10:00 am

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (One Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (One Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Sunday, April 9

10:00 am & TBA

Strati-Flighted Swiss (double session)
Stratified Open Pairs (double session)
Stratified Side Pairs (single sessions)
Stratified 299r Pairs (single sessions)

Klugiewicz, The Woodlands ; William Daniel III, Spring
Friday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. Mike Goldberg-Bob Dowlen, Houston ; Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook ; Wayne Miller, Baytown 2. Ron Brown-Judy Brown, Houston ; William Lindner-Bill Gemas, Conroe
Friday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1 William Kibikas, Friendswood ; William Houck, Houston ; Dale Grady-Val Grady, Pearland 2 Chloe Ella Fackenthal-Robert Cohen-Jim Middleton-Robert Crawford, Houston
Friday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. Pam Barksdale-Sheila Harrison, Houston ; Martha Norman-Anita Albert, Austin 2. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD; Ken & Sharon MacMorran, Austin
Friday Swiss Bracket 7-9 Tables 1. Jon Wolkenstein-Sheri Wolkenstein-Ann Parker, Dallas ; Robert Holliday, Plano 2. Lauri Laufman-Ann Sinclair-Robert Reichke, Houston ; Brett Elliott, Cypress
Friday Swiss Bracket 8-9 Tables 1. Patricia Bell-Susan Gore, Silsbee ; Robert Kacher, Jr, Beaumont ; Martha Oliver, Orange 2. Alma Farley-Robert Clarke, Richardson ; Judy Etchison-J Scott Etchison, Dallas
Friday Swiss Bracket 9-9 Tables 1. Elaine Brill-Bernice McElwain-Hick, Houston ; Keith Coutlee, Hamilton ON; Susan Barreca, Dundas ON 2. Karen Baer-Tonya McNabb, Houston ; Bill Frank, Richmond ; Louis Mendel, Union Springs AL
Friday Swiss Bracket 10-16 Tables 1. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park ; Pravina Jani, Austin ; Gloria Bennett, Lakeway ; Laura 2. Geri Noel-Bette Benton-Ann Wales-Dorothea Faubion, Houston
Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Karin Kelsey, Albuquerque NM; Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD 3/4 Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie ; Barry Schaffer, Frisco 3/4 Francine Moring, Columbia SC; Richard Smith, Spartanburg SC; Jonathan Cohn, Elkhorn NE; Andrew Clements, La Vista NE
Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2-14 Tables 1. James McCommons-Eileen Smith-Richard Gordon, Dallas ; Marie-

France Benoit, Gatineau QC 2. Paul Olstad-Sue Olstad, Georgetown ; Susan Brown-Sandra Musser, Rockport
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs-21.5 Tables B1. John Moore-Roxann Swenson, Austin B2. Linda Brodie, Bellaire ; Carol Ehrman, Houston B3C1. Victor Tong-Yong Yiu, Houston B4C2. Julia Thompson-Myra Marsh, Houston B5C3. Bonnie Loudin-Ian Fetterley, Houston C4. Bob Townley-Smith-Zach Townley-Smith, Lumberton C5. Anne Davis, Pearland ; Jeff Armstrong, Houston
Saturday Open Pairs-25.0 Tables / Based on 65 Tables A1. Oren Moore, Missouri City ; Ralda St Pierre, Houston A2. Jim Hilton-Kenneth Schutze, Austin AXY 1. Harold Copeland-Raleigh Williamson, Houston A4 . Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Charles Durrin III, Madison AL A5.. Brady Allen-James Bauer, Dallas X2. Bill St Clair, Cypress ; Gil Micheletti, Md, Houston X3. John Du Bose Jr-Jack Balter, Houston X4Y2. Susan Domsalla, The Woodlands ; Carroll Frogge, Kansas X5. Robert Whitchee, Cedar Park ; Phillip Grothus, Houston Y3. William Van Dame-Christoph Eick, Houston Y4. Thomas Smith-Stan Pushkarsky, Austin Y5. Mark Craig-Sharon Hoger, Austin
Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Jane Armstrong-Betty Starzec, Sugar Land ; Eddie Wold-Robert Morris-Patti Mullendore, Houston 2. Gillian Minitier, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL 97.00
Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg, Dallas ; Bryan Storey, Frisco ; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie 1 2. Eddie Bass, Austin ; John Erickson, Houston ; Daniel Jackson, Spring ; Mike Doyle, Katy
Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. Susan Kaplan, Houston ; James Andre-Lily Andre, Sugar Land ; Alfred Fortier III, Katy
Saturday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. William Daniel III, Spring ; Pamela Whitney, Richmond ; Wally Klugiewicz-Donna Frederick, The Woodlands 2. Jonathan Ernest, Lin-

dale ; David Farris, Austin ; Charles Newton Jr, Rosenberg ; Christian Stevens, Garland
Saturday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. Milton Neher, Richardson ; Karen Fillis-George Fillis, San Antonio ; Yaoguang Zhu, Austin 2. Mike Goldberg-Bob Dowlen, Houston ; Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook ; Wayne Miller, Baytown
Saturday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. Carol Winograd, Bellaire ; Anne Gorry, Houston ; Alison Andrews, San Antonio ; Sandy Smith, Calera AL 2. Jon Wolkenstein-Sheri Wolkenstein, Dallas ; Norman Gautier-Joyce Gautier, The Woodlands
Saturday Swiss Bracket 7-9 Tables 1. Dale Grady-Val Grady, Pearland ; Suvabrata Biswas, Katy ; Ari Sippola, Irving 2/3 Pam Barksdale-Azam Khan-Robert Reichke, Houston ; Brett Elliott-Harry Elliott, Cypress 2/3 Jo Ann Pierce-Tomi Porterfield, Pearland ; Anne Knott-Patsy Howell
Saturday Swiss Bracket 8-9 Tables 1. Jo Shah-Sam Shah, Irving ; Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD 2. Lawton Hutchison-Barbara Hutchison, Austin ; Francis Gay-Paula Gay, Houston
Saturday Swiss Bracket 9-9 Tables 1. Gary Winston-Shari Winston, Houston ; Lindsay Herbert-Diccen Sargent, Katy 2. Arthur Widen-Rita Wiegenstein-William McIndoo, Georgetown ; Steven Andersen, Austin
Saturday Swiss Bracket 10-9 Tables 1. Alma Farley-Robert Clarke, Richardson ; J Scott Etchison-Judy Etchison, Dallas 2. Frank Paynter, Grove City OH; Arjun Singh, Lakewood CO; Tim Jones, Overland Park KS; Jean Marsh, Austin
Saturday Swiss Bracket 11-9 Tables 1. Lisa Zummo-Lynn Gamblin-Suzanne Noerager, Houston ; Cheryl Mathias, Cypress 2. Thomas Romz-C Paul Shubert-Evelyn James, Houston ; Keith Ritter, Katy
Saturday Swiss Bracket 12-9 Tables 1.. Linda Briggs-Carolyn Worsham, Port Arthur ; Sandra Maalouf-Susan Mandel, Montgomery 2. Mark Anderson, Cedar Park ; Thomas Hughes, Austin ; Liane Tsai-Christopher Tsai, Plano
Saturday Swiss Bracket 13-9 Tables 1. Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr, Colleyville ; Jim Nixon-Judy Nixon,

Flower Mound 2. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park ; Gloria Bennett, Lakeway ; Pravina Jani, Austin ; Laura Craft, Leander
Saturday Swiss Bracket 14-13 Tables 1.. Donald Bell, Seabrook ; Russell Chandler-Laura Chandler-Jeannie Stone, Houston
Evening Side Series-50.50 Tables / Based on 17 Tables 1/2 James Couble, Houston 1/2 Alok Bhargava, Houston 3/4 Michael Fagan, Rosharon 3/4 Arjune Bose, Houston 5. Linda Spangler, Fort Worth
Morning Side Series-50.00 Tables / Based on 20 Tables 1. Shirley McKee, Houston 2/3 Janice Seamon-Molson, Hollywood2/3 Peter Mosheim, Miami FL 4. Jeffrey Kroll, Conroe 5/6 Emily Leake, Tyler 5/6 Brenda Baker, Tyler
Sunday Open Pairs-9.5 Tables / Based on 8 Tables ABC1. Alfred Fortier III, Katy ; Susan Kaplan, Houston AB2C1. Jinrong Wang, Sugar Land ; Chie Yen, Houston A3. Joyce Ryan-David Henke, Houston A4B3C2. Wes Peirce, The Woodlands ; G Thomas Rush, Houston
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-48 Tables / Based on 132 Tables A1. Louis Sachar-Stephen Wood-Tobi Sokolow -David Sokolow, Austin A2. Jane Armstrong-Betty Starzec, Sugar Land ; Robert Morris-Eddie Wold-Patti Mullendore, Houston A3. David Pearlman, Southlake ; Linda Spangler, Fort Worth ; C David Mitchell, San Antonio ; Hank Eng, Leon Valley A4. Karin Kelsey, Albuquerque NM; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Tom Breed, Kingwood ; Jack Lacy, Lago Vista ; Sylvia Shi, Rockville MD A5X1.. Harry Selldin-Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Meng-Chr Tsai, Pearland ; Marilyn Adams, Beaumont X4. Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land ; Sandra Clark-Bill Joplin-Mimi Hagedorn, Houston X5. John Erickson-Jack LaVigne, Houston ; Syed R Naqvi, Richmond ; Ro-

meo Bodrogi-Podoaba, KY
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Jon Wolkenstein-Sheri Wolkenstein, Dallas ; Norman Gautier-Joyce Gautier, The Woodlands 2. Naomi Spicer, Dickinson ; Joyce Klein-Benjamin Klein-Bobbie Moutz, Houston
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. Edwin Zwald-Joe Boutros-Abid Mumtaz, Houston ; Nandlal Khatri, Sugar Land 2. Harry Ingham, San Marcos ; Mickey Goldwater-Steven Andersen, Austin ; Arthur Widen, Georgetown
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. Jeffery Parker, Sugar Land ; Rhonda Bryant-Carolyn Lanier-Carol Wilson, Houston 2. Ming Su-Beverly Fanarof-Marilyn Leiman-Daad Rodgers, Houston
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. Steven Bell, Cypress ; Courtney Coffman, The Woodlands ; Mary McDonald-Anita Rothfuss, Willis 2. Gary & Shari Winston, Houston ; Lindsay Herbert, Katy ; Diccen Sargent,
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. David Wicks-Linda McReynolds-George & Mary Nelson, Houston 2. Tom Banet-Gail Banet-William McIndoo-Rita Wiegenstein, Georgetown
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. John Montgomery, Tomball ; Carol Lombardino, Spring ; Frederick Gregory, Houston ; Sam Khayatt, Kingwood 2. Patricia Bell-Susan Gore, Silsbee ; Robert Kacher, Jr, Beaumont ; Martha Oliver, Orange
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 7-9 Tables 1. Marguerite Crawl-Gerry Earnest-Cissy Wortham-Carol Jenkinson, Montgomery 2. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Julianne McKenna-Jaroslav Langer, Austin
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 8-9 Tables 1. Evita Rduch, Spring ; Odis Nolte, Conroe ; James Kelly, Houston ; Karen Parker, The Woodlands 2. Venu Chintam, Tallahassee FL; Yvonne Sterkin, Thousand Oaks CA; Mike Robinson, Odessa ; John Hurwitz, Kingwood
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 9-16 Tables 1. Judy Nixon-Ross Ramsey-Jim Nixon, Flower Mound ; Liz Jacobson, Fort Worth 2. Indu Khera, Sugar Land ; Lauri Laufman-Mariah Stopper-Raymond Stopper, Houston

LONE STAR REGIONAL WINNERS



Wednesday Open Pairs A
Donna & William Gerrard



Thursday Open Pairs A
Larry Laird and Bill Lease



Friday Open Pairs A
Tom Clark, Joe Quinn



Sunday Open Pairs A
Alfred Fortier III and Susan Kaplan



Saturday Swiss Bkt 1
Betty Starzec, Patti Mullendore, Jane Armstrong, Robert Morris, Eddie Wold



Monday Swiss Bkt1
Betty Starzec, Jane Armstrong, Eddie Wold, Robert Morris



Thursday Swiss Bkt 1
John Zilic, Tom Clarke, Thomas Peters



Sunday Swiss A
Tobi Sokolow, Louis Sachar, David Sokolow, Stephen Wood



Saturday Open Pairs A
Ralda St Pierre, Oren Moore



Mon Swiss Bkt3
Joseph Volanski, Courtney Coffman, Steven Bell



Monday Swiss Bkt 4
Jane Boozalis, Michel Morin, Jeff Nuttall, Karen Baer



Monday Swiss Bkt 5
Margie Patterson, Tonya McNabb, Ron Brown, Judy Brown



Monday Swiss Bkt 7
Evita Rduch, Twyla Woody, Charles Woody



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 2
Rick Stell, Steve Baughn, Sally & Michael Bossert



Tuesday & Friday Swiss Bkt 3
Ralph Herz, Raleigh Williamson, David Dyer, Harold Copelend



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 4
Anita Rothfuss, Mary McDonald,
William Lindner, and Bill Gemas



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 5
Meng Chr Tsai,
Sharon Campbell, Harry Seldin



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 6
Victoria Ornowski, Julia Miller,
Mary Lou Fowler, and Barbara Peck



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 7
James Ochsner, Jeanette Dean,
William Kibikas, and Jack Dean



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 8
Muriel Gilmour, Mary Jane Kinnebrew,
Bruce Weiner, Ede Weiner



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 9
Roxanne King, Goldie Rose,
Lynne Andress, and Walter Freitag



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 10
Robert Orvis, Gayle Orvis,
Laura Wrenn, and Ann Sinclair



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 11
Aquila Ansari, Lazaro Brener,
Laura Craft, Sharon Dameron



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 12
James Morgan, Marilyn Slaughter,
Sheryl Thomas, and Brenda Metzger



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 13
Suzie Wilson, Donna Walden,
Joanne Graham



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 3
Charles Markowitz, Chuck Gillis,
Siraj Jiwani, Aleksandr Adelman



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 4
Nandlal Khatri, Azam Khan,
Abid Mumtaz, Ashok Shingavi



Thursday Swiss Bkt 2
Mike Doyle, Ellen Hessel,
Gus Ginsberg, Buddy Bass



Thursday Swiss Bkt 3
Marilyn Joyner, Debra Bellan,
Donna Sparks, Kyle Lueders



Thursday Swiss Bkt 4
Charles Michalski, G Thomas Rush,
Jeffrey Kroll, Mark Miller



Thursday Swiss Bkt 5
Joe Black, Wiley McMinn III,
David Warner, Larry Smith



Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
Roxann Swenson & John Moore



Saturday Open Pairs X
Harold Copeland, Raleigh Williamson



Thursday Swiss Bkt 6
John (Jack) Dean Jr, Jeanette Dean,
Nelson Brown, Dana Brown



Thursday Swiss Bkt 7
Terry Harrison, Geri McCallip,
David Wicks, Lisa Zummo



Thursday Swiss Bkt 8
Andrea Sullivan, Rita Wiegenstein,
George Sullivan, William McIndoo



Thursday Swiss Bkt 9
Roxanne King, Goldie Rose,
Walter Freitag, Lynee Andress



Thursday Swiss Bkt 12
Connie Van Patter, Karen Roland,
Martha Ward, Sharon Ward



Friday Gold Rush Pairs
Carl Estes and Paul Wear



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 5
Mickey Goldwater, Verlyn Stahlecker,
Harry Ingham, Julianne McKenna



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 6
M Elaine Lyles, Mary Drew,
Kay Rice, Jeane Crumpler



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 7
Robert Orvis, Gayle Orvis,
Ann Sinclair, Laura Wren



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 8
Suzie Wilson, Mary Nelson,
Joanne Graham, George Nelson



Wed/Thurs KO Bkt 2
Val Grady, Naomi Spicer,
Dale Grady, Bobbie Moutz



Wed/Thurs KO Bkt 3
Ann Kuehler, Charlotte Schuepbach,
Elisabeth Kay, Mike Vivian



Thursday Swiss Bkt 14
Patricia & Edwin Ducayet,
Joseph & Philippa Anderson



Thursday Swiss Bkt 15
Edna Earle Mattei, Laetitia Saulders,
Gayle Longmire



Thursday Swiss Bkt 13
James Morgan, Marilyn Slaughter,
Dottie Steverson, Brenda Metzger



Friday Midflight Pairs
Tommy Boze and Linda Boze



Friday Midflight Pairs
Stefanie Scott, Kristen Onsgard



Friday Swiss Bkt 2
Linda Rensi, Bill Kiehnhoff,
John Dubose, Christoph Eick



Friday Swiss Bkt 4
Mike Goldberg, Bob Dowlen,
Wayne Miller, Carolyn Labouliere



Friday Swiss Bkt 5
William Houck, Val Grady,
William Kibikas, Dale Grady



Friday-Saturday KO Bkt 2
Marie-France Benoit, Jim McCommons,
Richard Gordon, Eileen Smith



Friday Swiss Bkt 7
Ann Parker, Sheri Wolkenstein,
Robert Holliday, Jon Wolkenstein



Friday Swiss Bkt 8
Patricia Bell, Martha Oliver,
Susan Gore, Robert Kacher



Friday Swiss Bkt 9
Elaine Brill, Susan Barreca,
Keith Coutlee, Bernice McElwain-Hick



Friday Swiss Bkt 6
Anita Albert, Martha Norman,
Pam Barksdale



Saturday Swiss Bkt 3
Susan Kaplan, Lily Andre,
James Andre, Alfred Fortier III



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4
William Daniel III, Pamela Whitney,
Donna Frederick, Wally Klugiewicz



Saturday Swiss Bkt 5
Yaoguang Zhu, George Fillis,
Milton Neher, Karen Fillis



Saturday Swiss Bkt 6
Anne Gorry, Alison Andrews,
Carol Winograd, Sandy Smith



Saturday Swiss Bkt 12
Linda Briggs, Sandra Maalouf,
Carolyn Worsham, Susan Mandel



Sunday BCD Swiss 2
Nandlal Khatri, Edwin Zwald,
Abid Mumtaz



Sunday BCD Swiss 3
Rhonda Bryant, Carol Wilson,
Jeffery Parker, Carolyn Lanier



Sunday BCD Swiss 4
Anita Rothfuss, Mary McDonald,
Courtney Coffman, Steven Bell



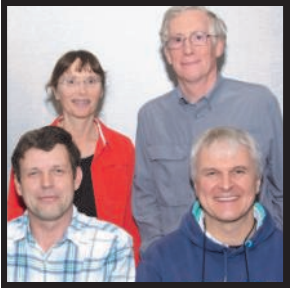
Sunday BCD Swiss 5
Linda McReynolds, Mary Nelson,
David Wicks, George Nelson



Sunday BCD Swiss 6
Sam Khayatt, Carol Lombardino
Frederick Gregory, John Montgomery



Sunday BCD Swiss 7
Cissy Wortham, Carol Jenkinson
Marguerite Crowl, Gerry Earnest



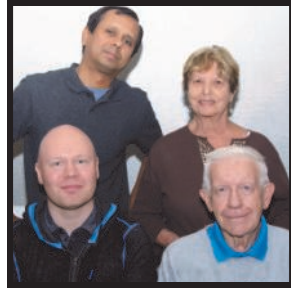
Saturday Swiss Bkt 9
Shari & Gary Winston,
Lindsay Herbert, Diccen Sargent



Saturday Swiss Bkt 11
Suzanne Noerager, Lynn Gamblin,
Cheryl Mathias, Lisa Zummo



Saturday Swiss Bkt 13
Judy Nixon, Charles Mogged Jr,
Jim Nixon, Jan Mogged



Saturday Swiss Bkt 7
Suvabrata Biswas, Val Grady,
Ari Sippola, Dale Grady



Saturday Swiss Bkt 8
Sam Shah, Jo Shah,
Donald & Virginia Hixson



Sunday Swiss X
Marilyn Adams, Meng, Chr Tsai,
Harry Seldin, Tony Haddad



Sunday BCD Swiss 1
Joyce Gautier, Sheri Wolkenstein,
Norman Gautier



Sunday BCD Swiss 6
Sam Khayatt, Carol Lombardino
Frederick Gregory, John Montgomery



Sunday BCD Swiss 7
Cissy Wortham, Carol Jenkinson,
Marguerite (Muffy) Crowl, Gerry Earnest



Sunday BCD Swiss 8
Evita Rduch, Karen Parker,
James Kelly, Odis Nolte



Sunday BCD Swiss 9
Judy Nixon, Ross Ramsey,
Jim Nixon, Liz Jacobson

DALLAS MEMORIAL DAY SECTIONAL

May 25 – 29, 2017 Hosted by: Dorsey's Bridge Studio

RICHARDSON CIVIC CENTER, Richardson, Texas –
Southwest Corner of Arapaho and Highway 75 (Central Expressway)

Thursday, May 25

Stratified 299er Pairs (0-5 play free)	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Stratified open Pairs	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00am & 2:00pm
Single Session Swiss	7:00pm

Friday, May 26

Stratified 299er Pairs (0-5 play free)	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00am & 2:00pm
Board A Match Team game	7:00pm

Saturday, May 27

Stratified 299er Pairs (0-5 play free)	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00am & 2:00pm
Single Session Swiss	7:00pm

Sunday, May 28

Stratified 299er Pairs (0-5 play free)	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Stratified Open Pairs	10:00am, 2:00 & 7:00pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00am & 2:00pm
Single Session Swiss	7:00pm

Monday, May 29

Strati-flighted Swiss Teams – 2 Session Event	10:00am
499er Swiss Teams – 2 Session Event	10:00am
Stratified Open Pairs	2:00pm

Stratified Pair Games are single Session events.

Stratifications

Pairs: A: 2500+ B: 750-2500, C: 0-750 (based on average master-points)
299er Events: A: 200-299, B: 100-200, C: 0-100 (play together)
Strati-flighted Teams: A: 4000+, AX: 0-4000 (play together)
B: 2500-1500, C: 1500-500, D: 500-0 (play together)

Entry Fee: ACBL members, \$13 per daytime session, \$10 per evening session; unpaid and non-members, \$16 per session.
Monday Swiss: \$104 per team of four.

Saturday Night Special - \$5.00 for 7pm games.

Tournament Chair: Dorsey Shaw, Carol Rieger

(dcaCarol@aol.com)

Partnership: Mimi Lempert, Jan Wels

(mlempert@mindspring.com)

Snacks and drinks every session; lunch provided during Swiss Teams game on Monday. We recommend you bring lunch Thursday – Sunday due to time constraints of the schedule.

Hotel Info: Wingate by Wyndham, 1577 Gateway Blvd... Phone 972-234-5400. Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 S Sherman St, Richardson, TX 75081, Phone 972.235-5000.



Unit 176 is off to a great new year. Our election was held during the January Sectional. Congratulations to Cathy Tucker on her re-election and to Joe Gill and Mary Jane McGinnis who have joined the board. The new Board met the very next day. The following officers were elected: Martha Young, President; Cathy Tucker, Vice-President; Cheryl Clark, Treasurer and Randy Earle, Secretary. We divided up the work which will all be posted on the Unit 176 website. Ed Yetter is our new Business Manager. This wonderful leadership team counts on you to volunteer for the many roles which make our Unit Games, Sectionals and Regionals run smoothly and lots of fun for everyone.

The annual holiday party was a great success thanks to Cathie Tucker and our participants. Our charities received mountains of toys and food and our members were generous with their money too. We plan to continue this tradition. The date for 2017 is Dec 10th. Prior to bridge, almost 200 of you took a few minutes to respond to our survey inquiring about your preferences and priorities. We heard you. Yes, we will hold 2 session team events in the morning and afternoon timeslots of the regional. Yes, we will work on a better venue for our speakers. Yes, we will continue the Holiday party. The board will focus on your priorities. Thank you for your feedback.

Our third Learn Bridge is a Day workshop was a great success. Many thanks to Valerie Remmers for coordinating with our venue, King of Glory Lutheran Church. Not only did the church provide a great facility for our workshop, they also had the tables with cushy chairs, bidding boxes, table mats, coffee, tea and water. I plan to recap all that our program has accomplished in the first 6 months.

If you don't have a new directory or the Unit 176 Calendar of Events, you may pick one up at any of the local clubs.

We have successfully filled the position of Equipment Manager. Dale and Valerie Remmers will tackle this job. Remember to volunteer to help when they ask! Also, Mary Jane McGinnis is taking over the authoring the Unit 176 Scorecard article for us. Don't forget to share good news with her so she can report it.

In case you have not noticed, our very own John Schwartz won the District Mini-McKinney in the 3,500 – 5,000 point category with a whopping 773.71 points. What a go! I play against him frequently especially in Bracketed Swiss. When I noted that he is always smiling and having fun, he shared a piece of wisdom imparted to him early in his bridge life from a "grand dame" of bridge in Wisconsin. She simply told him "No one cares what you have to say at the bridge table, so don't say anything." I will add that a friendly greeting is all that need be said.

Hope to see you at the table

January Sectional

Richardson
Jan 12-15 2017
Players :525 tables.

- 1 55.51 Peggy Sutherland
- 2 42.00 Nagy Kamel
- 3 39.78 Michael Murphy
- 4 39.78 James Thurtell
- 5 32.36 James Bauer
- 6 31.85 John Sutherland
- 7 31.18 Linda Spangler
- 8 28.24 Tiger King
- 9 26.96 Petra Hamman
- 10 26.69 Stephen Kornegay
- 11 26.69 Nancy Kornegay
- 12 24.86 Hugh Hillaker
- 13 24.19 Yan Song
- 15 24.19 Danny Feng
- 16 23.95 Bart Bramley
- 17 23.47 John Schwartz
- 18 20.46 Jim Harp
- 20 19.53 Jeff Dater
- 21 19.19 Bryan Storey
- 22 19.19 Barry Schaffer
- 23 18.99 Suresh Agrawal
- 24 18.99 Judy Bramley
- 25 18.99 Gail Wells

Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-12.0
Tables AB2 Joyce Anderson-Paul Schaefer AB2C1. Molly Hamilton-Mary Chaffin C2. Veronica Vokolek-Glenna Crawford

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-20.0
Tables AB1. Thomas Schmidt-Leigh Anne Schmidt AB2. Barry Martin-Clint Pruett C1. Bettie Reed-Betty Cox C2. Betty Woodward-Dan Woodward

Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-13.5
Tables AB1. Jim Nixon-Ross Ramsey A2. Randy Patterson-Linda Lindley B2C1. Ann Drees-Betty Littlejohn C2. Sondra Rhymes-A Jack Rhymes

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-23.0 Ta-

bles A1. Larue Stott-Gerrie Owen
 A2. B Paul Hirsch-Mary Pennington
 BC1. Joni Antweil-Jerry Jones BC2.
 Julie Butterfield-Kenneth Bickelhaupt
Thursday Eve Open Pairs-8.0 Tables / Based on 11 Table A1. Bob Scallan-Stephen Sinclair A2. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells B1. Robert Schmidt-Ari Sippola B2C1. Jianbo Chen-Jin Chu C2. Richard Gordon-Jerry Jones
Thursday Eve 299er Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1. Linda Harley-Terence Harley AB2. Vivian Li-Jun Li
Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-11.5 Tables A1. Jeanne Wyatt-Anne Curry A2BC1. Howard Cavins-Jerelyn Lehman C2. Debrah Chockley-Judy Bouska
Saturday Morn Open Pairs-22.0 Tables AB1. David Haratyk-Truett Cates AB2. Lee Huber- Mark Hatkoff C1. Gail Rutledge- Stan Hsu C2. William Driscoll-Terence Harley
Thursday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables
 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Nagy Kamel-; Mark Bumgardner 2. Tom Whitesides-Mark Till-Randy Ekman-John Sutherlin-Peggy Sutherlin
Thursday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables

1. Jim Harp-J Reagan Dixon-Bob Butterfield-Elda Kay Hampton 2. Larry White-Sue Gilbreath-Charles Brown- Nancy Latner
Thursday Swiss Bracket 3-12 Tables
 1. Sandra Fedro- John Jackson-Jo Ann Truitt-Tommie Anglemyer 2. Joseph Anderson-Philippa Anderson-Linda Jimmerson-Sudhir Shah
Friday Morn Open Pairs-21.0 Tables AB1. L Snyder-Tom Whitesides A2. Linda Spangler-Thomas Leberman B2. June Barnebey-Rita Holzweig C1. Beth Castleberry-Judy Bouska
Friday Morn 299er Pairs-17.5 Tables ABC1. Keith Hansen-Bruce Barlow ABC2. Jonathan Mullins-Ines de Urtubey
Friday Aft 299er Pairs-18.5 Tables A1 Arvind Shah-Harivadan Shah A2BC1. Jacqueline Brown-Philip Brown B2. Pat Glaser-Louise Shanley C2. Erica Walker-Ron Day
Friday Aft Open Pairs-21.0 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells A2. Gerry McKim-Michael Hout BC1. Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr B2. Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White C2. Beth Castleberry-Judy Bouska
Friday Eve Open Pairs-7.0 Tables

AB1. Charles Brown-Bruce Brown AB2. Janet Borg-Maria Gregorat
Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables
 1. Bart Bramley-Judy Bramley-Peggy Sutherlin-John Sutherlin 2. Michael Murphy-James Bauer-James Thurtell-John Schwartz
Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables
 1. Jim Harp-J Reagan Dixon- Richard Page- Edward Yetter 2. Sue Gilbreath-Charles Brown- Larry White- Mike Peiffer
Friday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables
 1. John Pelletti-Jane Kirby-Diana Winkelmann- Ribs LaMothe 2. Donna Jordan-David Sterner-Marie-Anne Johnson-Liane Tsai
Friday Swiss Bracket 4-13 Tables
 1. Jon Wolkenstein-Sheri Wolkenstein-Ann Parker- Susan Flick 2. Liz Jacobson- Khalifa Ahmed- Jack Harkey - Bill Frazee
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-13.5 Tables ABC1. Sherra Kay Read-David Croissant ABC2. Marvelyn Scrapper-Cooper J
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-22.0 Tables A1. Gerrie Owen-Florence Beaird A2B1. Barry Martin-Connie Martin B2C1. Michael Chockley-Jack Schober 2 Grace Daddario-Liz Cas-

tion
Saturday Eve Open Pairs-5.5 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells A2BC1. Jonathan Wang-Jianbo Chen B2. Ari Sippola-Robert Schmidt C2. Paulette Armstrong-Beth Sonnier
Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables
 1. Hugh Hillaker-Petra Hamman-Peggy Sutherlin-Nagy Kamel 2. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Danny Feng
Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables
 1. Kristen Onsgard-Jeff Dater- Milton Neher- Tomi Storey 2. Thomas Schmidt-Leigh Anne Schmidt- Nancy Fellman- Elaine Wood
Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables
 1. Charles Burke- Richard Langland-Richard Gordon-Judy Corey Edmiston 2. Jane Kirby-Diana Winkelmann -Joe Fletcher- Elinor Fries
Saturday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables
 1. Randy Earle-Carolyn Wenk-Janet Folmar-Sudhir Shah 2. Donna Jordan -David Sterner-Ann Parker-Robert Holliday
Saturday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables
 1. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney-Joyce Armstrong-Carol Segreti 2. Valarie Remmers-Dale Remmers-James Rider-Cheryl Rider

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-12 Tables / Based on 44 Tables A1. John Schwartz-James Thurtell-Michael Murphy-James Bauer-Linda Spangle-A2X1. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Danny Feng X2. Truett Cates-David Haratyk- Raymond Clark-Jim Harp
Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-23 Tables B1. Jeff Dater-Kristen Onsgard-Pawel Hanus-Stefanie Scott B2. Stephen Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield-Eileen Smith-James McCommons C1. Janet Borg-David Borg-Reg Watt -Maria Gregorat C2. Jennifer Rao-Jane Kirby-Karen Cohen-Mary Lynn Genovesi
Sunday 499er Swiss Teams-9 Tables A1. Joyce Anderson-Paul Schaefer-Carol Segreti-Joyce Armstrong A2/3B1. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley-Sherra Kay Read-David Croissant A2/3 Martha Ward-Susan Kroney-Barbara Ching-Linda Lindley C1. Mary Chaffin-Molly Hamilton-Gretchen Cash-Barbara Taylor
Sunday Aft Open Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Leigh Anne Schmidt-Thomas Schmidt AB2. Sidney Perutz-Jo England

DALLAS JANUARY SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Thursday Swiss Bkt 2
 Kay Hampton, Reagan Dixon
 Jim Harp, Bob Butterfield



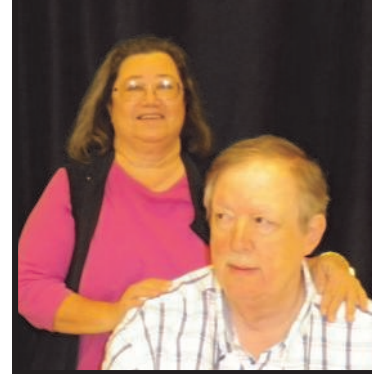
Thursday Morn 299ers
 Joyce Anderson, Paul Schaefer



Thursday Swiss Bkt 1
 Mark Bumgardner, Nancy Kornegay
 Nagy Kamel, Steve Kornegay



Thursday Swiss Bkt 3
 Tommie Anglemyer, Jo Ann Truitt
 John Jackson, Sandy Fedro



Friday Morn Pairs A
 Lucky Snyder, Tom Whitesides



Friday Morn 299ers
 Keith Hansen, Bruce Barlow



Friday Swiss Bkt 2
 Rich Page, Reagan Dixon
 Ed Yetter, Jim Harp



Friday Swiss Bkt 4
 Ann Parker, Jon Wolkenstein
 Susan Flick, Sheri Wolkenstein



Friday Swiss Bkt 1
 Bart Bramley, John Sutherlin
 Judy Bramley, Peggy Sutherlin



Friday Aft Pairs B,C
 Jan & Chuck Mogged



Friday Aft Pairs A
 Saturday Eve Pairs A
 Gail Wells, Suresh Agrawal



Friday Aft 299ers
 Arvin Shah, Hari Shah



Friday Swiss Bkt 3
 Diana Winkelman, John Pelletti
 Ribs Lamothe, Jane Kirby



Thursday Aft Pairs A
 Larue Stott, Gerrie Owen



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
 Jeff Dater, Milt Neher
 Kristen Onsgard, Tomi Storey



Saturday Swiss Bkt 5
 Joyce Armstrong, Carol Segreti,
 Craig & Mary Ann Briney



Saturday Aft Pairs A
 Florence Beaird, Gerrie Owen



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4
 Sudhir Shah, Randy Earle
 Jan Folmar, Carolyn Wenke



Saturday Aft Pairs B
 Barry & Connie Martin



Sunday Swiss Team B
 Kristen Onsgard, Stefanie Scott
 Jeff Dater, Pawel Hanus



Sunday 499er Swiss Team
 Joyce Armstrong, Carol Segreti,
 Joyce Anderson, Paul Schaefer



Saturday Morn Pairs A,B
 Truett Cates, Dave Haratyk



Saturday Swiss Bkt 3
 Chuck Burke, Richard Gordon
 Richard Langland, Judy Edmiston



Sunday Swiss Team A
 Mike Murphy, Linda Spangler
 Jim Bauer, Jim Thurtell

**Unit 183
Fort Worth**

Bill Walker

A Note from Bill Walker

“Welcome to the position of score-card columnist, Bill Walker! I don’t really remember how long this has been my job, but a freak accident to one my hands has brought me to this point. I have loved this task and will still be taking notes in my head even though Bill will be bringing you the news from now on. Please notify Bill of special events and milestones so he can add them to the column. I appreciate so much the kind words from so many of you over the years. Continue to be kind to each other and have fun. “

Millie you will be sorely missed. Your warm and friendly style may be emulated but never equaled. And of course, any advice or input from you is always welcome.

We have another change to report. The 0-2000 Monday evening game starting at 6:30 will now be directed by Diane, Carolyn, Janet, Jeri, Lauren, Docia, and Pam. Be careful when you call “Director” that you don’t get caught in a stampede.

Also, our unit elected new officers for 2017. They are:

- David Pearlman – President
- Jacqueline Montgomery – Vice-President
- Kay Jones – Secretary
- Linda Spangler – Treasurer

On behalf of everyone in Unit 183 we wish you good luck in 2017.

Don’t you feel a little sorry for non-bridge players during the holiday season? If they are still working they have an office party to go to, probably a neighborhood get together, Church social likely, friends and family over. And that’s about it. If you play bridge, especially in Unit 183, things are quite different. Last year we had at least fourteen Christmas parties, plus one in January. There were many opportunities for good fellowship, special food and goodies, door prizes, and much more. Again this year Mike Goldman made “The Greatest Gift Catalog Ever” available to us. This is a program which supports twenty-two local charities with every dollar contributed, plus matching donations from certain individuals, going directly to the organization you select. Unit 183 raised \$3365, including \$1465 from Mike in matching funds. Good for us. Good for Mike.

Winners in the December 17th Unit Christmas Game (25 tables) were: Open (2 sections, 20 tables):

A1B1 Nancy Anderson and Mary Alice Giordano, A2 Linda Spangler and Barbara Butler, A3B2 Martin Schwartz and Letty Garek, A4 Donna Rosz and Pat Cassidy, A5 David Pearlman and Henry Muzzio, A6B3 Patricia Sears and Lauren Brown, B4 Charlie Brown and Sue Gilbreath, B5/6C1 Mike Peiffer and Larry White, B5/6 Vesta Snider and Barbara Yates, C2 Kathy Coleman and Jean Helmers, C3 Max Jackson and Barbara Clinkscales, C4 Stephen Bennett and G. Morey, C5 Janet Jordan and Laura Nash.

Winners in the 0-499 Game (5 tables) were:

A1 James Atterberry and Docia Larson, A2B1C1 Randy Eads and Donna Beene, A3B2 Carol Segreti and Gloria Schuford, A4B3C2 Virginia Chadwell and Ruby Day, B4C3 Carol and Jerry Hendrix.

While a lot of folks were ringing in the New Year with a bit of the bubbly as they watched the ball drop in Times Square, serious bridge players were at the Arlington club house enjoying a New Year Eve Charity Game. Winners were:

NS1 Theresa Brantley and Liz Jacobsen, NS2 Melody Gann and Bill White, NS3 Mark Bumgardner and Ann Parker, EW1 Hugh and Merri-Jo Hillaker, EW2 Mike and Barbara Estep, EW3 Betty Boring and Marilyn Brown.

A very short story

Many years ago, after a middle round of the West Palm Beach Florida PGA golf tournament, a golfer walked toward the driving range carrying a bucket of practice balls and a single golf club. After other players and fans had headed for the bar or elsewhere, Sam Snead stood alone on the driving range hitting fifty plus golf balls with his six iron. Earlier that day he had missed a six iron shot during his round. Is there a moral to this story? Recently, long after most people had left the club house, Bill Ream and Don Reynolds sat at an empty card table analyzing the twenty-six hands they had just finished playing. Their score for that game was an outstanding 72.56 percent. And sometimes we wonder what makes good bridge players.

In another big game, on December 29th, Grady Fuller hit the daily double. On his 85th birthday he played a 71.02 per cent game, partnering with Mary Jane Orock. Putting frosting on the event (no pun intended) was Fran Fuller’s scrumptious carrot cake.

Other accomplishments included Jeanette McDonald making Bronze Life Master and Henry Muzzio becoming a Sapphire Life Master. In addition Mark Zeitlin and Buck Buchanan are now Gold Life Masters. And, John Robbins is a new Life Master.

Don Reynolds and Buck Buchanan placed second and Kim Brinkman and Dave Ticen placed fourth in Flight B of the North American Pairs in Austin. They will represent District 16 in the national finals in Kansas City later this year.

A Unit Pairs Game was held in the Fort Worth Studio on January 21st with twenty-two tables in play. This made for a cozy afternoon. The taco soup and cornbread were great and gave a down-home flavor to the day. And as usual the computer provided numerous chances for us to botch up our bidding and play. Many times we heard the cry, “I hate this . . . game!” So it must have been a good afternoon. Winners in the Open Game (17 tables) were:

A1 Greg Resz and Mary Jane Orock, A2 Kurt and Janet Brescoll, A3B1 Lauren Brown and Patricia Sears, A4B2 Virginia Reinier and Mitzi Foster Wesely, A5B3C1 Bob and Gayle Orvis, A6 David Pearlman and Henry Muzzio, B4 Buck Buchanan and Don Reynolds, B5 Larry White and Charlie Brown, B6 Martin Schwartz and Letty Garek, C2 Rosalea Hacker and Jan Mogged, C3 Don Greer and Marylin Hicks. Winners in the 0-499 Game (5 tables) were: A1 James Atteberry and Docia Larson, A2B1 Beverly Beazley and Marilyn Norton, A3 Ken and Patricia McDowell, A4 Donna Mulkey and Ann Elwood, and B2 Jane Cote and Bob Endter.

By the way, if you are not signed up for J’neane Huey’s Weekly Newsletter, you should be. There is NO better way to keep track of forthcoming games and events in Unit 183. You can reach her at jeanneane-huey@cbcglobal.net.

Grapevine

Feb 03-05 2017
311 players 279 tables.

- 1 37.89 Petra Hamman
- 2 37.89 Hemant Lall
- 3 30.77 Nancy Passell
- 4 30.77 Bill Staats
- 5 27.23 Stephen Kornegay
- 6 27.23 Nancy Kornegay
- 7 27.23 Kimmel Jones
- 8 26.56 Tiger King
- 9 26.56 Kun He
- 10 26.56 Hua Yang
- 11 26.56 Danny Feng

Friday Aft Open Pairs-11.5 Tables / Based on 20 Tables A1. Joan Jackson -Peggy Sutherlin A2 Pat Cassidy- Jerry Derby BC1. Alan Robson- Bonnie Jan Robson BC2. Gay Nell

Ball Hurst TX; Betty Peterson **Friday Aft 299er Pairs**-8.0 Tables AB1/2 Jean Durocher-Earnestine Broyles AB1/2 Marvelyn Scaper-Jo Nell Cooper **Saturday AM 299er Pairs**-16.0 Tables AB1. Joy Pearson-Margaret Spawr A2. Joyce Anderson-Mary Ellen Little B2. Barry Malone-Al Mince C1. Deborah Sanders-Ruby Day C2. David Woodyard-Roxanne Woodyard

Saturday AM Open Pairs-17.5 Tables / Based on 34 Tables A1. Bill Ream-Shelba Parmley A2B1. Michael Goldman-Dick Simon B2C1. Betty Boring-Marilyn Brown C2. Eileen Smith-Mark Dumdei ABC1. Barry Malone-Al Mince ABC2. Sandra Lovin-; Cheryl Baker

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables ABC1. Donna Jordan-David Sterner A2. Gary Neisler-Becky Koenigseder B2. Bruce Harbour-Fonse Ragland C2. Grace Daddario-Liz Castioni

Friday Eve Open Pairs-8.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables A1. Pat Cassidy -Jerry Derby A2. Mary Orock-Greg Resz BC1. Corinne Easley-Barbara Gee BC2. Gay Nell Ball-Betty Peterson

Friday Eve 299er Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Michael Blanchard-Wayne Williams A2. Susan Jennings-Stephen Jennings B1. Karen Cook-Patricia Gaultney B2. William Layman -Vivian McLain

Fri Bracketed Swiss Bkt 1-7 Tables 1. Hua Yang-Tiger King -Kun He-Danny Feng 2. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Nancy Passell-Bill Staats

Fri Bracketed Swiss Bkt 2-7 Tables 1. T Jean Kidd-Kim Brinkman-Caron Peck-Karen Caton 2. Tomi Storey-Jeff Dater-Scott Nason-Milton Neher

Fri Bracketed Swiss Bkt 3-11 Tables 1. Bruce Harbour-Fonse Ragland-James Rider-Cheryl Rider 2. Alma Farley-Robert Clarke-Anne Smith-Larz Smith

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 1-7 Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Bill Staats-Nancy Passell 2. Barry Schaffer-Kimmel Jones-Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 2-7 Tables 1. Gerry McKim-John Schwartz-Pawel Hanus-Bob Wilkin 2. Tomi Storey-Scott Nason-Jeff Dater - Milton Neher

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 3-7 Tables 1. Kathleen Carr-James Richman-Robert Schmidt-Ari Sippola 2. Janet Jordan-Kathy Coleman-Carolyn Marks-Jean Helmers

Sat Bracketed Swiss Bkt 4-11 Tables 1. Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr-Charles Wobbeking-Larry White 2. Glenda Cooper-David Clegg-Carolyn Wenk-Bob Frink

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-14 Tables A1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Mark Bumgardner-Kimmel Jones A2X1. Hua Yang-Tiger King-Kun He-Danny Feng X2/4 Martha Young-Jay Gibson-Bob Friz-Eric Diamond 2/4 John Schwartz-Michael Hout-Gerry McKim-Bradly Allen X2/4 Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski-William Garrard-Donna Garrard

Sunday B/C/D Swiss-22 Tables B1. Rich Brandenburg-Tony Pellegrini-J Terrence Wolfe-William Driscoll B2C1. Gay Nell Ball-Cathy Tolliver-Betty Peterson-Dee Norris C2. Donna Jordan-David Sterner-Liane Tsai-Christopher Tsai D1. Diane Segel-Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr-Carol Bice

**Unit 197
Lubbock**

Sandi Krahmer

Hi Everybody!

I don't have a lot of news this month. Marsha Postar, Betsy Bloechl, and Julie Benson are working very hard to insure that we have a successful tour-



March 31-April 2, 2017

FORT WESTERN SECTIONAL

Radisson Hotel Fort Worth South

(No player in the B/C/D/ Swiss may have more than 2500 master points. Stratification in all events based in average of pair or team)

**SCHEDULE
Friday, March 31**

Bracketed Swiss Teams	1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session)	1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1

Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)	10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session)	10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2

Stratiflighted Swiss (Two Sessions)	10:00 a.m. & TBA
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A/X play together (A – 5000+) (X – 0 to 5000)
B/C/D play together (B – 750 to 2500) (C – 300 to 750) (D – 0 to 300)
Dinner served between sessions

Tournament Chair: Janet Jordan (817) 797-9465 janetjordan817@yahoo.com
Partnership Chair: Darlene Shirey (817) 292-4719 shireysa@yahoo.com

All single sessions \$12 per player – Sunday Swiss \$100 per team
Additional charge of \$3 per session for players who are unpaid or non-ACBL members
Players with 0-20 MP play FREE on Saturday morning
Speaker 6:15 Friday evening.

Radisson Hotel Fort Worth South
100 East Alta Mesa Blvd
Fort Worth, TX 76134
(817) 293-3088 - ask for corporate rate
All rooms \$69.00 plus tax per night (King or 2 Queens)
Reservation deadline: March 21st

ment. Gina Schultz did the flyers for us, and Betsy is in charge of partnership. Marsha is our chair, and Julie is in charge of the kitchen.

It is nice to see our webmaster, Ken Woodard back after some recent surgery. Also, I am sad to report the death of Sammie Johnson. She played in almost all our games and was good to play with newer players. She will be missed.

Congratulations to our Texas Star winner, Anita Woodard. Anita has been such a wonderful help with the computer for our directors. She changed all the pass words per ACBL security requirements and is always helping with the internet. She solved some billing issues with ATT and correct several other problems. She makes sure that the Bridge pads are coordinated with the provider and has provided detailed instructions as guides for our directors to use in their various activities. She also helps with submitting monthly reports and resolves any problems with ACBL concerning these issues. We are proud to present this award to Anita

Our Life Master Goodwill award goes to Cheryl Thompson. She serves on the Unit Board and provides and hangs all our Christmas decorations. She has also brought us several new members. She is fun and is always nice to everyone and helps where ever needed. We are so glad to have Cheryl and her wonderful attitude.

Jane Giddens is our non-Life Master Goodwill award recipient. Jane has brought us several new members from the rubber Bridge community. She plays with them and helps to keep them interested in coming back. Jane loves Duplicate and is always trying to entice more of the rubber Bridge community into joining us here at the Bridge Center.

Gary Blaiss and Greg Loran had the only 70% game this month, the only one that I know of.

That's about all for now. Please plan

to play in our Sectional March 3, 4, and 5. We always have wonderful food! Sandi Krahmer

**Unit 201
Sabine Neches**

Linda Briggs



Disney characters were in abundance at Kris Cherry’s Life Master Party, January 14. Surrounded by the Disneyworld theme, U201 members celebrated the day. Placing 1st - **Martha Sigler** and **Flo Gillispie**; 2nd **Marian Jones** and **Dr. Aiyanaadhar Bharathi**; 3rd - **Dee Payne** and **Ruby Collins**.

Nancy Smalley was announced as District 16 Teacher of the Year at the Lone Star Regional in Houston January 27. **Nancy** has offered bridge classes at the Beaumont Bridge Studio for over 30 years. She has instructed and mentored hundreds who have joined ACBL and used the skills she patiently taught. Many of her offerings are classes of 8-10 three-hour sessions, but possibly the most impactful have been the 30-minute classes she teachers before the limited games that have been offered three times weekly for many years. Those of us who have attended numerous sessions lovingly claim we play "Nancy Bridge," and we are quick to raise an eyebrow when a fellow player neglects to follow the rules she has taught us. "Nancy says" frequently prefaces an explanation of why something worked or didn't work.

In addition to the formal lessons, Nancy shares her expertise when requested after the play of a hand. She is also willing to entertain questions about hands after sessions using hand records. For many years she was a weekly bridge column contributor to the *Beaumont Enterprise*.

At the Lone Star Regional **Linda Briggs** received the Texas Star

Award Winner from Unit 201 for her contributions as partnership chair, board member, and Scorecard writer.

Adding to U201's celebrations in Houston, **Martha Oliver** earned her Life Master's.

E.W. Sweeney's Life Master Party, February 4 had a Mardi Gras theme with revelers in purple, green, and gold dress, beads, and hats. Speakers for E.W. noted his dedication to the new members bridge sessions by being available to partner with those without partners and his welcoming role to make novices feel comfortable. Of the 22^{1/2} tables, placing 1st - **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi** and **Marian Jones**; 2nd - **Loretta Gary** and **Mary Johnson**; 3rd - **John** and **Nancy Smalley**.

Players with 70% or above games in December/January were **Martha Sigler** and **Flo Gillispie**; **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi** and **Marian Jones**.

December mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Susan Gore** and **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi**; 2nd - **Betty Kirwin** and **Cynthia Stueber**; 3rd - **Sandra Allison** and **Liz Mackenzie**. December mentor teams placing: 1st **Susan Gore, Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi, Sylvia Street** and **Pat Bell**; 2nd - **Betty Kirwin, Linda Briggs, Patricia Woods** and **Frankie Hall**; 3rd - **Barney Hammer, Paul Keedy, Nixie Lynch** and **Jack Evans**.

January mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Susan Gore** and **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi**; 2nd - **Nixie Lynch** and **Jack Evans**; 3rd - **Sandra Allison** and **Liz Mackenzie**. January mentor teams placing: 1st - **Norma Crane, Patsy Pierce, Betty Kirwin,** and **Cynthia Stueber**; 2nd - **Sandra Allison, Anna Smith, Jerry Gore,** and **Tim Stelly**.

The highest monthly totals for December were **Nancy Smalley, Pat Bell,** and **Dr. A. Bharathi**. January - **Tim Stelly Flo Gillispie,** and **Martha Sigler**.

The Spindletop Sectional, March 2-5, co-chaired by **Patsy Pierce** and **Martha Oliver** will attract players, especially those who have enjoyed past tournaments hosted by U201. 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.

Unit 204
Fort Concho



Neal Perlman

Our holiday party was highlighted by a presentation and some honors to several members of 204. The most notable was Mary Jane McCord was named to the Truby Bunch Bridge Hall of Fame plaque. Mary Jane has been a strong part of our community for many years and the proclamation is definitely fitting for her many contributions. MJ has done it all and our community is indebted to her. Thank you for everything. Congratulations to Dave Watson as his name was engraved on the Velma McCandless plaque for most points by a non-Life Master in 2016 again breaking his own record.

And we had a New Year party to bring in 2017. The winners included A1: Gene + Linda Cole and A2-Ginny Noelke and Louetta Green; B-1/C1- Larry Hettick + Joy Foster ; 2B - Dave + Marifrances Watson and 2C - Bob + Lou Morton.

Gene Cole scored up some points in December and has attained Silver Life Master status. Congrats!! Gene is one of those easy going guys who finds a way to win. Good guy for sure!

The 2016 results for the San Angelo *Tuesday Night Kitchen Calendar series* were: A Carl McGill won with a total of 14 wins. The cumulative record of most wins over the nine years series is held by George Finley, 137, which includes the past eight consecutive years. Honorable mention in A includes Sue Henry and Suzanne Dorris. Repeating for the second year in a row for the single high % A game was George Finley + Suzanne Dorris with a 71%. First place in B was earned by Marifrances Watson with 13, also a consecutive winner. The single high % game in B was 65% by Patsy Rogers and Candy Mikeska. Honorable mention in B includes Carol Diminnie and Dave Watson. Congratulations to all.

Winners circle in the San Angelo January Unit championship included A-1st -Suzanne Dorris + George Finley with A-2nd- Gene Gammill + Linda Reichenau and B-1st Gene + Linda Cole and B 2nd Gloria Robertson + Marty Simpson.

70+% games since the last scorecard that I became aware of were marked by: Debbie Farr and John Osbourne 71% 12/8/16, then 1/5/17 71% Louina Smith + Pat Bitner and last Norma Walker and Ginny Noelke 74% - 1/22/17. Apologies to any high performance I overlooked. Congratulations for the great games.

Texas Independence

San Angelo TX
Feb 10-12 2017
103 players. 136 tables.

1 29.13 Donna Swarhout

- 2 29.13 Dave Swarhout
- 3 22.28 Virginia Noelke
- 4 21.47 Neal Perlman
- 5 19.57 Venkatrao Koneru
- 6 17.17 Janise Saul
- 7 13.91 Suzanne Dorris
- 8 13.34 Carl McGill
- 9 12.85 Norma Walker
- 10 10.99 Barbara Wright

Friday Morning Open Prs 11.0 Tables A1. Norma Walker Suzanne Dorris A2BC1. Toni Hurlbut Alberta Birk B2. Jerry Riggs James Alvis

Friday Evening Open Pairs 15.0 Tables A1. Dave Swarhout Donna Swarhout A2. Neal Perlman Marcie Perlman B1. Eddy Rice Verle Rice B2. Robert Young Edward Grant C1. David Watson-John Osborne C2. Anna Thomas Gloria Robertson

Friday Afternoon Pairs 18.5 Tables A1. Donna Swarhout Dave Swarhout A2. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke B1. Patsy Rogers Betty Home B2. Mary Hildebrand Helen Lauderdale C1. Charlotte Sisco -L Dale Harris Jr C2. Karen Voight Dave Holbrook

Saturday Morning Open Prs 15.5 Tables A1. Vicky Fisher Judy Wilde A2. Dave Swarhout Donna Swarhout B1. Eddy Rice Verle Rice B2. Wright Barnebey-Richard Hamm C1. Carol Diminnie Anna Thomas C2. Toni Hurlbut Alberta Birk

Saturday Afternoon Open 23.0 Tables A1. Neal Perlman-Janise Saul A2. Charles Grimes-David Watson BC1. Linda Scarpelli-Mike Robinson BC2. Charlotte Sisco- Larry Hettick

Saturday Evening Open Prs 14.5 Tables AB1. Barbara Wright Peggy Jackson A2. Dave Swarhout Donna Swarhout B2. C1. Jerre McAfee David McAfee C2. Michele Hester Mary Bloodworth

George Finley Swiss Teams 19 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru Dave Swarhout Donna Swarhout A2. Carl McGill Neal Perlman-Jo Smith-Janise Saul B1. Helen Lauderdale Mary Hildebrand Howard Huynh- David Johnson Jr B2C1. David Watson Marifrances Watson-John Osborne-Linda Reichenau C2. David McAfee Jerre McAfee Judy Matthews-Glynda Groves

Unit 205
Amistad
Western Mexico



Mary Ann White

The winter is a busy time in Unit 205, and this year is no exception. Table counts are high, with as many as 22 at the Lake Chapala Club. Lessons are underway for newcomers. And with the Puerto Vallarta tournament under our belts, we turn our attention to the Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, and Ajijic Valentine Sectionals. There's lots of great bridge being played and many people to thank. So let's get on with it...

Mazatlan hosted its sectional tournament from January 19-22. The event was a great success, with 110 tables, and a fun time was had by all! Overall tournament winners were Michael and Vicki Moffatt of Surrey, BC, with 21.43 points. They won the two-session Open Pairs on Saturday and tied for first in the Open Pairs on Friday afternoon. Along with teammates Tai Eng (West Vancouver, BC) and Insa Fricker (White Rock, BC), they also won the Sunday Swiss. Roger Buckland and Huguette Joly of the Lake Chapala DBC also had a fine tournament, bringing home 9.72 silver points. Congratulations to Buz Trevor, Madelene Blum, and everyone who helped organize this outstanding event. Thanks to all who played—we hope to see you again next year.

Puerto Vallarta also hosted a successful sectional tournament from February 1-3. Total attendance of 117 tables exceeded expectations, and we appreciate the support of all who played. The overall tournament winner was Hilton Greenberg from Thornhill, ON, with 17.38 points. He won the Wednesday morning Open Pairs with partner John Fosnaught (Indianapolis, IN), and the Thursday morning pairs with Marta Vigneux (North York, ON). Thanks to Mary Seggerman, Anne Bergman, Maxine Webb, and Kathy George for all of their hard work on this event.

Next up is the Ajijic Valentine Sectional, scheduled for February 9-12. Hospitality is the name of the game in Ajijic, with cookies and prizes abounding. Results will be reported in the next edition.

The Unit held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, January 28. Lunch for the event was catered by Mom's Restaurant. The following individuals were elected to serve on the Unit Board: Mary Ann White, Marianne Hodgson, and Cindy Thomson of the Lake Chapala Club, and Buz Trevor from Mazatlan. Lew Crippen, Ross Mitchell, Mollie Nadler, and Charles Chartier from Lake Chapala will also continue as Unit Board members.

Who's been movin' on up? Well, David Hoogenberg, of the Lake Chapala DBC, advanced to the rank of Ruby Life Master. Bernita Cooper of Lake Chapala advanced to NABC Master. And Don Anderson of Puerto Vallarta advanced to Junior Master. Congratulations and keep up the good play!

Unit 205 participated in a STaC the week of December 12. Congratulations to the following players who had outstanding games: Janet and Douglas Larson of the Vallarta Bridge Club finished first in B on Tuesday afternoon with a 63.06%.

David Hoogenberg and Billy Heim from the Lake Chapala DBC were first overall on Thursday afternoon with 63.94%. And George and Stacy Jacobs of the Vallarta Club were first overall on Friday afternoon with a whopping 75.23%. Numerous others throughout the Unit also scratched at the District level.

There were some 70% games at the Lake Chapala Club during December and January: Diane van Brocklin and David Hoogenberg scored 71.15% on December 20 (15½ tables), while Alain Turcotte and Louise Menard posted 71.26% on December 29 (16 tables). In Mazatlan, Mike and Vicki Moffatt scored 71.99% on January 25 (9 tables). Also from Mazatlan, Bill Woodfire and Carol Ann Halliday had a monster game with 81.25% on December 30 (4 tables). At the Puerto Vallarta Club, George and Stacy Jacobs posted 75.23% on December 16 (10 tables).

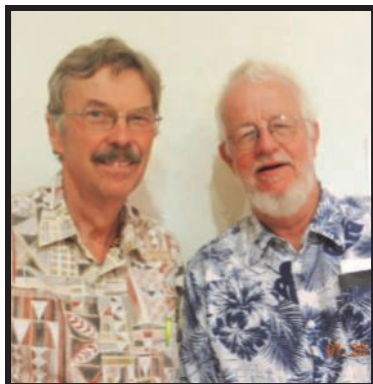
Grand National Teams club qualifiers were held at the Lake Chapala DBC on December 27 and January 26. Congratulations to all of the teams that qualified.

Mazatlan Sectional

Jan 19-22 2017
81 players 107 tables.

- 1 21.43 Vicki Moffatt
- 2 21.43 Michael Moffatt
- 3 19.11 Tai Eng
- 4 19.11 Insa Fricker
- 5 18.45 Harvey Bush
- 6 16.96 Buz Trevor
- 7 12.49 Nancy Gunn
- 8 9.92 Dave Morrell
- 9 9.72 Roger Buckland
- Thu Eve Open Pairs**-11.0 Tables AB1. Bob Albert-Sharon Weintrob A2. Harvey Bush-Jon Stromquist A2B1. Jay Young-Connie Young B2. Nancy Hitchcock-Sandee Rose
- Pairs**-16.5 Tables A1. Harvey Bush-Buz Trevor A2BC1. Roger Buckland-Huguette Joly BC2. Bernita Cooper-Marguerite Brown
- Fri Aft Open Pairs**-19.0 Tables A1/2 Tai Eng-Insa Fricker A1/2 Michael Moffatt-Vicki Moffatt B1. Trudy Crippen-Lewis Crippen B2C1. Jay Young-Connie Young C2. Magdalena Roberts-Dave Morrell
- Saturday POTP Open Pairs**-17.5 Tables A1. Michael Moffatt-Vicki Moffatt A2. Tai Eng-Insa Fricker B1. Diane Bell-Gordon Bell B2. Buz Trevor- Lekha Rai C1. Magdalena Roberts-Dave Morrell C2 Bernita Cooper-Marguerite Brown
- Stratified Swiss Teams**-13 Tables A1. Michael Moffatt-Vicki Moffatt-Insa Fricker-Tai Eng A2. Chuck Burton Nancy Gunn-Buz Trevor-Harvey Bush B1. Joy Wilson-Vinette Howell -Richard Eddy-Patricia Eddy B2C1. Madelene Blum-Thelma Munroe-Dave Morrell-Valerie Morrell C2. Roger Buckland-Huguette Joly-Janet Mitchell-Lucia Teulecke

MATAZALAN PICTURES



Harvey Bush, Buz Trevor
Friday Morn Pairs A



Connie and Jay Young
Thurs Eve & Fri Aft Pairs C



Huguette Joly, Roger Buckland
Fri Morn Pairs B



Sharon Weintrob, Bob Albert
Thurs Eve Pairs A



Tai Eng, Insa Fricker
Fri Aft Pairs A



Thelma Munroe, Madelene Blum
Swiss Teams C



Vicki and Michael Moffatt
Fri Aft and Sat Pairs A



Tai Eng, Insa Fricker,
Vicki and Michael Moffatt
Swiss Teams A



Vinette Howell, Joy Wilson,
Patricia and Richard Eddy
Swiss Teams B



Trudy and Lew Crippen
Fri Aft Pairs B

**Unit 187
Corpus Christi**



Linda Medina

Our unit's Sectional in Rockport was well attended. The dolphins did not make an appearance in the canals this year, but our Bridge characters were entertaining enough. Needless to say, the event was a success.

Several of our members attended the Houston Regional. A few received the needed points to achieve Life Master status. Congratulations to all who achieved this coveted rank. Congratulations also goes out to our very own Margaret Ann Kennedy for receiving the Texas Star award at this event. Margaret Ann is the current unit board president. She was instrumental in the process of renovating our club; among other accomplishments. We laud her for a job well done & the well deserved award.

One of our unit's newest Life Master is Mabel Byrnes. Mabel was part of a Bridge Cruise where she earned this rank. According to Mabel, she was treated to an "awesome and gala" presentation on the ship for this achievement. Mabel was gleefully overwhelmed by the attention & recommends a bridge cruise to anyone who is close to receiving Life Master rank, or who is looking to have a great time playing bridge every day.

Mabel was born in Hawaii, but very shortly moved with her parents to the Mid-West. Mabel's father was an engineer with the Army corps of Engineers, & they moved every few years whenever dam projects were completed. The family ultimately ended up on the St. Lawrence Seaway in upstate New York. Her father's health issues & early retirement was followed by a move to warmer climate in the Rio Grande Valley. Both of Mabel's parents were bridge players but the passion for the game did not rub off on Mabel until much later in her life.

Mabel graduated from McAllen High School, attended Newcomb College, & graduated from Pan American University. Prior to graduation, she was hired by a CPA firm which didn't leave any free time for "college" bridge. Mabel received her CPA certification in 1970.

Mabel lived in several states, and in 1983 moved with her husband Billy Blankenship to North Padre Island. She relates that they were sitting around the fire with friends at Snoopy's Restaurant during a Christmas holiday. Mabel looked out across the water at the Padre Island subdivision, thought they needed to check that out, & were immediately sold on making the island their permanent home. They bought a lot & started plans on building a house. By Christmas in 1984 they were moved in.

In 1985 Mabel opened an accounting office on the island. Over the years her business grew to where she eventually hired three other CPA's to handle the workload. One of them, Darlene Kintsley, became a long-time friend and eventually a regular bridge partner. In 2000 Mabel sold the business to travel with her husband & spend time on the Pacific Coast of Oaxaca. It was there that she became interested in bridge.

Mabel & her husband lived in an RV park & they made plans to build a second home on the Coast of Oaxaca. In the RV park, outdoor bridge games were held three times a week with usually five or six tables, Chicago style. Mabel went to the small English-language library & checked out the only available bridge book written in the 1950's by Alfred Sheinwold. Mabel began playing party & "wine" bridge. She became "hooked" in the game but was disappointed to realize that she wasn't the most sought-after partner at the time. Duplicate bridge had never crossed her mind, but when they got back to Corpus Christi,

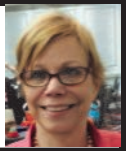
Mabel began taking lessons. Her first bridge lesson teacher was Fran Hillin & then Eleanor Sherwyn, both who were highly ranked bridge players in the area. She improved enough to get a partner in Mexico!

Billy's health issues forced them to abandon their Mexico dream. Mabel came back home & began playing regularly at the Corpus Christi club in 2007. She has since served as a board member & treasurer of Unit 187.

Mabel continues to work as a CPA. Her other interests besides bridge are traveling & bird-watching. She has one son who lives & teaches English in Colima, Mexico where she travels to frequently.

Please send your club news to me at linduck@grandecorpus.com. Do visit our website at southtexasbridge-unit187.com.

**Unit 207
Austin**



Sandy Potts

The **Unit Mentee/Mentor** luncheon was held in January. Co-hosted by Pat Berry and Bobbie Gruhlkey, the luncheon included those pairs willing to learn from each other. Bridge teachers, Sally Sassen, Sandy Stevens, Pam LaSelle, Jack Lacy, and Sandy Potts were also included participants. Lunch was provided by the Unit. The pairs for this year are: Mentor/ Mentee. Let's welcome these newer duplicate players to our world! Bob Bockemuehl/Pat Finnigan, Lucerne Bunch/ Mary Bailey, Jim Gathas/ Curt Wyman, Mickey Goldwater/Nora Fallon, Rachell Jackson/Laraine Johnston, Julie McKenna/Bruno Brunner, Nell Sanders/ John Bell, Melinda Simmen/Catherine Howard, Dean Truair/Eric de Rouffignac, Julie Valentine/Anita Howard, Catherine Howard/Barbara Ververne, and Clara Wood/Ramona Granger. We welcome these bridge folks into our Unit!

The NAP Unit 207 winners advancing this year to Kansas City are: Laurie Hartline-Babb and Robert Babb, Sharon Dameron and Jaroslaw Langer, and Gary Anderson and Jerry Barrett. Not an easy field and you will represent us well! Best wishes for continued success.

Milestones: 200 Points: David Goodwin; 300 Points: Thomas Hughes, Pravina Jani, Augustyn Orzynski, Ying Pen, and Yaoguang Zhu; **New Life Masters:** Congratulations to Michele Abriol, Sandra Dayton, Jean Marsh; **Bronze Life Master:** Alick Einav; **Silver Life Master:** Irene Parker and David Warren; **Sapphire Life Master:** Sam Dinkin; **Diamond Life Master:** David Sokolow.

I've played against many of you at the table, and it's wonderful to see you obtain new goals. Way to go!

Congratulations to Sharon Hoger, winner of the Texas Star Award. This award is given yearly at the Houston Regional and Scott Humphrey had the honor of awarding these to the various units in our district. The Texas Star Award honors Unit volunteers who work steadfastly at the Unit level to promote bridge and to further Unit activities. Rachell Jackson, Unit 207 President, writes: "Sharon Hoger's contributions to Unit 207 over the past 20-something years are wide and varied, great and small. She's served on the Unit Board as Ethics Chair and the BCA Board as Treasurer. Sharon even designed our Unit logo - - the capitol building with the cowboy hat. Sharon helped integrate computers into Austin bridge, and she still gives out winners' prizes at our tournaments. Sharon has a history of picking up broken pieces and making something whole again. She supports our unit in the background, doing the difficult jobs that often go unnoticed. Sharon does all of this AND she has a full time job! She does this because she

wants to give back to bridge."

The Unit has given the **Goodwill Award** to Martha Norman and Terri O'Brien for 2017. This award is for special service to the bridge community and it is an honor to know each of these ladies. Congratulations!

Upcoming events include: **Voting for the next Unit 207 Board members. Deadline to return your ballot is March 1, 2017.**

There is a link to the biographies on the Unit website: www.austinbridge.org

Ballots can be mailed to the address on the ballot or returned to a specially marked box at the BCA.

Worthy folks willing to run for the pleasure of extra responsibilities and participation in future bridge events include: **Rachell Jackson, Tracy Bruce, George Watkins, Barbara Ververne, Julie McKenna, Loren Nyer, and Rick Clements.** Members of the Unit will vote for four people and it will be an honor to include any of these folks on our 2017-2018 Board. Each seems enthusiastic and willing to help make decisions for the bridge community for the entire Unit. We are lucky to have each willing to serve.

Our Unit Board members have tried to visit the Unit clubs this year. I attended a club game directed by Jim Davis in Kingsland. Enjoyable game! **Members bring cakes or other treats** to celebrate their own birthday. Happens that my friend, Esther Ellis, invited me to lunch and to play to celebrate my birthday. Little did I know about the newly started tradition, but Esther took care of me by telling me that we'd have dessert at the club and the sneaky peat brought delicious brownies. Everyone knew who the birthday girl was and everybody loved the brownies that I didn't bake! A nice tradition that may get started in other clubs because we all like the birthday girls and boys.

Happened to think about George Watkins when I saw a **plaque on the wall** by an unknown author:

"Warning Bridge Players: Spontaneous outburst of uncontrollable laughter can be expected to occur within this establishment on a daily basis. This behavior is contagious and habit-forming, for which there is no known cure. You have been warned. Acute symptoms to watch for: Tearing eyes and Aching Abdomen." Thanks, George, for making us laugh.

Ever hear about this? **The Common Game** is supported by the BCA and Mark McAllister provided the following directions to be able to participate. This is a great way to see how one did in a game and compare one's efforts to the bridge field. I have been using it, but and it was newer players who were so excited about it that I decided to give it a try. It is a **great tool:**

A: Players who have their email addresses registered with the ACBL will automatically have their results emailed to them after the game. If you do not have your email address registered with the ACBL, you can enroll using the directions below:

Option 1 :
Email your ACBL # (typed in subject line) to :
FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com (No need for any message in the body of the email)

Option 2:
● Type your ACBL number in the login field on the top right hand corner of the page and click "Login"
● Click on "Modify Profile" on the top right hand corner
● Fill in your ACBL #, name and email address
Click SUBMIT at the bottom of the page
Once you've done this, you will receive emailed results after the game. If you do not see emailed results, be sure to check your spam folder - - results often get stuck in the spam folder. If you have any issues signing

up please contact Sara@TheCommonGame.com. Have you ever noticed the pretty dress and hats worn by June Mengden? She is styling every time she enters a bridge event. Ever noticed the male "hat man," Dean Truair? These two make donning hats seem fun and classy. Also participating, Lucretia Beard, Phyllis Jordan, and Simone Scumpia. I love watching the "extra" enthusiasm these folks bring to the bridge table!

**Austin Winter
Sectional**

Jan 05-08, 2017
418 players : 405 tables.

- 1 40.77 Donna Swarouth, San Antonio
- 2 40.77 Dave Swarouth, San Antonio
- 3 30.48 Elizabeth Tobias, Austin
- 4 27.87 Geoff Blandy, Austin
- 5 26.72 Joe Black, Austin
- 6 25.85 Virgil Massey, Driftwood
- 7 25.85 Charlene Sands, Pflugerville
- 8 25.59 Paul Tobias, Austin
- 9 24.23 Louis Sachar, Austin
- 10 24.04 Gary Powell, Austin
- 11 21.17 Virginia Noelke, San Angelo
- 12 21.17 Babu Koneru, San Antonio
- 13 19.45 Dean Truair, Austin
- 14 18.86 Lawton Hutchison, Austin
- 15 16.34 Kenneth Schutze, Austin

Thursday Morn Open Pairs - 29.5 Tables / Based on 41 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth - Donna Swarouth A 2. Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio ; Karen Snyder B1. Pam Phillips - Kathy McCabe B2. Laura Delfeld- O'Brien C1. Marvin Schrager - David Davis C2. Glenn Zaubler - Bonnie Dennis
Thursday Morn 299er Pairs - 10.0 Tables ABC1. J Patrick Finnigan - Kent Stewart AB2 Barbara Rodriguez-Sally Disanza C2. Michael Rainbird - John Bell, Austin 56.13%
Thursday Morn Swiss Teams - 9 Tables A1. James La Fountain-Richard Ware-Charlene Sands-Virgil

Massey A2BC1. Robert Caldwell III - George Steele - Diane Barrs-Catherine Supple BC2. Sharon Dameron-Zaem Lutfi-Lazaro Brener-Joseph Tomlinson
Thursday Aft Open Pairs - 29.5 Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1. C David Mitchell - Jerrold Harrington A2. Dave Swarouth - Donna Swarouth B1. Harry Ingham-Osman Ahmed B2C1. John Moore - Roxann Swenson C2. Joseph Giordano - Loren Nyer
Thursday Aft 299er Pairs - 6.0 Tables ABC1. Claudia Lakey - Kathleen Golden ABC2. Mary Bailey - Dean Sanders
Thursday Eve Open Pairs - 7.5 Tables A1. Bob Bockemuehl -Larry Davis A2B1. Phillip Jaeger-Thomas H.ackenberg B2. Sharon MacMorran - Ken MacMorran C1. Liz Jacobson-Bonnie Jan Robson C2. Linda Brodie - Carol Ehrman
Thursday Aft Swiss Teams - 13 Tables A1. Eleanor Sherwyn - Donald Varvel-Sharon Hoger - Mark Craig A2/3 James La Fountain-Richard Ware-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey B2/3C1 Patricia Berry - Mickey Goldwater - Diane Davis - Lucerne Bunch B2/3C2. Paula Amaon - Gary Amaon - Judith Parken - Edward Parken B2/3 Sandy Potts - Joyce Cooper - Clara Wood - Tricia Kane
Friday Morn Open Pairs - 29.0 Tables / Based on 44 Tables A1. Joe Black - Lawton Hutchison A2. G Kania - Dean Truair BC1. Margaret Fanning-Nola Ray BC2. Donna Jordan - David Sterner
Friday Morn 299er Pairs - 15.0 Tables ABC1. John Foley-Robert Sanders A2. Clifford Smith-Jean Huskey BC2. Joan Wood - Rodney Wood
Friday Aft Open Pairs - 32.0 Tables / Based on 40 Tables A1. Jack Lacy-Tom Breed A2. Elizabeth Tobias - Geoff Blandy B1. Bogumil Knypinski-Pawel Hanus B2/3 Kathleen Adams - Tod Pontius B2/3C1. Lisa Zummo-Cheryl Mathias C2. Linda Holloway - Patricia White
Friday Aft 299er Pairs - 8.0 Tables

**Austin Spring Sectional
May 4-7, 2017**



**Unit 207 Event at Bridge Center of Austin
6700 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin**

Thursday May 4—Saturday May 6

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

Sunday May 7

Stratiflighted A/X/Y & Bracketed Swiss Teams 10 am & 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: 4000+, X: 2000-4000, Y: 0-2000
A/X/Y play together; 0-1500 Bracketed Swiss
Director has discretion on A/X/Y MP break
General Convention Chart Only Except Midchart for A/X/Y Swiss
Meal Served Between Sunday Sessions ONLY (Restaurants Within Walking Distance)
Entries: \$12/session (\$15 non/unpaid members)
\$112/ team Sunday Swiss
Players with 0-5 MPs play for \$5 in pair games.
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 price-line.com, travelocity.com or similar websites as they provide better rates than we are able to secure.

A1. Preston Olivent - Carolyn Olivent A2. Patricia Dunnell-Susan Domsalla B1. Claudia Lakey - Kathleen Golden BC2. Simone Scumpia - W Kenneth Davis
Friday Eve Open Pairs - 15.0 Tables A1. Bart Bramley-Ira Hessel A2BC1. Steven Bell-Courtney Coffman B2. Yaoguang Zhu, Austin ; Milton Neher C2. Judith Latham, Arlington ; Caroline Drews
Friday Swiss Bracket 1 - 7 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru - Dave Swarouth - Donna Swarouth A2. Gary Powell - Marcia Powell - C G Bell-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey
Friday Swiss Bracket 2 - 7 Tables A1. Jane Kirby - Kate Hopkins - Ruthie Shor - Susan Bates A2. Karen

Fillis - George Fillis-Milton Neher-Yaoguang Zhu
Friday Swiss Bracket 3 - 10 Tables A1. Sharon Dameron-Laura Craft-Thomas Smith - James Moody A2. Elizabeth Ling - Nancy Miller - Lucy Adcock - Shirley Churchill
Saturday Morn Open Pairs - 21.5 Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1. Thomas Corlett - Ethel Corlett B2. Joe Black-William Charowhas BC1. George Shia - Arthur Roberts B2. Laura Delfeld - Reid Delfeld C2. Liz Jacobson-Bonnie Jan Robson
Saturday Morn 299er Pairs - 7.0 Tables AB1. Sue Alt-Cindy Walthall A2. Dwight Silver - Anu Chhabra B2C1. Karen O'Shea - Daniela De Falco C2. Joseph Barry - Maureen Barry

Saturday Aft Open Pairs - 17.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Jim Hilton - Kenneth Schutze A2. David Goldfarb, Houston ; Harry Elliott B1. R Gary Marquart - Bruce Mansbridge B2. George Sullivan - Andrea Sullivan C2. Simone Scumpia - David Davis
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs - 5.0 Tables A1. Marjorie Butler-Julie Johnson A2B1. Carolyn Olivent - Preston Olivent B2. Dwight Silver-Robert Sanders C1. Joseph Barry - Maureen Barry C2. Dyanne Kerr-Victoria Shaw
Saturday Morn Swiss Teams - 12 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru - Dave Swarouth - Donna Swarouth A2. Patricia Berry - Lucerne Bunch - Mickey Goldwater

- Bobbie Gruhley BC1. Kay Dierks - Robert Auvenshine-Gary Amaon - Edward Parken B2/3 Elizabeth Ling - Liz Cooper - Shirley Churchill - Linda Griffith B2/3C2. Margaret Bennett - Rachell Jackson - Sally Disanza- Barbara Rodriguez
Saturday Aft Swiss Teams - 10 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru - Dave Swarouth - Donna Swarouth A2B1. Barbara Ververne - Sandra Reynolds - Rebecca Parmentier-Jeff Skillin
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams - 16 Tables / Based on 40 Tables A1. Elizabeth Tobias - Geoff Blandy - Paul Tobias - Louis Sachar A2. Gary Powell - Marcia Powell - C G Bell-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey B1. Mary Ann White - Jimmy Reynolds-

Greg Humphreys-Christoph Eick X2. Joe Black - Lawton Hutchison - Dean Truair-William Charowhas
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1 - 7 Tables 1. Charles Burke - Caron Peck - Karen Caton-Richard Langland 2. Homer Stevens - Stephanie Stevens-Andy Villastrigo-Susan Hernandez
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2 - 7 Tables 1/2 Don Grider - Inez Grider - Kay Lynch - Billie Ogens 1/2 Elizabeth Ling - Liz Cooper - Shirley Churchill - Linda Griffith
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3 - 10 Tables 1/2 Thomas Smith - Leilani Rose - Lazaro Brenner- Laura Craft- 1/2 Jan Mogged - Charles Mogged Jr- Jim Nixon - Judy Nixon

AUSTIN JANUARY SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday Morning Pairs A
Dave & Donna Swarouth



Friday Morn Pairs A
Joe Black, Hutch Hutchison,



Friday Aft Pairs A
Jack Lacy, Tom Breed



Saturday Morn Pairs A
Thomas and Ethel Corlett



Thursday Evening Open A
Bob Bockemuehl, Larry Davis



Sunday Swiss Teams A
Paul Tobias, Beth Tobias,
Geoff Blandy, Louis Sachar



Thursday Aft Pairs C
Harry Ingham, Ossie Ahmed



Thursday Aft Swiss Teams B&C
Mickey Goldwater, Pat Berry,
Diane Davis



Friday Aft Pairs C
Lisa Zummo, Cheryl Mathias



Thursday Morn Pairs C
Roxann Swenson, John Moore



Friday Swiss Bkt 3
James Moody, Tom Smith,
Sharon Dameron, Laura Craft



Sunday Swiss Teams Flight X
Christoph Eick, Mary Ann White,
Greg Humphreys, Jimmy Reynolds



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams
Don Grider, Inez Grider,
Kay Lynch, Billie Ogens



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams
Richard Langland, Karen Caton,
Chuck Burke, Caron Peck



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams
Jan Mogged, Judy Nixon,
Jim Nixon, Chuck Mogged



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams
Linda Griffith, Shirley Churchill,
Elizabeth Ling, Liz Cooper



Thursday Morning 299ers
Patrick Finnigan



Friday Morn 299ers
John Foley, Bob Sanders



Friday Aft 299ers
Claudia Lakey, Kathleen Golden

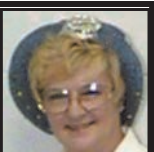


Friday Aft 299ers
Carolyn & Preston Olivent



Saturday Morn 299ers
Cindy Walthall, Sue Alt

**Unit 224
Fort Phantom**



Bette Byrd

2017 is well underway. West Texas is turning out to support San Angelo with their February tournament and looking forward to it. Their hospitality is outstanding.

Fort Phantom's new Board of Directors is getting underway with Bob Young the new president. He had a great meeting with directors and members and has some good plans in the making. We have had a lot of heating problems with the very cold weather and after repairs to the units, we hope that the building will be more comfortable. Thanks to Jeff Lewis for all the work he has done

and to both Bob Young and Ed Grant for pitching in as well. A new committee of Jerry Riggs, Desa Lee-Laird, and Ed Grant will continue to monitor the building upkeep.

The Board of Directors includes Bob Young, President, Robert Patton, Vice President, Candice Samuelson, Treasurer, Jackie Batjer, Secretary, and Beverly Joosten club manager. The other members are Desa Lee-Laird, Jeff Lewis, and Tiffany Wagstaff. We hope for new beginnings and promotion of more players with lessons and more games. We are looking at the Sectional Tournament in October and an IN Tournament in July.

The holidays are so far behind us, I will only say all the parties were fun and dressing up was a nice change.

There was one 70.83% game played by Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd on February 2, at Bridge Etc. with five tables. I know it is not 70%, but I have to mention Robin Julian and Phil Egdorf with a 64.58% in a five and one half table game on January 24. They are both novices and have not had a big win like this. Congratulations to you.

I want to take notice of one of the dedicated players that is part of our unit. Billye Stovall is a retired teacher as well as a retired secretary and bookkeeper.

Billye was born in Lexington, Ky. ninety-four years ago, and spent eighteen years following an Air Force husband, spending time in both Montana and Japan. They adopted two Japanese/American girls and have four grandchildren and six great-

grandchildren.

Having played bridge even while in Japan, she was not introduced to Duplicate until 1995, when Jeane Brittain invited her to play. Having recently relocated to Wesley Court, she actively supports duplicate bridge at least two games a week and plays with other groups on two other days. She still supports her interest in Retired Teachers, Hospice, and Christian Women's Connection monthly. Billye is a ray of sunshine with a ready smile. She is always dressed in her colorful outfits with matching jewelry and the elegance of a lovely lady.

On a sad note, Bobbie Grier has broken her shoulder and is recovering, but be out from bridge for a while longer. We miss you Bobbie and hope to see you back soon.

Come join the free lessons on Tuesdays before the games and on second and forth Mondays. We hope to see more of you at all the games.

Bette Byrd

**Unit 225
East Texas**



Greg Cooley

70 PERCENT GAMES
 J. Jack Yarbrough and Carroll Schoenewolf had a 72% game playing at the Nacogdoches Duplicate Club on Tuesday, January 10th. The 70 percent club at LDGC included Mike Graham & Beth Hankins 70.50% and Liz Guthrie & Dorothy

McCasland 70.14%. On Tuesday 12-13-16 Nancy Green & Cliff Dillard had a 72% game at Rose City DBCI Nannies Bridge House had the following 70% games in January: 16th---Phyllis and Manuel Alvarez--77.83 %, January 23rd--Carol Garza and Jo Booth--76.25% and January 30th---Wes Archer and Jorn Jamieson --71.25%.The Dottie Perkle Bridge Club in Athens reported that Bonnie Magee & Bari Hart had a 72.50% and Nancy Strain & Lynn Walker a 70% game. Congratulations to all these players on their 70 % games.

BRIDGE STUDIO AT CEDAT CREEK LAKE

Each Christmas season brings out the giving spirit of our players and this year was no exception. We presented a generous donation to Sandy Hilliard who represents Santa's Kids, a charity for the foster children of Van Zandt County. She personally purchased Christmas gifts for these children with our gift as well as donations from many other organizations in the area. The Gun Barrel City "Toys for Tots" campaign is another charity we support each year by having the entry fee for one of our December games to be either \$10 or a new toy. All entry fees from that game were presented to the "Toys for Tots" representative along with many new toys and additional cash gifts.

Sandy Molander will begin teaching a Defense class on Feb. 1st that will run 8 weeks. Her classes are always well attended and her students are very complimentary of her teaching skills. For those who have already taken her course, she invites them to come for a refresher at no cost and many of her former students take advantage of her generous offer.

Congratulations to Carol Garza who received her Director Certification in January. Gloria Rowland sponsored her and administered the test. Barbara Williams and Sandy Hilliard encouraged her also by allowing her to "shadow" them as they set up the games and made director's calls. It's always helpful to have practical experience to reinforce what has been learned through study.

DOTTIE PIRKLE'S DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Ginger Rhamey is asking for volunteers to help with UNIT 225's Tournament of Stars. If you are willing please contact Charles Ford or Ginger.

LONGVIEW DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

December was PARTY month at LDBC. The annual Christmas Party was held on December 15 with 11 tables in attendance. The winners in the Open Game were Ennis Dyess & Mike Graham, while top prize in the 299er game went to Ann Haynes & Laura Kelly.

A New Year's Eve game & party attracted 10 tables with pizza, salad, & desserts as well as delicious lemon berry champagne punch. Taking home the gold were Shirley Shelton & Carolyn Chapman, with Mike Graham & Shirley Matthews notching the silver, & Joyce Hahn & Brent McDaniel getting bronze.

NANNIE'S BRIDGE HOUSE IN CANTON

Monday night bridge has started back up with Jimmy Hubbard giving a free lesson at 5:30 PM and the game starts at 6:00 PM. We encourage new players to play with a mentor. Jonathan Ernest comes from Tyler to help with the lessons and new players. Always check to be sure we have a game since some Mondays we don't have enough for a game. It's a very friendly group that is interested in helping new players.

Canton Intermediate School Bridge Club is doing great! We have 10 tables of 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders every Monday after school learning to play bridge. Charles Ford and Sandy Hilliard have great helpers that come and

help the kids. We couldn't do it without Phyllis and Manuel Alvarez, Barbara Bradford, Cary Hilliard, and Ros Tullos. The Principal is behind our program and has already put it in the after school program for next year. Thanks to everyone that has encouraged and supported.

ROSE CITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

On Friday 12-02-16 at Rose City DBC.. Emily Leake playing with Brenda Baker received enough masterpoints to achieve the rank of Diamond Life Master.

Piney Woods

Longview TX
Feb 16-18 2017
123 players: 133 tables.

- 1 18.52 Shirley Shelton
- 2 18.52 Mike Graham
- 3 17.08 Dorothy Nuttall
- 4 12.54 Shirley Matthews
- 5 12.54 Gay Roach
- 6 11.15 Stewart Angel
- 7 11.15 Jonathan Ernest
- 8 9.95 Earlene Boddie
- 9 9.95 Debbie Boyd
- 10 9.89 Ike Hawkins Jr

Thursday Stratified Open-17.5
Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. Judy Steinfeld-Donald Soileau A2. William Young III-Dorothy Nuttall BC1. Curtis Bourland-Jeff Brown BC2. Lawrence Brough-Lottie Guttry

Thursday Stratified 299er-6.0
Tables ABC1. Ann Haynes-Jeanne Denise Hull ABC2. Dorothy Miller-Jackie McElhaney

Thursday Stratified Open-16.0
Tables / Based on 23 Tables ABC1. Rosemary Hardy-Lisa Looney ABC2. Pat Berry-Billy Jean Reasor

Thursday Stratified 299er-7.0
Tables AB1. Jean Friedell-Jean Huskey AB2. Lawrence Brough-Lottie Guttry C1. Carol Pendleton-Shirley Hughes C2/3 Betty McMahan-Sarah Hillyer C2/3 Dorothy Miller-Jackie McElhaney

Friday Stratified Open Pa-17.0
Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Mike Graham-Shirley Shelton A2BC1. Sandy Lansing-Linda Harrison BC2. Curtis Bourland-Jeff Brown

Friday Stratified 299er-5.0
Tables ABC1. Jackie McElhaney-Dorothy Miller AM2. Jean Friedell-Jean Huskey C2. W Gene Villyard-Patsy Wood

Friday Stratified Open Pa-15.0
Tables / Based on 21 Tables A1. Ike Hawkins Jr-Dorothy Nuttall A2. Jonathan Ernest-Stewart Angel BC1. Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Joyce Hahn B2. Janie Wolaver-Jerrell Wolaver C2. Marjorie Kemp-Charlie Kemp

Friday Stratified 299er-5.5
Tables ABC1. Janvan Jenkins-Sandra Jenkins AMC2. Jackie McElhaney-Dorothy Miller

Saturday Bracketed Swiss-1-7
Tables A1. Mike Graham-Shirley Shelton-Shirley Matthews-Gay Roach A2. Debbie Boyd-Randall Kenyon-Pamela Kenyon-Earlene Boddie

Saturday Bracketed Swiss-2-8
Tables A1. Jerrell Wolaver-Janie Wolaver-Ginny Jones-Mary Squyres A2. Ned Weaver-Kathryn Weaver-Mary Priest-Sandy Hilliard

Saturday Bracketed Swiss-3-7
Tables ABL.inda Hall-Susan Harlan-Anne Bateman-Kay Paine A2/3 Helene Hall-Linda Baker-Troy Lankford-Patsy Wood A2/3 Ann Haynes-Laura Kelly-Susan Sensenbach-Jeanne Denise Hull



Hallelujah! Spring is here! In central Texas this is the most beautiful time of the year. It is hoped that all "cradle Texans" appreciate this magnificent time of the year as much as "naturalized Texans". You have known this your lifetime and we "squatters" feel like we suddenly got to heaven.

Thinking of heaven, there is a bright

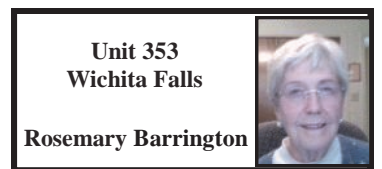
new star in the firmament today. Our beloved Helen Levy passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. She will be greatly missed. She was a remarkable woman who served for twenty-nine years as the secretary/treasurer for ACBL Unit 233. She also wrote the Unit 233 column for the Scorecard. For this she refused to accept one penny for all her efforts. It has required two people to replace her. Helen served as the Administrative Assistant for six different administrators at the Veteran's Administration Center in Temple. A former administrator stated, "She made it all work!" On Sunday, December 6, 2015, Temple Mayor Danny Dunn proclaimed that day as "Helen Levy Day". That was small recognition for all Helen's contributions to Temple and our bridge playing family. We extend our sincere condolences to her family.

Historian Michael Ledeen wrote in his Wall Street Journal article of May 17, 2015, *Bridge - Not Chess is the Ultimate War Game*, "the bridge playing population is shrinking and aging". In 1950 half of American families had at least one active bridge player. It is estimated that today less than three million Americans play bridge once a week. Their average age is in their fifties. These are painful statistics for those who love this game. In an effort to stimulate more activity in the Waco, Temple and Georgetown area, dedicated teachers Jan Hart and Mary Adams have been providing lessons at the Cultural Arts Center in Temple. Their success will be success for us all!

More Texas info for the spring-time.....It is time to hang the hummingbird feeders. You can make nectar by combining one part sugar and four parts water and boil for about two minutes. When cool put in two feeders. It is important to use two feeders to prevent the dominate male from claiming ownership and chasing other birds away. Hummers may consume as much as one pint daily per feeder until there are enough small flying critters (gnats and mosquitos) to supply their diet. Be sure to hang your feeders by March 20. Within a day or two you should have your first visitors.

By the time you read this the best Sectional Tournament in Texas held February 17-19 will be history. The results will be printed in the next Scorecard.

Ed. Note: The February Sectional Report and pictures will be in the next scorecard.



I looked out my west window and watched the fading sun kiss the horizon farewell as she disappeared leaving a huge pink crescent image above her fading glory. I was sympathizing with city folk who could not enjoy the scene because of man made obstacles. Peace filled my heart in the quietness of those few moments. They are rare these days.

But once again I am reminded of the true pleasures there are in an afternoon at ACBL tables.

We have many still ailing. Annetta Vacarella is still recouping. Amy Connally still recovering from shingles, Cula Burch is in the hospital, Joann Stokes is still out, Robert Phillips has had knee surgery. We miss seeing Ray Renk. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Meanwhile back at the tables Bridge Paradise Masterpoint Leaders are Joan Paradeis with 1.30 and Margie Brown with 1.12 and Fay Morrison with 1.12. High Percentage Leaders were Tomie Johnson and Joan Paradeis with 66.67 and Nancy Purcell and Patty Hofer with 65.57. The Sunday Unit Game Leaders were Nell Lister and Barbara Cunningham with

63.30 and Joan Paradeis and Nancy Purcell with 60.90.

Bridge Center Leaders were Dave Hertzog with 4.80, Tomie Johnson with 4.62 and High Percentage Leaders were Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 70.14.

Vernon Duplicate Bridge Leaders were Donna Lorange with 4.92 and Elgy Smith with 4.92. High Percentage Leaders were Elgy Smith and Donna Lorange with 65.00, and Douglas Jeffry 111 and Mae Naylor.

Bridge A-Gap Master Point Leaders were Gladys Barley with 0.50, Barbara Cunningham with 0.50. Trudy Downey with 0.50 and Patty Hofer with 0.50. Suite 15 Bridge Masterpoint Leaders were Margaret Kirkland with 410, Clay Abrams with 2.70 and Kathleen Brown with 2.62. High Percentage Leaders were Gladys Barley and Nancy Purcell with 68.75, and Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 67.86. Congratulations all you leaders and all those who compete

Harlingen Bridge Club Sectional

Jan 20-22 2017
_52 players_53 tables.

- _1 14.66 Jane Ann Gormong
- _2 14.66 James Gormong
- _3 11.61 Virginia Hixson
- _4 11.61 Donald Hixson
- _5 11.58 Tommy Latham
- _6 11.58 Clyde Tarbutton
- _7 9.96 Richard Lowry
- _8 9.96 Dianne Thise
- _9 8.47 John Burgoin

Friday AM Open Pairs-9.5
Tables AB1. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson AB2. Richard Lowry- Dianne Thise C1. Terry Purpus- Gary Parker C2. G Scott Sparrow-Dick Volkmann

Fri Aft Open Pairs-8.5
Tables A1. James Gormong-Jane Ann Gormong A2B1. Camile Hamel-Judi Roy B2C1. Jose Palmas-Wayne Tindall C2. Joan Dorschel-Lynn Fazakas

Saturday AM Open Pairs-7.0
Tables A1. Clyde Tarbutton-Tommy Latham A2. James Gormong-Jane Ann Gormong B1. Dianne Thise-Richard Lowry B2C1. Linda Ingraham -Joyce Zimmer C2. Jean Burgoine-Glen Mabee

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-6.0
Tables A1. Clyde Tarbutton-Tommy Latham A2B1. Tom Berger-Charles Peterson B2. John Burgoin-Dominique Guay Doris Allen Stratified Swiss-11 Tables AB1. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson-Harold Fellerman-Bonnie Fellerman AB2. Camile Hamel-Judi Roy-John Burgoin-Dominique Guay-Patricia Latham-Nancy Hamilton-Joan Dorschel-Lynn Fazakas Zanesville

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Ricki Perry organized the event, which also included cinnamon rolls for breakfast. Bloody Mary drinks and screwdrivers were available all day! The winners in A, B, and C won two free games each. North/South first in A and B were **Patti Witt** and **Brenda Leonard**. First in C were **Linda Buzan** and **Betty Moore**. East/West first in A and first overall were **Flo Curry** and **Jane Myers**. First in B were **Marilyn Matthews** and **KC Evans**, and first in C were **Carol Hastings** and **Richard Stein**.

The "Eight Is Enough" party, scheduled for December 8, was cancelled because of cold, rain, and icy roads! The party was moved to December 15, a week later, but we played a regular game, rather than a Swiss. We still had the turkey, ham, and all the trimmings. We had eleven tables—a big game for us West Texans. Winners N/S were A **Ann Servatius** and **Linda Buzan**, B **Mike Schlueter** and **Mike Robinson**, and C **Bob and Delores Schuler**. Winners E/W were

A **Sarana Savage** and **Belle Harris**, B **Kay Arrell** and **Marlene Blumentritt**, and C **Dorothy Baird** and **Dorothy Blair**.

The Greater Permian Basin Bridge Club celebrated on Sunday afternoon, December 11, with five tables. Coming in first were **KC Evans** and **Bob Baker**. Second place winners and organizers of the events were **Flo Curry** and **Marilyn Matthews**.

Odessa had their big party on Saturday, December 17. With lots of food and six tables of bridge players, first in A and B were **Marlene Blumentritt** and **Scott Vaughn**. Second in A were **Lena Nichols** and **Jean Pistole**. Second in B and first in C were **Gloria Lambert** and **LaDoyce Lambert**.

Various clubs celebrated throughout the season. Monday's ABC Club had four tables, with first place winners **Audie Brooks** and **Marlene Blumentritt** and second place winners **Greg Keys** and **Linda Scarpelli**. The Permian Basin Club celebrated on Tuesday, with **KC Evans** and **Betty Dickerson** taking first place and **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes** taking second. On Wednesday evening, first place winners were **Gloria Crites** and **Jean Pistole**, and second place winners were **Marilyn Higgins** and **Scott Vaughn** tied with **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes**.

After a short break for the actual holidays, Midland started back with an early New Year's Eve party on December 29. We had traditional black-eyed peas and cornbread, along with other yummy dishes. With eight tables in play, the N/S winners were 1st in A **Scott Vaughn** and **Jean Pistole**; 1st in B **Dorothy Brenneman** and **Paula Baggett**; and 1st in C **Les Neal** and **John Seymour**. The E/W winners were 1st in A **Ann Servatius** and **Linda Buzan**; 1st in B **Sarana Savage** and **Belle Harris**; 1st in C **Greg Keys** and **David Hudson**.

Odessa celebrated on December 31, with both black-eyed peas for luck and cabbage for money. **Jean Pistole**, director of the Saturday Caprock Club, continued her annual welcome to the new year with her black-eyed pea stew, along with slaw and cornbread, while others added dips and desserts. With six and a half tables in play, winners were 1st in A **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes** and 2nd in A **Tommie Strack** and **Ricki Perry**; 1st in B **KC Evans** and **Debbie Kemp**; and 1st in C and 2nd in B **Jane Knox** and **Mark Knox**.

Several players went to tournaments in January. **David Hudson** and **Mike Schlueter** went to the Austin sectional, and **Mike Robinson**, **Belle Harris**, and **Sarana Savage** headed to Houston for the Lone Star Regional.

We had a number of high scorers in December and January. On November 27 (almost December) **Debbie Only** and **KC Evans** scored 77.5%. On January 15, **Charlie Grimes** and **Ann Servatius** scored 81%. On January 23, **Kay Sewell** and **Marlene Blumentritt** got 75%. On January 29, **Flo Curry** and **Marlene Blumentritt** got 80%. In the newcomer games with individual scores, on January 21 **Dorothy Blair** and **Sandy Hill** each got 75%.

Beginning bridge classes started up again on February 4, with classes followed by a short game for payers with 0-20 points. These classes will continue through the end of May. Midland players **Belle Harris**, **Kay Sewell**, **Audie Brooks**, and **Linda Buzan** are going to start teaching bridge in the Greenwood school district (yay!).

Midland will be hosting its second Non-Life-Master (NLM) tournament Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26.

We've had a great start to a new year, and we are all looking forward to earning lots of points in 2017.



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

Hawthorn Suites	\$89.00	Magnuson Hotel	\$79.00
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	

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 GOLD

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

GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0- 750) (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
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0- 750) (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		
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0- 750) (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
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0- 750) (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		
GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0- 750) (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

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

Tournament Co-Chairs:

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